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- Witness - Supp. #2	*101072498*
- Interviewed - Supp. #3	*100448598*
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Reporting PATROLMAN MICHAEL DEREU - BPD - 11499 - Original Report

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Approving SERGEANT ROBERT RAYCRAFT - BPD - 6965 - Supp. #2

Supplemental Reporting DETECTIVE PAUL JONES - BPD - 10042 - Supp. #3

Approving SERGEANT TODD MCCLUSKY - BPD - 7198 - Supp. #3

Supplemental Reporting ASSISTANT CHIEF CHAD WAMSLEY - BPD - 7247 - Supp. #4

Approving LIEUTENANT PAUL WILLIAMS - BPD - 3771 - Supp. #4

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Approving SERGEANT AARON VEERMAN - BPD - 8958 - Supp. #5

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Incident Narrative 1 07/22/2020 22:20

Reporting PATROLMAN MICHAEL DEREU - BPD, ID # 11499

On Saturday, 07/11/2020, I was working as a police officer for the Bloomington Police Department (BPD). I was wearing my issued BPD patrol uniform and driving a fully marked BPD patrol car (Unit #17). At approximately 1512 hours, I was dispatched to in reference to a Threats/Harassment call for service.

During this call, I was equipped with a Body-Worn camera (BWC). The BWC video was flagged and my BWC was later placed in a docking station to be uploaded to evidence.com. Prior to completing this report, I have reviewed portions of my BWC video pertinent to writing this report. For brevity and clarity, I have paraphrased the statements of the individuals involved.

It should be noted: The call notes documented on my call for service and the Dispatched verbiage stated the following: The caller tracked the suspect vehicle to Devon Road. The suspect vehicle, a silver Hyundai sedan bearing Illinois registration # was said to be parked in front of this address. I utilized my patrol unit IWIN program to research the suspect vehicle. I learned the vehicle was registered to
upon my arrival to Brookshire Green, I spoke with the caller freerence to this call for service. The following is a summary of what I learned:
stated his wife and children were outside in the yard at the time of the occurrence. then stated she was inside of the garage and heard very loud music outside of her residence. Shortly thereafter; who was playing outside in the yard, came into the garage and asked if she could hear the music. He stated it was very bad music and had many bad words being said. then stepped out into her lawn and observed a silver four (4) door sedan, parked across the street behind gold minivan, playing vulgar music. stated the music was very loud and contained some of the following statements:
- Fuck Trump- Trump is a racist- Trump is a pedophile
stated the vehicle occupants were a younger male and a younger female. The male observed holding her mobile phone in her hand and sped away. Stated according to the security camera footage, the aforementioned vehicle was parked there for approximately five (5) minutes. I informed that I had already checked the information on the given vehicle registration. The registered owners both had birth dates in 1954 which didn't match with the information given. I stated the suspects were most likely a younge relative of the registered owners, if this vehicle was the one involved.
residence is equipped with a "Ring" doorbell security camera. residence is equipped with a "Scutter" brand security camera facing the roadway immediately in front of his residence.
It should be noted: I observed photograph stills taken of the suspect vehicle on mobile phone. The vehicle was a silver four (4) door sedan. The vehicle was parked immediately behind a gold minivan on the west side of Brookshire Green. This placed the vehicle directly inbetween the residence and residence.
I then drove to Devon Road to make contact with the vehicle owner. I had previously used the map program on my patrol unit computer to locate the residence of Devon Road. As I approached the residence in my vehicle, I observed the aforementioned silver Honda sedan. I also observed an "Anybody but Trump" political sign on display in the front yard of Devon Road.
I observed a man I didn't know, later identified as exited his residence front door as I parked my vehicle. As I rounded the rear of my vehicle and stepped onto the curb, exited his residence and began walking towards me. I introduced myself to and informed him I was equipped with a body worn camera. I greeted and he stated hello and responded to my greeting, "How are you doing today", with ,"I'm good".
As I began to inform of the incident on Brookshire, exited the front door of the residence and approached us on the front walk way. As I explained the situation to them, I observed shake her head in a motion generally used to signify a "NO" response. asked when the incident occurred and I informed him the callers had the vehicle on camera just a few moments ago.
pointed at their silver Hyundai sedan and stated it wasn't their car involved.
It should be noted: Utilizing the dispatched information, and the information collected from the callers, I believed the vehicle involved was

vehicle. At this time I was not presented with any information that would have led me to believe otherwise.

