



Grand Traverse County Sheriff

Summary

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Grand Traverse Sheriff Department
 ORI Number: MI2812800

Case

Case Number: 2014-00012476
 Location: 851 WOODMERE AVE
 TRAVERSE CITY, MI
 49686
 Reporting Officer ID: 994 - Gomez

Incident Type: 9807-Suspicious Situations
 Occurred From: 07/12/2014 19:16
 Occurred Thru: 07/12/2014 19:16
 Disposition:
 Disposition Date:
 Reported Date: 07/13/2014 17:12 Sunday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	State	75000	7571	SOLICITATION (EXCEPT PROSTITUTION)	1

Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Suspect	1	Gomery, Clarence Kenyon	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Male	04/30/1955 59
Victim	1	Cooke, Christopher Kevin	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Witness	1	Fisher, Dale Raymond	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Witness	2	Cooke, Patrick	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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Routing:

TYPE OF INCIDENT: SOLICITATION OF MURDER
DATE/TIME REPORTED: 7/12/2014, at approximately 19:16 hours
VENUE: 423 E. Eighth Street
City of Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, MI
SUSPECT: CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY
VICTIM: CHRISTOPHER KEVIN COOKE
WITNESSES: DALE FISHER
PATRICK COOKE

INFORMATION:

On 7/12/2014, I was contacted by Undersheriff NATHAN ALGER, of the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office. Undersheriff ALGER requested that I make contact with the victim, Mr. COOKE, in regards to a solicitation of murder type investigation.

PHONE CONTACT WITH CHRISTOPHER COOKE:

On 7/12/2014, at approximately 19:24 hours, I made a phone call to the victim, Mr. COOKE. I informed Mr. COOKE that I would be conducting the investigation and that I would like to meet up with him as soon as possible to discuss the allegations. Mr. COOKE stated that was fine. It was determined that I would meet Mr. COOKE at Biggby's Coffee.

CONTACT AT BIGGBY'S COFFEE:

I made contact with the victim, COOKE, on 7/12/2014, at approximately 20:20 hours, at Biggby's Coffee. It should also be noted that Mr. COOKE was not alone, and that he brought his brother, PATRICK COOKE, with him.

It was determined that I would drive Mr. COOKE around, as well as his brother, PATRICK COOKE, and discuss the incident where the witness, DALE FISHER, was hired to kill Mr. COOKE. At that point in time, we drove out to Benzie County where we talked about Mr. COOKE's contact with DALE FISHER on 7/12/2014.

INTERVIEW WITH CHRISTOPHER COOKE:

On 7/12/2014, I conducted an interview pertaining to the information that Mr. COOKE had presented to the Sheriff's Department in regards to his life being threatened.

Mr. COOKE informed me that he was contacted on today's date, 7/12/2014, by DALE FISHER. Mr. COOKE indicated that DALE FISHER informed him that he had been contracted to kill him by the suspect, CLARENCE GOMERY.

Mr. COOKE then informed me that he had recorded his conversation with DALE FISHER. Mr. COOKE also stated that his brother, PATRICK COOKE, was present during the time that the witness, DALE FISHER, was informing him that a contract had been taken out against Mr. COOKE. Mr. COOKE indicated that the suspect, GOMERY, and he have a "not-so-friendly" relationship and that Mr. GOMERY dislikes Mr. COOKE. Mr. COOKE indicated that he currently has court cases pending against the suspect, GOMERY, and that GOMERY is about to lose everything, meaning financially, as well as possibly losing his license to practice law. Mr. COOKE indicated that GOMERY has currently filed bankruptcy and there are several proceedings in Federal Court pertaining to the bankruptcy filings.

Mr. COOKE also indicated that some of Mr. GOMERY's dislike for him comes from a case where Mr. COOKE had represented a subject by the name of FRED TOUPOUS, which ultimately led to the legal and financial troubles that CLARENCE GOMERY is currently facing.

Mr. COOKE then went on to inform me that he does not have a good relationship with DALE FISHER either. Mr. COOKE indicated that there were some personal problems between he and DALE FISHER and he was surprised that DALE FISHER had come to him, informing him of what the suspect, GOMERY, wanted FISHER to do. At that point in time, Mr. COOKE indicated that his brother, PATRICK COOKE, had recorded the conversation on his (PATRICK's) cell phone. Mr. COOKE then began playing the recording between him and DALE FISHER.

In the recording between DALE FISHER and Mr. COOKE, you will hear that the witness, DALE FISHER, approach and tell the victim, Mr. COOKE, that he had been offered to murder COOKE and that he would be paid \$20,000.00 to do it. Mr. COOKE indicated that FISHER made the comments to him, "No matter what you think of me, I am not a killer". Mr. COOKE then stated that DALE FISHER had informed him that he had already contacted the police and that Mr. FISHER had spoken with Deputy JEROME.

Mr. COOKE then informed me that he asked DALE FISHER if this was GOMERY, at which point Mr. FISHER stated "Yes". Mr. COOKE then stated that he asked FISHER if GOMERY had talked to him directly, at which point FISHER indicated that he had contacted him directly. Mr. COOKE indicated that FISHER had asked him about a court date that was coming up in September and that GOMERY wanted him dead by then. Mr. COOKE indicated that he had asked FISHER where he had talked to GOMERY at and FISHER indicated that he had talked with GOMERY in GOMERY's office. Mr. COOKE then proceeded to play the recording for me.

On the recording you will hear that the witness, DALE FISHER, informs Mr. COOKE that he had been contracted to kill him by CLARENCE GOMERY and that GOMERY would pay DALE FISHER \$20,000.00 to do it. You will also hear on the recording DALE FISHER explain to Mr. COOKE about how the suspect, CLARENCE GOMERY, was informing DALE FISHER that COOKE needed to be taken care of quickly. You will also hear DALE FISHER tell Mr. COOKE that GOMERY informed FISHER that COOKE was ruining his life and that he needed him gone before a certain court date. DALE FISHER also makes the comments during this recording that he had asked the suspect, GOMERY, "What does something like that pay nowadays" and DALE FISHER informed the victim, COOKE, that GOMERY was willing to pay him \$20,000.00 cash.

On the recording the witness, FISHER, informs the victim, COOKE, that he is going to go to the police department on Monday to meet with detectives and let them know that he is not into this type of activity, that he is not that type of person and he will cooperate with law enforcement also.

For a more detailed and accurate account of the conversation between DALE FISHER and Mr. COOKE, please listen to the recording and/or read the transcription of the recording between DALE FISHER and Mr. COOKE.

PHONE CONTACT WITH DALE FISHER:

On 7/12/2014, at approximately 22:26 hours, I made phone contact with DALE FISHER. I asked Mr. FISHER if he would be willing to come to the Sheriff's Department so that I could interview him about the statements that he made to Mr. COOKE. Mr. FISHER stated that would be fine.

INTERVIEW WITH DALE FISHER ON 7/12/2014:

Mr. FISHER indicated that he has done work for GOMERY on a couple of occasions. DALE FISHER indicates that he puts in docks and that he had done a dock for GOMERY at GOMERY's residence. FISHER stated that he had responded to GOMERY's office to pick up some money to do additional work that GOMERY wanted him to do. FISHER indicated that while he was in GOMERY's office, that GOMERY had made the comments to him that he "Needed that guy to disappear", meaning COOKE. FISHER stated that GOMERY then stated that his life would be "much easier if he disappeared". FISHER stated that he asked GOMERY what something like that pays nowadays. FISHER stated that GOMERY informed him that he would pay FISHER \$20,000.00 cash to make COOKE disappear.

FISHER stated that GOMERY informed him that he would give him money to go downstate to purchase a gun, as well as ammo. FISHER stated that GOMERY informed him that he would pay him \$20,000.00 cash and that he would give him \$5,000.00 in four

installments. GOMERY would take out \$1,000.00 a week and then pay FISHER \$5,000.00 a month for four months.

GOMERY didn't want to draw attention by paying \$20,000.00 up front due to the fact that he is currently in bankruptcy proceedings.

FISHER indicated that after GOMERY informed him how he was going to pay him to do the job, that FISHER knew GOMERY was serious.

FISHER stated that GOMERY had called him on Friday, that being 7/11/2014, and informed FISHER that he had the money and that he wanted FISHER to come and get it to do the job.

FISHER also stated that GOMERY informed him to purchase the firearm at a gun show, or through a private paper type purchase. FISHER stated that GOMERY asked him what type of gun he was going to use and GOMERY asked him if he had handgun. FISHER stated that he told GOMERY that he wouldn't use a handgun because there would be too many witnesses and that he would purchase a long gun, such as a 308 Remington police special.

FISHER also stated that GOMERY told him that if FISHER didn't want to do it, that he could get someone else that would do it. FISHER also stated that while he was in GOMERY's office, that GOMERY had made comments, "I want his head shot off".

FISHER stated that he is not sure why GOMERY had approached him to do the job, because he is "Not a killer", nor would he ever think about hurting anyone. FISHER states that he became uncomfortable with the situation and felt that he needed to tell not only the police, but to tell CHRIS COOKE. FISHER indicated that he did report this to the police and that he also met with CHRIS COOKE and informed him what GOMERY wanted him to do.

FISHER then also talked about the issues between CLARENCE GOMERY and CHRIS COOKE. FISHER also talked about the issues between CHRIS COOKE and he as well.

FISHER also brought up the fact that he would be willing to be "wired" to help us with our case. I informed Mr. FISHER that might be an option and that we would let him know in a day or two.

For a more detailed and accurate account of my interview with DALE FISHER, please review the video recording of the interview with DALE FISHER at the Law Enforcement Center.

RE-CONTACT WITH UNDERSHERIFF ALGER:

After my interview with Mr. COOKE and DALE FISHER, I then notified Undersheriff ALGER of the investigation thus far.

