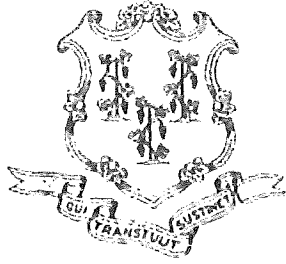




Col. Stavros J. Mellekas
Commanding Officer



Sgt. Brian L. Narkewicz
Chief of Staff

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
OFFICE OF THE COLONEL

DATE: June 26, 2020
TO: Colonel Stavros Mellekas
FROM: Sergeant Narkewicz
SUBJECT: Inquiry into a possible motor vehicle crash involving the Hartford Chief of Police

Sir,

By way of formal documentation on the events of the last two days, I offer the following memorandum.

On June 25, 2020, at approximately 15:10 hours, you asked me to look into an allegation raised on the blogsite of Kevin Brookman, wherein it was said that, "**Connecticut State Police was immediately notified, but declined to respond or provide a case number**". This comment was attributed to an official Hartford Police Department Report that purported to document the facts and circumstances surrounding a motor vehicle crash involving the Hartford Police Chief on May 31, 2020 in Chester, Connecticut.

I performed several queries within the NexGen reporting system and computer aided dispatch modules but could find no record of any communication between Chief Thody and Connecticut State Police. I did however, locate a "suspicious incident" call occurring in Troop F's area and documented under CFS2000240678 (see attached).

I then directed Message Center personnel to review the NICE system recordings and isolate any telephone calls or radio traffic that could possibly be related to an accident involving Chief Thody or a failure of CSP personnel to respond to the Chief's request for an investigation.

I was provided with the requested materials on the morning of June 26, 2020 via the attached CD. I was told that recordings for Troop E, Troop F, Troop H, and Troop K were all reviewed and no telephone calls from Chief Thody were found.

In reviewing the CSP recordings, it was apparent that on the afternoon of May 31, 2020, a male called 911 to report a black Chevy Tahoe that he suspected was intoxicated. Since the CSP recordings were only part of the available materials, I then contacted Valley Shore Dispatch and Glastonbury

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Dispatch to obtain copies of the other recordings. They were provided to me at 10:00 hours and 12:24 hours.

Around 11:20 hours, you (Colonel Mellekas) contacted Lt. Colonel Davis at Professional Standards and directed him to investigate the alleged failure to respond by CSP personnel. This resulted in the creation of M number M20-114. The actions and findings of Lt. Colonel Davis are documented under that report.

By reviewing the recordings from the various dispatch centers I was able to create a timeline of the events of May 31, 2020 as it pertains to CFS2000240678. The timeline consists of data from multiple sources, and all times referenced are based upon the systems that stamped them and not necessarily accurate. It is important to note that the "caller" is the same individual through all four calls described below.

According to information provided by Communications Supervisor Gene Jopeck of the Glastonbury Dispatch Center, on May 31, 2020, at approximately 16:52:39 hours, a 911 caller reported that they were traveling northbound on Route 154 behind a suspected drunk driver. The caller identified the offending vehicle as a Black Chevy Tahoe, bearing Connecticut plate AV29315. The caller believed it was a law enforcement vehicle. The caller said the Tahoe struck a guardrail and continued to travel northbound at a high rate of speed. The caller said he was going 60MPH and was unable to keep up with it. The female Dispatcher handling the call developed information as to where the accident occurred (Route 154 northbound, before Route 82) and broadcast a BOLO (be on the lookout) over the police radio. The Glastonbury dispatcher is on with the caller for 2 minutes and twenty-eight seconds.

The call is then erroneously transferred to Troop K – Colchester at approximately 16:55:05 hours. The caller relates to the Troop K call taker that he is behind an intoxicated law enforcement officer who is driving a black Chevy Tahoe northbound on Route 154. The caller tells Troop K that he previously gave the registration plate to the first 911 call taker. The caller said the Tahoe turned off Route 154 at Old Turnpike Road. When Troop K realizes that the collision took place in Haddam (outside of Troop K's area), they transfer him. This call lasts 39 seconds.

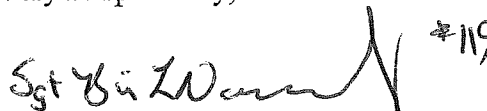
Valley Shore Dispatch picks up the 911 caller next. Valley Shore Dispatch is a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) located in the basement of Troop F. The information regarding Valley Shore's handling of the call was provided to me after I inquired with their Director, Richard Darin. Valley Shore's system indicates the source of the call was cellular telephone number [REDACTED] and that the call was received at 16:56 hours. The caller reports, now for the third time, that he is following an intoxicated law enforcement officer traveling northbound on Route 154 in a black Chevy Tahoe. The caller is agitated and opines that a cover-up is occurring because he has been transferred so many times. He can no longer remember the registration plate but insists he provided it in the first call. When the male Dispatcher determines that it is a police call, he transfers the caller a 4th time to Troop F – Westbrook. The call with Valley Shore dispatch lasts approximately 60 seconds.

The Troop F Dispatcher receives the call at approximately 16:56:54 hours. She speaks with the caller, who reiterates the facts he has provided in the three prior calls. He can no longer remember the registration plate, and when pressed, he says the first two letters may have been "AW." The caller tells the Dispatcher the vehicle will have heavy damage along its passenger side due to the collision. The caller is adamant that he provided the full correct plate to the first person he spoke with. The Dispatcher is on with the caller for 8 minutes and 42 seconds as she attempts to isolate where the collision with the guardrails occurred and as much descriptive information regarding the offending vehicle. The Dispatcher checks with both Troop K and Valley Shore, but neither has the registration plate for the offending vehicle. She is seemingly unaware of any involvement with Glastonbury Dispatch. The Dispatcher sends a Trooper to sweep the area for a black Chevy Tahoe with heavy right-side damage on Route 154. The Trooper sweeps Route 154 from Chester to Middletown but is unable to locate the vehicle. The Trooper clears the call at 17:52:06 hours.

A check of the telephone number the 911 call originated from [REDACTED], suggests that it belongs to a [REDACTED]. I did not make any attempt to contact [REDACTED].

On June 26, 2020, at approximately 1530 hours, you (Colonel Mellekas) contacted Middlesex State's Attorney Michael Gailor to advise him of the available facts surrounding this incident. State's Attorney Gailor said that we would meet on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, with the Hartford State's Attorney to discuss the matter and how best to proceed.