Date: 08/03/2020 08:13 Page: 4 of 12 then changed his posture from standing with both hands on his hips, to having his right hand elevated and pointing at their vehicle. were visibly upset at this time, and stated they have not moved the vehicle all day. stated it was primarily her vehicle, and that she was sick. confirmed the information by stating it a second time. They both continued to state the vehicle hasn't been moved all day, and that the neighbors across the street could confirm the vehicle has been parked all informed me that the neighbors across the street have been moving all day, and that day. all day. both requested to see the video of the suspect vehicle. about any possibility of an ongoing civil issue between them and their neighbors. I further stated, "Everybody seems reasonable, I understand they have Trump signs and I see you have an Anybody but Trump sign. Everyone has a right to their own opinion." stated there was no issue between them and their neighbors. She stated they may not like our sign and we may not like their sign. She then stated she has lived in this neighborhood for twenty-nine (29) years. She became emotional and stated "We're the only black people in this neighborhood, so if anybody should be scared we should!" It should be noted: Until this point in the incident, no one else has made any statements pertaining to race. I also did not make any exclamations of the callers being scared. began to elevate his voice and take a very defensive body posture. He stated he has been a resident in this neighborhood for twenty-six (26) years, and again stated has been a resident for twenty-nine (29) years. both asked if I've seen the video, in which I replied I had. I explained the vehicle in question was almost the exact shape and size of their vehicle. I asked if either have seen any similar vehicles to theirs driving around the neighborhood playing the music. immediately responded with, "Who's looking at cars that look like ours. I want to know." Neither of them had seen a vehicle similar to theirs or have heard any loud music coming from outside of their residence. explained they have seen people slowly drive by their house to look at their yard sign. She further explained people have stopped and exited their vehicles to look at their yard sign. stated she has had a conversation with a neighbor about a man who was parked in a gray truck behind neighbor made contact with the man, who stated someone in this vehicle, referring to vehicle, drove by his residence yelling curse words and making anti-Trump statements. The male stated he was waiting for the to exit their residence. It should be noted: owns and operates pick-up truck. stated that activity was very threatening. I explained the caller was very non-confrontational and I believed he was wanting to have a conversation with them. stated he should have just come up and knocked on their door. I explained that many people avoid conversations with others and call the police to mediate. made the statement, "So now we are parked while black." further stated, "Nothing against you, but someone has now called the police for that car being parked on our street. Which we have lived on for twenty-nine (29) years." interjected and asked if I knew how many silver Sonata's there are. I agreed that there most likely are a great many of them, not only in the US, but also in the Bloomington area. She recapped what was earlier said to her by her neighbor about the man in the truck. She went further to explain that she was very ill and she has not been out of the house all day. I was simply performing follow-up because of the information that was given to me, and the video footage of a vehicle matching the description of their vehicle. I stated the video footage does not display the license plate clearly. then stated their license plate was collected by the man in the truck. that I would make their neighborhood as an Extra Patrol because of the people slowing and exiting their vehicles to I explained to the look at their sign. explained that he and have never called the police on anyone about the other yard signs. He stated, "As offensive as we see that, we have not called the police on them. They can have whatever the "HELL" they want to have in their yard." When those people's yard signs were vandalized he questioned who would do such a thing. stated she hoped they wouldn't believe it was them due to their Anti-Trump sign. She further explained that the know every single one of their neighbors by name. She informed me that

