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Incident Administrative Information

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Reporting Officer	Supervisor			

Persons List - Incident

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Contact Information

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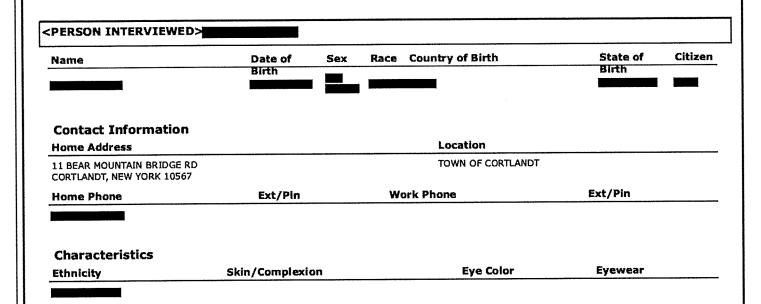
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When Reported: 14:47:31 09/15/2023

Address:

Bowdoin, ME 04287

Area:

Bowdoin

Agency:

Sagadahoc County Sheriff Dept

Officer:

Aaron Skolfield

Contact:

Disposition:

Closed Case, 10/01/2023

Complainant

Name:

Maine National Guard

Address:

179 Western Ave

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

(207)430-5708

Birth Date:

Incident #: 23-015694

Thumbnail Photo Not Available

Other Information:

Reported Offense:

Welfare Check

Observed Offense:

Welfare Check

Responding Officers:

Occurred Between:

14:47:15 09/15/2023 - 14:47:15 09/15/2023

Received By:

How Received:

LAW Bus Line

CAD Call ID:

0586965

Clearance Code:

Cleared by Responding Officer

Judicial Status: Case Numbers:

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A letter from the Guard is cut and pasted below:

Good afternoon,

in reference to I received the attached text this morning form Sergeant First Class Robert Card . Card is one of my senior firearms instructors in Bravo Company 3/304 in Saco. Card has been hearing voices calling him a pedophile, saying he has a small dick, and other insults. This hearing voices started in the spring and has only gotten worse. On July 15 2023 while at West Point Card was hanging out with several other soldiers at the hotel they were staying at. They had gone to a convenience store to get some beer. In the parking lot Card accused three of them of calling him a pedophile and said he would take care of it. One of the soldiers who has been friends with Card for a long time was there. Card got in his face, shoved him, and told him to stop calling him a pedophile. They got their beer, calmed Card down a little, and made their way back to the hotel. Several times on the ride back Card said he would take care of it. When pressed about what he meant by that Card didn't respond.

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Supplements:

Involvements: 3

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Г	Name	09/15/2023	Maine National Guard	Complainant	
	CAD Call	09/15/2023	14:47 09/15/23 Welfare Check	Initiating Call	

Agency Contact Details: 🗉

Contact Name | Contact Type | Email | Phone

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InSight™ Law: Non Emergency Help to Public

When Reported: Address: Area: Agency: Officer: Contact: Disposition:	10:37:34 05/03/2023 Topsham Sagadahoc County Sheriff Dept Chad Carleton Closed Case, 05/03/2023	Complainant Name: Address: Race: Sex: Phone: Birth Date:	Sagadahoc SO 752 HIGH ST (207)443-8529	Incident #: 23-006566 Thumbnail Photo Not Available
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of getting Robert some help. I agreed to reach out to Robert's commanding
officer in hopes of getting them involved.

I researched the Army Reserve Center in Saco and ultimately got in touch with an Administrator Getchell for the Third Battalion 304 Training Group.

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Contact:

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Name:

Maine National Guard

Address:

179 Western Ave

(207)430-5708

Race:

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Phone:

Birth Date:

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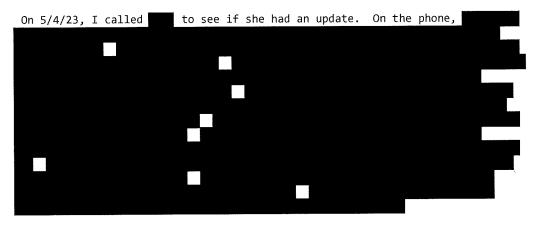
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PREFACE

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administration of justice in the federal forum. And he is an *alumnus* of a three-year term in the Edward Thaxter Gignoux Inn of Court, an organization of judges, law professors, lawyers and law students who meet regularly to discuss legal trends and best practices in Maine's state and federal courts.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report of an independent, third-party review of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office's responses to concerns about Robert Card's mental health in May and September 2023, noting that Mr. Card became a suspect in the murders of 18 individuals and the wounding of many other persons during mass shootings that happened at two locations in Lewiston on October 25, 2023. To promote objectivity and achievement of an evidence-based conclusion, the reviewer used a lens that was focused on the circumstances as they were known to personnel of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office ("SCSO") at the time that relevant events were occurring, without using the benefit of hindsight.

SCSO Deputy Chad Carleton and SCSO Sergeant Aaron Skolfield were primarily responsible for the SCSO's responses to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health over the course of two days in May and three days September 2023, respectively. This independent, third-party review produced the following conclusions with respect to their responses:

<u>May 2023 response</u>. It was not feasible under the totality of the circumstances for Deputy Carleton to facilitate a voluntary psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Card's mental health status, but Deputy Carleton acted diligently to obtain assurances from third parties (i.e., family members and Army Reserve personnel) that Mr. Card would be guided toward a psychiatric evaluation and treatment.

The factual findings establish that after a diligent effort to assess the circumstances surrounding the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health status, Deputy Carleton reasonably concluded that he did not have the discretion to take Mr. Card into protective custody due to insufficient grounds for a conclusion that Mr. Card posed an imminent risk of self-harm or harm to others, which foreclosed his discretion to initiate the process for confiscation of Mr. Card's firearms.

However, to promote public safety and Mr. Card's safety, Deputy Carleton requested that involved third parties notify the Sheriff's Office of any future concerns about Mr. Card, including concerns that Mr. Card would pose a risk of harm to himself or to others. Until September 15, 2023, no such concerns were communicated to the Sheriff's Office.

<u>September 2023 response</u>. The factual findings establish that it was not feasible under the circumstances for Sergeant Skolfield to facilitate a voluntary psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Card's mental health status, but he acted diligently when encouraging Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, to do so and when offering the assistance of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office in that regard.

The factual findings also establish that Sergeant Skolfield did not have sufficient grounds to take Mr. Card into protective custody, which also

foreclosed his discretion to initiate the process for confiscation of Mr. Card's firearms.

After Sergeant Skolfield completed his response to the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health on September 17, 2023, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office did not have any contact with Mr. Card. Similarly, no member of the Card family and no member of the Army Reserve contacted the Sheriff's Office after September 17, 2023, to report new concerns about Mr. Card's mental health, which would have prompted an additional response from the Sheriff's Office.

Third-party involvement of a mental health professional, along with family and Army Reserve oversight of Mr. Card's mental health status, was a viable strategy from a law enforcement agency perspective because a mental health professional would simultaneously treat Mr. Card's mental health condition and serve as a community caretaker. Under Maine law, for example, mental health care professionals have a duty to warn of or to take reasonable precautions to provide protection from violent behavior by an individual under their care who is likely to engage in physical violence that poses a serious risk of harm to self or others, and may discharge that duty by communicating the threat to a potential victim, notifying a law enforcement agency, or seeking involuntary hospitalization of the individual who poses the threat.

After an objective analysis, the reviewer concluded that the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office's responses to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health in May and September 2023 was reasonable under the totality of the circumstances. Moreover, the factual findings indicate that Sergeant Skolfield and Deputy Carleton each diligently explored the nature and extent of the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health and that it was reasonable for them to conclude under the totality of the circumstances both that Mr. Card did not then pose an imminent risk of self-harm or harm to others, that there were insufficient grounds to take Mr. Card into protective custody or to take other actions, and that deferring the monitoring of Mr. Card's wellbeing, including guidance toward a mental health evaluation and treatment, to third parties while emphasizing the availability of Sheriff's Office resources if they should be needed thereafter, was objectively reasonable.

In his final conclusion, the reviewer made recommendations for the enhancement of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office capacity for responding to mental health-related situations, including continuing (and enhancing) its emphasis on mental health-related training (including regarding statutory options available to law enforcement officers), full implementation of the newly established mental health liaison program, and exploring the potential for a multijurisdictional and multidisciplinary mental health response team to overcome resource limitations and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of response to mental health-related situations.

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The report begins with factual findings establishing the totality of the circumstances surrounding the Sheriff's Office responses to notifications in May and September 2023 about concerns regarding Mr. Card's mental health, followed by a discussion of the Sheriff's Office's role in responding to mental health-related situations (including the context in which such responses are made), a description of the statutory tools available to the Sheriff's Office when responding to mental health-related situations, and then an analysis of the Sheriff's Office response to and disposition of those concerns. The reviewer's final conclusions are reflected at the end of the report.

FACTUAL FINDINGS

The reviewer consulted various reports and other documentation, and conducted interviews, to establish the totality of circumstances surrounding the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office's responses to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health, which produced the factual findings described below.

May 2023

1. May 3, 2023 (10:30:24 AM)

At 10:32 AM, Gabrielle Mathieu, a Topsham Police officer serving as the school resource officer at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham, telephoned the Sagadahoc County Communications Center and requested that a deputy from the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office respond to the High School regarding an individual from Bowdoin who had mental health issues.

The dispatcher connected Officer Mathieu with Deputy Chad Carleton using the Center's telephone conference system. During his telephone conference with Officer Mathieu, Deputy Carleton learned that student Colby Card (who was nearly 18 years old at the time and a senior at Mr. Ararat High School) and Colby's mother (and Mr. Card's ex-wife), Cara Card, were in her office and wanted to discuss some concerns they had about Robert Card (Jr.), Colby's father and a resident of Bowdoin (a geographic area within the jurisdiction of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office).

2. May 3, 2023 (10:37:14 AM)

At 10:37 AM, Deputy Carleton notified the Communications Center by radio that he would be responding to the High School for a meeting with Officer Mathieu. In addition, he asked the dispatcher to create a call for service in the County computer system, categorizing it as a "citizen assist" matter.

At the High School, Deputy Carleton met with Colby and Cara Card in Officer Mathieu's office. During the meeting, Deputy Carleton assessed the situation, undertook some follow-up steps with other family members and a representative of Mr. Card's Army Reserve unit, determined that there was no specific or imminent threat to any individual or to Mr. Card himself, and, based on the assessment and assurances from family members and the Army Reserve unit representative, determined that Mr. Card was not at imminent risk of suicide and that there was no specific indication of a risk of imminent harm to specific individuals or the community, determined that family members and Army Reserve unit representatives intended to assist Mr. Card in resolving the mental health concerns, and deferred to the family and Army Reserve plans for intervention, treatment, and firearms-related actions in lieu of law enforcement action.

Despite the absence of a risk of suicide or imminent harm to specific individuals or the community, Deputy Carleton flagged Mr. Card in the police computer system as potentially armed and dangerous for officer safety purposes. Deputy Carleton also indicated in his report that a family member informed him (Deputy Carleton) that the

presence of a law enforcement officer when a family member speaks to Mr. Card about mental health concerns may escalate the discussion into a confrontation.

Deputy Carleton's investigative response to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health concerns and related factual context are paraphrased below:

Conference with Colby and Cara Card

- Colby Card, Mr. Card's son, informed Deputy Carleton that Mr. Card's health status was questionable. According to Colby, he noticed that at some point in approximately January 2023 Mr. Card began claiming that people they would encounter in public were "talking about him (Mr. Card)." When Mr. Card made those claims, Colby noticed that nobody would be close to them and individuals who were at a distance were not speaking in his (Mr. Card's) direction. Colby concluded that Mr. Card was likely "hearing voices" or becoming paranoid. Mr. Card, Colby told Deputy Carleton, claimed that people were making derogatory statements about him (Mr. Card), including calling him (Mr. Card) a pedophile.
- Two to three weeks before Colby's meeting with Deputy Carleton, Colby said, he (Colby) was visiting Mr. Card at his home and Mr. Card angrily accused Colby of saying things about him (Mr. Card) "behind his back." According to Colby, that incident was the "latest" example of Mr. Card being angry and acting paranoid.
- During the meeting with Colby and Ms. Card, Deputy Carleton learned that Mr. Card was a current Army Reservist assigned to a training unit in Saco, and that he had previously instructed soldiers on how to use hand grenades. In his civilian life, they told Deputy Carleton, he recently began working as a truck driver for Maine Recycling, a company located in Lisbon. Deputy Carleton also learned that Mr. Card was living at 1007 West Road in Bowdoin.
- Ms. Card told Deputy Carleton that she was worried about Colby because he spends time with Mr. Card and due to what appears to be Mr. Card's deteriorating mental health.
- According to Ms. Card, Mr. Card had recently picked up 10 to 15 handguns and rifles from the home of his brother, Ryan Card. According to Colby, Mr. Card "locked up" most of the firearms in his (Mr. Card's) bedroom but added that Mr. Card may have a firearm in his truck. When questioned by Deputy Carleton about whether Mr. Card's possession of the firearms posed an imminent risk to anyone, Colby replied that Mr. Card had not done anything threatening with the firearms, adding that he was concerned that his father had firearms.

- According to Ms. Card and Colby, other Card family members were aware of Mr. Card's mental health issues, but efforts to help Mr. Card had been in vain because Mr. Card was "in denial."
- Ms. Card and Colby told Deputy Carleton that they did not want Mr. Card to learn that they had brought their concerns about Mr. Card's mental health to the attention of law enforcement authorities, fearing that it would "aggravate" the situation. Moving forward, they told Deputy Carleton, they planned to attempt to avoid contact with Mr. Card.

During his interview, Deputy Carleton explained that he would ordinarily contact a person with suspect mental health issues directly, but Ms. Card and Colby adamantly opposed any direct contact between him (Deputy Carleton) and Mr. Card. Later, Ryan Card took the same position, meaning that he adamantly opposed Deputy Carleton's direct involvement with Mr. Card, fearing that it would escalate Mr. Card.

 Deputy Carleton, Ms. Card, and Colby discussed different ways in which Mr. Card could be approached about his mental health issues, keeping in mind that Ms. Card and Colby wanted to remain anonymous, and recognizing that Mr. Card had been historically resistant to admitting that he had any mental health problems.

In the end, there was a consensus that Deputy Carleton should bring Mr. Card's mental health issues to the attention of the commanding officer at his (Mr. Card's) Army Reserve Unit with the idea that the Army would be able to get him (Mr. Card) some help (i.e., a diagnosis and treatment through the military health care system).

In a similar vein, Ms. Card agreed to contact Mr. Card's sister-in-law, who she described as a nurse and a trusted friend, for help with the situation.

 At the conclusion of the meeting, Deputy Carleton gave Ms. Card and Colby his business card and cellular telephone number so that they could stay in communication, and they agreed that Ms. Card would be the primary point of contact moving forward.

Initial Contact with Army Reserve Center Personnel

 Next, Deputy Carleton contacted the Army Reserve Center in Saco and spoke to an administrator with a surname of Getchell in Mr. Card's Reserve unit, the Third Battalion 304 Training Group, and explained his purpose in calling. Reservist Getchell identified Captain (Jeremy) Reamer as the company commander and (Kelvin) Mote as the company's First Sergeant, and provided contact information for First Sergeant Mote, adding that Captain Reamer was a police officer in New Hampshire and that First Sergeant Mote was a police officer in Maine.

Reservist Getchell also informed Deputy Carleton that Reserve personnel in the unit had recently developed considerable concerns for Mr. Card, which Deputy Carleton understood related to Mr. Card's mental health status.

Deputy Carleton left a voicemail message for First Sergeant Mote and requested a return call.

