



Ocean County Sheriff's Office

Incident #: 24S020494

Reporting Officer: Bourke, John

Report Time: 09/21/2024 11:39:24

Incident

Incident Nature
DISTURBANCE

Address
77 RIVER AVE; ISLAND
HEIGHTS PAVILLION
ISLAND HEIGHTS, New
Jersey 08732

Occurred From
09/21/2024 11:39:24

Occurred To
09/21/2024 11:40:05

Received By
Jordan, Cody L

How Received
911 Line

Contact
VERIZON

Disposition
Closed Case

Miscellaneous Entry

Disposition Date
09/21/2024

Cleared

Judicial Status

Cleared Date

Clearance
Report Required

Cargo Theft Related

Responding Officer(s)
Muscarella, Peter A.

Bourke, John

Laudicina, Ralph

Deane, Austin

Case Numbers
24IH04824

Circumstances
Code

Comment

Agency Assist Related
Incident

Juveniles

Custody Dispute

Civil Matter

Persons

MATARAZZO, RENEE E
Involved Person

Address

[REDACTED]
LANOKA HARBOR New
Jersey 08734-2129

Phone

[REDACTED]

DOB

[REDACTED]

Race

N-White, Non-Hisp

Sex

Female

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic

Height

5'07"

Weight

0

DIPAULO, RICHARD T JR
Involved Person

Address

[REDACTED]
TOMS RIVER New
Jersey 08753

Phone

[REDACTED]

DOB

[REDACTED]

Race

N-White, Non-Hisp

Sex

Male

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic

Height

5'10"

Weight

0

MATARAZZO, PHILIP J
Involved Person

Address

[REDACTED]
LANOKA HRBR New
Jersey 08734-2129

Phone

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DOB

[REDACTED]

Race

N-White, Non-Hisp

Sex

Male

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic

Height

5'10"

Weight

0

DIPAULO, LISA M
Involved Person

Address

[REDACTED]
NUTLEY New Jersey 07110-
3003

Phone

[REDACTED]

DOB

[REDACTED]

Race

[REDACTED]

Sex

Female

Ethnicity

[REDACTED]

Height

5'06"

Weight

0

DIPAOLLO, RICHARD T

Involved Person

Address	Phone	DOB
██████████ NUTLEY New Jersey 07110-3003		██████████
Race	Sex	Ethnicity
	Male	
Height	Weight	
5'09"	0	

MATARAZZO, STEVEN V

Involved Person

Address	Phone	DOB
██████████ LANOKA HARBOR New Jersey 08734-2129		██████████
Race	Sex	Ethnicity
	Male	
Height	Weight	
6'04"	0	

Narratives

Original Narrative

09/25/2024 07:32:44

On Saturday, September 21, 2024 at approximately 1140 hours, I Sergeant Bourke, was contacted by Ocean County Communications for Island Height requesting additional officers for a report of an active fight and custody dispute (Island Heights Incident #24IH04824) at the Island Height boardwalk pavilion. Myself, and Officers Laudicina, Kirton, Grimes and Deane responded. Upon arrival, we were met by Island Heights Officer Muscarella who was actively investigating the dispute. No active physical altercation was observed upon our arrival.

It was stated that there was a mutually agreed upon public meet-up between both parties, a total of 8 adults and 1 juvenile 2 month old infant, for a supervised visitation as per an active DCP&P order. On location at the time of my arrival was Philip Matarazzo (Childs Grandfather), Steven Matarazzo (Childs Uncle), Richard Dipaolo Jr (Childs Father), Richard Diapolo (Childs Grandfather) and Lisa Dipaolo (Childs Grandmother). An approximately 50 additional members of the general public were also present going about their daily lives. Steven Matarazzo is a DCP&P approved supervisor for the child (██████████) and arrived at approximately 1135 hours for a visit with the father, Richard Dipaolo Jr. I was provided with an order confirming his supervisory role on Steven's cell phone.

Once I arrived, I assisted in separating both parties from one another. Island Heights was dealing with the fathers family and I was with the child's mothers family. It should be noted that the child's mother, later identified as Renee Matarazzo, was not present during this visit. It was stated by Steven that she stayed home so as not to cause and argument. Unfortunately, this did not occur. It was also stated that there was an active civil order by the Ocean County Family Court of a no-contact order between Richard Dipaolo Jr and Renee Matarazzo.

While on scene, Steven made mention to me that his father, Philip and Lisa Dipaolo, were in a heated verbal argument. Lisa later made statements that Philip has physically pushed her and assaulted her. Upon observing Lisa, no signs of a physical altercation were observed. Lisa stated that Philip had pushed her on stairs leading to the second level of the pavilion. I observed a County Camera trailer on River Avenue and requested County Communications to review the footage to see if it captured the alleged altercation. County responded that they were able to see the incident in question and no physical altercation was observed.

