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Report Date: 12/08/2021 14:34	Start Date: 12/07/2021 00:10	* 202115968 *
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Summary: DOMESTIC BATTERY		
Report Type: Domestic Case		

Incident Location

Address	910 N EAST STR [REDACTED]	Distance:
Intersection:		
	BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701	
	Beat: 2 - Sub Beat: 2 -	
	2021-00053119	

Incident Offenses

1 - 0486 DOMESTIC BATTERY - - Original Report

Incident People

[REDACTED] - Victim - Original Report	* 100521146 *
UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN - - Suspect - Original Report	* 101099734 *
	101099734
LNU, FNU - - Suspect - Original Report	* 101124869 *
	101124869
[REDACTED] - Other - Supp. #2	* 100734782 *
[REDACTED] - Other - Supp. #2	* 100290347 *
	100290347
BUENROSTRO, JAMES - [REDACTED] - Suspect - Supp. #2 - DCN: L76998558 - Arrest Date: 12/13/2021	* 100777575 *
	100777575
BUENROSTRO, JAMES - [REDACTED] - Arrestee - Supp. #4 - DCN: L76998558 - Arrest Date: 12/13/2021	* 100777575 *
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Incident Businesses

OSF ST JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER 2200 E WASHINGTON STR BLD BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701- 0000 Original Report	* 240095114 *
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Incident Vehicles

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Reporting OFFICER ELIAS MENDIOLA - BPD, ID # 6364

On Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 1421 hours, I was dispatched to 2200 E. Washington, OSF St. Joseph Hospital for a battery. I was wearing an issued BPD uniform. I was operating unit 17, a marked BPD SUV.

During this call, I was equipped with a Body-Worn camera (BWC). Prior to making contact with the victim, they did not want to be recorded.

For clarity and brevity, the words I use in this report may, or may not be the words used by those involved. For exact verbiage please see BWC footage.

I met with the victim, [REDACTED], who was in a hospital bed, with a hospital gown. Additionally, [REDACTED] was present.

I asked [REDACTED] since she was a victim, if she would allow me to use my body worn camera. [REDACTED] said she did not want to be recorded.

I informed [REDACTED] a triage nurse called and said she had been assaulted. Dispatch stated there was a sexual assault, so I asked [REDACTED] if she had been sexually assaulted. [REDACTED] said she had been battered, but did not want the police involved.

I told [REDACTED] I would be writing an informational report. I informed [REDACTED] the rights of victims and the States Attorney's Office could prosecute without her fully needed to be involved, if she was too afraid.

[REDACTED] said the person who battered her is a Bloomington Fire Department (BFD) firefighter, who is still married with kids, and does not want any part in ruining his life.

I asked [REDACTED] what occurred. [REDACTED] she was drinking with the male at Maguire's Bar, 220 N. Center Street on Wednesday, December 9, 2021, sometime after midnight. [REDACTED] said the male used to have a drinking problem, but since they started to date over the past year, he initially slowed down his drinking. [REDACTED] said the male's drinking has increased lately.

[REDACTED] said they began to argue. [REDACTED] said at some point she reached over to grab his ear ([REDACTED] said she was upset) and he leaned back quickly and [REDACTED] said she may have injured his ear. [REDACTED] said they continued to argue and soon left.

[REDACTED] said they returned to her apartment at [REDACTED] and the male began to become more aggressive. [REDACTED] said at some point the male grabbed a hold of her and pushed her against a wall. The male then head-butted her causing her to hit the back of her head on the wall and his forehead hitting her face and forehead. [REDACTED] did not give any further details.

[REDACTED] said when she woke up, her face was hurting and she called her mother and at her mother's request, she went to the ER for x-rays.

I asked [REDACTED] if I could take a few photos of her injuries. [REDACTED] allowed me to take four photos which were later uploaded onto evidence.com:

1. Full facial photos showing red and dark colored bruising of her left eye, forehead and right cheek
2. Close-up of her right cheek
3. Right wrist red mark
4. Close-up of face without glasses

I issued [REDACTED] a Domestic Violence Rights Sheet and explained the Order of Protection section and circled other local agencies numbers.

I asked [REDACTED] the Danger Assessment 5 form questions and [REDACTED] answered yes to: has the physical violence increased in frequency over the past year, do you believe the suspect is capable of killing you, and is the suspect violently and constantly jealous of you.

