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INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

Myrtle Beach Police Department

Case # 21-017524

Status Codes	1 = None	2 = Burned	3 = Counterfeit / Forged	4 = Damaged / Vandalized	5 = Recovered	6 = Seized	7 = Stolen	8 = Unknown
D R U G S	IBR	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type			

Assisting Officers
GIBSON, B. . (6362), GIBSON, B. . (6362), FULLWOOD, J. . (6738), SOUOUD, A. . (8234), ALKINBURGH, S. (10997),
LANG, A. (11056), ALCORN, A. (10754), RAA-SCHAEFER, A.F. (10136)

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated:

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NARRATIVE

ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2021 AT APPROXIMATELY 0854 HOURS, I, PFC LOZZI, RESPONDED TO 1145 YORKSHIRE PKWY, WHICH IS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF MYRTLE BEACH, IN REFERENCE TO A DROWNING.

WHEN I ARRIVED ON SCENE I OBSERVED A WHEELCHAIR IN THE POOL AND BEGAN SPEAKING TO WITNESSES AND FAMILY MEMBERS. THE VICTIM WAS TRANSPORTED BY MEDICS TO THE HOSPITAL AND SGT GIBSON WAS NOTIFIED.

THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE*Myrtle Beach Police Department*

OCA

21-017524

Victim

Offense

DROWNING

Date / Time Reported

Mon 09/06/2021 10:48

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WHEN I ARRIVED ON SCENE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS DOING CPR ON THE VICTIM AND GETTING HIM READY FOR TRANSPORT. INVOLVED OTHER 1 HAD APPROACHED ME SAYING THE VICTIM HAD A DNR FROM A LIVING WILL THE VICTIM HAD DONE DURING A TRIP TO VIRGINIA. I ASKED INVOLVED OTHER 1 IF SHE COULD SUPPLY US WITH THE PAPERWORK. WHEN INVOLVED OTHER 1 CAME BACK, SHE DID NOT HAVE A FORM FILLED OUT FOR A DNR.

INVOLVED OTHER 2 STATED THAT HE WAS IN THE AREA OF THE POOL WHEN HE SAW THE VICTIM OUT FOR HIS NORMAL TOUR AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD. INVOLVED OTHER 2 SAYS THE VICTIM APPROACHED HIM ABOUT OPENING UP THE DOOR TO THE POOL FOR HIM TO ENTER BECAUSE HE WAS GOING TO BE PLAYING CHESS WITH SOMEONE. INVOLVED OTHER 2 USED HIS KEY CARD TO OPEN THE DOOR TO LET THE VICTIM IN. INVOLVED OTHER 2 DID NOT FOLLOW.

DET SOUOUD WAS NOTIFIED AND RESPONDED TO THE SCENE. SGT GIBSON NOTIFIED CRIME SCENE TO RESPOND AS WELL. DURING THAT TIME, BEFORE THEY ARRIVED, SOMEONE WITH THE HOA WHO HAS ACCESS TO THE CAMERAS ARRIVED ON SCENE AND WE WERE ABLE TO VIEW THEM.

THE CAMERA SHOWS THE VICTIM ENTERING INTO THE POOL AREA AND GOING OVER TO THE AREA WHERE THE CHESS SETS ARE. THE VICTIM IS THEN SEEN WITH HIS DOG LEAVING THAT AREA AND DRIVING AROUND THE POOL. THE VICTIM THEN STOPS AT A CURVE IN THE POOL AND THEN SUDDENLY MOVES QUICKLY FORWARD AND GOES INTO THE WATER. THE VICTIM IS SEEN LIFTING HIS HEAD UP A FEW TIMES BEFORE THE CAMERA CUTS TO A DIFFERENT TIME. THE CAMERA THEN SHOWS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDING. THE VICTIM IS ON CAMERA GOING INTO THE POOL AT 7:56 THEN A MEMBER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT JUMPS IN AT 8:56. THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE IN THE POOL AREA AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. PFC SCHAEFER ARRIVED ON SCENE TO MAKE A COPY OF THE CAMERA FOOTAGE.

DET SOUOUD REQUESTED THE WHEELCHAIR BE PLACED INTO PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE FOR THE FAMILY TO COME RETRIEVE IT. THE WHEELCHAIR WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PLACED INTO PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE ALONG WITH A BLACK BACKPACK THAT WAS WITH THE WHEELCHAIR.

BATTALION CHIEF MITCHELL STATED HE WOULD MAKE THE CALL TO DHEC IN REFERENCE TO THIS INCIDENT.

THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

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Case Status: CLOSED

Case Mng Status: ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED Occurred: 09/06/2021

Offense: DROWNING

Investigator: ALKINBURGH, S. (10997)

Date / Time: 09/06/2021 13:04:27, Monday

Supervisor: GIBSON, B. . (6362)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 09/06/2021 13:48:36, Monday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

ON SEPTEMBER, 06, 2021 I RESPONDED TO THE COMMUNITY POOL AT 1145 YORKSHIRE PKWY IN THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH FOR THE REPORT OF A MALE SUBJECT DROWNING IN THE POOL.

