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June 24, 2022

Via OPRA Machine: opra+request-32890-6a92a6ba@requests.opramachine.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request
OCPO Case# 22001588 – Michael Tsamas

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the Arrest Report, Complaint Warrant, Affidavit and Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report, pursuant to your request made under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA). Personal identifying information has been redacted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.

Please be advised that there are no responsive documents pursuant to your request for Global Subject Activity Reports, Indictments, Plea Forms, Sentencing Information and Criminal Information Forms.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 732-929-2027, x3135.

Yours very truly,
Dina R. Khajezadeh
Dina R. Khajezadeh
Assistant Prosecutor

DRK/dp

Enclosures

Carey, Erin

From: Khajezadeh, Dina
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 3:48 PM
To: Prestia , Donna; Carey, Erin
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] OPRA request - Case reports

Categories: IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

-----Original Message-----

From: Resident <opra+request-32890-6a92a6ba@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 3:46 PM
To: Khajezadeh, Dina <DKhajezadeh@co.ocean.nj.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPRA request - Case reports

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Dear Ocean County Prosecutor's Office,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

Any relevant arrest reports, global subject activity reports, preliminary law enforcement incident reports, complaint warrants, complaint summonses, affidavits, indictments, criminal information forms, plea forms, and sentencing information, where applicable, for the following defendants:

Michael Tsamas (Case # 22001588)
Callie Schotka (Case # 22001630)
Autumn Parkerson (Case # 22001630)
Jason Lanier (Case # 22001672)
Keith Mulligan (Case # 22001703)
James Noonan (Case # 22001801)

Yours sincerely,

Resident

Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
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Jackson Police Department

102 Jackson Drive, Jackson, NJ 08527

Phone: 732-928-1111 Fax: 732-928-8874 Mun. Code: 1511

Arrest Report



Arrest Details:

Case Number	BEN Number	Arrest Date	Arrest Time	Place of Arrest
22-042129	2205861	05/27/22	18:16	W Veterans Hwy

Arrestee Information:

Name(Lastname, Firstname)		M I	Suffix	Alias_Nickname				
Tsamas, Michael		H						
Address		DOB	Age	Sex	Race	SSN		
344 Miller Ave, Laurence Hbr, NJ 08879-2640		10/06/89	32	M	1B			
Place of Birth	DLN	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexior	Mar. Status	
Livingston, NJ		NJ 510	185	BRO	BRO	Fair	Sin	
Other Descriptive Info		Glasses	Build	Speech	Handed	Miranda	Prints	Photo
SC ABDOM SCAR ABDOM		Y	Husk	English	Right	Y	Y	Y
Occupation	Employer	Bus. Address						
Sales	Grizzly Solutions	Cliffwood Ave, Matawan, NJ 08879						
SBI #	FBI #	Phone						

Complaint Information:

Charge(s)		Unlawful Possess./Weapons					
Murder 2C:11-3							
Complainant Name(Lastname, Firstname)		& Address					
335 PO Matthew Cilento							
Offense Date	Offense Time	Place of Offense	Mun. Code				
05/26/22	18:16	W Veterans Hwy	NJ015110				
w/ Warrant	w/o Warrant	On View	Summons	Handcuffed The Arrestee	Checked car prior to placing in & after removing arrestee from the back se		
X				Y	Y		
Vehicle	Yr	Make	Body Type	Color	Reg	State	VIN
Victi	11	HYU	4 DR	SL		NJ	5NPEB4AC5BH276339
Date	Court						
05/26/22	Jackson Township Municipal Court						
Amount Bai	10%	Bail Result	Place Committer				
			TOT OCJ				
Date	Court	Warrant / Summons Number					
05/26/22	Ocean County Superior Court	W2022-000206-1511					

Narrative:

Mugshot:

Arrested for 2C:11-3a(1)-Murder, 2C:39-5d- Unlawful Possession of a weapons, and 2C:39-4d- Possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose. Put on a warrant and transported to Ocean County Jail.

