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Incident Report

Administrative Information

Agency ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Report No 24-011313	Supplement No .022	CAD Call No.	Reported Date	Reported Time	Status	
Nature of Call	Location of Occurrence	City	ZIP Code	Area	Beat	From Date/Time	

Officer Summary

Reporting HUNT, FRANCIS / 10029	Assignment SQUAD DOM
Approving BURDA, DOUGLAS / 5509	Assignment SQUAD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Offense Summary

Offense #	Offense	Description
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Person Summary

Involvement	Involvement No.	Type	Name	MNI	Race	Sex	DOB
SUS	1	I	STERNS, STEPHAN MICHAEL		W	M	4/25/1986
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Vehicle Summary

Property Summary

Involvement	Item	Description
NONE	1	PURPLE APPLE IPHONE WITH CLEAR CASE WITH CHERRY DESIGN
NONE	2	BLACK WALLET WITH A CHAIN THAT SPELLS "NATALIA" CONTAINING US CURRENCY, MISC. CARDS WITH THE NAMES SIMONE M PRADO, CASSIANO MOSELE, AND KEN MOSELE

Can Summary

Drug Summary





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Property					
Item 1	Involvement NONE	In Custody? ☐	Value \$0.00	Description PURPLE APPLE IPHONE WITH CLEAR CASE WITH CHERRY DESIGN	Category
Item 2	Involvement NONE	In Custody? ☐	Value \$0.00	Description BLACK WALLET WITH A CHAIN THAT SPELLS "NATALIA" CONTAINING US CURRENCY, MISC. CARDS WITH THE NAMES SIMONE M PRADO, CASSIANO MOSELE, AND KEN MOSELE	Brand

Gun

Drug



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Narrative

*****Supplemental Report*****

This report is being completed as a supplement to document my involvement in this case, although information gathered by other sources may be referenced for the purpose of context. See other supplement reports for further information.

Background

On Monday, February 26, 2024 at approximately 1948 hours, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Deputy Sheriff Franky Joseph (10644) responded to the area of [REDACTED] in reference to a call for service regarding a missing person. Deputies identified the missing person as a 13-year old white female, [REDACTED].

Initial Response/Preliminary Investigation

The initial responding Deputies made contact with [REDACTED]'s mother, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]'s boyfriend, Stephan Sterns who both provided statements.

Stephan stated he dropped [REDACTED] off approximately one block away from [REDACTED] between 0825 hours and 0840 hours near the intersection of Town Loop Boulevard and Hunters Park Lane. As Stephan was driving away he observed [REDACTED] walking in the direction of the school. Stephan then went to a nearby smoke shop to purchase e-cigarette supplies; however, the shop was closed. Stephan then returned to [REDACTED]'s home in [REDACTED] where he waited for approximately one hour before going back to the smoke shop at approximately 1100 hours and staying out to complete some errands. Stephan returned to the home at approximately 1430 hours.

[REDACTED]'s mother, stated she last saw [REDACTED] at 0800 hours on the morning of February 26, 2024 as she was getting ready for school. [REDACTED] left with Stephan. At 1600 hours when [REDACTED] went to pick [REDACTED] up from school, she was informed that [REDACTED] did not make it to first period. After checking nearby places [REDACTED] sometimes goes after school, [REDACTED] called 911 to report her as missing.

Responding Deputies completed area checks of the surrounding area where [REDACTED] was last seen with negative results. Deputies were unable to reach [REDACTED] by phone because her phone was left at home that day. Attempts were made to track her OCPS laptop; however, the last pinged location of the laptop was near downtown Orlando from Saturday, February 22. Deputies went to the area where Stephan dropped [REDACTED] off to look for any evidence. A camera was located at a nearby church located at 13502 Town Loop Boulevard which showed what appeared to be a juvenile being dropped off at the church at approximately 0840 hours by a dark car. The juvenile sits in the parking lot for approximately 15 minutes before walking away. Deputies spoke with an unidentified church employee who stated she remembered seeing a juvenile fitting [REDACTED]'s given description sitting in the parking lot at approximately 0840 hours. A K9 track was completed from that location which did not yield results.