UPON ARRIVAL MBFD PERSONNEL HAD ALREADY EXTRACATED THE MALE VICTIM FROM THE POOL AND WERE PERFORMING CPR.

WHILE MBFD WAS TENDING TO THE VICTIM I BEGAN TO SEPERATE WITNESSES FROM ON LOOKERS AND EVACUATE THE PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT PERTINENT TO THE SCENE.

I NOTIFIED MBPD SGT GIBSON OF THE SITUATION AND HE NOTIFIED DET SOUOUD AND CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR RAA-SCHAFER WHO ARRIVED ON SCENE TO PERFORM THEIR INVESTIGATIONS.

I WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY FOUR WITNESSES WHO ALL REPORTED THAT THEY ARRIVED AT APPROXIMATELY 0830-0840 THE MORNING OF THE DATE ABOVE AND NOTICED AN OBJECT IN THE POOL WHICH THEY THOUGHT WAS A FLOAT OR TOY LEFT IN THE POOL BY ONE OF THE KIDS OR COMMUNITY MEMEBERS THE NIGHT BEFORE. THEY REPORTED THAT WHEN THEY LOOKED CLOSER THEY REALIZED IT WAS ONE OF THEIR COMMUNITY MEMBERS THEY KNEW TO BE THE (VICTIM) [REDACTED]. ONE OF THE WITNESSES, [REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY CALLED 911.

MBFD AMBULANCE ARRIVED AND BEGAN TO GET THE VICTIM LOADED FOR TRANSPORT TO GSR. AT THAT TIME THE VICTIM'S WIFE ARRIVED ON SCENE AND POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM'S IDENTITY. THE VICTIM WAS THEN LOADED AND TRANSPORTED.

MBPD OFFICER LOIZZI ARRIVED ON SCENE AND BEGAN INTERVIEWING THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AS WELL AS OTHER PEOPLE ON SCENE TO HELP GET MORE INFORMATION.

DUE TO HER BACKGROUND/TRAINING FOR DROWNING INCIDENTS, OFFICER LOIZZI TOOK OVER AS THE PRIMARY UNIT IN THIS CASE.

Investigator Signature

Supervisor Signature

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Case Status: *CLOSED* **Case Mng Status:** *ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED* **Occurred:** *09/06/2021*
Offense: *DROWNING*

Investigator: *SOUOUD, A. . (8234)* **Date / Time:** *09/07/2021 07:55:53, Tuesday*
Supervisor: *(0)* **Supervisor Review Date / Time:** *NOT REVIEWED*
Contact: **Reference:** *Investigations Follow Up*

Received a phone call From Sgt Gibson in reference to a 10-7 Drowning. Arrived on scene and was advised by the fire dept that the victim has been transported to the hospital. The Victim was wheelchair bound and has been paralyzed for 21 years and only has use of his neck muscles and biceps. I spoke with the wife of the victim who advised that his daily routine consists of going to the pool every morning and that nothing was unusual this morning and that he wasn't suicidal. I reviewed video surveillance which is motion activated. The Victim, makes entry into the pool with his dog and then at 0756 hours, his wheelchair is seen moving towards the water and then the victim falls in along with his wheelchair which he is strapped to and is seen attempting to pull his head up. the victim is under water for over 40 minutes before someone locates him and calls it in. I responded to GSR where I was advised that the victim was on life support but that he had no brain function.

I spoke to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is the neighbor of the victim stated that the victim called out to him and asked him if he had the key card to get into the pool and he let him in. he advised that the victim told him that he was meeting someone at the pool to play chess with. he advised that he was unaware who this person was and to his knowledge there was no one at the pool.

I reviewed video footage and observed the victim go into the pool at around 0752 hours and make his way towards the back where the chess board is. the camera cuts off due to motion activation. at 7:56, the victim is seen making his way towards the pool area round about where he is observed going into the pool with his wheelchair which he was strapped to. The victim is observed attempting to pull his head up but is unable to do so. the victim is under water for 40 minutes before paramedics arrive on scene to render aid.

The victim was transported to GSR and life saving measures were preformed. the victim was on a ventilator but had no brain activity.

The wife of the victim advised that he had DNR and DNI paperwork.

the victim's belongings were transported to the police department and dropped as evidence and eligible to be released to the family. [09/07/2021 08:04, ASOUOUD, 303, MBPD]

The victim's belongings were released to a [REDACTED] who is the victim's friend, it was released per the victim's wife. [09/07/2021 13:54, ASOUOUD, 303, MBPD]

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Offense: *DROWNING*

Investigator: *MUHLBAIER, K. . (8658)*

Date / Time: *12/05/2024 07:22:45, Thursday*

Supervisor: *MUHLBAIER, K. . (8658)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *NOT REVIEWED*

Contact:

Reference: *Investigations Follow Up*

December 4, 2024

Sgt. Muhlbaier (reporting officer - RO) received an email in reference to [REDACTED] coming to the police department service desk and inquiring about her brother, [REDACTED], death investigation.