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Board. had just recently stepped down as the Chair of that board. She stated she is on the committee.
stated he and work to insure this is an inclusive community. He questioned why someone would call the police on them, because they thought they would do something like yelling out anti-Trump "SHIT".
I explained again that the call was not in reference to the individuals occupying the vehicle making statements. The call was in reference to the music coming from the vehicle. Stated they didn't have speakers like that and that they don't play that type of music.
crossed him arms and stood leaning away from me at this time. I asked if they observed a vehicle similar to theirs, at any time, playing music with vulgarity's to call the police department to investigate it. I then explained again that a vehicle very similar to theirs was parked in front of the caller's residence for an extended period of time.
stated they know the callers and that they have spoken with them in the past. stated they were the welcoming family in the block, reaching out to her neighbors in the community. Both and stated they were hurt by the call for service. stated, "If it was those people on the limit I'm going over there to talk to them. You may want to be with me, but I don't give a CRAP okay." stated she did think should go speak with their neighbors, but needed to calm down first.
I informed and that the callers stated it was younger individuals in the vehicles. I stated I didn't believe the suspects were the but could have possibly of been a younger family member of theirs. They informed me they don't have any other family member's in the local area, but mother who lives with them. All of the children live in other states. expressed that the only reason the caller pulled up to their residence was because of the Anti-Trump sign and her silver vehicle. She stated she knows he has the wrong vehicle.
said, "Let's go", referencing me accompanying him to the caller's residence. I explained I was more than willing to do that, but I needed to know first that the conversation was going to remain civil. stated he would remain civil, but they would know just how hurt he was about the situation. told he was still yelling, so he had to calm down before going to the neighbors.
I apologized to for any additional stress I had brought to her due to this call for service. began to get very upset and explain how much she has going on in her life. held and asked her to calm down. again referenced the being the only black family in this entire subdivision. She didn't want people blaming them for things like and if anyone should be scared it was them.
She stated they have a thirteen (13) year old grandson that comes to visit. They have a bicycle for him and he has been visiting them since he was little. He was born at Bromenn and he is thirteen (13) years old now. began yelling over about their grandson being thirteen (13) years old, and that fact that he is a basketball player and is as tall as is.
and went on to explain that he's worried if his grandson comes to visit and rides his bicycle around the neighborhood he will get Law Enforcement called on him. said now that they have put those signs up, she can no longer allow him to ride his bike in the direction because she was worried Law Enforcement would be called on him being a suspicious black kid in the neighborhood.
I then drove Brookshire Green to have a civil conversation about this call for service.
It should be noted: was still very concerned with anger prior to us leaving. She stated she was observing his non-verbal body language which she recognized as him being angry. She explained that once I leave, both the stated and the neighbors. Stated he could handle the situation prior to getting into my patrol unit.
Upon our arrival, I introduced to the stated, "We know you guys, why would anyone think me or my wife would have driven up to yell at you or your children." explained to which I had already explained to him as well, she knew it wasn't him or his wife. She stated it was younger teenagers that were involved. Explained there were no teenagers at their residence on Devon Rd.
He then went into the aforementioned lengths of how long he and have lived in the neighborhood. He stated that in that time he has never had the police called on him. He then stated, "We are the only black family in this neighborhood."
At that point, requested for to stop speaking, and stated you are not. then stated this is not a race issue. became frustrated and stated, "Please do not talk about color." At which time, spread his arms out to his sides. requested for me to please escort to the property or he would have to remove him.

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thanked me for a calm conversation at his home. as we were walking off the property. I left having a conversation with approached the yard and explained my conversation with and handed him his mobile phone. approached explained the image on the phone was the vehicle in question. He (stated is that not a striking resemblance of the car that's parked outside of your house? Which stated it was similar. then said the license plate in the image was three (3) digits, a space and then registration is displayed on her vehicle. four (4) digits. Which is exactly how asked if that's the vehicle that drove past the house. explained he knew the area neighbors. and had a conversation which informed him of the following: - He at no time stated it was or his wife. to call the police if a truck similar to his did the same thing to - He would expect residence, that he would expect call the police as well. explained that they have always been told to call the police if there is an issue. That would be why they didn't come and further explained that she believed it to be two young, white, teenagers that was playing the music. It should be noted: This was the first time I was made aware that the individuals involved were not only teenagers, but also Caucasian. All parties involved then continued a conversation for several minutes. explained why he was so passionate about Law Enforcement being called to his residence. While watching my body camera video footage, I added multiple markers to the video. The markers added are for the occurrences of race being brought up, and using profanity. agreed with about the situation and stated that if a similar incident happened at his residence he would be upset too. It should be noted: explained he was upset about race being brought up as an issue in this incident to about the black on black crime on the south side of Chicago, and how nobody wants to talk about that. stated he was done speaking at that time and walked away from the group.

Overall the conversation ended on a positive note. I offered a ride back to his residence, which he declined and stated he would just

thanked me and shook my hand prior to walking back to his residence.

This concludes my report.

