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Rockingham County Sheriff's Office

Incident Base Report Supplement

Case Number: 2008-051803

Incident Type: Homicide

Detective (Name): K.J. Garber

Date: 08-11-08

Case Status:

- Active
- Inactive
- X Information
- Cleared (exceptional means)(Need Name, DOB, Race, Sex)
- Cleared by Arrest (Need arrestee sheet)
- TOT

Addendum:

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On 08-01-08 at 0950 hours I responded to Emergicare located at 755 Cantrell Avenue Harrisonburg, VA. I conducted an interview with Steve Valentine. Steve resides at 1934 Park Road Harrisonburg, VA. I informed Steve that his name has surfaced while conducting other interviews during this investigation. I asked Steve to provide some background information regarding his connection to Donna Hockman. Steve explained that he just moved here in August of 2007 from Ohio. Steve went to Nags Head, NC in March of 2007. Donna did not go on this trip but Brandon Harter did accompany Steve on the trip. Donna called Brandon Harter the night before they left to return home. This phone call was made at approximately 0300 hours and also described as Saturday night. Donna told Brandon that her boyfriend had beat her and left her along the road. Steve advised that Brandon decided not to talk to Donna anymore. Steve has known Donna since September of 2007.

Approximately two weeks prior to this interview, Steve saw Donna at Kroger. Donna was talking about needing to get her BMW fixed. Donna said that Dustin had kicked her door in. Donna also mentioned that Brandon wasn't talking to her. A couple days later, Steve attended a cookout at Brandon's residence. Steve and Brandon were discussing calling Donna and inviting her over to work things out with Brandon. Steve advised that they texted Donna to come over and that she replied no way. Steve explained that Brandon felt Donna was choosing Dustin over her daughter.

On Thursday, 07-24-08, Steve advised that he was on his way to Atlantic City to meet with a physician. Steve made a brief call to Donna at 1046 hours. Steve asked Donna how she was doing. Donna replied just hectic and that things are crazy. Steve asked Donna if she wanted to get away and come up. Donna didn't say if anyone was with her at the time.

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Steve's opinion was that Donna wouldn't have been talking to him if she was with Dustin.

On Friday, 07-25-08, Steve called Donna at 1256 hours on his way back from Atlantic City. The phone call duration was one minute and ten seconds. Steve asked Donna what she was doing and she replied nothing. Steve told Donna that maybe they could get together at Brandon's. Steve thought it was odd but Donna said that she was drinking Gatorade. Steve had a missed call from Donna at 1425 hours on Friday. Donna called again at 1430 hours. Steve answered and he advised that he spoke with Donna for fifty-one seconds. Donna whispered, hey do you or the doctor know any good lawyers. Steve asked for what. Donna told Steve that she shot him. Steve said okay because he thought she was joking. Steve then asked Donna who. Donna said that she shot him and she just needs a lawyer. Donna also commented that the cops were there and she'll probably be in jail.

Steve called Cindy at 1456 hours and Brandon at 1509 hours. Cindy and Brandon said they already knew and that it was true. Steve advised that he hasn't spoken with Donna since this happened. I inquired as to the relationship between Brandon and Donna. Steve advised that they have just been friends. Steve mentioned that the information through the Daily News Record on-line said that someone came into the police department and reported it. Steve stated, "Wondered if Brandon turned her in." On 07-25-08 at 1512 hours Brandon told Steve that Donna actually shot Dustin. According to Steve, Brandon only knew that Kristoffer was in the house. Steve advised that this phone call with Brandon lasted three minutes and thirty-eight seconds.

Steve advised that on 07-27-08 he asked Brandon what the heck happened. Brandon told Steve that what he understood was that Donna ended up shooting Dustin in the back five times. Steve asked Brandon where Donna got the gun. Brandon told Steve that the day before Donna came to see him. Donna wanted to know how to shoot a gun. Brandon advised that Donna shot some rounds and that it was no big deal. Brandon told Steve that Donna wasn't acting crazy. Donna mentioned that she wanted to learn in case she had to protect herself. Brandon told Steve that he jokingly told Donna when she left that she was good enough to hit someone if she had to shoot them.

I inquired if Steve told Brandon to call Donna and work things out between 07-22-08 through 07-24-08. Steve advised that he spoke with Brandon on 07-23-08. Steve cannot recall what the conversation was about. Steve cannot remember when but has told Brandon that he needs to work things out with Donna.

I asked Steve if he has talked to Donna's son, Kristoffer. Steve advised that he doesn't know Kristoffer, has never seen him or talked to him. Steve mentioned that Donna's friend, Sherrine, left a note for him at Emergicare on 07-30-08 (See attached). I also inquired if Steve knew Dustin Stanley. Steve advised that he didn't know Dustin, has never met him but heard he was younger than Donna.

I spoke with Steve about any knowledge he has regarding Donna and Dustin's relationship. Steve advised that he saw bruises on the inside of Donna's arm at Kroger. Donna didn't talk about the bruises and Steve didn't inquire about them. Steve advised that Donna did not confide in him. Steve also informed me of a Labor Day party that Cindy had. Donna came in late and left early. Donna was on the phone the whole time.

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Steve also recalls hearing from either Brandon or Donna that after getting beat bloody she tried to go to the magistrate and was denied. According to Steve, Donna thought Dustin was a narc and that he was being protected. Steve has heard in the past that Dustin would knock holes in the walls. Steve also heard that Dustin had threatened to kill Donna and her kids. When Steve first met Donna she had a broken ankle. Donna said that she had slipped on the stairs outside. [REDACTED]

On 08-08-08 I received a phone call from Mr. Rowe. Mr. Rowe made me aware that the U.S. Training and Development Center was letting [REDACTED] go. Mr. Rowe spoke of [REDACTED] constantly being on the phone and that it prevents her from doing her job.

EXHIBIT
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