I asked [REDACTED] if the police have been called for previous domestics. [REDACTED] said no. I asked how long has she dated the male. [REDACTED] said for about one year. [REDACTED] said she same male has likely had domestic violence calls made by his wife to the Normal Police Department.

I informed [REDACTED] to call Bloomington Dispatch if she would like BPD to standby as she removed some property from her apartment. [REDACTED] said she would and said the male's wife was at the apartment collecting some items for the male.

I gave [REDACTED] my contact information if she changes her mind to name the male. [REDACTED] thanked me and I conclude my contact with her.

I checked EJS for any previous reports listing a male along with [REDACTED] and there were none.

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This case is Administratively Closed (code 9).

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Supplemental Reporting DETECTIVE JEFFREY ENGLE - BPD, ID # 8959

On Friday, 12/10/21, I was made aware of this investigation, via Lt. Bays and was provided a copy of Illinois State Police Field Report F06-21-00465, via email, along with this report, being BPD 202115968.

In the report made to the Illinois State Police, a [REDACTED] had spoke with ISP Trooper Smith (#7178), in regards to [REDACTED] being involved in a Domestic Violence Incident. [REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] as "James J. Buenrostro." Furthermore, [REDACTED] knew that [REDACTED] was taken to the hospital by [REDACTED], on 12/8/21, as a result from being battered by James. Per [REDACTED] statement to Trooper Smith, she was told that [REDACTED] had been picked up and slammed against a wall, several times, by James. As well, [REDACTED] was head butted a few times and also backhanded by James. [REDACTED] knew that [REDACTED] did not tell police who the suspect was, only identifying him as her "boyfriend." [REDACTED] was in fear for [REDACTED] safety and the safety of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] later found to be [REDACTED] For further details of [REDACTED] statement to ISP Trooper Smith, refer to ISP Field Report F06-21-00465.

After reviewing the above ISP Report, I read through Officer Mendiola's initial report, which was very consistent with what [REDACTED] had reported to Trooper Smith. Consistent to the extent that [REDACTED] did in fact leave out James' name, only identifying him as her "boyfriend." I then drove out to [REDACTED] address, being [REDACTED], in attempt to speak with her. Upon arrival, I was unable to speak with anybody at the apartment, as it sounded like nobody was home. I chose not to leave my business card on the door, with the possibility of the suspect arriving before [REDACTED] would be able to see it. Knowing that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] drove her to the hospital, I went to [REDACTED] to speak with [REDACTED].

Upon arrival at [REDACTED], still on 12/10/21, I was able to meet with [REDACTED] who invited me inside of her residence. It should be noted I was wearing my department issued BWC. The following is a summary of the conversation with [REDACTED] It is paraphrased and may or may not represent the actual words used. The order of the items discussed may vary from that of the actual conversation. For the actual conversation, please review the recording which was placed directly into evidence.com.

[REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] was at her residence a little bit ago, dropping off some clothes for [REDACTED] Due to [REDACTED] work schedule on Saturday (12/11/21), [REDACTED] was going to stay the night with [REDACTED] tonight. I asked [REDACTED] why [REDACTED] didn't want to tell police James' name, while at the hospital. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] didn't want to have the police involved at all, because she ([REDACTED] believes she "loves" James and she ([REDACTED] doesn't want to get James in trouble, she just wants to protect him. Furthermore, [REDACTED] believes that [REDACTED] is truly scared to lose James, knowing what he could do to her. [REDACTED] continued and said that James has a "narcissist" personality and his mood swings go from being really good to really bad. [REDACTED] later explained that [REDACTED] has expressed to her that should the two break up, [REDACTED] believes that James would say something or do something that will twist things around and could jeopardize [REDACTED] having custody of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] and James have been dating for about a year and a half, with a lot of people knowing the two are together, even though James is married. To [REDACTED] knowledge, James goes back and forth staying at his residence with his wife and staying at [REDACTED] residence. With regards to this specific incident and what [REDACTED] told her, [REDACTED] the two (James and [REDACTED] were out Tuesday night, drinking at Maguire's (218 N. Center Street). While at Maguire's, they got into some sort of verbal altercation/argument, with [REDACTED] trying to get James' attention by grabbing a hold of his ear. Apparently, while [REDACTED] was grabbing at James' ear, she must have scratched his earlobe and drew blood. This made James extremely upset and the two eventually left Maguire's and went to [REDACTED] apartment, known to be [REDACTED]. When asked if she, [REDACTED] was ever told exactly what the argument was over at Maguire's and why it made James so upset, other than [REDACTED] scratching James' earlobe, [REDACTED] couldn't be positive but believed it was over "trivial" stuff.