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Supplemental Reporting ASSISTANT CHIEF CHAD WAMSLEY - BPD, ID # 7247

On Sunday, July 12, 2020, I received an email from which was titled: Incident in Rollingbrook Subdivision. This email had been sent to me as well as approximately 50 other individuals. Included in this email was a letter which describe an incident that occurred at their residence and in their subdivision (Rollingbrook Subdivision) on Saturday, July 11, 2020. This letter was later added to Evidence.com.
On Monday, July 13, 2020, called as asked if he could meet with me about this situation. I advised I was available and he asked if he could come down to the Bloomington Police Department and speak to me in person. Shortly thereafter, arrived at BPD. I met with and he began to go over his concerns about this call for service and issues he had with Officer DeReu's response. He also asked if I had received his email, which I stated I had. I advised that due to the time, approximately 0900 hours, I had not had time to review any body worn camera footage of the incident and could only comment on what I knew at this point. was understanding of this and advised that he wished to file a formal complaint against Officer DeReu. I provided with the proper Citizen Complaint paperwork and left. Shortly thereafter, I received a telephone call from . Due to the fact was not at the Bloomington Police Department wanted to tell me a few things she believed may have forgotten. One of these things was that the neighbor, who saw parked outside, was named . She also provided me with her telephone number. Later on July, 13, 2020, I again met with at the Bloomington Police Department and allowed him to view Officer DeReu's body worn camera footage with me.
On Wednesday, July 15, 2020, Chief D. Donath and I went to Brookshire Green to speak with about this incident. Upon our arrival, both began telling us their version of what had happened. During this conversation, stated he had very good surveillance video of the actual incident, but due to the way the vehicle was parked, you can't read the license plate. also stated he would email me the surveillance video of the incident. This video was later entered into Evidence.com.
stated after he was made aware of the incident and saw the video, he began driving around the neighborhood trying to locate the vehicle. advised he initially located a vehicle towards the end of the block, but after further examination, the vehicle somewhat matched, but it was not an exact match. He further advised the taillights on this vehicle did not match the taillights in the vehicle on the video. He then continued to look around the neighborhood for the vehicle and located the vehicle parked in front of and residence believed this vehicle matched the one seen on the video and that was parked in front of his house. advised he saw a female neighbor outside and asked her if she knew who the vehicle belonged to. The female responded that she did not know whose vehicle that was. was unaware of the identity of this female. further advised he thought about knocking on the door of the residence belonged to avoid any issues. then called the police. While speaking with the dispatcher, he was told to return to his residence and the officer would speak to him there. returned to his residence and spoke to Officer DeReu upon his arrival.
On Friday, July 17, 2020, I called and spoke to parked behind vehicle. I then called on her phone with the number answered and I explained the reason for calling. The following is a summary of what stated to me during my telephone call:
stated she and her sister (were working on cleaning out their deceased sister's residence (Devon). At one point, she had gone outside to get something from her vehicle. While she was outside, she saw a truck parked behind another vehicle across the street. Continued by saying the subject who was in the truck ultimately exited his vehicle and approached her. He began asking her if she was aware whose vehicle was parked in the road. Stated the male seemed agitated. Stated she was not for sure whose vehicle was actually parked there so she told him she did not know. Stated the male seemed agitated did state she knows and live at the house where the vehicle was parked in front of but was not for sure it was their car. After told the male subject she was unaware of whose car it was, he said he was going to sit in the truck to see if the owner comes out. I asked her if she was fearful or scared of this individual. Stated she was a little scared as she was unaware of who this person was, and he seemed agitated but was not scared for herself enough to call the police.
then went back inside and spoke to about her interaction with the subject. After talking, they decided to call and and advise them of the male subject siting out in front of their residence. It is stated her sister was actually the person who called and and advise them of the male subject siting out in front of their residence. It is stated her sister was actually the person who called and and advise them of the male subject siting out in front of their residence. It is stated her sister was actually the person who called and and advise them of the male subject siting out in front of their residence. It is stated her sister was actually the person who called and and advise them of the male subject siting out in front of their residence.
On Monday, 07/20/20, contacted me and advised after continuing to search, he believes they may have found the actual ca which was parked in front of their residence on 07/11/20.

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wording on the license plate bracket seems to match as well as there are stuffed animals in the back window, which seem to match the vehicle in the video.

Brookshire Green and has a license plate of IL provided me with a flyer showing still images from the video surveillance and still photographs of the car parked at Brookshire Green. This was also later entered into Evidence.com.

After receiving this information, I spoke with Detective Paul Jones in the Criminal Investigation Division and asked for him to conduct a follow up investigation relating to this vehicle and its involvement in the incident. I also gave Detective Jones a copy of the paperwork had provided me. Please see Detective Jones' supplemental report for further details.

Nothing further at this time.