CONTACT WITH DALE FISHER:

On 7/13/2014, at approximately 09:55 hours, I was contacted by DALE FISHER. FISHER contacted me via my cell phone. Mr. FISHER informed me that he was going to contact GOMERY via telephone and that he (FISHER) wanted me to listen in on the phone conversation. At that point in time, DALE FISHER had me place my cell phone on mute while he called the suspect, GOMERY.

It should be noted that I was able to listen to the phone conversation between DALE FISHER and CLARENCE GOMERY.

During the phone conversation, I heard FISHER inform GOMERY that he was ready to pick up the money so that he could purchase the dock downstate. GOMERY stated that was fine and that they could meet in 3 hours or so. FISHER informed GOMERY that he would come to GOMERY's residence and pick up the money in approximately 3 hours, after FISHER took care of some dock materials that weren't the appropriate size. After the phone call was completed, I informed Mr. FISHER that I would like for him to respond to the Sheriff's Department and meet me there at approximately 11:30 a.m. Mr. FISHER stated that he would be there at 11:30 a.m.

PHONE CONTACT WITH BOB COONEY:

I then made phone contact with BOB COONEY on 7/13/2014, at approximately 10:03 hours. I informed Mr. COONEY, who is the Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney, of the incident pertaining to the suspect, GOMERY, taking out a "hit" on the victim, CHRIS COOKE. I also informed Mr. COONEY that the witness, DALE FISHER, wanted to be wired and that he is going to be meeting with GOMERY at GOMERY's residence on this date to pick up the money for the weapon.

Mr. COONEY indicated that he would like for me to keep him informed of the situation throughout the day.

CONTACT WITH UNDERSHERIFF ALGER:

On 7/13/2014, at 10:12 hours, I then informed Undersheriff ALGER of my conversation with DALE FISHER and my phone conversation with Prosecuting Attorney, BOB COONEY. I also informed Undersheriff ALGER that we would be meeting DALE FISHER at the Law Enforcement Center at approximately 11:30 a.m. Undersheriff ALGER indicated that he would meet us there at that time.

PHONE CONTACT WITH CAPTAIN FEWLESS:

On 7/13/2014, at 10:15 hours, I then informed Captain FEWLESS of my findings thus far. I informed Captain FEWLESS that I would be meeting DALE FISHER at the Law Enforcement Center at approximately 11:30 a.m. Captain FEWLESS then asked me if I would need additional personnel to help out with the investigation, at which point in time I informed Captain FEWLESS that would be nice. Captain FEWLESS stated that he would make some phone calls.

DETECTIVES CONTACTED:

It should be noted that Det/Sgt. DROGOWSKI, Detective SHEA, Detective PEGAN-NAYLOR, and Detective OSTER were notified and were responding to the Law Enforcement Center to meet with us.

MEETING AT LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER:

Upon arrival of Detective Bureau personnel, we held a meeting and I informed the detectives of the investigation thus far. I also informed them what was going to take place between FISHER and the suspect, GOMERY.

ARRIVAL OF DALE FISHER:

It should be noted that DALE FISHER did arrive at the Law Enforcement Center on 7/13/2014, at approximately 11:30 hours. We then met with DALE FISHER and informed him of what was going to take place, meaning that we were going to "wire" FISHER, as well as placing a wire in FISHER's vehicle. It should be noted that DALE FISHER was fine with that and he was also informed that he did not have to go through with it if he did not feel comfortable with it. Again, DALE FISHER indicated that he was fine with it.

SEARCH OF DALE FISHER:

It should be noted that prior to DALE FISHER leaving the Law Enforcement Center, Mr. FISHER was then stripped search at the Sheriff's Department. The strip search was observed by Captain RANDY FEWLESS, Det/Sgt DROGOWSKI and Detective SHEA. No money was located on the witness, FISHER. However, prior to the strip search, we had Mr. FISHER place what money he did have in his pocket in the Sheriff's Department Evidence Room where it was secured in a locker. The key was then given to DALE FISHER to hold on to.

SEARCH OF DALE FISHER's VEHICLE:

The vehicle was searched by me and no money was located in DALE FISHER's vehicle.

VEHICLE WIRED:

DALE FISHER's vehicle was then wired by Detective PEGAN-NAYLOR and Detective OSTER.

FISHER WIRED:

The witness, DALE FISHER, was wired by Detective PEGAN-NAYLOR.

ESCORT OF FISHER's VEHICLE:

On 7/13/2014, we left the Law Enforcement Center at approximately 13:20 hours, and followed the witness, DALE FISHER, to the old Norris Elementary School. We met up with Deputy HORN to advise him of what was transpiring. While we were at the old Norris Elementary School that the witness, DALE FISHER, was also with us at all times. DALE FISHER was never out of our sight.

After leaving the Norris Elementary School, we then escorted DALE FISHER to the road where GOMERY's residence was located on. At that point in time, DALE FISHER then proceeded to GOMERY's driveway.

TRANSACTION BETWEEN DALE FISHER AND CLARENCE GOMERY:

The transaction took place at CLARENCE GOMERY's residence. The conversation between FISHER and GOMERY was tape recorded and you can hear the witness, FISHER, ask the suspect, GOMERY, if the money that GOMERY had given him totaled one thousand dollars. You will also hear on the recording between FISHER and GOMERY talking about what type of weapon was going to be purchased, how it was going to happen, where it was going to happen, when it was going to happen, and where FISHER was going to go to purchase the rifle. For more detailed and accurate account of the transaction and conversation between DALE FISHER and CLARENCE GOMERY, please listen to the audio recording that had taken place on 7/13/2014 at GOMERY's residence.

RE-CONTACT WITH DALE FISHER:

Once the meeting between FISHER and GOMERY was completed, FISHER left the residence where he was then followed by Deputy HORN to the old Norris Elementary School. I met with him and secured the money that DALE FISHER had received from CLARENCE GOMERY.

It should also be noted that DALE FISHER was then searched again by Captain FEWLESS to make sure he didn't have any additional money on him, which he did not. DALE FISHER's vehicle was also searched again to see if there was money stashed after the contact with the suspect, GOMERY. It should be noted that we did not find any additional money in DALE FISHER's vehicle after his contact with GOMERY.

MONEY SECURED:

The money was secured by me and protected for prints.

DE-BRIEFING:

All units responded back to the Law Enforcement Center where we met and de-briefed on the situation. Prosecuting Attorney, BOB COONEY, had responded to the Sheriff's Department and met with us during that timeframe. It was determined that Prosecuting Attorney, BOB COONEY, would issue an arrest warrant for the suspect, CLARENCE GOMERY.

MONEY LOGGED INTO EVIDENCE:

During the time that Mr. COONEY was preparing the arrest warrant for GOMERY, I had logged into evidence the \$1,000.00 that was received from the witness, DALE FISHER, who had obtained the \$1,000.00 from the suspect, CLARENCE GOMERY. This was witnessed by Sgt. GREG McMANEMY.

ARREST WARRANT ISSUED:

On 7/13/2014, the arrest warrant had been issued by the Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney's office and was also signed by Magistrate TAMMI RODGERS. After Magistrate RODGERS, as well as Prosecuting Attorney, BOB COONEY, signed the felony warrant, the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department then attempted to execute said felony warrant.

LEELANAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED:

Captain RANDY FEWLESS contacted Undersheriff STEVE MORGAN, of the Leelanau County Sheriff's Department and informed him that we had a valid felony warrant for the arrest of CLARENCE GOMERY, who resides in Leelanau County. It was determined that we would meet with Undersheriff MORGAN at the old Norris Elementary School prior to attempting to arrest GOMERY.

After discussing with Leelanau County Sheriff's Department how the arrest was going to take place, we then responded to the residence of the suspect, CLARENCE GOMERY.

ATTEMPT ARREST OF CLARENCE GOMERY:

On 7/13/2014, the Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department Detective Bureau, as well as the Leelanau County Sheriff's Department, attempted to arrest CLARENCE GOMERY at his residence. CLARENCE GOMERY resides at 10423 East Bingham

Road, city of Traverse City, County of Leelanau. Upon our arrival, we were unable to locate GOMERY.

PHONE CONTACT WITH CLARENCE GOMERY:

After we were unable to locate GOMERY at his residence, it was determined that we would notify CLARENCE GOMERY via telephone. I had made phone contact with the suspect, GOMERY, at approximately 19:24 hours. I advised CLARENCE GOMERY that the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department had a warrant for his arrest. GOMERY informed me that he was at a family reunion and that he was currently out of town. I asked GOMERY when he was going to be back so that we could execute the arrest warrant. GOMERY indicated that he wouldn't be back from the family reunion until tomorrow morning, that being 7/14/2014. I expressed the importance to Mr. GOMERY about turning himself in on the warrant at which point GOMERY wanted to know exactly what the warrant was for. I informed GOMERY that I would rather tell him in person, but that it was serious enough where he should meet with us to turn himself in. Again, Mr. GOMERY indicated that he was out of town at a family reunion and he would turn himself in the following day.

CLARENCE GOMERY's CELL PHONE PINGED:

After we were unable to locate the suspect, GOMERY, at his residence, and after we were unsuccessful in convincing GOMERY to meet with law enforcement to turn himself in, we then had the suspect's cell phone pinged. At the time of the suspect's phone being pinged, it put GOMERY in the area of East Eckerle Road and South Richter Road, in Suttons Bay, Michigan. At that point in time, we responded up to that area in attempts to locate the suspect, GOMERY. We did not locate GOMERY in the Suttons Bay area.

ATTEMPT PHONE CONTACT WITH CLARENCE GOMERY:

I attempted to re-contact CLARENCE GOMERY via cell phone at approximately 21:04 hours. It should be noted that GOMERY did not answer, at which point I left a voice mail.