Very Respectfully,



Sergeant Brian L. Narkewicz #119
Chief of Staff, Office of the Colonel

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CFS # 2000240678
Agency F
Date/Time 5/31/2020 5:08:41 PM
Call Type SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
Act Call Type SUSINCDT
City Haddam
Location Old Turnpike RD/RT 154
Latitude 41.46846397183
Longitude -72.48607922978



Units

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Cleared</u>	<u>Primary Unit</u>
HESELTIME, MARK (0976)	5/31/2020 5:12:37 PM	5/31/2020 5:51:38 PM	5/31/2020 5:52:06 PM	Y

CAD Remarks

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Free Form Text</u>
5/31/2020 5:51:50 PM	GOA
5/31/2020 5:12:52 PM	SPOKE WITH V/S AND TROOP K BOTH STATED THEY DID NOT GET A PLATE FROM THE MALE THOUGH HE WAS CERTAIN HE SAID IT 3 OR 4 TIMES // V/S WAS TOLD BY THE COMPL THAT HE WAS TRANSFERRED 3 TIMES AS WELL SO UNK IF HIS CALL WENT TO A 4TH PSAP // UNIT TO PC THE AREA
5/31/2020 5:09:00 PM	COMPL REPORTING BLK TAHOE WITH PARTIAL PLATE AW AND A GPS ON THE BACK STRUCK A GUARD RAIL ON RT 154 ON THE RIVER SIDE JUST BEFORE GOODSPEED TURN // COMPL WAS VERY UPSET BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THE VEH WAS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND STATED WE WERE "COVERING" FOR EACH OTHER BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED 3 TIMES

No Vehicle Remarks

No People Remarks

Arrestees

No Arrestees

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On 06/26/20 at approximately 1120hrs this investigator received a call from Colonel Stavros Mellekas to investigate a failure to respond to an accident by an unknown member of Troop F. It was explained that Chief Thody of Hartford PD had been involved in a minor accident and contacted Troop F for investigation but there was no response.

At 1153hrs this investigator contacted Deputy Chief Rafael Medina to obtain contact information for Chief Thody. Deputy Chief Medina stated to this investigator that he was aware of the accident involving Chief Thody and had conducted a supervisory investigative report regarding the matter days after the accident. He explained that his investigation found that on May 31, 2020 Chief Thody was involved in a one car motor vehicle accident into a guardrail along Route 154 in his department vehicle. He stated that his investigation further found that there was no damage to the guardrail and minor damage to the department vehicle. He stated that Chief Thody did not call CSP for an investigation and continued onto a protest scene in Hartford. See attached Report by Deputy Chief Medina

At 1156hrs Chief Thody called this investigator regarding the accident. He stated that he left his home in Chester at approximately 1645 to respond to ongoing protests in Hartford, driving his department vehicle. As he was traveling on Route 154 he reached for his cell phone and drove into the guardrail. He stated that the guardrail was not damaged and his vehicle sustained minor damage. He did not call CSP for an investigation and decided to continue into Hartford to address the protests. Prior to leaving the scene he took photos of the scene and later called the city COO.

The next day Chief Thody advised his Chief of Staff to punch a number on the incident and the COS staff added content to the number that was not accurate. The COS assumed in his report that the Chief called Connecticut State Police, which was not the case. Deputy Chief Medina was contacted to investigate the incident and clarify the mistake. In the attached report (#15) Deputy Chief Medina clarifies the mistake.


See attached report provided by Deputy Chief Medina

WTC  # 606

CITY OF HARTFORD

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Thea Montanez
Chief Operating Officer

FROM: Rafael Medina, III 
Assistant Chief of Police

DATE: June 23, 2020

SUBJECT: Special Investigative Report # 20-072
Motor Vehicle Crash Involving a Department Vehicle
Chief of Police Jason Thody
Hartford Police Case # 20-16619

1. This investigation was conducted and documented by Assistant Chief of Police Rafael Medina, III, who for these purposes, reported directly to Hartford's Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Thea Montanez.
2. On Sunday, May 31, 2020, Chief of Police Jason Thody was operating his Department-issued vehicle, a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe bearing CT registration number AV29315/ VIN: 1GNSKDEC4KR400856. This vehicle is not equipped with a Mobile Data Terminal (MDT), or an Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL).
3. At 1513 hours, Lieutenant Luis Ruiz made a notification to the Hartford Police Command Staff group regarding a Black Lives Matter protest that was forming in front of Hartford Police Headquarters. Chief Thody responded to the text group several times with inquiries and giving direction. The protest group was reported to be between 50 and 100 participants.
4. Chief Thody reported that he was at his marina in Chester, CT, at the time of the protest and monitored the situation by phone until he decided to head back to Hartford due to escalating protests across the state and the continuation of the Hartford protest. Chief Thody reported that he was simultaneously following reports of highways being closed in other jurisdictions including New Haven and Waterbury (where 28 arrests were made).
5. At 1644 hours, Chief Thody texted Lieutenant Ruiz to "give me a call." Lieutenant Ruiz called Chief Thody and provided an update. Chief Thody reported that he was on the phone with Lt. Ruiz when he left the marina in order to head back to Hartford. At approximately 1650 hours, he was traveling northbound on Connecticut Route 154 in Chester, CT. Chief Thody reported that

his attention was momentarily drawn to his phone which had slid from the center console onto the passenger seat of his vehicle. Chief Thody reported that as he leaned toward the passenger seat of his vehicle to get the phone, he briefly crossed into the right shoulder area and the passenger side of his vehicle contacted the guardrail that runs along the east side of the roadway on CT Route 154.

The Command Notification text message thread regarding the on-going protest has been included as enclosure A-1

6. Chief Thody reported that the vehicle sustained minor cosmetic damage and that it remained fully operational; that his was the only vehicle involved in the incident; and that he was unhurt. Chief Thody reported that the guardrail did not sustain any damage but did have paint transfer present. Chief Thody stated that he did not report the incident to the Connecticut State Police because there was no damage to the guardrail, minor damage to his vehicle, and that the situation in Hartford was a priority over waiting for a trooper to arrive, especially given the fact that he was aware that the State Police were blocking highways due to protests across the state. Chief Thody stated that, in his judgement, the assessed damage did not meet the \$1,000.00 threshold for an accident report to begin with.
7. General Order 5-9 requires a person-to-person notification up the chain of command for an unusual occurrence. Chief Thody notified his direct report, Chief Operating Officer Thea Montanez. Chief Thody continued back to the City in response to the protest activity. Chief Thody took photographs of the guardrail and damage to the vehicle.
8. Chief Thody informed Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Brian Bowsza to document the damage to Chief Thody's vehicle, in accordance with policy and procedure.

