

East Greenwich Police Department Incident Report

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Incident #: 12-310-OF Call #: 12-5172

Date/Time	Reported:	03/22/201	2 2358
Report	Date/Time:	03/23/201	2 0157
	Status:	Incident	Open

Reporting Officer: Patrol Officer STEVEN BRANCH
Detective: Retired Sgt JON CHIRNSIDE
Approving Officer: Captain STANLEY CIRELLA

Signature:

Signature:

OFFENSE(S)

LOCATION TYPE: Bar/Night Club

OAKS TAVERN 103 DUKE ST

EAST GREENWICH RI 02818

ATTEMPTED TYPE

Zone: DIV/WATER/ROCKY/MAIN

1 SICK OR INJURED CARED FOR

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Not Applicable

OCCURRED: 03/22/2012 2358

#	VICTIM(S)		SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	SOUTH KINGSTOWN RI 02879	****	М	W	58	*****	*****
	DOB: ************************************		****				
#	PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	SAUNDERSTOWN RI 02874	PARTICIPANT	F	W	43	*****	******
	EMPLOYER: ************************************	***** . *****	* * * * * *				
2	**************************************	PARTICIPANT	F	W	44	*****	******
3	**************************************	PARTICIPANT	М	W	51	******	*****
	EMPLOYER:						

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PROPERTY #

SOUTH KINGSTOWN RI 02879 DOB: *******

OTHER PROPERTIES

12-104-PR

Evidence (Not Nibrs Reportable)

STATUS

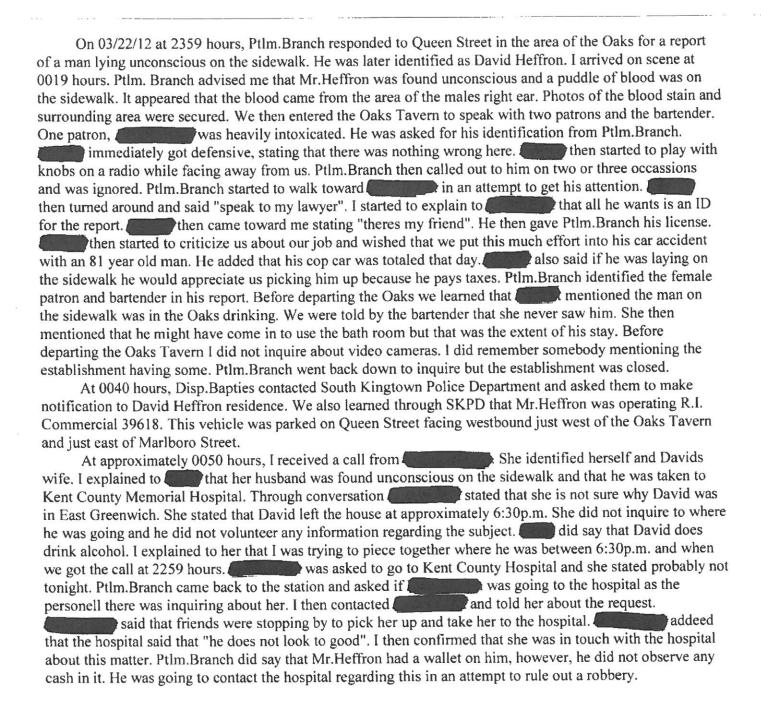
QUANTITY: 1

E911 RECORDING

SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL DATE: 03/26/2012 VALUE:

