

OCEAN CITY POLICE DIV.

PD-10-13054

- Administrative Gang Related Paperless
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Officer: RUCH, JESSE SCOTT - JSR

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Incident Report Form

1. Log Number PD-10-13054	1a. Incident Number	1b. File Number CD-10-13925	1c. Case Number 10-13054	2. UCR		
3. Incident Type COOTHR City Ordinance Other			4. Dispatcher drr	5. Source R	6. District NORTH	7. Status NEW
8. Date Received 5/11/2010	8a. Rcvd 0903	8b. Disp 0903	8c. Arrv 0000	8d. Cird 1049	9. Disposition ACTIVE	
INCIDENT OCCURRED AT OR BETWEEN					8e. Earliest Date and Time	
					8f. Latest Date and Time	

10. Location 243 W ATLANTIC BOULEVARD OCEAN CITY NJ 08226	10a. Cross Street	10b. Intersection <input type="checkbox"/>
GPS X 0	GPS Y 0	10c. Gang
11. Premise Code HIGHWA HIGHWAYS, ROAD, STREETS, ALLEY		12. Business Name

13. Modus Operandi Coding

ENTRY: _____ VICTIM: _____

EXT: _____ PROPERTY: _____

METHOD: _____ AREA: SEC.1 NINTH STREET NORTH

TIME OF DAY: MORN MORNING (5 AM TO NOON)

----- WEAPON USED: -----

14. Caller / Complainant Type Normal Anonymous Hangup Refused

OTHER Code: OTH

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address - Phone Number

RAAB, MONICA S
233 W ATLANTIC BOULEVARD
OCEAN CITY NJ 08226

Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth	Age 25	Race W	Sex F	Ethnic N	Social Security Number
	Weight	Height 507	Hair BLN	Eyes BLU	Phone Number	
	Driver License Number				State NJ	Later Name edit <input type="checkbox"/>

Link Comments

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address - Phone Number

WILDE, HELEN
33 WESLEY AVENUE
OCEAN CITY NJ 08226

Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth	Age 61	Race W	Sex F	Ethnic N	Social Security Number
	Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
	Driver License Number				State NJ	Later Name edit <input type="checkbox"/>

Link Comments

OWNER Code: OWN

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address - Phone Number

RAAB, SCOTT H
10 RED CLOVER DRIVE
MARMORA NJ 08223

Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth	Age 48	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
	Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number	
	Driver License Number				State NJ	Later Name edit <input type="checkbox"/>

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PERSON INTERVIEWED Code: PI

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PERSON INTERVIEWED

Code: PI

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address - Phone Number RAAB, HILLARY 233 W ATLANTIC BOULEVARD OCEAN CITY NJ 08226	Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
	Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number		
	110 lbs	509	BLK	BRN	Driver License Number	State	Later Name edit <input type="checkbox"/>

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SUSPECT

Code: SUSP

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address - Phone Number RAAB, MONICA M 233 W ATLANTIC BOULEVARD OCEAN CITY NJ 08226	Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
	Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number		
					Driver License Number	State	Later Name edit <input type="checkbox"/>

Link Comments

WITNESS

Code: WIT

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address - Phone Number HINCHMAN, MICHAEL K SR 281 W ATLANTIC BOULEVARD OCEAN CITY NJ 08226	Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
	Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number		
	200 lbs	600	BRN	HAZ	Driver License Number	State	Later Name edit <input type="checkbox"/>

Link Comments

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address - Phone Number JAMISON, RICHARD	Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
	Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number		
					Driver License Number	State	Later Name edit <input type="checkbox"/>

Link Comments

Name (Last, First, Middle) - Address - Phone Number MIGLIACCIO, ROBERT T 406 WILLETS ROAD MARMORA NJ 08223	Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth	Age	Race	Sex	Ethnic	Social Security Number
	Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Phone Number		
					Driver License Number	State	Later Name edit <input type="checkbox"/>

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TICKET NUMBER 11317

Person Charged **RAAB, SCOTT** Business Charged

Violation Plate State Year Make Model Color

Violation Location **243 W ATLANTIC BOULEVARD** Cross Street District **NORTH**

Officer ID **JSR** Ticket Date **05/11/10** Ticket Time **0903** Speed Related Speed Measured By Speed RP Posted Speed Limit Approximate Speed Court Date

Charges 1. **7-3.8B CO PARKED OVERNIGHT**
2.
3.
4.
5.