ATTEMPT PHONE CONTACT AGAIN WITH SUSPECT GOMERY:

At approximately 21:31 hours, I made phone contact with GOMERY again. I instructed GOMERY to turn himself in and that the Sheriff's Department was currently at his residence awaiting his arrival. GOMERY indicated that he was not going to come home due to the fact that he does not want to sit in jail overnight. GOMERY indicated that he would turn himself in the following morning, 7/14/2014, at 06:00 hours. I informed CLARENCE GOMERY that we were still going to look for him, at which point GOMERY indicated that we would need to dig in for the night because it was going to be a long night. Before GOMERY hung up, he reiterated that he would turn himself in at 6:00 a.m., on 7/14/2014.

PHONE CONTACT WITH UNDERSHERIFF MORGAN:

Captain FEWLESS received a phone call from Undersheriff MORGAN, from the Leelanau County Sheriff's Department, indicating that they had located the suspect, GOMERY. Undersheriff MORGAN informed Captain FEWLESS that they located GOMERY at GOMERY's daughter's residence, which is [REDACTED]. At that point in time, all units responded over to the location at [REDACTED]. Upon our arrival, we met with Undersheriff MORGAN and detectives were placed on the perimeter for security reasons.

VISUAL CONTACT WITH SUSPECT GOMERY:

As the detectives had taken up positions around the residence belonging to GOMERY's daughter, it was determined that GOMERY was, in fact, in the residence. Detective MIKE SHEA indicated that he visually observed GOMERY inside the residence smoking a cigar. Detective SHEA also indicated that CLARENCE GOMERY had come out onto the front porch of the residence as well. Detective SHEA indicated however that GOMERY immediately turned around and went back into the residence.

ATTEMPT PHONE CONTACT WITH GOMERY:

Upon verifying that the suspect, GOMERY, was in the residence, we attempted phone contact with GOMERY. GOMERY's cell phone was shut off. Every time we attempted to call GOMERY's cell phone, it immediately went to his voice mail.

ATTEMPT CONTACT VIA LOUDSPEAKER:

It was determined that GOMERY was not going to answer his cell phone any longer, therefore Undersheriff MORGAN was going to attempt to make contact with GOMERY via loudspeaker. At that point in time, Undersheriff MORGAN drove his squad car down the driveway and up to the garage area of the residence. Undersheriff MORGAN then announced his presence during the initial attempt to contact via loudspeaker. After Undersheriff MORGAN announced and identified himself, he then asked GOMERY to come outside and talk with him. It should be noted that Undersheriff MORGAN attempted this for approximately 5 minutes. Once it was determined that GOMERY was not willing to come out to speak with Undersheriff MORGAN, Undersheriff MORGAN then backed his patrol unit out of the driveway. It was clear to the Undersheriff, as well as all of law enforcement that was on scene, that GOMERY was not going to come out of the residence. At that point in time, it was determined that the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau would leave a couple of detectives on scene for surveillance purposes. Detective MICHAEL SHEA, as well as Det/Sgt JIM DROGOWSKI, were going to take up a point and observe whether or not the suspect would leave the residence.

CONTACT WITH TNT:

Prior to us leaving the residence, Captain FEWLESS had contacted Lt. KING, who is in charge of TNT. Captain FEWLESS requested their assistance with their detectives to help relieve us on scene. Lt. KING indicated that he would, along with his detectives, respond to the location where Detective SHEA and Det/Sgt DROGOWSKI were currently located.

ARREST OF CLARENCE GOMERY:

On 7/14/2014, at approximately 04:00 hours, GOMERY was taken into custody by the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department, the Leelanau County Sheriff's Department, and the Traverse Narcotics Team. Please refer to supplemental report to be completed by Det/Sgt. DROGOWSKI, as well as Detective MICHAEL SHEA, pertaining to the arrest of CLARENCE GOMERY.

ATTEMPT CONTACT WITH CLARENCE GOMERY:

On 7/14/2014, at approximately 08:00 hours, I responded to the Grand Traverse County Jail where I made contact with the suspect, GOMERY. I advised GOMERY of his Miranda rights and asked him if he was willing to speak with me in regards to the incident. GOMERY

GOMERY indicated that he would be willing to speak with me after his arraignment.

ARRAIGNMENT:

CLARENCE GOMERY was arraigned in the 86th District Court in front of Judge STEPKA. Bond was set at five million dollars cash security.

After leaving the arraignment, the Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney, BOB COONEY, met with Attorney JASON RAZAVI, who was representing GOMERY during the arraignment.

SEARCH WARRANT SIGNED AND EXECUTED:

On 7/14/2014, I prepared a Search Warrant for the Law Office of Gomery & Associates. Upon the Search Warrant being signed by Judge STEPKA, the Search Warrant was then executed on the Law Offices of Gomery and Associates. It should be noted that GOMERY Law Offices is located at 423 East Eighth Street, in the city of Traverse City.

Detectives JANA MORTON, JASON OTTING, MICHAEL SHEA, NATHAN RITTER, and Intern APRIL SANDBERG executed the Search Warrant upon the Law Offices of Gomery and Associates.

ITEMS SEIZED:

There were numerous documents seized, as well as several electronic devices, to include Windows 7 Pro HP, one DVD drive, one Compaq 50SB Windows 7, an external hard drive, a cash box containing \$198.00 in cash, four individual checkbooks belonging to Gomery Law Offices, a deposit record book, and numerous documents belonging to the law offices of Gomery & Associates.

INTERVIEW WITH HENRY HUSTED:

On 7/14/2014, an interview was conducted with HENRY HUSTED, who is a friend of CLARENCE GOMERY. That interview was conducted by Det/Sgt JIM DROGOWSKI, Undersheriff NATHAN ALGER and Captain FEWLESS, of the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department. Please refer to their supplemental reports pertaining to the interview with HENRY HUSTED.

SEARCH WARRANT PREPARED BY AND SIGNED:

On 7/14/2014, I prepared a Search Warrant for CLARENCE GOMERY's residence. The warrant was signed by Judge STEPKA.

The Search Warrant was executed by Captain RANDY FEWLESS, Det/Sgt DROGOWSKI, Undersheriff NATHAN ALGER, Detective NATHAN RITTER and Detective MICHAEL SHEA, of the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department.

ITEMS SEIZED FROM SUSPECT GOMERY'S RESIDENCE:

Items seized from the residence belonging to CLARENCE GOMERY are as follows:

One Toshiba laptop computer, serial number 78117591K

One iPod, blue in color.

Two ScanDisks.

Ten rounds of Winchester ammunition 308 caliber.

Fifteen rounds of Winchester ammo, 308 150 grain PHP solar tip caliber ammunition.

Ten rounds of Winchester ammunition 308 caliber, 150 grain

One Motorola cell phone and charger

FORENSIC EXAMINATION CONDUCTED:

MI2812800 GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FILE CLASS: 13002
ORIGINAL BY GOMEZ ON 7-15-2014

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A Search Warrant was prepared by Detective JASON OTTING for the electronic equipment that had been seized during the Search Warrants. The forensic examination will be completed by Detective JASON OTTING, of the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department. Please refer to any supplements completed by Detective OTTING pertaining to his forensic examination.

PROCESSING OF EVIDENCE:

On 7/15/2014, I responded to the Property Room of the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department. I met with RENE' PAPINEAU, who is the Evidence Control Officer for the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department. RENE' PAPINEAU retrieved the evidence containing the \$1,000.00 that I had logged in on 7/13/2014.

Photographs were taken of each individual \$100.00 bill and the money will then be sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab for latent prints.

STATUS: OPEN, pending further investigation

SUBMITTED BY: DETECTIVE GOMEZ, GTSO/994 (7/15/2014 @15:05)

PG/jmm (7/16/2014 @12:46)



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Case

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 TRAVERSE CITY, MI
 49686
 Reporting Officer ID: 994 - Gomez

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Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Suspect	1	Gomery, Clarence Kenyon	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Male	04/30/1955 59
Victim	1	Cooke, Christopher Kevin	TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Witness	1	Fisher, Dale Raymond	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Witness	2	Cooke, Patrick	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Witness	3	Kramer, Izaak Dolan	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Witness	4	Kramer, Julie Ann	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Female	07/03/1981 33
Witness	5	Gomery, Aileen Lois	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Unknown	08/27/1955 58
Witness	6	King, Daniel	TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684 TNT MSP	[REDACTED]	White	Male	
Witness	7	Kopach, Rich, Det.	TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684 TNT	[REDACTED]		Male	
Witness	8	Bush, John, Det.	TNT	[REDACTED]		Male	
Witness	9	Tull, Tim	TNT	[REDACTED]		Male	
Witness	10	Morgan, Steven	LEELANAU CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	[REDACTED]	White	Male	
Witness	11	Cadieux, Terrance	LEELANAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	[REDACTED]		Male	
Witness	12	Fewins, Scott Deputy	LCSD	[REDACTED]	White	Male	
Witness	13	Pegan-Naylor, Ian David	GTSD	[REDACTED]			
Witness	14	Oster, Jennilyn	TNT	[REDACTED]			

Arrests



Grand Traverse County Sheriff

Summary

Print Date/Time: 07/22/2014 12:58
Login ID: jmarsh
Case Number: 2014-00012476

Grand Traverse Sheriff Department
ORI Number: MI2812800

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
12744 A	Gomery, Clarence Kenyon	[REDACTED] Suttons Bay, MI 49682	07/14/2014 04:05	Taken into Custody (Warrant)	59

Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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Routing:



TYPE OF INCIDENT: SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER
VENUE: 423 East Eighth Street
City of Traverse City, Grand Traverse County
SUSPECT: CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY
VICTIM: CHRISTOPHER KEVIN COOKE

INFORMATION:

I had a good understanding of the solicitation for murder case and helped to look for CLARENCE GOMERY after the arrest warrant was issued on 7/13/2014. Law enforcement determined GOMERY wasn't at his residence on East Bingham Road and I eventually went to [REDACTED] with Detective SHEA to see if he was there. The home was in Leelanau County and owned by IZAAK & JULIE KRAMER (GOMERY's son-in-law and adult daughter). There wasn't any activity at the house and we didn't see any vehicles. We shared information with everyone and specifically told Leelanau County Undersheriff, STEVE MORGAN, who was patrolling the same area.

