

SPOTSWOOD PD

77 SUMMERHILL ROAD
SPOTSWOOD, NJ 08884
732-251-2121

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Municipal Code: 1224

ORI: NJ0122400

INCIDENT # I-S2025-06573	CALL TYPE ANMINV - ANIMAL- INVESTIGAT	DATE REPORTED 7/14/2025	TIME REPORTED 18:43	INCIDENT LOCATION 87 DEVOE AVENUE, SPOTSWOOD NJ 08884					
DATE / TIME OF INCIDENT STARTED 7/14/2025 18:30		DATE / TIME OF INCIDENT ENDED 7/14/2025 18:42							
HOW RECEIVED ☐ E911 ☐ DISPATCHED ☐ FLAG DOWN ☒ ON-VIEW ☐ WALK-IN ☐ OTHER									
VICTIM INFORMATION									
LAST NAME STATE OF NEW JERSEY		FIRST NAME	MI	HOME PHONE CELL PHONE					
ADDRESS		UNIT TYPE	UNIT #	CITY STATE ZIP					
RACE		SEX	DOB	AGE DRIVER'S LICENSE # D/L STATE					
EMPLOYER / SCHOOL		OCCUPATION	CONTACT PERSON PHONE						
EMPLOYER / SCHOOL ADDRESS (#, STREET NAME, UNIT TYPE, UNIT #, CITY, STATE, ZIP)									
NO. OF VICTIMS 1	WAS VICTIM INJURED N	REQUIRE MEDICAL TREATMENT N	TYPE OF VICTIM GOVERNMENT	VICTIM IS THE OFFENDER'S Stranger					
COMPLAINANT INFORMATION ☐ SAME AS VICTIM									
LAST NAME COMERFORD		FIRST NAME ALEXA	MI M	HOME PHONE CELL PHONE					
ADDRESS		UNIT TYPE	UNIT #	CITY MONROE TWP STATE NJ ZIP 08831-864					
RACE		SEX	DOB	AGE DRIVER'S LICENSE # D/L STATE					
EMPLOYER / SCHOOL		OCCUPATION	CONTACT PERSON PHONE						
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ADDITIONAL PERSONS CODES: R=Reporting Person; W=Witness; A=Arrestee; I=Involved Person; P=Police; F=Family member; V=additional Victim; O=Other									
1	CODE W	LAST NAME ROSAS	FIRST NAME CRAIG	MI E	RACE	SEX	DOB		
ADDRESS (#, STREET NAME, UNIT TYPE, UNIT #, CITY, STATE, ZIP) SPOTSWOOD, NJ 08884-1601					SOCIAL SECURITY # HOME PHONE CELL PHONE				
2	CODE W	LAST NAME RIZZO	FIRST NAME ANTHONY	MI P	RACE	SEX	DOB		
ADDRESS (#, STREET NAME, UNIT TYPE, UNIT #, CITY, STATE, ZIP) SPOTSWOOD, NJ 08884-1601					SOCIAL SECURITY # HOME PHONE CELL PHONE				
3	CODE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	RACE	SEX	DOB		
ADDRESS (#, STREET NAME, UNIT TYPE, UNIT #, CITY, STATE, ZIP)					SOCIAL SECURITY # HOME PHONE CELL PHONE				
UNIDENTIFIED SUSPECT / OFFENDER			SUSPECT/OFFENDER DESCRIPTION N/A			NUMBER OF SUSPECTS 1			
1	APPROX AGE	RACE	SEX	APPROX HEIGHT	EYE COLOR	HAIR COLOR	HAIR LENGTH	FACIAL HAIR	
	CLOTHING WORN						DIRECTION OF FLIGHT		
	NAME / NICKNAME				SCARS / MARKS / TATTOOS				
2	APPROX AGE	RACE	SEX	APPROX HEIGHT	EYE COLOR	HAIR COLOR	HAIR LENGTH	FACIAL HAIR	
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VEHICULAR INFORMATION		VEHICLE INFORMATION N/A ☐		☐ REPORTED STOLEN	☐ RECOVERED STOLEN	☐ EVIDENCE	☐ VIOLATIONS	☐ INVOLVED IN CRIME
OWNER 'S LAST NAME		OWNER 'S FIRST NAME		OWNER'S ADDRESS (#, STREET NAME, UNIT TYPE, UNIT #, CITY, STATE, ZIP)				
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	STYLE	LICENSE PLATE #	STATE	DATE EXPIRE	
KEYS IN VEHICLE	VEHICLE LOCKED	FRONT PLATE	REAR PLATE	VEHICLE VALUE		VIN		
VEHICLE TOWED	IMPOUND REPORT	INSURANCE CO.		INSURANCE CODE		POLICY #		

