

On August 8, 2018 Matthew Raymond (VT Internet Crimes Taskforce Commander) entered a supplemental report into Officer Sharson's report (18BN05584), which in part stated, "This case was brought to my attention as the Commander of the Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce (VT-ICAC). There was an impression that VT-ICAC recommended that no computer exam be conducted. I am writing this report to correct that impression. Trooper Jollymore advised Officer Sharshon that VT-ICAC would conduct a computer exam if requested and that it was possible to obtain evidence from such a computer exam to advance the investigation. VT-ICAC is ready to accept the computer for examination should one be requested."

September 6, 2018, I was scheduled for an interview with Morris, Lawton, and their attorney Robert Appel at the Vermont State Police barracks in Shaftsbury. While Lawton and Morris awaited the arrival of Appel, Lawton complained of discomfort in his chest. Morris and Lawton explained that he was scheduled for "bypass surgery" the following week. For precautionary reasons, Bennington Rescue was contacted. Upon their arrival members of Bennington Rescue assessed Lawton and subsequently transported him to the medical center in Bennington, VT. The interview was cancelled and later rescheduled for September 19, 2018.

On September 19, 2018, while en route to the Morris and Lawton residence, I was notified that due to ongoing health issues with Lawton, they would need to cancel the appointment. Morris was requested to photograph both the front and rear of her in home router and forward the same photographs to VSP TIU. Morris complied with the request. Morris and Lawton agreed to meet with me at the Shaftsbury Barracks on October 3, 2018 to discuss this case.

On October 3, 2018, Detective Eric Jollymore and I interviewed Morris and Lawton at the Vermont State Police barracks in Shaftsbury, VT. Attorney Appel was present during both interviews. The interviews were audio/video recorded and copies of the recordings are on file with this case.

At approximately 1007 hours, we met with James Lawton and spoke in detail about the complaint he filed on July 27, 2018.

I explained to Lawton that I knew there had been many different complaints and incidents that he had been a part of over the last two years. I further explained that my primary focus was going to be the most recent complaint that he had made, in regards to the "Dead Dead" screen name that appeared on his computer.

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Facebook. Lawton felt by looking at the "Neo Nazi" groups from his personal Facebook account, the groups were able to detect his inquires and then hacked into his account.

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Lawton said that he and Morris were directed by the Attorney General's office to bring the computers to the Bennington Police Department. Morris called Bennington Police Chief Doucette and shared the above information. Lawton and Morris then brought their computers to the Bennington Police Department on Saturday July 28, 2018 and turned them over as evidence. Bennington Police Officer Sharshon handled the complaint filed on July 27, 2018 by Lawton and the details are reflected in Bennington Police Department case # 18BN05584. A copy of the report(s) associated with that case are attached and incorporated for further review.

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In Detective Jollymore's report it indicated that there had been other log in names utilized, which included "[REDACTED]" "Chicken Nugget," "James Lawton," and "Dead Dead." Lawton explained that he had purchased his HP computer from the Facebook Market Place from a girl named [REDACTED]. He explained that the screen name containing "[REDACTED]" was hers. He acknowledged seeing "Chicken Nugget" at some point, however, it was not a login that he had created. He did state that when creating a login, he used "James Lawton." He reiterated that the log in name "Dead Dead" that was displayed with (Lawton's) picture was not a login that he created.

At approximately 1223 hours, Detective Eric Jollymore and I then met with Ruqaiyah Morris and spoke of the incident surrounding the July 27, 2018 complaint Lawton had reported to the Bennington Police Department.

Morris explained that on July 27, 2018, she had an early morning meeting in Montpelier. Morris said that prior to her leaving for her meeting, Lawton had told her that the screen

on his computer looked "weird." Lawton explained that there was a "weird thing" on his screen. Morris left and drove to Montpelier. She called Lawton once she arrived in Montpelier and informed him that she had arrived safely. While on the phone with Lawton, he told Morris that "it came back up." Lawton told Morris that their son, [REDACTED] had seen it. Lawton's screen name had been changed to "Dead Dead."

Lawton took a picture of the screen and sent it to Morris. Morris then forwarded the same picture to a friend of hers who works in "IT" in the Seattle Washington area. The friend told Morris "this is bad, it looks like doxing." Morris was told to make a report to law enforcement.

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Morris explained that she was very shaken and called her friend, who is a Deputy States Attorney from Washington County, Ashley Hill. Hill directed Morris to the Vermont State Police and told her to turn her computers over. Morris said she went to the barracks in Washington County (later advised it was Middlesex barracks) and informed a Trooper of her complaint. Morris added that a formal report was not taken. Morris said she was provided the number for "PAVE." The trooper explained the process to Morris about applying for an emergency "RFA" (relief from abuse order). Morris explained that she was very familiar with the process and knew how an emergency RFA works.

Morris then called Bennington Police Chief Paul Doucette and left him a voicemail, detailing the agencies she had contact with and that her husband would be bringing the computers to the Bennington Police for examination. This interaction is documented in Bennington Police Department's case # 18BN05584 and a copy of the report is attached to this case.

On October 10, 2018, I met with [REDACTED]. While meeting with [REDACTED] she acknowledged selling a laptop HP computer to Lawton earlier in the year. I asked [REDACTED] if she remembered any of the user names that were used on the computer. Wright stated she had an email setup, in order for her ten year old son [REDACTED] to use his Xbox. [REDACTED] also acknowledged having used "chicken nugget" previously as well. I asked [REDACTED] specifically if she had ever used the name "dead dead" and she said she had not. She informed me that [REDACTED] plays a lot of "shooting games" on Xbox and that sounded like a name he could have possibly used. [REDACTED] fiancée, [REDACTED] was present during the interview and powered on [REDACTED] Xbox while I was speaking with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] returned and informed me that the name "James Lawton" had appeared on the screen, when powering on the Xbox. I went into [REDACTED] bedroom and observed

three names flashing on the screen, "James Lawton," "[REDACTED]" and "DxY kitten." [REDACTED] explained that the "[REDACTED]" is the email account that she set up specifically for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] did not know why "James Lawton" was appearing on the screen and added that "DxY kitten" is [REDACTED] Xbox name. At the time I met with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was in school and it was decided that I would return later in the afternoon, in order to speak to him about the names appearing on his Xbox screen.

I returned later in the afternoon and met with [REDACTED] in the presence of his mother ([REDACTED]) and her fiancée ([REDACTED]). [REDACTED] explained that his Xbox user name is "DxY kitten" and he can set up secondary names. [REDACTED] said that he saw the name "James Lawton" appear on his screen one day, so he changed it to "dead dead." [REDACTED] said that he and his sister have an ongoing joke, where they tell each other they are "dead inside." [REDACTED] said the "dead dead" name had been deleted by someone and switched back to "James Lawton." [REDACTED] said he never changed the name again and left it as "James Lawton." While discussing these changes, [REDACTED] suggested that "James" could change his account. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that she would just start a new account for [REDACTED] and he was adamant that she not change his account and that James needed to change his. Through further discussion we learned that [REDACTED] was afraid to lose everything connected to his Xbox account and added that was why he didn't tell anyone about the name "James Lawton" being on the screen. The interview with [REDACTED] was recorded and a copy of the recording has been filed with this case.

#### **SUMMARY:**

On July 27, 2018, James Lawton filed a complaint with the Bennington Police Department, reporting that he had received a death threat on his laptop computer. During the investigation it was learned that Lawton had purchased a HP laptop from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Lawton had created a login name "James Lawton" and utilized that screen name while using the laptop computer. When using the laptop computer during the morning hours of July 27, 2018, Lawton observed the login name "Dead Dead." Lawton informed his wife, Ruqaiyah Morris, of his findings. The name appeared later in the day as well and he again informed Morris of his findings. Morris, being a State of Vermont Representative, reported it to members of Legislature, Legislative IT department, and the Capitol Police. The laptop was subsequently turned over to the Bennington Police Department as evidence. The same computer was forwarded to the Vermont State Police Technology Investigation Unit (VSP TIU) for a forensic analysis.

The HP laptop belonging to James Lawton was analyzed by members of VSP TIU and Detective Jollymore completed a 20 page analysis report, which is attached for further review.

On October 3, 2018, I met with Lawton and he in fact acknowledged purchasing a HP laptop computer from Facebook Market Place from a female named [REDACTED]. Lawton explained that he tried to reset the computer to the best of his ability. Lawton said

he did not send the laptop to a professional to have it "cleaned" or reset to original factory condition. Lawton said that he had created the Microsoft Live login screen name of "James Lawton." On July 27, 2018, Lawton first noticed his screen name had been changed to "Dead Dead." Lawton informed his wife of his findings and later reported it to the Bennington Police Department. Lawton advised that he had changed the screen name back to "James Lawton."

On October 10, 2018, I met with [REDACTED] and confirmed that she had sold a HP laptop computer to James Lawton earlier in the year. [REDACTED] also advised that she had a Microsoft Live account ([REDACTED]), so her ten year old son, [REDACTED] could use his Xbox. While at [REDACTED] residence, her son's Xbox was powered on and I observed the screennames, "James Lawton," "DxY kitten," and [REDACTED]. I also spoke with [REDACTED] and he acknowledged having an Xbox and that his username is "DxY kitten." [REDACTED] also added that he had seen the name "James Lawton" appear on his Xbox screen. [REDACTED] changed the name "James Lawton" to "Dead Dead." [REDACTED] explained that he and his sister always joke about being "dead inside" and that is what he was referencing when creating the screen name "Dead Dead." [REDACTED] said that the name "Dead Dead" had been changed back to "James Lawton." [REDACTED] never reported these events to his parents and I learned that he was fearful of losing all of his materials saved to the Xbox.

In conclusion, both James Lawton and [REDACTED] had admittedly utilized the same Microsoft Live accounts for their own personal use. Neither Lawton nor [REDACTED] believed anyone had the ability to make changes to their specific account. Both [REDACTED] and Lawton implemented changes to their own accounts, however, inadvertently imposed changes to the other persons. There is no evidence indicating either Lawton or [REDACTED] had knowledge of the connection between their accounts. Furthermore, there is no evidence that either change was made with malicious or threatening intent, which would constitute criminal charges.

A complete copy of this case will be forwarded to the Attorney General's office for their review and recommendation.



**VERMONT STATE POLICE**  
**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**  
**Investigative Actions Narrative**

Investigative actions taken on 09/06/18 by Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico

Case#: 18B302863

**Narrative:**

On September 6, 2018, I drove to the Vermont State Police barracks in Shaftsbury, VT for the purpose of conducting an interview with Ruqaiyah Morris [REDACTED] and her husband James Lawton [REDACTED] in the presence of their attorney Robert Appel. Morris and Lawton arrived at the Shaftsbury barracks prior to Appel. While waiting in the lobby, Lawton complained of discomfort in his chest and requested to lay down. Morris and Lawton explained that Lawton was scheduled for "bypass surgery" the following week. Lawton and Morris were informed that Bennington Rescue was going to be contacted and requested to respond to the barracks for precautionary reasons, in order to assure Lawton was medically OK.

Bennington Rescue responded to the barracks and subsequently transported Lawton along with Morris to the Medical Center in Bennington.

Appel arrived at the Shaftsbury barracks shortly after Bennington Rescue departed with Lawton and Morris. Appel agreed that the interview would be rescheduled for a later date, once Lawton was medically cleared to participate.

End of Report.



**VERMONT STATE POLICE**  
**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**  
**Investigative Actions Narrative**

Investigative actions taken on 09/19/18 by Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico

Case#: 18B302863

**Narrative:**

On September 19, 2018, arraignments had been made for myself and an investigator from the VSP TIU to meet with Ruqaiyah Morris [REDACTED] and her husband James Lawton [REDACTED] at their residence located at [REDACTED] in Bennington, VT. The purpose of this meeting was for the TIU investigator to examine and evaluate the home router belonging to Morris and Lawton. Prior to the scheduled meeting Morris canceled, due to issues with her husband's (Lawton) health.

Morris was requested to photograph the front and back side of the router inside of her residence. Morris completed the photographs and forwarded them to the VSP TIU as requested.

Morris agreed to reschedule the interview for October 3, 2018 at the Shaftsbury barracks at 10am.

End of Report.



***VERMONT STATE POLICE***  
***Bureau of Criminal Investigation***  
**Investigative Actions Narrative**

Investigative actions taken on 10/03/18 by Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico

Case#: 18B302863

Narrative:

On October 3, 2018, Detective Trooper Eric Jollymore and I conducted recorded interviews of James Lawton and Ruqaiyah Morris at the Shaftsbury barracks. Lawton and Morris' attorney, Robert Appel was present for both interview. Reports for both interviews have been authored and attached to the case.

Copies of the audio recordings have also been filed with this case.

End of Report.



**VERMONT STATE POLICE**  
**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**  
**Investigative Actions Narrative**

Investigative actions taken on 10/10/18 by Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico

Case#: 18B302863

Narrative:

On October 10, 2018, at approximately 1248 hours, I met with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for the purpose of conducting an interview in regards to a computer she sold to James Lawton earlier in the year. This interview was recorded and a file of the entire interview is on file and a "Persons Interviewed" report has been compiled, detailing the interview in its entirety.

A Copy of the audio recording has been filed with this case.

End of Report.



**VERMONT STATE POLICE**  
**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**  
**Investigative Actions Narrative**

Investigative actions taken on October 3, 2018 by Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico & Detective Trooper Eric Jollymore

Case#: 18B402863

Officer: Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico

Person Interviewed:

James Lawton [REDACTED]

Bennington, VT  
[REDACTED]

Exhibits: (1) CD of Audio recorded statement

Narrative:

On October 3, 2018 at approximately 1007 hours, Detective Eric Jollymore and I met with James Lawton [REDACTED], along with his Attorney Robert Appel at the Vermont State Police barracks in Shaftsbury. The purpose of the interview was to investigate a threatening complaint that had been filed by Lawton and his wife Ruqaiyah Morris [REDACTED].

I explained to Lawton that I knew there had been many different complaints and incidents that he had been a part of over the last two years. I further explained that my primary focus was going to be the most recent complaint that he had made, in regards to the "Dead Dead" screen name that appeared on his computer.

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The interview with Lawton was recorded and this a synopsis of the interview. A copy of the entire interview is on file with the case.



**VERMONT STATE POLICE**  
**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**  
**Investigative Actions Narrative**

Investigative actions taken on October 3, 2018 by Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico & Detective Trooper Eric Jollymore

Case#: 18B402863

Officer: Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico

Person Interviewed:

Ruqaiyah Morris [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Bennington, VT  
[REDACTED]

Exhibits: (1) CD of Audio recorded statement

Narrative:

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I explained to Morris that I knew there had been "a lot going on" over the past few years, however, my primary focus was on the most recent complaint that she and Lawton had made. The complaint was in regards to a potential threat that was received over Lawton's computer.

On one particular Friday morning, Morris explained that she had an early morning meeting in Montpelier. Morris said that prior to her leaving for her meeting, Lawton had told her that the screen on his computer looked "weird." Lawton explained that there was a "weird thing" on his screen. Morris left and drove to Montpelier. She called Lawton once she arrived in Montpelier and informed him that she had arrived safely. While on the phone with Lawton, he told Morris that "it came back up." Lawton told Morris that their son, [REDACTED] had seen it. Lawton's screen name had been changed to "Dead Dead."

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Morris then called Bennington Police Chief Paul Doucette and left him a voicemail, detailing the agencies she had contact with and that her husband would be bringing the computers to the Bennington Police for examination. This interaction is documented in Bennington Police Department's case # 18BN05584 and a copy of the report is attached to this case.

I had asked Morris if she had had access to Lawton's laptop and she advised that she never uses his computer, due to the fact that she has her own. Morris also indicated that she had not used the Lawton's computer and did not change his username to "Dead Dead."

The interview with Morris was recorded and this a synopsis of the interview. A copy of the entire interview is on file with the case for review.



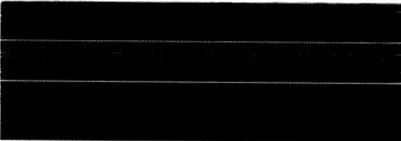
**VERMONT STATE POLICE**  
**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**  
**Investigative Actions Narrative**

Investigative actions taken on October 10, 2018 by Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico

Case#: 18B302863

Officer: Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico

Person Interviewed:



Exhibits: (1) CD of Audio recorded statement

Narrative:

On October 10, 2018 at approximately 1248 hours, I met with [REDACTED] at her residence, located at [REDACTED]. The purpose of the interview was to continue an investigation into a threatening complaint that had been filed by Ruqaiyah Morris [REDACTED] and her husband James Lawton [REDACTED].

I explained to [REDACTED] that I wanted to speak about a computer that she had sold earlier in the year. [REDACTED] stated that she had sold two computers, one that had belonged to her and one that had belonged to her mother. [REDACTED] added that her computer was sold to a man that lived on [REDACTED] in Bennington and the other computer was sold to someone that worked at the Bank of Bennington in Bennington, VT. I told [REDACTED] the computer that I was interested in talking about was the one she sold to the person on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] added that specific computer had been hers. I further told [REDACTED] that a possible threat had been received on the computer she had sold, however, Law Enforcement was trying to rule out all user names/log ins that had been utilized on the computer.

[REDACTED] explained that there were multiple log-in's that could have been used on that computer. Some of the log-in's that she provided, included "Chicken Nugget, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]." I specifically asked [REDACTED] if "Dead Dead" would have been a possible username and she informed me that her ten year old son [REDACTED] plays video games on the Xbox and plays games like "Call of Duty, the shooting kind of dying games." [REDACTED] added that she felt that the "Dead Dead" was certainly something that her son [REDACTED] could have created and they were somehow linked on the Xbox and lap top she had sold to Lawton.

While speaking with [REDACTED], her fiancée, [REDACTED], had turned on [REDACTED] Xbox and advised that the name "James Lawton" immediately appeared on the screen. I looked at the screen and confirmed that the name "James Lawton" was in fact linked to the Xbox account that was used by [REDACTED]. "James Lawton" was also showing a name of "DxY kitten." I photographed (11 photographs) the screen which was displaying "James Lawton" and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] explained that the "[REDACTED]" [REDACTED] is the account that her son [REDACTED] uses for the Xbox account.

The interview with [REDACTED] was recorded and this a synopsis of the interview. A copy of the entire interview is on file with the case.



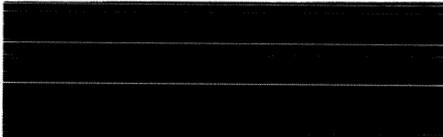
**VERMONT STATE POLICE**  
*Bureau of Criminal Investigation*  
Investigative Actions Narrative

Investigative actions taken on October 10, 2018 by Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico

Case#: 18B302863

Officer: Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico

Person Interviewed:



Exhibits: (1) CD of Audio recorded statement

Narrative:

On October 10, 2018 at approximately 1740 hours, I met with [REDACTED] and his mother, [REDACTED] at their residence, located at [REDACTED]. The purpose of the interview was to continue an investigation into a threatening complaint that had been filed by Ruqaiyah Morris [REDACTED] and her husband James Lawton [REDACTED].

I had met with [REDACTED] earlier in the day and discussed the sale of a lap top computer, which she ultimately had sold to James Lawton. While meeting with [REDACTED] she had mentioned that she had an "outlook" email account that she had set up so her son, [REDACTED], could use it on his Xbox. [REDACTED] fiancée, [REDACTED], had turned the Xbox on while I was at the residence and discovered that the name "James Lawton" appeared on the screen.

While meeting with [REDACTED], I explained to him that he was not in any type of trouble and that I had a few questions surrounding his Xbox account. I asked [REDACTED] about names that he uses on Xbox and he explained that his actual screenname his "DxY kitten." [REDACTED] further explained to me that Xbox has a system that allows you to actually enter your "real life name." [REDACTED] explained that he had made his name "Dead Dead." [REDACTED] said that he and his sister have a running joke where he tells her "Hey, I am dead inside." [REDACTED] said he did not use any other names and thought he had used "Dead Dead" for a month or two time period. [REDACTED] said the reason he stopped using "Dead Dead" was because it had been changed to James Lawton. [REDACTED] said he initially used the name "[REDACTED]" and it then changed to "James Lawton" [REDACTED] said he did not know who that was and then [REDACTED] changed it to "Dead Dead." [REDACTED] said that the secondary name on his account is currently James Lawton.

While speaking with [REDACTED] he stated that James could create a new Microsoft account and [REDACTED] replied that she could create a new one for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was very adamant that his account could not be closed, as he would lose all of his Xbox information.

The interview with [REDACTED] was recorded and this a synopsis of the interview. A copy of the entire interview is on file with the case.