Shortly thereafter, Richard Jr stated that he observed a "bruise" on the bridge of the child's nose. He requested that I look because he was making accusations of abuse. Upon looking at the child's face, I observed what I believed to be a blood vessel, blue in color. The child was sleeping in the father's arm at that time and appeared to be in good health. I explained to Richard Jr what I had observed and he stated that was not there the last time he saw the child. As Richard Jr was the only biological parent on location, I asked if he wished to have BLS look at the child to which he stated "yes".

Island Height BLS arrived and after their examination, they stated the child should be seen by the hospital. I asked the father where he would like the child to be transported to and he stated Community Medical Center. Myself and Officer Muscarella escorted the rig to Community Medical Center as the father rode inside with the child. All other family members followed in their respective vehicles.

Once at the hospital, we relayed to CMC Security of the situation at hand. They were able to assist with keeping the parties separated. The mother's family were left in the family room and the father's family were left in the emergency waiting area. Once all parties were separated and the situation was again calm, we explained to Richard Jr that since the mother was the primary caregiver of the child, he would be escorted to the waiting room as his court appointed visitation time had long expired and the child would be left in the custody of the mother. We were able to facilitate the exchange without incident.

Once in the waiting room with Richard Jr and his parents, Richard Jr and Lisa made mention of wanting a temporary restraining order from Philip Matarazzo. Upon further speaking with Lisa, her main concern was the safety of the child with Philip. After more conversation, she recanted her request for a TRO as she was not fearful of Philip herself and only that of the child. We reaffirmed that DCP&P would be looking into the active case that was currently open as well. After further conversation with Richard Jr, he stated that he would like to speak with his attorney prior to requesting any TRO. Both parties were explicitly explained their right to file a TRO and both refused at this time. They were further explained how to do so in the future should they change their minds.

Once the situation was calm, both parties were explained that since the child was in the care of hospital staff, safe and secure and that since no active TRO's were in effect against all parties present and that they were separated, we would be leaving the hospital. Myself and Officer Muscarella cleared from CMC without further incident.

Supplemental Narrative

09/21/2024 14:42:49 Bianco, Justin

CAD Call info/comments

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11:40:27 09/21/24 - Bruce, P

UNK AMOUNT OF PEOPLE FIGHTING AT THE TOP OF THE GAZEBO, VERY LOUD UNK IF MADE CONTACT YET

11:40:42 09/21/24 - Jordan, C
 PHYSICAL MALE / FEMALE AT THE PAVILLION
 11:41:00 09/21/24 - Bruce, P
 *** Merged a duplicate CAD Incident during entry ***
 Incident Location: ISLAND
 HEIGHTS GAZEBO, ISLAND HEIGHTS
 Caller Phone: [REDACTED]
 Caller Name: FRANK
 MONGIELLO
 Nature: DISTURBANCE
 11:41:51 09/21/24 - Milani, Michael
 per 2nd caller female and male screaming at each other
 12:05:19 09/21/24 - Bianco, J
 all five subjs negative all around
 12:15:54 09/21/24 - Bianco, J - From: Muscarella, P.
 EDITED rig for 2 month old to be checked
 12:22:22 09/21/24 - Bianco, K
 SH-TRL-341-CAM1 CONFRONTATION BEGANS AT 1138 HOURS-
 12:38:58 09/21/24 - Bianco, K
 ALL PARTIES INVOLVED ARE NEG DV
 12:44:34 09/21/24 - Bianco, J - From: Muscarella, P.
 RIG TAKING 2 MONTH OLD TO CMC, WILL BE FOLLOWING

 12:53:35 09/21/24 - Bianco, K - From: Bourke J
 330 AND 166 GIVING AMBULANCE 217 AN ESCORT TO CMC

 13:04:43 09/21/24 - Bianco, K - From: Bourke J
 10-9 CMC W/ E217

 13:12:37 09/21/24 - Bianco, J - From: Bourke J
 ER ROOM 3

 13:15:40 09/21/24 - Bianco, J - From: Bourke J
 room 2

 14:05:20 09/21/24 - Bianco, K
 EDITED CASE NUMBER 24IH04824
 14:12:59 09/21/24 - Bourke J
 OCSO Case Number 24S020494
 14:14:58 09/21/24 - Zaremba, A - From: Muscarella, P.
 CONNECT DCP&P INTO HQ

 14:15:57 09/21/24 - Zaremba, A
 dyfs north office is closed - message states to call the south office number
 14:16:09 09/21/24 - Zaremba, A
 on hold with dfys hotline
 14:17:35 09/21/24 - Zaremba, A
 dyfs op id 1358
 14:18:08 09/21/24 - Zaremba, A
 connected dfys with 10330
 14:41:25 09/21/24 - Muscarella, P.
 732-908-5900 Ocean South office DCP&P for follow up later in week