[REDACTED] wasn't sure how soon things started to happen once James and [REDACTED] were at [REDACTED] apartment. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that at some point during that night/morning, while they were arguing, James had thrown [REDACTED] face-first, into the wall, multiple times. As well, James "head-butted" [REDACTED] in the face multiple times, along with "backhand punching" [REDACTED] in the face, again, multiple times. [REDACTED] also believed that James may have bitten [REDACTED] on the neck, jerked her hand, possibly ripped out [REDACTED] nose piercing, and bruised her ([REDACTED] lip. In regards to the nose piercing, [REDACTED] claimed to not be positive, but knew [REDACTED] nose ring was missing a piece and [REDACTED] had dried blood on her nose. Eventually and an unknown amount of time after the physical altercation, James ended up just passing out on [REDACTED] bed, while [REDACTED] ended up sleeping on the couch.

That morning was when [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] roughly around 0530 hours. [REDACTED] claimed she must have been getting ready for work, at the time, so she missed the call. When [REDACTED] was just walking into work, she realized she had a missed call from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was eventually able to speak with [REDACTED] over the phone, who told her ([REDACTED] that her and James got into an argument and that she ([REDACTED] didn't know what to do. [REDACTED] left work and went and picked up [REDACTED] from her work. Once [REDACTED] arrived at [REDACTED] work, she claimed to be "floored" by how [REDACTED] looked. [REDACTED] had a lot of facial bruising, the worst that she ([REDACTED] has seen [REDACTED] to have, knowing that James and her ([REDACTED] have gotten into other altercations.

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Once [REDACTED] got into [REDACTED] car, the two sat and talked for a bit about what had happened. [REDACTED] also took some pictures of [REDACTED] injuries. At that point, [REDACTED] believed that [REDACTED] had possibly suffered a concussion. [REDACTED] called the Neville House, while the two continued to sit in her ([REDACTED] car. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] spoke with the Neville House and was very "honest" with them (Neville House), about what had happened. Along with speaking with the Neville House, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] landlord, to explain the situation and asked about having the locks changed to her apartment, since James has a key. The landlord believed he would be able to get the locks changed within an hour or so.

As [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] continued talking, [REDACTED] gave [REDACTED] two options. They were to head to the police department or go to the hospital. [REDACTED] did not want to do either but eventually agreed to go to the hospital. As mentioned in Officer Mendiola's initial report, [REDACTED] did speak with medical staff and himself, however did not wish to provide James' name, again to keep him from getting into trouble. I asked [REDACTED] what exactly started this whole incident, outside of [REDACTED] apparently grabbing James' ear. [REDACTED] believes all it was to make James upset was [REDACTED] grabbing his earlobe and it bleeding, however she wasn't positive if that was all.

[REDACTED] spoke of [REDACTED] injuries and again believed that [REDACTED] suffered a concussion, along with the hospital placing her wrist/thumb area in a splint. [REDACTED] bruising looked a lot better yesterday, compared to the day before and right after this incident. [REDACTED] expressed that when she picked up [REDACTED] from work ([REDACTED]) on Wednesday morning, she ([REDACTED] didn't believe this was the first time that [REDACTED] co-workers have seen her bruised and battered, however [REDACTED] was unable to provide any specific dates and/or incidents.

As we neared the end of our conversation, I asked [REDACTED] how receptive [REDACTED] will be with speaking to me, Det. Engle. [REDACTED] believed that [REDACTED] would have no issues with talking with me, she just might not provide James' name, out of fear of what could happen to him. I asked [REDACTED] if she knows if [REDACTED] has/had been in contact with James, since this reported incident. [REDACTED] explained that James actually called [REDACTED] while they were at the hospital, on Wednesday. [REDACTED] could hear parts of their phone conversation, with [REDACTED] telling James "You tried putting my head threw a wall." [REDACTED] also heard [REDACTED] tell James that she had to wear makeup, to coverup all the bruising. [REDACTED] also told James that the landlord knew about the incident, along with her co-workers. [REDACTED] could hear James on the phone, apologizing for what had happened.