18BN05584

Vermont State Police Technology Investigation Unit  
Analysis Report

Case Number: 18BN05584  
Suspect: Unknown

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Examiner: Det. Tpr. Eric Jollymore  
Computer Crimes

**Case Information:****Department:** Bennington Police Department / Vermont State Police – New Haven**Incident Number:** 18BN05584\* & 18B302863*This analysis was started under the case 18BN05584. For organization purposes all tool reports and analysis work remained organized as 18BN05584.***Investigator:** Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico**Suspect:** Unknown**Date of Incident:** 7.27.2018**Location:** [REDACTED] Bennington, Vermont**Nature of Incident:** Threatening**Associated Materials:**

- XWF Reports
  - 18BN05584 - Item 2 Event Log Issue List.xlsx
- XWF Processing Options Reports
  - 18BN05584 - Item 2 Extensive Data Carving Processing Options.txt
  - 18BN05584 - Item 2 Extensive Data Carving Selections.txt
  - 18BN05584 - XWF Initial Processing Options.txt (Both Items)
  - 18BN05584 - XWF VSS Processing Options.txt (Item 2)
- RegRipper Reports
  - 18BN05584 - Item 2 SAM Registry RegRipper Output.txt
  - 18BN05584 - Item 2 [REDACTED] Registry RegRipper Output.txt
- EnCase Reports
  - 18BN05584 - EnCase - Initial Processing Options.rtf
- IEF Reports
  - 18BN05584 - IEF Case Information and Processing Options.txt
  - CSV Export 2018-09-12\_13-55-47 (5 CSV reports)
    - Chrome FavIcons.csv
    - Chrome Web History.csv
    - Chrome Web Visits.csv
    - Chrome-360 Safe Browser-Opera Carved Web History.csv
    - User Accounts.csv
- Excel Spreadsheets
  - 18BN05584 - Test VM Timeline notes.xlsx
- Virtual Machines
  - Windows 10 x64 - TEST VM 18BN05584.vmwarevm
- Virtual Machine Test Materials
  - 18BN05584 - VM Test Saved Events (6 Files)
- Preservation Materials

Commented [e1]: Is this going to be included?

Commented [e2]: Are you going to include all of the RegRipper Reports?



Scope of Request (truncated and paraphrased):Authority to Search:Receipt of Evidence and Imaging:Software Used:

| Software  | Version                                  |
|---|--|
| X-Ways Forensic – X-Ways Forensics (XWF)                    | 19.6 SR-6 x64                            |
| Sumuri – Paladin Pro  | 7.01                                     |
| Quantum Analytics Research – RegRipper                      | 2.8                                      |
| Eric Zimmerman – Registry Explorer                          | 1.0.0.4                                  |
| Sumuri – Carbon   | 3.5.1                                    |
| Guidance Software / OpenText – EnCase Forensic              | 8.07                                     |
| Microsoft – Windows 10 ( <i>main forensic computer</i> )    | 1803 / OS Build 17134.165 Professional   |
| Apple – macOS Sierra ( <i>forensic laptop</i> )             | 10.12.6                                  |
| VMWare Fusion – Professional                                | 8.5.10 (7527438)                         |
| • Microsoft – Windows 10 ( <i>VM Testing Environment</i> )  | 1803 / OS Build 17134.285 Professional   |
| • Google Chrome ( <i>VM Testing Environment</i> )           | 69.0.3497.92 64-bit                      |
| • Avast Business Security ( <i>VM Testing Environment</i> ) | 18.6.2540 (Build 18.6.3983.371)          |
| o Avast Virus Definitions                                   | 1809214                                  |
| • Malware Bytes Home ( <i>VM Testing Environment</i> )      | 3.6.1.2711 (Component Package (1.0.463)) |
| o Update Package Version                                    | 1.0.6931                                 |
| • Webroot SecureAnywhere                                    | 9.0.23.32                                |

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Microsoft - Word        | Professional Plus 2013 (15.0.4420.1017) |
| AccessData - FTK Imager | 3.4.0.5                                 |

### Summary of Findings:

### Analysis and Exhibits:

According to information provided by Det. Sharshon at the Bennington Police Department, **Item 2** was the laptop that contained the threatening user account display name. Based upon this information, **Item 2** was examined and reported on first.

#### **Item 2**

##### *External Hardware Examination*

**Item 2** was an HP 15-f387wm laptop computer. Affixed to the rear of this computer was a sticker listing a serial number of 5CD6368ZM2. An examination of the design of this laptop was completed. Due to the fragile construction of this computer, I determined that it would reduce the risk of damaging the computer by imaging the drive in-place. The tool Paladin Pro was utilized to complete this imaging task.

##### *Software & User Data Examination*

| <b>Item 2 - Drive Image Details</b>                   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <i>According to Paladin Pro (ewfacquire 20160424)</i> |                                  |
| Manufacturer:   | Seagate                          |
| Model:  | ST500LT012-1DG142                |
| Capacity:   | 128 GB                           |
| Serial Number:  | S0NRNEAB708517                   |
| <i>According to XWF</i>                               |                                  |
| Serial Number Match?                                  | Could not be confirmed using XWF |
| Storage Capacity Match?                               | Yes                              |
| Disk Configuration Overlay (DCO)                      | No                               |

##### *Registry Analysis - DisplayName*

The SAM, SOFTWARE, SECURITY, SYSTEM registry files were exported from Partition 3 of **Item 2**. These files were processed using the tool RegRipper.

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Operating System Installed</i> |
| Windows 10 - Home                 |
| <i>Time Zone Information</i>      |
| Eastern Daylight Time             |
| <i>Registered Owner</i>           |
| [REDACTED]                        |

| User Accounts                 |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Account Name                  | Last Login Date |
| Administrator (Disabled)      | 9.21.2017       |
| Guest (Disabled)              | None Listed     |
| DefaultAccount (Disabled)     | None            |
| WDAGUtilityAccount (Disabled) | None            |
| ██████████                    | 8.1.2018        |

A review of the Security Accounts Manager (SAM) registry file RegRipper tool output revealed that the user account "██████████" listed a full name of "dead dead". This is the same full name that was seen in the screenshot provided by in the Bennington Police Department report. Based upon this information, the NTUSER.dat registry file was exported from the "██████████" user account and processed using RegRipper.

According to the NTUSER output the timestamps on file and application activity showed that this computer was used regularly up to the July 27, 2018 date when the Bennington Police Department was contacted about this threatening display name change. An extensive timeline analysis was conducted later within this examination.

The SAM file was reviewed within XWF. According to RegRipper and XWF, this user account retained membership to the Administrators group within this system. When a user account retains Administrator level access they are permitted full access within that system.

According to XWF, the "██████████" user account maintained a last write time of 7.12.2018 0624 hours (EDT). I observed that this suspicious timestamp meant that this user account was updated 15 days prior to the initial report of the threat.

07/12/2018 06:24:29.9 -4 32.8 KB SAM (ROOT)\SAM\Domains\Account\Users\000003EA \Windows\System32\config\SAM  
Screenshot 1 - SAM Last Written Date (Using XWF)

This same SAM registry file was examined using Registry Explorer. Within this tool the same timestamp of 7.12.2018 was located. The timestamp reported within this tool was UTC.

Key: SAM\Domains\Account\Users\000003EA  
Selected hive: SAM Last write: 2018-07-12 10:24:29 12 of 12 values shown (100.00%) Load complete  
Screenshot 2 - SAM Last Written Date (Using Registry Explorer)

According to the book Windows Registry Forensics 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, the author Harlen Carvey noted that the LastWrite time is updated whenever a key was created, or a subkey or value was added or deleted. According to this book, the keys within a Registry Hive can be considered similar to a folder with only the last modification time stamp reflected in the LastWrite timestamp based upon the activity of the sub-keys and values contained within it. According to an analysis of the SAM registry hive for Item 2 the user account information for the "██████████" user account was stored at SAM\Domains\Account\Users\000003EA and it maintained a Last write time of 7.12.2018.

Within the SAM registry file, no timestamp information was located with a date after 7.12.2018 for this user account.

A copy of the forensic image was placed on to a sanitized portable hard drive and connected to a forensic laptop. The tool Carbon was used in order to virtually boot a copy of the **Item 2** hard drive. When a forensic image is booted, no changes are made to the actual forensic image, any interactions that an examiner has with the virtual instance of this computer are temporarily written to a cache file. When the forensic image is booted, an examiner can view the desktop and all of the files and data stored on the hard drive just as if the regular laptop itself was booted normally.

I utilized the default Carbon settings. I selected the single [REDACTED] user account that was accessible as a local user account option. I checked the domain account user list and there were no results. I was prompted with the photo image I recognized from the screenshot provided by Bennington PD as a male with glasses and a password prompt. I observed that the "dead dead" display name was still in place.

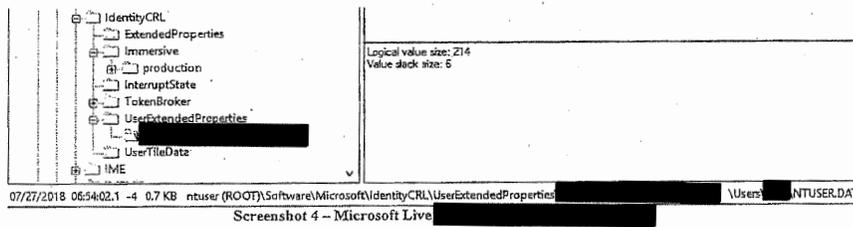


Screenshot 3 - "dead dead" display name shown on boot

I attempted to utilize the password JRL411248 that was provided by Bennington PD as the password for this computer with negative results. When I typed in the password I was presented with the following message "Your device is offline. Please sign in with the last password used on this device". When I viewed this message, I believed that this login account was associated with a Microsoft Live Account. A Microsoft Live account can be created by an individual and used to

login to certain Microsoft products such as a computer running the Windows 10 operating system.

Using XWF, I reviewed the NTUSER.dat account associated with the [REDACTED] user account. According to research conducted on Microsoft TechNet, evidence of a Microsoft Live user account can be seen at Software\Microsoft\IdentityCRL\UserExtendedProperties. The email address shown was [REDACTED]



I shutdown the virtual boot of the forensic image taken of **Item 2** and restarted the process. Before I initiated the boot, I utilized a setting within Carbon in order to artificially remove the password requirement from the [REDACTED] user account. I booted the forensic image of **Item 2** and then I was able to login to the user account.

Once logged in, I accessed the account settings and I saw that this email address was associated with this user account. I also observed two additional pictures of unknown individuals.



Screenshot 5 - Account settings showing

Based upon this analysis, an examination of the Windows Event Logs was performed. I first used EnCase in order to review the logs. Using EnCase **Item 2** was processed using several different options. A list of the processing options selected was saved to a report titled 18BN05584 - EnCase - Initial Processing Options.rtf. Once the processing was completed, the Case Analyzer function was utilized.

Using Case Analyzer I reviewed the records sorted within Accounts and Users > Account Change Event. I sorted all of the records by timestamp and Event ID. Using the publicly accessible website [www.ultimatewindowssecurity.com](http://www.ultimatewindowssecurity.com), I reviewed the Event ID list on the site for relevant IDs associated with user account changes. Within the Security Log Event ID 4738 is associated with the following action "The name of an account was changed".

At 7.27.2018 at 0826 EDT was an event log entry 4738 that showed that the following statement:

Dummy--  
 TargetUserName=██████████  
 TargetDomainName=LAPTOP-D69NEDQ0  
 TargetSid=S-1-5-21-3192988095-2964780770-2684762360-1002  
 SubjectUserSid=S-1-5-18  
 SubjectUserName=LAPTOP-D69NEDQ0\$  
 SubjectDomainName=WORKGROUP  
 SubjectLogonId=0x3e7  
 PrivilegeList--  
 SamAccountName--  
 DisplayName=dead dead  
 UserPrincipalName--  
 HomeDirectory--  
 HomePath--  
 ScriptPath--  
 ProfilePath--  
 UserWorkstations--  
 PasswordLastSet--  
 AccountExpires--  
 PrimaryGroupId--  
 AllowedToDelegateTo--  
 OldUacValue=|  
 NewUacValue--  
 UserAccountControl--  
 UserParameters--  
 SidHistory--  
 LogonHours--

Screenshot 6 -- Item 2 4781 Security Log Entry "dead dead?"

When I reviewed this log entry, I observed that there were numerous 4738 log entries. Based upon this observation, I continued to review the Security Log file using Windows Event Viewer on a forensic computer running Windows 10 Professional Version 1803. Using Event Viewer, I filtered for 4738 log entries. I observed that a total of 354 4738 log entries were located.

The date range of these log entries was from 6.27.2018 1337 hours – 7.27.2018 0826 hours. I reviewed each of these log entries and I observed that the display name for this user account was changed several times within this timespan. I created a table that identified the display name and the date range that this name was reportedly in-place.

| Earliest Date Located | Latest Date Located  | DisplayName                   |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7.12.2018 0624 hours  | 7.27.2018 0826 hours | dead dead                     |
| 6.28.2018 0737 hours  | 7.11.2018 2149 hours | James Lawton                  |
| 6.27.2018 0820 hours  | 6.27.2018 0820 hours | <i>No Display Name Listed</i> |
| 6.27.2018 1337 hours  | 6.27.2018 2019 hours | chicken nugget                |

From this breakdown I was able to identify that the display name "dead dead" was actually in place and appeared to remain in place since 7.12.2018. This was an additional 15 days earlier than the 7.27.2018 initial report of this incident made to the Bennington Police Department. According to this analysis a total of 4 different display names were in place when you include the 6.27.2018 to 6.28.2018 timespan when there was no display name listed.

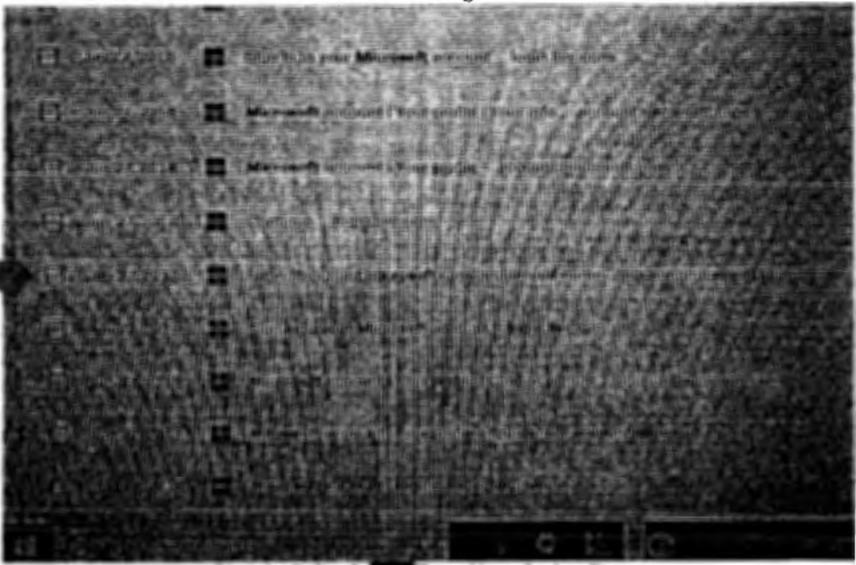
Based upon this analysis, I utilized IEF to process both **Item 1A** and **Item 2**. A list of the processing options selected were placed into a text file called 18BN05584 - IEF Case Information and Processing Options.txt. Once processed, I conducted a global filter for the timestamps 6.26.2018 0000 hours - 7.28.2018 2359 hours against all artifacts that were identified by the IEF processing of both items. At the completion of this filter, a restriction was placed to only show information from **Item 2**.

I reviewed the web history stored on **Item 2** and I observed several web history entries associated with the Google Chrome web browser that showed that on 6.27.2018, this computer accessed the website <https://accounts.microsoft.com> and websites such as [account.microsoft.com/profile](https://account.microsoft.com/profile).

One entry on 6.27.2018 at 1855 hours (EDT) showed the web entry <https://account.microsoft.com/profile/edit-name>

This information was bookmarked and exported into 5 different .CSV spreadsheet reports within a directory titled CSV Export 2018-09-12\_13-55-47.

Using Carbon, I opened up the Google Chrome history on the [REDACTED] user profile and I observed the same edit-name web traffic that was seen using IEF.



*Microsoft Live Account Preservation*

On September 6, 2018, I contacted the Microsoft Corporation and spoke with representatives at the Digital Crimes Unit (DCU). They advised me that they retain various types of data associated with a Microsoft Live account. They stated that they do not track or retain changes to the display name for a user account. They did state that they do track login activity with timestamps and associated Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. Based upon this information, I contacted Det. Lt. Lance Burnham who authorized that I send this preservation letter to Microsoft at the email address uslerq@microsoft.com. This letter was sent on September 6, 2018. A copy of this preservation letter was filed with this case as 18B302863 - Preservation Request

██████████ The case number 18B302863 reflected the Vermont State Police case number assigned to this case.

On September 7, 2018, I contacted Microsoft DCU and spoke with representatives who confirmed that they received this request and that they will process it in the order that it was received.

On September 13, 2018, I did not receive any preservation request confirmation message or any internal case identification numbers. I contacted Microsoft DCU and spoke left a message requesting a call back.

On September 14, 2018, I was contacted by Microsoft DCU who advised me that they have an internal case number of GCC1074742S6Q9V3.

*VM Testing*

Based upon these observations a testing environment was setup. A Windows 10 Professional virtual machine (VM) was built and accessed using VMWare Fusion Pro. A version of the Windows 10 Home edition was not available at the lab in order to conduct a test using the exact edition. I know that both Windows 10 Home and Windows 10 Professional both record events so all testing was completed using the Professional edition.

The tests that were completed in order to examine the changes that take place within a known environment. Within the testing environment, the following four interactions were completed.

1. Converting a local user account to a Microsoft Live user account
2. Change the name of the Microsoft Live user account via the website interface. Note any observable changes were applied to the local machine
3. Restart the system and note any observable changes that were applied.
4. Attempt to change the name using any local interface without using advanced techniques.

A table with timestamps was created in order to document the steps taken to complete the series of tests. The spreadsheet used to create the table within this report was filed with this case as 18BN05584 - Test VM Timeline notes.xlsx.

#### 9.13.2018 Test

| Time                     | Interaction   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1038                     | Clicked sign-in with account  |
| 1043                     | Logged in provided test password for local user account "abc123"  |
| 1043                     | Created PIN "123789"  |
| 1043                     | Test Microsoft Account "Monty Car" vermont47@outlook.com was configured to the test VM                              |
| <b>VM Snapshot Taken</b> |   |
| 1102                     | Used test VM event viewer to review changes<br>Located at 4738 log entry timestamped 1043 DisplayName = "Monty Car" |
| 1115                     | Added share folder to local Apple forensic laptop and exported logs   |
| <b>VM Snapshot Taken</b> |   |
| 1124                     | Accessed Microsoft Account via Chrome<br>Observed same "edit-name" URL seen in Item 2 Chrome traffic                |
| 1124                     | Changed name on website to "Monty Green"  |
| 1129                     | Observed that this change was not immediately applied to the VM   |
| 1137                     | No change / Restarted VM  |
| 1146                     | Upon Restart, change was immediately seen before a login was even completed   |
| <b>VM Snapshot Taken</b> |   |
| 1159                     | VM Test Shutdown  |
| 1226                     | System Started. Check for local ability to change name was completed  |

At the completion of this series of tests, the following information was learned. The conversion of a local user account to a Microsoft Online account is a seamless process that presents to the user that it is performed completely within the Windows 10 environment.

The initial conversion of the account from a local user account to a Microsoft Live user account brought the initial changes to the system including the updating of the "test" user account to show a display name of "Monty Car".

Based upon testing, it appeared that without the use of uncommon advanced techniques such as using the command line or manually editing the Windows Registry it did not appear possible to change the name without accessing the accounts.microsoft.com website.

Once a Microsoft Live account was configured, changing the name using the website did not create any immediate changes that were visible to the user. The name remained the same old name "Monty Car". A period of time was waited and the "Monty Green" change was not visible.

A restart of the test virtual machine was completed and the name change was immediately visible at the login screen without even logging into the system.

An analysis of the Security event logs for this test system showed the same 4738 Event IDs that reflected the updated DisplayName data.

At the completion of this test, I spoke with Agency of Digital Services Technician Drew Emory. Mr. Emory informed me that he had a Microsoft Live account. I asked Mr. Emory to change his displayed name for his profile without using any advanced techniques. I provided no context to this request because I wanted Mr. Emory to work to perform this change using any standard method he was aware of. I observed as Mr. Emory navigated to the Control Panel and settings of his system and I observed that he was unable to find a way to change this name without being connected to the Internet and interacting with the Microsoft Live website.