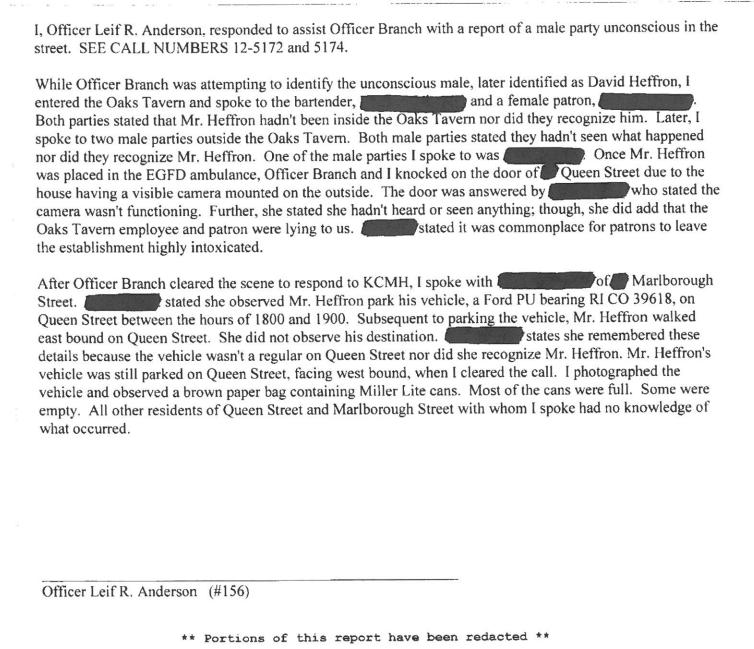
East Greenwich Police Department NARRATIVE FOR LIEUTENANT STANLEY F CIRELLA JR

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East Greenwich Police Department SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE FOR PTLM LEIF R ANDERSON

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East Greenwich Police Department NARRATIVE FOR PTLM STEVEN W BRANCH

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On 3/22/12 at approx 2358hrs I, Officer Branch and Officer Anderson, along with EGFD were dispatched to the Oaks Tavern, 103 Duke St, on a report of an unconscious male on the sidewalk. Upon arrival we observed a male subject laying on the sidewalk approx 50ft west of the Oaks Tavern near 32 Queen St. He was lying on his back with his head facing north west and his feet facing south east. Rescue personnel began checking the party for vitals and I checked his pockets for identification. I located his wallet in his left front pocket. Inside the wallet I found his RI Drivers License and identified the victim as David H. Heffron. There was no cash in the wallet. Heffron was unresponsive and was transported to KCMH by Rescue.

Officer Anderson went into the Oaks Tavern and asked the bartender, and a patron, if the victim had been inside the Oaks. They both told Officer Anderson that they had not seen him in the bar.

After the rescue left the scene I went back into the Oaks along with Lt Cirella to obtain identification from the bartender and the patron. Also located inside the bar was a male subject. This subject appeared intoxicated. I asked this subject for his license, however he ignored me and and stated there was nothing wrong. He started to play with a radio and continued to ignore me as I asked him several times for his license. I walked toward him to get his attention and he turned around and replied, "You'll have to speak to my lawyer". Lt Cirella advised him that I only wanted his identification, at which time he looked at the Lt and said "there's my friend. He then gave me his license and was identified as the looked at the bartender, if the victim and that he had stumbled into the bar then stumbled out. I again asked the bartender, if the victim had come into the bar and she then said that he may have come in to use the bathroom, but that was all.

Officer Anderson located the victims vehicle parked on Marlboro St and found residents there around a fire pit. One of the residents advised Officer Anderson that they saw the victim park there between 1800 and 1900hrs. He got out of the vehicle and walked west. See Officer Anderson's statement for further details.

Lt Cirella later called Heffron's wife at his residence and advised that her husband was at KCMH. See Lt Cirella's statement for further details.

I responded to KCMH to follow up as to the victims condition, but at the time ER personnel were working n him. I contacted KCMH several times through the night, but his condition was stable.

Photos were taken of the scene and of the victims vehicle.

Officer Steve Branch #165

** Portions of this report have been redacted **

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On Friday 03/23/2012 I responded to the East Greenwich Fire District headquarters and met with the Chief Henrikson who provided me with their rescue EMS report which is attached.

On Friday 23/2012 I forwarded a request to Patricia A. Tirocchio to obtain a copy of the 911 tape(s) for this incident.