PD-36066

Property Type EVIDENCE REPORTED STOLEN RECOVERED FOUND REGISTERED PAWNED

Submitted By ID **JSR** UCR Code Property Code **TRAIL** Date / Time Logged **05/11/10 12:11** Brand / Make **UNKNOWN** Model **TRAILER** Serial / ID Number **2SWUW11A33G** Estimated Value **\$100.00**

Description **BLACK FLAT TRAILER WITH NO VISIBLE REGISTRATION. ABANDONED IN PLACE FOR 3 WEEKS**

PD-36142

Property Type EVIDENCE REPORTED STOLEN RECOVERED FOUND REGISTERED PAWNED

Submitted By ID Property Code **AUDVID** Date / Time Logged **05/25/10 11:23**

Description **CD-R - MICHAEL HINCHMAN**

Total Property Damage: \$0.00

Total Property: \$100.00

	Vehicle	Officer 1	Officer 2	Officer 3	Officer 4	Division	Supervisor
Unit 1	41	JSR					
Unit 2	402	BCH					
Unit 3	A7	WFC					
Unit 4							

Date Entered **5/11/2010** Sent by ID / Name **JSR** Sent To ID **WFC** Sent Date / Time **05/11/10 00:00** Acknowledged Acknowledged Date / Time **5/16/2010 1:20:25 PM**

Acknowledged By Name / ID Disposition

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Date Entered 5/11/2010	Sent by ID / Name JSR	Sent To ID BCH	Sent Date / Time 05/11/10 00:00	Acknowledged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acknowledged Date / Time 5/16/2010 1:20:24 PM
Acknowledged By Name / ID			Disposition		

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Created By / On RENNICH, DONNA R.	Updated By / On 5/11/10 10:49:11	
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Input: drr 05/11/2010 09:04:13 Edited: drr 05/11/2010 09:04:13
INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE ABANDONED TRAILER.

Input: drr 05/11/2010 09:09:44 Edited: drr 05/11/2010 09:09:44
TOW ENRT PER OFC'S REQUEST.

Input: drr 05/11/2010 09:34:46 Edited: drr 05/11/2010 09:34:46
41 REQUESTING SUPERVISOR, A7 ARRIVED REQUESTING EMS FOR EVALUATION.

Input: drr 05/11/2010 09:35:37 Edited: drr 05/11/2010 09:35:37
OFFICERS OK, MENTAL INCIDENT.

Input: drr 05/11/2010 09:40:21 Edited: drr 05/11/2010 09:40:21
CANCELLED TOW PER OFFICERS REQUEST.

Input: drr 05/11/2010 09:44:54 Edited: drr 05/11/2010 09:44:54
AMB1 CLEAR WITH SIGNED REFUSAL.

Input: drr 05/11/2010 10:01:56 Edited: drr 05/11/2010 10:01:56
EVERYTHING OK ON LOCATION.

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Unlicensed construction trailer on city streets without a permit. C.O. 87-17:Sec: 7-3.8b

Photographs: Camera 4514; pictures 14 through 24 show the trailer in the driveway

INCIDENT:

While on patrol in the North sector, car 28, I came across a trailer parked in front of 243 West Atlantic Boulevard. The trailer had no license plate attached and it was out of place for the neighborhood. I checked my dumpster and equipment list and did not find anything for 243 W. Atlantic Boulevard. I activated my rear facing emergency light strip as I needed to walk up to the trailer to check for any registration markings. My car was offset to provide me the lane to safely look at the trailer.

I notified "central" that I would be out of the car checking on a possible abandoned trailer. I checked and found a vehicle identification plate on the trailer hitch mount and copied the VIN number down. It is 2SWVW11A33G126876. I returned to my car and checked the VIN in NJ, PA, then regions A thru I. The VIN alone came back with negative records on all 50 states and regions. I radioed the dispatcher for a tow truck as I'd noticed the trailer in place for at least a month. The trailer is approximately 4 foot wide by 5 foot long, metal with wood flooring and a rear gate.

I began getting the paperwork ready for the tow-truck and filled out the tow slip and the summons for the violation. The dispatcher informed me of the case number and said that the tow was enroute. I exited my vehicle again to copy down the make of the trailer which was on the manufacturers plate, and on a sticker on the right side wheel guard. As I was standing at the back of the trailer, a woman in a pink night shirt walked towards my patrol car and asked, "Can I help you with anything?" I responded that I was ok and just waiting for a tow truck. She yelled that it was her brother-in-laws, and that it was registered. I asked his name and where the license plate was and she said "he took the plate to put on another trailer and he hasn't brought it back yet." I said "well that in itself was illegal" and she became upset.