#### *Registry Analysis – Network History*

On September 13, 2018, Det. Lt. Burnham informed me that members of the Vermont State Police spoke with Ms. Ruqaiyah Morris [REDACTED]. According to Ms. Morris, **Item 2** used and operated by Mr. Lawton rarely left their home at [REDACTED] Bennington, Vermont.

A physical examination of **Item 2** during the time that it was at the lab showed that this computer maintained an Ethernet network port and a wireless network card capability. This was documented in lab photos IMG\_8176.JPG and IMG\_8177.JPG. An examination of the Windows Registry specifically for the purposes of learning the connectivity history of this device was performed in order to assist in establishing a connection history timeline.

The SOFTWARE registry hive as well as the associated SOFTWARE.log files were exported from the forensic image of **Item 2** and loaded into Registry Explorer. Registry Explorer utilizes the associated .LOG files that are associated with the respective hives in order to present the data to an examiner.

When the Windows Operating System acts to make a change to a Registry file, it first writes this change to a log file. This action is done in order to maintain system stability. Within the log file the intended change as well as the method the system can use to reverse the change is logged. When the system can commit the change, the change is updated to the live Windows Registry file held in running memory. During a forensic analysis of an offline system, these files are represented for example as SOFTWARE, SOFTWARE.LOG1, SOFTWARE.LOG2.

Using Registry Explorer, the tool creates an updated hive that contains the cumulative changes from the associated log files and combines all of this information into a single new hive file. This new hive file was titled SOFTWARE and it was saved with this case at the following location 18BN05584 - EJPProductions\REG EXPLORER UPDATED HIVES\Item 2\SOFTWARE.

The first area examined was the network list located at SOFTWARE: Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\NetworkList. The following information was located:

| Network Name          | First Connect LOCAL | Last Connected LOCAL | Gateway Mac Address |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| BLASC Production      | 2017-09-21 14:11:42 | 2017-09-21 14:11:42  | 00-18-0A-86-C3-00   |
| xfinitywifi           | 2017-11-22 04:05:58 | 2018-05-30 07:34:10  | F4-3E-9D-03-68-55   |
| NETGEAR               | 2017-10-27 12:23:51 | 2018-06-24 14:08:37  | A0-21-B7-B1-D4-99   |
| fairpoint09208        | 2018-06-24 17:26:43 | 2018-07-27 10:05:22  | D8-B6-B7-BA-EC-58   |
| NETGEAR 2             | 2017-12-09 11:10:14 | 2018-06-17 22:00:26  | D8-B6-B7-82-47-55   |
| DIRECT-AI\LAPTOP-D69N | 2017-12-24 15:51:57 | 2017-12-25 06:33:08  |                     |

This information showed that there were several networks that this laptop connected to within 2017 – 2018. This wireless information appeared to be consistent with the information provided by Ms. Morris that this laptop did not often leave the residence often. This information reportedly showed that on June 24, 2018 the wireless network NETGEAR was connected. This was 3 days before evidence of the DisplayName “Chicken Nugget” was observed in the Event Logs.

On July 27, 2018 at 1005 hours, the wireless network fairpoint09208 was connected to. The last user account entry of “dead dead” was shown within the Event Logs at 0826 hours.

The Gateway MAC Addresses for this list were researched using the publicly accessible website Arul’s Utilities <http://aruljohn.com/mac>. According to this lookup site, the 5 Gateway MAC addresses resolved to the following chip manufacturers:

| Network Name          | First Connect LOCAL | Last Connected LOCAL | Gateway Mac Address | MAC Vendor           |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| BLASC Production      | 2017-09-21 14:11:42 | 2017-09-21 14:11:42  | 00-18-0A-86-C3-00   | Cisco Meraki         |
| xfinitywifi           | 2017-11-22 04:05:58 | 2018-05-30 07:34:10  | F4-3E-9D-03-68-55   | Benu Networks, Inc.  |
| NETGEAR               | 2017-10-27 12:23:51 | 2018-06-24 14:08:37  | A0-21-B7-B1-D4-99   | NETGEAR              |
| fairpoint09208        | 2018-06-24 17:26:43 | 2018-07-27 10:05:22  | D8-B6-B7-BA-EC-58   | Comtrend Corporation |
| NETGEAR 2             | 2017-12-09 11:10:14 | 2018-06-17 22:00:26  | D8-B6-B7-82-47-55   | Comtrend Corporation |
| DIRECT-AI\LAPTOP-D69N | 2017-12-24 15:51:57 | 2017-12-25 06:33:08  |                     |                      |

I know through training and experience that MAC Vendor information relates to the information known by registration entities about the actual network card installed or configured within a device. It is possible with a degree of technical savvy to edit or modify a MAC address and that it is possible that this information may not be up-to-date or accurate.

*Subpoena Request* - [REDACTED]

On September 14, 2018, I authored a subpoena request to the Bennington County States Attorney Office requesting subscriber and login history for the user account

[REDACTED] This request was made based upon the analysis of **Item 2** as well as statements made by Mr. Lawton that an unknown individual completed the change to his Microsoft Live Account.

On September 17, 2018, I was advised by Bennington County States Attorney Erica Marthage that her office would process this subpoena request and report back when it has been completed.

On September 18, 2018, I received a copy of the authorized subpoena from the Bennington County States Attorney Office.

On September 20, 2018, I sent a copy of the signed subpoena received from the Bennington County States Attorney Office to Microsoft Corporation for processing. This subpoena was sent to the [uslereq@microsoft.com](mailto:uslereq@microsoft.com) email address per the instructions found within the publicly accessible website [Search.org](http://Search.org). Within the body of the email and within the subpoena itself was the Microsoft Internal Case Number GCC1074742S6Q9V3. I immediately received an automated email reply from Microsoft that stated that they received the email.

*Preservation Request - ISP Consolidated Communication* - [REDACTED]

On September 13, 2018, I was advised that the Internet Service Provider (ISP) servicing the residence [REDACTED] Bennington, Vermont was Consolidated Communications. I know from experience that this Internet Service Provider provides services to numerous areas throughout the State of Vermont.

On September 14, 2018, based upon this information and the information learned during this analysis, I authored a preservation request to Consolidated Communications. I contacted the Consolidated Communications Security Department and spoke with representatives. They provided me with a contact number for Alicia Rakstad at 916.746.3007. I contacted that number and left a voicemail message. The message stated to fax legal process to 916.773.5776. I utilized the publicly accessible website [Search.org](http://Search.org) and learned that this was the same fax number listed for Consolidated Communications. I faxed this preservation request to the number listed.

On September 19, 2018, I was contacted by Det. Lt. Lance Burnham regarding this matter. Det. Lt. Burnham asked how an individual could identify their Internet Protocol (IP) Address for a given connection. Det. Lt. Burnham provided me with the IP Address 192.168.1.7 and he advised me that the victim Ms. Morris provided investigators with this and stated that it was her IP Address. I informed Det. Lt. Burnham that this was an internal IP Address and that for this specific investigation knowing the external IP Address would be important. I provided Det. Lt. Burnham with the publicly accessible Internet website [ipchicken.com](http://ipchicken.com). I explained that this website would quickly provide an individual with their external IP Address. A few moments later, Det. Lt. Burnham provided me with a screenshot image file titled [IMG\\_2147.jpeg](#). I

recognized that the IP Address 64.222.152.250 was an external address that would be routable on the Internet. This screenshot was printed and filed with the case.

On September 21, 2018, I attempted to contact Ms. Alicia Rakstad at Consolidated Communications. I left a voicemail message with the 916.895.9674 number I was provided earlier by the Consolidated Communication Security Department. I also called the 916.746.3007 number listed for Ms. Rakstad with no results. I will continue to follow-up on this.

XXXX CONFIRM RECEIPT AND INTERNAL CASE NUMBER IF AVAILABLE. XXXX

*Additional Registry Analysis – NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS [REDACTED]*

A review of the NTUSER.dat file for the user profile '[REDACTED]' was completed. This file was processed earlier using RegRipper. This output was reviewed using Microsoft Word. The RecentDocs section was examined with no suspicious activity observed.

The UsrClass.dat registry file associated with the user profile '[REDACTED]' was completed using Shellbags Explorer. Shellbags within the Microsoft Operating System are pieces of data utilized by the Windows Operating System in order to track a variety of user interactions including window sizes and layout preferences. Within a forensic analysis, Shellbags can reveal to an examiner where a user profile navigated within Windows. I observed no suspicious activity present.

*Additional Registry Analysis – SECURITY*

The SECURITY registry hive was examined with no suspicious activity present.

*Additional Registry Analysis – RegBack registry files.*

I navigated to the /SYSTEM32/CONFIG/REGBACK directory and I observed that the RegBack files were empty. This was consistent with publicly accessible research stating that after the 1803 major update to Windows 10 in 2018 the RegBack files are no longer maintained. This was confirmed by examining a forensic computer using FTK Imager that had previously had the 1803 update applied. A data carving operation for all registry file types was completed using XWF. I reviewed the artifacts recovered on Partition 3 the main data partition with no suspicious activity located.

*Windows Share Settings*

I examined the Windows Share settings for **Item 2** using Registry Explorer. Exploring the updated SYSTEM hive created earlier during this analysis at ControlSet001\Services\LanmanServer\Shares showed no user created Windows Shares were visible. Using Carbon, I accessed a command prompt of the virtualized version of **Item 2**. Typing in NET SHARE presented me with a list of all shared areas on the system. I observed that only system default shares were in place.

*Security Settings / Antivirus & Malware**Windows Defender & Firewall*

The Windows Defender Antivirus Log was reviewed. This log was titled Microsoft-Windows-Windows Defender%4Operational.evtx. Within this log was an entry for 7.27.2018. This listed that the antivirus system client was up and running in a healthy state. The version information for this log entry listed the system as having the following details:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Platform version:  | 4.18.1806.18062 |
| Engine version:    | 1.1.15100.1     |
| Signature version: | 1.273.422.0     |

According to publicly accessible research, at the time of this analysis 9.18.2018 the signatures list was 1.275.1448.0. There were a total of 849 events logged within this Windows Defender log file.

**LEFT OFF AT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS FOR THIS SECTION. REVIEW THE WINDOWS DEFENDER LOG INFORMATION AND NOTE ANY SUSPICIOUS UP/DOWN TIME RELEVANT TO THE TIME THAT THE NAME CHANGES TOOK PLACE.**

**REFER TO LATEST NOTES FOR NEXT SECTION WORK.**

*Avast Business Security*

The forensic image for **Item 2** was transferred to a sterile external hard drive and connected to a fully patched virtual machine running Windows 10 Professional. Within this virtual machine a copy of the security tool Avast Business Security was installed within it. This is a security tool that was paid for by the Vermont Department of Public Safety for their regular use. This tool was fully updated to include the latest virus definitions and program features. The forensic image for **Item 2** was virtually mounted using FTK Imager. Once mounted, I accessed the settings for Avast Business Security. Within the settings I selected to scan all files in a full scan in-depth mode. Additional settings for testing whole files and to flag for potentially unwanted programs were selected.

A full scan of the virtually mounted forensic image of **Item 2** was completed with no issues reported.

*Malware Bytes Home*

The scanning process was repeated using the tool Malware Bytes Home. This tool was installed on the same virtual machine and fully updated. The scan within archives was selected, scan for rootkits, and identify potentially unwanted programs were additionally selected options. A scan was completed with no reported threats having been detected.

*Webroot SecureAnywhere*

The scanning process was repeated using the tool Webroot SecureAnywhere. This tool was installed on the same virtual machine and fully updated. A deep scan was selected against **Item 2**. This scan was completed with no threats detected.

## NEED TO UPDATE REPORT TO REFLECT INFORMATION IN SUPPLEMENTAL REP

**Item 1 & Item 1A***External Hardware Examination*

**Item 1** was an Asus R554L laptop computer. Affixed to the rear of this computer was a sticker with a possible serial number of FBN0WU134456464. Also located was a detail that stated "Vermont Computer Co Kiah Morris [REDACTED]". Contained within **Item 1** was a single 2.5 inch hard drive. This hard drive was removed and processed separately as **Item 1A**.

**Item 1A**

| Item 1A - Hard Drive Details     |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| According to Drive Label         |                |
| Manufacturer:                    | Samsung        |
| Model:                           | MZ-7PA1280/0D1 |
| Capacity:                        | 128 GB         |
| Serial Number:                   | S0NRNEAB708517 |
| According to XWF                 |                |
| Serial Number Match?             | Yes            |
| Storage Capacity Match?          | Yes            |
| Disk Configuration Overlay (DCO) | No             |

*Software & User Data Examination*

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Operating System Installed</i>    |                        |
| <i>Time Zone Information</i>         |                        |
| <i>Operating System Install Date</i> |                        |
| <i>Last Shutdown</i>                 |                        |
| <i>Registered Owner</i>              |                        |
| <i>User Accounts</i>                 |                        |
| <i>Account Name</i>                  | <i>Last Login Date</i> |
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Closing Comments

Supporting documents, image file paths, and various other file types have been bookmarked and are available in additional analysis software-generated reports.

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All documents and references in this report have been provided to the case agent. This report is a synopsis of the findings, to date, conducted on the digital media referenced in this report based upon the searches identified. This report may not be inclusive of all potential evidence contained on the digital media referenced in this report. Any additional analysis conducted on the referenced digital media will be documented in future reports.

End of report.

Analysis Start: XX/XX/XXXX

Analysis Completion: XX/XX/XXXX

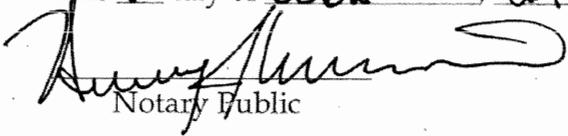


VERMONT STATE POLICE  
 CASE # 18B302863  
 SWORN STATEMENT  
 AUDIO RECORDED



PRINT FULL LEGAL NAME: James Lawton  
 DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] AGE: [REDACTED]  
 PRINT FULL RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
Bennington, VT 05201  
 TELEPHONE#: [REDACTED]

ON (DATE/TIME) October 3, 2018, I, James Lawton  
 PROVIDED A VERBAL AND AUDIO RECORDED STATEMENT TO DETECTIVE SGT.  
 HENRY ALBERICO OF THE VERMONT STATE POLICE OF MY OWN FREE WILL  
 WITHOUT ANY THREATS OR PROMISES MADE TO ME. I AM ALSO AWARE THAT IT  
 IS A CRIME TO GIVE FALSE INFORMATION TO A POLICE OFFICER IMPLICATING  
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 TAPED/RECORDED STATEMENT PROVIDED TO DETECTIVE SGT. ALBERICO, IS  
 TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, BELIEF, AND ABILITY.  
 THIS STATEMENT IS ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED INTO THIS SWORN  
 STATEMENT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
 This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2018  
  
 Notary Public

  
 Affiant  
Oct. 3, 2018  
 Date



VERMONT STATE POLICE  
 CASE # 1813302863  
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PRINT FULL LEGAL NAME: Rugaiyah Morris

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] AGE: [REDACTED]

PRINT FULL RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

Bennyton VT

TELEPHONE#: [REDACTED]

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10/3/18  
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Vermont State Police



Case# 18B202863  
Incident: Threatening

### Sworn Statement

Audio Recorded

Full Legal Name (*print*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Bennington VT  
 Telephone Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

On, (Date/Time October 10, 2018, \_\_\_\_\_  
 provided a verbal and audio recorded stated to Detective Sgt. Alberico of  
 the Vermont State Police of my own free will without any threats or promises made to me. I am  
 also aware that it is a crime, a violation of Title 13 VSA 1754 to give false information to a  
 Police Officer implicating another person or to deflect an investigation from the person or  
 another person. The taped/recorded statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge,  
 belief, ability, and is attached to and incorporated into this sworn statement.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

[Signature]  
NOTARY

x \_\_\_\_\_  
 AFFIANT  
10/10/18  
 DATE



**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT  
STATE OF VERMONT  
BENNINGTON COUNTY  
Case# 18B302836**

1. I. Trooper James Vooris, am a full-time law enforcement officer employed by the Vermont State Police and have been certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council since May 2014.
2. On July 27<sup>th</sup> 2018, at approximately 1315 hours, Ruqaiyah Morris came to the Middlesex State Police Barracks to report what she believed was a harassing and threatening incident. Morris explained that she had multiple incidents in the past with a male named Max Misch and she indicated that he was responsible for an incident that had occurred earlier in the morning.
3. Morris stated that earlier in the morning she found out that someone had "hacked" into her husband's computer. She advised that someone placed a threat on the home screen of the computer and believed her computer was hacked through her wifi. Morris showed a photo of what appeared to be a log in screen on a laptop computer however I don't recall what it stated. I do recall a photo of a male who Morris identified as her husband.
4. Throughout the conversation with Morris she indicated that she believed she was the recipient of these threats on social media due to her political involvement. She reiterated numerous times that she felt Misch was involved in the threats. Morris advised that she had a prior relief from abuse (RFA) order against Misch however it since expired. During the conversation I encouraged Morris to reapply for a restraining order if she felt unsafe and provided her with afterhours contact information for Bennington County.
5. Morris advised that she contacted the Capital Police and the IT department but felt they didn't have the resources to investigate and that they advised her to come to the Middlesex Barracks to file a report. She did not believe her husband had filed a police report with Bennington PD. I explained to Morris that since she lives in Bennington and that's where these incidents occurred she would likely need to contact her local police agency. I advised Morris I would double check with Lieutenant Letourneau before she left.
6. I contacted LT Letourneau and explained Morris' complaint. After speaking with LT Letourneau I advised Morris that she should contact Bennington PD to file a report and that they would contact the State Police if they needed assistance analyzing any computers. I again reiterated that she should apply for an RFA or no stalking order in Bennington County.

7. This conversation was recorded and a copy has been filed at the Middlesex Barracks.  
This ends my involvement with this case at this time.

**Trayah, Reg**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 4:29 PM  
**To:** Doyle, Ultan  
**Subject:** FW: GOP House candidate expects 1,000 at gun-rights campaign rally - VTDigger

**From:** Thompson, Julio  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 1:56 PM  
**To:** Kranichfeld, Bram  
**Subject:** Re: GOP House candidate expects 1,000 at gun-rights campaign rally - VTDigger

Thanks. We'll just stay out of the way unless we can help.

Julio A. Thompson  
Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the Vermont Attorney General  
802.828.5519

(via smartphone)

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**From:** Kranichfeld, Bram  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 1:53:42 PM  
**To:** Powers, Michael; Thompson, Julio  
**Cc:** Diamond, Joshua; Curtis, Christopher; Adams, Emily  
**Subject:** RE: GOP House candidate expects 1,000 at gun-rights campaign rally - VTDigger

I spoke to the Bennington Police Chief – they are on top of this case and have been. They have investigated it and notified the SA. I offered the help of our ICAC investigators since it involves some kind of Instagram hacking claim.

I have Ms. Morris' number and have a call into her. I'm about to call Erica Marthage back. I will keep you posted.

-Bram

**From:** Powers, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 1:18 PM  
**To:** Thompson, Julio <[julio.thompson@vermont.gov](mailto:julio.thompson@vermont.gov)>  
**Cc:** Diamond, Joshua <[Joshua.Diamond@vermont.gov](mailto:Joshua.Diamond@vermont.gov)>; Curtis, Christopher <[Christopher.Curtis@vermont.gov](mailto:Christopher.Curtis@vermont.gov)>;  
Kranichfeld, Bram <[Bram.Kranichfeld@vermont.gov](mailto:Bram.Kranichfeld@vermont.gov)>; Adams, Emily <[Emily.Adams@vermont.gov](mailto:Emily.Adams@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: GOP House candidate expects 1,000 at gun-rights campaign rally - VTDigger

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**From:** Thompson, Julio  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2018 12:59 PM  
**To:** Powers, Michael <[michael.powers@vermont.gov](mailto:michael.powers@vermont.gov)>  
**Cc:** Diamond, Joshua <[Joshua.Diamond@vermont.gov](mailto:Joshua.Diamond@vermont.gov)>; Curtis, Christopher <[Christopher.Curtis@vermont.gov](mailto:Christopher.Curtis@vermont.gov)>;

Kranichfeld, Bram <[Bram.Kranichfeld@vermont.gov](mailto:Bram.Kranichfeld@vermont.gov)>; Adams, Emily <[Emily.Adams@vermont.gov](mailto:Emily.Adams@vermont.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: GOP House candidate expects 1,000 at gun-rights campaign rally - VTDigger

Ok, keep Josh, Chris, Bram, Emily and me posted. Let's have you serve as our investigative liaison, if you don't mind.