Lieutenant Bowsza's report is included as enclosure A-2.

9. Chief Thody provided me with a Supplemental Report and several photographs of the damage to the vehicle and the guardrail at the location of impact for this report.

The Supplemental Report is included as enclosure A-3.

The photographs have been included as enclosure A-4.

10. A Hartford Police Department Automobile Notice of Loss was completed and provided to Fleet Manager, Officer Jose Rivera.

The Automobile Notice of Loss has been included as enclosure A-5.

11. Pursuant to Hartford Police General Order 5-9, Command Notification, Unusual Occurrence Reports and Special Investigative Reports (2006), a Limited Distribution Unusual Occurrence Report was completed.

The Limited Distribution Unusual Occurrence report was included as enclosure A-6.

Findings and Summary

12. During my investigation of this incident, I examined all of the above facts and circumstances associated with the incident. After evaluation, it is determined that the contributing factor in the damage to the vehicle is Chief Thody's operation of the 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe. Chief Thody failed to operate his vehicle in the established lane of Route 154 in Chester, Connecticut, and his vehicle made brief contact with the guardrail installed on the east shoulder of the roadway. The contact caused minor damage to the passenger side of the vehicle. No damage was observed to the guardrail.
13. At the time of this incident, Chief Thody was engaged in activity directly related to his position as a police officer and police chief as depicted by the text messages and phone calls relative to an ongoing and active protest in Hartford. While unintentional, this action could constitute a violation of Article IX: Use of Department Vehicles, Section 9.03: While operating a City vehicle, the employee is involved in a motor vehicle accident wherein the Accident Review Board finds the operator chargeable for the accident.
14. Chief Thody made proper notification to Chief Operating Officer Thea Montanez of the incident.
15. During my investigation I did notice that Lieutenant Bowsza referenced that, "Connecticut State Police was immediately notified but declined to respond due to pressing issues in another jurisdiction." Upon further inquiry, this was discovered to be a miscommunication and Chief Thody was not provided the Hartford Police Case Incident Report, the Notice of Loss, or the Limited Distribution Unusual to review for accuracy prior to them being submitted by Lieutenant Bowsza. The Connecticut State Police were, in fact, tied up at significant road closures throughout the day in other cities based on news alerts as noted by Chief Thody; but this was relayed to Lieutenant Bowsza as one of the reasons for Chief Thody making the decision to return to the City, and not the reason for no State Police Response. Chief Thody did not contact the Connecticut State Police for a response to this incident as outlined in his report. Lieutenant Bowsza had already submitted these reports when Chief Thody's Supplemental Report was completed and the discrepancy was noticed. I find it reasonable for such an error to occur since the individual involved in this incident is the Chief of Police, complicating the normal order and process in reporting and documenting the incident.
16. All pertinent documents and materials have been included in the investigative file. This incident will be forwarded to COO Montanez and the Accident Review Board for disposition.

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1 Aaron Boisvert: 10-89
2359 hours

Roger

2 Luis Ruiz: Small
BLM protest in front
of 10-2 right now.
Approximately 50-100
people. Sgt. Austin
and three officers are
monitoring it. We have
officers (1/3)

Inside the building
also monitoring and
out of sight. Peaceful
at this moment. We
have a unit ready to
deter protesters from
entering I-86 but will
not (2/3)

forcibly stop them if
they do. CSP has been
advised. (3/3)

3 Luis Ruiz sent a
picture to the group.
View it here: <https://s.groupm.com/1g40kvt>

Roger

Let us know if it
moves to the highway
or progresses beyond
peaceful protest

4 Luis Ruiz: They just
went to Albany Ave
towards Center. Still
peaceful. Units are
providing them safe
passage

5 Luis Ruiz: C4 is
monitoring their
movements as well

Roger

Still 50 to 100?

6 Luis Ruiz: Roger Sir

Ok Roger. I trust you
keep working it

Let us know if
anything escalates

7 Luis Ruiz: Roger. We
are on Traffic Channel
and Albany Ave
cameras is capturing
their activity

Whatever they need

8 Luis Ruiz: Protesters
are stopped in front
of Baptist church at
Main and Linden. Still
peaceful. They walked
west to Alb and Blue
Hill Ave and then back
(1/2)

east on Albany till they
reach their current
location. Numbers
down slightly under
100. Some have left
the protest. (2/2)

Roger. I am glad that's
all

608193058

9 Luis Ruiz: Protest is
pretty much done.
The event organizers
are just chatting with
State Capitol Police at
the Capitol. Only about
10 people left. Nice
(1/2)

job by everyone
involved. (2/2)

10 Rafael Medina: Nice
job

Thank you very much

11 Luis Ruiz: 82/83 @
605 Albany Ave (Mobil
Gas Station)
Victim:??Alex

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HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

CASE # 20-16619

PROSECUTOR REPORT (Comm. Court) FAMILY VIOLENCE JUVENILE REFERRAL
 RADIO SIGNAL 30 DATE OF INCIDENT 5/31/2020 TIME OF INCIDENT LOCATION OF INCIDENT Rt. 154, Chester, CT
 DATE AND TIME OF RECOVERY 5/31/2020 DATE REPORTED 5/31/2020 TIME REPORTED UNIT TYPE OF INCIDENT APT. / FLOOR

STATUS CODE: A - RECEIVED C - COMPLAINANT J - JUVENILE S - SUSPECT M - MISSING V - VICTIM W - WITNESS
 A - RECOVERED JUVENILE T - FUGITIVE K - OWNER OF MV H - PASSENGER IN MV I - TICKETED Z - OPERATOR IN V
 LAST NAME FIRST NAME M.I. SEX RACE DATE OF BIRTH AGE ADDRESS APT. - FLOOR TELEPHONE
 BUISSON Thody Jason M W 253 High Street Hartford CT 860-757-4487
 CONTRIBUTING FACTORS: NOT APPLICABLE RESIDENT SINGLE NON RESIDENT
 ALCOHOL MENTAL PROBLEM WEATHER CONDITIONS NOT APPLICABLE CLEAR RAIN ICE
 DRUGS FAMILY VIOLENCE CITY PROPERTY ABANDONED BLDG. DRY SNOW FOG
 RACE W - WHITE B - BLACK O - OTHER H - HISPANIC O - OTHER

DATE OF ARREST TIME OF ARREST LOCATION OF ARREST
 ARREST 1. CHARGE 1. STATUTE CHARGE 2. STATUTE CHARGE 3. STATUTE
 ARREST 2. CHARGE 1. STATUTE CHARGE 2. STATUTE CHARGE 3. STATUTE
 ARREST 3. CHARGE 1. STATUTE CHARGE 2. STATUTE CHARGE 3. STATUTE