Codis Required

Officer of Record:

Date:

Reviewed By: Juvenile Released To:

Time:

Officer of Record	Reporting Date	Reviewed By	Parent or Responsible Party Signatu	
335 PO Matthew Cilento	05/27/22	jcandido		

220500400

COMPLAINT - WARRANT

COMPLAINT NUMBER			
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JACKSON TWP MUNICIPAL COURT 102 JACKSON DRIVE JACKSON NJ 08527-0000 732-928-1205 COUNTY OF: OCEAN			
# of CHARGES 3	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 22-042129	
COMPLAINANT NAME: DET D THOMASON 102 JACKSON DRIVE ATTN WARRANTS JACKSON NJ 08527		DEFENDANT INFORMATION SEX: M EYE COLOR: BROWN DOB: 10/06/1989 DRIVER'S LIC. # [REDACTED] DL STATE: NJ SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED] SBI #: 375675G TELEPHONE #: [REDACTED] (c) LIVESCAN PCN #: 151102003038	

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VS.

MICHAEL H TSAMAS

ADDRESS: 344 MILLER AVE

LAURENCE HBR

NJ 08879-0000

By certification or on oath, the complainant says that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief the named defendant on or about 05/26/2022 in JACKSON TWP, OCEAN County, NJ did: WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, PURPOSELY CAUSES DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY RESULTING IN DEATH. SPECIFICALLY BY, STABBING JOSEPH DELGARDIO IN THE NECK RESULTING IN THE DEATH. THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S.A 2C:11-3A(1).

WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, KNOWINGLY POSSESS A WEAPON, NAMELY DESCRIBE A ARROW HEAD KNIFE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES NOT MANIFESTLY APPROPRIATE FOR LAWFUL USE. SPECIFICALLY BY, POSSESSING AN ARROWHEAD KNIFE WITH PURPOSE TO USE IT AGAINST ANOTHER. THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S.A 2C;39-5D.

WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, KNOWINGLY POSSESS A WEAPON WITH THE PURPOSE TO USE IT UNLAWFULLY AGAINST THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OF ANOTHER. SPECIFICALLY BY, POSSESSING AN ARROW HEAD KNIFE WITH THE PURPOSE TO STAB VICTIM JOSEPH DELGARDIO RESULTING IN DEATH. THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S.A 2C:39-4D.

in violation of:

Original Charge	1) 2C:11-3A(1)	2) 2C:39-5D	3) 2C:39-4D
Amended Charge			

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.
Signed: DET D THOMASON Date: 05/27/2022

You will be notified of your Central First Appearance/CJP date to be held at the Superior Court in the county of OCEAN
at the following address: OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT
120 HOOPER AVE
Date of Arrest: 05/26/2022 Appearance Date: Time: TOMS RIVER NJ 08753-0000
Phone: 732-504-0700

PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT

☐ Probable cause IS NOT found for the issuance of this complaint.

Signature of Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator Date Signature of Judge Date

☒ Probable cause IS found for the issuance of this complaint. JENNIFER MULCAHY PANCZA JUDICIAL OFFICER 05/27/2022
Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant Date

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON: PURSUANT TO THIS WARRANT YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST THE NAMED DEFENDANT AND BRING THAT PERSON FORTHWITH BEFORE THE COURT TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT.

Bail Amount Set: by: (if different from judicial officer that issued warrant)

☐ Domestic Violence - Confidential ☐ Related Traffic Tickets or Other Complaints ☒ Serious Personal Injury/ Death Involved

Special conditions of release:
☐ No phone, mail or other personal contact w/victim
☐ No possession firearms/weapons
☐ Other (specify):

ORIGINAL

COMPLAINT – WARRANT (Court Action)

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STATE V.**MICHAEL H TSAMAS****FTA Bail Information**

Date Bail Set: _____

Amount Bail Set: \$ _____

by: _____

☐ Bail Recog. AttachedReleased
on Bail
(v)

R.O.R.

Committed
DefaultCommitted
w/o Bail

Place Committed: _____

Date Referred to _____

County Prosecutor: _____

Date of First
Appearance: _____☐ Advised of Rights by _____

Defendant Desires Counsel:

☐ Yes ☐ No**Prosecuting Attorney Information****Defense Counsel Information****Name:****Name:**

State

County

Municipal

Other

None

Retained

Public Def

Assigned

Waived

Other

Original Charge

1) 2C:11-3A(1)

2) 2C:39-5D

3) 2C:39-4D

Amended Charge

Waiver Indt/Jury

Plea/Date of Plea

Plea:

Date:

Plea:

Date:

Plea:

Date:

Adjudication (* see code)

Finding
Code:

Date:

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Jail Term

Jail time credit

Susp. Imp

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Jail time credit

Susp. Imp

Probation Term

Susp. Imp

Susp. Imp

Susp. Imp

Cond. Discharge Term

Community Service

D/L Suspension Term

Fines/Costs

Fines:

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Costs:

VCCB/SNSF

VCCB:

SNSF:

VCCB:

SNSF:

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DEDR/Lab Fee

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DAEF:

DV Surch/Other Fees

DV:

Other:

DV:

Other:

DV:

Other:

Restitution

Beneficiary: _____

Miscellaneous Information, Adjournments, Companion Complaints, Co-Defendants, Case Notes:**Related Traffic Tickets and Complaints:***** Finding Codes**

- 1 – Guilty
- 2 – Not Guilty
- 3 – Dismissed – Other
- 4 – Guilty but Merged
- 5 – Dismissed-Rule
- 6 – Dismissed Lack of Prosecution
- 7 – Dismissed – Pros Motion/Vic Req
- 8 – Conditional Discharge
- D – Dismissed- Prosecutor Discretion
- M – Dismissed- Mediation
- P – Dismissed-Plea Agreement
- S – Disposed at Superior
- W – Dismissed-False ID

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JUDGE'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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# of CHARGES 3	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 22-042129									
COMPLAINANT NAME: DET D THOMASON											
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY VS. MICHAEL H TSAMAS ADDRESS: 344 MILLER AVE LAURENCE HBR NJ 08879-0000											
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CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment Signed: DET D THOMASON Date: 05/27/2022											
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PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT											
☐ Probable cause IS NOT found for the issuance of this complaint.											
Signature of Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator Date Signature of Judge Date											
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☒ Serious Personal Injury/ Death Involved											
Special conditions of release: ☐ No phone, mail or other personal contact w/victim ☐ No possession firearms/weapons ☐ Other (specify):		COMPLAINT - WARRANT (DEFENDANT'S COPY) Page 3 of 7 NJ/CDR2 1/1/2017									

COMMITMENT

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JACKSON TWP MUNICIPAL COURT
102 JACKSON DRIVE
JACKSON NJ 08527-0000
732-928-1205 COUNTY OF: OCEAN

of CHARGES 3 CO-DEFTS POLICE CASE #:
22-042129

COMPLAINANT DET D THOMASON
NAME: 102 JACKSON DRIVE
ATTN WARRANTS
JACKSON NJ 08527

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**VS.****MICHAEL H TSAMAS**

ADDRESS: 344 MILLER AVE

LAURENCE HBR NJ 08879-0000

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: M EYE COLOR: BROWN DOB: 10/06/1989
DRIVER'S LIC. #. [REDACTED] DL STATE: NJ
SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED] SBI #: 375675G
TELEPHONE #: [REDACTED] (C)
LIVESCAN PCN #: 151102003038

To any Law Enforcement Official of New Jersey, You are commanded to transport this defendant to the Warden of this county who is required to keep the defendant in custody until a release or detention decision is made.

Offense	Aux Offense	Drug Code	Degree	Offense Description
1. 2C:11-3A(1)			1	MURDER - PURPOS
2. 2C:39-5D			4	UNLAWFUL POSS W
3. 2C:39-4D			3	POSS OF WEAPON
4.				

Commitment Reason: Criminal Justice Reform

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at the following address: OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT
120 HOOPER AVE

TOMS RIVER NJ 08753-0000

Date of Arrest: 05/26/2022

Phone: 732-504-0700

JENNIFER MULCAHY PANCZA JUDICIAL OFFICER

05/27/2022

Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant

Date

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Affidavit of Probable Cause

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THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VS.

MICHAEL H TSAMAS

ADDRESS: **344 MILLER AVE**

LAURENCE HBR NJ 08879-0000

Purpose: This Affidavit/Certification is to more fully describe the facts of the alleged offense so that a judge or authorized judicial officer may determine probable cause.

1. Description of relevant facts and circumstances which support probable cause that (1) the offense(s) was committed and (2) the defendant is the one who committed it:
SEE APPENDIX A.

Affidavit of Probable Cause

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THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**VS.****MICHAEL H TSAMAS**

2. I am aware of the facts above because: (Included, but not limited to: your observations, statements of eyewitnesses, defendant's admission, etc.)

I AM AWARE OF THE FACTS DUE TO STATEMENTS OF EYE WITNESSES AND DEFENDANT ADMISSIONS.

3. If victim was injured, provide the extent of the injury:

VICTIM WAS STABBED IN NECK RESULTING IN DEATH.

