

GA GA0680000

HABERSHAM CO SHERIFFS OFFICE INCIDENT REPORT

Case # 202225753

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EVENT

INCIDENT TYPE: - PERSON DOWN
 COUNTS: 1
 INCIDENT CODE: 7399
 PREMISE TYPE: 1 HIGHWAY

INCIDENT LOCATION: GA 15 NB PRIOR TO VICTORY HOME LANE, Clarkesville, GA 30523
 LOCATION NAME: [REDACTED]
 LOC CODE: [REDACTED]
 WEAPON TYPE: [REDACTED]

INCIDENT DATE: 09/11/2022
 INCIDENT TIME: 12:20
 DATE: 09/11/2022
 TIME: 20:00
 STRANGER TO STRANGER: YES [] NO [] UNK [X]

COMPLAINANT: [REDACTED]
 ADDRESS: PUBLIC COPY REDACTED
 PHONE NUMBER: PUBLIC COPY

VICTIM

VICTIM NAME: COLLIER, DEBORRAH TODD
 RACE: W
 SEX: F
 AGE: 59
 DOB: 1963
 RESIDENCE PHONE: PUBLIC COPY
 BUSINESS PHONE: PUBLIC COPY

ADDRESS: PUBLIC COPY REDACTED
 CENSUS TRACT: [REDACTED]
 EMPLOYER OR OCCUPATION: [REDACTED]

STUDENT? YES [] NO [X] F YES, NAME VICTIM'S SCHOOL: [REDACTED]

OFFENDER

NAME: [REDACTED]
 RACE: [REDACTED]
 SEX: [REDACTED]
 DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]
 AGE: [REDACTED]

WANTED: []
 WARRANT: []
 ARREST: []

CHARGES: [REDACTED]
 COUNTS: [REDACTED]
 OFFENSE CODE: [REDACTED]
 OFFENSE / ARREST: [REDACTED]
 JURISDICTION: [REDACTED]

TOTAL NUMBER ARRESTED: 0
 ARREST AT OR NEAR OFFENSE SCENE: YES [] NO [] UNK []
 DATE OF OFFENSE: [REDACTED]

VEHICLE

STOLEN: []
 RECOVERED: []
 SUSPECTS: []
 IMPOUND: [X]

TAG NUMBER: CMQ9309
 STATE: GA
 YEAR: 2022
 V.I.N.: 2C4RC1GG2NR136375
 PLATE ONLY: [REDACTED]
 VIN PLATE ONLY: [REDACTED]

YEAR: 2022
 MAKE: CHRYSLER
 MODEL: PACIFICA
 STYLE: VAN
 COLOR: BLACK

MOTOR SIZE (CID): [REDACTED]
 AUTO: [] MAN.: [] SPD: []
 INSURED BY: [REDACTED]

WITNESS

NAMES	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
SGT. NEAL, ETHAN	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED
CPL. TOWNSEND, ANDRA	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED
OFFICER FOSTER, DAKOTA	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED
D/S FORRESTER, BLAKE	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED
INV. CASON, GEORGE	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED
INV. GARRISON, CALE	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED
CST NEAL, KAYLA	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED
CORONER FRANKLIN, KENNETH	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED
SMITH, BRIAN	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED	PUBLIC COPY REDACTED

PROPERTY

VEHICLES	CURRENCY, NOTES, ETC.	JEWELRY, PREC. METALS	FURS	PROPERTY RECOVERY INFO ONLY	JURIS. CODES
STOLEN: [] RECOVERED: []	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	THEFT/RECOVERY: [] DATE OF THEFT: [REDACTED]	1 = CITY 2 = COUNTY 3 = STATE 4 = OUT OF STATE 5 = UNKNOWN
CLOTHING	OFFICE EQUIP.	TV, RADIO, ETC.	HOUSEHOLD GOODS		
STOLEN: [] RECOVERED: []	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
FIREARMS	CONSUMABLE GOODS	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TOTAL	
STOLEN: [] RECOVERED: []	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

ADM

GCIC ENTRY: [] WARRANT: [] MISSING PERSONS: [] VEHICLE: [] ARTICLE: [] BOAT: [] GUN: [] SECURITIES: []
 VICTIM WILL PROSECUTE: [] UN F. FOLLOW UP: [] PHOTO TAKEN?: [] V DEO AUDIO: [X] C D NOTIFIED?: [X] FORWARDED TO CID: []

CLEAR

REQUIRED DATA FIELDS FOR CLEARANCE REPORT: [] CLEARED BY ARREST: [] EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED: [] UNFOUNDED: []
 DATE OF CLEARANCE: [REDACTED] ADULT: [X] JUVENILE: [] CASE: [X] ACTIVE: [] NACTIVE: []
 REPORT DATE: 09/11/2022