On Friday 03/23/2012 I responded to Kent County Memorial Hospital to check on the status of David H. Heffron. I was informed he was in the ICU room 274. I responded to the ICU unit and spoke with a nurse who advised me Mrs. Tracy was in the waiting room. I went into the waiting room and introduced myself and spoke with Tracy and Anne power and I was there to try and find out what happened to her husband which they did not know. Tracy told me David had no medical condition except for high blood pressure. She told me he was a little stressed about work, he owns RI Hydrolics located at 1500 Ten Rod Road North Kingstown, RI. She said his company removes and replaces old gas storage tanks for gas stations. Tracy told me after work David went to his brothers house in Exeter to take care of his animals because his brother was on vacation. She said after that he came home and the two ate dinner sometime between 6:00 - 6:30 pm. After dinner David told Tracy he was going out which she said was unusual and she had no idea where he was going. I asked her about his cell telephone. She told me he keeps it at his office and doesn't carry it around. She also told me he always carried about \$100.00 dollars on him and when he was found he only had his wallet. I asked her who David would have gone out with, maybe someone he works with. She told me she had no idea who if anyone he may have gone out with. She told me his foreman's name, Christian and I could call him.

At the hospital asked Tracy h if she would give permission to allow the doctor to speak with me regarding the injuries to her husband. I told her I wanted to know if he had been assaulted, hit by a car, or anything because we had no witnesses. She told me it was fine if I spoke with the doctor.

I spoke with Dr. Ehsun Mirz MD regarding David Heffron and his injuries. Dr. Mirz told me that there was no indication of trama which would have been associated with an assault. He told me he believed the sequence of events were as follows...

- David Heffron's BAC .306
- David Heffron fell and struck his head and went into shock
- David Heffron's heart stopped
- Anoxic, a lack of oxygen to his brain causing brain injury

Dr. Mirz told me they were going to observe to see if there were any signs of recovery for a couple of days and if not they family would have to decide to take him off life support. I inquired if that was the case would there be an autopsy which he said he was unsure. He said David Heffron is an organ donor and that would take place first. The bottom line is it is up to the medical examiner if an autopsy is going to be preformed. I left my card with Dr. Mirz and requested he contact me if Mr. Heffron passes.

Before leaving the hospital I spoke with Tracy and Anne I provided both of them my business card and told them if they had and questions to please call me.

Once I left the hospital I spoke with Chris who told me he learned about David being hurt. He said he found out when his brother David called him. Apparently David received a

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call from his ex girlfriend only identified as "Krishna" telling him that David Heffron fell and was hurt.

On Friday 03/23/2012 I spoke with Krishna Johnson who was the bartender last night at The Oaks Tavern. She told me that David Heffron was at the Oaks last night. She told me he arrived there around 20:00 and did not leave there until just before mid night when he was found on the sidewalk. Krishna told me she served him about four Miller Lite beers, and one shot of Dr. McGillicuddy's whiskey. She told me he was playing KENO most of the night. She told me she knew him because he was her ex boyfriend's (David boss. She said he was acting strange almost like he was hitting on her. She also told me David Heffron was complaining about having a head ach.

On Friday 03/23/2012 I left a message for David to call me. At approximately 16:30 he came into the police station to meet me. I explained to him what I knew and that I had spoken with Krishna Johnson. I relayed to him what Krishna told me. I asked him if we could view his surveillance footage which is located inside the bar which he said we could. I set a time of Monday 03/26/2012 at 10:00 to meet with his manager, Jen He told me he would contact her and make the surveillance footage access able to me.

On Saturday 03/24/2012 Det. Lt. Fague contacted me to tell me Mr. Heffron had passes away and Angela Harwood from the Medical Examiners Office was going to call me. Soon after speaking with Det. Lt. Fague, Angela Harwood did call me and asked me what I knew about this incident. I told her what I knew and that I was going to interview Krishna Johnson on Monday 03/26/2012. I also informed her I had been in touch with David and he would make the video surveillance.

On Monday 03/26/2012 David contacted us to tell me his manager was running late but would be there shortly after 10:00 am. Detective Black responded to the Oaks Tavern and learned the manager would not be in today due to a family illness. David advised we could get the video tonight or tomorrow morning.

On Monday 03/26/2012 at approximately 13:30 I met with Krishna Johnson at the police station. She explained to me she used to date David who works for David Heffron. also lives above Heffron's shop in North Kingstown. Johnson told me she met David Heffron about three months when she stayed with her boyfriend. The extent of the relationship was to say hi and by and nice weather.