SUSPECT FOUND / INITIAL PERIMETER SET / ATTEMPT CONTACT:

We left South Center Highway and checked other spots without luck. GOMERY's whereabouts were still unknown, but MORGAN eventually returned to the KRAMER residence and found a dark colored SUV parked in the driveway at dusk. Sgt. TERRENCE CADIEUX, from Leelanau County Sheriff's Office, was with MORGAN and they approached the home to investigate further. Both knew what GOMERY looked like and confirmed he was inside the house within minutes. They refrained from making contact and other officers (including Detective SHEA and myself) responded accordingly.

We conducted surveillance while holding perimeter and I personally saw GOMERY inside the residence on more than one occasion. He was pacing back and forth while command was trying to make contact via cell phone. I only saw one additional person, but couldn't determine if it was a man or woman. Someone shut the lights, the house became totally dark and I couldn't see anyone after that. Whatever the case, the perimeter was eventually pulled and officers were summoned to a nearby make-shift command post.

A decision was made to hail GOMERY by loudspeaker and the perimeter was established again. I held my position on the west side of the house while Undersheriff MORGAN tried to get GOMERY's attention without luck. MORGAN made several attempts, with

the loudspeaker, but no one responded and the house remained dark. Officers rallied at the make-shift command post again and another plan was put into motion.

SURVEILLANCE CONTINUED / PERIMETER RE-ESTABLISHED:

Detective SHEA and I were told to stay at the house and continue surveillance while other officers left. A group of detectives from TNT were called and were on the way to assist. An arrest plan was made and alternative options were discussed.

We kept watching the house, but everything remained quiet and there wasn't any activity. The officers from TNT arrived at about 02:00 and I briefed Lt. DAN KING, from the Michigan State Police, who was in charge of the unit. He shared information with his group and the perimeter was reestablished. The following detectives were present: IAN PEGAN-NAYLOR, from Grand Traverse County, JENNILYN OSTER, from Traverse City Police Department, TIM TULL, from Leelanau County, JOHN BUSH, from Antrim County, and RICH KOPACH, from Osceola County. A marked unit from Leelanau County also came to help and the patrol car was driven by Deputy SCOTT FEWINS.

ARREST:

Nothing changed until about 04:00 when lights came on inside the residence. An officer on the perimeter reported seeing two people outside minutes later and felt both got into a SUV. He thought it was a man and woman and told everyone the vehicle was moving down the driveway toward the road.

Detective SHEA and I were together in an unmarked car and perpendicular to the drive at [REDACTED]. We saw the SUV as it entered the roadway and I activated my headlights to illuminate the interior. A woman was driving, but we didn't see anyone else. I immediately pulled behind the vehicle as it slowly traveled southbound and Lt. KING was directly to my left in his unmarked unit. Deputy FEWINS was behind us in the patrol car and the SUV quickly pulled onto the shoulder without a formal "traffic stop" being made. We ordered the female driver from the vehicle and she complied. The woman was later identified as the suspect's wife, AILEEN GOMERY, who was nervous and seemed "rattled". We approached the vehicle, found no one inside and officers immediately questioned AILEEN in regards to where CLARENCE was. She kept saying, "What's going on? What's going on?", but eventually said, "He's in the house". At that point an officer on the perimeter told everyone a second vehicle was leaving and was headed toward our location. The activity was fluid and we immediately directed our attention to a dark colored SUV that left the driveway and was traveling southbound on South Center Highway.

Our vehicles were primarily in the southbound lane and the SUV started to drive around us while using the northbound lane. It was traveling slowly and officers used flashlights to illuminate the interior. Lt. KING stepped in front of the vehicle at the same time and used hand signals to get the driver to stop. The SUV came to an abrupt halt and we saw

CLARENCE GOMERY in the front passenger's seat. A lady was driving and she was later identified as GOMERY's daughter, JULIE KRAMER.

Officers ordered a show of hands and both occupants complied. Nobody else was in the vehicle and no one resisted. Deputy FEWINS and Detective SHEA gently escorted GOMERY from the SUV and he was immediately handcuffed. He was also searched without incident and taken to the side of the road where his wife was standing. They were kept separated and CLARENCE GOMERY was eventually placed into the backseat of my unmarked vehicle. Detective SHEA stayed with him while I made contact with JULIE KRAMER, who was still seated in the SUV.

INTERVIEW WITH JULIE KRAMER / VEHICLE SEARCHED:

KRAMER was also "rattled" but quickly calmed down after I introduced myself and told her we'd try to handle everything as simply as possible. I made sure she understood that her father was arrested because a warrant was issued, but never disclosed the charge. I also told KRAMER she wasn't in trouble for anything as far as I knew and asked if she'd be willing to talk. KRAMER was cooperative, said she would answer questions and remained in her vehicle while we spoke.

I asked KRAMER where she and her father were going and was told they were headed to the Grand Traverse County Jail where he intended to turn himself in. She knew there was a warrant for his arrest, but claimed she didn't know what the warrant was for and said she never asked specific questions. KRAMER told me her father always, "Protected" her and said he usually kept bad news to himself so it wouldn't stress the family. He apparently followed the same course of action in regards to the current situation and told his daughter very little. KRAMER said her dad simply told her there was a warrant for his arrest and that he needed to turn himself in. She respected his wishes without questioning and said she didn't know anything more.

I overheard Lt. KING talking to KRAMER before I actually had a chance to speak to her myself and knew he asked questions in regards to a possible firearm being involved. He inquired because Detective SHEA thought GOMERY may have been holding onto a handgun while inside the house several hours before. KRAMER said she never saw her dad with a firearm in his possession and didn't want police to search her residence when KING asked for consent. She was refusing only because her toddler was still sleeping and KING didn't press the matter. However, I asked KRAMER for permission to at least search the vehicle she was driving and she didn't object. She gave consent without hesitating and told me the SUV actually belonged to a relative.

Detective KOPACH eventually searched the vehicle, but a firearm was never found. He told me there wasn't anything illegal or suspicious inside and I concurred based on my limited observations. I'd also note that I never saw any cell phones, laptops, or other telecommunication devices inside the SUV at any point in time.

I continued to talk to KRAMER and asked if her husband was inside the house with their son. She confirmed he was there, said his name was IZAAK KRAMER, and told me their toddler was the only person with him. She knew police wanted to interview IZAAK and was more than willing to go back to the house to wake him.

I still asked questions in regards to what JULIE KRAMER knew or heard, but she respectfully declined to answer. She was polite, but said something to the effect of, "I'd really rather not say. I don't think I should answer any more questions". I stopped the interview at that point and JULIE waited in her vehicle per my request.

VEHICLE INVOLVED:

The vehicle KRAMER was driving was a dark colored 2008 Ford Escape SUV, with Georgia plate [REDACTED]. It was owned by and registered to [REDACTED], at [REDACTED], Georgia.

As noted, KRAMER said the vehicle belonged to a relative and I had no reason to believe otherwise. She eventually parked the SUV in her driveway when law enforcement left the area.

CONFER WITH DETECTIVE SHEA:

I talked to Detective SHEA and was told AILEEN GOMERY was released without an interview. Nobody asked her specific questions and she left southbound in the SUV she was driving. No one asked for her consent to search the vehicle and I don't think a plate was copied or ownership was verified.

Detective SHEA said he only made small-talk with GOMERY and never asked specific questions related to the crime. I told him what JULIE KRAMER said in regards to the possible handgun and SHEA eventually asked GOMERY if he had a firearm with himself at any point during the day or night. GOMERY told us that he did not and we found no reason to press the matter any further or take steps to search the house for a firearm.

We ultimately returned to the house while GOMERY remained in handcuffs in the back seat of my car. JULIE KRAMER followed, summoned her husband, IZAAK, and SHEA talked to him outside while I stayed with CLARENCE GOMERY. Please refer to SHEA's supplement in regards to his interview with IZAAK KRAMER.

TRANSPORT TO JAIL / WARRANT CANCELLED:

We didn't do anything more at the scene and officers were dismissed. JULIE and IZAAK KRAMER remained at the house with their toddler while Detective SHEA and I transported CLARENCE GOMERY to the jail. He was told what the warrant was for (Solicitation for murder) but we never made additional statements or asked any questions related to the case. We simply made small-talk and GOMERY never said anything of

significance. He didn't ask questions himself and never made statements connected to the investigation.

CLARENCE GOMERY was ultimately lodged in the Grand Traverse County Jail on the warrant noted above. The warrant was removed from LEIN at 05:11, on 7/14/2014. Detective SHEA and I never asked GOMERY if he felt suicidal and he never volunteered the information, but I suggested a cell for suicide-watch as a precaution. I made the suggestion due to the totality of circumstances and deputies in the jail said they'd follow my advice. I also made a suggestion to restrict phone use (to protect the victim) and deputies said they'd monitor calls as best as possible. Detective SHEA and I left the jail without further involvement and I sent text messages to Undersheriff ALGER, Captain FEWLESS and Detective GOMEZ to let them know what happened.

STATUS: OPEN

SUBMITTED BY: DET/SGT. DROGOWSKI, GTSO/920 (7/18/2014 @23:59)

JD/jmm (7/22/2014 @9:31)

INCIDENT: SOLICITATION TO MURDER
SUSPECT: CLARENCE GOMERY
VICTIM: CHRISTOPHER COOKE
WITNESS: ZAAK DOLAN KRAMER

CONTACT WITH KRAMER:

After GOMERY was placed under arrest, he was subsequently transported by Detective Sergeant DROGOWSKI and myself back to GOMERY'S daughter and son-in-law's residence at [REDACTED]. Once at the residence, I made contact with GOMERY'S son-in-law, ZAAK KRAMER.

