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Reported Date and Time Fri 06/19/2020 1628		Initial Crime Report	
Location: 1 Hickman St, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 East of King Charles Ave		Occurred Fri 06/19/2020 1627	
M.O. and Incident Overview: Miscellaneous Investigation			
Grid 218 - 110	Sector 73	County Sussex	Domestic Related <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Officer Weapon Involved: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Officer Weapon Type:	Officer Weapon Use:
		Emergency Order Related: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Victim Information

Victim Number 001	Name Society		
Type Society/Public	Sex	Race	Ethnic Origin
Address		Resident Status	Home Telephone
Reporting Person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Victim Injured? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Victim Deceased? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Cell Phone

Crimes and Associated Information

Victim Number 001	Crime Seq 001	Statute MISCELLANEOUS	Crime Description Miscellaneous Investigation, Industrial Accident, Lost Property
Location of Offense Residence/Home/Garage		Status Service Clear 06/19/2020	Involvement <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Computer
Suspected Hate/Bias <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - N/A		Crime Code 8198 - Miscellaneous Investigation	

Witness Information

Sequence 001	Type Reporting Person	Name UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	Sex	Race	Age	D.O.B
			Home Telephone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	

Investigative Narrative

On Friday, June 19, 2020 at approx. 1628 hrs. I was advised by Det. Whitman (#7313) to respond to 1 Hickman St. in reference to a property check. He was advised by Lt. Sullivan (#7303) of a complaint that the reporting person, whom wished to remain anonymous, stated they overheard subjects staying at the above residence stating that they aren't supposed to be there, but that it was ok. Given that Rehoboth Beach is a resort town with rental properties in which the homeowner resides elsewhere, often times out-of-state; the Rehoboth Beach Police Department often responds to complaints of "squatters", and/or suspicious persons that are not believed to have permission to be at a property.

Upon arrival, I contacted a white female (possibly in her 40's) with dark brown hair, and identified myself, and what my purpose for responding to the residence was for. The white female subject invited me inside the residence. She advised that her sister-in-law had rented the house for the family for this past week and were due to leave tomorrow morning to return home. An older female subject of Indian ethnicity left the residence to respond to the beach area to have the sister-in-law respond back to the residence. The white female subject made a comment that she thought this might be a racist complaint about them. A few moments later, several subjects returned back to the residence, including three males. One male of possible Indian ethnicity, whom was wearing a white shirt with stripes on the front; taller in height than the other two males, immediately took out his cell phone and appeared to want to take a picture or video of my name patch on my uniform shirt. I spelled out my last name

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for him. One of the males of unknown ethnicity, whom had gray (salt and pepper) colored hair and was not wearing a shirt, asked if we could step outside because they did not want me in the house. The third male was of unknown ethnicity; heavier set than the other two males, and was wearing a blue shirt. Once outside on the front step area, I once again advised what my purpose for responding to the residence was for, specifically stating the above in how the complaint was received. The three males were constantly talking over one another, asking me questions without allowing me to answer before the other male(s) interrupted. I repeatedly had to remind them to converse one at a time with me; however, it appeared they all wanted to talk at the same time without allowing me to answer their questions before cutting me off. The taller male that had wanted to take a picture or video of my name patch asked to speak with the shift commander. I provided the phone number to RBPD and provided Det. Whitman's name (including spelling out his name for him). He also asked for the Lt.'s name, which I provided Lt. Sullivan's name. The taller male subject immediately contacted RBPD to speak with Det. Whitman.

