



NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Officer Report for Incident 23NT17836

Nature: HARASSMENT

Address: 1515 WASHINGTON AVE;
SIMPLY SELF STORAGE
NEPTUNE TWP NJ 07753

Location: P342

Offense Codes: HARR, BIAS

Received By: Belardo, K

How Received: T

Agency: P34

Responding Officers: Niskoch, Ch, Jones, Bry

Responsible Officer: Jones, Bry

Disposition: ACT 08/16/23

When Reported: 10:57:38 08/16/23

Occurred Between: 10:57:38 08/16/23 and 10:58:59 08/16/23

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City:

Offense Codes

Reported:

Observed: BIAS Bias Incident

Additional Offense: HARR Harassment

Additional Offense: BIAS Bias Incident

Circumstances

LT13 Highway, Road, Alley

BM12 Bias, Anti-Black

Responding Officers:

Niskoch, Ch

Jones, Bry

Unit :

P34156

P34213

Responsible Officer: Jones, Bry

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Judicial Status:

Agency: P34

Last Radio Log: 12:17:01 08/16/23 C

Clearance: RR Report Required

Disposition: ACT Date: 08/16/23

Occurred between: 10:57:38 08/16/23

Misc Entry:	and: 10:58:59 08/16/23	
Statute:	Description :	Method :

Involvements

Date	Type	Description
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Narrative

I responded to the area of the above location for a road rage incident. Upon arrival, dispatch advised that the caller was still following the accused. I advised dispatch to tell the caller to stop following the accused to avoid any further altercations. Dispatch advised the caller was now at Shore Lanes Bowling Alley.

Upon arrival at Shore Lanes, I spoke with the victim / caller Tassie York. York indicated that she was driving west on Washington Avenue near Simply Self Storage. While doing so a white male in a black Ford F150 bearing NJ [REDACTED] failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Grant Ave and Washington Ave. This caused York to have to swerve her vehicle into the parking lot of Simply Self Storage to avoid hitting him. York also advised that the Coca Cola she had purchased from McDonalds spilled all over her car.

York advised that the accused vehicle drove into the self storage lot and the driver observed her get out of her car. The accused driver then turned around and drove towards York almost hitting her and causing her to have to push herself off of his vehicle to avoid being hit. She then told him that she was going to call the Police. After York stated she was going to call the Police, the driver gave her the middle finger and yelled "Fuck you, nigger."

At this time, York began following the accused vehicle. She advised that she continued to follow the vehicle because she wasn't sure if the Police were going to be able to identify the driver based off of the license plate she provided.

It should be noted, the aforementioned NJ Temporary Registration was not read by the Automated License Plate Reader at the fixed ALPR site on SR 35 just south of the SR 35 / SR 66 circle. The last ALPR was read on 08/15/2023 at 1045 hours on SR 71.

I contacted our dispatch and advised them to contact the Jersey City Police Department in an attempt to make contact with the registered owner, Kristen Pappas. Pappas resides at 1 Independence Way; #412, Jersey City, NJ 07305. Dispatch advised a Jersey City PD Officer was responding and was going to attempt to get an identity for the driver as well as contact information. As of the completion of this report, I have yet to hear back from Jersey City PD.

I later located a second vehicle NJ Reg/B48NAC, registered to Pappas. A search through the Spillman database led to a ticket to a white male subject identified as Michael Hefferon. A picture of Hefferon was shown to York. York positively identified Hefferon as the driver of the black Ford F150.

York was given a copy of the case number and advised how to obtain a copy of the report. She was also advised the process of how to endorse a complaint.

I responded to Simply Self Storage in an attempt to review camera footage of the incident. Upon arrival, the office appeared as if it was closed for the day. A follow-up will be conducted to review any surveillance footage and to find out if Hefferon does have a storage unit in the facility.

I located additional surveillance cameras on the outside of the Lube N Wash Time Inc car wash located at 1517 Corlies Avenue. I was able to review the surveillance video and determined that it did in fact capture the incident. It appeared that the accused truck did run through the stop sign and caused York to slam on her brakes. The truck then proceeded into the storage facility. York pulled her car into the parking lot behind the black Ford F150. York exited her

vehicle and approached the driver side of the accused vehicle from a distance. She then returned to her vehicle after the truck entered into the storage facility.

York began walking back and fourth between the driver side and passenger side of her vehicle. It appeared as if she was cleaning something on the interior of her car after something had spilled, which she explained prior to reviewing the video. York than closed her passenger side door and waited on the driver side of her vehicle.

The accused truck approached the exit. Once the truck exited the storage facility into the parking lot, York began to walk around the rear of her vehicle from the driver's side at a fast pace. York than ran out in front of the accused truck as he was trying to leave forcing him to stop. York then approached the passenger side and appeared to have verbal contact with the driver. The vehicle left east bound on Washington Avenue. York then proceeded to her vehicle and followed him to the area of Shore Lanes where I spoke with her. She also indicated the Ford truck began travelling back down SR 35 south prior to my arrival.

A copy of the video was received, reviewed in detail and entered into the NTPD ID Bureau as evidence.

An NJSP Bias Incident Form was completed and turned into the Shift Commander's Office.

The investigation is on going at this time.

Prior to the completion of this report I made contact with Hefferon on the land line phone at police headquarters. He advised that he was involved in an incident at the storage facility. Hefferon advised he was attempting to cross over Washington Avenue into the storage facility. Upon doing so, he did not see York due to vehicles blocking his view. He advised, he and York both stopped and there was no accident. He went into the parking lot and stated that York followed him into the parking lot and began screaming at him.

Hefferon advised that York yelled "You almost killed me!" Hefferon also stated she was continuing to yell at him. When he exited the storage facility, he stated that York jumped in front of his vehicle and began banging on the hood of his car. She then went to the passenger side of his vehicle and banged on his window. Hefferon indicated that he never rolled his window down and never said a single word to York due to him being scared. Hefferon left the area and was followed by York.

Hefferon stated that he was being tailgated. He also indicated that anytime there was a two lane roadway, York pulled up on the side of him and began yelling at him out the window. Hefferon advised he drove towards the Asbury Circle and York was still following him. She followed him around the Asbury Circle twice and than she pulled into the Shore Lanes Parking lot. Hefferon continued down SR 35 to head towards the parkway to go home to his residence.

Based on my investigation, the bias incident could not be confirmed nor denied as there was no audio recording of the incident. Based on my review of the surveillance video from Wash N' Lube it also appears that there was no intention by Heferron to strike York with his vehicle, as York was observed running in front of his moving vehicle. Hefferon stopped his vehicle before he would have struck York and only continued on his way after York was clear from the front of his vehicle.

BWC.