Follow Up Telephone Conference with Ms. Card

After his conference with Reservist Getchell, Deputy Carleton provided an update to Ms. Card, who told him (Deputy Carleton) that she had spoken with Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, about her concerns. According to Ms. Card, Ryan Card told her that he did not realize that Mr. Card had become so paranoid or that he (Mr. Card) had been "hearing voices." Reportedly, Ryan Card told Ms. Card that Mr. Card had been drinking "heavily" and that on those occasions he would become angry and rant about having to shoot someone. Ms. Card said (to Deputy Carleton) that Ryan Card would check in on Mr. Card later on May 3, 2023, adding that Ryan Card told her (Ms. Card) that he was in favor of involving Mr. Card's commanding officer (at the Army Reserve) to get Mr. Card some help (with his mental health issues).

Conference with Army Reserve First Sergeant Mote

- First Sergeant Mote (who, Deputy Carleton learned, was an Ellsworth Police officer) returned Deputy Carleton's call (on May 3, 2023), and they spoke at length about Mr. Card's situation. According to First Sergeant Mote, Mr. Card had been accusing other soldiers of calling him a sex offender, which, Deputy Carleton noted, coincided with what Colby Card had told him (Deputy Carleton) about Mr. Card's behavior. First Sergeant Mote said that he had no idea that Mr. Card's mental health issues were "perhaps as bad as Colby [had described to Deputy Carleton]."
- First Sergeant Mote thanked Deputy Carleton for the notification because Mr. Card's Army Reserve unit was scheduled to participate in an upcoming training exercise that would involve crew-served weapons and grenades. In addition, First Sergeant Mote informed Deputy Carleton that he (First Sergeant Mote) would call Captain Reamer immediately so that they could "start to figure out options to

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get (Mr. Card) help," referring to help from a mental health provider. At the conclusion of the telephone conference, First Sergeant Mote and Deputy Carleton agreed to keep each other updated on any changes to Mr. Card's situation.

Conference with Ryan Card

- In response to a message from Officer Mathieu, the School Resource Officer at Mt. Ararat High School, Deputy Carleton had a lengthy telephone conference (on May 3, 2023) with Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, concerning his (Mr. Card's) mental health status.
- According to Ryan Card, he had not been aware that Mr. Card had picked up the firearms from Ryan Card's house, which was a source of concern for him.
 - During his interview, Deputy Carleton said that Ryan Card had indicated that the firearms were "family" weapons that were kept in a gun safe at his home because the weapons were used when the Card family did some shooting together on Ryan Card's property.
- Ryan Card told Deputy Carleton that Mr. Card's paranoia and anger surfaced in February 2023 after he began using hearing aids (for the first time). After the conference call, Deputy Carleton did some online research and learned that it is possible that the use of hearing aids could induce mental health symptoms, including paranoia, in some cases. At the same rate, Deputy Carleton expressed uncertainty about whether the apparent simultaneity of Mr. Card's hearing aid installation and the onset of anger and paranoia was mere coincidence.

Out of an abundance of caution, Deputy Carleton left a voicemail message for First Sergeant Mote after his conversation with Ryan Card describing the research he had done about the potential that hearing aids could impact a user's mental health and highlighting the information from Ryan Card indicating that Mr. Card's mental health changes coincided with his hearing aid use.

 Deputy Carleton advised Ryan Card that he had notified Army Reserve command staff about the mental health concerns involving Mr. Card, and they discussed a strategy to get Mr. Card some help with his mental health.

Deputy Carleton said during his interview that Ryan Card had told him that he (Ryan Card, a military combat veteran) did not want Mr. Card's Army Reserve career to be destroyed by his mental health issues, perhaps inferring that the Army Reserve may be able to help him (Mr. Card). It was clear to Deputy Carleton that Ryan Card and the rest of

the Card family wanted Mr. Card to get professional help with his mental health issues.

- Ryan Card told Deputy Carleton that Mr. Card had informed him
 (Ryan Card) via a text message exchange that occurred prior to his
 (Ryan Card's) conference with Deputy Carleton that he (Mr. Card)
 intended to hire a lawyer to "deal with the people accusing [Mr. Card]
 of being a pedophile," indicating that Mr. Card would rely on legal
 means, not aggression, to resolve his (Mr. Card's) belief that people
 were saying derogatory things about him.
- Ryan Card also said that he intended to telephone his father (Robert Card, Sr.) and seek some advice (about how to deal with Mr. Card's mental health issues).
- Deputy Carleton volunteered to accompany Ryan Card when he speaks to Mr. Card, but he (Ryan Card) declined the offer, explaining that he (Ryan Card) believed that the presence of a police officer "may exacerbate the conversation" (i.e., escalate Mr. Card). He (Ryan Card) agreed to keep Deputy Carleton posted on any developments regarding Mr. Card.

Deputy Carleton requested that Ryan Card contact the Sheriff's Office immediately if he concluded after meeting with Mr. Card that he (Mr. Card) posed a danger to himself or others. Ryan Card indicated that he would accommodate Deputy Carleton's request.

During his interview, Deputy Carleton stated that Ryan Card never contacted him directly to report any additional developments or new concerns about Mr. Card's mental health.

3. May 4, 2023

On May 4, 2023, Deputy Carleton telephoned Ms. Card to determine whether she had any updates on Mr. Card's situation, and he documented the conversation in an incident report. Somewhat paraphrased, Deputy Carleton gained the following information during his telephone conference with Ms. Card:

Telephone Conference with Ms. Card

 Ms. Card told Deputy Carleton that Ryan Card (Mr. Card's brother) and Nicole Card (Mr. Card's sister-in-law, or sister, a nurse) had visited Mr. Card for about 90 minutes on May 3, 2023.

- According to what Ms. Card learned from Ryan Card and Nicole, Mr. Card answered the door at his home with a gun, explaining that he believed that there were people outside "casing" his house.
- Even though Mr. Card answered the door while possessing a firearm, (according to Ryan Card, as relayed to Deputy Carleton) the conversation with Mr. Card went very well, and Mr. Card agreed to see a doctor about the paranoia and voices that he had been hearing.
- Ms. Card told Deputy Carleton that Nicole Card, the nurse, had also done some research about potential correlations between hearing aids and the onset of mental health issues, and that she (Nicole Card) had concluded that there was a "likely" connection between Mr. Card's use of hearing aids and his mental health issues.
- Ms. Card asked Deputy Carleton to contact the command staff at Mr. Card's Army Reserve unit and provide the unit with an update (about what the family had learned). In addition, Ms. Card asked him (Deputy Carleton) to ask the Army Reserve command staff not to disclose the Card family's and the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office involvement in the Army's decision to approach him about his mental health issues. Deputy Carleton agreed to relay the family's requests to the Army Reserve command staff.
- Ms. Card assured Deputy Carleton that Ryan Card and Nicole Card were going to ensure that Mr. Card met with a doctor regarding his mental health issues.

Deputy Carleton asked Ms. Card to keep him posted on any changes in Mr. Card's mental health situation.

During his interview, Deputy Carleton said that, although he did not submit a supplemental report in that regard, that Ms. Card informed him in a subsequent telephone call that a doctor's appointment had been scheduled, or that a doctor's appointment was in the process of being scheduled, for Mr. Card.

Second Conference with First Sergeant Mote. After his telephone conference with Ms. Card, Deputy Carleton left a voicemail message for First Sergeant Mote detailing his discussion with Ms. Card and provided Ryan Card's cellular telephone number as a point of contact if the Army Reserve command staff needed to contact Ryan Card. Later (on May 4, 2023), First Sergeant Mote returned Deputy Carleton's message, and the following exchanges occurred:

• Deputy Carleton briefed him First Sergeant Mote on what had occurred since their first conversation.

- First Sergeant Mote informed Deputy Carleton that the Army Reserve had formulated a plan to handle Mr. Card's situation, which would include meeting with Mr. Card soon and attempt to get Mr. Card to "open up" about "what has been going on," referring to the changes in his mental health.
- Out of an abundance of caution, Deputy Carleton specifically warned First Sergeant Mote that Mr. Card had reportedly possessed a gun when answering the door at his home.

Officer Safety Steps. When submitting his report on May 4, 2023, Deputy Carleton flagged the following information regarding Mr. Card and his residence:

SAGADAHOC PATROL PLEASE READ – USE CAUTION IF RESPONDING TO 1007 WEST ROAD – ROBERT CARD'S RESIDENCE – PARANOID BEHAVIOR AND HAS 10-15 FIREARMS IN HOUSE AND/OR TRUCK – ANSWERED THE DOOR WITH A GUN ON 5/4/23 WHEN FAMILY VISITED

THE ACTUAL RESIDENCE IS JUST NORTH OF THE HOUSE MARKED 1007, AND IS THE SECOND RIGHT JUST NORTH OF WOOD SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD. IT IS A WHITE SINGLE WIDE TRAILER WITH BLACK SHUTTERS AND A DETACHED BLUE METAL GARAGE.

No additional information about or contacts with Mr. Card until September 15, 2023. After Card family members and the Army Reserve representative informed Deputy Carleton that they would take steps with Mr. Card to get him professional mental health treatment, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office did not receive any additional information from Ryan Card, Army Reserve officials, or any other person about additional concerns related to the status of Mr. Card's mental health until September 15, 2023. In addition, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office did not have any contacts with Mr. Card at any time after (or during) Deputy Carleton's response to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health on May 3-4, 2023, as reflected in the SCSO Names Table.

<u>July 2023 – August 2023</u>

4. July 16, 2023 – August 3, 2023

According to a news report citing official confirmation from the New York Division of Military and Naval Affairs, leaders of Mr. Card's Army Reserve Unit, which was temporarily housed at the Camp Smith Training Site (across the Hudson River from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point), requested law enforcement assistance because

¹ https://www.timesunion.com/state/article/maine-shooting-suspect-robert-card-wasn-t-18450627.php (last visited on November 17, 2023).

Mr. Card was "behaving erratically." Mr. Card was transported to the Keller Army Community Hospital for a medical evaluation.

According to another news report, citing authoritative sources,² a psychologist at [the Keller Army Community Hospital] determined that Mr. Card required further treatment and evaluation. Mr. Card was transferred to the Four Winds Hospital in Katonah, New York. He was reportedly released after about two weeks and returned to Maine on August 3, 2023. According to an Army spokesperson cited in the news report, the Army ruled that Mr. Card should "not have a weapon, handle ammunition or participate in live-fire activity," which is reportedly a standard Army practice for the 30-day period following a service member's inpatient psychiatric hospitalization, although the news report was unable to determine if the order in Mr. Card's case was extended beyond the routine 30-day post-hospitalization period.

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5. September 14, 2023 (2:30 AM)

At 2:30 AM, Army Reserve Staff Sergeant Hodgson informed Army Reserve First Sergeant Kelvin Mote that he (Staff Sergeant Hodgson) and Mr. Card were returning from a trip to a casino when Mr. Card complained that he could hear people calling him a pedophile again. Staff Sergeant Hodgson reportedly told Mr. Card to "knock it off" because he (Mr. Card) "was going to get into trouble talking about shooting up places and people," at which point Mr. Card reportedly punched Staff Sergeant Hodgson.

According to Staff Sergeant Hodgson's report to First Sergeant Mote, Mr. Card told him that he had guns and that he was going to "shoot up" the Army Reserve Center in Saco. Mr. Card also reportedly told Staff Sergeant Hodgson that First Sergeant Mote was the reason he (Mr. Card) couldn't buy guns anymore because he (First Sergeant Mote) was involved with Mr. Card's hospitalization in July.

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office did not learn about this event until September 15, 2023.

6. <u>September 15, 2023 (2:28 PM)</u>

Corey Bagley, a detective at the Ellsworth Police Department, telephoned the Sagadahoc County Communications Center and requested to speak to SCSO Deputy Carleton.³ A dispatcher informed Detective Bagley that Deputy Carleton was off duty, at which point

² https://www.bangordailynews.com/2023/11/16/mainefocus/new-york-police-robert-card-voluntary-psychiatric-hospital/ (last visited on November 17, 2023).

³ It appears that Detective Bagley attempted to contact Deputy Carleton because he and Deputy Carleton had previous contacts when they were each assigned to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, not because of Deputy Carleton's response in May 2023 to the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health.

Detective Bagley asked to speak with a supervisor regarding a situation in the Bowdoin area that was "kind of time sensitive."

7. September 15, 2023 (2:29 PM)

After putting Detective Bagley on hold, the dispatcher informed Sergeant Skolfield by radio that a detective wanted to speak to him about a time-sensitive matter. Sergeant Skolfield responded that he was busy with another matter, but that he would call the dispatcher in a few minutes.

After his radio communications with Sergeant Skolfield, the dispatcher told Detective Bagley that the on-duty sergeant would call him in a couple of minutes. Detective Bagley provided his cellular telephone number so that he would be immediately available when the SCSO supervisor called.

8. September 15, 2023 (2:37 PM)

Sergeant Skolfield conferred by telephone with the dispatcher regarding Detective Bagley's request for a return telephone call and, after learning that he had some urgent information that he wanted to discuss with an SCSO supervisor, obtained Detective Bagley's cellular telephone number.

9. September 15, 2023 (2:38 PM)

Sergeant Skolfield telephoned Detective Bagley, who gave him a synopsis of longstanding concerns held by [Army Reserve] personnel about the mental health of Mr. Card, with the more recent concerns emerging late during the night of September 14, 2023, into the early morning hours of September 15, 2023.

Sergeant Skolfield provided his email address to Detective Bagley so that he could send him a letter prepared by Kelvin Mote, a First Sergeant in the Army Reserve who is also an Ellsworth Police corporal, with attachments of messages from Army Reserve Staff Sergeant Hodgson, regarding concerns about Mr. Card's mental health.

According to Detective Bagley, [Army Reserve] personnel requested that the SCSO perform a "welfare check" on Mr. Card. Sergeant Skolfield learned that some [Army Reserve] personnel were aware that Mr. Card was having "psychotic episodes" during which he "hears voices" that are insulting him by referring to him as a pedophile.

At one point during the conference, Sergeant Skolfield learned from Detective Bagley that Mr. Card had allegedly threatened to "shoot up" [an Army Reserve] facility in Saco.

Detective Bagley told Sergeant Skolfield that Mr. Card had been "committed" for a couple of weeks during the summer of 2023 due to his "altered mental state," but had been released.

According to Detective Bagley, [Army Reserve] personnel also requested that the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office identify specific individuals who had expressed

concern for Mr. Card's welfare because he (Mr. Card) may "focus his altered aggression" toward them, something that he had done previously.

10. September 15, 2023 (2:46 PM)

At 2:46 PM, following his conference with Detective Bagley, Sergeant Skolfield notified a dispatcher at the Communications Center that the situation was not as "pressing" as it first appeared, referring to the request for a wellbeing check as opposed to other urgent action, adding that he would be responding to [1007 West Road in Bowdoin] to do a welfare check on Robert Card.

The SCSO Main Names Table, which contains information about individuals with whom the SCSO has had contact, reflected that previous "calls for service" indicated that Mr. Card had resided at 1007 West Road in Bowdoin and at 1017 West Road in Bowdoin, as well as that he was known to be armed. The Names Table also indicated that he was a "suspect" in a "citizen assist" call for service fulfilled on May 3, 2023.

Sergeant Skolfield also advised the dispatcher that Mr. Card was "flagged in-house" as being known to be "armed and dangerous." He declined the dispatcher's offer to assign a backup officer to assist him, noting that there were only two SCSO deputies on duty (including him).

11. September 15, 2023 (3:04 PM)

At 3:04 PM, Sergeant Skolfield informed the dispatcher by radio that he had arrived at the 1007 West Road address.