Unexpectedly the woman walked to the front of the trailer and as she got closer, I recognized her from high school, though I didn't remember her name and hadn't seen her since 1977. She walked past me and I continued writing information about the trailer. She picked up the trailer hitch and proceeded to push it back and bumped it against the front of me. I didn't think it was an intentional bump as she was looking down and was pushing it from a battering ram stance. I brushed the rust off my uniform. She then said "Excuse me!" She then continued to try to push me out of the way with the trailer but I kept my hand on the trailing edge. I told her to stop and she screamed louder, "You're not towing this trailer!" I watched as she then pulled the trailer toward the curb and she tripped backward falling onto the lawn. She became irate and then yelled, "look, now the hitch is on my leg." I quickly stepped to the rear of the trailer as I radioed for Sgt. Hopely to see if he was available as I wasn't sure of the woman's intentions to blame me for hurting herself.

I pushed down on the back tailgate to lift the hitch off the woman's leg. She got up continuing to pull the trailer and found she couldn't get the tires up over the curb. I told her that I was waiting on a tow truck and she said, "It's my brother-in-laws, and you're not towing it." She turned and ran into the front yard of 233 W.

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Atlantic Boulevard, which I recognized as the home of Gary Raab, my personal physician. I watched as she took her night shirt off approximately halfway across the lawn and walked bare chested towards the house. She looked back at me, walked in, and closed the screen door. The dispatcher confirmed that I had called and asked if I needed a supervisor and I responded that I was alright, and that I no longer thought he was needed.

I stopped writing the summons as I (incorrectly) assumed I was going to find out the owners information. I watched as the woman, (later identified as Monica Raab), returned with her daughter Hillary and handed me the wireless phone from the house and told me to "speak to him." I took the phone and though I didn't recognize his voice, Gary Raab told me he was leaving the hospital right away. I told him that he needed to hurry to beat the tow truck.

Monica and her daughter Hillary had started to push the trailer up and over the grassy part of the curb and then to the driveway at 233 W. Atlantic Boulevard. I followed them up the sidewalk and an unidentified gentleman asked if he could help them move the trailer. I told him that it was ok with me. Lt. Campbell later told me this was a neighbor named Michael Hinchman. As they got done pushing it into place, I asked Monica whose trailer it was. I was standing at the right rear bumper of the trailer and Monica was between Hillary and I. She didn't answer. I asked her her name and she said "Fuck you, I'm not telling you my name." Monica shouted at me "this is all none of your business and you're not towing the trailer." I said that that was fine, and she came towards me.

Monica began pushing me out of her way with her forearm. As she began to force me out of her way, I took control of her arm by her right wrist and she began yelling and screaming. She became hysterical and began pulling her arm away from me. I continued to hold her wrist as to not let her fall. Monica was pulling so hard that her head was arched further down than her shoulders. I became concerned for her safety because she was slapping at my hand and then against my thumb. She pulled and rolled her wrist free which caused her to fall backwards about a foot to the ground. She placed both her arms underneath herself while lying on the ground face up. She started yelling and screaming for help and I could see she was becoming more and more violent. I asked her to please calm down and kept watching out for any combative strikes that she seemed to be wanting to make. Her legs were flailing about as she appeared to be throwing a tantrum. Her face seemed to be wretched into that of a person gone mad. She continued to scream not to touch her as I radioed for a supervisor, but wasn't sure I was heard above all the screaming and yelling.

Monica probably weighs less than a hundred pounds, and though I outweigh her by nearly 150 pounds, she was dangerously not settling down and became enraged, rocking back and forth with her arms beneath her screaming at the top of her lungs. She began screaming "Don't you touch me, don't put your hands on me." I again asked her to calm down. I attempted to grasp her wrist again and she and her daughter both started screaming. I managed to get hold of her right wrist and placed one cuff on her to prevent her from striking me. I became more concerned when Hillary began yelling, ***"You need to talk to me as I'm the only sane person here."***

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I thought to myself that this was going to end up being a run to the Cape Regional Medical Center for a psychological evaluation. I looked up and saw Mrs Raab's other daughter yelling from the front of the garage as loud as she could, "This is why we hate all you fucking cops." I knelt down on my right knee beside Monica and tried to get her to calm down. I maintained control of her one cuffed wrist. I ceased trying to handcuff her other wrist as she had stopped pulling and slapping. Shortly thereafter, as they continuing to yell and scream, I noticed Lt. Campbell approach our group from over my right shoulder.