KRAMER, although he was not at this time a suspect, was advised of his Miranda Rights and informed that he was not in fact under arrest and that I just wanted to speak with him briefly reference this incident. KRAMER stated that he understood his rights and agreed to speak with law enforcement reference this. I asked KRAMER if he knew why law enforcement was at his residence and he stated that he did not. I asked him if he knew why his father-in-law was currently in custody and he again stated that he did not. As I continued to speak with KRAMER, I asked him what he had been told by GOMERY reference this particular incident and he replied by saying "nothing". At the conclusion of speaking with KRAMER, I asked him if he would be willing to speak with law enforcement further if we had any additional questions at which time he stated that he would be more than happy to. At this time no additional questions were asked of KRAMER.]

For information reference the transport of GOMERY to the Grand Traverse County Jail, please refer to Detective Sergeant DROGOWSKI'S supplemental report.

STATUS: UNCHANGED

Submitted by Detective SHEA, Badge 998, GTSO 7-15-14 @ 13:00 hours

MS/mrt/7-15-14 @ 13:45 hours

TYPE OF INCIDENT: SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER
DATE: 7/14/2014
VICTIM: CHRISTOPHER KEVIN COOKE
SUSPECT: CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY

SEARCH WARRANT AT 423 EAST EIGHTH STREET, TRAVERSE CITY, MI:

On 7/14/2014, Detective OTTING, Detective MORTON, Detective SHEA and I executed a Search Warrant at the address of 423 East Eighth Street, Traverse City, Michigan. This is the offices of Gomery and Associates.

On 7/14/2014, I did have this Search Warrant signed and when it was executed, some of the items that were to be searched for were any audio visual equipment that might show DALE FISHER being at the Law Office of CLARENCE GOMERY. The Search Warrant also listed recording devices.

When the search of the office was complete, we did not locate any type of devices such as video cameras, or anything that would record the lobby, hallway or offices at Gomery and Associates. The current items pertaining to the Search Warrant were seized and they are listed below:

- 1) Windows 7 ProHP/1 DVD drive, serial number 24A02200XSJ, taken from Office Manager's office.
 - 2) One DVD drive, Compaq (Windows 7 HP), serial number MXL94222G
 - 3) Compaq 505B Windows 7, serial number MXL0090NX2
 - 4) External hard drive with Western Digital, serial number WX91C12U2912
 - 5) From GROGAN's reception and office, folder #1, file #1111.0001
 - 6) IOLTA receipt book
 - 7) IOLTA cash box, containing \$198.00.
 - 8) Two boxes of checks, IOLTA account.
 - 9) Four individual checkbooks to Gomery Law.
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- 10) Deposit record book
- 11) From the office of the Manager's office:
 - Four large binders containing TOPOUS/COOKE.
 - (Two blue)
 - (Two black)
 - One light green folder
 - Eight manila folders containing TOPOUS/COOKE – File of invoices
- 12) From GOMERY's office:
 - Five large boxes of TOPOUS files and COOKE files
 - File folders of FRED TOPOUS VS. C. GETAL

The *Return and Tabulation* was filled out on a separate piece of paper. They were then left at the office. The Search Warrant and *Return Tabulation* will be filed with the Court.

Prior to the Search Warrant being conducted, Detective MORTON was outside of the office observing for approximately one and one-half hours to two hours. During this time, she did not observe any type of office equipment being removed from the building.

All items collected were then taken to the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office.

SEARCH WARRANT [REDACTED], TRAVERSE CITY, MI:

On 7/14/2014, a Search Warrant was executed at the address of [REDACTED] Traverse City, Michigan. This is the residence belonging to CLARENCE GOMERY.

On 7/14/2014, I, along with Detective SHEA, Captain FEWLESS, Undersheriff ALGER, and Det/Sgt DROGOWSKI conducted this Search Warrant. The following items were seized:

- 1) Toshiba laptop, serial #78117591K. This was located in the master bedroom.
- 2) Blue iPod
- 3) Two ScanDisk cards
- 4) Located in the gun safe:
 - 10 rounds Winchester ammo, .308
- 5) .308 Winchester 150 grain, PHP (15 rounds)
- 6) .308 Winchester 150 grain silver tip (10 rounds)

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7) Motorola cell phone and charger.

All of these items were then transferred to the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Photographs were taken at Gomery and Associates, as well as GOMERY's home. The photos will be on file at the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office.

COMPUTERS SENT TO COMPUTER LAB:

The electronics that were seized in both Search Warrants were then going to be transferred to the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office Computer Lab for forensic examination.

STATUS: OPEN

SUBMITTED BY: DETECTIVE RITTER, GTSO/996 (7/14/2014 @15:05)

NR/jmm (7/17/2014 @13:59)

INCIDENT: SOLICITATION TO MURDER
VICTIM: CHRISTOPHER KEVIN COOKE
SUSPECT: CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY
WITNESS: STEVEN JOHN BRETT

CONTACT STEVEN BRETT:

On 7-15-14 I made telephone contact with STEVEN BRETT. In speaking with BRETT, BRETT confirmed that several years ago he had loaned a Winchester carbine .308 caliber semi-automatic rifle to CLARENCE GOMERY. BRETT added that at that time he was hunting with GOMERY and, according to BRETT, GOMERY did not have a rifle to hunt deer with.

BRETT added that in exchange for GOMERY using his rifle, GOMERY agreed to purchase and have a scope installed. BRETT described the rifle as having a left-handed safety and added that he had cautioned GOMERY numerous times to be careful due to the fact that he was concerned that the safety could accidentally be placed into the firing position being it was a left-handed safety.

BRETT then added that he had gotten the rifle back from GOMERY approximately 5-years ago.

While speaking with BRETT, he did check his gun case and confirmed that the .308 Winchester was, in fact, still in his case.

BRETT did add that GOMERY later bought a .7mm rifle for his son CHRIS from a pawnshop here in Traverse City. No other information was provided reference the .7mm due to the fact that BRETT stated that several years back, he and GOMERY had somewhat parted ways as hunting partners.

No additional information was obtained from BRETT.

STATUS: OPEN

Submitted by Detective SHEA, Badge 998, GTSO 7-22-14 at approximately 16:05 hours

MS/mrt/7-23-14 @ 08:51 hours

INCIDENT: SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER
VENUE: 423 E. 8th St. in the City of Traverse City, Grand Traverse County
SUSPECT: CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY
VICTIM: CHRISTOPHER KEVIN COOKE

INTERVIEW WITH HENRY HUSTED:

Law enforcement was told HENRY HUSTED was a close friend of CLARENCE GOMERY and Undersheriff ALGER called him for an interview sometime before noon on 7-14-14. HUSTED already knew GOMERY had been arrested the night before and was more than willing to come to the Law Enforcement Center as requested. He arrived during the early afternoon hours and was taken to the conference room. The Undersheriff and Detective Captain FEWLESS were present and I was there as well. We had a casual conversation with HUSTED, but the interview was not taped. Everyone asked questions and I acted as scribe during the process.

HUSTED confirmed that he and GOMERY were close personal friends and said their friendship has been intact for about eight years. In fact, he considered GOMERY his best friend and felt the feeling was mutual. HUSTED said they shared a lot of personal information and often confided in one another. He actually felt close to the entire GOMERY family and told us they were like family of his own.

HUSTED knew GOMERY was arrested for solicitation to commit murder where CHRIS COOKE was the victim, but didn't seem to have details. He apparently heard about the arrest and charge through local gossip and after having a phone conversation with GOMERY'S wife, AILEEN, sometime during the morning hours on 7-14-14. We never asked what AILEEN specifically said, but can do so later if it becomes necessary. Likewise, we didn't ask if HUSTED talked to other family members after the arrest occurred, but can always inquire in the days to come. Whatever the case, HUSTED said he was shocked by what happened and told us he "never saw anything coming". He never expected GOMERY would solicit someone to murder COOKE, said GOMERY never showed indicators of doing something like that and claimed he didn't have knowledge and wasn't involved. He did, however, have his own theory as to why GOMERY committed the crime (if that was truly the case) and provided the following information.

HUSTED obviously knew about the prior civil suit involving GOMERY and FRED TOPOUS. He knew GOMERY lost, owed money, declared bankruptcy and could possibly lose his license to practice law. He also knew COOKE represented TOPOUS during the proceedings and said GOMERY felt COOKE was malicious and lied during

the trial. HUSTED told us GOMERY didn't like COOKE because of the way he acted and because of the final outcome. He knew GOMERY was stressed over the entire situation and also felt his friend blamed COOKE for his wife's decline in health. HUSTED said AILEEN GOMERY suffered pancreatic failure 12-18 months before and was now diabetic. The problem apparently took its toll and she was in poor physical condition. The added stress from the lawsuit only made things worse for AILEEN and HUSTED, therefore, assumed CLARENCE blamed COOKE for part of her demise. He indicated CLARENCE loved AILEEN dearly and told us CLARENCE often said he couldn't live without her. In short, HUSTED thought the issues noted above (especially the one involving AILEEN) may have been the catalysts that ultimately drove CLARENCE GOMERY to commit the crime he was accused of.

We asked if GOMERY made threats to COOKE in the past and HUSTED said, "Not as far as I know." However, he told us GOMERY made a statement about one year before that some people might consider as threatening. HUSTED didn't personally think GOMERY said the words in a threatening manner, but rather felt his friend was only venting out of frustration. He reminded us GOMERY was stressed because of the decision rendered in the civil suit, was worried about financial loss and was probably upset with COOKE for the reasons already mentioned. Whatever the case, HUSTED told us GOMERY once said, "I wish that fucker would fall off the face of the earth." HUSTED and GOMERY were talking about COOKE when GOMERY made the statement and HUSTED felt GOMERY wished COOKE were dead. It was the only time HUSTED heard GOMERY make a comment about COOKE'S life and he told us the statement was made in the "spur of the moment".