OFFENSE INFORMATION				
	CDR # / MV SUMMONS #	CHARGE	N.J. STATUTE LOCAL ORD	STATUS
1				
2				
3				
4				

NARRATIVE				
ON 7/14/2025 AT APPROXIMATELY 1842 HOURS, PTL. SORTINO ADVISED PTL. CAMARDA THAT WHILE HE WAS ON HIS WAY INTO WORK HE OBSERVED SEVERAL DEAD GEESE IN THE NORTHBOUND LANE OF DEVOE AVE.				
PTL. CAMARDA DIRECTED DISPATCH TO CONTACT DPW TO REMOVE THE GEESE FROM THE ROADWAY. DPW ADVISED DISPATCH THAT THE ADDRESS THE GEESE WERE IN FRONT OF WAS 87 DEVOE AVE. AFTER PTL. CAMARDA DIRECTED DISPATCH TO DO THIS THEY RECEIVED A CALL FROM ALEXA COMERFORD. ALEXA ADVISED DISPATCH THAT SHE OBSERVED SEVERAL DEAD GEESE IN THE ROADWAY AND PUSHED THEM TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.				
MYSELF AND PTL. CAMARDA RESPONDED TO 87 DEVOE AVE TO OBTAIN POSSIBLE CAMERA FOOTAGE OF THE INCIDENT. WE MET WITH CRAIG ROSAS AND HE ADVISED THAT HE OBSERVED A LOT OF TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF HIS RESIDENCE AND OBSERVED A WHITE SLENDER FEMALE DRIVING A LIGHT COLORED FORD BRONCO....				
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PRINT REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME (RANK, LAST, FIRST, ID#)		APPROVED BY (RANK, LAST, FIRST, ID#)		
PATROLMAN HERMANN, DONALD 0072		CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER : 0016		

ADMINISTRATIVE							
ARREST	# OF SUBJECTS ARRESTED	TYPE OF ARREST	☐ FOA	☐ WARRANT	DETECTIVE NOTIFIED	NAME OF DET.	
		☐ ON VIEW AT SCENE	☐ SUMMONS				
DATABASE INQUIRES	☐ MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION	☐ NCIC FOR WANTS /WARRANTS	☐ ATS	☐ ACS	TELETYPE MESSAGE #		
	☐ IN HOUSE RMS	☐ COBRA					
TECHNICAL SERVICES USED	☐ COUNTY B.C.I.	☐ K-9 UNIT	☐ N.J.S.P.	TECH CASE #	TECH OFFICER	BADGE #	
	OTHER						
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS	TRAK	☐	VICTIM NOTIFICATION REPORT	☐	JUVENILE INVESTIGATION/RELEASE	STATEMENT	☐
	ARREST REPORT	☐	PROPERTY TAG	☐	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT	IMPOUND SHEET	☐
	FINGERPRINT CARDS	☐	PROPERTY LOSS SHEET	☐	BIAS CRIME INCIDENT REPORT	EVIDENCE SUBMITTED	☐
	OTHER DESCRIBE						

U.C.R. REPORTING				U.C.R. CODE			
PROPERTY	CURRENCY	JEWELRY	FURS	CLOTHING	AUTO	MISC	TOTAL VALUE
VALUE OF STOLEN PROP.							
VALUE OF RECOVERED PROP.							
INCIDENT STATUS ☐ UNFOUNDED ☐ CLEARED BY ARREST ☐ CLEARED EXCEPTIONALLY ☐ ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED				CLEARANCE DATE		REASON FOR EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE	

DETECTIVE BUREAU REVIEW		
INCIDENT REQUIRES REVIEW	REVIEWED BY (RANK, LAST, FIRST, ID#)	DATE
Y	CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SCHAPLEY IN 0016	7/15/2025
CASE STATUS	DATE ASSIGNED	ASSIGNED TO
☐ REVIEWED NOT ASSIGNED ☒ ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION	7/15/2025	DETECTIVE FEDAK, JOHN A. 0032

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CRAIG ADVISED US THAT THE FEMALE WAS VISIBLY UPSET AND ON THE PHONE. CRAIG FURTHER ADVISED THAT SHE MOVED HER VEHICLE ONTO THE GRASSY AREA ACROSS THE ROAD AND BEGAN TAKING OUT WHITE BIN LIDS AND WAS LAYING THEM ONTO THE GROUND. CRAIG ADVISED THAT SHE WAS HERE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES AND WHEN CRAIG CHECKED AGAIN SHE WAS GONE. THE FEMALE WAS LATER IDENTIFIED AS THE CALLER (ALEXA).

WHILE SPEAKING WITH CRAIG HIS WIFE ADVISED US THAT SHE WAS IN CONTACT WITH THEIR NEIGHBOR (ANTHONY RIZZO), WHO RESIDES AT 93 DEVOE AVE. THE WIFE ADVISED THAT ANTHONY HAD VIDEO FOOTAGE OF A FEMALE IN FRONT OF 87 DEVOE AVE AND HER VEHICLE WAS ACROSS THE STREET ON THE GRASSY AREA. I THEN PROVIDED THE WIFE WITH MY DEPARTMENTAL EMAIL ADDRESS TO SEND ANY VIDEO FOOTAGE TO.

AFTER SPEAKING WITH BOTH PARTIES, OFFICERS LEFT THE RESIDENCE AND RETURNED TO HEADQUARTERS. WHILE AT HEADQUARTERS I CONTACTED ANTHONY VIA PHONE. WHILE SPEAKING WITH ANTHONY HE ADVISED ME THAT HIS CAMERA DID NOT CAPTURE ANYONE STRIKING THE GEESE, ONLY THE FEMALE WHO WAS STANDING IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE WITH HER VEHICLE PARKED ACROSS THE STREET. I ADVISED ANTHONY TO CONTACT US IF HE DISCOVERED ANY NEW PERTINENT FOOTAGE OF THE INCIDENT, ANTHONY ACKNOWLEDGED HE RECEIVED MY DEPARTMENTAL EMAIL FROM CRAIG'S WIFE, AND I ADVISED HIM TO FORWARD ANY NEW VIDEO FOOTAGE IF HE DISCOVERS IT.