DRUG

DD INVESTIGATION INDICATE THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS DRUG RELATED? YES [X] NO []
 IF YES, INDICATE THE TYPE OF DRUG(S) USED BY OFFENDER

1-AMPHETAMINE: [] 2-BARBITURATE: [] 3-COCAINE: [] 4-HALLUCINOGEN: [] 5-HEROIN: []
 6-MARIJUANA: [] 7-METHAMPHETAMINE: [] 8-OPIUM: [] 9-SYNTHETIC NARCOTIC: [] U-UNKNOWN: [X]

NARRATIVE

On Sunday, September 11th, 2022 at approximately 1228 hours, SERGEANT ETHAN NEAL was notified by Habersham 911 Dispatch that a caller from Sirius XM service had been pinging a vehicle per the request of Athens-Clarke County Police Department in reference to attempting to locate a missing person. The caller from Sirius XM advised Dispatch that they had been attempting to locate the vehicle, and believed it to have stopped or pulled over in the area of GA 15 Northbound, in the area of Victory Home Lane, Clarkesville GA 30523. The vehicle was identified as a 2022 Chrysler Pacifica, black in color, bearing GA tag # CMQ9309. The missing person was identified as DEBORRAH TODD COLLIER (DOB 09/02/1963).

SGT. NEAL requested OFFICER DAKOTA FOSTER (Tallulah Falls PD) to be en route to the area to attempt to make contact. A short time later, SGT. NEAL was notified by FOSTER that he had located the vehicle, SGT. NEAL responded to the scene.

While en route, SGT. NEAL contacted the Athens-Clarke County Police Department and spoke with SERGEANT JOHNSON. JOHNSON advised SGT. NEAL the circumstances of the missing person's incident, and informed him that they had been attempting to ping COLLIER'S cell phone throughout the night. JOHNSON also advised SGT. NEAL that the last communication from COLLIER was to her daughter. He advised that COLLIER had used Venmo to send approximately \$2,300.00 to her daughter, with a message that stated something to the effect of (they won't let me go, there is a key to the house underneath a flower pot).

Upon SGT. NEAL'S arrival, he observed the vehicle parked in what appeared to be a pulloff that leads to an old logging road, directly off of GA 15 Northbound, prior to Victory Home Lane. SGT. NEAL was notified by FOSTER that he had observed this vehicle in the same spot at approximately 1700 hours on 09/10/2022, but informed SGT. NEAL that vehicles routinely pull into this area. FOSTER also advised SGT. NEAL that the vehicle was unlocked, and was unoccupied. FOSTER also stated that he had walked into the woodline a short distance to see if he could immediately locate COLLIER, but was unable to do so.

SGT. NEAL requested Lee Arrendale Correctional Institute K9 (LACI K9) to be en route to the scene. SGT. NEAL also requested Georgia State Patrol Aviation (GSP Aviation) to be en route. A short time later, Dispatch informed SGT. NEAL that LACI was unable to respond due to the unavailability of a K9, and was advised that GSP Aviation would be en route.

SGT. NEAL requested DEPUTY BLAKE FORRESTER to be en route to attempt to locate COLLIER.

While on scene awaiting the arrival of FORRESTER, COLLIER'S daughter, AMANDA BEARDEN arrived on scene in a hysterical state. BEARDEN began screaming that the vehicle belonged to her mother. (BEARDEN was notified by Athens-Clarke County PD that the vehicle was being pinged by Sirius XM and provided her with the approximate location of the latest ping.) SGT. NEAL and FOSTER spoke briefly with BEARDEN asking general questions in reference to COLLIER'S mental health state, and briefly about her medical history. BEARDEN advised SGT. NEAL and FOSTER that her mother did not have any history of any mental health issues, and denied any suicidal tendencies. She also stated that her mother had a bad back, and couldn't have walked far.

While speaking with BEARDEN, FORRESTER arrived on scene. SGT. NEAL briefed FORRESTER on the incident and requested that he deploy his K9 to attempt to locate COLLIER.

FORRESTER deployed his K9 and began searching for COLLIER, accompanied by SGT. NEAL, and FOSTER. During the track, SGT. NEAL allowed FORRESTER to stay approximately 25 - 30 feet ahead of him, while he and FOSTER scanned the woods for any sign of COLLIER.