Less than a minute later, Sergeant Skolfield reported by radio that the address was incorrect and that he had learned from the residents at 1007 West Road that Mr. Card was possibly living at a location directly north from the 1007 West Road home, adding that he would have one more place to check. According to Sergeant Skolfield's incident report, he learned from the current residents at the 1007 West Road address that Mr. Card had previously lived at 1007 West Road, but that he was currently living in a white mobile home with a "rather large" detached garage on the same side of 1007 and directly north of 1007 West Road. There, Sergeant Skolfield saw a motorcycle and a jet ski registered to Mr. Card (at an address of 941 Meadow Road in Bowdoin), but no other

⁴ Sergeant Skolfield determined that Mr. Card had been flagged "in-house" as "armed and dangerous," but he did not review Deputy Carleton's report concerning his (Deputy Carleton's) response to the mental health concerns about Mr. Card that Ms. Card and Colby brought to his (Deputy Carleton's) attention on May 3, 2023, perhaps because the event was categorized in the Sagadahoc County computer system as an "assist citizen" type of call for service, although Mr. Card was described as a "suspect" in the "assist citizen" matter in May. Considering the nature and extent of Sergeant Skolfield's response to the mental health concerns that surfaced on September 15, 2023, the fact that he (Sergeant Skolfield) did not review Deputy Carleton's report was inconsequential due to his diligence.

motor vehicles. He concluded that Mr. Card lived in the mobile home, but that he was not there at that time.

12. September 15, 2023 (3:09 PM)

At 3:09 PM, Sergeant Skolfield advised the dispatcher by radio that there were no vehicles in the driveway at Mr. Card's residence, adding that he had concluded that Mr. Card was not at home. Sergeant Skolfield also determined that Mr. Card was not at his father's residence in Bowdoin. In his radio transmission, he requested that the dispatcher leave the call for service "open" in the computer system, indicating that he was going to begin typing his report.

13. September 15, 2023 (3:24 PM)

Sergeant Skolfield reported to the dispatcher via radio that he had returned to Mr. Card's residence.

14. September 15, 2023 (3:47 PM)

As a result of their earlier telephone conference, Detective Bagley sent Sergeant Skolfield an email message forwarding a memorandum from First Sergeant Mote and a text message from Staff Sergeant Hodgson, which Sergeant Skolfield received at about 3:47 PM. First Sergeant Mote's memorandum contained the following content:

Good afternoon,

I received the attached text this morning form SSG Hodgson in reference to Sergeant First Class Robert Card DOB 04-04-83. Card is one of my senior firearms instructors in Bravo Company 3/304 in Saco. Card has been hearing voices calling him a pedophile, saying he has a small dick, and other insults. This hearing voices started in the spring and has only gotten worse. On July 15 2023 while at West Point Card was hanging out with several other soldiers at the hotel they were staying at. They had gone to a convenience store to get some beer. In the parking lot Card accused three of them of calling him a pedophile and said he would take care of it. One of the soldiers who has been friends with Card for a long time was there. Card got in his face, shoved him, and told him to stop calling him a pedophile. They got their beer, calmed Card down a little, and made their way back to the hotel. Several times on the ride back Card said he would take care of it. When pressed about what he meant by that Card didn't respond. Present during this was Oxford County Sheriff Christopher Wainwright and Androscoggin County Deputy Matthew Noyes, both are in my unit as well. Once they got back to the motel, Card locked himself in his room and would not answer the door when they tried to make contact.

I was informed about this incident early the next morning. I met them at the motel along with a couple other soldiers and we were able to get

the key to the room and make contact. Card said he wanted people to stop talking about him. I told him no one was talking about him and everyone here was his friend. Card told me to leave him alone and tried to slam the door in my face. One of the soldiers stopped the door from closing with this foot. I decided, after talking with my commander, that Card needed to be evaluated. We took him to the base hospital where he was seen by a psychologist there and determined to need further treatment. Card was taken to Four Winds Psychiatric Hospital in Katonah NY for treatment and evaluation. During the four hours I was with Card he never spoke, just stared through me without blinking. He spent 14 days at Four Winds then was released. To my knowledge he has not sought any more treatment since being released.

Night before last, at approximately 0230, another soldier that is friends with Card called to tell me that Card had assaulted him. They were driving home from the casino when Card started talking about people calling him a pedophile again. When Hodgson told him to knock it off because he was going to get into trouble talking about shooting up places and people, Card punched him. Hodgson was able to get out of the car and make his own way home. According to Hodgson, Card said he has guns and is going to shoot up the drill center at Saco and other places. He also said he was going to get "them". Since the commander and I are the ones who had him committed we are the "them". He also said I was the reason he can't buy guns anymore because of the commitment. Hodgson is concerned that Card is going to snap and commit a mass shooting. (see the text message attached)

Captain Reamer, 3/304th commander, asked that I have Sagadahoc County conduct a well-being check on Card at his residence, 941 Meadow Road in Bowdoin Maine, to gauge his mental health and determine if he is a threat to himself and/or others. I relayed this to Deputy Chief Troy Bires and he advised to have a detective make the request to the SCSO to conduct the well-being check. I have attached the text message and current photograph of Robert Card to this email. The Saco PD has been given a heads up about this and the battalion commander has been briefed as to the threat to the unit in Saco. I would rather err on the side of caution with regards to Card since he is a capable marksman and, if he should set his mind to carry out the threats made to Hodgson, he would be able to do it.

The text message from Staff Sergeant Hodgson referenced in First Sergeant Mote's memorandum included the following content:

Today 02:04

You up I have something to report.

Change the passcode to the unit gate and be armed if sfc card does arrive. Please. I believe he's messed up in the head. And threaten the unit other and other places. I love to death but i do not know how to help him and he refuses to get help or to continue help. I'm afraid he's going to fuccek up his life from hearing things he thinks he heard. When i dropped him off he was concerned his weapons were still in the car. I beleive they were at the unit. And no one searched his vehicle on federal property.

And yes he still has all of his weapons. I'm not there I'm at my own place.

I believe he's going to snap and do a mass shooting.

When reviewing the text message, Sergeant Skolfield noted that Staff Sergeant Hodgson sent the text message to First Sergeant Mote at 2:04 AM [at a time when its delivery may be delayed due to the late hour], but that he had not communicated his concerns about Mr. Card's mental health directly to law enforcement authorities or contacted military authorities by more direct means.

15. September 15, 2023 (5:11 PM)

At 5:11 PM, Sergeant Skolfield directed a Sagadahoc County Communications Center dispatcher to use information from his report (which was still in process) to issue a state-wide "attempt to locate" message (with special attention to the Saco Police Department) In addition to providing identifying information about Mr. Card and his vehicles, the message had the following content:

CAUTION OFFICER SAFETY – KNOWN TO BE ARMED AND DANGEROUS ROBERT HAS BEEN SUFFERING FROM PSYCHOTIC EPISODES & HEARING VOICES. HE IS A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR AND MADE THREATS TO SHOOT UP THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IN SACO. HE WAS COMMITTED OVER THE SUMMER FOR TWO WEEKS DUE TO HIS ALTERED MENTAL HEALTH STATE, BUT THEN RELEASED. HE ALSO DRIVES ME/MC 82MW BLUE 2020 YAMAHA WR250R. MULTIPLE ADDRESSES HAVE BEEN CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT SO FAR. IF LOCATED, USE EXTREME CAUTION, CHECK MENTAL HEALTH WELLBEING AND ADVISE SAGADAHOC SD VIA SAGADAHOC COMMS 443-9711.

The broadcast was classified as a File 6 transmission because vehicle registration numbers and identifying information would be indexed in computer databases (including the Interstate Identification Index ("III") maintained by the FBI) regarding the individual

being sought.⁵ Typically, any law enforcement contact with an individual would prompt the officer to make or request a computer inquiry in a state-wide computer system. In that way, any police contacts with Mr. Card or his vehicles would automatically reveal Sergeant Skolfield's request for a wellbeing check, as well as the reason for the wellbeing check and officer safety-related information.

General lookout broadcasts (which would be categorized as a File 25) do not index vehicle registration numbers or identifying information and would provide substantially less support for an urgent "attempt to locate" process.

16. September 15, 2023 (SCSO Second Shift)

The SCSO patrol staff covered the second shift on September 15-16, 2023, with a patrol supervisor and a patrol deputy. Sergeant Skolfield briefed SCSO Corporal Michael Fitzpatrick, the second shift⁶ patrol supervisor, and SCSO Deputy Zach Kindelan, who was covering the Bowdoin area for the SCSO during the second shift,⁷ about the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health. Corporal Fitzpatrick and Deputy Kindelan each read the File 6 and reviewed the portion of Sergeant Skolfield's report that covered his work on Mr. Card's situation on September 15, 2023, noting that the report was a work in progress and that he subsequently added information relating to the follow-up investigation that he performed on September 16, 2023, and September 17, 2023.

Sergeant Skolfield asked Corporal Fitzpatrick to ensure that Sheriff's Office evening shift personnel attempt to locate Mr. Card at his home and in other areas where he may be found for a "wellbeing check," and that evening shift personnel be otherwise on the lookout for Mr. Card.

According to Corporal Fitzpatrick, he and Deputy Kindelan treated the effort to find Mr. Card seriously, adding that Deputy Kindelan was covering the northern sector of the county, so he was primarily responsible for attempts to locate Mr. Card that night. Corporal Fitzpatrick was aware that Deputy Kindelan had checked Mr. Card's home and his father's home, but he was unable to locate any signs (e.g., Mr. Card's vehicle) that he was at either location. Corporal Fitzpatrick was also aware that Deputy Kindelan identified a vehicle that he believed may have matched the description of Mr. Card's

⁵ Maine law enforcement agencies make File 6 broadcasts relatively frequently, each of which requests law enforcement officers to give special attention to locating the individuals described in the lookouts. The Sagadahoc Sheriff's Office transmitted 108 File 6 broadcasts between January 1, 2018, and November 7, 2023, including 14 in 2018, 13 in 2019, 21 in 2020, 28 in 2021, and 16 in 2023 (as of November 7, 2023).

⁶ Corporal Fitzpatrick's shift spanned the period of 5 PM on September 15, 2023, to 3 AM on September 16, 2023.

⁷ Because he is a canine handler, Deputy Kindelan's second shift duties spanned the period of 5 PM on September 15, 2023, to 2 AM on September 16, 2023, plus a one-hour canine training period.

vehicle, but ultimately determined that it was not a match after checking the registration number.

According to Deputy Kindelan, he did some additional research for addresses associated with Mr. Card after reviewing the File 6 and Sergeant Skolfield's report (regarding work completed on September 15, 2023). Next, he checked Mr. Card's parents' home on the Meadow Road in Bowdoin and Mr. Card's home on the West Road in Bowdoin, to no avail. He noticed a vehicle at the parents' home that he thought matched the description of Mr. Card's vehicle, but he checked the registration information and determined that it was not the correct vehicle. His efforts to locate Mr. Card were otherwise unsuccessful.

17. September 16, 2023 (2:17 AM)

At 2:17 AM, Lieutenant Ed Yurek of the Brunswick Police Department contacted Sergeant Monica Fahy of the Saco Police Department to confirm that Saco Police officers were aware of the File 6 message broadcast by the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office, specifically referring to the broadcast's references to the Saco Armory. During the ensuing discussion, Lieutenant Yurek informed Sergeant Fahy, who was the patrol supervisor for the night shift, that Mr. Card "should be at drill tomorrow," indicating that he (Lieutenant Yurek) was in the same (Army Reserve) unit as Mr. Card.

Lieutenant Yurek advised Sergeant Fahy that Mr. Card should be at the Saco Armory at 7 AM, adding that "now, I don't expect you guys to react or anything ... or necessarily be on site, but, if everything goes to plan, he should be there at about 7 AM." In response, Sergeant Fahy informed Lieutenant Yurek that she would be on duty at 7 AM, adding that she would ensure that Saco Police officers were aware of the File 6 and that Saco Police officers would be positioned near the armory." Lieutenant Yurek said that officers could "just sit in the rec center," indicating that there was a limited access gate to the armory. Sergeant Fahy indicated that she was familiar with the armory. Lieutenant Yurek said that Mr. Card could come and go, but that Saco Police officers would not be able to access the armory quickly if it became necessary. Lieutenant Yurek said, "we will do what we have to," adding that he wanted to make sure that his "boss" knows about (the File 6).

Sergeant Fahy inquired as to whether Mr. Card had other mental health issues or had other related conditions. In response, Lieutenant Yurek said that Mr. Card "hears things," adding that Sergeant Fahey should know that Mr. Card had "hearing implants and he hears like Superman," clarifying that Mr. Card could "hear people like a half a mile away talking." Explaining further, Lieutenant Yurek said, "He was a deaf guy that got hearing implants and cannot process everything that he's hearing." He also added that Mr. Card "would be in, like, Lowe's and he would be in Aisle 1 and somebody in Aisle 15 would say, 'That really stinks', and, for some reason, he thought they were talking about him." Lieutenant Yurek compared Mr. Card's hearing aids to the electronic hearing protection that police officers wear at the firearms range that enable officers to "hear birds chirping from a mile away," adding that Mr. Card "has those planted in his brain." Continuing, Lieutenant Yurek told Sergeant Fahy that, "my point

is that you can't whisper, like, you can't go, like, talk in another room about him, ... 'cause he'll hear everything you're saying."

Sergeant Fahy reiterated that she would notify the Saco Police officers on patrol (about the concerns regarding Mr. Card) to ensure that they were on the lookout for him (Mr. Card). Sergeant Fahy asked Lieutenant Yurek, in effect, whether he and other Army Reservists believed that Mr. Card would pose a threat at the armory. Lieutenant Yurek responded that Mr. Card was aware that he cannot carry firearms at the armory, adding that, "so, he shouldn't have anything on him anyway." He (Lieutenant Yurek) also said that he would ensure that all his commanding officers knew about the situation, adding that, "we're gonna feel him out when we see him."

Referring to the File 6 statement that Mr. Card had been committed for two weeks, Lieutenant Yurek told Sergeant Fahy that he was responsible for taking that action. At that time, Lieutenant Yurek said, he "did not have trouble talking to him and he never threatened me, but that's just kind of the way it was, I was his boss for a lot of years, so, I had a position of authority with him." When concluding his telephone conference with Sergeant Fahy, Lieutenant Yurek informed her that he would be in the armory at 7 AM, and Sergeant Fahy told him that Saco Police officers would be on the lookout for him, and that she would inform the officers about the situation.

After her telephone conference with Lieutenant Yurek, Sergeant Fahy ensured that the Saco Police Department had a plan in place to protect the armory and the reservists that would be occupying it. As part of that process, a Saco Police radio dispatcher broadcast an alert to the officers on patrol during the overnight shift calling their attention to the File 6 broadcast issued by the Sagadahoc County Communications Center on behalf of Sergeant Skolfield.

18. September 16, 2023 (2:47 AM)

A Saco Police dispatcher conducted a computer check on Mr. Card to facilitate the formulation of a protection strategy for the armory, which triggered an immediate response from a dispatcher at the Sagadahoc County Communications Center. The SCCC dispatcher inquired as to whether a Saco Police officer had located Mr. Card and the SPD dispatcher responded that he had not been located and confirmed that the computer check was conducted for informational purposes.

19. September 16, 2023 (6:45 AM)

Saco Police patrol officers were on the lookout for Mr. Card in the vicinity of the Army Reserve Center in Saco during the overnight shift but did not locate him. Sergeant Scott Sicard, the patrol supervisor for the day shift, took over the SPD response to the File 6 from Sergeant Fahy at 6 AM.

At about 6:45 AM, Sergeant Sicard and three patrol officers established four observation points along roadways that surrounded the Reserve Center with the intention of taking appropriate action, including a wellbeing check, if Mr. Card was spotted approaching the Reserve Center.