I THEN CONTACTED ALEXA VIA PHONE AND ASKED IF SHE WITNESSED THE INCIDENT OCCURRING. SHE ADVISED ME THAT SHE DID NOT, SHE JUST WANTED TO NOTIFY US THAT THERE WERE DEAD GEESE ON DEVOE AVE AND THAT SHE REMOVED THEM FROM THE ROADWAY.

AT THIS TIME WE WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE INCIDENT. TOT DETECTIVE BUREAU.

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NARRATIVE							
ON 07/15/2025 MYSELF AND DETECTIVE FEDAK CONTINUED THE ANIMAL INVESTIGATION. ANTHONY RIZZO RESPONDED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND PROVIDED THE RING VIDEO FOOTAGE. THE FIRST VIDEO ENDS AT 18:32 AND THE GEESE HAD NOT BEEN STRUCK YET. THE 2ND VIDEO FOOTAGE PROVIDED STARTS AT 18:40 AND THE GEESE HAD ALREADY BEEN STRUCK. (THE TIME FRAME OF THE INCIDENT IS FROM 18:32 TO 18:40). PETER SHAUGHNESSY (WITNESS) RESPONDED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO REPORT WHAT HE WITNESSED DURING THE INCIDENT. THE WITNESS ADVISED, HE WAS TRAVELING WEST ON MUNDY AVE AND TURNED NORTH ONTO DEVOE AVE. THE WITNESS ADVISED, HE WAS TRAVELING BEHIND A LIGHT BLUE PICK UP TRUCK. THE WITNESSED ADVISED, THE PICK UP TRUCK SLOWED DOWN AND THEN SPED UP. THE WITNESS ADVISED, HE THEN SAW THE GEESE IN THE ROAD WAY. THE WITNESS WAS UNSURE AS TO IF THE PICK UP TRUCK INITIALLY STRUCK THE GEESE OR IF IT WAS ANOTHER VEHICLE. THE WITNESS ADVISED, HE WAITED UNTIL THE SOUTHBOUND LANE WAS CLEAR AND THEN PROCEEDED AROUND THE INJURED GEESE AND CONTINUED ON DEVOE AVE. MICHAEL DALTON RESPONDED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND REPORTED HE WAS TRAVELING SOUTH ON DEVOE AVE DURING THE TIME FRAME THE GEESE WERE STRUCK. MICHAEL DALTON PROVIDED US WITH THE DASH CAMERA VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM HIS VEHICLE. I CALLED THE ZONE 2 ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR FROM MIDDLESEX COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE WHO APPROVED A SUBPOENA TO RING LLC. I SENT A PRESERVATION LETTER AND A SUBPOENA REQUEST TO RING LLC VIA THEIR PORTAL REQUESTING THE META DATA FROM ANTHONY RIZZO RING CAMERA FOR THE TIME FRAME OF 18:32 TO 18:40....							
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PRINT REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME (RANK, LAST, FIRST, ID#) PATROLMAN RIZZOLO, ANTONIO 0067				REPORT APPROVED BY (FIRST, LAST, RANK, ID#) CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 0016			
ADMINISTRATIVE							
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I MADE CONTACT WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FISH & WILDLIFE BUREAU CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER MASON KURI. OFFICER KURI ASSISTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND ADVISED TO CONTACT HIM WITH ANY BREAKTHROUGHS IN THE CASE [REDACTED].

07/16/2025

DETECTIVE FEDAK, OFFICER ESKANDER AND MYSELF RESPONDED BACK TO 93 DEVOE AVE AND SPOKE ANTHONY RIZZO. ANTHONY RIZZO GAVE US PERMISSION TO ACCESS HIS RING CAMERA ACCOUNT TO BE REVIEWED AT SPOTSWOOD POLICE HEADQUARTERS. UPON REVIEWING WE LOCATED ANTHONY RIZZO HAS A CAMERA ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HIS RESIDENCE WE DID NOT SEE BEFORE. THE VIDEO SHOWS A WHITE BOX TRUCK HEADING NORTH ON DEVOE AVE AT 18:38.

UPON REVIEWING THE DASH CAMERA FOOTAGE PROVIDED BY XXXXX THE SAME WHITE BOX TRUCK WITH BLUE WRITING LOCATED ON ANTHONY RIZZO'S CAMERAS CAN BE SEEN STOPPED AT THE RED LIGHT AT DEVOE AVE/MAIN STREET FACING NORTH.

THE IMAGE OF THE WHITE BOX TRUCK WAS PROVIDED TO MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT DUE TO THEM HAVING A LPR/FLOCK CAMERA IN THE AREA. MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT LOCATED THE WHITE BOX TRUCK TRAVELING NORTH ON MUNDY AVE BEARING NJ REGISTRATION XHXH32 . THE WHITE BOX TRUCK IS REGISTERED TO A JOAO FERNANDES.