Pursuant to our usual CRU practice, we step back and stay out of the way of any criminal investigation. If at any point Victim Assistance or Outreach is needed, I'm sure Bram will refer Amy to Kaiah

Kaiah has personal cell number already. I doubt she'll give me a call, but I will provide an update if she does.

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(via smartphone)

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 12:49:03 PM  
**To:** Thompson, Julio  
**Subject:** FW: GOP House candidate expects 1,000 at gun-rights campaign rally - VTDigger

FYI:

Learned today that Kiah Morris has received a recent death threat on social media. Bram Kranichfeld is or will be in touch with Bennington Law enforcement about an investigation.

Not sure if the message came from Kevin Hoyt (the organizer of the Bennington gun rally).

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Powers, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2018 10:53 AM  
**To:** Goddard, Jonathan <[Jonathan.Goddard@vermont.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Goddard@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: GOP House candidate expects 1,000 at gun-rights campaign rally - VTDigger

House member from Bennington

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Goddard, Jonathan  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2018 10:30 AM  
**To:** Powers, Michael <[michael.powers@vermont.gov](mailto:michael.powers@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: GOP House candidate expects 1,000 at gun-rights campaign rally - VTDigger

Remind me who Kiah Morris is? Name sort of rings a bell.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Powers, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2018 10:18 AM  
**To:** AGO - Civil Rights Unit <[AGO.CivilRightsUnit@vermont.gov](mailto:AGO.CivilRightsUnit@vermont.gov)>

Subject: GOP House candidate expects 1,000 at gun-rights campaign rally - VTDigger

<https://vtdigger.org/2018/07/31/gop-house-candidate-expects-1000-gun-rights-campaign-rally/>

Heard this morning that Kiah Morris has left, or intends to leave, town during the rally out of fear related to her disagreements with Kevin Hoyt.

**Trayah, Reg**

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**To:** Kranichfeld, Bram  
**Subject:** RE: GOP House candidate expects 1,000 at gun-rights campaign rally - VTDigger

Thanks very much.

Michael P.

**From:** Kranichfeld, Bram  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2018 1:54 PM  
**To:** Powers, Michael <[michael.powers@vermont.gov](mailto:michael.powers@vermont.gov)>; Thompson, Julio <[julio.thompson@vermont.gov](mailto:julio.thompson@vermont.gov)>  
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**Trayah, Reg**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 4:28 PM  
**To:** Doyle, Ultan  
**Subject:** FW: Kiah Morris

**From:** Kranichfeld, Bram  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 3:40 PM  
**To:** Raymond, Matthew  
**Cc:** Farr, Amy  
**Subject:** Kiah Morris

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Matt,

As we discussed, please hold off on examining Ms. Morris' laptop until she clarifies her position.

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**From:** Kranichfeld, Bram  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 4:27 PM  
**To:** Doyle, Ultan  
**Subject:** FW: K. Hoyt Stalking Order

**From:** Kranichfeld, Bram  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 4:38 PM  
**To:** Raymond, Matthew  
**Cc:** Farr, Amy  
**Subject:** FW: K. Hoyt Stalking Order

Matt,

Please go ahead with the examination.

-Bram

**From:** Kranichfeld, Bram  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 4:37 PM  
**To:** 'Kiah Morris' [REDACTED]; Pepper, James <[James.Pepper@vermont.gov](mailto:James.Pepper@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: K. Hoyt Stalking Order

Thank you Kiah. We will proceed with the examination.

**From:** Kiah Morris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 4:02 PM  
**To:** Kranichfeld, Bram <[Bram.Kranichfeld@vermont.gov](mailto:Bram.Kranichfeld@vermont.gov)>; Pepper, James <[James.Pepper@vermont.gov](mailto:James.Pepper@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: K. Hoyt Stalking Order

Thank You Bram,

I am sure that you can understand my hesitance to rely on the word of BPD regarding transfer. It has been three weeks since they were first voluntarily surrendered and twice we have been told misinformation about their whereabouts. I will maintain the consent to search and trust that your offices will handle any issues that may arise, promptly.

Thank you for your hard work and diligence on my case.

Kiah Morris

State Representative

Bennington 2-2

State of Vermont

House Judiciary Committee

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**From:** Kranichfeld, Bram <[Bram.Kranichfeld@vermont.gov](mailto:Bram.Kranichfeld@vermont.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 2:59:57 PM

**To:** Kiah Morris; Pepper, James

**Subject:** RE: K. Hoyt Stalking Order

Representative Morris,

Thank you for reaching out on this. Please clarify your position with regard to your consent to search the laptop. Currently the laptop is in the custody of the Bennington Police Department and was scheduled to be transferred to the lab for examination on the morning of 8/22/2018 (tomorrow). The exam would not take long and the laptop could be returned relatively quickly.

To the extent that you are revoking consent and do not want the laptop examined by the lab, but rather intend to have it looked at by a local IT professional, please be aware that the chain of custody on the device would be broken and we would not be able to further pursue a criminal forensic investigation on the laptop. Local IT professionals are not certified to forensically recover data from digital devices and cannot be utilized as a replacement for our trained and certified digital forensic examiners.

We are willing to examine the device and ready to do so tomorrow. Please confirm whether you want us to proceed or if you want the laptop returned, in which case we cannot guarantee that we will be able to continue to assist in this part of the investigation. If you are revoking your consent, I will contact Bennington PD immediately and cancel the transport of the laptop to the lab.

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From: Kiah Morris [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 1:38 PM  
To: Pepper, James <James.Pepper@vermont.gov>; Kranichfeld, Bram <Bram.Kranichfeld@vermont.gov>  
Subject: K. Hoyt Stalking Order

Good Afternoon,

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Attached is the Denial of Emergency Relief for Kevin Hoyt against my husband James Lawton. According to BPD, Hoyt tried to seek domestic terrorism charges and was instructed to seek a stalking order instead. You will note that one of the pages of the affidavit is out of order.

I would still like to request the return of my laptop, the ASUS immediately. I can have it scanned by local IT professionals in the area for malware. We will share any incidents with the AG's office that we receive.

Kiah Morris

State Representative

Bennington 2-2

State of Vermont

House Judiciary Committee

Trayah, Reg

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**From:** Kranichfeld, Bram  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 4:27 PM  
**To:** Doyle, Ultan  
**Subject:** FW: Representative Kiah Morris decision to withdraw from race

**From:** Donovan, Thomas  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Clark, Charity; Kranichfeld, Bram  
**Cc:** Wemple, Doug  
**Subject:** Fwd: Representative Kiah Morris decision to withdraw from race

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**From:** Richard Sears <[RSEARS@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:RSEARS@leg.state.vt.us)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 7:12:13 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Donovan, Thomas; Stuart Hurd  
**Cc:** Brian Campion; Timothy Corcoran; Mary Morrissey  
**Subject:** Representative Kiah Morris decision to withdraw from race

Dear Lee,

Thank you for your email, this is a unified response from the four of us.

We were saddened and disappointed to hear of Kiah's decision to withdraw from the race in District 2-2. Be assured that the four of us and our Legislative Colleagues find the behavior of the individuals and others who have and continue to harass Kiah and her family to be reprehensible and indefensible.

We very much appreciate and share your concern for Kiah and her family. As legislators we have little power to investigate situations such as the one you describe. For that reason we are sending a copy of your email to Attorney General Thomas J. Donovan and Town Manager Stuart Hurd asking that they investigate the entire matter to determine whether laws were broken; and if so, determine why they were not enforced. With a report back as soon as practicable.

We are further requesting that the Office of Attorney General suggest any laws that could or need to be added, changed or modified and at the same time do not violate the Constitutional Right to Free Speech.

Sincerely,

Sen. Dick Sears, Sen. Brian Campion, Rep. Tim Corcoran and Rep. Marry Morrissey

Dick Sears  
State Senator, Bennington County and Wilmington  
[REDACTED]  
North Bennington, VT 05257

Chair Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senate Appropriations Committee

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**Trayah, Reg**

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Dick Sears  
State Senator, Bennington County and Wilmington  
[REDACTED]  
North Bennington, VT 05257  
Chair Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senate Appropriations Committee

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**From:** "LEE RUSS" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 at 2:03:35 PM  
**To:** "Brian Campion" <[BCampion@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:BCampion@leg.state.vt.us)>, "Timothy Corcoran" <[TCorcoran@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:TCorcoran@leg.state.vt.us)>, "Mary Morrissey" <[MMORRISSEY@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:MMORRISSEY@leg.state.vt.us)>, "Richard Sears" <[RSEARS@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:RSEARS@leg.state.vt.us)>  
**Subject:** State Rep. Kiah Morris diven from office by racist harrassment & threats

As I'm sure you have heard, Kiah Morris, a state representative from my district, Bennington 2-2, has decided not to run for reelection despite having just won the primary for that position. The reason? A die-hard racist who lives in Bennington has endlessly harassed her and her bi-racial family, threatened them in various ways, and generally made that family's life hell. He appears to have also enlisted the help of other racists outside Bennington. Their home has even been broken into.

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14:37

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Incident

Incident Number 18BN05584 Nature Threatening  
Case Number Image  
Address [REDACTED]  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact James

Complainant

Numb 101122  
Last Lawton Fst James Mid R  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] Adr [REDACTED]  
Race W Sx M Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details

Offense/Statute PSC  
Reported 0470 Observed PSC  
Circumstances LT20  
Rspndg Officers Sharshon, Micha  
Rspnsbl Officer Sharshon, Micha Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6473425  
Received By Howe, Brian Last RadLog 14:15:37 07/27/18 CMPLT  
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Narrative (See below)  
Supplement (See below)

INVOLVEMENTS:

| Type | Record # | Date     | Description                | Relationship     |
|------|----------|----------|----------------------------|------------------|
| NM   | 1623776  | 07/30/18 | Morris, Ruqaiyah K         | Spouse/Partner   |
| NM   | 1841252  | 07/30/18 | Misch, Max B               | POI              |
| NM   | 101122   | 07/27/18 | Lawton, James R            | *Complainant     |
| CA   | 6473425  | 07/27/18 | 14:04 07/27/18 Threatening | *Initiating Call |

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

| Seq Code | Offense and Statute Codes      | Amount |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1 PSC    | Suspicious Person/Circumstance | 0.00   |

LAW Incident Circumstances:

| Seq Code | Contributing Circumstances | Comments |
|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| 1 LT20   | Residence/Home             |          |

LAW Incident Responders Detail  
Responding Officers

| Seq Name          | Unit |
|-------------------|------|
| 1 Sharshon, Micha | M367 |

Main Radio Log Table:

| Time/Date         | Typ | Unit | Code  | Zone | Agnc | Description                    |
|-------------------|-----|------|-------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| 14:15:37 07/27/18 | 1   | M367 | CMPLT | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN05584 Completed cal |
| 14:07:08 07/27/18 | 1   | M367 | ARRVD | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN05584 Arrived on sc |

Narrative:

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NARRATIVE

18BN05584

Nature of call: Suspicious

Date & Time Reported: July 27, 2018, 1404 Hours

Location of Call: [REDACTED], Bennington, Vermont

Narrative:

On Friday, July 27, 2018, at approximately 1404 hours, I took a phone call regarding suspicious circumstances.

I spoke with James Lawton, DOB [REDACTED] who advised me that he and his wife Ruqaiyah Morris, DOB [REDACTED] were having issues with a person he described as a "local neo-nazi". Lawton advised me that this male, later identified to me as Max Misch, DOB [REDACTED] was causing issues for them online as well as for his computer. I asked Lawton to expound upon the issues for me.

For the first issue, Lawton advised that Misch harasses Morris online, via social media. He said that Misch targets Morris specifically, making unpleasant comments on various social media platforms. For reference in this report, on Facebook Misch goes by "Max Misch" and Morris goes by "Kiah Morris VT State Representative", and on Twitter Misch's handle is "maxmisch83" and Morris's handle is "kmrhapsody". I was provided with screenshots from Twitter and Facebook. The Twitter posts has no timestamp and the Facebook had a timestamp of January 26 (no year). I reviewed the posts from Misch, which are very are strongly political. However, there did not appear to be any specific all-to-action, threats, or call for violence against Morris. The only action Misch claimed he would do was "troll" Morris at a rally. Trolling is a term for actions meant specifically to annoy an individual or a group of people. Trolling is usually mean-spirited, however it is generally not criminal in nature. It should be noted that the screen shots from Twitter do not show the entirety of the conversation, mostly responses from Misch. This is because either Lawton or Morris did not provide the totality of the conversation. The images have been attached to this report and filed at the Bennington Police Department.

I inquired about the issue with Lawton's computer. Lawton advised me that when he turned on his computer in the morning and got to the log in screen, where his account name normally is was replaced with "dead dead" instead of "James Lawton". He advised me that he notified Morris of this, who was in a legislative session at the time. Lawton said that Morris had been speaking with the Vermont State Police and that it was his understanding that the State Police would take the computers. Lawton asked if he should bring the computer to the Bennington Police Department, which I advised him no. I advised Lawton to contact Morris and see what the Vermont State Police wanted her to do with the computer. Lawton acknowledged this and thanked me for my time.

On Monday, July 30, 2018, it came to my attention that Lawton's computer was delivered to the Bennington Police Department. I spoke with Det. Cole and filled him in with as much of the situation as I was aware of. Det. Cole suggested I contact the Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), who regular do forensic analysis on computers.

I spoke with Eric Jollymore at ICAC, who advised me that a situation that Lawton acounter is possible, however it would require whoever did it to have an

Advanced degree of technical knowledge of computers.

It was determined that the computers would not be forensically analyzed.

At this time, I am sending this report down to the Bennington County State's Attorney's Office, as well as a copy of the Misch's internet posts, for review for disorderly conduct via electronic device. (T.13 VSA 1027).

Case Status: Active

Submitted: M. Sharshon 8/1/2018

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Law Supplemental Narrative:

| Seq Name | Date | Supplemental Narratives<br>Narrative |
|----------|------|--------------------------------------|
|----------|------|--------------------------------------|

|                 |                   |  |
|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| 1 Raymond, Matt | 09:51:11 08/07/18 |  |
|-----------------|-------------------|--|

This case was brought to my attention as the Commander of the Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce (VT-ICAC).

There was an impression that VT-ICAC recommended that no computer exam be conducted.

I am writing this report to correct that impression.

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Trooper Jollymore advised Officer Sharshon that VT-ICAC would conduct a computer exam if requested and that it was possible to obtain evidence from such a computer exam to advance the investigation.

VT-ICAC is ready to accept the computer for examination should one be requested.

On Friday 8/3/2018 I left a voice mail message regarding this case with Chief Doucette. On Friday 8/3/2018 I also sent an email to the Chief requesting a call regarding this case. My intention was to clarify this issue however no call back was received.

On Tuesday 8/7/2018 I left a voice mail message regarding this with Bennington County States Attorney Erica Marthage to clarify this issue with her office as I am aware this case was sent to her office for review. She will be provided with a copy of this report.

Matthew Raymond  
Vermont Internet Crimes Taskforce Commander  
Vermont Office of Attorney General, Criminal Division

09/27/18  
4:37

Vermont State Police, B Troop-Rutland  
LAW Incident Table:

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Page: 1

Incident  
Incident Number 18BN06248 Nature Citizen Assist  
Case Number Image  
Address ✓ [REDACTED]  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact Kevin

Complainant  
Numbr 547835  
Last Hoyt Fst Kevin Mid Michael  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] Adr ✓ [REDACTED]  
Race W Sx M Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute CITA  
Circumstances LT11  
Rspndg Officers Diotte, Keith Stemp, Joshua  
Rspnsbl Officer Diotte, Keith Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6487777  
Received By Audy, Ashley Last RadLog 12:37:45 08/20/18 CMPLT  
How Received P In Person Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 12:19:15 08/20/18 Disposition ACT Disp Date 08/20/18  
Occurrd between 12:17:32 08/20/18 Judicial Sts  
and 12:17:32 08/20/18 Supervisor C Lauzon  
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Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
Supplement

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| INVOLVEMENTS: |           |          |                               |                  |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Type          | Record #  | Date     | Description                   | Relationship     |
| LW            | 18BN06238 | 08/20/18 | Threatening                   | Related Incident |
| NM            | 101122    | 08/20/18 | Lawton, James R               | POI              |
| NM            | 547835    | 08/20/18 | Hoyt, Kevin Michael           | *Complainant     |
| NM            | 1623776   | 08/20/18 | Morris, Ruqaiyah K            | POI              |
| CA            | 6487777   | 08/20/18 | 12:19 08/20/18 Citizen Assist | *Initiating Call |

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

| Seq Code | Offense and Statute Codes | Amount |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|
|          | Statute Code              |        |
| 1        | CITA Citizen Assist       | 0.00   |

LAW Incident Circumstances:

Contributing Circumstances

| Seq Code | Comments               |
|----------|------------------------|
| 1 LT11   | Government/Public Bldg |

LAW Incident Responders Detail

Responding Officers

| Seq Name        | Unit |
|-----------------|------|
| 1 Diotte, Keith | M363 |
| 2 Stemp, Joshua | M345 |

Main Radio Log Table:

| Time/Date         | Typ | Unit | Code  | Zone | Agnc | Description                    |
|-------------------|-----|------|-------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| 12:37:45 08/20/18 | 1   | M345 | CMPLT | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN06248 Completed cal |
| 12:37:45 08/20/18 | 1   | M363 | CMPLT | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN06248 Completed cal |
| 12:20:26 08/20/18 | 1   | M345 | ARRVD | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN06248 Arrived on sc |
| 12:20:26 08/20/18 | 1   | M363 | ARRVD | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN06248 Arrived on sc |
| 12:20:20 08/20/18 | 1   | M345 | ENRT  | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN06248 Enroute to a  |
| 12:20:20 08/20/18 | 1   | M363 | ENRT  | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN06248 Enroute to a  |



Vermont State Police  
Computer Crimes Unit  
Vermont Internet Crimes Against  
Children Task Force



**ANALYSIS REQUEST**

THIS FORM IS ELECTRONICALLY FILLABLE.

Please download/save and submit to the email address below once complete.

**CASE INFORMATION**

|   |   |                                      |   |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| ***CASE NUMBER***   | 18BN05584   | INCIDENT DATE                        | 07-27-2018  |
| INCIDENT CITY/TOWN  | Bennington  | SUSPECT                              |   |
| CASE TYPE   | <input type="radio"/> Child Sexual Exploitation                           | <input type="radio"/> Sexual Assault | <input type="radio"/> Homicide                    |
|   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other (explain below)                    |                                      | <input type="radio"/> Kidnapping / Missing Person |
| BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF CASE  | Possible tampering with a laptop computer.                                |                                      |   |
| SCOPE OF ANALYSIS REQUESTED (i.e. What are you specifically looking for?) | When and possibly how user name "James Lawton" was changed to "dead dead" |                                      |   |
| AUTHORITY TO SEARCH   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Consent                                  | <input type="radio"/> Search Warrant | Date Signed 08-15-2018                            |
|   |   |                                      | Expiration Date                                   |
|   |   |                                      | Issuing Judge                                     |

**INVESTIGATOR / AGENCY INFORMATION**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| REQUESTING AGENCY     | Bennington Police Department            |
| INVESTIGATOR          | Det. Sgt. Lawrence Cole                 |
| ADDRESS               | 118 South Street, Bennington, VT, 05201 |
| AGENCY PHONE NUMBER   | 802-442-1030                            |
| CELL OR DIRECT NUMBER |   |
| EMAIL                 | Lawrence.Cole@Vermont.gov               |

**EVIDENCE TO BE EXAMINED**

|                                  |   |                                      |   |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| DESKTOP/TOWER PCS                | 0 | CELL PHONES <i>(page 2 required)</i> | 0 |
| LAPTOPS                          | 2 | MEMORY CARDS                         | 0 |
| LOOSE HARD DRIVES                | 0 | DIGITAL CAMERAS                      | 0 |
| TABLETS <i>(page 2 required)</i> | 0 | CDs / DVDs                           | 0 |
| USB DEVICES                      | 0 | OTHER (describe below)               | 0 |
|                                  |   |                                      |   |

Once your request is submitted you will be contacted when the lab is ready to accept the evidence. Please provide a copy of the authority to search (warrant/consent form) and affidavit/investigative report with any evidence.

SAVE COMPLETED FORM AND SUBMIT TO [DPS.DIGITALFORENSICS@VERMONT.GOV](mailto:DPS.DIGITALFORENSICS@VERMONT.GOV)



BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

PERMISSION TO SEARCH

I, Ruggayan Morris / James Lawson have been informed by  
CFC. M. SHARSHAW who made proper identification

as an authorized law enforcement officer of the Bennington Police Department of my  
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT not to have a search made of my person, the premises, property  
and/or any vehicle owned by me and/or under my care, custody and control, without a search  
warrant.