While speaking with the other two gentlemen, the male subject wearing the blue shirt made a comment about police showing up at their place and scaring the kids. I advised him that I did not scare anyone, and that I had been invited inside. One of the male subjects stated that I shouldn't have been allowed inside the residence. The two males repeatedly talked over one another in questioning me why I responded to the residence simply based on the anonymous call. I attempted to answer their questions; however, it appeared they only wanted to interrupt me. The male subject that was not wearing a shirt commented about the police showing up at their house and the neighbors could see, causing embarrassment. The subjects did not wish to speak with me privately inside the residence; therefore, the conversation was conducted on the front steps outside of the residence, per the male subject's request. The male subject that was not wearing a shirt requested that I contact the Lt. there on the spot. I advised him that I had already contacted the shift commander, Det. Whitman, and that the taller male subject had already began speaking with him on the phone. The male subject insisted I contact the Lt. I advised him that I could not do that, and he questioned why not. I advised him that there is a chain of command that must be followed. The male subject wearing the blue shirt also reiterated to the other male that chain of command policy had to be followed. The male subject wearing the blue shirt appeared more cooperative and willing to have an understanding about the situation. He provided me proof of their house rental reservation on his cell phone. It provided their arrival date of 6/13/2020, and departure date of 6/20/2020. The taller male subject was still speaking on the phone around the corner on the east side of the residence, while myself and the other two gentlemen were standing on the front steps.

The one male not wearing a shirt made comments about finding out the name of the person who made the complaint and suing same, as well as suing RBPD for ruining their last day of their vacation and making RBPD pay for same. The male subject wearing the blue shirt responded back inside the residence. The male subject not wearing a shirt had a notepad and requested information of names of the shift commander and the Lt.'s names and phone numbers. I advised that I would write it down for him. The male subject not wearing a shirt began questioning me to give him the number of times I responded to a residence based on the complaint that the subjects did not pay to rent the house. I once again stated that that was not the case in this incident, and that I could not provide him a number due to each incident and circumstance being different; however, he was still persistent and adamant that I provide him with a "number of times." It appeared the male subject wanted to put words in my mouth in reference to the reason I responded to the residence. I advised him that I did not say that that was the reason I responded to the residence. I advised the subjects, more than once, in reference to how the complaint was received.

As the taller male subject was still speaking on the phone, I began writing Chief Banks' (#7301) and Lt. Riddle's (#7302) information down, and was attempting to write down Lt. Sullivan's and Det. Whitman's information down when the male subject not wearing a shirt advised me that I should just leave, that that would de-escalate the situation. I was still in the process of writing down the information that he requested and advised him of same, to which his response was that he did not need it. No pedigree information for any of the subjects was ascertained, as it was obvious they would not cooperate to provide it. The taller male subject was still speaking on the phone when I left the residence. He spoke with Det. Whitman briefly, as well as with Lt. Riddle.

BWC, as well as Axon video camera footage for patrol vehicle #736 was recorded during this incident.

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Solvability	<input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect Located	<input type="checkbox"/> M.O. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect Described	<input type="checkbox"/> Trace Stolen Property <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect Identified
		<input type="checkbox"/> Suspect Named <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect Vehicle Identified	Status Closed

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Supplemental Report

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General Offense		Suspected Hate/Bias <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - N/A	
Crime Code 8198 - Miscellaneous Investigation			

Investigative Narrative

On Saturday, June 20, 2020 at approx. 1322 hrs. I was assisting seasonal officer Ptlm. Leshinskie (#7341) in the area of Grenoble Place near the boardwalk in reference to an ambulance assist complaint. Dispatch advised me via radio that I had a phone call. I advised dispatch to transfer the call through to my voicemail. Upon returning to RBPd, I had a voicemail from a subject named Roy Joseph, with a phone number of (301) 943-5082 requesting a phone call back. I contacted dispatch in reference to the initial call taken from this subject. Dispatcher Reilly advised the subject called to speak with the Chief of Police and/or the Lt. The subject was advised that neither were on duty and the subject requested to speak with the person in charge today. I contacted Mr. Joseph back via telephone at approx. 1347 hrs. (from phone extension #418 next to the desktop I normally use in the patrol room).