Johnson said she arrived at the Oaks Tavern on Thursday 03/22/2012 at 17:00 to start her shift as the bartender. She told me she worked alone that night. She said it was not that busy and slowed down around 19:00. She told me she had been working at the bar for about three months. She said Dave Heffron arrived at the bar around 20:30 and he was acting strange. I asked her what she meant by strange. She said first of all I was surprised to see him there. She said almost like he was hitting on me. She said he asked her several times if he was out of line for being there. I asked her what else was strange if anything. She told me twice during the night, Dave Heffron went into the bathroom and was in there for at least ten minutes each time and she thought that was strange. I asked her his condition when he arrived and if he appeared to be intoxicated which she said he did not. She also told me Heffron complained about a head ach a few times during the night. She told me she served him four Miller Lite Beers and two shots of Dr. McGillicuddy's. She added one shot he gave to another patron, Alen and did not have any problems with anyone at the bar until he left just before midnight. She said he was alone and did not have any problems with anyone at the bar. She said he played KENO all night. Around this time another patron identified as Shirley arrived. Johnson said Heffron went to the bathroom again. She said

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this was the second time of the night and he was in there for about ten minutes. She said when Heffron returned he tried to sit on the bar stool he fell. At the time Johnson said she was washing dish's and did not actually see him fall but when she turned around she saw Alamassisting Heffron to get up. After that poured the rest of Heffron's beer into his glass. Johnson said at that time she took the beer away from him and decided to close. Johnson said Heffron started to walk out the bar on Queen Street. Johnson said she walked over to the door and held it open and was on the telephone calling David to get Heffron a ride. She said this is when she saw Heffron collapse. She told me she did not see him trip on anything, she said he just fell backwards. She said she yelled to Shirley and ran over to Heffron. She observed him having a seizure with his eyes rolling back and spit coming out of his mouth. She said she call 911 immediatly. Johnson's statement is attached.

On Monday 03/26/2012 Det. Lt. Fague contacted the Medical Examiners Office and learned they had already preformed the autopsy on David Heffron.

On Monday 03/26/2012 Anne David Heffron's sister called for me and spoke with detective Black. I called her back later. She was looking for an update which I provided her. She told me she learned that David Heffron and his wife Tracy were having problems with their marriage. Anne told me Tracy had a drinking problem. She told me she learned Chris received a telephone call from Tracy on Thursday night 03/22/2012 stating that David Heffron left her and he's with Krishna.

On Monday 03/26/2012 I called Alan and asked if he would come into the police station to speak with me about the incident outside the Oaks Tavern Thursday night. He told he would. At approximately 16:30 he arrived and went to my office. I asked him what he remembered about Thursday night at the Oaks Tavern when the man was injured outside. He told me for starters he didn't remember much. He said he got to Oaks Thursday 03/22/2012 at about 11:00 am and was there until closing. He said he drank a lot and didn't remember too much. He said he remembered the man whom he never saw in the bar before. He said the guy seemed real nice. He remembered he ate half of Krishna's ham and cheese grinder and some mozzarella sticks. He said he remembers the guy coming out of the bathroom and his ear was bleeding. Burdett said at the time the bar was empty and he though the man may have fallen in the bathroom. Burdett said he helped him wipe his ear with a paper towel. Burdett said he does believe the guy was drunk. That all he remembers.

On Monday 03/26/2012 Det. Sgt. Chirnside picked up a copy of the 911 tape recording. It was later entered into evidence.

On Tuesday 03/27/2012 I called Tracy and left a message with her daughter to please call me.

On Tuesday 03/27/2012 I contacted the Medical Examiner's Officer and spoke with Investigator David Detora. He advised me the case worker assisgned to Mr. Heffron's is Dr. Carol Capron, 222-5500. The medical Examiner's case number is 12-1555 and Dr. Wah preformed the autopsy. Davis Detora forwarded me a copy of the initial findings which is attached to this report.

On Tuesday 02/27/2012 at approximately 10:00 I spoke with Wendy regarding this incident. She told me she was outside Thursday night 03/22/2012 and observed David Heffron park his truck at the edge of her driveway sometime between 18:00 and 19:00. She did not know Heffron. She said after the man parked his truck she saw him walking down the hill in the direction of the Oaks Tavern. She said at the time he was alone. She told me she never saw him return to his truck but she said she left her house for a little while. When she

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returned she notice his truck was still there and had not moved. She told me she did not know anything happened to the man until later that evening she was outside and had her fire pit going and she saw police cars and fire trucks in the area. She looked to see what was going on and was approached by a police officer who spoke with her about the man. It was then she learned he fell. She said the only thing she hear was her friends dog which was in her house was barking. She said the dog was barking about ten to fifteen minutes prior to the rescue personal arriving. She did not see anyone in the area or hear anything else.