I thanked [REDACTED] for her time and we eventually ended our phone call.

I later uploaded our conversation into evidence.com, under case folder "202115968." To listen to said conversation, click on evidence titled "Axon Body 3 Video 2021-12-10 1316 X60A0238X."

I also uploaded the Illinois State Police Field Report into evidence.com, under case folder "202115968." To view that report, click on evidence titled "ISP Report."

At this point, this case is pending until I can speak with [REDACTED] and James.

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Supplemental Reporting DETECTIVE JEFFREY ENGLE - BPD, ID # 8959

On Friday, 12/10/21, I was able to obtain security footage from Maguire's Bar (218 N. Center Street), in regards to this investigation. A detailed review of the footage will be completed at a later date, however I was able to verify that James and [REDACTED] were at Maguire's the evening of 12/7/2021 and had a bar bill of \$110.00 in alcohol sales.

Still on Friday, 12/10/21, numerous attempts to speak with [REDACTED] were made at her apartment and via her last known phone number in EJS. I was unable to speak with her, just leaving a message in hopes of receiving a return call.

On Monday, 12/13/21, I was able to meet with [REDACTED] at her residence of [REDACTED]. Wearing my department issued BWC, our conversation was recorded. The following is a summary of the conversation with [REDACTED]. It is paraphrased and may or may not represent the actual words used. The order of the items discussed may vary from that of the actual conversation. For the actual conversation, please review the recording which was placed directly into evidence.com. It should be noted that the first 10 minutes of [REDACTED] and I's conversation was not recorded, as I initially thought I had activated my BWC, yet I didn't.

With the above stated, when I first met with [REDACTED] I noted both eyes to still be bruised and slightly swollen. [REDACTED] left eye was significantly more bruised than her right. Upon initially speaking with [REDACTED] I asked her why she wouldn't tell Officer Mendiola James' name, only referring to the suspect as her "boyfriend." [REDACTED] explained the the main reason was because she didn't want to see him get into any type of trouble and she feared if she did say his name, he would have been arrested and possibly lose his job(s), being a Firefighter and a teacher. As well, [REDACTED] explained that she "Loves" James and doesn't want to lose him.

[REDACTED] advised she had met James a few years ago, when he would bring [REDACTED], where she was working at the time. The two became friends but didn't really start talking until they sort of met again on "Tinder," which is a local dating website. [REDACTED] believed they started talking on Tinder in March of 2020 and finally went on their first date in May of 2020. In August of 2020, they were an exclusive couple, even though James was still technically married. Around that same time, or possibly around October of 2020, James moved in with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] described their relationship as having its ups and downs, with them both having a lot of trust issues with one another, due to being in "shitty" relationships in the past. In regards to arguments, [REDACTED] claimed they haven't really actually argued that much in their relationship, because they wanted to make sure to be open in communications, again due to "shitty" relationships in the past. However, when they did/do argue, she explained that they both can be pretty mean but described James as being "vindictive with words," specifically choosing words that he knows will hurt her. [REDACTED] said that this incident was probably their first big fight in a "long time," with a long time being defined as "months."

I asked [REDACTED] what specifically started this incident and why she ended up going to the hospital. [REDACTED] explained that she and James were at Maguire's Bar, the evening of 12/7/21 (Tuesday), drinking alcohol. After the fact, [REDACTED] knew that was probably not a good idea knowing that James was already having a bad day. As they sat in the bar, drinking their "Jack and Cokes," [REDACTED] made a comment to James about an incident a few months ago she had with her ex-husband's girlfriend, where the girlfriend sort of came at her ([REDACTED]). This immediately made James upset, because he didn't know anything about it. [REDACTED] advised she didn't tell James about it because she really didn't think it was that big of a deal, however James didn't see it that way. At that point, James started to accuse [REDACTED] of not telling him what else she has done and accused her of always lying to him. As James continued to be upset, [REDACTED] grabbed a hold of James' left earlobe, to get his attention and tell him he needed to listen to her. Not realizing how long her nails were, [REDACTED] apparently scratched James' earlobe, causing it to bleed and "Of Course, that pissed him off more."