Knowing of my lawful right to refuse consent to such a search, I willingly give my permission to  
the above name officer (s) to conduct a complete search of my person, the premises, and  
property, including all buildings and vehicle, both inside and outside of the property located at

HEWLETT PACKARD 15-1387WM LAPTOP COMPUTER  
S/N 5C06368ZM2

The above said officer(s) further have my permission to take from my person, premises,  
property, and/or vehicles, and letters, papers, material or any other property or things which they  
desire as evidence for criminal prosecution in the case or cases under investigation. This written  
permission to search without a search warrant is given by me to the above officer(s) voluntarily  
and without any threats or promises of any kind, at \_\_\_\_\_

.M. on this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of AUGUST 20018 at

16400 HRS

SIGNED: Ruggayan L

WITNESSED: [Signature]

ADDRESS: [Redacted] BENNINGTON VT 05201

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PERMISSION TO SEARCH

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OFC. M. SMITHSON who made proper identification

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ASOS MODEL R554L LAPTOP COMPUTER  
S/N FBNQWU134456464

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.M. on this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of AUGUST 20018 at  
1644 HRS

SIGNED: [Signature]

WITNESSED: [Signature]

ADDRESS: [Redacted] BENNINGTON VT 05201

\* ERIC JOCKHORE \*

VSP HEADQUARTERS  
- STOP - ID  
REQUIRES

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HP

JRL 411248

Narrative:

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NARRATIVE

18BN06248

Citizen Assist

August 20, 2018 @ 1219 hours

Narrative: On Monday, August 20, 2018 at approximately 1219 hours, I was dispatched to the lobby of the Bennington Police Department located at [REDACTED] Street for a male reporting a threatening note being left on his vehicles windshield.

It should be noted, Officer Ferrara also dealt with this incident earlier in the morning. See 18BN06238.

Upon arrival, I spoke to a male known to me as Kevin Hoyt DOB [REDACTED]. Hoyt is running for a political position and is pro the second amendment. Hoyt provided me with the typed letter that was placed on his vehicles windshield.

The note reads as follows:

"The obsessive attacks against the Morris family disgust me! You a neo Nazi and a white supremacist. We have guns to, your pathetic and you will see mine when you least expect it! You better watch your back your going to get what you have coming to you! YOU DO NOT DESERVE TO LIVE AND THERE IS NO PLACE FOR RACISM "HERE!" (SIC).

Hoyt advised the Morris family is in regard to Ruqaiyah Morris DOB [REDACTED] and her husband, James Lawton DOB [REDACTED]. Hoyt told me he wants something done about the threats and believes the note was typed by Lawton. Hoyt provided me with a Facebook post, posted by James R Lawton on Wednesday at 10:19 PM. It is not clear, which Wednesday it was posted due to no date being attached to it. The post states, "Kevin Hoyt has a bizarre obsession for my wife, Kiah Morris, and his level of obsession is equal to that of her Neo-Nazi Stalker Max Mish! They both are sad pathetic little men!" (SIC).

Hoyt is under the assumption Lawton typed the note due to the same terminology used on the Facebook post and the note placed on his vehicle. For example Lawton comments, "By the way Colleen how is Kevin's neo-Nazi friend Max doing these days?? Is he helping with the campaign".

Regarding the Facebook post there is comments posted by Lawton advising he will protect Morris. These comments are as follows: "Your BOY brought out the ugly in me when he brought my wife name into this! Not a very bright move! You have no clue "yet" how viscously I defend my wife!" "oh and PS: a warning! you can tell Kevin to leave my wife's name out of his lie filled campaign. He's not running against her. I have been quite on him until now but you mess with my wife you are poking this bear and This bear will bite trust me!"

Hoyt was told to apply for a stalking order regarding these comments. Hoyt believes these comments are threatening in manor. This incident was sent to the Bennington County State Attorney's office for case review.

Submitted by: K. Diotte 08-20-2018

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The obsessive attacks against the Morris family disgust me! You are a neo Nazi and a white supremacist. We have guns to, you are pathetic and you will see mine when you least expect it! You better watch your back you are going to get what you have coming to you! YOU DO NOT DESERVE TO LIVE AND THERE IS NO PLACE FOR RACISM HERE!



James J R Lawton

Wednesday at 10:19 PM

Kevin Hoyt has a bizarre obsession for my wife, Kiah Morris, and his level of obsession is equal to that of her Neo-Nazi Stalker Max Mish! They both are sad pathetic little men!



Kevin Hoyt

Dear Mrs. Fields. That is a LOT of questions that might take more than can be written in a comment. Come on the show and lets talk about ALL those issues. I will address that I do not know any neonazies and if you cant give me a name I really have no idea what or who you are speaking of. I do not support racism or HATE from anyone including that of Kiah Morris or the liberal supremacy hate group. I do not condone violence by any party as I do believe in equal Rights and freedoms for all. In the Constitution. I also believe in conservation, the environment and accountability for those who destroy it. I have no

believe in secure borders and screening ILLEGAL immagrants and migrants too. My biggest concern is the opioid epidemic and I have the solution. I also will be demanding education reform and I have great ideas for economic growth & development from Vt's natuaraal resources. I like term limits and the same rules, laws, retirement plans and insurance for congress as the rest of us get. I like common sense. I agree Gov. Scott did turn tail on a lot of Vermonters. I will not be voting for him. I also have to really question the sincerity of Rep Morris and her tales of racism. The Bennington Police who investigated the alledged crimes couldnt find ANYTHING to confirm

me. What that has to do with race. Im still wondering. PM me if you want to tell me your concerns or change my mind. Please look at my policies and tell me where you think the flaws are or what YOU would do and why. I have made this same offer to Rep Morris myself also. I would like her to explain why she is passing laws we know wont work and what else she has coming. I would like her to show me how she made the decisions she did and listen to my ideas for a better way. I believe that is HER JOB but she hasn't responded either. Maybe YOU should ask her why?

7m Like Reply



Rae Fields

Kevin Hoyt there is a reason I am not running. I do not have time with my regular full time job to politick right now and also, I am trying to prioritize my health. I want to hear your stance/ views and do not need to appear on any show with you- nor does Kiah. Just tell us.

12m Like Reply



Rae Fields

If you want to be on some show, tell us when it airs.

12m Like Reply

Rae Fields

Why are you trying to debate someone who is not in your district? Kiah was not a sponsor of the gun bills yet you continue to single her out. Why don't you speak directly to the constituents in 2-1 and/or 2-2 or ALL of these questions: Kiah is 2-2. Is that all you care about is getting your gun message out? Or do you genuinely want to reach the constituents of YOUR district in 2-1? We have more concerns than gun control. We are not one issue voters. And for the love of god, leave Kiah alone!



18 Comments

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Patty Roberts Waters

How does Mindy Jo fit into this James J R Lawton ?

7 hr Like Reply More



James J R Lawton

Mindy Jo is Kevin's girlfriends sister

7 hr Like Reply More



Patty Roberts Waters

James J R Lawton Mindy Jo Eunice verbally attacked my son on a past post regarding guns...what is that syaing about " your cornbread aint baked in the middle" just saying

7 hr Like Reply More



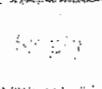
James J R Lawton

Patty Roberts Waters wow all birds of a feather!!! Including their Nazi friend Max Misch

7 hr Like Reply More



Write a reply...



Wtf? You only voiced about the new laws and her supporting it.. did they take it the wrong way..and what sister

get through. I'm so sorry.

3d Like Reply



Nancy Koziol

What a dick.  1

3d Like Reply



James J R Lawton

Kevin and Max are two of a kind ! They just have different delivery, however Kevin is sounding more like him everyday.

3d Like Reply



Write a reply...



Ren Weiner

He's target baiting. Its an incel tactic. Its basic trollism. Best whey to respod is with a massive spam out action. Its a solidary reapons based off mass monlization/ black bloc philosophy.

3d Like Reply



James J R Lawton

a former customer, with their 3.00 gun bill hate! Willing to share, false information even, to stoke the fire with Kevin Hoyt and Nazi Max Misch's crew! This makes, the black girl from Chicago, the statewide target to hate for the 2A crew! Morally and ethically it is the mark of reprehensible disgusting people BUT it is not illegal...it's that ridiculous??

2d Like Reply



**Serenity Masters**

Is there a paper trail showing the exchange in info not from the kkk fake back street boys but the shops owners... like I want to get into the legality of this... however I I wouldn't be surprised with Vermont being the type of state it is... they would allow for stupid shit. There's no even a self defense law out here, right, last I checked...

2d Like Reply



**James J R Lawton**

**Serenity Masters** totally legal I had a lawyer look it up...besides they do it in

because she mentioned systemic racism and he thought it was all about him 🤔

3d Like Reply



Tom Stevens

Even if this guy wasn't a racist, gun-freak asshole, I could never get behind any candidate unable to compose a coherent sentence using spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

3d Like Reply



Grace Winslow

I second that! 🙌 1

3d Like Reply



Ray Crosier

After reading the first post, I thought the same thing...

2d Like Reply



Write a reply...



Grace Winslow

Ugh. Just cannot reason with this guy.

3d Like Reply



James J R Lawton

Pat he needs to campaign in his own district against his opponent who just smoked him at the poles !

3d Like Reply



Write a reply...



Colleen Arcodia

Sad and pathetic little men is exactly right! He says there is no racism in Vermont yet he targets Kiah, the only black female, who is not even running against him because he knows that his supporters will instinctually hate her. He has the answer for the opioid epidemic and gun violence 🤔. Do tell almighty one! I am so sick of these dirt bags! And then he has the nerve to call Kiah a racist. Poor privileged little white boys don't like to be called out on there disgusting behavior. I am so sick of hearing that there is no racism in Vermont from these bigots. They are so terrified of losing

🤔 instinctually

to shut MaxMish down. Why aren't they protesting, bombarding the police department or whatever powers that be to have him stopped. Is all they can do is call him names? Is that enough for you? Don't be comforted by their benign methods of attack. It's useless.

2d Like Reply



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**Monika Botschin Kinney**

It's hard, but I try to remember they just don't want to throw him in jail they want to throw away the key. The charges have got to stick and be punishable by our laws.

2d Like Reply



**Monika Botschin Kinney**

Myself and many others are willing to be there when James cannot, no one in this community is taking this lightly.....

2d Like Reply



**Monika Botschin Kinney**

By the way we don't own AR,s so stop lying to people!

18h Like Reply



Colleen Harrington

James J R Lawton are you Kiah Morris's husband? So it's a hunting rifle when you purchase it but an assault rifle when Kiah Morris is voting to ban it, am I clear on this? And, by the way **Kevin Hoyt** is NOT lying I was with him when this was CONFIRMED! The purchase was an AR, so you stop lying to people! Are you AFRAID to admit you have an AR, right because your wife wants to take them away but not... See More

1h Like Reply



James J R Lawton

☹️☹️☹️ we do not own an AR their is one of the many lies !! And if he was told that, then Mike is lying to him so he can use him ☺️☺️ and by the way he is playing him very well ... ☺️

57m Like Reply

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James J R Lawton

And the big one was your lie about his living with you so he could run in district 2-1 instead of 2-2 because he knows she would have mopped the floor with him

☹️☹️☹️

49m Like Reply

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James J R Lawton

Scott Smith ☹️☹️

41m Like Reply



James J R Lawton

Not a friend

By the way Colleen how is Kevin's neo-Nazi friend Max doing these days?? Is he helping with the campaign??

39m Like Reply

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**Colleen Harrington**

Jim Carroll, this event is definitely ON. Dave can disavow whatever he likes but we will flood the sidewalks, we will still be doing everything that we were going to do anyways. You Jim Carroll, Mike Bethel, and Joey Kulkin and Aaron Sawyer have not managed to stop ANYTHING. Your concerted effort to call every business up and down main street hasn't succeeded. You four pressured Dave into believin... See More

38m Like Reply



**Colleen Harrington**

James J R Lawton must be lies then, right? Another lying gun guy.

34m Like Reply



**James J R Lawton**

**Colleen Harrington** 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔

🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔 i am a born and raised Vermonter I have been hunting since I was 12 and if you think all gun owning Vermonters think like you you are living in your comfy echo chamber. I truly find it interesting that Kevin spends so much of his time bashing the "libtard" voters that he is going to have to ask for their votes in order to win. Great campaign str.. See More

28m Like Reply

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**James J R Lawton**

Colleen Harrington, the sworn statement you lied on says he has lived with you "just long enough to qualify" which other public records show that to be lie!

16m Like Reply



James J R Lawton

I'm glad you are so confident living in your echo chamber 😏😏😏 and duh yes I do know you have to live where you run 😏 that is why you had to lie for him!

13m Like Reply



Colleen Harrington

James J R Lawton you mean his hunting license that I was with him when he bought and used his mailing address that an elderly woman let him use when his mother died? You people are more than unscrupulous, you are sick!

13m Like Reply



James J R Lawton

You people 😏😏😏 welcome to politics sunshine it ain't pretty and it ain't easy you actually do have to answer to the people!! So you and Kevin put on your big boy panties on and stop threatening anyone who disagrees with you!

10m Like Reply



James J R Lawton

I'm sorry have I triggered you some how ?? 😏

8m Like Reply



James J R Lawton

Your BOY brought out the ugly in me when he

Your BOY brought out the ugly in me when he brought my wife name into this! Not a very bright move! You have no clue "yet" how viscosly I defend my wife!

6m Like Reply

James J R Lawton

It is becoming very clear that neither one of you have thick enough skin to be in this game! 🤔🤔

4m Like Reply

Colleen Harrington

James J R Lawton call me a liar again you piece of shit my father is Moe Harrington. I do not lie, I was raised not to and my father I remember dealt with all this same bullshit, death threats and everything else by you liberal assholes, so I guess Paul Sleeman is a liar too, right? He wrote a statement stating that Kevin Hoyt did not live on Valentine street nor had he been there in close to two years, so call me a liar AGAIN in public on something that I can prove because you and Joey Kulkin don't know where he lived it makes everyone else a liar? I didn't know you were watching us that close are you peeking in our windows? And if you want more proof stop over we have all his mounts hanging up, a man doesn't live anywhere without his mounts.

3m Like Reply

James J R Lawton

Colleen Harrington 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔

1m Like Reply

Colleen Harrington

James J R Lawton I'm sorry, my skin does prickle

Oh and PS: a warning ! you can tell Kevin to leave my wife's name out of his lie filled campaign. He's not running against her. I have been quite on him until now but you mess with my wife you are poking this bear and This bear will bite trust me!

2h Like Reply

01

**Colleen Harrington**

James J R Lawton are you threatening us for telling the truth? We are not going after your wife, we don't care about your wife. It just seems funny that someone so against ARs and ready to throw in more gun laws would go purchase one of the weapons on the list, just saying.

1h Like Reply

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**James J R Lawton**

Colleen Harrington 😊😊😊😊😊😊 oh poor little misunderstood babies always taking people to court who question them. Because to a liar who believes his own lies everyone else is the liar. Stop yourself Colleen you are in way over your head with me! 😊

1h Love Reply

01

**James J R Lawton**

Colleen Harrington yeah tell that lie enough times and people start to believe it 😊😊 is that your campaign strategy?

1h Love Reply

01

**Colleen Harrington**

James J R Lawton have a nice day. I have rally planning to do.

3m Like Reply

01



Comments



maxmisch83 @kmrhapsody Lol @ believing blacks are still oppressed in 2018. How about you start to "dismantle racism" by telling your racial brethren to stop attacking random old white people, unprovoked, such as this 8 on 1 brutal assault which occurred recently <https://abc7news.com/berkeley-police-need-your-help-finding-suspects-accused-of-beating-72-year-old-man/3783641/>



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maxmisch83 If you feel different and like you



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**Sarah Toscano** Yet another reason you belong in a cell instead of in the legislature.

You used this boy to justify an unconstitutional law you were paid off to pass- in any other state you and your cronies would be on trial right now... delete this Maxine I dare you.

 Like · Reply · 8w

 5

**Donna Boutin** Talk about being a crazy liberal. Why not doing something right. How many kids in Vermont has been shot at school this year? ZERO. Did Soros or Cuomo or maybe de Blasio send you liberals some money to take away our gun rights and be like NYC?

 Like · Reply · 5w

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## Comments

criminal justice system is broken. In my speech, I talked about the fact that I don't vote for my personal interests, I vote for what is best for all Vermonters. And that those laws I vote for may well protect even you from having to experience greater criminality. That those laws I work to put in place may help those who have caused harm rectify their wrongs through restorative justice instead of the prison system. Because that is what we are elected to do and those are the values I represent. You are welcome espouse white nationalist, neo-nazi views and opinions in public forums - that right is guaranteed by the constitution. And I have the right to take whatever steps are necessary to protect me and my family from the impacts of your use of hate speech.

3d Reply



maxmisch83 @kmrhapsody Bullshit. Instead of just having thicker skin and shrugging off the tweet, you tried to have me arrested and put in prison for having the audacity to mock you online. What "impacts" of my "hate speech" would you need protection from? You're full of shit and I will do my best to inform everyone of your agenda to imprison anyone who makes fun of you or disagrees with you, like the left in general. I already know at least one well-respected member of the community who is making plans to stop you winning by default because you run unopposed each time.

4h Reply



Add a comment...



### Comments



**kmrhapsody** @maxmisch83 you first.



5d Reply



**maxmisch83** @kmrhapsody It's incredible that you'll complain about VT being too white after moving here precisely because it's one of the whitest in the country and therefore has one of the lowest crime rates per capita in the country, basically the opposite of the multicultural hellscape of Chicago, where you're from, which has one of the highest amounts of homicides in the nation.



5d Reply



**kmrhapsody** @maxmisch83 Why are you obsessed with me?



5d Reply



**maxmisch83** @kmrhapsody I'm obsessed with keeping my town, state, and country safe while you're obsessed with doing the opposite. I'm trying to defend Western civilization while you're trying to destroy it. You're the epitome of why the GOP will be victorious in the midterms this Nov and then in 2020. You and your leftist comrades like Schumer, Blumenthal, Pelosi, etc. should continue doing what you're doing! 🇺🇸



5d Reply



**kmrhapsody** @maxmisch83 So again



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## Comments

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1h Reply

 maxmisch83 If you feel different and like you

 Add a comment...

Following

You



maxmisch83 commented: The only reason she's an elected "representative" over here is because she's been running unopposed. 10h



maxmisch83 commented: I agree. Families belong together in detention facilities because they're committing crimes. Nobody wants to separate families. We want them all to go back to their shitholes together. 10h



maxmisch83 commented: Stop using children for your subversive political agenda, making them hold signs when they don't truly understand the issues. You want families to stay together? Tell them to stay in their own country and stop with their fake "asylum" and "refugee" nonsense. Instead of trying to illegally come here, they should improve their own countries if they're shitholes. 11h



maxmisch83 commented: Stop pushing "social justice" on your nearly entirely White constituency in Bennington, VT. Go back to Chicago if you want to engage in SJW bullshit. We will continue to fight against your efforts to make our town/state look more like your ugly mongrel son. 11h



brooklynrepro liked your post. 11h



10/16/18  
12:17

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

20196  
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Incident  
Incident Number 16BN06981 Nature Suspicious  
Case Number Image  
Address [REDACTED]  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact

Complainant  
Numbr 101122  
Last Lawton Fst James Mid R  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN - - Adr [REDACTED]  
Race W SX M Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute PSC 0500  
Reported PSC Observed 0500  
Circumstances LT20  
Rspndg Officers Knight, C Knox, Amanda  
Rspnsbl Officer Knight, C Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6108422  
Received By Harrington, Tho Last RadLog 07:20:22 10/10/16 CMPLT  
How Received T Telephone Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 04:32:58 10/10/16 Disposition ACT Disp Date 10/10/16  
Occurrd between 04:30:55 10/10/16 Judicial Sts  
and 04:30:55 10/10/16 Supervisor D Faden  
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Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
Supplement (See below)

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INVOLVEMENTS:

| Type | Record # | Date     | Description               | Relationship     |
|------|----------|----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| NM   | 101122   | 10/10/16 | Lawton, James R           | *Complainant     |
| NM   | 101122   | 10/10/16 | Lawton, James R           | Victim           |
| NM   | 1623776  | 10/10/16 | Morris, Ruqaiyah K        | Victim           |
| NM   | 1983591  | 10/10/16 | [REDACTED]                | POI              |
| CA   | 6108422  | 10/10/16 | 04:32 10/10/16 Suspicious | *Initiating Call |
| PR   | 845158   | 10/20/16 | Tie Assorted Brands \$500 | Stolen           |

Narrative:

Bennington Police Department Narrative

Case #: 16BN06981

Date & Time reported: Monday 10-10-2016 04:30 hrs.