DETECTIVE FEDAK, OFFICER ESKANDER AND MYSELF RESPONDED TO JOAO FERNANDES RESIDENCE [REDACTED] MONROETWP, NJ) AND ADVISED HIS FAMILY TO HAVE HIM CONTACT THE SPOTSWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SEE OFFICER ESKANDER REPORT FOR THE REST OF THE INVESTIGATION.

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NARRATIVE							
***** PARTIES INVOLVED *****							
ROLE: INVOLVED PERSON NAME: RAPHEL, STEVEN H HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED] EAST BRUNSWICK NJ							
[REDACTED]							
ROLE: INVOLVED PERSON NAME: RIZZO, ANTHONY P HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED] SPOTSWOOD NJ 08884-1601							
[REDACTED]							
ROLE: INVOLVED PERSON NAME: COMERFORD, ALEXA M HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED] MONROE TWP NJ 08831-8640							
[REDACTED]							
ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025, AT APPROXIMATELY 1843 HOURS, SPOTSWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT (SPD) RECEIVED A CALL REGARDING GEESE DEAD ON THE ROADWAY IN THE AREA OF 87 DEVOE AVENUE, SPOTSWOOD, NJ. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) WERE CALLED TO THE AREA TO HAVE THE GEESE REMOVED FROM THE ROADWAY. DPW CONTACTED POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND ADVISED THEY REMOVED 8 DEAD GEESE FROM THE ROADWAY.							
OFFICERS SPOKE WITH THE RESIDENT OF 87 DEVOE AVENUE, CRAIG ROSAS, WHO STATED HE OBSERVED A LOT OF TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF HIS RESIDENCE. CRAIG STATED HE OBSERVED A WHITE FEMALE DRIVING A LIGHT COLORED FORD BRONCO WHO WAS...							
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PRINT REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME (RANK, LAST, FIRST, ID#) PATROLMAN ESKANDER, GEORGE B. 0061				REPORT APPROVED BY (FIRST, LAST, RANK, ID#) CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 0016			
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VISIBLY UPSET AND ON THE PHONE. CRAIG STATED HE OBSERVED HER TAKING OUT WHITE BIN LIDS AND WAS LAYING THEM ON THE GROUND. THE FEMALE WAS LATER IDENTIFIED AS THE CALLER, ALEXA COMERFORD.

WHILE OFFICERS WERE SPEAKING WITH CRAIG, HIS WIFE ADVISED THE OFFICERS SHE IS IN CONTACT WITH THEIR NEIGHBOR, ANTHONY RIZZO, WHO RESIDES AT 93 DEVOE AVENUE. OFFICERS RETURNED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND SPOKE WITH ANTHONY RIZZO VIA TELEPHONE. ANTHONY RIZZO STATED HIS CAMERA DID NOT CAPTURE ANYONE STRIKING THE GEESE, ONLY THE FEMALE WHO WAS STANDING IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE WITH HER VEHICLE PARKED ACROSS THE STREET (ALEXA).

A MALE SUBJECT LATER IDENTIFIED AS MICHAEL DALTON CAME INTO POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND ADVISED OFFICERS HE HAS DASH CAMERA VIDEO OF THE GEESE BEING DEAD ON THE ROADWAY AND POTENTIALLY THE SUSPECT VEHICLE BEING CAPTURED BY HIS VEHICLE DASH CAMERA. I WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE THE DASH CAMERA VIDEO WHICH SHOWED THE FOLLOWING: A WHITE BOX TRUCK STOPPED AT THE LIGHT OF DEVOE AVENUE AND MAIN STREET COMING FROM THE AREA OF THE GEESE BEING STRUCK AND KILLED, A GREY NISSAN SUV STOPPED AT DEVOE AND MAIN STREET LIGHT COMING FROM THE AREA OF THE GEESE BEING STRUCK AND KILLED, A UNKNOWN RED SEDAN TRAVELLING NORTH COMING FROM THE AREA OF THE GEESE BEING STRUCK AND KILLED, AND A UNKNOWN WHITE SUV TRAVELLING NORTH COMING FROM THE AREA OF THE GEESE BEING STRUCK AND KILLED. I THEN OBSERVED MULTIPLE VEHICLES STOPPED BEHIND THE DEAD GEESE.

I THEN SPOKE WITH THE RESIDENT OF 93 DEVOE AVENUE, ANTHONY RIZZO, WHO HAS RING CAMERAS PLACED AT HIS FRONT DOOR AND DRIVEWAY. ANTHONY RIZZO STATED HE ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE THE INCIDENT BUT HIS RING CAMERA DID NOT CAPTURE THE INCIDENT. ANTHONY RIZZO GAVE ME CONSENT TO ACCESS HIS RING ACCOUNT AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS WHERE HE PROVIDED ME HIS USERNAME AND PASSWORD. I THEN REVIEWED THE SURVEILLANCE VIDEO WHERE I OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING FROM THE FRONT DOOR RING CAMERA AND DRIVEWAY RING CAMERA:

- DRIVEWAY RING CAMERA AT 1838 AND 58 SECONDS SHOWS THE WHITE CHEVROLET TRUCK SLAMMING ON THEIR BRAKES.
- DRIVEWAY RING CAMERA AT 1839 AND 9 SECONDS SHOWS A SECOND VEHICLE TURNING THE CORNER TRAVELLING NORTH ON DEVOE AVENUE.
- DRIVEWAY RING CAMERA AT 1840 AND 7 SECONDS SHOWS VEHICLES STOPPED IN TRAFFIC DUE TO THE GEESE BEING DEAD ON THE ROADWAY.
- FRONT DOOR RING CAMERA AT 1840 AND 23 SHOWS THE GEESE DEAD ON THE ROADWAY AND TRAFFIC CONTINUING TO BUILD UP DUE TO THE DEAD GEESE ON THE ROAD WAY.