PROPERTY CODE	QTY.	YEAR	ITEM	BRAND/MODEL	STATE	REGISTRATION	COLOR	SIGNAL OR VIN	CHARACTERISTICS/CONDITIONS	FORM # JD-CR-18 COMPLETED EST. VALUE	GLASS
DV	1		2019 Chevrolet Tahoe		CT	AV29315	Black		1GNSKDECAKR400856		
POINT OF ENTRY: N/A TYPE OF WEAPON - TOOLS: N/A											

SOLVABILITY FACTORS: YES NO UNK
 SUSPECT LOCATION
 SUSPECT NAME
 SUSPECT IDENTIFICATION
 WITNESS TO CRIME
 SUSPECT DESCRIPTION
 WEAPONS DESCRIPTION
 EVIDENCE COLLECTED
 VEHICLE INFORMATION
 PROPERTY I.D. LOCATED
 M.O. INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS:
 On the above date and time, Chief Jason Thody was operating his department vehicle, a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe, bearing CT AV29315.
 While operating the vehicle on Route 154 in Chester, Connecticut, the vehicle momentarily crossed the right lane boundary marker and made contact with the guard rail. Connecticut State Police was immediately notified, but declined to respond or provide a case number.
 Hartford Chief Operating Officer Thea Montanez was notified of the incident.
 This report was generated for documentation purposes.

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: BOWSZA
 ASSISTING OFFICER: H48
 SUPERVISOR: [Signature]
 MAJOR CRIMES GUN TASK FORCE JID DISTRICTZONE C.O. NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE OTHER
 DISTRIBUTION:

ATTORNEY STATEMENT: [Signature]
 SUBMITTED AND SWORN TO before me this (day) (month) (year) [Signature]

SUPERVISOR REVIEW: [Signature]
 RECORDS STATES ATTORNEY INVESTIGATIVE OFFICER
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**HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENT SUPPLEMENT**

CASE # 20-16619

<input type="checkbox"/> PROSECUTOR REPORT (Comm. Court) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE REFERRAL		LOCATION OF INCIDENT		Rt. 154 North, Chester, CT		APT.		FLOOR		RELATED CASE #	
DATE OF INCIDENT 5/31/2020		TIME OF INCIDENT 1650		DATE REPORTED 5/31/2020		Rt. 154 North, Chester, CT					
STATUS CODE: A-ACCUSED C-COMPLAINANT J-JUVENILE S-SUSPECT M-MISSING-V-ICTIM W-WITNESS I-INTERVIEWED X-ALIAS O-OTHER L-LOCATED B-BUSINESS R-REFERRED JUVENILE P-PEDESTRIAN K-OWNER OF MV N-PASSENGER IN MV T-TICKETED Z-OPERATOR MV											
PURSUER	STATUS	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	SEX	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	ADDRESS	APT./FLOOR	TELEPHONE
Z		Thody	Jason	C	M	W	10/28/1975	44	253 High Street		8607574000
ARREST											
CHARGE 1	STATUTE						CHARGE 2	STATUTE			
CHARGE 3	STATUTE						CHARGE 4	STATUTE			
SUSPECT	SEX	RACE	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR COLOR	HAIR TYPE	COMPLEXION	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS / DISTINCTIVE FEATURES		
P	D								PROPERTY CODE: A-ABANDONED E-EVIDENCE F-FOUND L-LOST R-RECOVERED S-STOLEN T-TOWED V-VEHICLE O-OTHER D-DAMAGED W-SUSPECT VEHICLE		
QTY.	YEAR	ITEM	(BRAND-MODEL)	STATE	REGISTRATION	COLOR	SERIAL OR VIN	CHARACTERISTICS / CONDITION	FORM #D-CR-18 COMPLETED	EST. VALUE	CLASS
1		2019 Chevrolet Tahoe		CT	AV29315	Black	1GNSKDECAKR400856			\$	\$

DETAILS

On the above listed date, I was at my marina in Chester, CT when I was notified of an impromptu protest that was organizing in front of the Hartford Police Department. This notification came through the Command Staff group text. The message indicated 50 - 100 people were involved but it was peaceful at that time.

I was monitoring news alerts of protest activity in New Haven and Waterbury where large protests were shutting down streets and highways. I monitored and acknowledged the text updates until I decided to head back to Hartford in the event the protest activity escalated.

At 1644 I texted Headquarters Lieutenant Luis Ruiz to give me a call. Lt. Ruiz called me and gave me an update on the situation while I was driving my assigned, above listed, Department vehicle North on Connecticut Route 154 in Chester, CT. I was responding back to Hartford to monitor the protests given they had escalated in other cities and were continuing through the streets in Hartford. I hung up the phone with Lieutenant Ruiz and placed it on the center console when it slid off and across the passenger seat. I reached over to the passenger side of the vehicle to retrieve the phone, momentarily taking my eyes off of the road, and my Department vehicle drifted to the right and briefly made contact with a guardrail along the East side of Rt. 154, just North of Island View Terrace. This section of road has a narrow space between the white line and the guardrail on the East side of the road, and no rumble strips. I proceeded until it was safe to stop and check the vehicle for damage. The vehicle sustained minor, cosmetic damage to the passenger side and remained fully operational. The guardrail had paint transfer but was not damaged. I was not injured and was the only one in the vehicle at the time.