Nature of call: Burglary

Location of Call: [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]

Narrative: On the above date & time I was dispatched to [REDACTED] for a report of a vehicle picking up a male in the cemetery.

When Officer Knox and I arrived on scene we search the cemetery. When police entered the cemetery we saw a number of ties (Male Neck Ties) laying in the pathway. After searching the area police did not find anything other than the ties.

While police were clearing from [REDACTED] Officer Knox was flagged down by the complainant, James Lawton (DOB [REDACTED]). Lawton told Officer Knox that he was one who called and that he saw a tall skinny male on his property. Lawton went on to describe how he told the male to leave and he had a "funny" feeling. Lawton also mentioned seeing a second male moving around in the cemetery while he was speaking to the male on his property. Officer Knox told Lawton how we had found ties in the cemetery but no one else.

A little while later Officer Knox was flagged down again by Lawton who was excited (yelling) and stated that someone was in his house and that the ties were his.

Officer Knox advised me to come back to [REDACTED] Once I arrived at [REDACTED] I met with Lawton who told me what had happened. Lawton said that he saw a tall skinny male (was not able to give further details because it was dark) walking on the other side of [REDACTED] Lawton said that he went to his door and when the male saw his shadow he walked across the street and onto Lawton's property. Lawton said the male just stared at him even after Lawton asked him to leave. Lawton said the male eventually asked if "Corey" was home. Lawton told the male that Corey did not live at the residence and needed to move alone. I asked Lawton if there was a Corey that lived near him and Lawton told me there wasn't anyone by that name in the area.

Lawton said that while he was talking to the tall skinny male he saw another male running around and hiding in the cemetery. Lawton said that once he spoke with Officer Knox about finding ties in the cemetery he checked his basement and found that all his ties had been taken.

I asked Lawton how someone would gain access to his house. Lawton said that the front (Main Entrance) door was locked but the door to the basement was left unlocked. It's noted that from the basement door the ties were located approximately 20 feet down the hall way. Its also noted that the basement had a light left on in the area where the ties were. Lawton told me that there were approximately 100 ties on the tie rack that were no longer there. Lawton said that there was an assortment of brands but every tie was 100% silk. Lawton estimated the cost of all the ties lost to be over 500 dollars. (approximately 5 dollars per tie)

After Lawton told me what happened he showed me to the basement door. On the way

to the door we found one of the Lawton's ties laying on the ground. Entering the door to the basement I did not see any signs of forced entry. Lawton walked around the basement with police and told us that he did not see anything else missing other than the ties. I also had Lawton check both of his vehicles to see if anything had been taken. I saw a brown and gold colored earring sitting on the front seat of the Honda (██████). Lawton told me that he did not see anything else that had been taken.

While Lawton was writing a sworn written statement I check the cemetery again to see if I could find any ties. I picked up the three ties that I had seen earlier but I also found a matching necklace to the earrings that I had seen in the Honda. I did not find anything in the area where Lawton said he saw the unidentified male running around.

When I returned to the residence I was requested to search the basement again by ████████ (DOB ████████) and Rugaiyah Morris (DOB ████████). ████████ told me that she sleeps in the basement and her room was approximately five feet from where the ties had been taken. I searched the basement again with ████████ and Morris. I did not find anyone in the basement. Both ████████ and Morris told me that they did not see anything else disturbed other than the ties that were missing.

I asked both ████████ and Morris if they had heard anything. Both women told me that they didn't here a thing. I also asked if they could give me any names or descriptions of people that could have possibly done this and they both told me they did not have anyone in mind. It should be noted that there is a German Shepherd that lives in the residence that barked when I entered the door.

Once Lawton was done writing his sworn written statement I asked him to contact me if he hears of anything being sold in the area that he believes was his. I also suggested to Morris that a door lock would be a good idea for the basement door to prevent further problems and locking the vehicle doors as well.

This ends my involvement.

Case status: closed

Submitted by: Clay Knight

10/16/18  
12:32

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident  
Incident Number 16BN07022 Nature Suspicious  
Case Number Image  
Address ✓ [REDACTED]  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact

Complainant  
Numbr 1623776  
Last Morris Fst Ruqaiyah Mid K  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN - - Adr ✓ [REDACTED]  
Race B Sx F Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute PSC  
Circumstances LT20  
Rspndg Officers Burnham, Jason Diotte, Keith  
Rspnsbl Officer Diotte, Keith Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6109398  
Received By Gabrus, Christi Last RadLog 19:00:44 10/11/16 CMPLT  
How Received T Telephone Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 18:53:50 10/11/16 Disposition COM Disp Date 10/17/16  
Occurrd between 18:53:27 10/11/16 Judicial Sts  
and 18:53:27 10/11/16 Supervisor J.Burnham  
MO

Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
Supplement

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INVOLVEMENTS:

| Type | Record # | Date     | Description               | Relationship     |
|------|----------|----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| NM   | 1623776  | 10/11/16 | Morris, Ruqaiyah K        | *Complainant     |
| CA   | 6109398  | 10/11/16 | 18:53 10/11/16 Suspicious | *Initiating Call |

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

| Seq Code | Offense and Statute Codes      | Amount |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1 PSC    | Suspicious Person/Circumstance | 0.00   |

Narrative:

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NARRATIVE

16BN07022

Suspicious

October 11, 2016 @ 1853 hours  
[REDACTED]

Narrative: On Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at approximately 1853 hours, I responded to the cemetery located on [REDACTED] for a report of a suspicious vehicle parked with it's light off in the cemetery.

Upon arrival, I drove through the entire cemetery and did not observe a vehicle. I contacted the complainant, Ruqaiyah Morris DOB [REDACTED] via telephone, and told her I did not see a vehicle in the cemetery.

This ends my involvement.

Submitted by: K. Diotte 10-17-2016

10/16/18  
12:16

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

20196  
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Incident  
Incident Number 16BN07179 Nature Suspicious  
Case Number [REDACTED] Image  
Address [REDACTED]  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact

Complainant  
Numb 101122  
Last Lawton Fst James Mid R  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN - - Adr [REDACTED]  
Race W Sx M Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington St VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute PSC  
Circumstances LT20  
Rspndg Officers Burnham, Jason  
Rspnsbl Officer Burnham, Jason Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6113409  
Received By Gabrus, Christi Last RadLog 19:24:59 10/18/16 CMLPT  
How Received T Telephone Clearance RBL Reviewed by Lt/Capt/C  
When Reported 19:11:52 10/18/16 Disposition COM Disp Date 11/09/16  
Occurrd between 19:11:41 10/18/16 Judicial Sts  
and 19:11:41 10/18/16 Supervisor D. Dutcher  
MO

Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
Supplement

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| INVOLVEMENTS: |          |          |                           |                  |
|---------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Type          | Record # | Date     | Description               | Relationship     |
| NM            | 14039    | 10/18/16 | Gauthier, Richard B       | POI              |
| NM            | 101122   | 10/18/16 | Lawton, James R           | *Complainant     |
| NM            | 814741   | 10/18/16 | [REDACTED]                | POI              |
| NM            | 1847943  | 10/18/16 | [REDACTED]                | POI              |
| CA            | 6113409  | 10/18/16 | 19:11 10/18/16 Suspicious | *Initiating Call |

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

| Seq Code | Offense and Statute Codes      | Amount |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------|
|          | Statute Code                   |        |
| 1 PSC    | Suspicious Person/Circumstance | 0.00   |

Narrative:

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NARRATIVE

16BN07179

Date & Time of Call: 10/18/2016 19:11 hours.

Location of Call: [REDACTED], Bennington, VT.

Nature of Call: Suspicious.

Narrative:

On the above date and time I was dispatched to [REDACTED] in Bennington, VT. for a report of a suspicious vehicle that had dropped people off in the area, then left.

On arrival I was met by complainant James Lawton, who advised that Rick Gauthier had walked down the trail further south down the road.

I met Gauthier on the trail and he advised what had happened. We walked down the trail for a short distance and I observed two people sitting around several back packs and camping gear. The male came forward to greet us.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that they had been dropped off and were waiting for other to start camping. This area is known to me to be a frequent camping area. The two were advised of the suspicious activity going on in the area and why we were checking on them.

Submitted: Sgt. Burnham

11/20/18  
15:52

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident  
Incident Number 16BN06981 Nature Suspicious  
Case Number [REDACTED] Image  
Address [REDACTED]  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact

Complainant  
Numbr 101122  
Last Lawton Fst James Mid R  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] Adrv [REDACTED]  
Race W Sx M Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute PSC 0500  
Reported PSC Observed 0500  
Circumstances LT20  
Rspndg Officers Knight, C Knox, Amanda  
Rspnsbl Officer Knight, C Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6108422  
Received By Harrington, Tho Last RadLog 07:20:22 10/10/16 CMPLT  
How Received T Telephone Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 04:32:58 10/10/16 Disposition ACT Disp Date 10/10/16  
Occurrd between 04:30:55 10/10/16 Judicial Sts  
and 04:30:55 10/10/16 Supervisor D Faden  
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Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
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INVOLVEMENTS:

| Type | Record # | Date     | Description               | Relationship     |
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| NM   | 1983591  | 10/10/16 | [REDACTED]                | POI              |
| CA   | 6108422  | 10/10/16 | 04:32 10/10/16 Suspicious | *Initiating Call |
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Law Supplemental Narrative:

| Seq Name    | Date              | Supplemental Narratives<br>Narrative |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Knight, C | 00:35:19 11/08/16 |                                      |

Bennington Police Department Supplemental Narrative  
Case #: 16BN06981  
Date & Time reported: Monday 10-10-16 04:30 hrs.  
Nature of call: Burglary  
Location of Call: [REDACTED]

Narrative: On Thursday November 3, 2016, I conducted a follow up interview with Morris and Lawton. I met with them at their residence on [REDACTED] at approximately 07:00 hrs.

I asked both Morris and Lawton if they had any further thoughts or ideas of who may have entered their home and stolen the ties. I also asked if they remembered or recalled any other events from the 10-10-16.

Morris told me that she did not really have any other memories of 10-10-16. Morris did however tell me she remembered speaking with a male that was opening up a clothing store a few weeks prior to 10-10-16. Morris told me she was speaking to the owner of the "Caddy Daddy" clothing store on Main St. Morris told me the male was asking how to get cheap or free clothing for his store. Morris mentioned having ties in her basement to this male. I asked Morris if she felt that the male was prying for information. Morris told me she did not feel that he was. Morris continued to tell me that she does not feel this male would have stolen the ties but he may have had friends that would.

I asked Morris if she had any additional problems since the night of 10-10-16. Morris told me that she had already reported two other incidents with the Bennington Police. Morris said that she had her political sign "paint balled" with white paint on night and also found that a Tom Tom GPS was taken out of her vehicle. A sworn written statement was gathered from Morris about her GPS.

While speaking with Lawton, Lawton told me that he had some ideas about what may have happened the night of 10-10-16. Lawton told me that he believes there may have been three males and not two. Lawton told me that he believes the two males that were in the cemetery and on his porch was a distraction while a third was in the basement taking the ties.

I asked Lawton if he remembered anything else about the vehicle that he saw drive away from the cemetery across the street. Lawton told me that he really did not remember much but believed the vehicle may have been a Volks Wagon Jetta. Lawton told me that the vehicle drove by while I was at his residence taking his statement. It should be noted that I remember the vehicle Lawton was talking about. It is also noted that the vehicle I saw belonged to a news paper deliver person that I know through prior professional contact.

I asked Lawton if he knew of anyone else that may have broken in but he was not able to give me any other names. I gave Lawton my business card with the case number again and explained to him if he needed anything from me or had further information to reach out to me. I also told both Morris and Lawton that I have conducted multiple patrol in the area since the burglary. Morris also advised me since the incident she has bought a game camera and a lock for the basement door.

Before leaving the residence Lawton did tell me that he believes the burglary

was a political statement and not a random burglary.

This ends my involvement.

Case status: Active

Submitted by: Clay Knight

10/26/18  
14:52

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident  
Incident Number 16BN07657 Nature Citizen Assist  
Case Number Image  
Address✓ 118 SOUTH ST  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact Kiah Morris

Complainant  
Numbr 1623776  
Last Morris Fst Rughaiyah Mid K  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] Adr✓ [REDACTED]  
Race B Sx F Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute CITA  
Circumstances LT11  
Rspndg Officers Lauzon, Chris  
Rspnsbl Officer Lauzon, Chris Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6125025  
Received By Mattison, Bever Last RadLog 14:38:06 11/08/16 CMLPT  
How Received P In Person Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 14:20:00 11/08/16 Disposition COM Disp Date 04/02/17  
Occurrd between 14:19:37 11/08/16 Judicial Sts  
and 14:19:37 11/08/16 Supervisor C. Grande  
MO

Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
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INVOLVEMENTS:

| Type | Record # | Date     | Description                   | Relationship     |
|------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| NM   | 1339258  | 11/30/16 | [REDACTED]                    | Witness          |
| NM   | 454407   | 11/08/16 | [REDACTED]                    | Witness          |
| NM   | 753534   | 11/08/16 | [REDACTED]                    | Witness          |
| NM   | 1623776  | 11/08/16 | Morris, Rughaiyah K           | *Complainant     |
| NM   | 1841252  | 11/08/16 | Misch, Max B                  | POI              |
| CA   | 6125025  | 11/08/16 | 14:20 11/08/16 Citizen Assist | *Initiating Call |

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

| Seq Code              | Offense and Statute Codes | Amount |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 1 CITA Citizen Assist | Statute Code              | 0.00   |

LAW Incident Circumstances:

| Seq Code | Contributing Circumstances | Comments |
|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| 1 LT11   | Government/Public Bldg     |          |

LAW Incident Responders Detail

| Seq Name        | Unit |
|-----------------|------|
| 1 Lauzon, Chris | M347 |

Main Radio Log Table:

| Time/Date         | Typ | Unit | Code  | Zone | Agnc | Description                    |
|-------------------|-----|------|-------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| 14:38:06 11/08/16 | 1   | M347 | CMPLT | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=16BN07657 Completed cal |
| 14:23:04 11/08/16 | 1   | M347 | ARRVD | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=16BN07657 Arrived on sc |

Narrative:

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NARRATIVE.  
16BN07657  
11-08-16

On Tuesday 11-08-16, Kiah Morris came to the station to report an incident that occurred at the Bennington Fire Department during election voting.

Morris said she was standing outside the rear entrance and observed a person she recognized from social media as Max Misch, standing about 20-30' from her; staring at her. Morris said he stared at her for about 2 minutes and then went inside the polls for about 15-20 minutes. Morris stated Misch came outside, stared at her for less than 1 minute and left.

Morris said [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] witnessed the incident. Morris provided me with limited background on Misch and his social media postings. Morris said Misch posted a photograph of Africa and commented, "This would be a good place for you."

I advised Morris I was not thoroughly familiar with her prior report, however would contact the State's Attorney's Office to determine if this and other incidents would assist Morris in petitioning the court for a Stalking Order.

On November 29, 2016, Kiah Morris provided a sworn written statement. Morris said on November 8, 2016, at approximately 1:36pm, Max Misch came to the polling site on River Street [Bennington Fire Station]. Morris said she was standing alone on the corner of the green. Morris stated Misch came to the sidewalk corner and stared at her for about 1-2 minutes. Morris said he was approximately 20 yards from her at that time.

Morris stated Misch then walked to the entrance and stared at residents entering the facility. Morris said his behavior was highly intimidating and frightening to her and it was clear that he focused his attention on her. Morris said after he entered the building; she went and stood with the other candidates and visitors. Morris said after Misch exited the building he continued to stare directly at her and those who surrounded her. Morris said they were all shaken by his erratic behavior. Morris stated she was unable to remain at the polls and went to the Police Station to speak with an Officer.

Morris said she had received threatening social media attacks, cyber stalking as well as comments made to local media [from Misch]. Morris stated Misch is a self-identified neo-Nazi with a past history of violence against women, as well as a particular hatred toward interracial families.

Morris said in addition, she has had a burglary and vandalism to her property along with threatening mail and calls to the Democratic headquarters.

On November 29, 2016, [REDACTED] provided a sworn written statement and said on November 8, 2016, between 1-2pm; she was at the Bennington Fire Station to vote. [REDACTED] said she saw Kiah Morris standing outside and went to greet her. [REDACTED] stated Morris told her she was feeling rattled and told her she just had an encounter with a man who had posted hateful comments on her Facebook page. [REDACTED] said Morris told her the man was inside, voting. [REDACTED] said she offered to stay with Morris until the man left.

██████████ said about 5 minutes later Morris saw the man exit the building and stopped and stared at her for about 10 seconds; took a few steps, turned around and stared at her again for about the same time. ██████████ stated the man then walked away. ██████████ said she remained with Morris for an additional 3-8 minutes, until it was apparent the man would not return.

On November 30, 2016, ██████████ provided a sworn written statement. ██████████ said on November 8, 2016, at approximately 11:30am, she was at the polling station at the Bennington Firehouse. ██████████ said she was holding a campaign sign with others by the rear entrance.

██████████ said Kiah Morris moved from a shady spot to a sunny spot and a short time later came over to her and said, "He's here." ██████████ said she asked Morris who "He" was and she said it was Max Misch. ██████████ said she could see that Morris was very upset and tense. ██████████ stated Morris pointed Misch out to her and saw him walking away.

██████████ said she saw Misch turn around and look in their direction about 3 times as he was walking away. ██████████ said at that point a group of people gathered around Morris until he left.

Submitted: Cpl.C.Jauzon  
11-30-16

\*\*\*REPORT IN FILE\*\*\*



In reply to Green Mountain Goys

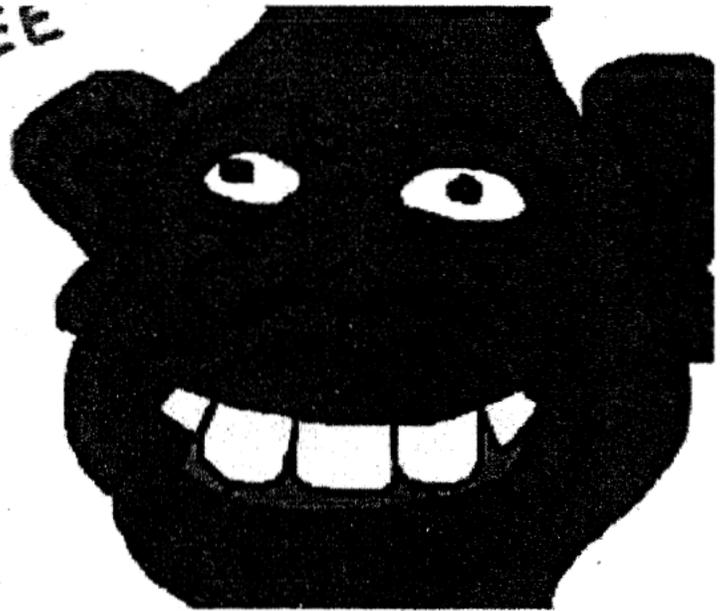


**Max Misch** @MaxBMisch

6d

@GreenMtnGoys @RightsVT  
@KiahMorrisVT "Sheeeit, I be  
representin dem white muhfugguhz  
of Bennington, gnome sayin?"