It was readily apparent that Monica recognized him as she yelled, "I know you, can you help me please?" Lt. Campbell immediately said, "everything will be alright now Monica." Lt. Campbell looked at me and told me to release the handcuff. I told him that I needed her to relax and stand up in order for me to safely take the cuff off her wrist. She finally quieted her screaming and started crying and with assistance from her daughter and Lt. Campbell, they were able to stand her up and I was able to unlock the cuff. Monica was never placed under arrest. I acted only out of concern for everyones safety at the back of the trailer once it made it to the driveway, based on Monica's behavior to this point. Lt. Campbell radioed for an ambulance for Monica. She was escorted into her house by her daughters and Lt. Campbell.

Hillary came back outside and introduced herself and explained that she was Monica's daughter. I introduced myself and appologized for all the commotion. I told her I merely asked her mom a question. She said "it was ok, but mom has been going nuts because of that neighbor over the fence." I indicated that I knew of their concerns and said that the trailer wasn't that big a deal and that I didn't think their family owned such a small dinky trailer. She indicated that she needed to go inside to put her contacts in as she couldn't see. I told her I hoped that mom was ok.

I remained outside to direct the ambulance when they arrived. I saw Gary Raab pull up across the street and he said to me it was his fault that the trailer had been there so long. He explained that he'd borrowed it from his brother Scott and left it there. I explained that his family members were with Lt. Campbell in the master bedroom and I was waiting for an ambulance. He rushed inside. Hillary came back outside and said that mom was feeling much better inside.

Capt. Prettyman arrived and I gave him a quick brief on the incident. He said that I should canvass the area for possible witnesses who might be able to verify my account of the incident. The ambulance arrived and I pointed them to the house we were in front of. The only two subjects I saw in the area were pavement workers across the street. I walked over to them and introduced myself. I asked if they were aware of the commotion in front of 233 W. Atlantic Blvd. and both described just hearing a woman who was screaming hysterically. They said that they never heard a male voice at all and they figured that it must have been something with the trailer. The driveway and the trailer involved in the incident were obstructed from their vision. I took their information and thanked them for their time. They are Jamison and Migliaccio.

Lt. Ang and Det. Sgt. Jones arrived and met up with Lt. Campbell. I wrote out a void form and cancelled the tow, as the vehicle had been moved to private property and I had been able to positively identify the owner as Scott Raab.

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After leaving the scene, I drove to Dr. Raab's office at 6th & Central Ave. and returned the house telephone to him that Monica had originally handed me. As he wasn't in the office and had once again returned to the hospital, I gave the warning slip for the trailer and the phone to his confidential secretary. I explained that I didn't want to go to the house unless I had to as to not cause Monica any further anxiety. She indicated that a house member was going to the home and that she could take them for me. There are no charges of any kind being signed.

Ptl. J. Scott Ruch #246

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Created By / On JONES, DENNIS WILLIAM	5/13/10 14:23:54	Updated By / On dwj 5/14/10 11:37:38
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Incident: Abandoned Trailer

Location: 243 W. Atlantic Blvd.

Possible Witnesses:

Wally and Maira Middleton
 217 W. Atlantic Blvd. (neighbor)
 OCNJ 08226 / [REDACTED]

Richard Jamison (Halliday and Leonard Construction)
 1712 Star Ave.
 Villas, NJ 08251 / [REDACTED]

Report:

On 5/11/10, Lt. Ang and I responded to 243 W. Atlantic Blvd. in reference to the above abandon trailer case. Upon arrival we met with Lt. Campbell and he advised us that an incident had taken place between Monica Raab and Ptl. Scott Ruch during this investigation. I was directed to check the area and see if anyone had seen or heard anything during this investigation.