Lieutenant Yurek, the Brunswick Police officer who is also a member of Mr. Card's Army Reserve Unit, met with Sergeant Sicard and they discussed the situation. During that discussion, Sergeant Sicard learned that the designated arrival time for the reservists, including Mr. Card, was set for 8 AM, not 7 AM, which was what Lieutenant Yurek originally told Sergeant Fahy.

20. September 16, 2023 (7:46 AM)

At about 7:44 AM, Saco Police Officers Rodney Rossignol and Amber Damon, acting on instructions from Sergeant Sicard, were admitted into the Army Reserve Center through a secure doorway for the purpose of getting assistance from Army Reserve command staff member in assessing the threat to the armory so that Sergeant Sicard could make some decisions about the protection effort. Following Saco Police Department policy, the officers activated their body-worn cameras before entering the Center.

At 7:46 AM, Officers Rossignol and Damon met with Captain Reamer, the company commander of Mr. Card's Army Reserve unit. The officers' body-worn cameras produced separate, but identical, audio recordings of the ensuing discussion, noting that the video recordings reflect the perspectives of the officers' respective cameras. A single transcript of the discussion is enclosed with this report and has been marked as Exhibit 1. The dialogue between the officers and Captain Reamer is paraphrased below for clarity:

- Apparently referring to First Sergeant Mote's communications with Sergeant Skolfield and Lieutenant Yurek's communications with Sergeant Fahy and Sergeant Sicard, Captain Reamer indicated that he was aware that Army Reserve personnel had contacted law enforcement authorities regarding the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health.
- Captain Reamer asked what Officers Rossignol and Damon had been told about the situation. Referring to the File 6 broadcast from the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office, Officer Damon indicated that the Saco Police Department had two specific vehicle registration numbers to look for in connection with the possibility that Mr. Card would be traveling to the Army Reserve Center with the intention of "shooting up the place." Officer Rossignol indicated that "shooting up the place" may mean "shooting a couple people."
- Continuing, Officer Damon indicated to Captain Reamer that the plan was to contact Mr. Card if he appeared at the Reserve Center, to conduct a wellbeing check of Mr. Card, and to determine whether he "still feels that way," meaning a determination of whether he poses an imminent risk of danger to any person. Officer Damon also indicated that the Saco Police Department had information that Mr. Card was

scheduled to attend an Army Reserve drill at the Center (on September 16, 2023).

- Captain Reamer indicated that First Sergeant Mote had initiated the communications that law enforcement authorities received. He also told the officers that he (Captain Reamer) was a police officer in New Hampshire, noting that a situation like the one with Mr. Card may be handled somewhat differently there (in New Hampshire). In this case, Captain Reamer indicated, First Sergeant Mote had sent the information about Mr. Card to "pretty much everybody in the ... in the State," perhaps referring to the File 6 broadcast that Sergeant Skolfield initiated after acting on the information provided by First Sergeant Mote.
- In terms of what the Army Reserve was requesting from law enforcement authorities, Captain Reamer indicated that they were requesting "more of a check wellbeing," simply to "make sure that [Mr. Card is] good." Referring to actions taken by Sergeant Skolfield in response to communication from First Sergeant Mote (via Detective Bagley) to Sergeant Skolfield, Captain Reamer told the officers that the Army Reserve had "sent, I think, the Sheriff out to try to make contact at his house, [but the Sheriff] wasn't able to find him there."
- Captain Reamer said that Mr. Card called him (Captain Reamer) on September 15, 2023. According to Captain Reamer, Mr. Card was angry, but he (Mr. Card) never made any specific threats during their telephone conversation, including along the lines of "hey, I'm gonna come shoot everybody," or anything like that," meaning everybody or anybody at the Army Reserve Center.

Referring to an incident during a military assignment at West Point that resulted in Mr. Card being examined at a civilian psychiatric facility for two weeks in July 2023, Captain Reamer told the officers that Mr. Card was still angry about what happened during that situation.

• As for whether Mr. Card was expected to appear at the Reserve Center, Captain Reamer told the officers that he asked Mr. Card (on September 15, 2023) whether he would be coming to the Army Reserve Center (on September 16, 2023, that morning). According to Captain Reamer, Mr. Card told him that he would not be attending the drill session because he had to work "the whole weekend." Captain Reamer indicated that Mr. Card sent a text message to another member of the Reserve unit stating that he would not be going to the drill. As for his employment, Captain Reamer said that Mr. Card was employed as a truck driver.

- Referring to Staff Sergeant Hodgson and the text message that he sent out at 2:04 AM on September 15, 2023, with concerns about Mr. Card's mental health, Captain Reamer said that First Sergeant Mote spoke with Staff Sergeant Hodgson about the situation. According to Captain Reamer, Staff Sergeant Hodgson was unable to "really give any specifics" to First Sergeant Mote, adding that Staff Sergeant Hodgson had only "specifically mentioned one of my soldiers and said he wanted to punch him ... in the face."
- Continuing, Captain Reamer said that, according to Staff Sergeant Hodgson, who Captain Reamer characterized as not being "the most credible of ... our soldiers," Mr. Card said, "he would shoot places, but never specifically mentioned [the Army Reserve Center], never specifically mentioned any [place] specifically." Captain Reamer highlighted that Staff Sergeant Hodgson sent the text message at "two-something in the morning ... so, was he drunk?" Indicating that "[w]e didn't ask [if he was drunk]," Captain Reamer stated, "when we tried to nail it down with some specifics, he wasn't able to give us much," adding that "it kinda really didn't help any."
- As for the Army Reserve's plan to resolve the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health status, Captain Reamer said "what we kinda came up, like, was, alright, we'll see if we can get a check wellbeing on the guy ... make sure if he's good," adding that "then we're just lettin' you guys know to kind of being aware of what's kinda going on."
- Officer Rossignol explained to Captain Reamer that Saco Police officers had been "staking out" the Army Reserve Center (for protection purposes) and inquired as to whether Captain Reamer wanted the SPD protection detail to continue. Captain Reamer replied that there was no need to tie up SPD officers for the long term, indicating that the officers were by then familiar with the location and so forth. Referring to the one soldier that Mr. Card threatened to punch in the face, Captain Reamer said that he told the affected soldier that other reservists would remove him from the facility so that he (the soldier) could drive out of the area if Mr. Card appeared at the Reserve Center. So, Captain Reamer said, the reservists would "try to handle" that type of situation.
- Assessing the security situation, Officer Rossignol asked Captain Reamer if Mr. Card had the access code for the security gate. Captain Reamer responded that he (Mr. Card) "probably" knows the access code to the gate mechanism but added that he did not believe that he (Mr. Card) had what he needed to get inside the Reserve Center itself. He also told the officers that there were other police officers who were members of the Army Reserve unit and present, so they could

"hopefully de-escalate things ... and kinda calm him down" if Mr. Card appeared. In terms of a plan, Captain Reamer said that "probably if he does show up we'll probably just give you guys a ring, and say, 'hey, can you just come on out?' Just in the event that somethin' turns."

• Continuing, Captain Reamer told the officers that "we'll do our best to kinda de-escalate and handle it on our end as far as we can," adding that (referring to the soldier that Mr. Card threatened to punch), "I'll probably get that one guy out, um, and get him out of here so he doesn't, you know, escalate things, for whatever the reason, because he does have mental ... health issues. ... I'd say probably schizophrenia seemed to be what his – he's delusional, hearing a lot of ... things about being a pedophile, but nobody's saying a word to him about it, so."

In summary, Captain Reamer informed Officers Damon and Rossignol that Army Reserve personnel had assessed the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health condition that Staff Sergeant Hodgson expressed in his text message to First Sergeant Mote and determined (including via a discussion with First Sergeant Hodson) that, except for Mr. Card's statement that he wanted to punch another Army Reserve member in the face and a general statement that Mr. Card would "shoot places" (without any specification of which places), there was no credible risk of imminent violence to a specific individual, a specific place, or the community at large.

Moreover, Captain Reamer said that he had spoken by telephone with Mr. Card on September 15, 2023 (the same day that Sergeant Skolfield began his follow-up to the notification from First Sergeant Mote via Detective Bagley, including a visit to Mr. Card's home), and, although Mr. Card was still angry about an incident that had resulted in his hospitalization over the summer, he (Mr. Card) did not make any specific threats during his conversation with him (Captain Reamer).

Furthermore, Captain Reamer told the officers that Mr. Card had informed him (Captain Reamer) and another reservist (via text message) that he would not be attending the drill at the Reserve Center in Saco on September 16, 2023, because he would be working at his civilian job during the weekend. In the end, Captain Reamer told the officers that there was a plan for dealing with Mr. Card, including removing the reservist who Mr. Card had threatened to punch from the facility, if he arrived, and there was no need for the Saco Police to continue its protective detail at the Reserve Center, noting that the Saco Police would be called if any assistance became necessary. Accordingly, the Saco Police Department discontinued the protective detail around the Reserve Center.

21. September 16, 2023 (8:45 AM)

In the morning, Sergeant Skolfield returned to Mr. Card's home at 8:45 AM, where he observed Mr. Card's white Subaru Outback parked in the dooryard. At about 9:01 AM, he requested a backup unit, which prompted a request for mutual aid to the Kennebec

County Sheriff's Office ("KCSO"). About forty-five minutes later, KCSO Deputy Ivano Stefanizzi arrived to assist him. At that point, Sergeant Skolfield approached the door to Mr. Card's trailer and attempted to contact him by knocking on the door. Sergeant Skolfield believed that the curtains in a window that faced the road moved and thought that he could hear Mr. Card moving around inside the trailer, but he (Mr. Card) did not come to the door.

Sergeant Skolfield decided that standing at the trailer's door was a disadvantageous position under the circumstances, so he and Deputy Stefanizzi left Mr. Card's property. Deputy Stefanizzi returned to his patrol area in Kennebec County, but Sergeant Skolfield parked his police cruiser at a location near Mr. Card's property with a view toward his driveway, which positioned him so that he could attempt a consensual contact with Mr. Card for a welfare check if he drove away from his property.

22. September 16, 2023 (10:01 AM)

Next, Sergeant Skolfield attempted to find a telephone number for Mr. Card so that he could try to arrange a meeting with him via a telephone conversation. His initial attempts to find a telephone number failed, but he eventually got a number for him from a booking record at the Two Bridges Jail, which was 207-837-3761.

Sergeant Skolfield called the number on record with the Jail as being used by Mr. Card at about 10:01 AM, but there was no answer. Sergeant Skolfield's telephone record indicates that it was a 45-second call, but he does not recall whether the call went to voicemail or, if it did, whether he left a voicemail message for Mr. Card requesting that Mr. Card call him back.

23. September 16, 2023 (10:08 AM)

At 10:08 AM, Sergeant Skolfield telephoned Lieutenant Brian Quinn, the SCSO Patrol Division Commander, and advised him about the ongoing situation with Mr. Card, as well as his (Sergeant Skolfield) plan to continue his efforts to locate Mr. Card for a wellbeing check. As a result, SCSO Deputy Anderson was assigned to cover what would otherwise have been Sergeant Skolfield's patrol assignment.

24. September 16, 2023 (10:22 AM)

At 10:22 AM, Sergeant Skolfield attempted to reach Detective Bagley on his cellular telephone number to determine whether he had any update on Mr. Card's situation from his sources, but he was unsuccessful.

25. September 16, 2023 (10:26 AM)

At 10:26 AM, Sergeant Skolfield attempted to reach First Sergeant Mote and Detective Bagley by telephone at the Ellsworth Police Department, but he was unsuccessful.

26. September 16, 2023 (10:31 AM)

At 10:31 AM, Sergeant Skolfield telephoned a dispatcher at the Saco Police Department to confirm that SPD had received the File 6 broadcast regarding Mr. Card that was sent by the Sagadahoc County Dispatch Center on September 15, 2023. When doing so, he inquired as to whether SPD could provide a point of contact for the [Army Reserve Center], adding that the [Army Reserve Center] was aware that Mr. Card had "apparently made threats to come down ... to shoot the [Army Reserve Center] up down there."

At 10:32 AM, the Saco Police dispatcher connected Sergeant Skolfield with Sergeant Sicard, and they discussed the Saco Police Department's response to the File 6 concerning Mr. Card. Sergeant Sicard informed Sergeant Skolfield that SPD initially understood that Mr. Card was supposed to appear at the Army Reserve Center at 7 AM, but Lieutenant Yurek (the Brunswick Police officer who is also a member of Mr. Card's Army Reserve unit) spoke with Sergeant Sicard and he (Lieutenant Yurek) informed him (Sergeant Sicard) that the reservists were supposed to be at the Center by 8 AM. Sergeant Sicard added that Saco Police officers established vantage points at several locations along roadways that Mr. Card would likely use, but Mr. Card was not spotted between approximately 6:45 AM until a little after 8 AM. In addition, Sergeant Sicard told Sergeant Skolfield that he had instructed an officer to meet with an Army Reserve official, referring to the conference between Officer Damon, Officer Rossignol, and Captain Reamer. Their telephone conference was interrupted and then the connection was discontinued, apparently because Sergeant Skolfield took incoming calls from First Sergeant Mote and then Captain Reamer.

27. September 16, 2023 (10:35 AM and 10:37 AM)

At 10:35 AM, First Sergeant Mote, the Ellsworth Police corporal who was also a member of Mr. Card's military unit, called Sergeant Skolfield, and they had a very brief conversation.

At 10:37 AM, Sergeant Skolfield called First Sergeant Mote back, and they had a longer conversation. Among other things, First Sergeant informed him that the Army command staff was in the process of encouraging Mr. Card to retire from the military on the condition that he obtain mental health treatment. Referring to Staff Sergeant Hodgson's email message about his concerns about Mr. Card, First Sergeant also indicated to Sergeant Skolfield that he believed that Staff Sergeant Hodgson's message was "over the top" or that Staff Sergeant Hodgson was being an "alarmist," or something along those lines.

28. September 16, 2023 (10:46 AM)

Sergeant Skolfield attempted to reach Captain Jeremy Reamer, the company commander of Mr. Card's military unit, by telephone so that he could discuss the nature and extent of the Army Reserve's concerns about Mr. Card's mental health.

At 10:46 AM, Captain Reamer telephoned Sergeant Skolfield, who was parked in a position that gave him a view of Mr. Card's driveway, intending to attempt a consensual conversation with Mr. Card for assessment purposes if he (Mr. Card) drove away from his home, which, if Mr. Card consented to the conversation, would give him an opportunity to assess Mr. Card's current mental health status.

Sergeant Skolfield recorded his conversation with Captain Reamer using the audio feature of his cruiser's Watchguard camera system, which simultaneously videorecorded his view of Mr. Card's driveway through the windshield of his cruiser. A verbatim transcription of Sergeant Skolfield's telephone conference with Captain Reamer is enclosed as Exhibit 2. In pertinent part, Sergeant Skolfield and Captain Reamer exchanged the following information during their dialogue, which has been paraphrased for clarity:

Sergeant Skolfield informed Captain Reamer that, although he (Sergeant Skolfield) did not want to be an alarmist, the Sheriff's Office was very concerned about reports that Mr. Card's military colleagues were worried about the possibility that he (Mr. Card) would initiate a mass shooting, adding that he (Sergeant Skolfield) understood that Mr. Card had been experiencing [auditory] hallucinations, that he had been "institutionalized" (i.e., in a psychiatric facility) for a few weeks over the summer, and that his mental state was not showing signs of improvement.

Accordingly, Sergeant Skolfield told Captain Reamer that he (Sergeant Skolfield) was trying to get some answers from him (Captain Reamer) about the military's assessment of Mr. Card's mental state.