EEEEEEEE  
IIIIIT



In reply to Green Mountain Goys



**Max Misch** @MaxBMisch

6d

@GreenMtnGoys @RightsVT  
@KiahMorrisVT I hope not, but I  
wouldn't be surprised after she

Haslam 이은미 liked a Tweet you were mentioned in



@SueMinterVT supports #BlackLivesMatter + @uvmvermont students, calls out #VT racism and racial attacks on @KiahMorrisVT #vtdecides @wcax

← In reply to Eva McKend

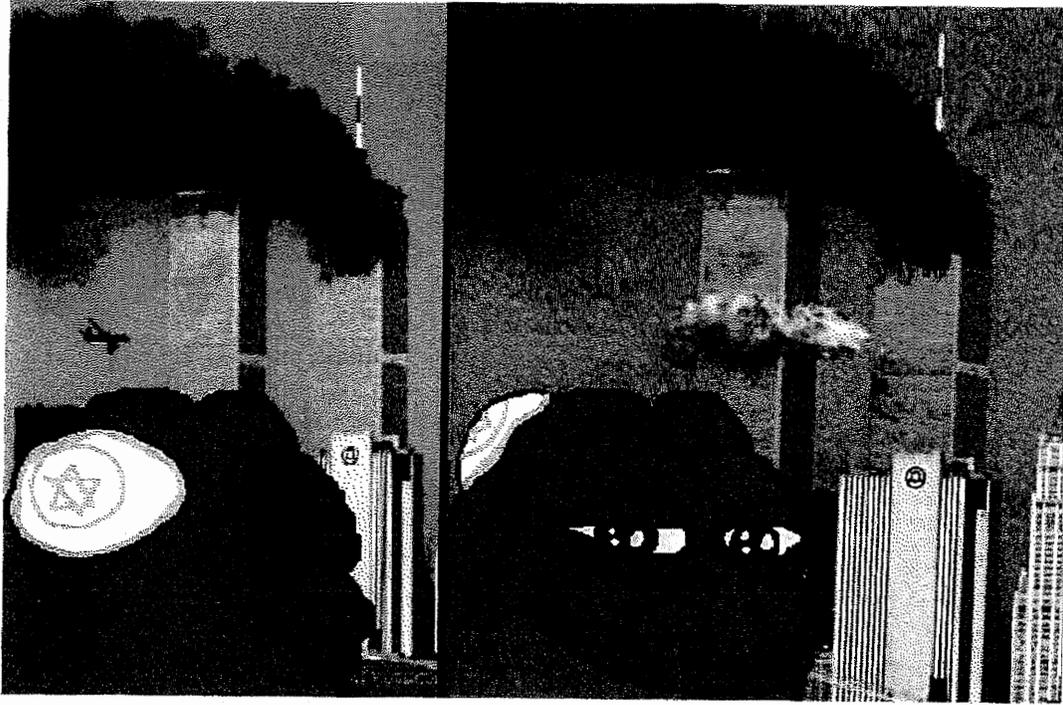


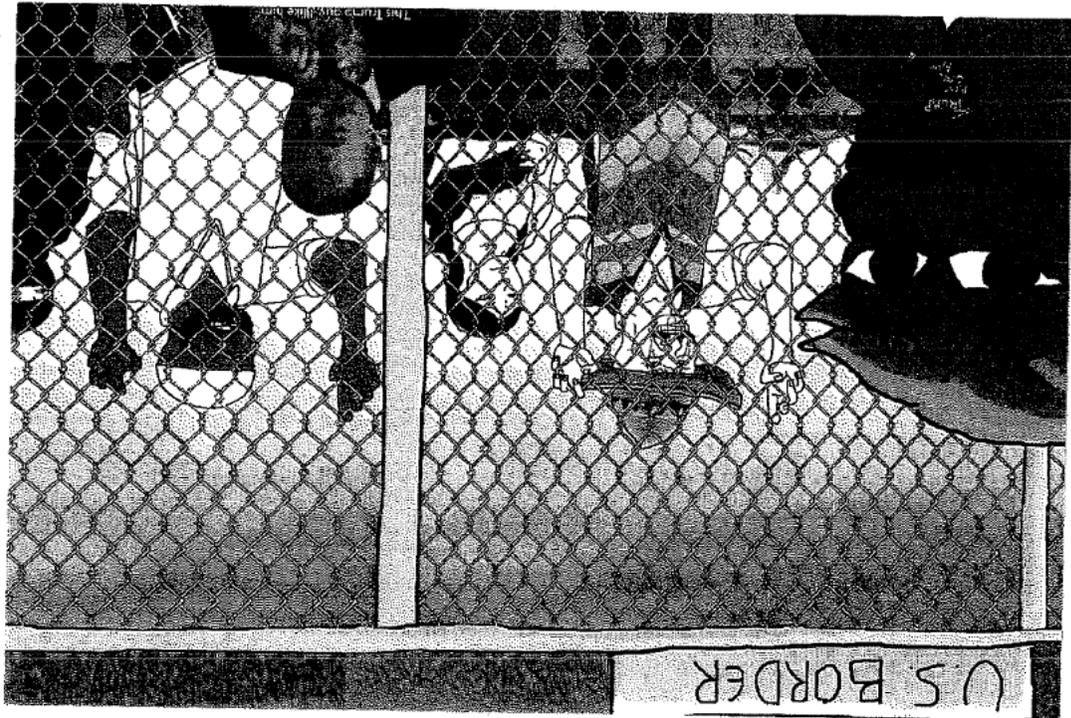
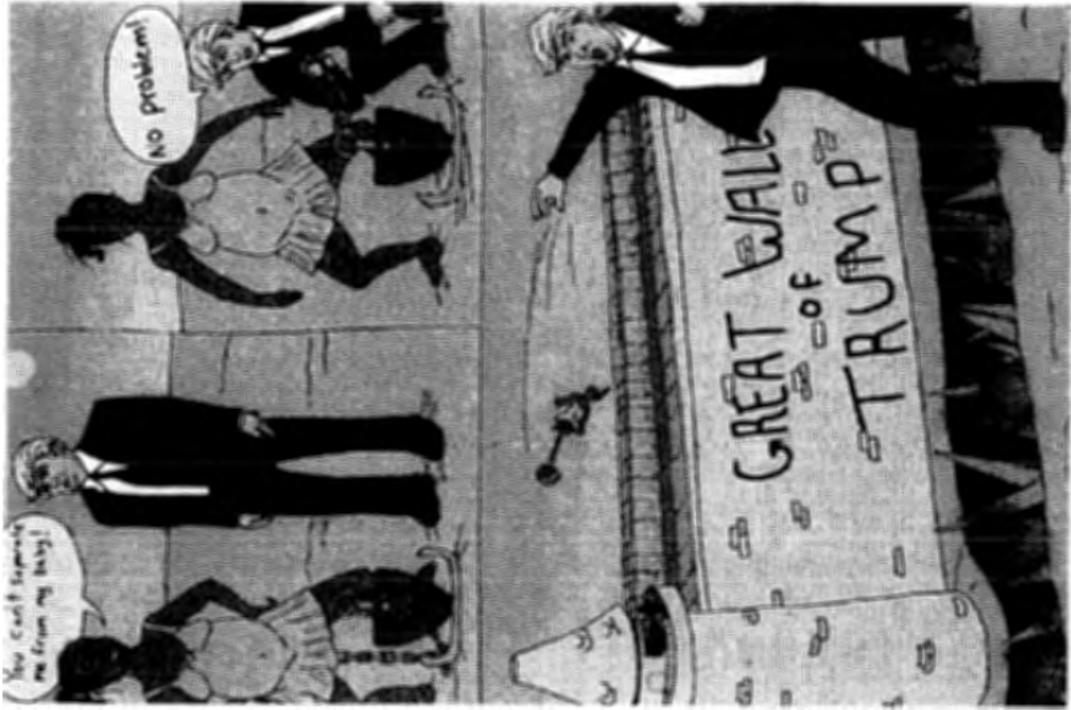
**Die Judenfrage** 🍌 🏴‍☠️ @MaxBMisch 8h  
@evamckend @wcax  
@SueMinterVT @uvmvermont  
@KiahMorrisVT Eva, if you're so proud to be black, why get a weave to look like a white woman? 🤔



**valerie stuart and Bob Stannard** followed you







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10/16/18  
12:31

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident  
Incident Number 16BN07871 Nature Service of APO  
Case Number Image  
Address ✓ [REDACTED]  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact

Complainant  
Numbr 1841252  
Last Misch Fst Max Mid B  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] Adr ✓ [REDACTED]  
Race W Sx M Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute ASST  
Circumstances LT20  
Rspndg Officers Burnham, Jason  
Rspnsbl Officer Burnham, Jason Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6130174  
Received By Gabrus, Christi Last RadLog 17:37:01 11/17/16 CMPLT  
How Received T Telephone Clearance RBL Reviewed by Lt/Capt/C  
When Reported 17:07:23 11/17/16 Disposition COM Disp Date 12/15/16  
Occurrd between 17:06:41 11/17/16 Judicial Sts  
and 17:06:41 11/17/16 Supervisor D. Dutcher  
MO

Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
Supplement

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INVOLVEMENTS:

| Type | Record # | Date     | Description                   | Relationship     |
|------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| NM   | 1623776  | 11/17/16 | Morris, Ruqaiyah K            | POI              |
| NM   | 1841252  | 11/17/16 | Misch, Max B                  | *Complainant     |
| CA   | 6130174  | 11/17/16 | 17:07 11/17/16 Service of APO | *Initiating Call |

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

| Seq Code | Offense and Statute Codes | Amount |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|
|          | Statute Code              |        |
| 1        | ASST Agency Assist        | 0.00   |

Narrative:

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NARRATIVE

16BN07871

Date & Time of Call: 11/17/2016 17:06 hours.

Location of Call: [REDACTED], Bennington, VT.

Nature of Call: Service of APO.

Narrative:

On the above date and time I was dispatched to [REDACTED] to serve a order on Maxwell Misch.

Misch signed the order indicating that he understood the conditions I had explained to him.

This ends my involvement.

Submitted: Sgt. Burnham

10/16/18  
12:14

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident  
Incident Number 16BN08765 Nature Suspicious  
Case Number Image  
Address ✓ 118 SOUTH ST  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact

Complainant  
Numb 101122  
Last Lawton Fst James Mid R  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN - - Adr ✓ [REDACTED]  
Race W Sx M Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute PSC  
Reported PSC Observed PSC  
Circumstances LT25  
Rspndg Officers Knight, C  
Rspnsbl Officer Knight, C Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6152828  
Received By Harrington, Tho Last RadLog 07:40:44 12/28/16 CMPLT  
How Received T Telephone Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 07:13:39 12/28/16 Disposition COM Disp Date 12/31/16  
Occurrd between 07:13:23 12/28/16 Judicial Sts  
and 07:13:23 12/28/16 Supervisor J. Stemp  
MO

Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
Supplement

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INVOLVEMENTS:  
Type Record # Date Description Relationship  
LW 16BN08418 12/31/16 Vandalism Related Incident  
NM 101122 12/28/16 Lawton, James R \*Complainant  
CA 6152828 12/28/16 07:13 12/28/16 Suspicious \*Initiating Call

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:  
Seq Code Offense and Statute Codes Amount  
1 PSC Suspicious Person/Circumstance Statute Code 0.00

Narrative:

Bennington Police Department Narrative

Case #: 16BN08765

Date & Time reported: Wednesday 12-28-2016 07:13 hrs.

Nature of call: Suspicious

Location of Call: ██████████ Cemetery

Narrative: On the above date & time I made contact with James Lawton (DOB ██████████) who wished to speak with me about events taking place near his residence. See related incident 16BN08418.

I met with Lawton at the ██████████ Cemetery which is directly across from Lawton's residence. Lawton told me that he had found foot steps that started at the Old Stewarts Shop at Main St. and Safford St. and led into the cemetery to a location that overlooked Lawton's residence.

It's noted that when this officer responded to the scene the snow had already melted. Lawton had taken pictures of the foot prints with his phone.

Lawton showed me pictures of the footprints and coming from the lower end of the cemetery and leading up to the hill that over looks his residence. The footprints appeared to have walked around the top of the hill in a pacing motion.

While I was on days off I received an e-mail from Lawton stating that he believed a male named Max Misch was responsible for the footprints. It's noted that Lawton and his wife have a APO against Misch that requires Misch to stay 300 feet away from their residence.

Lawton suspects Misch of possibly staking out his house and trying to find out where Lawton and his wife live. Lawton told me that he has not seen Misch in the area.

I told Lawton that I would conducted more patrols in the evening hours of the old Stewarts parking lot and the cemetery.

This ends my involvement.

Case status: closed

Submitted by: Clay Knight

10/16/18  
12:15

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

20196  
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Incident  
Incident Number 16BN08418 Nature Vandalism  
Case Number Image  
Address [REDACTED]  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact

Complainant  
Numbr 101122  
Last Lawton Fst James Mid R  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN - - Adr [REDACTED]  
Race W Sx M Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute PSC Reported 1400 Observed PSC  
Circumstances LT10  
Rspndg Officers Knight, C  
Rspnsbl Officer Knight, C Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6144467  
Received By Mattison, Bever Last RadLog 07:53:39 12/13/16 CMPLT  
How Received T Telephone Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 07:52:14 12/13/16 Disposition COM Disp Date 12/16/16  
Occurrd between 07:51:32 12/13/16 Judicial Sts  
and 07:51:32 12/13/16 Supervisor D Faden  
MO

Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
Supplement

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| INVOLVEMENTS: |           |          |                          |                  |
|---------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Type          | Record #  | Date     | Description              | Relationship     |
| LW            | 16BN08765 | 12/31/16 | Suspicious               | Related Incident |
| NM            | 101122    | 12/13/16 | Lawton, James R          | *Complainant     |
| CA            | 6144467   | 12/13/16 | 07:52 12/13/16 Vandalism | *Initiating Call |

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

| Seq Code | Offense and Statute Codes          | Amount |
|----------|------------------------------------|--------|
|          | Statute Code                       |        |
| 1        | PSC Suspicious Person/Circumstance | 0.00   |

Narrative:

Bennington Police Department Narrative

Case #: 16BN08418

Date & Time reported: Tuesday 12-16-2016 07:51 hrs.

Nature of call; Suspicious

Location of Call: [REDACTED] (Trail and Cemetery)

Narrative: On the above date & time I spoke with James Lawton (DOB [REDACTED]) on the phone about some concerns that he had about recent events that had taken place near his residence.

Lawton told me that he has recently found a milk crate that had been tipped upside down (like someone would do to sit on) on the stone wall across from his residence on [REDACTED]. It's noted Lawton recently had someone enter his home and steal some of his belongings.

I asked Lawton if he has seen anyone sitting outside his home or watching it recently that he did not know. Lawton told me that he has been vigilant since his home was broken into and that he has not seen anyone out of the norm.

I explained to Lawton that I would go and look around the cemetery to see if I could find anything. Lawton continued to tell me that a neighbor had told him about some "Nazi" symbols spray painted on some trees on the [REDACTED] Trail. Lawton told me that at the end of the road of Belvedere St. there was a small encampment. Lawton told me that he attempted to find the encampment after a friend had told him about it but was unsuccessful in finding it.

I told Lawton that while I was looking for the graffiti trees that I would try to find the encampment.

After speaking with Lawton I was advised by Chief Doucette that he had received pictures via email about the trees. I also received an e mail from that town that they have located the trees and would take care of them. The town also wrote they were attempting to locate the encampment.

I attempted to locate the crate Lawton was telling me about but was unsuccessful. There were many footprints in the snow and tire tracks when I went to the cemetery. It's noted that the [REDACTED] cemetery is a heavy foot traffic area. I also went to Belvedere St. and was unable to find any encampments or structures. I did not walk the [REDACTED] trail since the Town of Bennington stated they had already found the trees in question.

This ends my involvement.

Case status: closed

Submitted by: Clay Knight

## Doyle, Ultan

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**From:** Doyle, Ultan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 2, 2019 3:06 PM  
**To:** Doucette, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: Best estimate

**Categories:** M-Files

Thanks. It sounds like the distance between the trees and the residence would have been at least 100 yards. Am I correct in saying that?

*Ultan Doyle  
Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General  
109 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05609-1001  
(802) 828-5512 (Phone)  
(802) 828-2154 (Fax)*

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**From:** Doucette, Paul <Paul.Doucette@vermont.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 2, 2019 2:54 PM  
**To:** Doyle, Ultan <ultan.doyle@vermont.gov>  
**Cc:** shurd@benningtonvt.org  
**Subject:** Best estimate

Mr. Doyle,

From [REDACTED] to the official trailhead is [REDACTED] miles. I do not know the exact location where the graffiti was painted. There is a trail approximately 100 yards from the Morris/Lawton home that leads down into the old trolley system paths. Again, without knowing the exact location, I don't know the distance.

The images show me the trees had been painted some time before the images were taken. You can clearly see the paint is old and the moss was growing over the paint. These images were taken in December 2016. It is unknown how long the paint had been on the trees.

As you can see from the attached emails. the Town of Bennington was responsive.

**Paul J. Doucette, Jr.**  
**Chief of Police**  
**Public Safety Director**  
**Town of Bennington**  
**118 South Street**  
**Bennington, Vermont 05201**  
**802-442-1030**  
**802-442-1067 (fax)**

**PLEASE NOTE MY NEW EMAIL: [paul.doucette@vermont.gov](mailto:paul.doucette@vermont.gov)**

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**From:** Doucette, Paul  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 2, 2019 2:14 PM  
**To:** Doyle, Ultan  
**Subject:** Here are the pics...

I am going to get you a measurement shortly.

**Paul J. Doucette, Jr.**  
**Chief of Police**  
**Public Safety Director**  
**Town of Bennington**  
**118 South Street**  
**Bennington, Vermont 05201**  
**802-442-1030**  
**802-442-1067 (fax)**

**PLEASE NOTE MY NEW EMAIL: [paul.doucette@vermont.gov](mailto:paul.doucette@vermont.gov)**

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**From:** Doucette, Paul  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016 7:48 AM  
**To:** Knight, Clay  
**Subject:** Fw:

**Paul J. Doucette, Jr.**  
**Chief of Police**  
**Public Safety Director**  
**Town of Bennington**  
**118 South Street**  
**Bennington, Vermont 05201**  
**802-442-1030**  
**802-442-1067 (fax)**

**PLEASE NOTE MY NEW EMAIL: [paul.doucette@vermont.gov](mailto:paul.doucette@vermont.gov)**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2016 12:08 PM  
**To:** Doucette, Paul; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:**

Good Morning, I wanted to forward this graffiti that was found on the trails in the woods near my home. Neighbors have reported there is also an illegal encampment near these markings and have reported it using the town crime tip line.

10/26/18  
15:09

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident  
Incident Number 17BN00247 Nature Suspicious  
Case Number Image  
Address [REDACTED]  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact

Complainant  
Numbr 854082  
Last Clark Fst Kimberly Mid A  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN - - Adr [REDACTED]  
Race W Sx F Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute PSC  
Reported PSC Observed PSC  
Circumstances LT20  
Rspndg Officers Ferrara, Dan  
Rspnsbl Officer Ferrara, Dan Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6160691  
Received By Audy, Ashley Last RadLog 11:31:15 01/11/17 CMLPT  
How Received T Telephone Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 10:43:31 01/11/17 Disposition COM Disp Date 01/12/17  
Occurrd between 10:43:17 01/11/17 Judicial Sts  
and 10:43:17 01/11/17 Supervisor R Harrington  
MO

Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
Supplement

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INVOLVEMENTS:  
Type Record # Date Description Relationship  
NM 1979892 01/12/17 [REDACTED] Witness  
NM 854082 01/11/17 [REDACTED] \*Complainant  
CA 6160691 01/11/17 10:43 01/11/17 Suspicious \*Initiating Call

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

Seq Code Offense and Statute Codes Amount  
1 PSC Suspicious Person/Circumstance Statute Code 0.00

LAW Incident Circumstances:

Contributing Circumstances

| Seq Code | Comments       |
|----------|----------------|
| 1 LT20   | Residence/Home |

LAW Incident Responders Detail

Responding Officers

| Seq Name       | Unit |
|----------------|------|
| 1 Ferrara, Dan | M360 |

Main Radio Log Table:

| Time/Date         | Typ | Unit | Code  | Zone | Agnc | Description                    |
|-------------------|-----|------|-------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| 11:31:15 01/11/17 | 1   | M360 | CMPLT | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=17BN00247 Completed cal |
| 11:21:46 01/11/17 | 1   | M360 | ARRVD | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=17BN00247 Arrived on sc |
| 10:46:03 01/11/17 | 1   | M360 | ENRT  | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=17BN00247 Enroute to a  |

Narrative:

Bennington Police Department Narrative - Ferrara  
January 11, 2017  
1043 hours  
17BN00247

On January 11, 2017, at approximately 1043 hours, I was dispatched to [REDACTED] where a caller, [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED], wanted to report suspicious activity from the day before.

Upon my arrival, I met with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that on January 10, 2017 at approximately 1645 hours she observed a white or silver sedan stop in the middle of the road in front of her house with the passenger window open while she was babysitting. When she went outside to confront the driver, she saw what was either a phone or a camera being held up by the driver, and a flash. She asked the driver if there was anything she could help him with, and he responded by asking if she was a psychologist. When she stated that she was not, he drove away. [REDACTED] described the driver as being a white male with a beard and glasses wearing a winter hat with ear flaps. [REDACTED] found this to be suspicious, but due to watching children at the time, she wanted to report the incident.

I then spoke to [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED], who was also present at the time of my arrival. [REDACTED] was able to verify all that [REDACTED] had stated.

This ends my involvement.

Submitted by Officer Daniel J. Ferrara on January 12, 2017.

