

Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Gilbert Police Department

Case Number: 19-000001849

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SYNOPSIS

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On 1-31-19, at approximately 1236 hours, OIT Riportella and I were dispatched to the lobby of the GPD in regards to a harassment call for service. We arrived in the lobby of the PD and met with Lori Ryan Vallow, her 16 year old daughter Tylee Ryan, and Lori's friend, [REDACTED]. We spoke to all parties in an interview room in the lobby area and was informed of the following: Lori stated her husband, Charles Vallow, had taken Lori's purse (which included her wallet, ID's, credit cards, and cell phone) from Lori's vehicle while she walked their son into his school at the [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED].

It should be noted Lori provided a lot of background information regarding her and Charles' relationship. Lori indicated she had information that Charles had cheated on her while on business trips and she had left their home with their kids prior to his arrival back in Arizona last night.

Lori indicated she just wanted her property back and wanted the incident documented but no charges.

With Lori's permission, I called Charles via telephone. Charles stated he was at the school this morning to assist GPD with serving a [REDACTED] on Lori which he obtained overnight. When Lori walked their son into the school, Charles stated her purse was on the ground next to her car and he took the purse to keep it safe. Charles had many excuses as to why he did not give it back to her. I informed Charles he could be charged with theft but that Lori only wanted the items back. Charles stated he wanted his share of the money Lori had pulled out of their joint bank account. Charles then asked me if we were going to serve the [REDACTED] on Lori. I informed Charles I had no knowledge of the petition and he could bring Lori's property and the petition to the PD so it could get verified by my sergeant. Charles stated he would be driving to the PD to give me the items and the petition.

During my contact with Lori, I found her to be in a normal state of mind but only slightly upset she did not have her property. Lori showed no signs of mental distress as she described what was occurring and appeared to be in a good mood. Talking with Lori's daughter and friend, they did not seem concerned for anything other than Lori getting her property back.

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I talked with Lori and explained to her about the [REDACTED]. Lori was confused as to how someone could make up information to get someone involuntary committed. I explained to Lori the process and regardless of the truthfulness of the petition, it did exist and she needed to take care of it. I informed Lori, if she didn't take care of it, it would still be official and I would then have to take her involuntarily. Lori stated she would go to [REDACTED] on her own. Tylee and [REDACTED] stated they would ensure she checked in and talked with people at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated she would not leave Lori tonight until she had done this.

Based on the information provided to me by Sgt. Gallas, Lori's demeanor during our conversation, and the fact she had family and a friend ensuring Lori would contact [REDACTED] I did not feel it necessary to take Lori against her will.

I will follow-up with [REDACTED] on 2-1-19.

CONCLUSION

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MO Factors (Incident Report Only)		Body Worn Camera Used YES

Supplement Notes

INCIDENT: Special Incident

LOCATION: [REDACTED]

DATE/TIME: 01/31/19

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FOLLOW-UP

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