HUSTED re-emphasized that GOMERY didn't like COOKE very much, but noted his friend usually tempered his anger. He told us GOMERY only "spouted off" at times and he never thought GOMERY would hurt COOKE or get someone to do so. HUSTED said he was totally surprised by what happened and still in a state of shock. He also told us GOMERY seemed to be in good health and never made any suicidal statements as far as he knew. However, HUSTED reiterated that GOMERY was stressed in regards to a bankruptcy hearing scheduled for 8-2-14 (something related to the civil suit), but felt his stress level wasn't any greater than before. In short, he thought GOMERY was in good spirits when they were last together on 7-4-14 and never expected his friend would be in jail for solicitation of murder ten days later.

As far as HUSTED could remember, he last spoke to GOMERY sometime during the morning on 7-13-14. He wasn't sure who initiated the call, but told us they primarily talked about the family gathering GOMERY had planned for later during the day and the fact HUSTED couldn't attend. They also discussed other insignificant things that had no bearing on the matter at hand. HUSTED said they had a prior phone conversation during the morning on 7-12-14 which apparently was the only time they talked on that date. They discussed "trivial" matters and HUSTED couldn't recall talking to GOMERY on 7-11-14. We never asked him to remember anything before that time. However, HUSTED said he tried to call GOMERY two times in the morning on 7-14-14, but never got an

answer. That was because GOMERY was in jail, but HUSTED didn't know. As previously noted, HUSTED eventually heard about the arrest through local gossip and especially after GOMERY'S wife, AILEEN, called him later during the day.

We continued to talk to HUSTED for quite some time, but he didn't say anything else that seemed to matter. Nonetheless, Undersheriff ALGER posed one more question before we left in regards to a .308 rifle. He asked if GOMERY owned a .308, but HUSTED wasn't sure. However, he had a .308 himself and said the gun was kept at the GOMERY "cabin" at one point in time. The "cabin" was in the woods behind JULIE KRAMER'S house and HUSTED told us his .308 had been hanging on the wall. He described the firearm as an old relic with a bayonet attached and said the gun didn't work. It was inoperable and HUSTED took it home in either January or February. We didn't press the matter any further and our interview ended. HUSTED said he was more than willing to cooperate if law enforcement needed more and we thanked him for his time.

STATUS: UNCHANGED

Submitted by Det/Sergeant DROGOWSKI, Badge 920, GTSO 7-28-14 @ 16:00 hours

JD/mrt/7-29-14 @ 15:32 hours

INCIDENT: SOLICITATION FOR MURDER

DATE & TIME REPORTED:

Reported on 7-12-14 at approximately 19:16 hours.

VENUE:

423 E. 8th St., City of Traverse City, County of Grand Traverse.

SUSPECT: CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY

INFORMATION:

On 7-24-14 I had met with JERI COOKE who is the wife of the victim, CHRISTOPHER COOKE, at the Law Enforcement Center. I met with JERI COOKE in regards to interviewing JERI reference the ongoing investigation between the suspect, GOMERY, and the victim, CHRISTOPHER COOKE.

INTERVIEW WITH JERI COOKE:

On 7-24-14 at approximately 09:40 hours I interviewed JERI COOKE who is the wife of the victim, CHRISTOPHER COOKE, at the Law Enforcement Center.

I had asked JERI COOKE if she knew why I had requested to speak with her. JERI indicated that it had to do with what she may know about the situation and what her relationship was with DALE FISHER. I proceeded to ask JERI COOKE how all of this had come to light between her husband and the suspect, CLARENCE GOMERY. JERI had indicated that she was sitting at the Cherry Festival waiting for the parade to start when she had gotten a text from DALE FISHER. JERI indicated that she hadn't heard from DALE in months and receiving a text from him out of the blue was strange. JERI indicated that DALE stated that he needed CHRIS to call him right away.

JERI thought this was weird because they are not friends any longer. JERI had indicated that she wanted to know what was going on and that DALE FISHER had told her that he could only tell CHRIS. JERI stated that DALE did inform her that it was not about JERI'S daughter, [REDACTED].

JERI stated 'well, that is good to know'. DALE FISHER then called JERI and told JERI that CLARENCE GOMERY had hired him to kill CHRIS.

JERI indicated that DALE FISHER wanted to meet with CHRIS so that they could go to the police together. JERI tried getting a hold of her husband, CHRIS, but was unable to

due to the fact that CHRIS was in the parade. JERI indicated that she finally did get a hold of CHRIS and informed him of her conversation that she had with DALE FISHER.

JERI indicated that she did exchange a few more messages with DALE FISHER wanting to know more because she was worrying about a possible sniper-type deal. JERI indicated that DALE wanted to meet in the Industrial Park area near the Mitchell Creek Golf Course and that when CHRIS gets there, for them to come over and meet him at that location.

I asked JERI if she had any doubts or concerns when she received a text and the phone call from DALE FISHER pertaining to the comments that DALE FISHER had made about CLARENCE GOMERY hiring him to kill her husband, CHRIS. JERI indicated that she had to be honest with me and that this very scenario came to mind. JERI indicated that maybe there was some danger with CLARENCE GOMERY that DALE FISHER knew about. JERI indicated that she was not exactly sure what it was, but maybe DALE FISHER knew something.

JERI stated that when her husband, CHRIS, had been in the TOPOUS trial where her husband, CHRIS, represented Mr. TOPOUS and was going against CLARENCE GOMERY, her husband, CHRIS, had told her that he felt uneasy about everything. JERI indicated that CHRIS had told her that this guy, that being CLARENCE GOMERY, was a creepy-type guy and that she needed to be more careful and to make sure that they were locking their windows and doors.

JERI then went on to state that there are a lot of people who are afraid of CLARENCE GOMERY and that she is getting a bad feeling about this. JERI stated that she also knew that DALE FISHER was associated with CLARENCE GOMERY, so she felt that was the first thing that came to her mind that there was some type of information that DALE FISHER may have had on CLARENCE GOMERY.

I had asked JERI if she had some inclinations that something wasn't right when DALE had called her out of the blue. JERI stated yes. JERI indicated based on DALE FISHER'S tone in his text, that she knew something wasn't right. JERI stated that when she received the text from DALE FISHER stating, "I need to talk to him right away," "I can't tell anybody else," she knew something wasn't right.

JERI indicated that she received multiple text messages from DALE FISHER on Saturday, that being 7-12-14, due to DALE'S adrenaline being extremely high. DALE kept texting JERI, asking her 'where is he, where is he, where is he'. JERI indicated that DALE had gone to the police station where he had talked with Deputy JEROME about him being hired to kill CHRIS COOKE. JERI indicated that DALE FISHER had told her that Deputy JEROME had told him to come back to the Sheriff's Department on Monday to speak with a Detective.

JERI then indicated that they did respond over to the location to meet with DALE FISHER. JERI indicated that she had waited in the truck along with her husband's brother, that being PAUL COOKE. JERI indicated that her husband, CHRIS, and CHRIS' brother, PAUL, were concerned about it being a setup, so they kept the truck running during the meeting with DALE FISHER.

JERI stated that she really didn't think that, however, they were being on the lookout to make sure everyone was safe.

I asked JERI what she meant by setup. JERI indicated that she didn't believe it to be a setup, because she knows as being a nice man, but, PAUL, along with CHRIS don't know DALE nor do they like him, so they were concerned about a setup.

At that point in time I then asked JERI how it is that she had become friends with DALE FISHER. JERI indicated that DALE'S son and her daughter were boyfriend and girlfriend. JERI indicated that her daughter, [REDACTED], was spending a lot of time over at the FISHER residence.

JERI indicated that because of her daughter's relationship with DALE FISHER'S son, she had become friends with DALE FISHER. JERI indicated that they, meaning DALE FISHER and she, would sit at football games and visit as well as when 'I would drop [REDACTED] off at the FISHER residence, we would visit some more'. It was then that we just got to be good friends.

I asked JERI how long she has known DALE FISHER. JERI indicated that she met DALE FISHER back in late August or September of 2013. JERI indicated that they may have been friends for approximately four months. JERI states that 'we are not enemies, but we don't have contact with each other anymore'. I asked JERI when did the contact between FISHER and her stop. JERI stated in the winter of 2013 when her husband, CHRIS, became uncomfortable with how much time she was spending on the phone with DALE FISHER. JERI also stated that her husband was also uncomfortable with how much access DALE FISHER had with his daughter, [REDACTED].

I asked JERI what she meant by access with her daughter. JERI indicated that she had allowed DALE FISHER to pick up her daughter from school, as well as take her daughter to his house. JERI also indicated that she would allow DALE FISHER to take her daughter target shooting. JERI also wanted to make it clear that DALE FISHER'S son was always with them at all times.

JERI did state that the only time DALE FISHER would have been alone with her daughter was during the vehicle rides.

JERI indicated that her husband, CHRIS, didn't like that due to the fact that her husband, CHRIS, had found out about DALE FISHER'S criminal history. JERI indicated that CHRIS had told her about DALE'S criminal history at which point JERI became

uncomfortable with the information that her husband had provided her pertaining to DALE FISHER'S criminal history. JERI indicated at that point she had called the school and told them that DALE FISHER could no longer pick up her daughter, [REDACTED].

I then asked JERI that there seems to be a conflict in what she perceives DALE FISHER as being a good person and what her husband, CHRIS, perceives DALE as being a good person. JERI indicated that her husband, CHRIS, doesn't know DALE like she does and if she felt that DALE FISHER was not a good person, she would not have allowed her daughter, [REDACTED], to be around him. JERI indicated that CHRIS only knows DALE'S criminal history.

JERI states because CHRIS was so uncomfortable with the whole thing, that JERI cut off her contact with DALE FISHER as well as [REDACTED]'S contact with DALE FISHER.