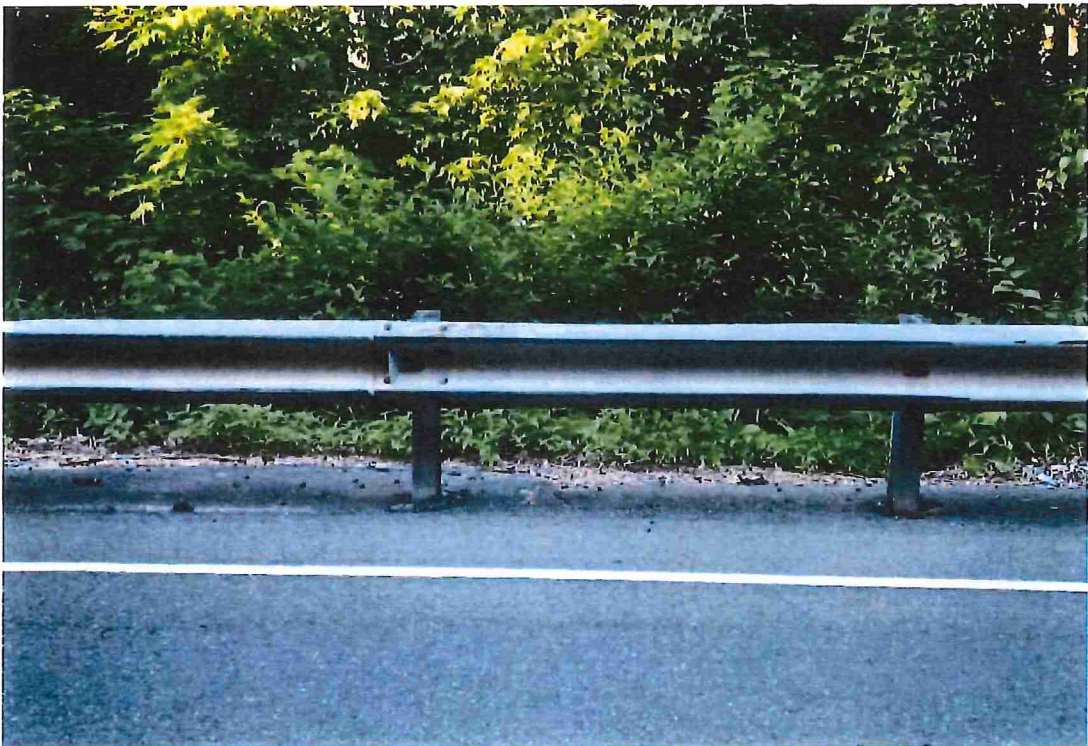
Given that there was no damage to the guardrail, and minor damage to the vehicle (I assessed was under \$1,000.00), I prioritized my response back to Hartford for the protests over awaiting a State Police response. I made notification to my direct report, Chief Operating Officer Thea Montanez.

I took photographs of the damage to the vehicle, the guardrail, and the area of impact. I notified Chief of Staff Brian Bowsza to prepare the appropriate paperwork to document the damage and have the vehicle repaired.

DATE OF SUPPLEMENT	6/15/2020	INVESTIGATING OFFICER	Jason Thody	CODE	D07	ASSISTING OFFICER		CODE	
DISTRIBUTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> MAJOR CRIMES	<input type="checkbox"/> GUN TASK FORCE	<input type="checkbox"/> JID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT/ZONE CO		SUPERVISORY REVIEW		CODE	
	<input type="checkbox"/> NARCOTICS	<input type="checkbox"/> INTELLIGENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER			APPROVAL STATEMENT: Subscribed and sworn to before me this day (date)	SUPERVISOR	CODE	
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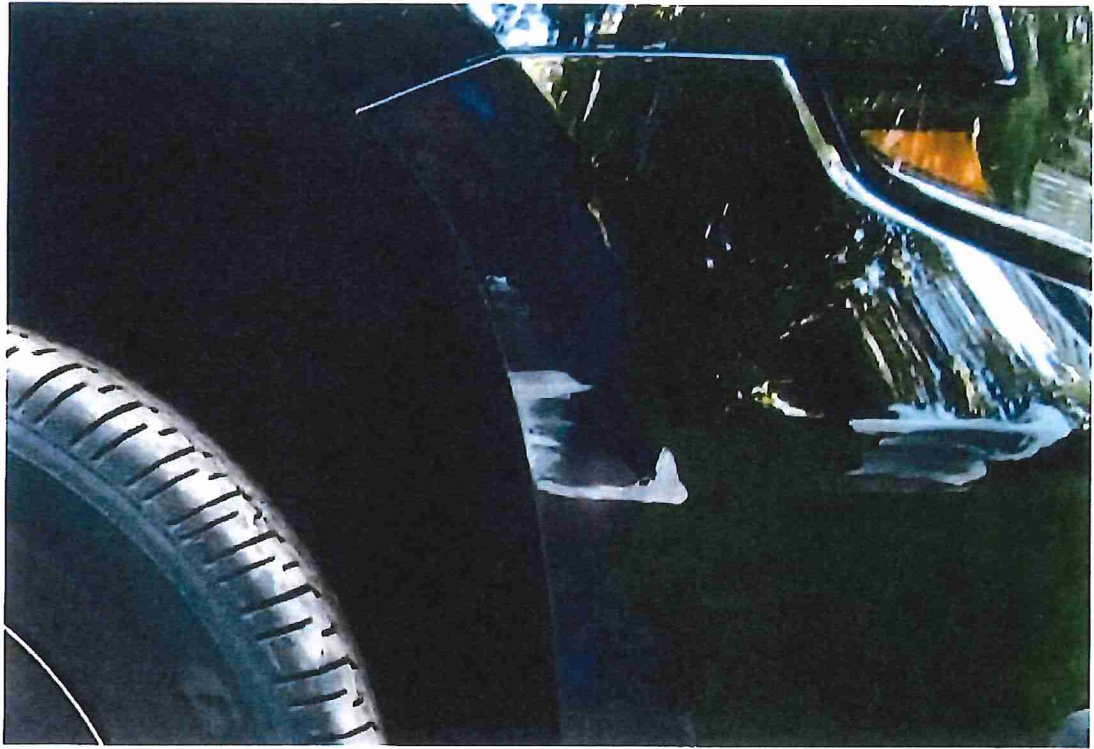
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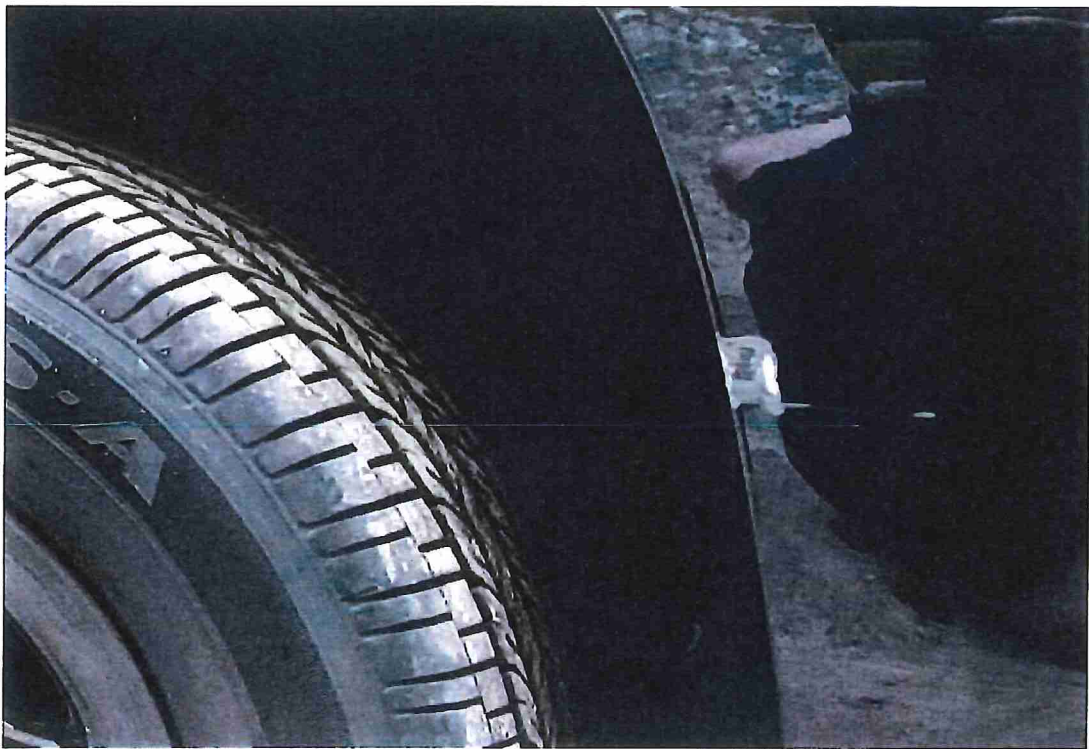