Upon looking around the area I observed a man doing concrete work across the street from the Raab House. I approached the worker (later identified as Richard Jamison) and identified myself. I asked Mr. Jamison if he had seen anything across the street involving the Police. Mr. Jamison stated he partially saw a trailer and a police car but no people, however, he heard loud female screaming. Mr. Jamison said he had his head down and was doing his work (laying concrete) when he heard loud female screams coming form across the street. Mr. Jamison said he could hear one voice (female) saying " Don't touch me" and another voice (female) saying " Don't touch my mom". Mr. Jamison said he looked over across the street to see where the voices were coming from but his view was obstructed by the work trucks parked on the street in front of him blocking his view of the Raab house. It should be noted that I observed these trucks also upon my arrival but one had left while I was on scene. Mr. Jamison said he never heard a male's voice during the incident. It should also be noted that Mr. Jamison had a portable radio playing very loud in his immediate work area. I then asked Mr. Jamison if anyone else was with him doing the work and he said Mr. Migliaccio but like him he could only hear voices he couldn't see anything because of the trucks.

I then check the area for any other people or neighbors who may have seen anything during this investigation. I check the house next door (217 W. Atlantic Blvd.) and a Maira Middleton answered the door. Mrs. Middleton stated she heard nothing and was inside her house she wasn't aware of any incident.

While checking the area I was advised by Lt. Campbell to check with Mr. Middleton about this incident because Lt. Campbell saw him pull out of his driveway as he was pulling up to the Raab house.

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On 5/11/10, I was able to reach Mr. Middleton by phone. I asked Mr. Middleton if he saw or heard anything upon leaving in his car from his property. Mr. Middleton said he didn't see or hear anything. Mr. Middleton said he walked out got in his vehicle and left his house.

I checked some of the other houses in the area but no one was home.

Detective Sergeant Dennis Jones #263

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INCIDENT: WITNESS INTERVIEW (Abandoned Trailer)

WITNESS: MICHAEL HINCHMAN, 281 W ATLANTIC BOULEVARD, OCNJ 08226

- EVIDENCE:**
1. CD-R CONTAINING DIGITALLY RECORDED STATEMENT BY MICHAEL HINCHMAN
 2. SIGNED AFFIDAVIT

REPORT:

On May 13, 2010, I was working as the 9am to 5pm duty Detective and was assigned to take a taped statement from Michael Hinchman. HINCHMAN was involved as a witness in this case, and was interviewed in room number 2. The statement was recorded on a Digital Voice recorder, and later transferred to a CD-R. The following are highlights from his statement.

- heading to his residence, when he noticed "something" going on outside of the RAAB's residence
- noticed a police officer, the "younger Raab daughter", and "Mrs. Raab" in the street near a "metal cart"
- parked his blue Mercedes to the right of the Raab driveway
- helped move the cart out of the street and into the driveway
- while standing next to the cart in the driveway noticed some "commotion"
- noticed officer was placing one handcuff on Mrs. Raab
- Mrs. Raab became "distraught"
- HINCHMAN described the scene as being "excited" when he arrived, and more "excitable" after the officer had attempted to make the "arrest"
- retreated to the sidewalk
- noticed Mrs. Raab on the ground, but did not see how Mrs. Raab got there
- noticed the officer attempt to get the other handcuff on Mrs. Raab
- Mrs. Raab got more excited
- noticed more people come out of the Raab house toward the officer, taking pictures and calling Mr. Raab
- did not know what "precipitated" the event prior to his arrival
- described the event as chaotic
- police supervisor arrived and seemed to calm the situation down
- got back in his car and went to his house which was two doors down
- notice an ambulance out front of the Raab's residence, unsure if it was used

The interview began at 10:24am and concluded at 10:33am. After the interview HINCHMAN signed an Affidavit acknowledging a tape recorded statement. The CD-R which contains the recording of the statement was placed into the evidence drop. I took no further action in this matter.

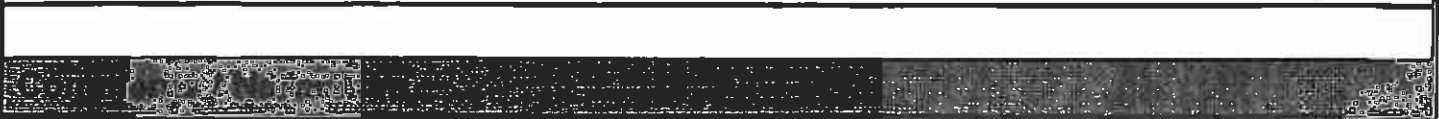
Detective Mark Pancoast #292 (D-4)