After an unknown amount of time, [REDACTED] and James left Maguire's and went back to her apartment. [REDACTED] provided the timeline of getting to Maguire's a little after 2000 hours and leaving Maguire's around 2300 hours. Once back at the apartment, [REDACTED] claimed she was having a hard time remembering exactly what was said and/or done, but claimed to initially think things were "Ok" between the two and even apologized for hurting his ear. However, [REDACTED] then claimed that she wasn't sure what exactly was said, but she knows she was "pissed and shitty back to him" and remembers spitting in his face.

Knowing that Domestic Violence Victims tend to minimize and/or distort the truth, for numerous reasons to include not wanting the suspect to get in trouble, I asked [REDACTED] if what she told Officer Mendiola was the true and accurate. At that point, [REDACTED] claimed to have remembered being pushed into a wall, inside her bedroom. [REDACTED] then said she couldn't be positive on what exactly she told Officer Mendiola, she just knows she didn't want to be at the hospital and her head hurt, but her mom made her go to the hospital and was holding her "hostage."

At that point, I asked [REDACTED] how she got the marks (bruises) on her eyes/face. [REDACTED] responded with, "I would assume from him (James)." I asked [REDACTED] what would James have done to her, to make her eyes look the way they do. [REDACTED] then got close to me and asked if she

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could demonstrate what had happened to her. [REDACTED] who was acting like she was James and I was acting like I was her [REDACTED] in the incident, got directly in front of me and grabbed the sides of my head with her hands and pulled my head towards her head, as she was pushing her head towards mine, in a "head-butting" motion. After the "head-butting" motion, [REDACTED] claimed that she couldn't really remember much else. [REDACTED] denied there to be any other marks and/or bruises on her body. I asked [REDACTED] about the brace she was supposedly wearing on her thumb/wrist, after the hospital. [REDACTED] admitted to wearing one and said that she believes her thumb and/or wrist got jammed during the altercation. [REDACTED] also admitted that the doctors at the hospital believe she may have suffered a concussion.

As [REDACTED] and I continued, we spoke of previous relationships and if she believed getting battered was a sign of "love." [REDACTED] admitted that "this is not" love and that "this is a result of a drinking problem and mental health issues that need to be addressed," referring to James. With that said, [REDACTED] knows James "does love me" and that this has been something that they have talked about before, being mental health issues and his anxiety, amongst other things. [REDACTED] believes that a part of James' mental health issues span from his work as a Firefighter, along with the stress from his relationship with his wife.

I asked [REDACTED] if she and James have talked about this specific incident, since it happened. She admitted that "He broke down. That's the first time that I've ever actually seen him, like actually cry" fully "sobbing." [REDACTED] claimed that James said "he doesn't remember it," in reference to this specific incident, but did apologize to her. James told her that he knew they had fought but had not idea to what extent. [REDACTED] told me she figured he probably didn't remember much, due to him just rolling over in bed and passing out, like nothing had just happened. [REDACTED] did claim that James has already reached out to EAP, through work, and was going to start going to counseling, to better himself. I asked [REDACTED] when the last time she saw James was. [REDACTED] asked if I was going to tell [REDACTED]. I informed her I wasn't, which she said that James stayed the night last night, because [REDACTED] wasn't there.

As we continued, I asked [REDACTED] if James had any sort of injuries to himself, as a result from this incident. [REDACTED] only knew of the small fingernail cut to his ear, from when they were at the bar. All [REDACTED] knows is that she just wants this whole incident to be "dropped" and doesn't want me to speak with him. I explained to [REDACTED] Domestic Violence cases, in general, and why a lot of victims do not want anything done. That being said, I told [REDACTED] that "You can't guarantee me that things won't progress for the worse." [REDACTED] agreed, saying "No, I know that I can't but I also know in my heart and in my gut that he wants to be better." [REDACTED] said that she wants a chance to let their relationship work, so they can get better and he can get the help he needs, as she believes all of this will make things worse.

[REDACTED] continued and said that she wants to be there, to support James through his struggles and knows that if James get arrested, she won't be able to be there for him, as he will hold it against her. I expressed to [REDACTED] that James needs to be held accountable for his actions, which she continued to just want everything "dropped." [REDACTED] said she is afraid of losing "any and all trust" that James once had in her. [REDACTED] I told [REDACTED] that if James wants trust, he needs to start by not putting his hands on her. [REDACTED] responded with, "I know, I know, I know, I know" but then went back to her just "really just want this dropped, please." I explained to [REDACTED] that I cannot drop this case, nor any other Domestic Violence Case.