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Supplemental Reporting DETECTIVE PAUL JONES - BPD, ID # 10042

On Tuesday, 07/28/2020, at about 1518 hours, I made contact with of our conversation. admitted that she was the person who was playing loud music in front of the residence on 07/11/2020. I told that I knew someone was with her at the time. told me that she had been driving with her friend told me that she did play some loud music in front of the residences down the block, telling me that it was a spur of the moment thing that she and thought would be funny. told me that, when she saw that there was a child outside in front of the residence, she immediately stopped what she was doing and drove away. I told that the neighbors down the street were a little "on edge" because they have had some of the
Prior to leaving the residence, indicated that she was glad there would be a report, as she is slightly fearful of the repercussions from the incident.
Later in the conversation, I asked who was with when the incident took place. We told me that was by herself when she came back home and that, as far as she knew, was by herself when she played the loud music. How she lives in a neighborhood where people are openly pro-Trump.
I asked if she heard that the whole situation had kind of blown up a bit. did not answer, but shared with me that she was told by a neighbor that someone had been taking pictures of her house. When she heard this, thought about contacting the police, unsure of whether or not she was in any danger because of what happened. I told her that I did not believe she was in any danger. In short, I explained that I was sent to determine what happened and who was involved. asked me if they had any grounds to do anything to her child for playing loud music. I explained to that it could be considered Disorderly Conduct and that I could write a City of Bloomington Ordinance Violation. However, I told her that I did not think this necessary at this point.
told me that she owns the silver 2017 Kia Forte. Shared with me that she has a 17-year-old child that is upset about the signs that the neighbors have displayed down the block, and that her child feels a bit "threatened" by them. I assumed that was referring to the signs related to supporting President Trump. Said her child, said her child, he was a said her child, he was a said her child, he was said her child, he was saying. It is she knows what the music was saying. It told me that the music likely said something like, "Fuck Trump." It told me that, when the came home, she said something like, "Oh my god, they called the police on me."
After knocking on the front door to the residence, I made contact with a female. I introduced myself to the female, who identified herself as
On Thursday, 07/23/2020, at about 1535 hours, I drove back to Brookshire Green. It should be noted I was wearing a department issued body-worn camera (BWC) when I responded to the residence. The BWC footage was later uploaded to evidence.com and was associated with Case # 202008732. To view the footage, please select the evidence titled, "Paul Jones BWC - Supp # 3."
On Wednesday, 07/22/2020, at about 1116 hours, I stopped at Brookshire Green, hoping to speak with I did not make contact with anyone at the residence at that time.
After meeting with Chief Wamsley, I ran the above registration through LEADS. The LEADS return showed that the registered owner of the 2017 Kia Forte was a solution of Brookshire Green.
On Tuesday, 07/21/2020, I spoke with Assistant Chief Wamsley about this incident. Assistant Chief Wamsley provided me with a summary of the incident thus far. Chief Wamsley also explained to me that, since Officer Dereu's initial response to the call for service, he (Asst. Chief Wamsley) has been contacted by one of the concerned residents,

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pro-Trump signs damaged / destroyed. Solution told me that she has never been a part of damaging any of the signs and doesn't believe has
damaged any signs either. agreed that she should avoid contact with the neighbors down the block.
At about 1537 hours, I contacted by phone. acknowledged that she was with on 07/11/2020.
told me that they pulled up near some residences on Brookshire Green that had pro-Trump signs displayed in the yard.
had her windows open and was playing a song called "Fuck Donald Trump" over the car stereo. told me that, all of the sudden, a
woman and her child came out of the residence towards them. told me that, when they saw the child, immediate turned the music
down and drove away. I explained to that the residents were concerned about the language being used in the song, as there were young
children around. told me that was why pulled away when she saw a child. I also explained that the residents have had some of
their Trump signs damaged or destroyed. told me that she has not been involved in stealing or damaging any signs and does not believe
would do something like that. As we neared the end of our conversation, asked me a few times if this incident was going to go on
her "record." I told that we (the police department) could issue Ordinance Violations for disorderly conduct. I explained to
did not think that necessary at this time.

No further information at this time.

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On 07/30/20, I placed the 911 call from to Bloomington Dispatch into Evidence.com. I also placed the recording of the Bloomington Dispatch radio traffic into Evidence.com.

Nothing further.

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After speaking with about this situation on multiple occasions, it is his request that the report be forwarded to the McLean County State's Attorney's Office for review of charges.

As a result, I request that the report be forwarded to the McLean County State's Attorney's Office for review.