In addition, Sergeant Skolfield indicated to Captain Reamer that he wanted to know whether the (Army Reserve) had accounted for any military weapons that Mr. Card could access and whether (the Army Reserve) had any information about weapons that Mr. Card may be keeping at his home. Captain Reamer indicated that Mr. Card did not have access to military weapons.

- Captain Reamer indicated that he did not have any details about the outcome of Mr. Card's mental health hospitalization over the summer due to HIPAA restrictions. However, apparently referring to New York's so-called "red flag" statute, he told Sergeant Skolfield that no court order had been issued (as a result of his institutionalization) to take his (Mr. Card's) weapons or anything along those lines, apparently referring to the absence of a finding during Mr. Card's institutionalization that he (Mr. Card) posed a risk of imminent danger to any individual at that time.
- Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that he (Captain Reamer) understood that Mr. Card's family was supposed to remove his (Mr.

Card's) weapons from his (Mr. Card's) home. In that connection, Captain Reamer said that he had been told that Mr. Card's weapons had been removed from his (Mr. Card's) home and were currently being stored in a family member's house.

According to Captain Reamer, Staff Sergeant Hodgson, who Captain Reamer characterized as the individual who "kinda started this whole thing," was supposed to move the weapons, but then Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, "supposedly" moved them.

However, he (Captain Reamer) added that he had been unable to verify that the firearms had been removed because he (Captain Reamer) lives in New Hampshire.

Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that he did not know if Mr. Card had any access to the firearms that were being stored at the family member's home.

• Captain Reamer informed Sergeant Skolfield that he had spoken to Mr. Card on September 15, 2023, when Mr. Card called him (Captain Reamer) to confirm that he would not be attending the Army Reserve "drill" session (at the Reserve Center in Saco) because he had to work at his civilian job. Captain Reamer reportedly told Mr. Card that there would be no problem if Mr. Card did not appear for the drill session.

According to Captain Reamer, Mr. Card "sounded angry" at "people" when he spoke to him on September 15 (which is the day that Sergeant Skolfield began follow-up on the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health that Staff Sergeant Hodgson expressed to First Sergeant Mote via the text message). He (Captain Reamer) added that Mr. Card did not make any specific threats during the telephone conversation. Rather, he (Captain Reamer) said, Mr. Card seemed upset at how "things went down there at West Point," apparently referring to the incident that led to his hospitalization for a mental health evaluation.

Importantly, Captain Reamer indicated to Sergeant Skolfield that Mr. Card had never threatened any specific person or said anything about targeting a specific location.

• Captain Reamer said that he had "just talked" with his Battalion Commander and Sergeant Major, one of whom works for the federal government and the other works as a police officer in Maine. They reportedly discussed Mr. Card's situation, and they decided to request law enforcement authorities (i.e., the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office) to perform a wellbeing check on Mr. Card to confirm that he is at home and alive, and then to document the wellbeing check (for the Army Reserve).

- Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that Mr. Card can be "uncooperative or whatever," and indicated that it would not be sensible for them (the law enforcement officers) to "push" the situation (referring to taking steps during the wellbeing check that may force a confrontation with Mr. Card, thereby escalating the situation into one that would require a police use of force), emphasizing that the Army Reserve only wanted a wellbeing check verifying that Mr. Card was home and alive.
- Referring to the results of his attempts to contact Mr. Card during the visit that he and Deputy Stefanizzi made to Mr. Card's house prior to his conversation with Captain Reamer, Sergeant Skolfield told Captain Reamer that he knew that Mr. Card was alive, but added that he (Mr. Card) would not answer the door and, referring to the potential consequences of confronting Mr. Card if he was being uncooperative, there was no way to avoid Mr. Card's "line of sight," indicating that the presence of law enforcement officers may provoke Mr. Card into having an armed confrontation with the officers. In response, Captain Reamer said that he did not want law enforcement officers "to push into something" and "escalate" the situation, referring to the potential for an unnecessarily dangerous confrontation with Mr. Card.
- Captain Reamer emphasized, he (representing the Army Reserves) was
 only asking Sergeant Skolfield to document a wellbeing check after
 verifying that Mr. Card was at home, although he may have been
 uncooperative, so that the Army can confirm that he was "alive and
 breathing," then the Army "can go from there."

Captain Reamer also indicated to Sergeant Skolfield that he did not want law enforcement officers to get hurt or to put themselves in a position of having to do "anything" or "making a decision," referring to any potential police action that would put officers in a "compromising situation" that may escalate to the point of where officers may have to use force against Mr. Card.

In response, Sergeant Skolfield indicated to Captain Reamer that his goal was to avoid escalating Mr. Card, adding that he had hoped that Mr. Card would answer the door and have a conversation with him (Sergeant Skolfield) to complete the wellbeing check. Sergeant Skolfield indicated that he was certain that Mr. Card had seen his (Sergeant Skolfield's) Sheriff's Office cruiser parked in his yard when the wellbeing check was attempted.

• Referring to Mr. Card's refusal to answer the door when Sergeant Skolfield was attempting to make the wellbeing check, Captain Reamer said that he (Mr. Card) had done "the same thing" when "this all kinda initially went down," referring to the West Point incident.

According to Captain Reamer, Mr. Card had been "uncooperative" with him and other Army Reserve unit members, which, he said, "seems to be his thing when he just doesn't want to deal with us, anybody, he just kinda locks in there."

Continuing, Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that "nothing ended up happening" when they (Captain Reamer and other unit members) were trying to contact him during the West Point incident, adding that "[h]e didn't have any weapons, he didn't, it didn't turn into anything" and that "[h]e eventually came out ... after we kinda got our ... some of our guys out there to help out with it."

Referring to the similarity between how Mr. Card acted when Sergeant Skolfield attempted to contact him and Captain Reamer's previous experience with Mr. Card during the West Point incident, he (Captain Reamer) said, "[s]o it's not ... unheard of for him to kind of handle it this way."

Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that he (Captain Reamer) had given him (Sergeant Skolfield) the Army Reserve's "two cents," but added that he (Sergeant Skolfield) should take whatever action he may deem to be appropriate under the circumstances. In reply, Sergeant Skolfield said that he was acting on what had been passed on to him by the Army Reserve unit via [Detective Bagley], referring to his ongoing attempt to assess whether Mr. Card posed a risk of imminent danger to any individual.

Referring to the information provided by the Army Reserve via [Detective Bagley], Captain Reamer indicated that Army Reserve personnel had tried to fact-check and assess the information contained in Staff Sergeant Hodgson's text message, which was the catalyst for the request for the wellbeing check.

Referring to Staff Sergeant Hodgson and the Army Reserve's effort to assess the concerns about Mr. Card's wellbeing, Captain Reamer said that he (Staff Sergeant Hodgson) had been unable to give any information about any specific threat that Mr. Card may have made, adding that the "validity of the text message" sent by Staff Sergeant Hodgson was questionable.

However, Captain Reamer indicated, there was enough information about Mr. Card to cause some concern, including Mr. Card's history (e.g., his hospitalization during the summer), which was why, explained, the Army Reserve was requesting that law enforcement authorities conduct a well-being check.

Captain Reamer indicated that the Army Reserve was obligated to treat
a message like the one Staff Sergeant Hodgson sent to First Sergeant
Mote very seriously. However, he added that in the present
circumstances the message must also be taken "with a grain of salt,"
again indicating that Army Reserve personnel questioned the
reliability of the information that Staff Sergeant Hodgson provided.

Referring to Staff Sergeant Hodgson, Captain Reamer repeated to Sergeant Skolfield that the Army Reserve "considered the source" when evaluating the information provided in the text message. Accordingly, he indicated, the Army Reserve was only requesting a wellbeing check to assess Mr. Card's status to ensure that he was good and alive, as well as some documentation about the wellbeing check.

- Sergeant Skolfield told Captain Reamer that he intended to contact Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, to confirm that the family had removed the firearms from Mr. Card's home.
- Captain Reamer indicated that he did not believe that Mr. Card's mental health situation would improve, and Sergeant Skolfield agreed with that proposition.
- In closing, Sergeant Skolfield referred to Maine's so-called yellow flag law and the prerequisites for removing firearms from an individual who poses a danger to themselves or others, indicating that fulfilling the yellow flag law's prerequisites would be a "hurdle" in Mr. Card's case. In addition, Sergeant Skolfield indicated that he did not want to do anything that would escalate Mr. Card, referring to the potential for provoking an unnecessary armed confrontation with Mr. Card that may result in a use of force.

Thus, Captain Reamer informed Sergeant Skolfield that the Army Reserve's assessment of the current concerns about Mr. Card's mental health indicated that he (Mr. Card) did not pose a risk of imminent danger to any individual, and that the Army Reserve therefore requested only a wellbeing check that would determine whether Mr. Card was at home and alive.

As for Mr. Card's apparent refusal to answer the door when Sergeant Skolfield attempted the wellbeing check, Captain Reamer indicated that Mr. Card's failure to respond to Sergeant Skolfield's attempted contact was consistent with how he (Mr. Card) had acted during the West Point incident described above.

In the West Point situation, Captain Reamer indicated to Sergeant Skolfield, Mr. Card was uncooperative with attempts by Army Reserve personnel to do a wellbeing check. Mr. Card reportedly isolated himself in his motel room, but he eventually came out after some other members of the Reserve unit arrived, and nothing happened, noting that Mr. Card was unarmed.

Deciding to give Mr. Card some time to himself, Sergeant Skolfield concentrated on locating and interviewing Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, about his knowledge of whether Mr. Card had access to firearms.

29. September 16, 2023 (Morning)

At some point during the morning, Maine State Police Sergeant Thomas Pappas stopped to speak with Sergeant Skolfield while he (Sergeant Skolfield) was parked near Mr. Card's house. Sergeant Skolfield explained the situation with Mr. Card to Sergeant Pappas, who informed Sergeant Skolfield that he (Sergeant Pappas) believed that Sergeant Skolfield's response to the mental health concerns was sufficient under the circumstances. Notwithstanding Sergeant Pappas' assessment, Sergeant Skolfield decided to take additional steps in response to those concerns.

30. September 16, 2023 (10:59 AM)

Beginning at 10:59 AM, Sergeant Skolfield attempted to contact Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, by telephone (calling three telephone numbers that he believed were utilized by Ryan Card) with the intention of speaking to him about Robert's mental health, to no avail.

31. September 16, 2023 (11:09 AM)

At 11:09 AM, Sergeant Skolfield telephoned his supervisor, Lieutenant Brian Quinn, and discussed the status of his response to the Army Reserve's concerns about the mental health of Mr. Card. During the conference, Sergeant Skolfield informed Lieutenant Quinn that, based on the information provided by Captain Reamer as to the Army Reserve's assessment of Mr. Card's situation and the unsuccessful attempt to conduct a wellbeing check (other than determining that Mr. Card appeared to be inside his home), he (Sergeant Skolfield) believed that the best approach would be to leave Mr. Card alone.

Sergeant Skolfield also advised Lieutenant Quinn that he intended to speak with Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, and request that Ryan Card assist by removing any firearms that Mr. Card may possess. In addition, Sergeant Skolfield told Lieutenant Quinn that he intended to ask Ryan Card to contact the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office if he (Ryan Card) had or develops any reason to believe that Mr. Card needed a psychiatric evaluation.

32. September 16, 2023 (11:34 AM)

At 11:34 AM, Sergeant Skolfield attempted to contact Ryan Card by going to the home of Mr. Card's father, Robert Card, Sr., on the Meadow Road in Bowdoin, which Sergeant Skolfield recorded using the Watchguard cruiser camera system.

Sergeant Skolfield told Mr. Card, Sr., that he had been hoping to speak with Ryan Card to make sure that he (Ryan Card) had Mr. Card's guns, adding that he (Sergeant Skolfield) could not get him (Mr. Card) to talk "to us" and that he (Mr. Card) "won't

answer the door." Sergeant Skolfield indicated that he understood that Ryan Card had Mr. Card's weapons, but that he (Sergeant Skolfield) "wanted to make sure that that's the case." In response to a question from Sergeant Skolfield, Mr. Card, Sr., said that he was not familiar with the status of Mr. Card's firearms. Mr. Card, Sr., advised Sergeant Skolfield to speak to Ryan Card about the firearms.

Before leaving, Sergeant Skolfield told Mr. Card, Sr., that he (Sergeant Skolfield) was only trying to make sure that Mr. Card didn't do anything "foolish." Although it's difficult to hear in the recording, Mr. Card, Sr., apparently referring to Mr. Card's mental health, said something to the effect of, "It doesn't sound good." He did not say anything to Sergeant Skolfield about whether Mr. Card posed an imminent risk of danger to anyone.

Next, Sergeant Skolfield believes that he went to Ryan Card's home, but discovered that he (Ryan Card) was not there.

33. September 16, 2023 (12:04 PM)

At 12:04 PM, the Sagadahoc County Communications Center assigned Sergeant Skolfield to a call for service to investigate a domestic violence incident in Bowdoinham, which required his full attention during the remainder of the shift and beyond. Consequently, Sergeant Skolfield was unable to continue his follow-up work regarding Mr. Card's situation, although, as he reported to Lieutenant Quinn, the Card matter did not then require any immediate action.

34. September 17, 2023 (2:42 PM)

At 2:42 PM, Sergeant Skolfield had a telephone conference with Ryan Card, who assured him (Sergeant Skolfield) that he (Ryan Card) and his father (Mr. Card, Sr.) would work together to move Mr. Card's firearms from a safe at the Card family farm that Mr. Card could access to another secure location.

In addition, Ryan Card told Sergeant Skolfield that he (Ryan Card) was aware that Mr. Card had answered the door at his trailer with a handgun that he kept outside the line of sight of the person at the door, apparently a reference to what Ms. Card had previously disclosed. Ryan Card told Sergeant Skolfield that he would "work with" Mr. Card to ensure that he does not have any firearms independent of those in the family gun safe at the Card farm.

Sergeant Skolfield informed Ryan Card that the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office intended to ensure that Mr. Card would not do anything to harm himself and others. On that note, Sergeant Skolfield asked Ryan Card to determine whether Mr. Card required a psychiatric evaluation when he (Ryan Card) is communicating with him (Mr. Card). If so, Sergeant Skolfield told Ryan Card that Sheriff's Office personnel would be willing to assist Ryan Card in arranging for Mr. Card to be evaluated.

Subsequently, Ryan Card contacted Sergeant Skolfield and reiterated that he (Ryan Card) and his father (Mr. Card, Sr.) would be working together to ensure that Mr. Card

did not have access to any firearms, adding that they have a plan for securing the weapons.

After Sergeant Skolfield's conference with Ryan Card on September 17, 2023, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office concluded its response to the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health, having established through various means, including discussions with Army Reserve personnel at the command staff level about its determination that Mr. Card did not currently pose an imminent risk of danger to any specific individual, any specific location, or the community, attempting a wellbeing check at Mr. Card's home (and receiving a lack of response that was consistent with Mr. Card's response in conceptually similar circumstances experienced by Army Reserve personnel in July 2023), and receiving assurances from Mr. Card's family members that they would ensure that Mr. Card did not have access to firearms and that they would contact the Sheriff's Office if Mr. Card's mental health deteriorated if they had any reason in the future to believe that a psychiatric evaluation was necessary to protect Mr. Card and others from imminent danger.

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35. October 18, 2023

Following a routine Interstate Identification Index ("III") protocol, the FBI sent a computerized message to the Sagadahoc County Communications Center approximately 30 days after the File 6 for Mr. Card was entered into the III system and inquired whether the File 6 should be extended or removed from the system. By that time, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office had not received any information, including from the Army Reserve or the Card family, that additional concerns about Mr. Card's mental health had emerged. Consequently, Sergeant Skolfield authorized the cancellation of the File 6, although the "armed and dangerous" flag remained in the in-house computer system.

