

CASE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
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Emmet County Sheriff Department

OCA: 2003006139

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Case Status: *Closed*

Offense: *OBSTRUCTING POLICE*

Case Mng Status: *NA*

Occurred: *09/07/2003*

Investigator: *ERICKSON, M. (240046)*

Date / Time: *09/29/2003 19:16:44, Monday*

Supervisor: *RODWELL, T. J. (240006)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *NOT REVIEWED*

Contact:

Reference: *Supplement*

INFORMATION:

On 09/07/03 at approximately 19:57 hrs, Deputy Erickson was enroute from the Emmet County Jail to station M-119 when Erickson over heard the radio traffic from CCE to Deputy Copeland and Deputy Matelski. Erickson then advised CCE that Erickson would be enroute to assist and back up the deputies.

SCENE:

When Erickson arrived on scene at [REDACTED] W. Brutus Road, Erickson saw a male laying on the ground behind a teal Pontiac Grand Prix. The male was being attended to by EMS personnel. Erickson was in the process of assisting the EMS personnel when he was requested to assist Deputy Matelski. Matelski was standing near the end of the driveway with another male. The male was not wearing a shirt and he had several small laceration to his arms and back. The male was later identified as Adam Paskie.

Erickson also noticed that Adam was yelling at Deputy Matelski. Adam stated that he needed to go down to the neighbors and check on some kids. He stated that the kids were small and he didn't think anyone was with them. Matelski and Erickson requested Adam to remain near the driveway and Erickson offered to go and check on the kids. Erickson noted an odor of intoxicants coming from Adam.

Erickson then went to the residence located to the east of [REDACTED] W. Brutus. Upon approaching the residence, Erickson noticed a young female standing in the window. The young female appeared to be crying. Erickson knocked on the door and the female answered. The female stated that Tara was her mother and Tom was her dad. The female stated that the other kids in the residence were her brothers and that they were at the house alone. After talking to the young girl for a few minutes an older lady pulled into the drive way. The lady stated that she was the great grandmother to the kids. Erickson left the children with their great grandmother and returned to the scene.

INTERVIEW: Tara Wiertalla

When Erickson returned he was met by Cpl. Rodwell. Rodwell requested that Erickson interview Tara W [REDACTED]. Erickson started to talk to Tara at approximately 21:00 hrs. After talking to Tara for a few minutes, Cpl. Rodwell suggested that Erickson record the interview. Erickson then went to the patrol car and returned with a hand held recorder.

At 21:14 hrs, Erickson again interviewed Tara. Tara stated that she had been grandma's house for a birthday party. Tara stated that Adam and Angie ran out of gas and Tom left the party to help them. When Tom did not return to the party to pick her up, Tara stated that she walked home. Tara stated that when she got home Tom, Angie and Adam were sitting around drinking and Adam was not there. Tara stated that she then left the house and went to the store to pickup food for her kids. Tara stated that when she got home, Adam was not there. Tara stated that she checked the clock in her car and it was about 5:30 PM. Tara stated that after about five or ten minutes, Adam returned. Tara stated that Adam had a red mark on his head and a t-shirt wrapped around his arm. Tara stated that Adam told them that he had gotten into an accident and hit a tree. Tara stated that she got an ice pack for Adam and then she and Angela went for a walk in the woods.

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Tara stated that when she and Angela got back to the house, she and Angela made up a story about some boys that they met in the woods. Tara stated that Adam became upset and wanted to know where the boys were. Tara stated that she tried to tell Adam that the story was made up but he would not listen. Tara stated that Adam got into her face and then Tom got into Adam's face. Tara stated that she tried to tell Tom and Adam to stop but they wouldn't listen. Tara stated that she then told Tom and Adam that she was leaving and she was going to call the police. Tara stated that she thought that this would keep Tom and Adam from fighting. Tara stated that she then loaded the kids into the car and left. Tara said that when she left the residence, Tom and Adam were on the left (east) side of the propane tank.

Tara stated that after she drove away from the residence she drove around half way around the block and then decided to go to the gas station and get the kids a candy bar. Tara stated that she drove a little further and then realized that she did not have her purse. Tara stated that when she got close to her residence, Adam standing in the road. When she pulled up to him, Tara stated that Adam told her that she needed to go get her punk ass bitch off the ground. Tara stated that when she pulled in she saw Tom laying on the ground behind the parked car. Tara stated that it didn't look like Tom was breathing and she asked Adam what he did. Tara stated that Adam told her that he didn't touch Tom.

Tara stated that she asked Adam to hold Tom's neck. Tara stated that Adam began apologizing and saying that he was sorry. Tara stated that she told Angie to call 911 and Angie did not move. Tara stated that she pushed Angie and told her again to call 911. Tara stated that when Angie went into the house she (Tara) did not trust Angie to call 911 so she ran into the house and began talking on the phone. Tara stated that when she came out, Angie was gone and Adam was apologizing while holding Tom's neck. Tara stated that she then tried to give Tom breaths and then a guy in a white t-shirt showed up to help.

Tara stated that she asked Adam if he gave Tom anything because earlier, Adam and Angie asked her for sixty dollars. Tara stated that Angie told her that thirty of it was for what they owed and the other thirty was for some Klonopin. Tara stated that when she asked Adam if he gave Tom anything or if Tom took anything, Adam told her if anything it was Klonopin.

Erickson then asked Tara if she gave Adam and Angie the money. Tara stated that she did not. Tara added that they said who they paid the money too but she (Tara) couldn't remember the name. Erickson then asked Tara if Tom was injured when she left. Tara stated that Tom was yelling at Adam but he (Tom) did not have anything wrong with him.

SCENE INVESTIGATION:

Erickson was requested to process the scene. At the time, the cause of death was unknown. Erickson was assisted at the scene by Det. Sumpster, Deputy Bankey and Deputy Sheffer.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Deputy Erickson photographed the scene. The photos were turned over to Lt. Keiser and placed into evidence.

EVIDENCE:

The following items were collected at the scene. These items (except item AAAA (car) were taken to station M119 and placed in the drying room:

See attached worksheet.

STATUS:

The supplement will be added to the original report. A copy will be forwarded to Det. Johnston.

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Respectfully submitted,

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