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Title: **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT** Locked: **N**

Created By / On: **CAMPBELL, WILLIAM FREDERICK** **5/14/10 14:43:37** Updated By / On: **ems** **5/27/10 15:20:43**

Approve By / On:

REPORT: On May 11th at 9:34 a.m., I arrived at 233 West Atlantic Blvd. in response to Officer Ruch's request over police radio for a supervisor. As Officer Ruch made the request, I could hear what sounded like a person or persons screaming in the background. Nearing the property, I slowed my vehicle intending to park in front of the driveway. Before coming to a stop, I observed several persons in the driveway approximately 20 feet from the street, near a row of shrubbery separating the Raab property with that of their next door neighbor immediately north. Two of the females present were screaming, one of whom I recognized as Monica Raab, a young adult in her twenties. I also observed Officer Ruch kneeling alongside an individual whom from my initial vantage point within my vehicle, was only able to see from the bottom of the feet upward to the waist.

When parked, I exited my vehicle and quickly walked toward Officer Ruch to provide assistance. Standing alongside his right shoulder, I tapped him on the shoulder to make him aware of my presence. As I peered over Officer Ruch's shoulder, I recognized Monica Raab as the person lying on the ground, face up. Secured on her right wrist was a handcuff that Officer Ruch was holding while verbally repeating in as calm a manner as could be expected amid the high anxiety of those present to calm down. Not knowing whether Monica was injured and due to her extreme hysteria, I requested an ambulance respond for an evaluation.

Directing my full attention to Mrs. Raab, she recognized me through her hysteria and asked for my help. I repeated the request for her to calm down, relax and extended my left hand, while maintaining eye contact. She grasped my hand with her left hand at which time I instructed Officer Ruch to remove the handcuff and help her stand. With the assistance of a family friend, Helen Wilde, who was providing comfort, Hillary and I got Monica to her feet. Officer Ruch removed the handcuff. Once standing, Wilde and daughters Monica and Hillary escorted their mother inside the house and into the master bedroom where Mrs. Raab crawled into bed. Standing in the bedroom, I noticed a television monitor on a bureau revealing different camera angles of the exterior of the property.

After a few minutes, Monica's husband, Gary Raab, a local physician, entered the bedroom. Monica was still upset but had calmed considerably and was able to speak to her husband. Upon his questioning whether she was injured, Monica stated that she struck the back of her head several times on the concrete driveway. Dr. Raab briefly examined her cranium, but relinquished this role upon entry of the Ocean City Fire Department. EMT Winston Roberts also did a brief evaluation, but after being told by Gary that Monica didn't need to go to the hospital, the Raab's were provided a form which they signed attesting to their verbal decision. Gary revealed that Monica came home from the hospital only two weeks ago for treatment related to the stress caused by a neighbor on Crescent Rd.

Based on Dr. Raab's admission regarding prior treatment Monica had received for emotional issues, he as a licensed physician is her primary caretaker and because she was now calm and not a danger to herself, I made the decision that she need not be transported to Cape Regional Medical Center for a psychological evaluation. Therefore, the Fire Department left without further involvement. I then requested to speak with Hillary and Monica (the daughter) in the living room.

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Hillary, a Pre-Med student at Lehigh University, had returned home from school late the previous evening after completing her finals. She stated she was awakened by screaming from outside. When she looked out the window to identify the source of the screaming, she observed her mother and an officer standing at the foot of the driveway. Hillary walked outside and learned that the dispute was over a trailer parked on the street that the officer wanted to tow. With the assistance of a gentleman whom she did not know, and her mother, Hillary helped pull the trailer onto the driveway. She then stated the officer requested her mother provide her name to him. In response to providing only her last name, while standing in the driveway, Hillary stated the officer walked up the driveway, bumped her aside and said to her mother, "I'll place you under arrest if you don't provide your name, something that's long overdue."

Subsequently, a struggle ensued in which Hillary said the "officer grabbed my mom's hand and attempted to handcuff her. She ultimately fell to the ground and he was able to regain control of her arm and placed a handcuff on her wrist." During the struggle and while still on the ground, Hillary said her mother struck the back of her head several times on the driveway, caused by the actions of the officer. Hillary stated as a result, she and her sister were horrified at what they were witnessing, including the substantial weight advantage the officer had over their mother. Admittedly, Hillary said she and her sister were screaming at the officer to release their mother. At that point, she stated I arrived, which calmed her mother.