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AUTOMOBILE - NOTICE OF LOSS

CLAIM REP.	ADJ. OFFICE TO REC. MCR	INSURED'S CODE (Where Applicable)	DATE OF LOSS MO. DAY YR.	DATE NOTICE REC'D. MO. DAY YR.	FILE NUMBER	CAT. CODE	VEH. NO.				
DZ	ACT. CD.	PROD. CODE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	POL. FM.	EQ	POL. FORM & EDITION DATE	CALL FROM GREEN PHONE YES _____ NO _____				
PRODUCER	NAME OF CALLER			PHONE NUMBER OF CALLER		OFFICE REPORTING PREMIUM	OFFICE TAKING REPORT				
	1 PRODUCER NAME AND ADDRESS (Most Marketing: Employer & Address)					PHONE	PRODUCER CODE				
	3 POLICY NUMBER			POLICY DATES		DATE AND TIME OF LOSS	A.M. P.M.	CAT. CODE			
INSURED	4 NAME (Last, First, Middle) City of Hartford, Police Department					RESIDENCE PHONE		BUSINESS PHONE (860) 757-4000			
	5 ADDRESS (No., Street, City, State, Zip Code) 253 High Street Hartford, CT. 06103										
	6 PERSON TO CONTACT Jose Rivera					WHERE TO CONTACT HPD	WHEN 0700-1500				
LOSS	7 LOCATION OF ACCIDENT (Including City & State) Rt 154, Chester, CT					POLICE DEPT. CONTACTED & REPORT NO. Hartford Police Department 20-16619					
	8 DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT The listed vehicle momentarily crossed the right lane boundary marker and the vehicle made contact with the guard rail. CSP was notified but declined to respond or generate a case number.					VIOLATIONS/CITATIONS					
	9 BODILY INJURY		PROPERTY DAMAGE	SINGLE LIMIT	MED. PAY.	OTHER THAN COLL. DED.	COLLISION DED.				
POLICY	10 LOSS PAYEE (If None, so Indicate)				OTHER COVERAGES (U.M., No Fault, Towing, etc.)						
	11 VEH. NO. 900	YEAR, MAKE AND MODEL OF VEHICLE 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe		V.I.N. (Vehicle Identification Number) 1GNSKDEC4KR400856			PLATE NUMBER AV29315				
INSURED VEHICLE	12 OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Policyholder							PHONE			
	13 DRIVER'S NAME AND ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Owner Thody, Jason					RESIDENCE PHONE N/A		BUSINESS PHONE 860-757-4487			
	14 RELATION TO INSURED (Employee, Family, etc.) Employee		AGE 44	DRIVER LICENSE NO. CT 106527753		PURPOSE OF USE work		USED W/PERMISSION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES _____ NO			
	15 DESCRIBE DAMAGE Right front bumper, front and rear passenger doors and rear passenger bumper		DAMAGE REPAIRED (Forward Bill) (Give Estimate) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO \$		WHERE CAN VEH. BE SEEN & WHEN 253 High Street, Hartford, CT 06103		OTHER INSURANCE self insured				
PROPERTY DAMAGE	16 DESCRIBE PROPERTY (If Auto, Make, Model, Year, Plate #) None			OTHER VEH./PROPERTY INSURED _____ YES _____ NO		COMPANY/AGENCY NAME & POLICY NO. N/A					
	17 OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS N/A					RESIDENCE PHONE N/A		BUSINESS PHONE N/A			
	18 OTHER DRIVER'S NAME AND ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Owner N/A					RESIDENCE PHONE		BUSINESS PHONE			
INJURED	19 DESCRIBE DAMAGE N/A		DAMAGE REPAIRED (Forward Bill) (Give Estimate) _____ YES _____ NO \$		WHERE CAN DAMAGE BE SEEN & WHEN N/A						
	20 NAME AND ADDRESS N/A		PHONE		PED.	INS. VEH.	OTHER VEH.	AGE	EXTENT OF INJURY N/A		
REMARKS WITNESS	21 NAME AND ADDRESS N/A		PHONE		INS. VEH.	OTHER VEH.	OTHER (Specify)				
	22										
AUTO THEFT	VEHICLE RECOVERED (If "YES", Where Now Located) _____ YES _____ NO				ACTION	TYPE OF LOSS	LOSS SYMBOL	ASSIGNED TO	APPRAISAL ON	DRIVEN IN	TICKLE DATE
	REPLACEMENT VEHICLE RENTED _____ YES _____ NO							_____ Pol. Rpt.	_____ INSURED	_____ YES _____ NO	

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**HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT
LIMITED DISTRIBUTION REPORT**

DISTRICT:	_____
AREA:	_____
10 CODE:	10-30
CIR #:	20-16619

****THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE RELEASED TO THE MEDIA****

SUBJECT: Motor vehicle accident- City Vehicle
LOCATION: Rt. 154, Chester, CT LOCATION TYPE: roadway
DATE & TIME OF INCIDENT: 5/31/2020 LOCATION NAME: N/A

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT:

On the above date, Chief Jason Thody was operating his department vehicle on Rt. 154 in Chester, CT. The vehicle momentarily crossed the right lane boundary marker and made contact with the guardrail. Connecticut State Police was immediately notified but declined to respond due to pressing issues in another jurisdiction.

COO Thea Montanez was also immediately notified.