I asked JERI when did her husband, CHRIS, find out about DALE FISHER'S criminal history. JERI states that she is not sure and that I would have to ask him about that.

JERI stated that her husband had looked into her cell phone records and discovered that she had spent a lot of time on the phone talking with DALE FISHER. I had asked JERI during that time that she was having contact with DALE FISHER, was there ever any conversations between DALE and her surrounding her husband, CHRIS, and/or CLARENCE GOMERY. JERI stated 'yeah'. JERI indicated that she had told DALE that she was beginning to feel a little weird because 'we are becoming good friends and you are friends with my husband's nemesis'. I then asked JERI how she knew DALE FISHER was good friends with CLARENCE GOMERY. JERI stated that DALE never told her that he was good friends with CLARENCE GOMERY, that DALE had told her on many occasions that he only worked for CLARENCE GOMERY and that he was not friends with CLARENCE GOMERY.

I then asked JERI why she would have made the comment to me that DALE FISHER and CLARENCE GOMERY were good friends if that wasn't true. JERI indicated that DALE FISHER had corrected her on that statement and that DALE wanted to be sure and extremely clear on that issue that they were not friends. I then asked JERI what type of work did DALE FISHER do for CLARENCE GOMERY. JERI indicated that DALE FISHER put docks in for CLARENCE GOMERY. JERI indicated that she believes this was seasonal type work.

I then asked JERI what made her husband, CHRIS, uncomfortable about daughter spending time with DALE FISHER. JERI indicated that it was because DALE FISHER has a criminal history. I then asked JERI if she had ever asked CHRIS what DALE FISHER'S criminal history was. JERI stated yes. JERI indicated that CHRIS had told her that DALE had a CSC charge. I then asked JERI if she had asked DALE about it. JERI stated yes. JERI indicated that at that point she didn't let her daughter go over there any longer.

I then asked JERI based on that now, did that change her opinion of DALE FISHER. JERI stated that DALE has a good heart and 'I don't feel that he is a danger'. JERI states that her husband was uncomfortable with it so 'I cut off all contacts with DALE FISHER'.

I then asked JERI, besides talking with DALE FISHER at football games or on the phone, has she ever been together outside these settings. JERI stated that she has never been alone with him if that's what I was asking. At that point I had asked JERI if she had ever had any type of intimate relationships with DALE FISHER. JERI stated no, but 'we used to tease each other on the phone' like, "You should come over," "You're so cute." JERI stated that there was nothing physical, just flirting. JERI also stated that there was never any touching either.

JERI states that this is embarrassing because there was flirting going on. JERI states that she can't say that it was harmless because 'I wouldn't want my husband to do that with someone else'. I then asked JERI if DALE wanted more out of this type of relationship. JERI stated that he would say that "You should really come over". JERI would then say, "Too bad you're working," it was one of those things that you knew wouldn't happen. JERI indicated that that all of the flirting was done through texting.

I asked JERI to describe her relationship with her husband, CHRIS COOKE. JERI stated that they have been married for 25-years, and that they have known each other for 30-years. JERI states that she's never been unfaithful to her husband and that she wasn't about to start with DALE FISHER.

I then asked JERI to describe her husband to me as a person. JERI states that her husband is a good person, honest, hardworking man, extraverted and a good father to their children.

JERI states that she would say that they are happily married, however, their marriage has had its peaks and valleys which they have always worked through them. JERI indicates that they have three children that they have raised together and that share the same life goals and plan to grow old together.

I then asked JERI if her husband had ever been abusive towards her either physically and/or mentally.

I asked JERI if her husband had confronted her about the phone records. JERI stated yes. I then asked JERI why at which point JERI stated that it is a question for him. I then asked JERI if her husband had ever confronted DALE FISHER about it. JERI stated yes.

I then asked JERI what happened when her husband had confronted DALE FISHER. JERI stated that it turned into a big shouting match.

JERI stated that she wanted to make it clear that DALE started to become more of a girlfriend to her where she started confiding in him. JERI stated that she would express her marriage and family matters with DALE FISHER. JERI expressed regret about that due to the fact that when her husband, CHRIS, had confronted DALE FISHER, that DALE FISHER started yelling at her husband about how he was such a bad parent as well as being a bad husband.

It should be noted at this point in the interview that the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department video recording system had stopped. The video was set to record for six hours due to multiple interviews being conducted. It was not discovered until after my interview with CHRISTOPHER COOKE.

It should also be noted that there were only a couple more questions that were asked of JERI COOKE that was not on tape.

The next question that was asked of JERI was did she and DALE FISHER conspire to kill her husband. JERI stated no.

I then asked JERI if she, as well as DALE FISHER, and CLARENCE GOMERY conspired to kill her husband. JERI stated 'no way'.

That concluded my interview with JERI COOKE. The interview ended at approximately 10:30 hours.

STATUS: OPEN pending further investigation

Submitted by Detective GOMEZ, Badge 994, GTSO 8-4-14

PG/mrt/8-5-14 @ 14:47 hours

TYPE OF INCIDENT: SOLICITATION OF MURDER
DATE/TIME REPORTED: 7/12/2014, at approximately 19:16 hours
VENUE: 423 E. Eighth Street
City of Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, MI
SUSPECT: CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY
VICTIM: CHRISTOPHER KEVIN COOKE

INFORMATION:

On 7/24/2014, at approximately 10:50 hours, an interview was conducted with the victim, CHRIS COOKE.

INTERVIEW WITH CHRIS COOKE:

On 7/24/2014, at approximately 10:50 hours, I re-interviewed the victim, CHRISTOPHER COOKE, at the Law Enforcement Center.

Mr. COOKE was asked about how he became aware of the murder for hire that was taken out against him. Mr. COOKE stated that he was notified by his wife, JERI, that the witness, DALE FISHER, was hired by GOMERY to kill him. Mr. COOKE indicated that he agreed to meet with the witness, DALE FISHER, so that FISHER could explain to him the situation surrounding Mr. FISHER being offered money to kill COOKE.

Mr. COOKE indicated that he did not trust DALE FISHER at the time, so he, along with his wife, JERI, and his brother, PAUL COOKE, responded to the location to meet with DALE FISHER. Mr. COOKE indicated that he recorded the conversation between himself and DALE FISHER.

Mr. COOKE stated that DALE FISHER told him that he had been hired to kill him by the suspect, CLARENCE GOMERY. Mr. COOKE also stated that DALE FISHER had informed him that GOMERY was going to pay him \$20,000.00 to kill him. Mr. COOKE indicated that DALE FISHER told him that he was hired by GOMERY to kill him for \$20,000.00 due to some previous court proceedings where Mr. COOKE had won judgments against GOMERY. CHRISTOPHER COOKE indicated that FISHER informed him that GOMERY didn't take kindly to having COOKE destroy him.

I then asked Mr. COOKE how it came about that his wife, JERI COOKE, struck up a friendship with the witness, DALE FISHER. Mr. COOKE indicated that his wife, JERI COOKE, had become friends with DALE FISHER through their children. Mr. COOKE

indicated that his daughter, [REDACTED] COOKE, was seeing Mr. FISHER's son. Mr. COOKE stated that his wife, JERI, would sit and talk with DALE FISHER at high school sporting events and that they would also sit and have coffee while their children were hanging out.

Mr. COOKE indicated that he was not comfortable with his daughter spending so much time at the FISHER residence and that he had become aware of Mr. FISHER's past, that made him extremely uncomfortable where he did not want his daughter, [REDACTED] spending so much time at the FISHER residence. Mr. COOKE indicated that he told his wife, JERI COOKE, that he no longer wanted his daughter, [REDACTED] spending too much time at the FISHER residence. Mr. COOKE also indicated that he became concerned for [REDACTED] that he began looking through the cell phone and noticed that there was an unfamiliar phone number that had been called numerous times and that the phone calls were quite lengthy. Mr. COOKE indicated that he then found out that phone number belonged to DALE FISHER.

CHRIS indicated that he asked his wife, JERI, who the number belonged to and his wife told him that the phone number belonged to DALE FISHER.

Mr. COOKE stated that he then asked his wife, JERI, what was going on between FISHER and JERI. CHRIS stated that his wife, JERI, told him nothing, that FISHER was more like a girlfriend. Mr. COOKE indicated that his wife had told him that she and FISHER would talk about the kids and how their day went on a daily basis. I then asked Mr. COOKE if he had asked his wife, JERI, if she had a sexual relationship with DALE FISHER. Mr. COOKE stated yes, he asked JERI. Mr. COOKE indicated that JERI had told him no. Mr. COOKE also stated that he believes his wife is telling him the truth because his wife can't tell a lie.

I asked Mr. COOKE if he and DALE FISHER had conspired to frame CLARENCE GOMERY. Mr. COOKE stated, "No way". Mr. COOKE stated that he would have nothing to gain from it. Mr. COOKE went on to state that CLARENCE GOMERY had lost in the bankruptcy proceedings which CLARENCE GOMERY owes Mr. COOKE a lot of money due to those proceedings. Therefore, Mr. COOKE would have nothing to gain by framing the suspect, CLARENCE GOMERY.

I asked Mr. COOKE to describe his marriage. Mr. COOKE stated that he has a great family. Mr. COOKE states that he loves his wife very much and that JERI loves him. CHRIS states that the marriage has had its ups and downs through the past 25 years.

Mr. COOKE indicated that he is gone a lot because of work and that he also puts in long hours at work. Mr. COOKE feels that this has caused issues in the past between him and his wife, thus leading to times throughout their marriage where they may have grown apart because of his work. Mr. COOKE indicated that they have always worked through those issues and that he and his wife still love each other very much.