Hillary's sister, Monica, stated she hadn't observed what transpired and only walked outside just prior to my arrival. Captain Prettyman also arrived and briefly spoke with Gary Raab regarding our investigation from this point forward, including the possibility that Monica be charged with a criminal complaint. Gary was somewhat aghast at the mere suggestion this might occur and claimed he would explore his options as well.

As we walked outside, Captain Prettyman advised me that he had requested Lt. Ang and Det. Sgt. Jones respond to canvass the neighborhood and interview any neighbors who may have observed what occurred. I advised him that I had observed a neighbor, Michael Hinchman, while rendering assistance and would speak with him.

I interviewed Mr. Hinchman on the sidewalk between his property and the Raab's. Hinchman stated he was driving past the Raab property when he noticed the presence of a police officer and observed Mrs. Hinchman and her daughter attempting to move a trailer from the street onto their driveway. Seeing that they were struggling and recognizing that there was some type of commotion between the officer and the Raab's, he parked his vehicle and assisted.

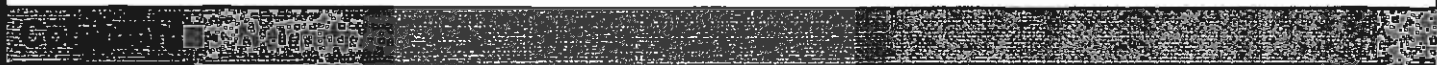
Hinchman stated Mrs. Raab and the daughter were "yelling at the officer while he placed a handcuff on her wrist." He said Mrs. Raab became more distraught and was in his opinion, "over emotional" causing the scene to become quickly "chaotic." Hinchman admitted he didn't understand the reason why the officer placed a handcuff on Mrs. Raab, and questioned whether it was necessary. He also didn't fully understand what caused the problem in the first place. When the supervisor arrived, he felt it calmed the situation down. This concluded my interview with Mr. Hinchman.

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Walking south toward the Raab residence, Gary was outside on the front lawn. Having observed the camera monitor in his bedroom, I asked if a camera may have captured and recorded what occurred in the driveway between his wife and the officer. He thought this was "a good idea that he hadn't thought of" and quickly retreated inside to see if that was possible. Gary returned and said the shrubbery on the front lawn near the driveway precluded any decent footage. However, he did mention that one of his camera's had captured and recorded activity at the very end of his driveway and into the street that would reveal what occurred there. Dr. Raab said he would have to rewind the video, which would take some time. He then invited me back inside to speak to his wife, whom he said was "feeling better" and seated in the living room.

Mrs. Raab was still emotional, but was able to speak coherently and better maintain her composure. She stated she observed a police officer standing in the street near her brother-in-laws trailer, parked near their driveway. She walked outside and told the officer that the trailer was "licensed" and who the owner was. Upon learning that the officer was planning on towing it, she attempted to move it onto the driveway by herself, falling backward as the trailer hitch landed on her foot. After the officer lifted the trailer off her foot, Monica said her daughter and "the man running for mayor" helped her pull the trailer onto the driveway. The officer then asked for her name, which she only provided as Raab and admittedly refused to provide her first name. She said the officer asked for her name at least one additional time and as she walked toward the front door, he grabbed her and threatened to place her under arrest.

Monica Raab stated the officer then grabbed her arm and attempted to place a handcuff on her right wrist. She stated she pulled away, lost her balance and fell to the ground. The officer regained control of her wrist and placed the handcuff on. During the struggle, she too maintained she struck the back of her head several times on the driveway, caused by the officer. Afterward, she said she remembered seeing me and the handcuff being removed. This concluded my interview with Mrs. Raab. Before leaving, I reiterated that our investigation would continue.

Outside, I spoke with Helen Wilde, a family friend, who had been kneeling alongside Mrs. Raab as she lay on the ground. Wilde said she visits a few times a week to help Monica clean the house and walk the dogs. It so happened that this was one of the days she was to provide assistance, thus her presence. She stated she was inside for most of the ordeal and didn't observe what led to Mrs. Raab's extreme emotion.

I walked to the sidewalk in front of the property where I was met by Lt. Ang and Sgt. Jones. I briefed them on what I had learned thus far. Having completed our on scene interviews, we left and returned to headquarters.

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