36. October 19, 2023

According to a news media article citing a police report, Mr. Card was making a delivery to a store in New Hampshire as part of his truck driver duties when he accused employees at the store of talking about him, leading one employee to believe that Mr. Card was hearing voices. An employee at the store where Mr. Card was making the delivery, told police officials that Mr. Card "got in his face," but did not make a direct threat, although, speaking to store employees, he said, "Maybe you will be the ones I snap on." One or more of the employees reportedly informed the police after the mass shooting in Lewiston that they recognized Mr. Card as the truck driver who had been confrontational with them. The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office was not aware of the

⁸ https://www.pressherald.com/2023/11/03/lewiston-shooter-warned-he-might-snap-on-employees-at-bakery-outlet-days-before-rampage/ (last visited on November 17, 2023).

confrontation between Mr. Card and the store employees in New Hampshire prior to the mass shootings on October 25, 2023.

37. October 25, 2023

Tragically, law enforcement officials reportedly established that Mr. Card shot multiple people at two locations in Lewiston, which killed 18 victims and wounded many other victims.

According to a news report citing "multiple law enforcement sources," Mr. Card legally purchased the weapon that he reportedly used during the mass shootings (and a Beretta semi-automatic pistol, which is reportedly a standard sidearm for military personnel) from a Maine gun store ten days before he was hospitalized in New York on July 2023.9

38. October 27, 2023

On October 27, 2023, Maine State Police Detective Blake Conrad submitted an affidavit in support of an application for a search warrant for Mr. Card's cellular telephone records ("affidavit"). ¹⁰ In the affidavit, Detective Conrad stated that Mr. Card's brother (believed to be Ryan Card, although the name is redacted) and Mr. Card's father (i.e., Robert Card, Sr.) had tried to help Mr. Card, but he (i.e., Mr. Card) "could not be reasoned with." Affidavit at ¶ 20 (pp. 10-11). According to (the person believed to be Ryan Card, although the name is redacted), Mr. Card agreed to have (the name is redacted but it is the person believed to be Ryan Card) change the access code to the gun safe in his garage (apparently to prevent Mr. Card from gaining access to firearms due to the concerns about his behavior), which happened "a few months ago." *Id.* However, Mr. Card reportedly had a key to the safe (that would override the code mechanism), so he had access to his firearms prior to the shootings on October 25, 2023. *Id.*

Considering the circumstances, it appears that the changing of the code to Mr. Card's firearms safe occurred after Ryan Card informed Sergeant Skolfield that he and his father would restrict Mr. Card's access to firearms.

After a two-day search for Mr. Card, law enforcement officials discovered his body in Lisbon Falls on October 27, 2023. Mr. Card reportedly died as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

⁹ https://www.cnn.com/2023/10/27/us/maine-shootings-suspect-search-friday/index.html (last visited on November 18, 2023).

¹⁰ The affidavit is available online at https://www.courts.maine.gov/news/card/warrant-affidavit-conrad.pdf with name redactions.

DISCUSSION

I. What is the role of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office when responding to calls for service involving mental health concerns and what options are available?

A. The Backdrop

Like any other government agency with law enforcement responsibilities, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office's "involvement with mentally ill persons is grounded in two common law principles: (1) The power and responsibility of the police to protect the safety and welfare of the public, and (2) parens patriae, which dictates protection for disabled citizens such as mentally ill persons." Linda A. Teplin, "I Keeping the Peace: Police Discretion and Mentally Ill Persons, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE JOURNAL, 8, 9 (July 2000). When responding to a situation involving mental health concerns, law enforcement officers must assess the situation, as well as the person of concern, a process that is often comprised of many moving parts, and then devise an approach that would serve the interests of the community and the person of concern. Depending on the circumstances, the response may involve an arrest for a serious crime with or without a use of force, a crisis-intervention by a trained officer for de-escalation purposes, a crisis-intervention by another professional, de-escalating care by a third party (such as a family member), or, if the person of concern is mentally ill, a voluntary psychiatric evaluation (and treatment), or taking the person into protective custody for an involuntary psychiatric evaluation (and treatment).

Responding law enforcement officers and persons of concern are at risk of personal injury and death in mental health-related situations. For example, the Third Annual Report of the Maine Deadly Force Review Panel¹² ("DFRP"), which was submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary of the Maine Legislature in January 2023, reported that 74% of the cases in which Maine law enforcement officers used deadly force since 2019 involved individuals who were in a mental health crisis and/or were suicidal, including three individuals who said that they intended to commit "suicide by cop." DFRP 2023 Report at 2. Noting that 74% of deadly force incidents reviewed by the DFRP had a mental health component, the DFRP 2023 Report stated as follows:

The 2008 report of the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Use of Deadly Force by Law Enforcement Officers Against Individuals Suffering from Mental Illness, as well as the two previous annual reports of the Deadly Force Review Panel, referenced the presence of unmet behavioral health and

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¹² Sagadahoc County Sheriff Joel Merry and Saco Police Chief Jack Clements are members of the Panel.

¹³ In addition, 100% of the individuals subjected to a use of deadly force possessed weapons during the incidents, 26% were prohibited from possessing firearms, and 63% used their weapons during the incident leading to a use of deadly force.

substance use disorder needs in deadly force incidents, and included recommendations calling for:

- Additional behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment resources, especially in rural areas.
- Better collaboration and communication between behavioral providers and law enforcement.

DFRP 2023 Report at 3.

To help address unmet needs, the DFRP reported that it had previously recommended that procedures for protective custody and involuntary admissions to psychiatric hospitals should be subjects of educational programs and that collaboration involving law enforcement agencies, community behavioral health providers and local hospitals should be enhanced. *Id.* In response to that recommendation, the Maine Criminal Justice Academy ("MCJA") revised a lesson plan entitled *Restricting Access to Dangerous Weapons* and distributed the lesson plan to all Maine law enforcement agencies (including the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office) for educational purposes. *Id.* In the 2023 Report, the DFRP made additional recommendations, including expanded education and information regarding reliance on protective custody and the use of telehealth connections with mental health care providers to facilitate "likelihood of foreseeable harm" evaluations to make activation of the weapons restriction statute (i.e., the "yellow flag" statute) more efficient. *Id.* at 3-4. Additionally, the Panel expressed support for the Maine Department of Health & Human Services in their efforts "to expand community treatment services for individuals requiring mental health treatment and supports the current efforts to provide additional resources for expanded behavioral mental health services." *Id.* at 4.

The MCJA, in collaboration with the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and the Maine Office of the Attorney General, also distributed the September 1, 2019 Edition of the New Law Update, a recurring publication with information about "new and amended public laws relevant to law enforcement officers," with a description of procedures for potential weapon restrictions after law enforcement officers take a mentally ill person into protective custody, together with a link to the statute, which was enacted as 34-B M.R.S. § 3862-A. The publication was distributed to all law enforcement agencies, including the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office.

Moreover, the MCJA Board of Trustees adopted a Minimum Standard (Policy No. 5) entitled Response to Mental Illness, Involuntary Commitment & Protection from Substantial Threats Policy on November 19, 2021, which became effective on January 1, 2022, and required all Maine law enforcement agencies to adopt a corresponding policy. The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office adopted the policy mandated by the MCJA Board of Trustees on February 20, 2022, which provides guidance to SCSO personnel "on the options and resources available to assist individuals who appear to be mentally ill or experiencing a mental health crisis, as well as on the procedures for protective custody, emergency involuntary commitment, involuntary commitment, and protection from substantial threats (i.e., Maine's "yellow flag law").

Putting a premium on promoting the safety of law enforcement officers, mentally ill persons, family members of mentally ill persons, and community members, Maine law

enforcement agencies, including the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office, train personnel to intervene with mentally ill persons through participation in a training program that builds Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT). The CIT program is designed as "a foundation necessary to promote community and statewide solutions to assist individuals with a mental illness." Crisis Intervention Team Core Elements, at 3 (2007). Sixteen members of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office were certified as CIT members after completing the 40-hour training program, including Lieutenant Brian Quinn, Sergeant Aaron Skolfield, Corporal Michael Fitzpatrick, Deputy Chad Carleton, and Deputy Zach Kindelan, all of whom participated in some way with the SCSO response to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health. In addition, six SCSO personnel, including Sheriff Merry, Lieutenant Quinn, Corporal Fitzpatrick, and Deputy Kindelan completed an 8-hour Mental Health First Aid training program, which was designed to help people who may be experiencing a mental health problem or crises and focused on the risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, information on depression, anxiety, trauma, psychosis, and addiction disorders; a five-step action plan to help someone developing a mental health problem or in crisis; and information about where a person may turn for help, including professional, peer, and self-help resources.

Law enforcement agencies are increasingly employing behavioral health liaison personnel to collaborate with law enforcement officers in the field during responses to persons in psychiatric crisis or concerns about the mental health of community members, which is in line with the recommendations of the Deadly Force Review Panel and DHHS efforts to increase community treatment services. In May 2023, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office partnered with the Bath Police Department, the Topsham Police Department, and the Brunswick Police Department in a contract with Sweetser, a Maine-based mental health care provider, for the establishment and staffing of a shared mental health liaison position. Due to logistics, the mental health liaison position was not filled until October 2023. Pursuant to the arrangement, the mental health liaison will:

- Accompany first-responding officers to call-out situations, promoting an ethical, structured, healthy and helpful environment.
- Serve as behavioral health liaison to the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office, the Bath Police Department, the Topsham Police Department, and the Brunswick Police Department.
- Provide follow-up services after police involvement and provide connections to community services and providers to address ongoing housing, food insecurities, insurance, employment and mental health and substance abuse treatment needs.
- Provide individuals with support and advocacy until appropriate community resources are available.
- In appropriate circumstances, provide crisis intervention services including crisis assessment, disposition and short-term follow-up crisis counseling.

- Have a thorough knowledge of local resources and work to connect individuals identified by the law enforcement agency partners with needed social services and community support.
- Develop and maintain a thorough knowledge of managed care and health insurance systems.
- Provide other clinicians with managed care information and resources pertinent to the crises being managed.
- Establish strong working relationships with community providers.
- Deliver trainings and mentoring to the employees of the partner law enforcement agencies on the topics of mental health and substance use, stigma, Naloxone, harm reduction, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, and de-escalation strategies.
- Participate in the cross-training of law enforcement personnel.
- Provide the partner law enforcement agencies with Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and Mental Health First Aid, as needed.

Thus, the multi-disciplinary approach taken by the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office and its law enforcement agency partners under this arrangement substantially, along with CIT training programs, enhance the capacity of the agencies to manage its responses to calls for service with mental health components. To reduce the potential for injuries to persons in crisis and law enforcement officers, Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office personnel already try to follow CIT de-escalation practices to avoid an unintended escalation of a mental health-related situation to the point of where a use of force, especially deadly force, may become necessary. Now, when circumstances allow for it, Sheriff's personnel may be able to rely on the expertise of the mental health liaison to de-escalate a situation that may have been otherwise difficult to manage.

Some agencies, however, do not respond to situations that require community caretaking, as opposed to law enforcement, functions. For example, the Maine State Police Tactical Team, regional tactical teams, and Maine Warden Service personnel reportedly will not respond to situations involving threats of suicides because their presence may escalate the situation into one requiring a use of force. Law enforcement agencies and officers are also concerned about the potential for liability in such situations, including civil causes of action alleging that a state-created danger caused an avoidable death or injury, a concept described below.

B. What options does the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office have when responding to concerns about an individual's mental health?

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office, like any Maine law enforcement agency, has four statutory options to consider when responding to concerns about an individual's mental health. Only two of those options, which involve a voluntary psychiatric evaluation or the protective custody process, have any practical application to an agency's response to concerns

about a person's mental health in emergent circumstances requiring immediate action. Otherwise, law enforcement agencies properly defer to the expertise of professional mental health care providers in non-emergency settings that do not require a law enforcement response.

1. Voluntary Psychiatric Evaluation

If a law enforcement officer responding to concerns about a person's mental health does not have probable cause to arrest the person for a criminal offense or the surrounding circumstances do not require or favor an immediate arrest, the officer would, as part of the officer's community caretaker responsibilities, consider whether the person appears to be mentally ill, a status that Maine law defines as follows (reformatted into paragraphs for clarity):

"Mentally ill person" means a person having a psychiatric or other disease that substantially impairs that person's mental health or creates a substantial risk of suicide.

"Mentally ill person" includes persons suffering effects from the use of drugs, narcotics, hallucinogens or intoxicants, including alcohol.

A person with developmental disabilities or a person diagnosed as a sociopath[14] is not for those reasons alone a mentally ill person.

34-B M.R.S. § 3801(5) (emphasis supplied). It is noteworthy that an individual diagnosed as a "sociopath" (i.e., a psychopath) is not *for that reason alone* considered to be a "mentally ill person" for the purposes of Maine's Mental Health statutes.

Noting that law enforcement officers are not professional mental health care providers, if the officer suspects that the person of concern is likely mentally ill, meaning showing symptoms of a psychiatric or other disease that is substantially impairing that person's mental health or creates a substantial risk of suicide, the officer would then ascertain whether the individual would agree to submit to a voluntary admission¹⁵ to a psychiatric hospital on an informal basis for care and treatment of "a mental illness." See 34-B M.R.S. § 3831. In other words, the officer must obtain consent from the person of concern before bringing that person to a psychiatric facility for evaluation and, if warranted, treatment.

If the person of concern consents to a psychiatric evaluation, the involved officer will take the person to a general hospital that has a psychiatric unit, where a professional mental

¹⁴ Although mental health care professionals may define the term differently, Black's Law Dictionary equates the term "sociopath" with "psychopath," which it defines, in pertinent part, as "[a] person with a mental disorder characterized by an extremely antisocial personality that often leads to aggressive, perverted or criminal behavior" and "[l]oosely, a person who is mentally ill or unstable." BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY 1263, 1425 (Deluxe 8th ed. 2004).

¹⁵ If the person of concern is under 18 years of age, any admission to a psychiatric hospital must be done with the consent of the person's parent or guardian, and, if the person of concern is a ward of a legally appointed guardian, the guardian must consent to the, and the ward must not object to, the informal admission to the psychiatric facility. 34-B M.R.S. § 3831(3), (5).

health care provider would determine whether the prerequisites of § 3801(5) (defining a mentally ill person) and § 3831 (legal authority for admission of a patient to a psychiatric hospital on an informal voluntary basis for care and treatment). There, hospital policy may require the person of interest to be "cleared" by a health care provider in the hospital's emergency department before the person is seen by the psychiatric staff for a mental health evaluation. In those instances, persons of concern may revoke their consent to a psychiatric evaluation and decide to leave the hospital before the psychiatric staff have an opportunity to complete the evaluation. Unless the involved officer or hospital staff have information that meets the legal prerequisites for protective custody, the person of concern must be permitted to leave the hospital.

On the one hand, a person of concern who initially consents to a voluntary, informal examination at a psychiatric facility may revoke the consent at any time prior to the completion of the evaluation and leave the facility. That person's departure from the psychiatric facility cannot be prevented unless there are grounds to take the person into protective custody, a process that, if certain prerequisites are met, may be initiated in the absence of consent from the person of concern, but would be initiated by someone other than a law enforcement officer, most likely by a professional mental health care provider at the psychiatric facility where the person of concern has been admitted (and the involved law enforcement officer is not present). However, if a law enforcement officer with the prerequisite knowledge of grounds for taking the person of concern into protective custody is present at the psychiatric facility when the person of concern attempts to leave, the law enforcement officer may take the person of concern into protective custody, which involves a process described below.