I asked Mr. COOKE when he actually found out about the relationship between his wife, JERI, and DALE FISHER. Mr. COOKE stated that he believes that it was around September of 2013. Mr. COOKE stated that he had also found out that DALE FISHER was allowed to pick up his daughter, [REDACTED], from school. Mr. COOKE stated that upon learning this, he had written a letter to the school informing them that Mr. FISHER was not allowed to pick up his daughter from school any more. I asked Mr. FISHER how [REDACTED] was allowed to be picked up from school by DALE FISHER. Mr. COOKE indicated that his wife, JERI, had given the school permission, allowing DALE FISHER to pick up their daughter after school.

Mr. COOKE indicated that he had a long talk with his wife, JERI, and explained to her the reasons why he didn't want that to happen any longer. Mr. COOKE indicated that his wife, JERI, had agreed and that JERI was going to inform DALE FISHER of that.

I asked Mr. COOKE when was the last time that his wife, JERI, had spoken with DALE FISHER. Mr. COOKE stated that he believes the last time would have been sometime in February of 2014. Mr. COOKE stated that his wife, JERI, had not spoken to DALE FISHER until DALE FISHER had contacted her on the last Saturday of the Cherry Festival.

I asked Mr. COOKE if he had ever spoken with DALE FISHER prior to the start of this investigation. Mr. COOKE indicated that he had on a couple of occasions. Mr. COOKE stated that he had contact with Mr. FISHER at a high school volleyball game where his wife, JERI, had introduced them. Mr. COOKE then stated that on the other occasion is when he had confronted DALE FISHER about his involvement with his wife and daughter.

I asked Mr. COOKE if he has had any contact with DALE FISHER after CLARENCE GOMERY's arrest. Mr. COOKE stated that DALE FISHER has contacted him on a couple of occasions since then. Mr. COOKE stated that DALE FISHER had called him, complaining about law enforcement interviewing his young son and also complaining about the local media bothering him all of the time. Mr. COOKE stated that he told DALE FISHER that he should not be calling him because it would send the wrong message. Mr. COOKE stated that he doesn't want people thinking that they are conspiring and taking away from the fact that CLARENCE GOMERY had paid DALE FISHER to kill him.

I asked Mr. COOKE if there were any questions that he thought I should have asked that I failed to ask. Mr. COOKE stated no. I thanked Mr. COOKE for his time and informed him that he was more than welcome to contact me when he has questions. The interview ended at 11:15 hours.

STATUS: OPEN

SUBMITTED BY: DETECTIVE GOMEZ, GTSO/994 (7/28/2014 @19:00)

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PG/jmm (7/30/2014 @10:57)

TYPE OF INCIDENT: SOLICITATION OF MURDER
DATE/TIME REPORTED: 7/12/2014, at approximately 19:16 hours
VENUE: 423 E. Eighth Street
City of Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, MI
SUSPECT: CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY
VICTIM: CHRISTOPHER KEVIN COOKE

INFORMATION:

On 7/17/2014, the Department of State Police Forensic Science Division, Grayling Laboratory, received evidence from the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department.

The Laboratory number is GL14-1236.

LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION:

KNOWN IMPRESSIONS:

The Grayling Michigan State Police Forensic Science Division received known impressions from the suspect, CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY, as well as DALE RAYMOND FISHER, and CHRISTOPHER KEVIN COOKE.

EVIDENCE RECEIVED:

The Michigan State Police Forensic Science Division had received ten \$100.00 bills, U.S. currency, as well as one inked fingerprint card bearing the name CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY, as well as one inked fingerprint card bearing the name DALE RAYMOND FISHER.

PROCESSING RESULTS:

The listed evidence was processed with no latent prints of comparison value being developed.

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

The examination was completed on July 18th, 2014.

EXAMINATION COMPLETED BY:

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The examination was completed by THOMAS HOLCOMB, Forensic Scientist, assigned to the Latent Print Unit, of the Michigan State Police Forensic Science Division.

PHONE CONTACT WITH THOMAS HOLCOMB:

I made contact with THOMAS HOLCOMB, who is the Forensic Scientist assigned to the Latent Print Unit out of the Department of State Police Forensic Science Division, Grayling Laboratory.

I asked Mr. HOLCOMB why there were no latent prints of comparison value being developed on the money that I had submitted. Mr. HOLCOMB explained to me that United States currency, particularly paper money, which is made up of cotton fibers which is a porous material and absorbs the oils from the person that is handling the money. Because of this, the money will not contain any type of latent fingerprints.

STATUS: OPEN, pending further investigation.

SUBMITTED BY: DETECTIVE GOMEZ, GTSO/994 (7/28/2014 @19:40)

PG/jmm (7/30/2014 @12:13)

TYPE OF INCIDENT: SOLICITATION OF MURDER
DATE/TIME REPORTED: 7/12/2014, at approximately 19:16 hours
VENUE: 423 E. Eighth Street
City of Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, MI
SUSPECT: CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY
VICTIM: CHRISTOPHER KEVIN COOKE

INFORMATION:

SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED:

On 7/22/2014, I had multiple Search Warrants signed by Judge STEPKA pertaining to the CLARENCE GOMERY investigation.

I served two Search Warrants on the Verizon phone company. The Search Warrants were sent to the Verizon Legal Compliance, custodian of records, requesting information pertaining to cell number [REDACTED]. This phone number belongs to the suspect, CLARENCE GOMERY.

The second Search Warrant that was served on Verizon phone company was pertaining to cell phone number [REDACTED], which belongs to the victim, CHRIS COOKE.

I then served a Search Warrant on AT&T pertaining to cell phone number [REDACTED] which is the cell phone number belonging to the witness, DALE FISHER.

Other Search Warrants being served on 7/22/2014 were Search Warrants to the Members Credit Union, as well as to the Northwestern Bank.

As of today's date, 7/28/2014, I have not received any of the information requested in the Search Warrants that I served on the Verizon phone company, as well as AT&T phone company. I did, however, receive information from Members Credit Union and Northwestern Bank as of today's date.

STATUS: OPEN, pending further investigation.

SUBMITTED BY: DETECTIVE GOMEZ, GTSO/994 (7/28/2014 @22:00)

PG/jmm (7/30/2014 @12:22)

INCIDENT: SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER

SUSPECT: CLARENCE KENYON GOMERY

INFORMATION:

The purpose of this supplement is to provide information regarding the Search Warrant to conduct forensic exams on items seized through various Search Warrants executed in this case. On 7-15-14 a Search Warrant was prepared and signed by the Honorable Judge PHILIPS of the 86th District Court to conduct forensic digital exams of the following items.

ITEMS TO BE EXAMINED FORENSICALLY FOR DIGITAL EVIDENCE:

- Verizon Motorola Android cellular phone
- Two scanned disk media cards
- Blue Toshiba laptop, serial number 78117591K
- HP Tower computer, serial number 2UA0200XSJ
- Compaq Tower computer, serial number MXL942222G
- Compaq Tower computer, serial number MXL0090NY2
- Western digital external hard drive, serial number WX91C12U2912
- Apple IPod, serial number YMA42WL43QS

All items listed above were placed in the Grand Traverse computer lab evidence room to be processed in the beginning stages of forensic exam.

FORENSIC EXAMINATION TOSHIBA LAPTOP:

The first item report completed was the Toshiba laptop, model A205-S4880, serial number 78117591K. There was one hard drive installed in the computer and the device itself was in good condition.

This was Sata drive, 200GB in capacity. The original hard drive was removed from the machine where it was then copied and prepped to be imaged. The machine was then booted up to determine the bios time and date. The machine showed it was currently Eastern Standard Time showing an exact time and date as the forensic machines in the Grand Traverse computer lab. The original hard drive was then imaged using FTK imager version 3.1.3.2 utilizing the forensic blue blocker, an imaging date of 7-15-14. I am providing a text document with the imaging information which will include the MD5 and the SHA1 hashes showing the original evidence was imaged bit by bit and verified upon completion. The image acquisition started on 7-15-14 at 15:51 hours and finished on 7-15-14 and 22:20 hours. In addition to this text document, I will also provide a

Grand Traverse County computer forensic exam system, physical examination and imaging form.

After the image was taken from the original media, it was then processed utilizing FTK version 5.2 forensic software to be examined.

As limited by the scope of the Search Warrant to protect attorney-client privilege, search was limited to only digital evidence related to Mr. CHRIS COOKE, including the TOPOUS investigation and litigation, bank records related to Iolta(phonetic) accounts, information related to DALE FISHER and any internet history related to solicitation of murder or homicide in itself.

The evidence found on the GOMERY laptop will include:

- Registry files
- Iolta account information
- DAVE BREZINA deposition questions
- DAVE HALL deposition questions
- HENRY HUSTED deposition questions
- KEN SMITH deposition questions
- MATT COFFEY deposition questions
- MATT DAVIES deposition questions
- T&G deposition questions for FRED
- T&G deposition questions for FRED again
- T&G response to SD
- Timeline for T&G
- Document.xml

1. Registry information

When examining the SAM file, I observed said unique identifier 1000 to be C GOMERY with a logon count of 1756 times. The last logon time for this user was July 15th, 2014 at 6:14 p.m. When reviewing the system information, I found the computer to be set at active control set, control set 1, the computer name to be C GOMERY, with a time zone bios of 300. When examining the software information, I observed the computer to be under Windows Vista Home Premium with an install date of July 3rd, 2008.

I am including all documents listed above in print form along with this supplement for review by Prosecuting Attorney.

EXTERNAL DOCUMENTS:

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Included with this supplemental report is a copy of my Search Warrant, a copy of the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office computer exam form, the imaging acquisition text document, and my forensic findings related to this machine.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

I am currently in the process of completing forensic examinations on the other evidence seized during Search Warrants and will provide supplements related to my findings as they come.

DISPOSITION: Refer to the original

STATUS: UNCHANGED

Submitted by Detective OTTING, Badge 997, GTSO 7-31-14 @ 14:41 p.m.

JO/mrt/8-5-14 @ 11:50 hours