As [REDACTED] and I continued, she continued to reiterate the fact that she doesn't want this case to continue. I asked [REDACTED] how many times would it take for her to get battered, before she did something and/or left the relationship, specifically James. [REDACTED] admitted that if this would happen again, she would not hesitate to say something and leave him. [REDACTED] told me that "I know that he really didn't mean to. I know that it was the alcohol, I do." [REDACTED] said that James did apologize for this incident, saying "I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry....." [REDACTED] then asked me if she could change her statement and say that she had tripped and fell. I told [REDACTED] that she could, however we would both know that wouldn't be the truth.

[REDACTED] continued going back and forth about how James getting in trouble for this, would ruin their relationship and how she wants to be there for him. I continued telling her that everything was out of my hands, in regards to how this case continues. After talking for a while longer, again with regards to [REDACTED] not wanting this case to go any further, I explained to her that I will be meeting with James and that it would be shortly after I left her apartment. [REDACTED] asked if I could wait a bit before reaching out to James, so she can be the one to tell him that the police were called. I told her that was fine and shortly thereafter, ended our conversation.

I later uploaded [REDACTED] and I's conversation into evidence.com, under case folder "202115968." To listen to said conversation, click on evidence titled "Axon Body 3 Video 2021-12-13 1004 X60A0238X."

This case is pending further investigation, however based on [REDACTED] initial statement to Officer Mendiola, [REDACTED]' statement, and [REDACTED] and I's conversation today, PROBABLE CAUSE exists for the arrest of James Buenrostro for Domestic Battery/Bodily Harm.

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Supplemental Reporting DETECTIVE JEFFREY ENGLE - BPD, ID # 8959

On Monday, 12/13/21, at approximately 1230 hours, I was able to speak with James Buenrostro over the phone, in regards to this investigation. I explained to James that PROBABLE CAUSE exists for his arrest, as it pertains to this investigation. James understood and it was agreed that he would come to the police department after work, around 1445 hours.

At approximately 1445 hours, James arrived at the Bloomington Police Department, along with the victim in this case, [REDACTED]. As I met with James and [REDACTED] in the upstairs lobby of the police department and as I was escorting James into CID Interview Room 1, [REDACTED] asked if she could be with James during the interview. I explained to her that she could not, and I would be back out to speak with her after I spoke with James. [REDACTED] understood and waited in the lobby.

I then started speaking with James within CID Interview Room 1, with our conversation being audio/video recorded. Prior to asking any questions being asked, I read James his Miranda Warning (Miranda Rights). James understood his rights and agreed to speak with me. The following is a summary of the conversation with James. It is paraphrased and may or may not represent the actual words used. The order of the items discussed may vary from that of the actual conversation. For the actual conversation, please review the recording which was placed directly into evidence.com.

James explained that he had [REDACTED] have been in a dating relationship since the summer of 2020. James described their dating relationship as "great," with them being just like every other couple, having their ups and downs. James also described [REDACTED] as being his "rock," a person that he could always rely. On the night/evening of this incident, James met [REDACTED] at Maguire's, to have some drinks (alcohol), due to James having "some stressful issues going on" that specific day, being Tuesday (12/7/2021).

While at Maguire's, James went up to the bar to get another round of drinks for he and [REDACTED]. While at the bar, getting his and [REDACTED] drinks, a group of girls wanted to "cheers" him (James). James did a cheers to them, got his drinks, and went back and sat down with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was not "thrilled with that idea," in regards to him interacting with the group of girls. James described [REDACTED] is very defensive and protective of him. [REDACTED] getting upset with James resulted in the two arguing back and forth, but nothing to loud and/or extensive. James claimed to have shrugged the argument off, but [REDACTED] wasn't like that either. As James was trying to just move past the argument, [REDACTED] grabbed a hold of James' left ear and eventually cut James' earlobe with her nails. At that point, James knew it was time to go, so they left Maguire's.