Investigative Detail

As the on call Domestic Crimes Detective, I was notified of this incident. After being briefed of the above information and inquiring further, I determined [REDACTED] was not diagnosed with any medical or mental condition which posed a risk to her health or safety, [REDACTED] did not make any suicidal statements prior to this incident, and no suspicious circumstances existed at this time. Given the information obtained by responding Deputies during the preliminary investigation, [REDACTED] did not appear to be missing under any involuntary circumstances and no suspicious circumstances were articulated at the time of the initial response.

The next morning on Tuesday, February 27, I completed investigative follow up, making contact with [REDACTED], Stephan, [REDACTED]'s roommate [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]'s grandmother, [REDACTED].

I also responded to the church and obtained a copy of the video seen by the Deputies who responded the previous night. In the video, I observed an individual being dropped off in the church parking lot by a dark sedan. The individual gets out of the rear driver's side of the vehicle. After the vehicle drives away, the individual walks out of camera view toward Town Loop Boulevard before walking back into the church parking lot and sitting down for approximately 15 minutes. The individual then gets up and walks toward Town Loop Boulevard out of camera view. Due to the quality of the video, I was unable to positively identify the individual seen in the video as [REDACTED] and I was unable to accurately describe the vehicle or the individual's clothing.

After completing interviews, I obtained consent to search [REDACTED]'s phone from [REDACTED] and a forensic examination was completed on it. I also completed a query of license plate readers which revealed certain inconsistencies in statements collected by Stephan. A review of camera footage in the area where



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██████████ was allegedly dropped off also revealed inconsistencies. See supplement reports for further detail.

On Tuesday, February 27, 2024; I contacted the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to issue a missing child alert for ██████████. The alert was accepted and broadcasted.

Interviews of ██████████

Interview #1: 02/27/2024 at 1116 hours - ██████████

██████████ stated the last time she saw ██████████ was on the night of Sunday, February 25, 2024 at approximately 2300 hours inside of the home when she was going to bed. At this time, ██████████ sent ██████████ and Stephan up to a guest bedroom. All three were originally going to sleep in ██████████'s bed; however, ██████████ stated she needed to get some rest due to her new job making her very tired, she would sleep better alone, and Stephan was going to get ██████████ ready for school in the morning anyway. Stephan no longer lives in the home with ██████████ and ██████████, as he moved out in December of 2023; however, he has come to visit two or three times since then. When Stephan visits the home, he will sleep in the guest bedroom upstairs while ██████████ and ██████████ sleep together downstairs.

The reason Stephan moved out of the home is because he was offered a job by his father; however, the job fell through, and he is trying to move back. Typically when Stephan visits he will stay for a few days; however this time, he planned to stay for a week. Stephan either arrived on Saturday, February 24, or the morning of Sunday, February 25; however, ██████████ does not remember when.

On the Morning of February 26, 2024; ██████████ was woken up by Stephan taking their dog for a walk at approximately 0700 or 0800 hours. ██████████ further explained she did not actually hear ██████████ getting ready in the morning specifically, as there are also two roommates in the home. ██████████ fell back asleep shortly after being woken up. At approximately 0900 hours, ██████████ woke up again and Stephan had not yet returned home after taking ██████████ to school. ██████████ left for an appointment at approximately 0930.

Stephan called ██████████ on the phone at approximately 1018 hours to inform her he just returned home from completing some errands. Stephan informed ██████████ he originally planned to take ██████████ to a nearby McDonald's for breakfast; however, ██████████ did not wish to go, so he took her directly to school. Stephan also informed ██████████ he attempted to go to a smoke shop to get e-cigarette supplies immediately after dropping ██████████ off; however, the shop was closed. Stephan then returned to the home at approximately 1000 hours and spent some time there before going back out to the smoke shop.

