



LUMBERTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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UIR Narrative – Case #2026-11480

Victim: Gina LaPlaca
Jason Carty

Suspect: Jason Carty
Gina LaPlaca

Thursday, May 28, 2026

At approximately 0648 hours, Chief Nippins notified me of a possible domestic disturbance at 10 Middleton Drive. Upon my arrival, I observed Ptl. Rodriguez outside of the residence speaking to the male half, identified as Jason Carty. Carty notified me that his wife, Gina LaPlaca, was inside the residence "on something". I requested permission from Carty to enter his residence to speak to LaPlaca. Carty relayed that LaPlaca was on the second floor of the residence in a bedroom to the left.

I made entry into the residence, and announced "Mrs. LaPlaca", at this time I did not have a response. I went to the second floor and located LaPlaca laying in a bed with her juvenile child, [REDACTED] LaPlaca exited the bedroom and said "for the love of god take him away". LaPlaca added that Carty was a "fucking monster". [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

While speaking to LaPlaca, Ptl. Zyhajlo asked her what occurred prior to our arrival. LaPlaca responded by stating [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LaPlaca stated this morning Carty was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

While speaking to LaPlaca, I did not observe [REDACTED], and she was explained her rights as a Domestic Violence Victim. LaPlaca notified Ptl. Zyhajlo that she wished to file a criminal complaint and apply for a TRO.

Due to Carty notifying me that he believed that LaPlaca was under the influence of an unknown substance, I notified LaPlaca that I would prefer that she was provided a courtesy transport to Police HQ. LaPlaca complied and notified me that she was going to get dressed.

It should be noted, LaPlaca's speech was slurred and slow at some times. Due to these reasons, I escorted [REDACTED] to a play area in the residence and I responded outside to speak to Carty. I notified Carty that LaPlaca was planning on responding to Police HQ and inquired what his current plan was for their son in common. Carty notified me that [REDACTED] would be dropped off at his current school [REDACTED]. Carty notified me that he had video footage of LaPlaca being intoxicated and saying derogatory words to him. Carty



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played the video for me. LaPlaca is heard stating [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

After speaking to both LaPlaca & Carty, it was determined that [REDACTED] would be driven to school by Carty.

Due to Carty expressing concern for LaPlaca, I attempted to gather a game plan on a recovery strategy for LaPlaca. Carty did not wish to disclose LaPlaca's previous recovery spot due to our activated Body Worn Camera. Ptl. Rodriguez offered to write the information down and Carty declined.

Due to the harassing statements LaPlaca made to Carty on the video footage he provided me, I explained his rights as a Domestic Violence Victim. Carty stated he did not wish to file a criminal complaint or apply for a TRO. I returned to my patrol vehicle and completed a Victim Notification Form. I responded back to Carty's location and I again explained his rights as a Domestic Violence Victim. Carty denied moving forward with a criminal complaint or applying for a TRO. I provided him his carbon copy of the Victim Notification Form.

I responded back inside the residence and [REDACTED] was dressed for school. LaPlaca was at the top of the stairs and she began to make her way downstairs. When LaPlaca reached the bottom landing, she side stepped and made contact with the wall.

Due to Carty's statements, LaPlaca's slurred speech and her making contact with the wall. I requested an Emergency Squad respond to Police HQ. Ptl. Zyhajlo provided LaPlaca a transport to Police HQ.

Upon my arrival at Police HQ, the Lumberton Emergency Squad was arriving. I briefed them on the information I gathered on scene and they responded into the Victim/Witness room.

I began completing a Victim Notification Form for LaPlaca. I requested to speak to Ptl. Zyhajlo who gathered LaPlaca's statement. Ptl. Zyhajlo notified me, based on the interaction with LaPlaca, he believed that harassment 2C:33-4A would be the best charge. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

While entering the Victim/Witness interview room, I did smell an odor of an alcoholic beverage omitting from the room. Ptl. Zyhajlo notified me he also smelled alcohol omitting from LaPlaca's breath while speaking to her at her residence.



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I completed the Victim Notification Form and presented it in the interview room and requested that Ptl. Rodriguez complete several boxes. I exited the interview room to gather other needed paperwork. LaPlaca completed a Probable Cause Statement and provided it to Ptl. Zyhajlo.

I reentered the interview room, and Ptl. Zyhajlo notified me that LaPlaca stated Carty [REDACTED] At this time, I also notified EMS of this information. At this time, EMS began treating LaPlaca for her reported injury and I notified Central Communications of the same. This was time stamped in the CAD at 0745 hours.

Subsequently, LaPlaca refused medical treatment from EMS and signed an electronic refusal.

I responded to the squad room to I prepare complaint 2026-000140, charging Carty with 2C:12-1b(13) & 2C:33-4A. While doing so, I heard LaPlaca yelling in the hallway. LaPlaca was irate stating she wished to go home. I notified LaPlaca that we would provide her with transportation home. I began to explain to LaPlaca why she was transported to Police HQ and the TRO application process. LaPlaca was acting irrational and speaking over me. After the process was discussed, I notified LaPlaca that I could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage omitting from her breath.