On the other hand, a person who has been admitted to a psychiatric hospital is "free to leave the psychiatric hospital at any time after admission within 16 hours of the patient's request," unless the psychiatric facility initiates an emergency involuntary commitment process within that time. See 34-B M.R.S. § 3832 (freedom to leave a psychiatric facility), § 3863 (emergency procedure for involuntary admission to a psychiatric hospital).

Thus, a voluntary psychiatric evaluation is a useful option if the process unfolds in the way that is contemplated by § 3831, but a voluntary evaluation can be short-circuited or become complicated and increasingly formal if the person of concern withdraws his or her consent for the evaluation.

2. Emergency Involuntary Commitment

As noted above, a person who has been admitted to a psychiatric hospital is "free to leave the psychiatric hospital at any time after admission within 16 hours of the patient's request," unless the psychiatric facility initiates an emergency involuntary commitment process within that time. See 34-B M.R.S. § 3832 (freedom to leave a psychiatric facility).

An application for an emergency involuntary commitment must demonstrate that the applicant has grounds to believe (after a psychiatric examination) that the person of concern is "mentally ill and, because of the person's illness, poses a likelihood of serious harm" to the patient or others, which requires judicial approval and judicial imposition of restrictions on the length of the person's hospitalization. See 34-B M.R.S. § 3863 (emergency procedure for involuntary admission to a psychiatric hospital).

Although the relevant statute permits a law enforcement officer to file an application for an emergency involuntary commitment of a person of concern, *id.*, it is most likely that it would be submitted by a professional mental health care provide who possesses the necessary expertise and experience with the person of concern.

3. Protective Custody

In Maine, a law enforcement "may" (but is not required to) take a person of concern into protective custody, but doing so, in pertinent part, must be premised on "probable cause to believe that a person may be mentally ill and that due to that condition the person poses a likelihood of serious harm as defined in [34-B M.R.S. § 3801(4-A)(A), (B) or (C)]," and "shall deliver the person immediately for examination by a medical practitioner" 34-B M.R.S. § 3862(1).

In the context of protective custody situations, Maine law defines "likelihood of serious harm" as follows:

- A. A substantial risk of physical harm to the person as manifested by recent threats, or attempts at, suicide or serious self-inflicted harm;
- B. A substantial risk of physical harm to other persons as manifested by recent homicidal or violent behavior or by recent conduct placing others in reasonable fear of serious physical harm;
- C. A reasonable certainty that the person will suffer severe physical or mental harm as manifested by recent behavior demonstrating an inability to avoid risk or to protect the person adequately from impairment or injury; or
- D. For the purposes of [34-B M.R.S. § 3873-A], in view of the person's treatment history, current behavior and inability to make an informed decision, a reasonable likelihood that the person's mental health will deteriorate and that the person will in the foreseeable future pose a likelihood of serious harm as defined in paragraphs A, B or C.

34-B M.R.S. § 3801(4-A).

The protective custody option is a practical approach to situations in which the person of interest is at risk of self-harm or where there are substantiated concerns that the person of interest may cause harm to others. It is not unusual for Maine law enforcement officers to exercise this option and then place the person of concern into the care of a professional mental health care provider who would then become responsible for diagnosis and, as appropriate, treatment of the person of concern.

4. Action Under Maine's Progressive Treatment Program

In Maine, a law enforcement officer or the superintendent or chief administrative officer of a psychiatric hospital, a medical practitioner, the legal guardian of the person of concern, the

director of an outpatient mental health treatment (ACT) team, or a State commissioner with oversight of mental health programs may apply to a judge of the Maine District Court for admission of a person of concern to a "progressive treatment program" if the following conditions are met:

- A. The patient suffers from a severe and persistent mental illness;
- B. The patient poses a likelihood of serious harm;
- C. The patient has the benefit of a suitable individualized treatment plan;
- D. Licensed and qualified community providers are available to support the treatment plan;
- E. The patient is unlikely to follow the treatment plan voluntarily;
- F. Court-ordered compliance will help to protect the patient from interruptions in treatment, relapses or deterioration of mental health; and
- G. Compliance will enable the patient to survive more safely in a community setting without posing a likelihood of serious harm.

34-B M.R.S. § 3873-A(1).

By law, an application to a judge for admission of the person of concern must be accompanied by a certificate from a medical practitioner that provides the facts and opinions necessary to support the application and must indicate that the practitioner's opinions about the person of concern are based on one or more recent examinations of the person or the practitioner's recent treatment of the person. *Id.* at § 3873-A(2).

The practitioner's opinions "may be based on personal observation and must include a consideration of history and information from other sources considered reliable by the [practitioner] when such sources are available." *Id.* The application "must include a proposed individualized treatment plan and identify one or more licensed and qualified community providers willing to support the plan." *Id.*

Finally, "the applicant must provide a written statement certifying that a copy of the application and the accompanying documents have been given personally to the patient and that the patient and the patient's guardian or next of kin, if any, have been notified of: (A) The patient's right to retain an attorney or to have an attorney appointed; (B) The patient's right to select or to have the patient's attorney select an independent examiner; and (C) How to contact the District Court." *Id*.

From a practical standpoint, this option, although Maine law enforcement officers are permitted to apply for a person of concern's admission to a progressive treatment program, a professional mental health care provider would be more qualified to make the application. Moreover, as described above, the procedure for a person of concern's admission into a

progressive treatment program is a slow process that is not adaptable to the emergent situations that a law enforcement officer would encounter.

C. What are the prerequisites under Maine law for a response by the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office to a situation in which a mentally ill person is in possession of weapons?

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office, like every Maine law enforcement agency, has several options when responding to a situation in which a mentally ill person is in possession of weapons. However, the selection or availability of those options depends on the circumstances, including whether the situation involves a realistic potential for imminent self-harm or imminent harm to others, as well as other safety considerations.¹⁶

It is preferable for law enforcement agencies to resolve a situation in which a mentally ill person is in possession of weapons, by consent, either by a voluntary surrender of the firearms to a law enforcement agency for safekeeping or by arranging for a transfer of possession of the firearms to a third-party for safekeeping. That is a beneficial approach regardless of whether the person of concern poses a risk of self-harm or harm to others, which is a procedure that would not require legal proceedings. Like other Maine law enforcement agencies, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office routinely impounds firearms by consent. For example, since January 1, 2020, the Sheriff's Office impounded 16 firearms (4 long guns and 12 handguns) from individuals who were mentally ill, expressed suicidal ideation, or made suicide attempts, although none were taken pursuant to 34-B M.R.S. § 3862-A after it became effective on July 1, 2020. In addition, the Sheriff's Office has also impounded firearms in other situations that may involve individuals with mental illness or who have otherwise exhibited dangerous behavior. 17

When a voluntary surrender of firearms to a law enforcement agency or transfer of firearms to a third-party is impossible or is not feasible for any other reason, Maine's "yellow flag" law provides a level of protection from substantial threats involving firearms to persons at risk, which is available only after a law enforcement officer takes a person of concern into protective custody. In pertinent part, the following conditions must be met, and the following procedures must be fulfilled:

• Protective custody. After a law enforcement officer takes the person of concern into protective custody¹⁸ the officer "shall provide to the medical

¹⁶ See 34-B M.R.S. § 3862-A, Maine's so-called "yellow flag" law.

¹⁷ The Sheriff's Office also impounded 44 firearms (30 long guns and 14 handguns) from individuals who were prohibited from possessing firearms pursuant to protection of abuse orders and 35 firearms (30 long guns and 5 handguns) from defendants in criminal cases who had bail conditions prohibiting the possession of firearms. In total, the Sheriff's Office impounded 95 firearms (64 long guns and 31 handguns), including the firearms taken due to mental illness and suicide concerns, since January 1, 2020.

¹⁸ Taking a person into protective custody requires, in pertinent part, "probable cause to believe that [the] person may be mentally ill and that due to that condition the person poses a likelihood of serious harm as defined in [34-B M.R.S. § 3801(4-A)(A), (B) or (C)]." 34-B M.R.S. § 3862.

practitioner [who evaluates the person of concern] the information that led to the protective custody including, but not limited to, the information that gave rise to the probable cause determination, the person's pertinent criminal history record information and other known history and recent or recurring actions and behaviors." 34-B M.R.S. § 3862-A(2)(A).

• Medical assessment of a likelihood of foreseeable harm. The medical practitioner who evaluates the person of concern "shall assess whether the person presents a likelihood of foreseeable harm." *Id.* at § 3862-A(2)(B). "In assessing the person, [the] medical practitioner may consult with other medical professionals as the medical practitioner determines advisable." *Id.* "If the medical practitioner finds that the person can benefit from treatment and services, the medical practitioner shall refer the person to treatment and services." *Id.*

"Likelihood of foreseeable harm' means a substantial risk in the foreseeable future of serious physical harm to the person as manifested by recent behaviors or threats of, or attempts at, suicide, or serious self-inflicted harm; or a substantial risk in the foreseeable future of serious physical harm to other persons as manifested by recent homicidal or violent behavior or by recent conduct or statements placing others in reasonable fear of serious physical harm." *Id.* at § 3862-A(1)(G).

After evaluating the person of concern, the "medical practitioner shall notify in writing the law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency that, based on the assessment [performed under § 3862-A(2)(B)] the person is found to present a likelihood of foreseeable harm." *Id.* at § 3862-A(3).

• Judicial endorsement. If the medical practitioner determines that the person of concern presents a likelihood of foreseeable harm, the law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency shall as soon as practicable seek endorsement by a Superior Court Justice, District Court Judge, judge of probate or justice of the peace of the medical practitioner's assessment and law enforcement declarations that the person was taken into protective custody and that the law enforcement officer has probable cause [to believe] that the person possesses, controls or may acquire a dangerous weapon.[19]" Id. at § 3862-A(3).

"The judge or justice shall promptly transmit to the law enforcement officer or agency the decision to endorse or not endorse." *Id.* The judicial

¹⁹ Per 34-B M.R.S. § 3862-A(1)(A), the term "dangerous weapon" or "weapon" has the same meaning as in 17-A M.R.S. § 2(9)(C), including a firearm as defined by 17-A M.R.S. § 2(12-A). It appears from §2(9)(C) that "dangerous weapon" or "weapon" encompasses firearms, as well as any "any device designed as a weapon and capable of producing death or serious bodily injury."

endorsement "must authorize law enforcement to execute the authority in [§ 3862-A(4)].

Notice to person of concern. As soon as practicable, but no later than 24 hours after a judicial endorsement, a law enforcement officer "shall ... [notify] the restricted person [i.e., the person of concern] that (a) the [person of concern] [i]s prohibited from possessing, controlling, acquiring or attempting to possess, control or acquire a dangerous weapon pending the outcome of a judicial hearing; (b) [the person of concern] [i]s required to immediately and temporarily surrender any weapons possessed, controlled or acquired by the restricted person [i.e., the person of concern] to a law enforcement officer who has authority in the jurisdiction in which the weapons are located pending the outcome of a judicial hearing; and (c) [the person of concern] [h]as a right to a judicial hearing within 14 days of [the notification by the law enforcement officer]." Id. at § 3862-A(4)(B).

The law enforcement officer must "[n]otify the contact person, if any, disclosed by the restricted person to the medical practitioner and the district attorney in the district of the restricted person's residence of the person's restricted status" and "[r]eport the person's restricted status to the Department of Public Safety." *Id*.

- Effective date of prohibition. After the law enforcement officer gives the notice (as required by § 3862-A(4)(B)) to the person of concern, that person "(1) [i]s prohibited from possessing, controlling, acquiring or attempting to possess, control or acquire a dangerous weapon pending the outcome of a judicial hearing; (2) [s]hall immediately and temporarily surrender any weapons possessed, controlled or acquired by the restricted person to a law enforcement officer who has authority in the jurisdiction in which the weapons are located pending the outcome of a judicial hearing; and (3) [h]as a right to a judicial hearing within 14 days of [the notification from the law enforcement officer]." Id. at § 3862-A(4)(A).
- Failure to surrender weapons. "If a law enforcement agency has probable cause to believe the restricted person possesses or controls but has not surrendered a weapon, law enforcement may, prior to or as part of a judicial hearing, search for and seize such a weapon when authorized by a judicially issued warrant or other circumstances approved by law." *Id.* at § 3862-A(5).
- Subsequent judicial review. The statute provides for judicial review of the firearm-related restrictions imposed on the person of concern imposed by the court order issued pursuant to § 3862-A within 14 days of the law enforcement officer's notification to the person of concern, which will

determine whether the restrictions must be extended or dissolved.²⁰ Id. at § 3862-A(6).

As to the burden of proof at the hearing, the District Attorney "has the burden to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the restrict person presents a likelihood of foreseeable harm." *Id.* at § 3862-A(6)(B).

If the court determines that the prosecution has met its burden, it will issue an order indicating that the weapons-related restriction will remain in place for up to one year. *Id.* at § 3862-A(6).

The court must schedule another hearing within 45 days prior to the expiration of the order to determine whether the order should be extended. *Id.* The District Attorney has the burden to prove at the subsequent hearing that the restricted person continues to pose a likelihood of foreseeable harm; if proven, the court is authorized to extend the restrictions for up to an additional year. *Id.*

• Consequences of a restricted person's possession of a weapon. Possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person is a Class D criminal offense, a misdemeanor. *Id.* at § 3862-A(8).

In summary, the prophylactic measures against mentally ill persons in possession of dangerous weapons that are provided by the so-called "yellow flag" law are available to the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office and other Maine law enforcement agencies only when the following *threshold* conditions are met:

 Protective custody. A law enforcement officer has taken the person of concern into protective custody upon probable cause to believe that the

²⁰ In terms of the subject matter of the hearing, "the court shall consider all relevant evidence in, including, but not limited to, recent threats or acts of violence by the restricted person directed toward other persons; recent threats or acts of violence by the restrict person directed toward the restricted person; recent acts of unlawful abuse of animals by the restrict person; the reckless use or threatening display of a dangerous weapon by the restricted person; a history of the use, attempted use or threatening display of a dangerous weapon by the restricted person; a history of the use, attempted use of physical force by the restricted person against other persons; a record of prior custodial events or restrictions under this section; prior involuntary confinement of the restricted person in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities; prior protection from abuse and protection from harassment orders against the restricted person or violations regarding protection from abuse or protection from harassment by the restricted person; evidence of stalking behavior, severe obsession or sexual violence by the restrict person; the illegal use of controlled substances by the restricted person; and evidence of alcohol or drug abuse by the restricted person. The court shall also consider whether the restricted person is receiving treatment responsive to that person's mental health or substance abuse needs." Id. at § 3862-A(6).

person may be mentally ill <u>and</u> that due to the person's mental illness the person poses a likelihood of serious harm²¹ because:

- There is a substantial risk of physical harm to the person as manifested by recent threats, or attempts at, suicide or serious self-inflicted harm;
- There is a substantial risk of physical harm to other persons as manifested by recent homicidal or violent behavior or by recent conduct placing others in reasonable fear of serious physical harm;
- There is a reasonable certainty that the person will suffer severe
 physical or mental harm as manifested by recent behavior
 demonstrating an inability to avoid risk or to protect the person
 adequately from impairment or injury; or
- For the purposes of 34-B M.R.S. § 3873-A, the progressive treatment program statute, in view of the person's treatment history, current behavior and inability to make an informed decision, a reasonable likelihood that the person's mental health will deteriorate, and that the person will in the foreseeable future pose a likelihood of serious harm as defined in paragraphs A, B or C.

34-B M.R.S. § 3801(4-A) (defining likelihood of serious harm).