On Tuesday 03/27/2012 around 11:50, Shirley came into the police station to speak with me about this incident. She told me she arrived at the Oaks on Thursday 03/22/2012 at approximately 23:30. She told me the only people who were in the bar was the bartender Krishner, another patron named Alan Dave heffron, and her. She told me she did not know Dave Heffron or has never seen him at the bar before. she went to the bathroom and when she was returning she saw a man (Dave Heffron) fall down and his bar stool was on the floor. She said Alan was helping the man up and she went over to pick up his bar stool. She said Alan was wiping the man's ear with a paper towel because it was bleeding. She told me once the man (Dave) was seat again, she saw pour his beer into his glass. She then saw Krishna take his beer away from him and give him a drink of water. She said the man then left the bar. said he seemed unbalanced on his feet as he walked out. said she followed the man outside asked him if his name was Dave which she said he stopped turned around and answered yes. She asked him to come back inside and get something to eat and told him he should not be driving. said the man was polite and agreed and started to walk back. said she saw the man reach into his chest pocket of his shirt and she thought he was going to have a smoke. said she continued back inside the bar. She said right after she go back into the bar Krishna yelled "he's on the ground". said she went back outside to the man to check on him. She said he was breathing and she felt his pulse. She said the back of his head was bleeding. She said she yelled to Krishna to call 911. said she then heard the man make a girgling sound like he was snoring told she did not see anyone else around the area when he walked outside the bar.

On Wednesday 03/28/2012 I received a copy of David Heffron's Visa card receipt which he used at the Oaks tavern on Thursday 03/22/2012. Heffron used a Visa card issued to him ending with 0955. The receipt shows his pruchase was for \$16.75 and he added a \$40.00 tip bringing the total to \$56.75. The transaction was captured at 23:20. The server was Krishna.

On Wednesday 03/28/2012 I contacted Bank of America Visa law enforcement line (800-616-3245) and spoke with 12 contacted Bank of America Visa law enforcement line (800-616-3245) and spoke with 13 contacted by Elan Financial III and the Card ending of the Washington Trust Bank but it was serviced by Elan Financial. The name on the card is Rhode Island Hydraulics which was issued to david Heffron. If provided me with a contact person and telephone number to obtain information about this card. I contacted for of US Bank -RPS (612-973-1904) and explained to him I was attempting to track Heffron's whereabouts on 03/22/2012 between 18:00 and 24:00. He check the card for any transactions and found the card was used only once during that time period. That transaction was used at the Oaks Tavern at 23:20. Refer to the attached receipt.

I also spoke with of Washington Trust Bank. I asked her if she could check to see if Heffron used his ATM card on 03/22/2012. I provided her the card number which I obtained from Tracy Heffron. Andrews told me Heffron made a \$60.00 cash withdrawal from their Bonnet Shores location. This was the only transaction during the time frame I was questioning.

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On Wednesday 04/11/2012 I met with David and viewed the video surveillance footage from the Oaks Tavern dated 03/23/2012. I viewed the footage which showed David Heffron enters the Oaks Tavern alone around 20:30. It shows he had a few beers, speaking with other patrons, laughing, and having a good time but again nothing unusual. There are no outside cameras.

On Monday 05/14/2012 I received teh Autopsy report from the RI State Medical Examiners office which is attached.

Detective Trainor

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On 03/26/2012 I, Detective Sergeant Jon T. Chirnside, picked up the Affidavit of Authenticity of Records from the RI E-911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System. It was returned to police headquarters and given to Detective Trainor so it could be attached to the original case package.

Signed	:				
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EAST GREENWICH POLICE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT FORM

Colonel Thomas E. Coyle III
Chief of Police
176 First Avenue
East Greenwich, Rhode Island, 02818

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Signature Johnson	Officer's Signature
Date: 3/26/12 Time: 2:20	Date 3-26-12 Time: 14:02

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