



Township of Hamilton Police

Incident Report

Incident:

4-HARASSMENT - Alarming Conduct

Incident Report Number:

22-023971

Between: Date - Time

And/At: Date-Time

6/1/22

13:59

Incident Location:

5914 Main St,103, Mays Landing, NJ, 08330

Offense - 1:

2C:33-4C

Offense - 2:

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Offense - 8:

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Name (Last, First, Middle)

Samaritano, Jason C

DOB:

Race/Sex

Address: (Address, City, State, Zip)

Toms River, NJ, 08757

Phone 1

(609) 709-0714

Employer

Phone 2

Employer Address

Work Phone #

Name (Last, First, Middle)

DOB:

Race/Sex

Address: (Address, City, State, Zip)

Phone 1

Employer

Phone 2

Employer Address

Work Phone #

SUMMARY

Report of unwanted person at Public Defender's Office. Complaint signed by unwanted person for harassment.

Vehicle Information: (Year, Make, Model, Style, Color)

License Number:

State:

Expiration Year:

Vin:

Insurance Company:

Other Vehicle Information:

NCIC#

Reporting Officer(s):

Atkinson, Christopher

Payroll Number :

134

Report Date:

06/02/2022

Time Received:

13:59:32

Time Cleared:

16:17:49

Unit(s) Assigned:

A1, A11

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Reviewed by:

Perna, Mark A.

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NAMES

Involved Person

Samaritano, Jason C [REDACTED] Toms River, NJ, 08757

DOB: [REDACTED]

HT: [REDACTED] WT: [REDACTED]

Eyes: [REDACTED]

Phone 1: [REDACTED]

Accused

Sherwood, Scott [REDACTED] Mays Landing, NJ, 08330

DOB: [REDACTED]

Phone 1: [REDACTED]

Caller

Sherwood, Scott [REDACTED] Mays Landing, NJ, 08330

DOB: [REDACTED]

Phone 1: [REDACTED]

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Body Worn Camera Used

NARRATIVE

On Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at approximately 13:59 hours, Patrol was dispatched to the county Public Defender's Office, located at [REDACTED], for a report of an unwanted person.

The caller advised the subject was acting belligerent and refusing to leave.

Upon arrival, I made my way up to the office and was advised by the employees that the subject had already left. They told me that the caller, identified as Deputy Public Defender Scott Sherwood, was also outside. I went back down in an attempt to speak to both of them.

An employee came with me in the elevator and, once we were on the ground floor, exclaimed the unwanted subject was walking outside towards the front of the building.

I exited and approached Sherwood on the side of the building and advised that I would speak with him in a moment after I made contact with the unwanted subject. I made my way to the front of the building and Ofc. Pahang was already speaking with the subject, identified as Jason Samaritano. Samaritano appeared agitated and upset.

Samaritano went on to explain he has been having disagreements with his attorney regarding his impending cases and has "fired" her multiple times; he wished to represent himself pro se and was requesting paperwork from the office such as copies of the discovery files and associated charges.

Today, Samaritano arrived at the office and was told by Sherwood and other employees that his attorney was not in the office so they could not give him what he was looking for. Samaritano explained to me he has had many interactions up to this point with Sherwood both in person and on the phone. He advised Sherwood is always condescending and unprofessional towards him whenever they speak. Samaritano said Sherwood told him to shut up at one point during their interaction today.

Next, I spoke to Sherwood. Sherwood advised Samaritano has been coming to the office regularly, demanding he be given the paperwork from his cases. He also feels intimidated by Samaritano because he will curse and yell when he does not get what he wants. Sherwood explained he went

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outside after Samaritano to tell him he would be willing to look for the paperwork Samaritano was requesting, but could not get a word in edgewise due to Samaritano constantly talking over him.

I then went back over to Samaritano and told him that Sherwood was willing to go into the attorney's office and look for the paperwork he was requesting in an attempt to deescalate the situation. Samaritano indicated he has had it with Sherwood's behavior and wanted to sign a complaint against him for harassment.

At this point, Samaritano went on a complete tangent about how the entire state Public Defender's Office is corrupt, along with attorneys and judges, and that there is currently an open investigation on the entire office. He stated that he has previously had members of the New Jersey State Police Anti-Corruption Unit come to his residence to discuss the corruption. Samaritano also explained he has made a report to the FBI and that the Department of Homeland Security is going to be getting involved as well.

I then told him I would meet with Sherwood and obtain the files he wanted and we would move forward from there.

I met Sherwood inside the building and was handed numerous files pertaining to Samaritano's cases. Sherwood advised he no longer wants Samaritano to come to his office. I advised I would relay the message and thanked Sherwood for his assistance and went back outside.

I gave Samaritano the files and he was still very adamant about signing a citizen complaint so Ofc. Pahang and I explained the process and advised it would be beneficial if Samaritano reported to Police Headquarters. Samaritano stated he would respond soon. Prior to my departure, I advised Samaritano that he was no longer permitted at the Public Defender's Office, to which he responded that he would not be going back.

A short while later, Samaritano arrived and completed a Certification in Support of Probable Cause. Complaint 0180 S 2022 002473 was generated and signed in all appropriate spots by Samaritano.

Complaint forwarded to court for service.

See Body Worn Camera (BWC) for full detail.

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Nelson, Nicole

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Records requested:

1.) Police report for June 1, 2022 incident involving Deputy Defender Scott Sherwood.

Yours faithfully,

Erin

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