██████████ returned to the home at approximately 1115 hours. At that time, Stephan had returned to the home. Afterward, ██████████ waited at home until 1430 hours, at which time, she left to pick ██████████ up at school. At approximately 1600 hours, ██████████ waited approximately ten minutes for ██████████ to come out; however, she did not come out. ██████████ did not remember if she told ██████████ she was going to pick her up that day, so ██████████ drove to her mother's office to see if ██████████ walked there as she sometimes will after school if ██████████ is at work. ██████████ was informed ██████████ was not there, and so she then looked for ██████████ in the area, but did not see her. ██████████ then called ██████████'s best friend, ██████████, to ask where ██████████ was, but was informed that ██████████ did not come to school that day.

██████████ reached ██████████'s friends and teachers to see if anybody saw her at school today, and was informed ██████████ was absent the whole day. At this point, ██████████ realized something was amiss and then called 911.

On a typical morning, ██████████ will take ██████████ to school no later than 0850 hours. ██████████ and Stephan have been together on and off for seven years. Thus, Stephan has taken ██████████ to school in the past, although that responsibility typically belongs to ██████████. Stephan has taken ██████████ to school one or two times in the past and is familiar with how to do so. When Stephan takes ██████████ to school, she asks that he does not drive her all the way to school, but rather, ██████████ prefers to be dropped at a distance from the school so she can walk up. The reason for this is that ██████████ thinks Stephan's vehicle, a silver 2010 Lincoln MK-Z, is unattractive. Because of this, Stephan agrees to drop ██████████ near a church located at 13502 Town Loop Boulevard, which is approximately a five minute walk away from the school.

██████████ has no history of running away from home or leaving the home when she is angry. ██████████ does not recall any arguments occurring which may have caused ██████████ to wish to run away. Sunday, February 25, was ██████████'s birthday party, where she had a good time and expressed she was happy. The last time ██████████ was in trouble was weeks prior to this incident, but ██████████ does not remember the exact reason why. When ██████████ went through ██████████'s phone, she found texts stating when she turned 18 she was going to leave, that ██████████ was acting crazy, and that ██████████ was going to send ██████████ to her father's home. ██████████'s biological father, ██████████, and although the two communicate sometimes by phone, they do not frequently see



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each other and he is not very involved in her life.

██████████ is diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) and she is known to forget things frequently. On the morning of February 26, ██████████ did not have her phone with her as she forgot it at home that day. Despite this, ██████████ functions at the level of a normal 13-year old child. ██████████ has not complained about anything at school, but ██████████ is aware that she is always behind on her schoolwork. ██████████ does not currently have a boyfriend; however, ██████████ was informed by Stephan that ██████████ said she has a crush on a boy in her class named ██████████

██████████ does not feel ██████████ would run away and expressed she believes ██████████ was involuntarily taken. ██████████ was aware of security camera footage recorded in the area of where ██████████ was dropped off. ██████████ stated it is not abnormal for ██████████ to sit in the parking lot of that Church while she waits to be picked up from school and so she is familiar with that church parking lot. ██████████ does not know why ██████████ would stand in the parking lot instead of walking to school.

██████████ swore to the truth of the statement she provided. This interview was audio recorded.

Interview #2: 02/27/2024 at 2004 hours - ██████████

I completed a second interview with ██████████ for the purpose of clarifying certain information which was collected throughout the course of the day. I presented ██████████ a still photograph from the video which was captured by the camera of the church at 13502 Town Loop Boulevard and asked her if she was able to recognize the car or ██████████ in the video. ██████████ stated she did not recognize the vehicle; however, the individual seen may possibly have been ██████████, as the individual does appear to be wearing a light colored top with darker colored bottoms; however, no further identifying features were seen. ██████████ also re-affirmed her account of earlier events. ██████████ and ██████████ used to go hiking in the Saint Cloud area; however, she has not mentioned wanting to live in the woods in the past as was seen in a text message in her phone. This comment may have stemmed from ██████████ talking to ██████████ about the possibility of World War III with the current situation in the Middle East in the weeks prior to this incident.