DESCRIPTION OF UNKNOWN SUSPECTS / ARRESTED PARTY'S INFO. (If 18 years or older)
N/A

****THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT RELEASABLE TO THE MEDIA****

IDENTIFIED SUSPECTS NOT ARRESTED/JUVENILES ARRESTED (If 16 or 17 years old)
N/A

VICTIM / PERSON INJURED AND / OR PROPERTY DAMAGED:
2019 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN 1GNSKDEC4KR400856

ADMINISTRATION:

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Thody SUPERVISOR ON SCENE: N/A
1st COMMANDER NOTIFIED: N/A AT _____ HOURS.
OTHER COMMAND NOTIFICATIONS: N/A
RESPONDING DIVISIONS: N/A
INVESTIGATION ASSIGNED TO: N/A CASE STATUS: Closed
SIR REQUIRED?: Yes DESIGNATED SIR PREPARER: _____

UNUSUAL PREPARED BY: Lt. Brian Bowsza SIGNATURE: _____
UNUSUAL REVIEWED BY: N/A SIGNATURE: _____

CITY OF HARTFORD

INTRADEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

To: Jason C. Thody
Chief of Police

From: Rafael Medina III
Assistant Chief of Police

Date: June 8, 2020

Subject: SIR Extension Request

Due to on-going protests, demonstrations, and other pressing events occurring within the City, I respectfully request an extension to complete the investigation and report into the motor vehicle accident you were involved in on May 31, 2020.

Approved
J. Thody



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE



Colonel Stavros Mellekas
Deputy Commissioner

Sergeant Brian Narkewicz
Chief of Staff

DATE: June 30, 2020
TO: Colonel Stavros Mellekas
FROM: LT Jay DelGrosso
SUBJECT: Inquiry into a possible motor vehicle crash involving the Hartford Police Chief of Police.

Sir,

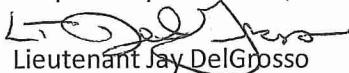
As a form of formal documentation I have included a question from Commissioner Rovella given to Director William Youell on 6/29/2020 @ 8:12 AM. I have also included Mr. Youell's response to the question.

"Good morning Bill. I was hoping you could give me some expert analysis on a 911 call. I can supply additional info if need. Earlier in June, a mobile 911 caller in East Haddam was bounced to Glastonbury PD as the initial recipient. I'm trying to reason though the East Haddam to Glastonbury PD. Let me know."

This response was received from Director William Youell, The Director of division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications on June 29, 2020 @ 4:31 PM

"Wireless 911 calls are routed to PSAPs based on the location of the caller. In most cases wireless 911 calls gets routed appropriately based on the cell tower sector in which the caller is located. However, it is not uncommon for a call to be routed from a nearby tower which is not in the jurisdiction that the caller is in. When this occurs the receiving PSAP is responsible for transferring the call to the correct PSAP. Regarding the 911 call of 5/31/2020, the 911 call record detail report depicts the following: A wireless 9-1-1 call was placed from the Route 154 area in Haddam near the Chester town line. The Verizon tower that received and routed that call is located at 151 Young St, East Hampton approximately 7 miles from where the call was placed. The call was then appropriately routed to the Glastonbury PSAP, a multi-town PSAP that also serves as East Hampton's 911 answering point. Please advise if any questions."

Respectfully Submitted,


Lieutenant Jay DelGrosso

Chief of Staff, Office of the Commissioner



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE



Colonel Stavros Mellekas
Deputy Commissioner

Sergeant Brian Narkewicz
Chief of Staff

DATE: July 2, 2020
TO: Colonel Stavros Mellekas
FROM: LT Jay DelGrosso
SUBJECT: Inquiry into a possible motor vehicle crash involving the Hartford Police Chief of Police

Sir,

For purposes of formal documentation, this writing is to detail information gathered during this inquiry.

On 7/2/2020 at approximately 1215 hours, I had the opportunity to speak with the 911 caller, [REDACTED]

I identified myself to him and explained the purpose of my call. He stated that he was glad to hear from someone and was very interested to know if we had looked into his call. I assured him that we had, in fact, investigated his call, and documented our investigative steps. The steps taken were explained in detail to [REDACTED]. I explained in detail how and why the call had been transferred multiple times. I also stated that we had met with a States Attorney and all of our information had been turned over to them for review.

[REDACTED] thanked me for the detailed information and for taking the time to speak with him.

Respectfully Submitted,

LT Jay DelGrosso #045

Lieutenant Jay DelGrosso
Chief of Staff, Office of the Commissioner



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE



Colonel Stavros Mellekas
Deputy Commissioner

Sergeant Brian Narkewicz
Chief of Staff

DATE: July 2, 2020
TO: Colonel Stavros Mellekas
FROM: LT Jay DelGrosso
SUBJECT: Inquiry into a possible motor vehicle crash involving the Hartford Police Chief of Police.

Sir,

For the purpose of formal documentation, I am writing to detail information gathered during this inquiry.

As you are aware, on 6/30/20 at 1430 Hours, you, Commissioner Rovella and I met with SA Michael Gailor and SA Gail Hardy. During this meeting, we discussed the facts and circumstances of a motor vehicle incident involving the Hartford Police Chief that occurred on May 31, 2020. During this meeting we were able to review and provide copies of all documentation involved in our investigation, to include all written reports and the recordings of all the 911 calls received involving the caller, [REDACTED].

On July 1, 2020 SA Gailor requested an additional investigative step be taken by the State Police. This investigative step was conducted by Detective Patrick Dwyer, and he documented his actions under State Police case number 20-00240678.

On July 2, 2020 at 10:30 AM, Colonel Mellekas received an email from SA Gailor that stated the following:

“Colonel – Based on my review of the information provided I would recommend sending this matter to the city of Hartford so that they can deal with it administratively. Thank you,

Michael A. Gailor
State's Attorney
Middlesex JD “

Respectfully Submitted,

LT Jay DelGrosso #045
Lieutenant Jay DelGrosso
Chief of Staff, Office of the Commissioner



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-
INVESTIGATION REPORT (DPS-683-E) (REVISED 2/3/06)**

Report Type: Report #: 2000240678 - 00170234

Initial Report: Prosecutors Report: Supplement: Re-open: Assist: Closing:

Attachments:

Statements: Teletype: Photos: Sketchmap: Evidence: Other:

CFS NO 2000240678	INCIDENT DATE 05/31/2020	TIME 17:08	INCIDENT DATE 05/31/2020	TIME	PRIMARY OFFICER HESSELTINE, MARK A.	BADGE NO 0976
INVESTIGATING OFFICER HESSELTINE, MARK A.		BADGE NO 0976	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable		CASE STATUS Closed/Cleared	
INCIDENT ADDRESS Old Turnpike Rd/ Rt 154 Haddam 06438					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD T061

On 05/31/20, at approximately 1708 hours, I was dispatched to the area of RT-154 in Haddam to attempt to locate a black Chevy Tahoe with a partial plate of "AW". It was reported that the Tahoe had struck a guardrail on RT-154 in the area of RT-82. I was assigned the Durham/Middlefield patrol and was in one of those towns at the time of being dispatched to the call. I entered RT-154 from Randolph Rd. in Middletown and swept RT-154 all the way into Chester. I also swept Old Turnpike Rd. and some side streets in the area. I was not able to locate the black Tahoe and I did not observe any signs of collision to any guardrail in the area. I advised the troop and cleared the call.