A LICENSE PLATE READER IS STATIONED ON SPOTSWOOD ENGLISHTOWN ROAD WHICH CAPTURES ALL LICENSE PLATES TRAVELLING INTO SPOTSWOOD WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT. I CONTACTED MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND REQUESTED FOR VEHICLES ENTERING SPOTSWOOD BETWEEN 1837 HOURS TO 1843 HOURS SPECIFICALLY THE VEHICLES THAT WERE OBSERVED ON THE VEHICLE DASH CAMERA AND RING VIDEO I OBSERVED FROM EARLIER. MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES:

- WHITE CHEVROLET TRUCK BEARING NEW JERSEY REGISTRATION XHXH32 ENTERING SPOTSWOOD AT 1838 AND 14 SECONDS.
- GREY NISSAN ROGUE BEARING NEW JERSEY REGISTRATION T80RTK ENTERING SPOTSWOOD AT 1838 AND 29 SECONDS.

THROUGH THE INVESTIGATION, WE MADE CONTACT WITH JOAO FERNANDES WHO IS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE WHITE CHEVROLET TRUCK BEARING NEW JERSEY REGISTRATION XHXH32. JOAO FERNANDES STATED HIS EMPLOYEE, GLEICIMAR VIEIRA, WAS DRIVING THE ABOVE VEHICLE ON THAT DATE AND TIME. WE MADE CONTACT WITH GLEICIMAR VIEIRA ON THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025, WHO WAS ADVISED OF THEIR MIRANDA RIGHTS AND INTERVIEWED. GLEICIMAR VIEIRA STATED HE OBSERVED THE GEESE BEGINNING TO COME ON THE ROADWAY AND OBSERVED TWO ON THE ACTUAL STREET WHICH IS WHY HE SLAMMED ON HIS BREAKS TO AVOID STRIKING THE GEESE. GLEICIMAR VIEIRA STATED HE NEVER STRUCK ANY GEESE AND WOULD HAVE STOPPED IF HE DID.

WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE DRIVER, STEVEN RAPHEL, OF THE GREY NISSAN ROGUE BEARING NEW JERSEY REGISTRATION T80RTK. WE MADE CONTACT WITH STEVEN RAPHEL ON THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025, WHO WAS ADVISED OF THEIR MIRANDA RIGHTS AND INTERVIEWED. STEVEN RAPHEL WAS ASKED WHERE HE WAS ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025, AND HE STATED HE WAS PROBABLY COMING HOME FROM WORK. STEVEN RAPHEL WAS ASKED WHICH WAY DID HE TAKE BACK TO HIS RESIDENCE AND HE STATED HE WAS COMING FROM A FRIEND'S HOUSE IN MONROE AND ASKED FOR A MINUTE TO REMEMBER HIS ROUTE BACK TO HIS RESIDENCE BUT DID TRAVEL THROUGH SPOTSWOOD. STEVEN RAPHEL STATED HE WAS UTILIZING HIS WORK VEHICLE THAT DAY. STEVEN RAPHEL WAS ASKED IF HE OBSERVED ANYTHING WHILE DRIVING THROUGH SPOTSWOOD SPECIFICALLY DEVOE AVENUE AND HE STATED HE DID NOT SEE ANYTHING. STEVEN RAPHEL STATED HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY GEESE CROSSING AND NEVER STRUCK ANYTHING. STEVEN RAPHEL

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WAS ADVISED THE VEHICLE IN FRONT OF HIM HAD TO SLAM THEIR BRAKES AND AVOID STRIKING THE GEESE. STEVEN RAPHEL CONTINUED TO SAY HE DID NOT SEE ANYTHING AND THAT IF HE STRUCK ONE GOOSE HE MIGHT NOT SAY ANYTHING. STEVEN RAPHEL STATED "I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING LIKE THAT AND I CAN GUARANTEE YOU I DID NOT HIT THOSE GEESE AND IF I DID I MUST HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT". STEVEN RAPHEL STATED IT WAS RUSH HOUR DOWN THERE AND THERE WAS A LOT OF CARS BUT IN THE BEGINNING OF THE INTERVIEW STATED TRAFFIC WAS SLOW. WE INFORMED STEVEN RAPHEL THERE WAS NO TRAFFIC AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

THIS CASE IS CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED AND ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS WILL FOLLOW.