██████████ also re-affirmed that Stephan was, in fact, not home when she woke up at 0900 on February 26. ██████████ called Stephan multiple times Stephan returned her call at approximately 1000 hours and informed her he accidentally left his phone at home. ██████████ returned home at approximately 1115 hours, at which time, Stephan was at the home as well.

Interview #3: 02/28/2024 at 1502 hours – En Route from Town Place Suite at Flamingo Crossings to the OCSO Central Operations Building

I offered ██████████ a courtesy ride from the hotel that she and Stephan were staying at to the OCSO Central Operations building. ██████████ accepted the offer and I transported her in my agency issued vehicle in the passenger seat. During the transport, ██████████ and I had a brief conversation. While speaking, I noted that ██████████ referred to ██████████ using the past-tense several times when she mentioned her. I inquired about whether or not it was normal to allow ██████████ and Stephan to sleep in the same room unsupervised. ██████████ replied this was not common practice; however, she did not have any suspicion that anything inappropriate would occur between the two. ██████████ used to be very hyper vigilant around Stephan; however, as the years have gone by, she has allowed ██████████ and him to be alone because they get along very well.

This conversation was audio recorded.

Interviews of Stephan Sterns

Interview #1: 02/27/2024 at 1205 hours - ██████████

Stephan lives in the home with ██████████ and ██████████; however, he splits his time between this home and the home of his parents in North Port, Florida. Stephan stated he splits his time due to his parents needing help with their daily care due to being elderly. Stephan arrived at the home this time on Saturday, February 24 or Sunday, February 25.

Stephan stated the last time he saw ██████████ was on the morning of February 26, 2024 between 0825 and 0840 hours when he was dropping her to school. Stephan dropped ██████████ a distance away from school at her request so that she could walk with her friends and not be seen in his car, which she finds unattractive. Stephan recalls dropping ██████████ off along a stretch of road on Town Loop Boulevard near residential communities slightly east of the SR-417 overpass. Stephan described the area specifically as being across from a church, approximately a five or ten minute walk away from ██████████'s school. It is not common for Stephan to drop ██████████ off to school in the mornings, because ██████████ normally does it; however, Stephan was helping ██████████ on the



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morning of this incident due to [REDACTED] needing to sleep.

After Stephan dropped [REDACTED] off, he saw her walking in the direction of the school as he was driving away. Stephan provided he left his phone at home on the morning of this incident and thus was unsure of the exact time he dropped her off. Stephan then went to a nearby smoke shop to purchase supplies for his cigarette; however, the shop was closed. Stephan then returned to the home at approximately 1015 hours and spent time with [REDACTED], who had just woken up. Stephan then left the home again and went back to the smoke shop at approximately 1100 hours, which was now open. After returning home again, [REDACTED] stated she wanted to take a nap, and so Stephan used the opportunity to go out and complete some errands. While out completing errands, Stephan's car suffered a flat tire in the area of US-192 between the hours of 1200 and 1400. Due to the flat tire, Stephan was unable to join [REDACTED] to pick [REDACTED] up from school, as the couple would have had to leave by 1430. By the time Stephan returned home, [REDACTED] was already gone.

Stephan could not recall any events over the weekend which may have encouraged [REDACTED] to run away because she was so happy. [REDACTED] was specifically very happy that she, [REDACTED], and Stephan were together. On the night of Sunday February 25, [REDACTED] was still very excited from her birthday party. [REDACTED] slept in the guest bedroom upstairs with Stephan at approximately 2300 hours. Stephan and [REDACTED] woke up in the morning at approximately 0700 hours. Stephan saw [REDACTED] in her bedroom as he was getting ready to leave. Stephan and [REDACTED] left the home between 0730 and 0745 hours. When Stephan and [REDACTED] arrived at their drop-off location, Stephan asked [REDACTED] if she wanted him to wait there with her due to how early they arrived; however, [REDACTED] stated she did not want him to wait with her, but rather, she wished to walk with her friends.