Mr. Joseph's main request was that he wished to speak with Lt. Sullivan in order to find out the name of the person that made the complaint about him and his family at 1 Hickman St. yesterday's date (6/19/2020). He stated he was going to find out this person's name. He requested that I contact Lt. Sullivan at home to call him back. I advised him that I could transfer him through to Lt. Sullivan's voicemail. Mr. Joseph asked when Lt. Sullivan would be on duty again. I advised him that the administrative staff works different scheduled hours, and once again advised him that I could direct his call through to Lt. Sullivan's voicemail. He asked if Lt. Sullivan lived in Rehoboth or close by. I advised him that I could not provide him with that information. He commented how many William Sullivan's can there be, appearing that he was going to attempt to look up an address or information for same via internet or otherwise. I advised him I would attempt to put him through to Lt. Sullivan's voicemail; however, I do not believe the call was in fact transferred. I contacted dispatch to advise if he called back, that he would need to be transferred to Lt. Sullivan's voicemail.

Mr. Joseph was persistent in attempting to ascertain information for Lt. Sullivan, in which it appeared as though he was not satisfied with having to leave a voicemail for him. My BWC was activated/recording during my return phone call to Mr. Joseph while in the patrol room.

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Witness Information

Sequence 002	Type Reporting Person	Name [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	Age [REDACTED]	D.O.B [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971			Home Telephone [REDACTED]	Cell Phone	Work Phone	
Sequence 003	Type Person Contacted	Name JOSEPH , ROY	Sex Male	Race	Age	D.O.B
			Home Telephone	Cell Phone (301) 943-5082	Work Phone	

Investigative Narrative

On 06/19/20 at approximately 1617 hours I checked my work email and saw that at approximately 1337 hours, I received an email with a voice message from [REDACTED] reference to a conversation he overheard and thought was strange and bizarre and thought he should report same. [REDACTED] advised that he had spoke to me previously and advised that he overheard a conversation at 1 Hickman Street [REDACTED] that he thought was bizarre. [REDACTED] went on to describe a conversation that advised something about not bringing sandwiches up and that they could stay in the house, they could stay upstairs, downstairs, wherever they wanted to and "we're not going to hurt anybody". [REDACTED] advised that the conversation bothered him. At approximately 1617 hours I contacted Det. Whitman in regards to the phone call from [REDACTED] and advised him to conduct a welfare check on the residence to confirm that same was not occupied by squatters.

On 06/22/20 at approximately 1030 hours, I listened to the voicemail left by [REDACTED] via a headset in my office and what I originally thought was [REDACTED] advising he wanted to remain anonymous was [REDACTED] advising that he was "probably taking up too much of my time" which was said very quickly. The original time I listened to the

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call was on my cell phone outside with background noise.

On 06/22/20 at approximately 1045 hours I returned and phone call to Roy Joseph after receiving a voicemail from same on 06/20/20 at approximately 1548 hours. Joseph had several questions in regards to the origin and contents of the initial call to report the suspicious conversation. Joseph was provided the information of the initial call left for me as well as my request to Det. Whitman to conduct a welfare check on the residence. Joseph inquired about any other calls that the subject made in reference to that particular house and if the person reporting had something against the homeowner. Joseph also inquired to whether the call from the reporting person could have been racially motivated. Joseph was advised that the reporting person did not describe any of the subjects or subject having the conversation, just the conversation itself. Joseph also inquired about vetting this type of complaints prior to going to the residence and was advised that if this type of complaint turned out to be a legitimate squatter then time was of the essence. Joseph advised that based on the information I provided about response to these types of complaints a person could call and report these for every house on the street and the police demand to see the rental agreement for each residence. Joseph also advised that an officer should take the word of the initial person contacted that the house was rented (believed to be Joseph's mother). Joseph was advised that officers responding are required to investigate and to determine who the residence was rented to so that this information can be placed in the police report. Joseph inquired about how to receive a copy of the complaint and copies of the voicemail received. I advised Joseph that all of the information and recordings, including the bodycam footage are all maintained within a cloud based system as part of our police records and if the information was provided, most likely the reporting persons information would be redacted.

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			<input type="checkbox"/> Suspect Named <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect Vehicle Identified
			Status Closed