

**CASE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**  
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Emmet County Sheriff Department

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Case Status: *Closed*

Offense: *OBSTRUCTING POLICE*

Case Mng Status: *NA*

Occurred: *09/07/2003*

Investigator: *COPELAND, P. L. (240017)*

Date / Time: *09/08/2003 08:14:56, Monday*

Supervisor: *KEISER, M. L. (240004)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *NOT REVIEWED*

Contact: *Paskle, Adam Whitney*

Reference: *Supplement*

**INFORMATION: 09/07/03 INTERVIEW SUPPLEMENT**

Deputies Copeland and Matelski responded to [REDACTED] E. Brutus Rd. for a dispatch of a male down in a driveway, unconscious and not breathing. A second dispatch advised that the call was a possible attempted suicide. Deputies arrived on scene and found a white male laying behind a teal, Pontiac Grand Prix parked in the driveway. There was a medical first responder on scene performing CPR with the assistance of a white female who was later identified as Tara W[REDACTED]. Tara was the wife of the male on the ground, Thomas W[REDACTED]. Another white male was observed at the immediate scene who was identified as Adam Paskle [REDACTED]. Copeland spoke with Adam to find out what was going on.

Adam stated they had been drinking and Thomas fell down. Copeland advised Adam that the medical personnel needed to know if Thomas was on any drugs. Adam stated Thomas took 2 Klonopin pills that he had given him. Adam advised that the pills were anti-anxiety pills. Copeland forwarded this to the paramedics arriving on scene. Adam told Copeland that he needed to go to the house next door where he lived because he had just dropped Tara's four kids off at the house and no one was there to watch them. He wanted to see if they were OK. Copeland explained that he needed Adam to stay on scene until more information was obtained on what was going on. Copeland had Deputy Erickson go to the house next door to check on the kids. He did so and advised that a great-grandmother had arrived on scene and was with the kids.

Adam told Copeland that this was Thomas and Tara's residence. He stated he was engaged to Angela W[REDACTED] Thomas's sister. Adam and Angela live at the residence next door with Angela's parents.

Copeland asked Adam how Thomas got hurt. Adam stated he was in the driveway with Thomas when Thomas became angry at him. Adam stated Thomas got mad because he thought Adam was yelling at Tara in the driveway. Adam told Copeland that when Thomas got mad, he began chopping at himself with what he believed to be a knife. He stated he didn't get a good look at the knife, but saw a brown item in Thomas's right hand and watched him make a slashing motion across his other arm. Thomas was in front of Adam's car (teal Pontiac) at this point and Adam was east of Thomas approximately 20 feet away. Adam stated he tried to get into his car to leave, but Thomas confronted him at the driver's door. Adam told Copeland he did not see what Thomas did with the knife, but stated he did not have it when he approached him.

Thomas then pushed Adam three or four times, knocking him to the ground a couple times. Adam stated each time he got up, Thomas was still in his face. Adam put his hands on Thomas's upper chest/shoulder area and told him "You better not touch me again". Thomas was still in his face and Adam stated "If you want to do this, go ahead and do it again". Adam stated Thomas then backed away toward the rear of his vehicle. Adam advised that besides keeping Thomas back by putting his hands on Thomas's shoulders, he never touched Thomas.

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Adam told Copeland that as he began to sit in the driver seat of the vehicle, he saw Thomas fall over behind his car. Once he sat down in the vehicle, Adam saw Thomas's feet in his side view mirror and noticed that they weren't moving. Adam then exited the vehicle to check on Thomas and saw that he was just laying there, not moving. Adam tried to get Thomas to come to by shaking him a little bit, but Thomas was not responding. Adam stated Tara's car was parked in the driveway near the end of the driveway because she had pulled in about 5 minutes earlier with her 4 kids in the car. When Adam was checking on Thomas, Tara came up to him and told him to call 911. After Adam called, he asked Tara what she wanted him to do now and she told him to take her kids next door. Adam drove Tara's car next door, left the kids at the house and rode a bicycle back to the scene. Adam stated that was when the medical personnel and the police arrived.

Copeland asked Adam where his girlfriend was during the incident. He stated Angela had gone home (next door) before he had gotten into an argument with Thomas. Adam stated his girlfriend was not in the car when he eventually got in.

When Copeland initially arrived on scene and observed Thomas on the ground, Copeland observed a significant laceration to the back of Thomas's hand. Copeland asked Adam about the cut. He stated he didn't see the cut until he checked on Thomas behind his car. Adam advised that the laceration must have been from when Thomas was "hacking away at himself". Adam told Copeland that from what he had heard from others, Thomas had a self-mutilation problem.

Copeland also observed that Adam had numerous scratches all over his own body including a lot on his right arm, some on his left arm, several on his chest and a long scratch across his back from his right shoulder to his left hip. Each area of the scratches consisted of multiple sets of parallel scratch marks. The scratches appeared to be consistent with fingernail scratches. Adam told Copeland that most of the scratches had been done a couple days prior. He stated he did them himself because he had a problem with self-mutilation. However, he stated some of them could have been from when Thomas pushed him down on the ground. He stated he had fallen into raspberry bushes when he was pushed down.

Adam explained to Copeland that he had been suffering from anxiety attacks lately and was seeing a doctor for medication to address his problem. However, the medications that he was getting were not working and had unpleasant side effects. A friend of Adam's had given him 20 Klodipin pills a couple days prior to see if they would help him. Adam would not say who the friend was. Adam told Copeland that the pills were really helping his problem and did not have any side effects. Adam stated Thomas was going through some stress lately, so he offered Thomas a couple of the pills. He stated Thomas took 2 1/3 of the pills. He also stated they had both been drinking hard alcohol throughout the day. Adam volunteered to submit to a PBT. Copeland administered a PBT with results of .098.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy P. Copeland, ESMH

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