Stephan could not recall any arguments between [REDACTED] and the family or any trouble she has been in recently, although, [REDACTED] can become agitated due to her hormones at times. [REDACTED] is diagnosed with ADHD and tends to be very forgetful. On the morning of this incident, [REDACTED] forgot her phone at home in her bedroom, which is not uncommon.

Stephan swore the statements he provided in this interview were true. This interview was audio recorded.

Interview #2: 02/27/2024 at approximately 2300 hours - [REDACTED]

While at the home later in the day, I spoke with Stephan again. I asked Stephan which stores he went to when he was out completing errands before he suffered a flat tire between 1200 hours and 1400 hours. Stephan stated he went to a Target and was also in the vicinity of a game shop called house Rules located near the intersection of US-192 and Oak Street in Kissimmee, Florida. Stephan could not provide any other stores he went to. Stephan stated he never went to house Rules because of the flat tire and he also could not recall exactly where he got the flat tire, and he was only able to describe the area as US-192 in Kissimmee, Florida.

This conversation was not audio recorded.

Interview of [REDACTED]

02/27/24 at 1312 hours - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified herself as [REDACTED]'s maternal grandmother. The last time she saw [REDACTED] was the night of February 25, at her home located at [REDACTED] where [REDACTED]'s birthday party was held. It is not uncommon for [REDACTED] to sometimes walk from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]'s office located at [REDACTED]. On February 26, [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] and asked if [REDACTED] walked to her office because she was not currently at school.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was taken to school by Stephan, whom she knows as [REDACTED]'s ex-boyfriend. [REDACTED] believes [REDACTED] and Stephan broke up in December when he moved out of the home. Stephan possibly came to the home for [REDACTED]'s birthday. Stephan has taken [REDACTED] to school in the past and stated he dropped her off at a nearby apartment complex named Urbana.

[REDACTED] has never run away from home in the past. Approximately one year ago, there was an incident where [REDACTED] was upset due to having an argument with her mother and she called [REDACTED]. At that time, [REDACTED] explained she was walking around the neighborhood due to being angry; however, she soon went back home after being told to do so by [REDACTED].

Though [REDACTED] did not have any articulable concerns for Stephan or [REDACTED], she stated that she does not like Stephan.



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This statement was audio recorded.

Interview of [REDACTED]

02/27/2024 at 2140 hours - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified herself as [REDACTED]'s roommate. She and her fifteen year old son have a room in the home. [REDACTED] last saw [REDACTED] on the afternoon of Sunday, February 25 at approximately 1230 hours. [REDACTED] did not see [REDACTED] return to the home because she was already in bed by 2045 hours. Further, [REDACTED] did not see [REDACTED] leaving the home as she always leaves by 0745 hours.

Stephan was staying in the home for approximately six months; however, he moved out of the home three to four months prior. Stephan and [REDACTED] broke up, but still agreed to live with one another until he left. Stephan and [REDACTED] have been together for five or six years. [REDACTED] did not see Stephan at all until the afternoon of Monday, February 26 and does not believe he arrived at the home until the night of February 25.

[REDACTED] did not share any concerns about any activities in the home; however, she did share that [REDACTED] sometimes has trouble regulating her emotions.

This conversation was audio recorded.

Interview of [REDACTED]

02/29/24 at 1318 hours - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified herself as a science teacher at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is familiar with [REDACTED] as she is a student in one of her classes. [REDACTED] has been [REDACTED]'s student for approximately six months. In class, [REDACTED] is typically quiet, reserved, and often loses focus. [REDACTED] frequently states she is not feeling well and has to go to the school nurse. [REDACTED] started the year in [REDACTED]'s third period science class, but was recently moved into sixth period science due to issues in another class she was having. Although [REDACTED]'s grades have always been D's and F's, since moving into the new period at the beginning of the year, [REDACTED] has only turned in one or two assignments.

Although [REDACTED] is frequently withdrawn and quiet, [REDACTED] never attributed any of her behavior to being sad or depressed, but rather explained it is common of students who struggle with learning to be slightly withdrawn.