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NEW CALL TYPE (IF CHANGED) ANIMAL CRUELTY		DATE & TIME INCIDENT		DEPARTMENTAL CASE NUMBER			
ADDITIONAL PERSONS		CODES: R = PERSON REPORTING; W = WITNESS; A = ARRESTEE; I = INVOLVED PERSON; P = POLICE; F = FAMILY MEMBER; V = ADDITIONAL VICTIM; O = OTHER					
1	CODE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	RACE	SEX	DOB
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NARRATIVE							
ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025, AT APPROXIMATELY 1842 HOURS, POLICE COMMUNICATIONS WAS INFORMED OF MULTIPLE DECEASED GEESE ON THE ROADWAY IN THE AREA OF 87 DEVOE AVENUE, SPOTSWOOD, NEW JERSEY. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) WAS NOTIFIED AND RESPONDED TO THE SCENE. DPW LATER CONTACTED POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND ADVISED THAT THEY HAD REMOVED A TOTAL OF SEVEN (7) DEAD GEESE FROM THE ROADWAY. PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH THE RESIDENT OF 87 DEVOE AVENUE, IDENTIFIED AS CRAIG ROSAS. MR. ROSAS STATED HE HAD OBSERVED A LARGE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF HIS RESIDENCE AND NOTICED A WHITE FEMALE OPERATING A LIGHT-COLORED FORD BRONCO. HE DESCRIBED THE FEMALE AS VISIBLY UPSET AND TALKING ON HER CELL PHONE. MR. ROSAS STATED THE FEMALE EXITED THE VEHICLE AND BEGAN PLACING WHITE BIN LIDS ON THE ROADWAY. THE FEMALE WAS LATER IDENTIFIED AS ALEXA COMERFORD, WHO WAS ALSO THE ORIGINAL CALLER TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS REGARDING THE DECEASED GEESE. WHILE OFFICERS WERE SPEAKING WITH MR. ROSAS, HIS WIFE ADVISED THAT THEIR NEIGHBOR, ANTHONY RIZZO, WHO RESIDES AT 93 DEVOE AVENUE, MAY HAVE RELEVANT VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE INCIDENT. PATROL CONTACTED MR. RIZZO VIA TELEPHONE. MR. RIZZO ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH HIS RING CAMERAS DID NOT CAPTURE THE GEESE BEING STRUCK, THEY DID RECORD ALEXA COMERFORD STANDING OUTSIDE HER VEHICLE ACROSS THE STREET AFTER THE INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED. SUBSEQUENTLY, A MALE SUBJECT, IDENTIFIED AS MICHAEL DALTON, VOLUNTARILY CAME INTO POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND STATED HE HAD DASH CAMERA FOOTAGE THAT MAY BE RELEVANT. I REVIEWED THE DASH CAM FOOTAGE PROVIDED BY MR. DALTON AND OBSERVED MULTIPLE VEHICLES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON DEVOE AVENUE FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE DECEASED GEESE. THE FOOTAGE SHOWED THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND THROUGH THE AREA:...							
REPORTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE (IF REQUIRED)		DATE 9/12/2025	SUPERVISOR'S ID# 0026		DATE 9/23/2025		
PRINT REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME (RANK, LAST, FIRST, ID#) PATROLMAN ESKANDER, GEORGE B. 0061			REPORT APPROVED BY (FIRST, LAST, RANK, ID#) CHIEF CORBISIERO, PHILIP 0026				
ADMINISTRATIVE							
ARREST	NUMBER OF SUBJECTS ARRESTED 0	TYPE OF ARREST ☐ ON VIEW AT SCENE	☐ WARRANT ☐ FOA	DETECTIVE NOTIFIED Y	NAME OF DET. FEDAK		
U.C.R. REPORTING							
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ADDITIONAL VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY							
VALUE OF RECOVERED PROPERTY							
INCIDENT STATUS	☐ UNFOUNDED ☐ CLEARED ☐ EXCEPTIONALLY	☐ CLEARED BY ARREST ☐ ACTIVE	EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE DATE		REASON FOR EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE		

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- A WHITE BOX TRUCK
- A GREY NISSAN SUV
- AN UNKNOWN RED SEDAN
- AN UNKNOWN WHITE SUV

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I THEN SPOKE AGAIN WITH MR. ANTHONY RIZZO, WHO CONFIRMED HE HAD RING CAMERAS POSITIONED AT HIS FRONT DOOR AND DRIVEWAY. MR. RIZZO GAVE CONSENT TO REVIEW THE FOOTAGE BY PROVIDING HIS RING LOGIN CREDENTIALS, WHICH I ACCESSED WHILE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS. UPON REVIEWING THE FOOTAGE, I OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

•AT 1838:58 HOURS, THE DRIVEWAY RING CAMERA SHOWED A WHITE CHEVROLET TRUCK SLAMMING ON ITS BRAKES. NO AUDIO OF GEESE BEING STRUCK WAS HEARD AT THIS TIME.

•AT 1839:09 HOURS, A SECOND VEHICLE WAS OBSERVED TURNING THE CORNER AND TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON DEVOE AVENUE.

•AT 1840:07 HOURS, MULTIPLE VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED STOPPED IN TRAFFIC, APPEARING TO BE DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF THE DECEASED GEESE.