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: DET D THOMASON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 05/26/2022

Affidavit of Probable Cause**Page 6 of 7****1/1/2017**

Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

COMPLAINT NUMBER				THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	
1511	W	2022	000206	VS.	
COURT CODE	PREFIX	YEAR	SEQUENCE NO.		
JACKSON TWP MUNICIPAL COURT 102 JACKSON DRIVE JACKSON NJ 08527-0000 732-928-1205 COUNTY OF: OCEAN				ADDRESS: 344 MILLER AVE LAURENCE HBR NJ 08879-0000	
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Purpose: The Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report (PLEIR) is intended to document basic information known to the officer at the time of its preparation. It is recognized that additional relevant information will emerge as an investigation continues. The PLEIR shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any regular police arrest, incident, or investigation reports. Note that the PLEIR is specific to each defendant charged in an investigation.

- The charge was based on the observations/statements made by an eyewitness(es).
 - The witness statement(s) were recorded via:
 - *Body-Worn Camera
 - *Audio recording only
- The defendant made statements/admissions.
 - It was recorded using:
 - *Body-Worn Camera
 - *Stationhouse interview room camera
- The offense/incident was recorded using electronic/surveillance via:
 - Cellphone Video
- The defendant was a stranger to the victim.
- A weapon was involved in the incident:
 - Knife/Cutting Instrument
- Physical evidence was seized/recovered:
 - Weapon(s)
 - Other Type(s) of physical evidence **CLOTHING, EXEMPLARS, SURV**
- A member of the public provided information to a 9-1-1 call center or dispatcher (or similar).
- The police received relevant information via radio from a 911 dispatcher (or similar).
- The case involves a consent search.
- The investigation involved the seizure of one or more cellphones, computers or similar electronic devices.
 List the type of device(s) and total number of each recovered: **2**

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: DET D THOMASON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Date: 05/26/2022

Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

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APPENDIX A

Jackson Case #: 22-042129

Murder: 2C:11-3A(1),

Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose: 2C:39-4D,

Unlawful Possession of a Weapon: 2C:39-5D

State V. Michael Tsamas

On May 26, 2022, at approximately 18:16 hours, Jackson Police Dispatch received a 911 call in reference to an unidentified male lying in a pool of blood on W. Veterans Highway and Connor Road. P.O. Arriving first on scene was P.O. Matt Cilento #335. He reported that the male victim, later identified as Joseph Delgardo had a severe neck wound and was currently receiving First Aid CPR from Fire officials. Dispatch relayed that they had an individual later identified as Tsamas on the phone, who stated that he had committed the stabbing. Tsamas was described as wearing a gray Verizon shirt.

P.O. Zach Schwartz #323 arrived second and officers observed the possible suspect, later identified as Michael Tsamas of Laurence Harbor NJ standing on the corner of Connor Road. Tsamas was visibly covered in blood and began to spontaneously utter admissions to P.O. Matt Cilento. Specifically, he had been attacked by the victim and had a "Blade" on him and he "hit him with my blade". Said statements were captured on Body worn camera. Upon these spontaneous admissions, P.O. Zach Schwartz asked Tsamas if he had the weapon on him, to which Tsamas admitted to having it in his right pants pocket. P.O. M. Cilento detained Tsamas placing him in handcuffs and removed the knife from his pocket.

Life saving measures were unsuccessful following which Mr. Delgardo was pronounced deceased at 18:51 hours by Dr. Wei Grant.

Det. Anthony Riso #275 arrived on scene and verbally advised Tsamas of his Miranda warnings that he fully acknowledge, understood and voluntarily waived. Tsamas stated to Det. Anthony Riso that he works as a Door-to-Door sales representative for Verizon and was on his route along W. Veterans Highway. During his route, he knocked on Delgardo's residence door and met with him. After leaving, Tsamas stated the Delgardo confronted him on the street and began to threaten him while starting a physical altercation. Specifically grabbing Tsamas around the collar. During the course of the scuffle, Tsamas retrieved a knife from his pocket and struck the victim.