Once James and [REDACTED] left the bar, they both got into their own vehicles and met each other at [REDACTED] apartment, again being [REDACTED]. When they got into the apartment, James claimed they were still arguing, but nothing to extreme. Eventually, their argument went from very little to it "escalated into something more." [REDACTED] tried to go after James' ear again and was able to scratch his other ear. James was able to push her away and as he was turning around, back towards [REDACTED], [REDACTED] jumped on his back. James's "shrug" his body and elbows, to get [REDACTED] off him. While he was doing this, [REDACTED] head was near his left elbow and he assumed he struck her on the bridge of her nose. After assuming he struck her across the bridge of her nose, he heard a "thud," with [REDACTED] going "into a wall."

As this continued, James told [REDACTED] this needed to stop. At this point, [REDACTED] apparently had gotten up and came towards James. James was able to grab a hold of [REDACTED] and while do so, this is when they hit heads. It should be noted that James is 6' tall, while [REDACTED] is 5'3" tall. After hitting heads, this was when James "tossed" [REDACTED] onto the bed, telling her "Enough, enough." After that, things quieted down and James claimed they went to bed. The following morning, James went about his day and that was it.

Knowing that James and [REDACTED] had been drinking alcohol while at Maguire's, I asked James how intoxicated he was, on a scale from 1 to 10, with 10 being extremely intoxicated. James replied that he "Honestly, I can't answer that," claiming he was "decent enough to drive" and wasn't "stumbling around." I asked James how intoxicated [REDACTED] was, on the same scale. James didn't provide a number, saying she was "going drink for drink with me" most of the night and she is substantially smaller than him. James said they were drinking "Jack n Cokes." I asked James if he was a big drinker. James claimed that he was a big drinker when he was still with [REDACTED]. However, since meeting [REDACTED] he stopped being "stupid" about drinking and only goes out drinking once every three or four weeks.

As James and I continued, with James wearing a snapback baseball style hat, backwards, I asked him to take off his hat. I did so, as it appeared from when I was talking with him, that the middle of his forehead was slightly swollen and slightly discolored. As James took his hat off, it looked as if his forehead was slightly bruised and swollen. James admitted that his forehead was swollen after the incident, with him claiming it was from when they "bumped" heads. James then pointed to his left and right ears, as having small abrasions. James described when [REDACTED] had pulled his left earlobe, it felt like she was going to rip it off. I asked James what exactly made [REDACTED] grab his ear in the first place. [REDACTED] told James that he wasn't listening to her.

I then directed my questions about when James claimed to have struck [REDACTED] in the face, with his elbow. James said it wasn't intentional and didn't realize her head was near his elbow when he pushed his elbow back and up. I asked James if he ever recalled pushing [REDACTED] into

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anything and/or in general. James responded with, "Not that I recall," he just remembered his elbow hitting something, again assuming it was the bridge on [REDACTED] nose and then hearing a "thud," with her eventually falling into a wall.

I explained to James a portion of what [REDACTED] had told us (police), referring to being "head-butted" numerous times, thrown up against walls and "back-handed" numerous times. I asked James if all that was not true. James said that he remembered trying to get [REDACTED] off him, his elbow hitting something (assume her face), and pulling her in close to him. After that, James claimed he was just "seeing red at that point." I asked James if he believed alcohol played a factor in this incident. James admitted that it "crank(s) up emotions." James acknowledged that alcohol caused some problems in his marriage with [REDACTED] and knows she ([REDACTED]) would always pick fights with him when he was under the influence of alcohol.

As we neared the end of our initial conversation, I explained to James that he was under arrest for Domestic Battery. I further explained the process of him having to go in front of a judge, due to the charge. James understood.

It should be noted that during my conversation with James, he brought up the fact that he and [REDACTED], do not get along. James said that he and [REDACTED] had some sort of argument in public, a while ago, and since that argument happened, he doesn't go around [REDACTED] family.

After speaking with James, I met with [REDACTED] in the lobby of the police department, as to why she came with James to the police department. [REDACTED] reiterated that she still doesn't want James to get into trouble. [REDACTED] told me that she "technically" started the whole thing, by grabbing his ear. I asked [REDACTED] if she ever had the intention to hurt him, by grabbing his ear. [REDACTED] said she did not intend that at all, she was just wanting him to pay attention to what she was saying. [REDACTED] then wished to change her previous statement, as to what had happened between the two. I asked [REDACTED] if what she was going to say, would be the "truth." [REDACTED] looked up at me, with tears in her eyes and did not answer. [REDACTED] acknowledged that she did push him, while they were in the apartment and did spit in his face, as previously stated in her original statement. As well, [REDACTED] now claimed that what she had initially told Officer Mendiola may not have been the truth.