LaPlaca notified me she wished to still apply for a TRO. Ptl. Rodriguez provided LaPlaca a transport back to her residence on 10 Middleton Drive.

I continued to prepare complaint 2026-0000140 and submitted it to conflict Judge Peter Lange. Judge Peter Lange stated he could not determine Probable Cause without a PSA. At this time, Carty arrived at Police HQ and was placed under arrest for the DV strangulation. I prepared complaint 2026-0000142, charging Carty with 2C:12-1b(13) & 2C:33-4A. Ptl. Rodriguez contact Judge Peter Lange via the OIC phone and brief him on this entire incident. Judge Peter Lange placed the complaint on a summons, S2026-00142 and granted the TRO.

While at Police HQ, Carty was served his criminal complaint and explained his TRO. I also provided Carty a packet provided by Hampton Behavioral Health Center, which offered specialized Dual Diagnosis Treatment Services for individuals facing both behavioral health and substance use issues. It should be noted that Ptl. Rodriguez also provided LaPlaca with the same packet.

Carty was provided a 15 minute escort, which was completed by Ptl. Rodriguez & Ptl. Rogers. Due to LaPlaca being under the influence, Carty's brother took custody of [REDACTED] at the end of his school day.



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Due to Carty's decision not to pursue criminal complaints and no signs requiring a mandatory domestic violence arrest, LaPlaca was not charged with PDP harassment.

Ptl. Rodriguez & Ptl. Zyhajlo completed supplemental reports for this case.

LaPlaca did not allow Ptl. Rodriguez to photograph [REDACTED]. I downloaded my BWC footage and placed it into evidence (BC1).

A HWC was completed and forwarded to the appropriate recipients.

DCF was notified via the Hotline.

All paperwork was forwarded to the appropriate recipients.

BWC.

Clear/Arrest Court

Sgt. Brittney Cellasio #1306



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Supplemental Narrative Case #2026-11480

Victim: Gina LaPlaca
Jason Carty

Suspect: Gina LaPlaca
Jason Carty

On Thursday, May 28, 2026, at approximately 0648 hours, I responded to 10 Middleton Drive, after being advised of a possible domestic violence incident. Upon arrival, I met with Mr. Jason Carty at the end of his driveway and asked him what was going on.

Carty explained that he had engaged in a domestic violence situation/verbal argument with his wife, who is identified as Gina LaPlaca, over preparing their four-year-old son, [REDACTED] for daycare. He further explained that she was possibly under the influence and had relapsed and wished for her to get some help because she has been dealing with public scrutiny. Carty stated that she had been yelling/screaming and told her to calm down. He confirmed that she had contacted someone but was unsure of who, and said that he was threatening her. He then proceeded to say that she had threatened him with calling the police and that she never got physical with him at any point. At this time, I advised Carty of his domestic violence rights in which he refused to proceed with applying for a temporary restraining order or file a criminal complaint. It should be noted that Carty refused any medical assistance.

Shortly after, Sergeant Cellasio #1306 and Ptl. Zyhajlo #1326 arrived on scene and entered the aforementioned residence to speak with LaPlaca. After speaking with LaPlaca, Sergeant Cellasio spoke with Carty and asked him if he wished to provide a statement in reference to what had transpired. Carty stated that he did not wish to take any action against LaPlaca and that she was not in the right mental state. After some back and forth, LaPlaca allowed Carty to transport their son, [REDACTED] to daycare. While LaPlaca was getting [REDACTED] properly clothed, Carty showed video footage of LaPlaca yelling expletives at him and telling him to go away, die and that the only solution to all of this would be for him to go away. Carty refused to provide the video footage from his cellphone and only wished for LaPlaca to get help because she was intoxicated.

After confirming that LaPlaca had not made any homicidal or suicidal remarks, Mr. Carty signed a Victim Notification Form confirming that he did not wish to pursue a criminal complaint or apply for a temporary restraining order. He was then provided with the same. LaPlaca was then escorted to LTPD Unit #4 and transported to Police Headquarters by Ptl. Zyhajlo. See Ptl. Zyhajlo's supplemental narrative for more details.

While back at Police Headquarters, LaPlaca was secured in the interview room. As a precautionary measure, Sergeant Cellasio requested that the Lumberton Emergency Squad respond to Police Headquarters to evaluate LaPlaca. Ptl. Zyhajlo provided LaPlaca with a Victim Notification Form, and Probable Cause Statement Form in which



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she completed, and signed confirming that she wished to proceed with filing a complaint and apply for a restraining order against Carty. After reviewing LaPlaca's statement, Ptl. Zyhajlo had informed Sergeant Cellasio and I, that Carty [REDACTED] He advised that this was different than what was reported by her on scene, which was originally relayed as Carty [REDACTED] I responded to the interview and evaluated her [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] kept asking to go home. It should be noted, when evaluating LaPlaca, I noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her body. Shortly after, she became upset, refused to complete ODARA paperwork and refused to have [REDACTED]

I then escorted LaPlaca, to Patrol Unit #6 which checked negative for any contraband prior to placing her inside and provided her with a courtesy transport to her residence. Upon arrival, I stood by at the residence as Sergeant Cellasio prepared a criminal complaint in NJ Courts. Carty returned to the location and agreed to leave the area in order to de-escalate the situation. Due to the investigation still being underway and inconsistencies in the information provided by LaPlaca during the course of the investigation, officers continued to establish probable cause for the arrest of Carty. Therefore, a mandatory arrest was not made at this time. I spoke with Miya #1554, from the Department of Children and Families and informed them of the incident that had taken place.