•AT 1840:23 HOURS, THE FRONT DOOR CAMERA CAPTURED THE GEESE LYING DECEASED IN THE ROADWAY AND TRAFFIC BUILDING UP IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

BELOW IS A SEQUENCE OF EVENTS I OBSERVED FROM MICHAEL DALTON'S DASH CAMERA (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE TIME ON THE DASH CAMERA IS OFF BY APPROXIMATELY 4 MINUTES AND 36 SECONDS). THIS WAS IDENTIFIED BY OBSERVING 93 DEVOE AVENUE'S RING CAMERA FOOTAGE AND OBSERVING MICHAEL DALTON'S VEHICLE PASSING BY:

•"1844:03" CHEVROLET BOX TRUCK AT MAIN STREET AND DEVOE AVENUE TRAFFIC LIGHT, WHICH IS 1839:27 REAL TIME.

•"1844:23" NISSAN ROGUE IS COMING TO A STOP AT MAIN STREET AND DEVOE AVENUE LIGHT, BUT IT TURNS GREEN SO HE BEGINS TO GO, WHICH IS 1839:47 REAL TIME.

•"1844:23" UNKNOWN RED SEDAN AT THE TIME TRAVELING ON DEVOE AVENUE COMING TO THE LIGHT OF MAIN STREET AND DEVOE AVENUE, WHICH IS 1839:47 REAL TIME.

•"1844:33" UNKNOWN SILVER/WHITE SUV TRAVELING NORTH ON DEVOE AVENUE, WHICH IS 1839:57 REAL TIME.

•"1844:37" VEHICLES STOPPED DIRECTLY BEHIND WHERE GEESE WERE STRUCK, WHICH IS 1840:01 REAL TIME.

ADDITIONALLY, THE FOOTAGE SHOWED MULTIPLE VEHICLES STOPPED BEHIND THE DEAD GEESE IN THE ROADWAY.

IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT, BASED ON THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE GEESE AND THE EVIDENCE OBTAINED, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT IF A BOX TRUCK HAD STRUCK ALL EIGHT (8) GEESE, THE ANIMALS WOULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED THE IMPACT. GIVEN THE SIZE OF A BOX TRUCK AND THE NATURE OF SUCH A COLLISION, THE GEESE WOULD HAVE LIKELY BEEN KILLED INSTANTLY. HOWEVER, THE GEESE WERE STILL LYING ON THE GROUND, VISIBLY INJURED, WHILE THE VEHICLE WITH THE DASH CAMERA (BELIEVED TO BE THE BOX TRUCK) PASSED BY.

ADDITIONALLY, AT APPROXIMATELY 6:39 PM, THE RING VIDEO FOOTAGE SHOWED THE BOX TRUCK PASSING BY THE GEESE. THERE WERE NO AUDIBLE SOUNDS OF DISTRESS FROM THE GEESE, NOR WAS THERE ANY SIGN OF SURROUNDING GEESE WALKING AWAY IN DISTRESS. IN A SEPARATE RING VIDEO AT APPROXIMATELY 1840 HOURS, AFTER THE GEESE HAD ALREADY BEEN STRUCK, THE GEESE APPEARED TO BE IN DISTRESS, WITH OTHER GEESE IN THE AREA WALKING AWAY VISIBLY SHAKEN AND ALSO IN DISTRESS.

WHILE REVIEWING THE EVIDENCE, I ALSO OBSERVED A WHITE TOYOTA SEDAN BEARING NEW JERSEY REGISTRATION E64RCK STOPPED BEHIND THE LOCATION WHERE THE GEESE WERE STRUCK, WITH ITS HAZARD LIGHTS ON. I WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE VEHICLE THROUGH MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSE PLATE READER (LPR) AND SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED THE DRIVER AS ANDREW TADROS.

I MADE CONTACT WITH MR. TADROS AND ASKED HIM APPROXIMATELY HOW LONG HE WAS STOPPED BEHIND THE GEESE. MR. TADROS STATED THAT HE WAS UNSURE, BUT CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS DEFINITELY STOPPED FOR MORE THAN 10 SECONDS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE UNKNOWN WHITE/SILVER SUV IN THE DASH CAMERA FOOTAGE, MR. TADROS STATED HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY VEHICLES STRIKE THE GEESE, BUT MENTIONED THAT HE WAS SITTING THERE FOR A WHILE BECAUSE HE WAS UNSURE OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

BASED ON THE TIMELINE AND OBSERVED VEHICLES, I CONTACTED THE MONROE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST DATA FROM THE LICENSE PLATE READER (LPR) LOCATED ON SPOTSWOOD ENGLISHTOWN ROAD. I

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SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED DATA FOR VEHICLES ENTERING SPOTSWOOD BETWEEN 1837 AND 1843 HOURS THAT MATCHED THOSE OBSERVED ON THE DASH AND RING CAMERA FOOTAGE. MONROE PD PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING RELEVANT VEHICLE ENTRIES:

•A WHITE CHEVROLET TRUCK BEARING NEW JERSEY REGISTRATION XHXH32 ENTERED SPOTSWOOD AT 1838:14 HOURS.

•A GREY NISSAN ROGUE BEARING NEW JERSEY REGISTRATION T80RTK ENTERED SPOTSWOOD AT 1838:29 HOURS.