As we continued, I explained to [REDACTED] that if she wanted to provide a different statement about what had happened, she could come back in, and I can have her sit down and do a Voice Stress Analysis (VSA). It should be noted that on 12/16/21, Sgt. Price with the Illinois State Police was coming to the Bloomington Police Department to assist in another BPD Investigation, to conduct the VSA. I explained to [REDACTED] that if she wanted to change her statement and it be one hundred percent the truth, the VSA would be able to prove that. However, I told [REDACTED] that I believe that if she did come back in for the VSA, it would show her to be lying, again in attempt to not get James in trouble. [REDACTED] again looked up at me, with her eyes wide open and tears coming out of them, saying nothing. I asked [REDACTED] about her previous statement to me, about how many times it would take for her to get battered, to finally realize that it isn't a healthy relationship. [REDACTED] said that if James would do this again, she would be done, but she just thinks that him getting in trouble for this will make matters worse. I explained to [REDACTED] that it will hopefully make him realize that he needs to get some type of help, to prevent something like this from happening again. [REDACTED] agreed, but said that if he gets arrested, then she should be as well. [REDACTED] spoke again about her claiming that she started it, by grabbing his ear. [REDACTED] and I went back and forth for a little bit on this incident and after a while, we ended our conversation.

After speaking with [REDACTED] Officer Melchor and I met with James, in which James was placed into handcuffs and transported to the McLean County Jail by Officer Melchor.

I later placed James and I's conversation into evidence.com, under case folder "202115968." To view said interview, click on evidence titled "James Interview Supp 4."

Even though an arrest has been made, this case is pending review of [REDACTED] medical records from OSF St. Joseph's Hospital, as it pertains to her ER visit on 12/8/2021.

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Supplemental Reporting DETECTIVE JEFFREY ENGLE - BPD, ID # 8959

On Tuesday, 12/14/21, I completed a Subpoena Duces Tecum in regards to obtaining [REDACTED] medical records from OSF St. Joseph's Hospital, as it pertains to her ER visit on 12/8/21.

On Thursday, 12/16/21, I was able to obtain [REDACTED] medical records from OSF St. Joseph's Hospital. I noted the following in said records, as it pertains to this investigation:

Page 1, under Patient Demographics:

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Emergency Contact: [REDACTED]
Date Of Birth [REDACTED]

Page 2, under ED Arrival Information:

Arrival: 12/8/2021 09:37
Arrival Complaint: [REDACTED]

Page 2, under Chief Complaint:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Page 2, under Diagnoses:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Page 5, under Chief Complaint:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

"HPI patient presents due to assault. Onset last night. She notes she got an altercation with her boyfriend who shoved her into a wall. He repeatedly head-butted her, bit her neck and back and her. [REDACTED]. She has not taken anything for pain. Patient notes last night alcohol was involved but that she is sober. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Page 7, under Review of Systems:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]."

Page 8, under ED Provider notes:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Page 8, under Physical Exam, subsection "Eyes," "Musculoskeletal," and "Skin:"

[REDACTED]

Page 9, under Imaging Results:

[REDACTED]

Page 11, under Clinical Impression:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

discharge."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Patient reports that her boyfriend went to bed after the assault like nothing happened. [REDACTED] told writer outside of room that her boyfriend escalates quickly and is usually ends in a physical assault"

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Page 14, under ED Notes by [REDACTED]

"Writer at bedside to assess patient. Patient was assaulted last night by her boyfriend. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Patient reports that her boyfriend
hit her head on the wall and then with his head. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] She put ice on it after assault.

[REDACTED] at bedside.

Writer to come back to room with MD to finish assessing patient."

Page 15, under ED Notes by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] y.o female pt reports to the ED with complaints physical assault. Pt reports incident took place around
0100 -0200 this am. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] She report open hand hits by significant other and came in today to be
seen."

After reviewing all of [REDACTED] medical records, I placed them into evidence.com, under case folder "202115968." To view said records in
full, click on evidence titled "[REDACTED] Medical Records Supp 5."