On January 22, 2024; [REDACTED] noticed that [REDACTED] had been more tired since moving into her sixth period class and so she sent a message to [REDACTED] to notify her. [REDACTED] responded that [REDACTED] did not take her medication that day and that was the reason for the behavior; however, [REDACTED] noted the tiredness extended beyond just that day. [REDACTED] has never made any suicidal comments or threatened other students.

[REDACTED] swore to the truth of the statement she provided. This statement was audio recorded.

Interview of [REDACTED]

02/29/24 at 1353 hours - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified herself as a math teacher at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is familiar with [REDACTED] as she is a student in one of her classes. [REDACTED] is typically very quiet in class and frequently has to be reminded to pay attention as she is known to lose focus. [REDACTED] is normally very reserved and receptive to redirection. In the week prior to going missing, [REDACTED] appeared to be more easily agitated, retorting with a negative attitude when she had to be redirected.

In the past, [REDACTED] has expressed that she was upset and asked to be excused to see the school counselor; however, she never revealed what she was upset about. [REDACTED] did not describe [REDACTED] as sad or depressed and stated she has never made any suicidal statements or expressed that she wants to hurt anybody.

[REDACTED] swore to the truth of her statement. This statement was audio recorded.

Review of Interviews and Related Information



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While completing interviews and after reviewing available information using investigative resources, I noted there were several inconsistencies in the information provided.

██████████ originally provided to Deputy Joseph that she last saw ██████████ on the morning of February 26, 2024 getting ready for school at approximately 0800 hours. In my interview with her, she stated she last saw ██████████ on the night of February 25 at approximately 2300 hours and only possibly heard her the next morning.

Stephan stated he returned to the home at 1000 hours on February 26 and spent time with ██████████ who was waking up at the time. ██████████ provided a different account, stating she was already out of the home by 0930 and was called by Stephan at 1000 hours. Stephan also provided he dropped ██████████ off near a residential community by ██████████, however, a review of cameras in the area did not show Stephan or ██████████ in that area at all. Stephan also stated he and ██████████ woke up at approximately 0700 hours and left the home by 0745 hours; however, ██████████ stated she did not see them in the morning and she was also awake and leaving the home by 0745 hours.

A review of license plate readers (LPR) in the area also revealed Stephan was not in the area of the House Rules game store in Kissimmee in the hours he provided, but rather, he was in the area of Saint Cloud, far east of where he described his location to be. Further, Stephan's vehicle was captured driving in the opposite direction of ██████████ during the time he stated he was dropping ██████████ off at the school. Further detail of the exact dates, times, and locations of LPR data are documented in supplement reports.

Disposition

After completing initial investigative follow up, it was determined suspicious circumstances existed around ██████████'s disappearance. The investigation was turned over to the OCSO Sex Crimes squad was notified and Detective Maira Tagler (8601) was assigned as the lead Detective. I assisted by completing interviews and providing transport.

As further evidence was discovered, it was determined certain crimes occurred at the home in Kissimmee within the jurisdiction of the Kissimmee Police Department (KPD). I provided assistance and the investigation was ultimately turned over to KPD.

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☐ physical presence ☒ online notarization,

this 1 day of MARCH, 2024

by HUNT FRANCIS / 10029
(name of person making statement)

Notary Public ☐ Law Enforcement or Correction Officer ☐
Publicly Known ☒ Produced Identification ☐
Identification

[Signature]
Signature of Law Enforcement/Notary

NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF
FLORIDA

I swear/affirm my (check one) ☐ Incident ☒ Supplement Report dated _____ is true & correct.

[Signature]
Signature of Affiant

02/27/2024
Date

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Officer EID

Notice to Defendant Regarding Social Security Number: This Law Enforcement Agency has collected your social security number (SSN) as required by FSS 119.071. This agency will use it for the purpose of confirming your identity, and sharing it with other governmental agencies to identify records linked to that SSN. This collection and use of your SSN is required by this agency to fulfill its lawful duties and responsibilities.

JOSEPH ROUBEN / 8149
Notary Name