This affiant along with Det. Stephen Purtell #309 arrived on scene and was approached by a witness, identified as Ann Marie Seif. Ms. Seif resides at 1 Connor Road, Jackson NJ 08527. Ms. Seif related that she had witnessed and recorded the stabbing on her phone. Said footage was reviewed while on scene by Det. Stephen Purtell #309 and this Affiant. The following is a synopsis of the video:

In the video both Delgardo and Tsamas are clearly identifiable based on their clothing. Delgardo is observed holding Tsamas by the collar pushing him towards the sidewalk. Tsamas is then observed reaching in his right side pocket. It then appears as though Delgardo is stabbed or cut in the side of the ear, before falling to the ground. Tsamas while on his back, is observed thrusting his arm into Delgardo's neck as he began to stand over top of him. A large amount of blood is seen spurting from Delgardo's neck who then attempts to flee the area.

After observing the video Det. Stephen Purtell obtained Ann Marie Seif's information following which she voluntarily provide the video as part of the investigation. She also esponded to Jackson Police Headquarters to provide a formal statement.

Tsamas was transported to Jackson Police Headquarters awaiting the arrival of members from the Ocean County Prosecutors Office Major Crimes Unit. Additionally, members of Ocean County Sheriffs CSI departement responded to the scene to process and collect evidence.

This Affiant along with Det. Lindsey Woodfield of OCPO Homicide responded to Jackson Police Headquarters to begin interviewing witnesses and Tsamas.

First, we spoke to Robert Lewis Jr of Jackson NJ. Mr. Lewis stated to Detectives that he had been driving down W. Veterans Hwy when he observed two men fighting on the Connor Road. This altercation was also captured on his personal Dash camera which he voluntarily provided consent to Det. Woodfield to obtain as evidence. Said footage was secured by Det. Woodfield as well as members of the High tech Crimes Unit.

This affiant along with Det. Woodfield obtained a video recorded statement from Tsamas. Michael Tsamas. Before speaking to him he was read his Rights per Miranda. Tsamas acknowledged that he understood and signed said form. In brief, Tsamas advised that he was in the area knocking on doors in an attempt to gain customers. He advised that he works for a company called "Grizzly Solutions". He further advised that he knocked on the victim's door and began speaking with him. He advised that he called JCPL using his phone to obtain a code which would provide the victim with discounts. During the conversation, the victim and his wife decided they were no longer interested in his services, so he left. Tsamas advised that he left the house and began to walk to his vehicle. Upon walking down the street, the victim pulled up in a vehicle and ran at him aggressively. According to Tsamas, the victim grabbed him by the collar of his shirt and threatened to kill him two times. During the scuffle, Tsamas advised that he pulled out his blade and stabbed him. As soon as he did that Tsamas got off of him and walked away.

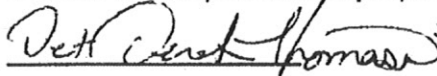
Det. Woodfield and Det. Riso obtained a digitally recorded statement from Anne Marie Seif. According to Ms. Seif, she advised that in the early evening hours on May 26, 2020 she was in her bedroom with the window open. It should be noted that her window faces Connor Blvd., where the homicide took place. Ms. Seif related that she heard some screaming when she looked out of her bedroom window and observed two men physically fighting. Ms. Sief recorded the altercation via her snap chat application on her iPhone 13. Ms. Seif further advised that she sent the video to her family members who were downstairs but did not send it via snap chat. Ms. Seif voluntarily provided detectives with her cellular

telephone in an effort to memorialize the video. Said video has been secured by the High Tech Crimes Unit.

After speaking with Ms. Seif, Det. Woodfield and Det. Riso obtained a digitally recorded statement from the victim's wife, Jamie Delgardo. Mrs. Delgardo advised that her husband and two youngest children were eating dinner when they heard a knock on the door. The victim opened the door and began speaking with Tsamas about receiving discounts through Jersey Central Power and Light (JCPL) for Verizon. After a brief conversation, Mrs. Delgardo joined the conversation on the front steps of the residence. Mrs. Delgardo was unsure if Tsamas worked for Verizon or a company called Inspire. She further advised that Tsamas requested that she log into her JCPL account or they can contact JCPL via telephone for a code which would help her receive Verizon discounts. Mrs. Delgardo advised that her husband "googled" the "Better Business Bureau" and thought this was a scam. According to Mrs. Delgardo, they were no longer interested in discounts and requested he leave, which he did. Mrs. Delgardo advised that the victim wanted to make sure the other neighbors were not being scammed, and he left the house in her vehicle.

Chief Trial Attorney Weatherstone was presented with the facts and approved charges for Murder, Possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and Unlawful possession of a weapon. Tsamas was processed at Jackson Police department and transported to the Ocean County Jail.

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