

Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

COMPLAINT NUMBER

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THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VS.

TRISTAN E OWENS

ADDRESS:

38 MAKEMONEY AVENUE

HASKELL

NJ 07420-0000

WANAQUE BORO MUNICIPAL COURT

579 RINGWOOD AVE

WANAQUE

NJ 07465-0000

973-839-3000

COUNTY OF: PASSAIC

of CHARGES

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CO-DEFTS

POLICE CASE #:

20-15345

COMPLAINANT
NAME:

SGT E

SCHROEDER

579 RINGWOOD AVENUE

ATTN WARRANTS

WANAQUE

NJ 07465

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: M EYE COLOR: BLUE

DOB: 11/11/1997

DRIVER'S LIC. #:

DL STATE: NJ

SOCIAL SECURITY #: XXX-XX-XXXX

SBI#:

TELEPHONE #:

(C)

LIVSCAN PCN #: 161301001716

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:
*Dash Camera/MVR/DIVR

-The defendant made statements/admissions.
•It was recorded using:
*Dash Camera/MVR/DIVR

-The victim was injured and:
•Victim transported to medical facility

-A weapon was involved in the incident:
•Rifle

-Physical evidence was seized/recovered:
•Weapon(s)
•Other Type(s) of physical evidence Projectile was recovered

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: SGT E SCHROEDER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 07/20/2020

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Affidavit of Probable Cause

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

Observations of responding officers, reports documenting the incident, admissions made by defendant while at scene, and statements made by plaintiff.

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

Victim was a canine and was transported to an animal hospital and was found to have sustained substantial facial injuries due to a gun shot wound.

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COMPLAINANT **SGT E SCHROEDER**
 NAME: **579 RINGWOOD AVENUE**
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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:

On 7/18/2020 Wanaque police patrol were called to the area of 47 DuPont Rd on a report of a dog having been injured by fireworks. Upon patrols arrival it was found that a large pit bull (Rellilk) had sustained facial injuries as a result of the incident. It was found that the animal had been on the left side of the sloped property when a noise described as a firework was heard by the dog's owner (Brian Coombs). The dog was then observed by Coombs to have emerged from the wooded area bleeding from the nose breathing oddly. Coombs indicated that he believed that it was his neighbor who had set off the firework and explained that he had been doing this for the past week. At this point he advised patrol that he wished to sign complaints and took the animal to the vet for treatment. As patrol was at the scene a call was received via dispatch instructing them to respond to 38 Makemoney Ave. to speak with the resident.

Officer Higgins responded to the Makemoney residence at that point and the events following are what were written in her investigation report:

It should be noted, while Ptl. Heffernan and Ptl. Rodriguez were on scene at 47 Dupont Avenue, this writer was advised via radio to respond to 38 Makemoney Avenue to speak with the resident there. I responded to the area and observed Tristan Owens, known to patrol, standing in his driveway visibly shaken. I asked Tristan what occurred, to which he stated he believed a coyote came out of the woods and attempted attack his ducks. Tristan stated he initially threw a rock towards what he believed to be a coyote. Tristan stated although it was dark, he could only see the eyes of the animal. Tristan stated the rocks did not discourage the animal from leaving the area. Tristan stated the animal began to charge in his direction, only having the shine of it's eyes visible in the dark. Tristan stated he was afraid of being attacked, therefore he shot a .22 caliber firearm in the direction of the attacking animal. Tristan stated the animal left his yard and returned up the hill. Tristan stated at no time did he know this animal to be a dog. Tristan explained there have been issues recently where his ducks have been killed by predators, specifically by suspected fox and coyotes. Tristan stated he was fearful for his own animals, in addition to himself. Tristan was visibly distraught when he was advised the animal was his neighbor's dog.

See supplemental Affidavit of Probable Cause for further statement

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