RO contacted [REDACTED] at the number provided and spoke to her. [REDACTED] stated she had spoken to [REDACTED] with the Horry County Coroner's office about her brother's case. His death had been ruled accidental but [REDACTED] believes that it was suicide. [REDACTED] advised that her brother had been suicidal and had suicidal ideations for a long time. [REDACTED] was concerned that police did not speak with [REDACTED] family but only his wife at the time, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was inquiring why the death had been determined to be accidental vs suicide and the coroner had told her that they were directed to friends at the church.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED], the wife of [REDACTED] at the time of his death, had told after his death to not mention anything to anyone because [REDACTED] needed the money for the kids. [REDACTED] advised that just prior to [REDACTED] death, [REDACTED] had reached out to [REDACTED] advising him of his wife's possible affair with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] inquired about any criminal implications for [REDACTED] in reference to this case. RO advised [REDACTED] that an investigation may or may not lead to any criminal charges.

[REDACTED] advised that she wanted to speak and get information. She was advised to contact RO at any point with any further questions or information.

[REDACTED] did not have information other than her brother was suicidal at the time of his death that would require this death investigation to be reopened by police. [REDACTED] was advised that the manner of death could be reopened by the coroner and changed but police dealt with foul play and there was none determined in this case.

Nothing further at this time.

[12/05/2024 07:24, KMUHLBAIER, 416, MBPD]

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Offense: *DROWNING*

Investigator: *REFFEY, Z. (10831)*

Date / Time: *01/15/2025 14:34:46, Wednesday*

Supervisor: *(0)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *NOT REVIEWED*

Contact:

Reference: *Investigations Follow Up*

Wednesday January 15th 2025

Detective Reffey was contacted by Sgt Whitmire to re-visit this case.

I started by reading the reports and the supplementals reports from detectives to get familiar with the case. I then watched all the videos from evidence.com and listened to the interviews. Sgt Whitmire had these pieces of evidence re-archived because of the timeframe, the evidence was archived.

I then spoke with detective Voegele, and we scheduled for [REDACTED] (Horry County Coroner) to come to the Annex and speak with us (01/15/2025). We showed her the videos from the incident, and I told her about the interviews that were conducted during the time. [REDACTED] wants to come back to the Myrtle Beach Annex on Friday around 0900 hours and be present with detectives and call all the family members to her why and what is the reasoning behind them wanting to change the status of death.

Phone interviews will be completed on Friday 01/17/2025 starting at 0900 hours. [01/15/2025 14:42, ZREFFEY, 884, MBPD] [01/15/2025 14:43, ZREFFEY, 884, MBPD]

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Offense: *DROWNING*

Investigator: *VOEGELE, C. (8805)*

Date / Time: *01/21/2025 08:12:41, Tuesday*

Supervisor: *(0)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *NOT REVIEWED*

Contact:

Reference: *Investigations Follow Up*

01/17/2025 - Det. Reffey, Lt. Quinn, Coroner [REDACTED] and Myself conducted interviews with numerous people throughout the day that had insight into this incident. The schedule of interviews is listed below:

[REDACTED]

All statements provided were very similar and informed of us other insight into this incident. All of the interviews were recorded and uploaded into evidence.com.

[01/21/2025 09:03, CVOEGELE, 475, MBPD]

01/21/2025 - I tried calling [REDACTED] (2nd Attempt) to schedule an interview and she again didn't answer. I left a voicemail during my previous call and she still has not returned my call. [01/21/2025 14:12, CVOEGELE, 475, MBPD]

01/23/2025 - I called [REDACTED] again and she didn't answer. After seeing my missed call, she returned my call and we spoke briefly about this incident. [REDACTED] said that she is the [REDACTED] and was familiar with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] because they were members of the Church at the time of [REDACTED] death. She said she probably told [REDACTED] sorry for her loss at the time, but that they never had any conversations until much later. [REDACTED] said she didn't really start to have dealings with [REDACTED] until after the death of [REDACTED]. I mentioned the possibility of a suicide note left by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said that she had heard rumors of there being one, but she doesn't recall from who. [REDACTED] said that she had heard that his death may've been accidental or a suicide, but that was just based on people talking. She also suggested I speak with [REDACTED] to get any kind of clarification and provided me with her phone number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also advised that it's easier to keep up with Church Members now after the [REDACTED] incident as their memberships dropped from 300 people down to 75 people. [01/23/2025 10:46, CVOEGELE, 475, MBPD]

01/28/2025 - I called [REDACTED] to schedule an interview. She didn't answer, but I was able to leave a voicemail requesting a call-back. [01/28/2025 08:50, CVOEGELE, 475, MBPD]

02/05/2025 - Coroner [REDACTED], Det. Reffey and myself interviewed the [REDACTED] at the MB Annex. She completed a miranda form and agreed to speak with us about the incident. [REDACTED] said that she can't say one way or another what [REDACTED] intentions were that morning because she wasn't with him. The full interview was recorded, uploaded into evidence.com and e-mailed to Coroner [REDACTED]. The completed Miranda

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Contact:

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form was then scanned into RMS and dropped into P&E. [02/06/2025 07:52, CVOEGELE, 475, MBPD]

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