THROUGH VEHICLE REGISTRATION RECORDS, I IDENTIFIED THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE WHITE CHEVROLET BOX TRUCK (XHXH32) AS JOAO FERNANDES. MR. FERNANDES ADVISED THAT HIS EMPLOYEE, GLEICIMAR VIEIRA, WAS OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. I CONTACTED MR. VIEIRA, WHO WAS ADVISED OF HIS MIRANDA RIGHTS AND AGREED TO BE INTERVIEWED. DUE TO A LANGUAGE BARRIER (PORTUGUESE), SERGEANT MENDES ASSISTED WITH TRANSLATION. MR. VIEIRA STATED THAT HE OBSERVED A GROUP OF GEESE BEGINNING TO ENTER THE ROADWAY AND SAW TWO GEESE ALREADY IN THE STREET, PROMPTING HIM TO SLAM ON HIS BRAKES IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID THEM. MR. VIEIRA DENIED STRIKING ANY GEESE AND STATED HE WOULD HAVE STOPPED IF HE BELIEVED HE HAD DONE SO.

I THEN IDENTIFIED THE DRIVER OF THE GREY NISSAN ROGUE (T80RTK) AS STEVEN RAPHEL. MR. RAPHEL WAS ADVISED OF HIS MIRANDA RIGHTS AND AGREED TO AN INTERVIEW. HE INITIALLY STATED HE WAS LIKELY RETURNING HOME FROM WORK, BUT LATER CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE IN MONROE AND COULD NOT CLEARLY RECALL HIS ROUTE BACK. MR. RAPHEL ACKNOWLEDGED TRAVELING THROUGH SPOTSWOOD BUT STATED HE DID NOT RECALL SEEING ANY GEESE AND DENIED HITTING ANYTHING. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN HAVING A ROUGH TIME RECENTLY, NOTING THAT HE HAD JUST GOTTEN THIS JOB AND WAS DRIVING HIS WORK VEHICLE.

I EXPLAINED TO MR. RAPHEL THAT THE VEHICLE AHEAD OF HIM HAD OBSERVED GEESE COMING ONTO THE ROADWAY AND SAW TWO GEESE ALREADY ON THE ROADWAY, WHICH MEANT HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO HAVE SEEN THEM AS WELL. DESPITE THIS, MR. RAPHEL DENIED SEEING THE GEESE. I THEN ADVISED MR. RAPHEL THAT THE VEHICLE AHEAD OF HIM HAD TO SLAM ON ITS BRAKES TO AVOID THE GEESE. MR. RAPHEL RESPONDED, "I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING LIKE THAT, AND I CAN GUARANTEE YOU I DID NOT HIT THOSE GEESE, AND IF I DID I MUST HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT."

FOLLOWING THIS INTERVIEW, I REVIEWED MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT LPR DATA AND CONFIRMED THE NISSAN ROGUE (T80RTK) ENTERED SPOTSWOOD AT APPROXIMATELY 1838 HOURS ON MONDAY, JULY 14. I OBSERVED AN IMAGE FROM THE LPR SYSTEM SHOWING THE FRONT OF THE NISSAN ROGUE WITH NO VISIBLE DAMAGE AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, SUBSEQUENT REVIEW OF THE VIDEO AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND DEVOE AVENUE SHOWED THE SAME NISSAN ROGUE (T80RTK) WITH A DENT TO THE FRONT BUMPER AND VISIBLE BLOOD ON THE BUMPER, SUGGESTING IT MAY HAVE STRUCK THE GEESE AFTER THE LPR PHOTO WAS TAKEN.

ADDITIONALLY, WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE UNKNOWN RED SEDAN OBSERVED IN THE DASH CAM FOOTAGE AS A RED 2009 MAZDA BEARING NJ REGISTRATION H21ATW. WE MADE CONTACT WITH THE REGISTERED OWNER, FRANK MILLER JR, WHO STATED THAT HE IS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION EVERY MONDAY BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY 1730 AND 1900 HOURS. THE AMERICAN LEGION IS LOCATED BETWEEN MAIN STREET/DEVOE AVENUE AND THE LOCATION WHERE THE GEESE WERE STRUCK. BASED ON THIS INFORMATION AND THE LOCATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, IT IS UNLIKELY MR. MILLER TRAVELED NORTHBOUND ON DEVOE AVENUE THROUGH THE AREA WHERE THE GEESE WERE FOUND DECEASED.

DUE TO THE DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE, INTERVIEW, TIMELINE, AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE, STEVEN RAPHEL WAS FOUND TO BE OUR SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

I CONTACTED ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR ANTHONY ROBINSON AND PROVIDED THE ABOVE FACTS OF THIS CASE. AP ROBINSON ALSO REVIEWED ALL OF THE ABOVE AT SPOTSWOOD POLICE HEADQUARTERS. AP ROBINSON APPROVED CHARGE: 7 COUNTS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY 4:22-17C (1) WHICH WERE PLACED ON A SUMMONS 1224-S-2025-000069. THE SUMMONS WAS DELIVERED TO THE DEFENDANT, STEVEN RAPHEL, AT HIS RESIDENCE, WHICH WAS RECORDED VIA BODY CAMERA. STEVEN RAPHEL WAS ALSO ISSUED MULTIPLE MOTOR VEHICLE SUMMONS AND PENDING NEW JERSEY FISH AND WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS.

ALL INTERVIEWS WERE RECORDED VIA BODY CAMERA.

THIS CASE IS NOW CLOSED PENDING COURT.