THE UNDERSIGNED, AN INVESTIGATOR HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT: I AM THE WRITER OF THE ATTACHED POLICE REPORT PERTAINING TO THIS INCIDENT NUMBER. THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN WAS SECURED AS A RESULT OF (1)MY PERSONAL OBSERVATION AND KNOWLEDGE: OR (2)INFORMATION RELAYED TO ME BY OTHER MEMBERS OF MY POLICE DEPARTMENT OR OF ANOTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT:OR (3)INFORMATION SECURED BY MYSELF OR ANOTHER MEMBER OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE PERSON OR PERSONS NAMED OR IDENTIFIED THEREIN, AS INDICATED IN THE ATTACHED REPORT. THAT THE REPORT IS AN ACCURATE STATEMENT OF THE INFORMATION SO RECEIVED BY ME.

INVESTIGATOR SIGNATURE: /TFC MARK A HESSELTINE/	INVESTIGATOR I.D.#: 0976	REPORT DATE: 07/02/2020	
SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE: /SGT CHARLES D BURNS/	SUPERVISOR I.D.#: 0113		



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-
INVESTIGATION REPORT (DPS-302-E) (REVISED 2/3/06)**

Report Type: Report #: 2000240678 - 00170979

Initial Report: Prosecutors Report: Supplement: Re-open: Assist: Closing:

Attachments:

Statements: Teletype: Photos: Sketchmap: Evidence: Other:

CFS NO 2000240678	INCIDENT DATE 05/31/2020	TIME 17:08	INCIDENT DATE 05/31/2020	TIME	PRIMARY OFFICER HESSELTINE, MARK A.	BADGE NO 0976
INVESTIGATING OFFICER DWYER, PATRICK R.		BADGE NO 0678	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable		CASE STATUS Closed/Cleared	
INCIDENT ADDRESS Old Turnpike Rd/ Rt 154 Haddam 06438					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD T061

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT / CANVASS OF MARINA'S IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER, CT.

Initial Investigation:

On 05/31/2020, at approximately 1708 hours, Trooper Hesseltine #976 (CSP F), was dispatched to the area of RT-154 in Haddam to attempt to locate a black Chevy Tahoe with a partial plate of "AW". A 911 caller reported to Troop F dispatch the Tahoe had struck a guardrail on RT-154 in the area of RT-82. Trooper Hesseltine had been assigned the Troop F Durham/Middlefield patrol and he reported he was in one of those towns at the time of being dispatched to the call. Trooper Hesseltine entered RT-154 from Randolph Rd. in Middletown and he swept RT-154 all the way into Chester. He also swept Old Turnpike Rd. and some side streets in the area. He was unable to locate the black Tahoe and he did not observe any signs of a collision to any guardrail in the area. Trooper Hesseltine advised Troop F and he cleared the call.

On 07/01/2020, at 1431 hours, this Detective, along with Detective McGlynn #1268, was assigned to conduct a canvass of the Chester Marina in the town of Chester, CT. for video footage of a person (Jason Thody) consuming alcohol on 05/31/2020.

On 07/01/2020, this Detective, along with Detective McGlynn #1268, conducted the following canvass:

07/01/2020 at 1530 hours; Hays Haven Marina #59 Railroad Avenue Chester, CT. 06412 Phone: [REDACTED]. Detectives spoke with Melissa Marzano Hays (owner). She told Detectives she is familiar with Jason Thody and said Thody stored his boat with them in the winter months of 2018 through 2019. Hays told Detective she believes Thody currently stores his boat at the Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club in Chester.

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INVESTIGATOR SIGNATURE: /DET PATRICK R DWYER/	INVESTIGATOR I.D.#: 0678	REPORT DATE: 07/06/2020 11:30 am
SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE: /SGT CHRISTOPHER J FONGEMIE/	SUPERVISOR I.D.#: 0131	



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-
INVESTIGATION REPORT (DPS-302-E) (REVISED 2/3/06)**

Hays had no further information relevant to this investigation.

07/01/2020 at 1546 hours; Detective McGlynn spoke with Kathy Vigorita (Office Manager Chester Point Marina) #61 Railroad Avenue Chester, CT. 06412 Phone: [REDACTED]. Vigorita told Detective McGlynn that Chester Point Marina had no record of a Jason Thody having a boat registered at their marina. Vigorita had no further information relevant to this investigation.

07/01/2020 at 1610 hours; This Detective spoke with a Nancy Zanovich (Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club) by phone. Zanovich provided this Detective with the telephone number of a Gary Smith (Vice Commander Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club tel # [REDACTED]). Smith had no information about Jason Thody but provided this Detective with the name and number of the Rear Commodore of the Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club (Jeremy Sawyer). This Detective spoke with Sawyer by phone on 07/01/2020 at 2003 hours. Sawyer told this Detective he is familiar with Jason Thody and stated Thody does in fact have a boat at the Springfield Marina but stated Thody's boat has not yet been placed into the water this season. He also said Thody's girlfriend (Vicki) has a boat at the Springfield Marina but stated her boat has also not yet been placed into the water this season. Sawyer also told this Detective there is no video surveillance at the marina. Sawyer told this Detective Thody and his girlfriend frequent the Springfield Marina to socialize and they often utilize a dinghy style vessel within the marina. The Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club is located on Dock Road, just beyond the Pattaconk Yacht Club, in the town of Chester, CT. but the office is located in Agawam, MA.

Case Status:

This case is closed.

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INVESTIGATOR SIGNATURE: /DET PATRICK R DWYER/	INVESTIGATOR I.D.#: 0678	REPORT DATE: 07/06/2020 11:30 am	
SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE: /SGT CHRISTOPHER J FONGEMIE/	SUPERVISOR I.D.#: 0131		