10/16/18  
12:14

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident  
Incident Number 17BN06304 Nature Suspicious  
Case Number  
Address [REDACTED] Image  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact

Complainant  
Numbr 101122  
Last Lawton Fst James Mid R  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN - - Adr [REDACTED]  
Race W Sx M Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute PSC  
Circumstances LT56  
Rspndg Officers Sleasman, Steph  
Rspnsbl Officer Sleasman, Steph Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6295549  
Received By Gabrus, Christi Last RadLog 20:33:34 09/12/17 CMPLT  
How Received T Telephone Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 20:11:44 09/12/17 Disposition COM Disp Date 09/12/17  
Occurrd between 20:11:14 09/12/17 Judicial Sts  
and 20:11:14 09/12/17 Supervisor R Harrington  
MO

Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
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INVOLVEMENTS:

| Type | Record # | Date     | Description               | Relationship     |
|------|----------|----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| NM   | 101122   | 09/12/17 | Lawton, James R           | *Complainant     |
| NM   | 2037815  | 09/12/17 | [REDACTED]                | POI              |
| CA   | 6295549  | 09/12/17 | 20:11 09/12/17 Suspicious | *Initiating Call |

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

| Seq Code | Offense and Statute Codes      | Amount |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1 PSC    | Suspicious Person/Circumstance | 0.00   |

Narrative:

Bennington Police Department Narrative

Case #: 17BN06304

Date & Time reported: 9-12-17, 2011 hours

Nature of call: Suspicious

Location of Call: 122 Morgan Street

Narrative: On Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at approximately 2011 hours, I was dispatched to the [REDACTED] cemetery for the report of suspicious vehicle.

Upon arrival, I spoke with [REDACTED] who advised that he was an art student from Bennington College and he was just taking some photographs at night in the cemetery. There was a camera and stand in the area.

Nothing further.

Case status: Closed

Submitted by: S. Sleasman

10/16/18  
12:31

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident  
Incident Number 18BN04344 Nature Theft  
Case Number  
Address [REDACTED] Image  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact Kiah

Complainant  
Numbr 1623776  
Last Morris Fst Ruqaiyah Mid K  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN - - Adr [REDACTED]  
Race B Sx F Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute PSC  
Circumstances LT20  
Rspndg Officers Diotte, Keith  
Rspnsbl Officer Diotte, Keith Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6445471  
Received By Mattison, Bever Last RadLog 13:13:11 06/11/18 CMPLT  
How Received P In Person Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 13:10:25 06/11/18 Disposition ACT Disp Date 06/11/18  
Occurrd between 13:10:10 06/11/18 Judicial Sts  
and 13:10:10 06/11/18 Supervisor M. Sharshon  
MO

Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
Supplement

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INVOLVEMENTS:

| Type | Record #  | Date     | Description             | Relationship     |
|------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|------------------|
| LW   | 18BN04312 | 06/17/18 | Theft                   | Related Incident |
| NM   | 1623776   | 06/11/18 | Morris, Ruqaiyah K      | *Complainant     |
| VH   | 2085225   | 06/17/18 | BLK 2008 HOND ACCORD VT | Vehicle          |
| CA   | 6445471   | 06/11/18 | 13:10 06/11/18 Theft    | *Initiating Call |

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

| Seq Code | Offense and Statute Codes      | Amount |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1 PSC    | Suspicious Person/Circumstance | 0.00   |

Narrative:

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NARRATIVE

18BN04344

Theft

June 11, 2018 @ 1310 hours  
[REDACTED]

Narrative: Attempted theft on June 10, 2018 that was reported June 11, 2018.  
See 18BN04312.

Submitted by: K. Diotte 06-17-2018

10/26/18  
15:23

Bennington Police Department  
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Incident  
Incident Number 18BN04312 Nature Theft  
Case Number [REDACTED] Timage  
Address [REDACTED]  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact Andrew Chapman

Complainant  
Numbr 620364  
Last [REDACTED] Fst [REDACTED] Mid J  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] Adr [REDACTED]  
Race W Sx M Tel [REDACTED] Cty Hoosick Falls ST NY ZIP 12090

Details  
Offense/Statute 0613 13V2502 2611 13V2030A 1101 13V2002&9=M  
Reported Observed 0613

Circumstances LT18 VH02  
Rspndg Officers Diotte, Keith  
Rspnsbl Officer Diotte, Keith Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6444768  
Received By Krawczyk, Kimbe Last RadLog 15:54:52 06/10/18 CMPLT  
How Received T Telephone Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 08:06:54 06/10/18 Disposition ACT Disp Date 06/10/18  
Occurrd between 08:06:44 06/10/18 Judicial Sts  
and 08:06:44 06/10/18 Supervisor C. Grande  
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Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
Supplement

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INVOLVEMENTS:

| Type | Record #  | Date     | Description            | Relationship     |
|------|-----------|----------|------------------------|------------------|
| LW   | 18BN04319 | 06/17/18 | Theft                  | Related Incident |
| LW   | 18BN04320 | 06/17/18 | Theft                  | Related Incident |
| LW   | 18BN04344 | 06/17/18 | Theft                  | Related Incident |
| LW   | 18BN04350 | 06/17/18 | Theft                  | Related Incident |
| LW   | 18BN04318 | 06/11/18 | Theft                  | Related Incident |
| LW   | 18BN04321 | 06/11/18 | Fraud                  | Related Incident |
| LW   | 18BN04324 | 06/11/18 | Fraud                  | Related Incident |
| LW   | 18BN04325 | 06/11/18 | Theft                  | Related Incident |
| NM   | 1869178   | 06/17/18 | [REDACTED]             | Offender         |
| NM   | 620364    | 06/10/18 | [REDACTED]             | *Complainant     |
| NM   | 620364    | 06/10/18 | [REDACTED]             | Victim           |
| VH   | 2083778   | 06/10/18 | BRO 2015 HOND CIVIC VT | Vehicle          |
| CA   | 6444768   | 06/10/18 | 08:06 06/10/18 Theft   | *Initiating Call |

|    |        |          |                               |       |        |
|----|--------|----------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|
| PR | 873988 | 06/11/18 | BLU Back Pack Walmart         | \$30  | Stolen |
| PR | 873989 | 06/11/18 | Glasses Prescription          | \$200 | Stolen |
| PR | 873943 | 06/10/18 | GRY Computer Dell xt3         | \$400 | Stolen |
| PR | 873944 | 06/10/18 | Social Security Card          | \$0   | Stolen |
| PR | 873945 | 06/10/18 | Debit Card Bank of Benning    | \$0   | Stolen |
| PR | 873946 | 06/10/18 | Computer Hard Flash Drives    | \$2   | Stolen |
| PR | 873947 | 06/10/18 | Computer Dell Latitude Tablet |       | Stolen |
| PR | 873950 | 06/10/18 | Cell Phone LG Stylo 2         | \$149 | Stolen |
| PR | 873953 | 06/10/18 | Credit Card Capital One       | \$0   | Stolen |
| PR | 873955 | 06/10/18 | BLK Wallet Celtic Warrior     | \$40  | Stolen |
| PR | 873956 | 06/10/18 | Credit Card American Expres   | \$    | Stolen |

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

| Seq Code                          | Offense and Statute Codes | Amount |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 1 0613 LARCENY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE | 13V2502                   | 0.00   |
| 2 2611 Identity Theft             | 13V2030A                  | 0.00   |
| 3 1101 FRAUD                      | 13V2002&9=M               | 0.00   |

LAW Incident Circumstances:

| Seq Code | Contributing Circumstances | Comments |
|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| 1 LT18   | Parking Lot/Garage         |          |
| 2 VH02   | Automobile                 |          |

LAW Incident Responders Detail

| Seq Name        | Unit |
|-----------------|------|
| 1 Diotte, Keith | M363 |

Main Radio Log Table:

| Time/Date         | Typ | Unit | Code  | Zone | Agnc | Description                    |
|-------------------|-----|------|-------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| 15:54:52 06/10/18 | 1   | M363 | CMPLT | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN04312 Completed cal |
| 13:27:12 06/10/18 | 1   | M363 | CMPLT | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN04312 Reassigned to |
| 12:47:10 06/10/18 | 1   | M363 | ARRVD | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN04312 Arrived on sc |
| 12:41:25 06/10/18 | 1   | M363 | ENRT  | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN04312 Enroute to a  |
| 12:41:15 06/10/18 | 1   |      |       | 0202 | 0202 | Call type 1 reopened and assig |
| 08:45:49 06/10/18 | 1   | M363 | CMPLT | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN04312 Completed cal |
| 08:13:59 06/10/18 | 1   | M363 | ARRVD | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN04312 Arrived on sc |
| 08:09:31 06/10/18 | 1   | M363 | ENRT  | 0202 | 0202 | incid#=18BN04312 Enroute to a  |

Narrative:

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NARRATIVE

18BN04312

Theft

June 10, 2018 @ 0806 hours

Narrative: On Sunday, June 10, 2018 at approximately 0806 hours, I was dispatched to [REDACTED] for a male reporting items missing from his vehicle.

Upon arrival, I spoke to a male verbally identified as [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] owns a business at [REDACTED] and came to work early in the morning. [REDACTED] told me between 0330-0400 hours he heard a car door shut in the back parking lot and people talking. [REDACTED] told me he did not think anything of it and continued to work.

[REDACTED] advised approximately 30 minutes prior to calling the police, he found someone entered his 2015 Honda Civic bearing NY registration [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised many items were stolen to include a \$400.00 Metallic Grey Dell X73 computer, a \$100.00 Dell Tablet, \$200.00 worth of computer flash drives, a LG Stylo 2 cell phone worth \$149.00, and 2 other cell phones. [REDACTED] told me his \$40.00 Celtic Warrior wallet was stolen which had his Bank of Bennington Debit Card, 2 Capital One Credit Cards, 2 American Express Credit Cards and his Social Security Card. Prescription glasses that cost approximately \$200.00 and a \$30.00 back pack from Walmart. These items total approximately \$1,119.00.

[REDACTED] told me all of his business documents were on the hard drive to the Dell Computer. [REDACTED] also advised his hard copies were in a back pack that was taken, leaving him with a total loss of documents.

[REDACTED] provided me with photos of the items that were stolen that are going to be placed on the Bennington Police Department Facebook page. [REDACTED] also told me he regularly monitors pawn shops and Facebook pages where people sell electronics and would let me know if he comes across his items.

At approximately 1220 hours, I responded to [REDACTED] for a report of items missing from inside a vehicle. Upon arrival, I spoke to a female identified as [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told me her wallet and Heritage Family Credit Union debit card were taken from her 2013 Ford Explorer bearing VT registration [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told me at 0540 hours, her card was used at McDonalds in Bennington. [REDACTED] told me the transaction was declined and the purchase did not go through.

At approximately 1325 hours, I contacted a male via telephone regarding items being taken from his vehicle at 1 Division Place Bennington, VT. The male identified himself as [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told me his 2000 Subaru Forester bearing VT registration [REDACTED] was gone through. [REDACTED] told me ultimately his Vermont drivers license and registration document for the vehicle was stolen.

At approximately 1328 hours, Cpl. Lauzon responded to [REDACTED] for a report of items missing from a vehicle. Cpl. Lauzon spoke to a male identified as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told Cpl. Lauzon his 2005 Honda Civic

bearing VT registration [REDACTED] was gone through. [REDACTED] said the car keys were taken as well as change that he did not have a dollar amount for.

At approximately 1531 hours, [REDACTED] contacted me and told me his Capital One credit card account number ending in [REDACTED] was used at the Bennington Cumberland Farms located at 111 Northside Drive. [REDACTED] provided me with documentation of the Gas/Automotive pending transactions totaling \$50.00. I went to Cumberland Farms and viewed video footage. In the footage, I observed a male identified as [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] going through cards at the cash register on June 10, 2018 at 0407 hours. [REDACTED] was identified to me via e-mail by Jill Anderson on February 28, 2018 when I placed a photo of [REDACTED] on the Bennington Police Department Facebook page for a separate car break-in. Jill Anderson works for the State of Vermont Department of Corrections in Burlington, VT. Anderson told me she supervised [REDACTED]. It should be noted, [REDACTED] also goes by the name of [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]. I have a screen shot of [REDACTED] at the Cumberland Farms cash register.

At approximately 1643 hours, I was contacted by [REDACTED] again. [REDACTED] told me his Bank of Bennington Debit card was used at Walmart located at 210 Northside Drive on June 10, 2018. This transaction took place at 0633 hours. The total amount used on the debit card was \$210.77. I went to Walmart and obtained a transaction print out at that time. I also viewed video footage where I see [REDACTED] wearing a black shirt with the letter S on it. It should be noted, this is the exact same shirt [REDACTED] was wearing when Jill Anderson identified him in February of 2018. [REDACTED] attempted to use 10 different cards prior to using [REDACTED] card. I have a screen shot photo of [REDACTED] leaving the store after making these transactions. [REDACTED] arrived at Walmart at approximately 0430 hours. It should be noted, [REDACTED] arrives at Walmart at approximately 0430 hours and left Walmart at approximately 0634. [REDACTED] arrives and leaves in the same vehicle which was a black Subaru Crosstrek.

At approximately 1745 hours, Officer Pierce responded to [REDACTED] for a report of items missing from a vehicle. Officer Pierce spoke to a female identified as [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised her 2017 Toyota Rav 4 bearing VT registration [REDACTED] was broken into. [REDACTED] told Officer Pierce \$10.00 cash was taken, as well as her Vermont Drivers License, and her prescription inhaler.

On Monday, June 11, 2018 at approximately 1310 hours, Ruqaiyah Morris DOB [REDACTED] called and reported her 2008 Honda Accord bearing VT registration [REDACTED] was gone through. I contacted Morris on June 17, 2018 regarding the incident. Morris told me nothing was stolen from her vehicle but she knew it was went through due to the glove department being open and documents were placed on the seat. Morris also told me the center console was open. Morris told me she was certain both those compartments were shut on the night of June 9, 2018 and morning of June 10, 2018. Morris told me she did not report it initially on June 10, 2018 due to nothing actually being taken.

On Monday, June 11, 2018 at approximately 1445 hours, I responded to [REDACTED] for a report of items missing from the vehicle. Upon arrival, I spoke to [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told me sometime over the night of June 9, 2018 and early morning of June 10, 2018 items from his 2016 Chevrolet Impala bearing VT registration [REDACTED] were taken. [REDACTED] told \$75.00 cash was stolen as well as his 30 MG oxycontin and 10 MG Oxycodone. [REDACTED] told me approximately 20 oxycontin were left and 60 oxycodone. [REDACTED] told me Dr. Welther prescribes his medication.

On Thursday, June 14, 2018 I was contacted by Walmart Asset Protection Associate Corbin Dean. Dean told me he looked through some video footage on June 9, 2018. Dean told me he observed [REDACTED] arrive in a black Subaru Crosstrek bearing VT registration [REDACTED]. This license plate was checked through the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles which indicated the vehicle was stolen from Middlebury, VT on June 6, 2018.

I spoke to Officer Hayes of Middlebury PD regarding the stolen vehicle.

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] has a criminal history in 9 different states to include California, Colorado, Nevada, New Jersey, South Carolina, Nebraska, Georgia, Kansas and Vermont. In Vermont [REDACTED] has 12 failures to appear, 11 Felony Convictions and 13 misdemeanor convictions.

[REDACTED] was convicted on 08-02-2017 for Vehicle Operation-Without Owners Consent/Aggravated. On 02-05-2015 [REDACTED] was convicted of Vehicle Operation Without Owners Consent and Eluding Law Enforcement Officer. On 02-09-2010 [REDACTED] was convicted of Felony-Buy, Receive, Sell, Possess, Conceal Stolen Property, Vehicle Operation-Reckless or Gross Negligence and Vehicle Operation-Attempt to Elude LE Officer. On 05-21-2010 [REDACTED] was convicted of a Felony Escape Custody-Furlough. On 02-15-2002 [REDACTED] was convicted of a Felony Escape Custody-Furlough.

On 11-29-1999, [REDACTED] plead guilty in the State of Nevada to Grand Larceny Auto. On 09-02-2015 [REDACTED] was charged in the State of Nebraska with Possession of Stolen Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle To Avoid Arrest, Willful Reckless Driving and Traffic Offenses.

[REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] currently has an active arrest warrant [REDACTED] from VSP Williston in Chittenden County, VT.

Submitted by: K. Diotte 06-10-2018

10/16/18  
12:13

Bennington Police Department  
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident  
Incident Number 18BN05584 Nature Threatening  
Case Number Image  
Address [REDACTED]  
City Bennington State VT ZIP 05201  
Area 0202 BENNINGTON Contact James

Complainant  
Numbr 101122  
Last Lawton Fst James Mid R  
DOB [REDACTED] SSN - - Adr [REDACTED]  
Race W Sx M Tel [REDACTED] Cty Bennington ST VT ZIP 05201

Details  
Offense/Statute PSC Reported 0470 Observed PSC  
Circumstances LT20  
Rspndg Officers Sharshon, Micha  
Rspnsbl Officer Sharshon, Micha Agency 0202 CAD Call ID 6473425  
Received By Howe, Brian Last RadLog 14:15:37 07/27/18 CMPLT  
How Received T Telephone Clearance RBS Reviewed by Sergeant  
When Reported 14:04:38 07/27/18 Disposition ACT Disp Date 07/27/18  
Occurrd between 14:04:27 07/27/18 Judicial Sts  
and 14:04:27 07/27/18 Supervisor JDB  
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Narrative  
Narrative (See below)  
Supplement (See below)

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INVOLVEMENTS:

| Type | Record # | Date     | Description                | Relationship     |
|------|----------|----------|----------------------------|------------------|
| NM   | 1623776  | 07/30/18 | Morris, Ruqaiyah K         | Spouse/Partner   |
| NM   | 1841252  | 07/30/18 | Misch, Max B               | POI              |
| NM   | 101122   | 07/27/18 | Lawton, James R            | *Complainant     |
| CA   | 6473425  | 07/27/18 | 14:04 07/27/18 Threatening | *Initiating Call |

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

| Seq Code | Offense and Statute Codes      | Amount |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Seq Code | Statute Code                   | Amount |
| 1 PSC    | Suspicious Person/Circumstance | 0.00   |

Narrative:

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NARRATIVE

18BN05584

Nature of call: Suspicious

Date & Time Reported: July 27, 2018, 1404 Hours

Location of Call: 118 South Street, Bennington, Vermont

Narrative:

On Friday, July 27, 2018, at approximately 1404 hours, I took a phone call regarding suspicious circumstances.

I spoke with James Lawton, DOB [REDACTED], who advised me that he and his wife Ruqaiyah Morris, DOB [REDACTED], were having issues with a person he described as a "local neo-nazi". Lawton advised me that this male, later identified to me as Max Misch, DOB [REDACTED], was causing issues for them online as well as for his computer. I asked Lawton to expound upon the issues for me.

For the first issue, Lawton advised that Misch harasses Morris online, via social media. He said that Misch targets Morris specifically, making unpleasant comments on various social media platforms. For reference in this report, on Facebook Misch goes by "Max Misch" and Morris goes by "Kiah Morris VT State Representative", and on Twitter Misch's handle is "maxmisch83" and Morris's handle is "kmrhapsody". I was provided with screenshots from Twitter and Facebook. The Twitter posts has no timestamp and the Facebook had a timestamp of January 26 (no year). I reviewed the posts from Misch, which are very are strongly political. However, there did not appear to be any specific call-to-action, threats, or call for violence against Morris. The only action Misch claimed he would do was "troll" Morris at a rally. Trolling is a term for actions meant specifically to annoy an individual or a group of people. Trolling is usually mean-spirited, however it is generally not criminal in nature. It should be noted that the screen shots from Twitter do not show the entirety of the conversation, mostly responses from Misch. This is because either Lawton or Morris did not provide the totality of the conversation. The images have been attached to this report and filed at the Bennington Police Department.

I inquired about the issue with Lawton's computer. Lawton advised me that when he turned on his computer in the morning and got to the log in screen, where his account name normally is was replaced with "dead dead" instead of "James Lawton". He advised me that he notified Morris of this, who was in a legislative session at the time. Lawton said that Morris had been speaking with the Vermont State Police and that it was his understanding that the State Police would take the computers. Lawton asked if he should bring the computer to the Bennington Police Department, which I advised him no. I advised Lawton to contact Morris and see what the Vermont State Police wanted her to do with the computer. Lawton acknowledged this and thanked me for my time.

On Monday, July 30, 2018, it came to my attention that Lawton's computer was delivered to the Bennington Police Department. I spoke with Det. Cole and filled him in with as much of the situation as I was aware of. Det. Cole suggested I contact the Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), who regular do forensic analysis on computers.

I spoke with Eric Jollymore at ICAC, who advised me that a situation that Lawton encounter is possible, however it would require whoever did it to have an

advanced degree of technical knowledge of computers.

It was determined that the computers would not be forensically analyzed.

At this time, I am sending this report down to the Bennington County State's Attorney's Office, as well as a copy of the Misch's internet posts, for review for disorderly conduct via electronic device. (T.13 VSA 1027).

Case Status: Active

Submitted: M. Sharshon 8/1/2018