As FORRESTER proceeded South / South East through the woods, FORRESTER called out to SGT. NEAL that he had located an item. SGT. NEAL and FOSTER quickly approached FORRESTER. SGT. NEAL observed a red tote bag laid on it's side near an uprooted tree. At the root ball of the tree, SGT. NEAL observed what appeared to be the remains of a fire. As SGT. NEAL approached the fire, he looked further down the embankment. SGT. NEAL observed what appeared to be a partially burnt blue in color tarp. As he looked further down the embankment from the tarp, he observed a nude female laying on her back, grasping a small tree with her right hand. SGT. NEAL approached the female, immediately observing her to be obviously deceased, and identifying her as COLLIER. SGT. NEAL observed COLLIER'S remains to be apparently burned with what appeared to be charring to her abdomen.

SGT. NEAL instructed FORRESTER to hold the immediate area while he returned to his patrol vehicle to make the appropriate calls for assistance, and to establish a crime scene.

SGT. NEAL returned to his patrol vehicle, established a crime scene using crime scene tape around the immediate area of the vehicle, and began a crime scene log at approximately 1506 hours. At this time, CORPORAL ANDRA

TOWNSEND arrived on scene and took over maintenance of the crime scene log for the duration of this incident.

SGT. NEAL contacted Habersham County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, INVESTIGATOR GEORGE CASON, and requested his response to the scene. SGT. NEAL also requested that the State Fire Marshal's Office AGENT BRIAN SMITH be en route to the scene.

A short time later CASON along with INVESTIGATOR CALE GARRISON, and CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN KAYLA NEAL arrived on scene. The scene was turned over to CASON, GARRISON, and CST NEAL.

SGT. NEAL requested next list wrecker, RJ'S Wrecker Service, to be en route to remove the vehicle.

Upon completion of the initial investigation at the scene, COLLIER'S remains were collected by CORONER KENNETH FRANKLIN with assistance from Habersham County Fire and EMS personnel. RJ'S Wrecker Service removed the vehicle. SGT. NEAL followed RJ'S Wrecker Service from the scene to the Habersham County Sheriff's Office, where the vehicle was placed into evidence.

SGT. NEAL returned to service.

REPORT NG OFFICER	NUMBER	APPROVING OFFICER	NUMBER	ASSIGNED INVESTIGATOR	NUMBER
NEAL, E.	123	CANUP, F.	108		

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Officer Name / Badge: FORRESTER, J. BLAKE / 144

Entry Date / Time: 09/11/2022 22:07

On 9/11/22 At approximately 1330 hours Habersham County Dispatch placed a call to Deputy FORRESTER in reference to a K9 assist for a missing person. Deputy FORRESTER and K9 ZANE were requested to respond to the area of GA 15 just South of VICTORY HOME LN, where a vehicle was located for a missing female from Athens-Clarke county.

Deputy FORRESTER responded and arrived on scene at approximately 1420. FORRESTER was briefed by SGT. NEAL, advising that the female had been missing from Athens-Clarke County and they located the vehicle just prior to calling for K9. The female was described as an older female late 50's possibly 60's and had back problems. Deputies on scene did a quick scan of the immediate woods but did not push in. Nothing was in the vehicle and there was no known clothing description nor direction of travel, if she was alone or if someone was with her.

Deputy FORRESTER deployed his nationally Certified tracking(human odor) K9 ZANE. He casted around the driver side door of the vehicle and pushed into the wood line on what appeared to be a logging road. They pushed in casting for odor approximately 50 yards Northeast, could not establish any track, then casted South- Southeast. ZANE was able to establish a track working South to Southeast away from Tallulah Gorge and away from GA 15.

ZANE tracked in that direction for approximately 1/4 of a mile. At around that distance mark Deputy FORRESTER noticed a red bag through the brush. As they kept approaching the bag he noticed a blue object that appeared to be a tarp. As they continued to approach he noticed further down a hill, maybe 10-15 ft, a tan object, that as he approached he could tell was a human body.

At that point Deputy FORRESTER held what he had visually clearing the area for any threats and called for SGT NEAL to come to his position. SGT NEAL approached him and saw what Deputy FORRESTER saw and approached the body to confirm it was female. Upon further visually inspecting the area Deputy FORRESTER noticed it was in fact a female body.

SGT NEAL returned to his patrol vehicle to make his phone calls and obtain Crime Scene tape to establish a crime scene, while Deputy FORRESTER and K9 ZANE held the scene. The scene was turned over to Investigations upon their arrival.

Deputy FORRESTER stayed on scene in case further assistance was needed. No further action from FORRESTER for the rest of the incident.

Officer Name / Badge: TOWNSEND, ANDRA / 126

Entry Date / Time: 09/11/2022 22:13

On 9/11/2022 at 1502 hours, CORPORAL TOWNSEND was instructed to responded to GA 15 near Victory Home Lane in reference to an active crime scene. Upon arrival, TOWNSEND obtained the crime scene log and was responsible for maintaining the crime scene log by listing each person who entered and exited the crime scene. The crime scene log was turned over to SGT. NEAL when the crime scene was released.