Upon submission of the complaint, I spoke with Judge Peter Lange, and informed him of the incident. After speaking with Judge Lange, he spoke with LaPlaca and ultimately granted a temporary restraining order against Carty. I then responded to Police Headquarters, and contacted Carty via telephone. I requested that he report to Police Headquarters, to be served with a temporary restraining order and processed on complaint number 0318 S 2026 000142. Upon his arrival, Carty was taken into custody and handcuffed behind his back which were double locked and checked for proper fit. I escorted him to the processing room, and conducted a search of his person which yielded negative results for any contraband.

After being processed, Carty was provided with a copy of the above complaint and temporary restraining order that was granted against him. He acknowledged and understood all the reliefs/prohibitions within the temporary restraining order. Carty was escorted to the residence and given 15 minutes to gather his belongings. Prior to entering the residence, I spoke with LaPlaca and served her with a copy of the temporary restraining order and informed her of all the reliefs/prohibitions within the order. She acknowledged that she understood the same. When Carty walked up to the residence he pointed out that LaPlaca had received a DoorDash order at the front door which consisted of alcohol. Carty was then able to gather his belongings without incident and moved along. See Sergeant Cellasio's case narrative for more details. My



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body worn camera footage was entered into evidence and placed in LTPD Evidence Bin #1.

BWC

Clear Arrest/Court

Ptl. Rodriguez #1321



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Suspect: Jason Carty
Gina LaPlaca

On Thursday, May 28th, 2026, at approximately 0648 hours, I responded to 10 Middleton Drive for a possible domestic. Upon arrival, Ptl. Rodriguez, #1321, was speaking with Jason Carty in the driveway of the residence. I then entered the residence with Sgt. Cellasio, #1306, in order to speak with the other party, Gina LaPlaca, which was also the caller.

Once inside, LaPlaca was met upstairs near her bedroom and could be heard saying

"[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]"

When asked what happened today, LaPlaca stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] She then went on to say [REDACTED]

LaPlaca then added [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] LaPlaca also stated that when Carty came home [REDACTED]

LaPlaca was then explained her domestic violence rights to include that she may apply for a restraining order and/or sign a complaint against Carty. Both of which she acknowledged and wished to pursue. She was then asked if she could report to the police station in order to fill out the pertinent paperwork. Sgt. Cellasio then advised LaPlaca that it was reported to her by Carty that she was under the influence of an unknown substance and that we would drive her to the station just as a precaution. LaPlaca agreed for Carty to bring their son to school so that she can continue with the process at Police Headquarters.

LaPlaca was then secured into the rear of patrol car #4 and transported to Police Headquarters. She was then accompanied into the interview room where EMS arrived on scene and evaluated LaPlaca due to her appearing under the influence of an unknown substance. LaPlaca refused transport to the hospital and was cleared by EMS.

LaPlaca was then given a Probable Cause Statement form and explained how to fill it out. She wrote a brief description about what had transpired but stopped, stating "I would try to write more, but I can't. Like I'm not in a place where I can". LaPlaca then asked if she could go to her house and lay down.



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Upon reading her PC Statement, I noticed that LaPlaca had written that she was [REDACTED] I inquired about that and had her explain more about what had occurred. LaPlaca gave a similar sequence of events as earlier [REDACTED]

I then asked LaPlaca to clarify about [REDACTED]

She then [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She then explained that she then called Chief Nippins to report the incident.

LaPlaca denied [REDACTED] She also had mentioned that a similar incident had occurred previously in 2023. Due to the new information being provided by LaPlaca [REDACTED] EMS was still on scene and was advised of the new information pertaining [REDACTED] and again asked LaPlaca if she would like to go to the hospital to be evaluated, which she refused.

LaPlaca was becoming more agitated and saying that she just wanted to go home and sleep. Ptl. Rodriguez and I then evaluated [REDACTED]

LaPlaca then again stated that she wanted to go home but also stated that she wants Carty gone and wants to sign complaints and apply for a restraining order.

At approximately 0938 hours, Ptl. Rodriguez and I responded to LaPlaca's residence where she then spoke with the Honorable Judge Lange and explained the events that had transpired earlier in the day.

Refer to Sgt. Cellasio, #1306, and Ptl. Rodriguez, #1321's, case report for further.

BWC

Clear Arrest/ Court

Ptl. Thomas Zyhajlo #1326