- Medical evaluation confirming a likelihood of foreseeable harm. A medical practitioner assesses the person of concern and determines that the person of concern presents a likelihood of foreseeable harm, meaning a substantial risk in the foreseeable future of serious physical harm to the person as manifested by recent behaviors or threats of, or attempts at, suicide, or serious self-inflicted harm; or a substantial risk in the foreseeable future of serious physical harm to other persons as manifested by recent homicidal or violent behavior or by recent conduct or statements placing others in reasonable fear of serious physical harm."²²
- Judicial endorsement. A judge endorses firearms-related restrictions after reviewing the medical practitioner's assessment that the person of concern poses a substantial risk of harm in the foreseeable future and law enforcement declarations that the person was taken into protective custody

²¹ 34-B M.R.S. § 3862(1) (specifying a law enforcement officer's power to take a person into protective custody).

²² 34-B M.R.S. § 3862-A(2)(B) (duty to assess whether the person of concern presents a likelihood of foreseeable harm), 3862-A(3) (notification to the law enforcement officer of a determination that the person of concern presents a likelihood of foreseeable harm), 3862-A(1)(G) (defining foreseeable harm).

and that the law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that the person possesses, controls or may acquire a dangerous weapon.²³

Unless a person of concern consents to transfer of weapons to a law enforcement agency or officer (or a third party), agencies and officers cannot confiscate weapons unless those conditions are fulfilled, except when weapons are evidence of a criminal offense.

- II. Under the totality of the circumstances, was the response of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office to concerns about Robert Card's mental health reasonable?
 - A. Was a voluntary psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Card's mental health facilitated by Deputy Carleton feasible and, if not, did Deputy Carleton possess the legal discretion to take Mr. Card into protective custody (and, if so, to confiscate his firearms)?

The factual findings indicate that Deputy Carleton responded to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health on May 3, 2023, and spent considerable time on that day, and again on May 4, 2023, diligently assessing those concerns.

Feasibility of a voluntary psychiatric evaluation. As discussed above, an informal voluntary admission to a psychiatric hospital for a mental health evaluation is a useful option if the process unfolds in the way that is contemplated by 34-B M.R.S. § 3831, but its viability depends upon the continued existence of the person of concern's consent. A voluntary evaluation can be short-circuited or become complicated and increasingly formal if the person of concern withdraws his or her consent for the evaluation. Thus, without the person of concern's consent, a voluntary psychiatric evaluation is impossible, at which point a law enforcement officer responding to concerns about a person's mental health must assess whether the prerequisites for taking the person of concern into protective custody.²⁴

Regarding the concerns expressed about Mr. Card's mental health in May 2023, the first step in Deputy Carleton's calculus was a determination of whether it appeared that Mr. Card was mentally ill within the contemplation of 34-B M.R.S. § 3801(5). If so, then Mr. Card would be eligible under § 3831 for an informal voluntary admission to a psychiatric hospital. According to what Ms. Card and Colby Card, Mr. Card's ex-wife, and son (who was almost 18 years old), told Deputy Carleton, Mr. Card appeared to be hearing voices, exhibited paranoid behavior, was having angry outbursts, and had firearms, but had never done anything threatening with firearms.

Next, Deputy Carleton assessed whether it was likely that Mr. Card would consent to an informal voluntary admission to a psychiatric hospital for an evaluation that he (Deputy Carleton) would facilitate, which would be Deputy Carleton's typical approach in such circumstances. However, Ms. Card, Colby, and Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, adamantly opposed an approach by Deputy Carleton to Mr. Card for that purpose due to a concern that

²³ 34-B M.R.S. § 3862-A(3) (judicial endorsement notification by medical practitioner).

²⁴ As discussed above, there are four statutory options to addressing concerns about a person's mental health, but only two of them, a voluntary psychiatric evaluation and protective custody, are, from a practical standpoint, viable for a law enforcement agency.

involving a law enforcement officer would only escalate Mr. Card and thereby frustrate any chance of obtaining Mr. Card's consent to a voluntary psychiatric evaluation. Instead, Deputy Carleton determined that Card family members and representatives of the Army Reserve intended to facilitate getting Mr. Card's consent into treatment by a professional mental health care provider. On May 4, 2023, Ryan Card advised Deputy Carleton that he (Ryan Card) and his wife (Nicole Card, a nurse) had met with Mr. Card for about 90 minutes and that, by the end of the meeting, Mr. Card had agreed to see a doctor about his paranoia and the voices that he had been hearing. Subsequently, Ms. Card informed Deputy Carleton that Mr. Card would be meeting with a mental health care provider. Deputy Carleton asked Ryan Card and Ms. Card to contact him if Mr. Card's mental health status changed, which included a request to Ryan Card that he (Ryan Card) notify the Sheriff's Office immediately if it appeared that Mr. Card posed a danger to himself or others.

Although it is evident from the totality of the circumstances that it was not feasible for Deputy Carleton to facilitate a voluntary psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Card's mental health status, he diligently ensured that the Card family and the Army Reserve were taking steps to get Mr. Card mental health treatment. Deputy Carleton's endorsement of the third-party involvement of a mental health professional to assess and treat Mr. Card's mental health issues, along with family and Army Reserve oversight of Mr. Card's mental health status, was a viable strategy from a law enforcement agency perspective both because a mental health professional would simultaneously treat Mr. Card's mental health condition and utilize appropriate expertise to serve as a community caretaker. Under Maine law, mental health care professionals have a duty to warn of or to take reasonable precautions to provide protection from violent behavior by an individual under their care who is likely to engage in physical violence that poses a serious risk of harm to self or others, and may discharge that duty by communicating the threat to a potential victim, notifying a law enforcement agency, or seeking involuntary hospitalization of the individual who poses the threat.²⁵

It is noteworthy that after Card family members and the Army Reserve representative informed Deputy Carleton that they would take steps to get Mr. Card professional mental health treatment, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office did not receive any information from Ryan Card, Army Reserve officials, or any other person about additional concerns regarding the status of Mr. Card's mental health until September 15, 2023, when Sergeant Aaron Skolfield addressed concerns communicated to him indirectly (and, ultimately, directly) by the Army Reserve. In addition, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office did not have any direct contacts with Mr. Card at any time after (or during) Deputy Carleton's response to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health during the period May 3-4, 2023, as reflected by the SCSO Names Table.

<u>Protective custody</u>. As discussed in detail above, a Maine law enforcement officer "may" (i.e., has the discretion to) take a person into protective custody if the officer has probable cause to believe that the person is <u>both</u> mentally ill <u>and</u> poses a <u>likelihood</u> of serious harm to self

²⁵ See 32 M.R.S. § 2600-F (osteopathic physicians), 32 M.R.S. § 3300-I (medical doctors), 32 M.R.S. § 3820 (psychologists), 32 M.R.S. § 6207-C (certified alcohol and drug counselors or licensed alcohol and drug counselors), 32 M.R.S. § 7007 (social workers), 32 M.R.S. § 13867 (licensed counseling professionals).

or others, in which case the officer must deliver the person of concern *immediately* to a medical practitioner for an evaluation.²⁶ When assessing whether the person of concern poses a likelihood of serious harm, the officer must, in pertinent part, determine: (1) whether there was a *substantial* risk of self-harm manifested by *recent* threats, or attempts at, suicide or serious self-inflicted harm and/or (2) whether there was a *substantial* risk of physical harm to other persons as manifested by *recent* homicidal or violent behavior or by *recent* conduct placing others in *reasonable* fear of *serious* physical harm.²⁷

Accordingly, when deciding whether he had the discretion to take Mr. Card into protective custody, it was necessary for him to determine whether Mr. Card was both mentally ill and posed a likelihood of harm to himself (Mr. Card) or others, noting that Mr. Card was never in Deputy Carleton's presence on May 3, 2023, or May 4, 2023.

Deputy Carleton established through conferences with Mr. Card's family members that he (Mr. Card) had been hearing voices, exhibiting paranoid behavior, and having angry outbursts, which was behavior indicating that Mr. Card was mentally ill within the contemplation of 34-B M.R.S. § 3801(5).

Deputy Carleton also established that Mr. Card had complained that unspecified people had been saying derogatory things about him (e.g., that he was a pedophile), that he had access to firearms and that he had ranted about having to shoot "someone" (but not a specific person) when drinking heavily, but that he had <u>not</u> engaged in any threatening behavior involving a firearm. In addition, Deputy Carleton did not discover any information indicating that Mr. Card had recently (or at any time) threatened or attempted suicide or self-harm or had recently (or at any time) engaged in homicidal or violent behavior that had placed any specific person in reasonable fear of *serious* physical harm.

In addition, Ryan Card informed Deputy Carleton about a recent conversation with Mr. Card (on May 3, 2023) during which he (Mr. Card) said that he would be getting a lawyer to deal with the unspecified people that Mr. Card believed were accusing him of being a pedophile, indicating that he was planning legal action, not violence, against the unspecified people. On balance, Deputy Carleton concluded he did not have probable cause to believe that Mr. Card posed a likelihood of harm to himself or others.

Therefore, although it appeared to Deputy Carleton that Mr. Card was mentally ill, there were insufficient grounds to take Mr. Card into protective custody, which, based on the facts and applicable law, was an objectively reasonable decision. Out of an abundance of caution, Deputy Carleton requested that Card family members notify him (i.e., the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office) if they noticed any changes in Mr. Card's behavior, which was an objectively responsible approach under the circumstances.

<u>Confiscation of Mr. Card's firearms</u>. As described above in detail, Maine law provides for a process to remove dangerous weapons from a mentally ill person who is in protective custody and has undergone a psychiatric evaluation, endorsed by a judge, indicating that there is

²⁶ See 34-B M.R.S. § 3862(1).

²⁷ See 34-B M.R.S. § 3801(4-A).

a realistic potential for imminent self-harm or imminent harm to others, as well as other safety considerations. See 34-B M.R.S. § 3862-A (Maine's so-called "yellow flag" statute).

However, the dangerous weapon confiscation provisions of § 3862-A were not available to Deputy Carleton under the circumstances presented on May 3, 2023, and May 4, 2023, because, although Mr. Card appeared to be mentally ill, he (Deputy Carleton) did not have probable cause to believe that Mr. Card posed a likelihood of self-harm or harm to others as defined by the protective custody statute. An analysis supporting a conclusion that there was an absence of probable cause for placing Mr. Card into protective custody is described in detail above as part of the review of the protective custody issue.

Conclusion. The factual findings establish that it was not feasible under the totality of the circumstances for Deputy Carleton to facilitate a voluntary psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Card's mental health status, but he (Deputy Carleton) acted diligently to obtain assurances from third parties (i.e., family members and Army Reserve personnel) that Mr. Card would be guided toward a psychiatric evaluation and treatment.

The factual findings establish that after a diligent effort to assess the circumstances surrounding the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health status, Deputy Carleton reasonably concluded that he did not have the discretion to take Mr. Card into protective custody due to insufficient grounds for a conclusion that Mr. Card posed an imminent risk of self-harm or harm to others, which foreclosed his discretion to initiate the process for confiscation of Mr. Card's firearms.

However, to promote public safety and Mr. Card's safety, Deputy Carleton requested that involved third parties notify the Sheriff's Office of any future concerns about Mr. Card, including concerns that Mr. Card would pose a risk of harm to himself or to others. Until September 15, 2023, no such concerns were communicated to the Sheriff's Office, which would have prompted an additional response from the Sheriff's Office.

B. Was a voluntary psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Card's mental health facilitated by Sergeant Skolfield feasible and, if not, did Sergeant Skolfield possess the legal discretion to take Mr. Card into protective custody (and, if so, to confiscate his firearms)?

The factual findings indicate that Sergeant Skolfield responded to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health on September 15, 2023, and spent considerable time on that day, and again on September 16, 2023, and September 17, 2023, diligently assessing those concerns.

The trajectory of Sergeant Skolfield's response. Although his actions are set out in the Factual Findings section, it is important to include a review of factual trajectory of Sergeant Skolfield's three-day response to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health here, as follows:

²⁸ See 34-B M.R.S. §§ 3862(1) (authority to take a person into protective custody), 3801(4-A) (defining likelihood of harm for the purposes of taking a person into protective custody).

- On September 15, 2023, Officer Kelvin Mote of the Ellsworth Police
 Department ("EPD"), a First Sergeant in an Army Reserve²⁹ unit based in
 Saco, notified EPD Deputy Chief Troy Bires of concerns about Mr. Card's
 mental health, and Deputy Chief Bires instructed EPD Detective Corey
 Bagley to contact the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department and pass
 along a request from the Army Reserve for a wellbeing check (also known
 as a "welfare check") on Mr. Card, who was also a member of First
 Sergeant Mote's Army Reserve unit.
- In a telephone conference he had with Sergeant Skolfield on September 15, 2023, Detective Bagley some summarized longstanding concerns held by [Army Reserve] personnel about the mental health of Mr. Card, with the more recent concerns emerging late during the night of September 14, 2023, into the early morning hours of September 15, 2023.

According to Detective Bagley, [Army Reserve] personnel requested that the SCSO perform a "welfare check" on Mr. Card. Sergeant Skolfield learned that some [Army Reserve] personnel were aware that Mr. Card was having "psychotic episodes" during which he "hears voices" that are insulting him by referring to him as a pedophile.

At one point during the conference, Sergeant Skolfield learned from Detective Bagley that Mr. Card had allegedly threatened to "shoot up" [an Army Reserve] facility in Saco.

Detective Bagley told Sergeant Skolfield that Mr. Card had been "committed" for a couple of weeks during the summer of 2023 due to his "altered mental state," but had been released. In a telephone conference initiated by Sergeant Skolfield on September 16, 2023, Captain Jeffrey Reamer, Mr. Card's company commander in his Army Reserves unit, provided some clarity about the outcome of Mr. Card's psychiatric hospitalization by advising Sergeant Skolfield that there was no order prohibiting Mr. Card from weapon possession, which indicated that there was no determination that Mr. Card posed a risk of foreseeable harm to himself or others at that time.

According to Detective Bagley, Army Reserve personnel also requested that the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office identify specific individuals who had expressed concern for Mr. Card's welfare because he (Mr. Card) may "focus his altered aggression" toward them, something that he had done previously.

²⁹ Although there is some mention of the Maine National Guard in reports submitted at the time, Mr. Card and the other military personnel mentioned in this memorandum were members of the Army Reserve.

- After determining that there was an "in-house" entry indicating that Mr. Card was flagged as being "armed and dangerous," Sergeant Skolfield drove to Mr. Card's home in Bowdoin with the intention of making the wellbeing check requested by the Army Reserve (via Detective Bagley) but discovered that Mr. Card was not at home. He returned to Mr. Card's residence a short time later, and Mr. Card was still not home.
- After Sergeant Skolfield's unsuccessful attempt at a wellbeing check,
 Detective Bagley sent Sergeant Skolfield (via email) a memorandum
 prepared by First Sergeant Mote, as well as a text message from Staff
 Sergeant Hodgson, another member of the Army Reserve unit in Saco, that
 was enclosed with First Sergeant Mote's memorandum, each of which
 described concerns about Mr. Card's mental health.

Staff Sergeant Hodgson's text message, which he sent to First Sergeant Mote at 2:04 AM on September 14, 2023, reported that he (Staff Sergeant Hodgson) and Mr. Card were returning from a trip to a casino when Mr. Card complained that he could hear people calling him a pedophile again. Staff Sergeant Hodgson reportedly told Mr. Card to "knock it off" because he (Mr. Card) "was going to get into trouble talking about shooting up places and people," at which point Mr. Card reportedly punched Staff Sergeant Hodgson. Mr. Card also reportedly told him that he had guns and that he was going to "shoot up" the Army Reserve Center in Saco. Mr. Card also reportedly told Staff Sergeant Hodgson that First Sergeant Mote was the reason he (Mr. Card) couldn't buy guns anymore because he (First Sergeant Mote) was involved with Mr. Card's hospitalization in July.

First Sergeant Mote's memorandum reported that Mr. Card, who he described as "one of my senior firearms instructors," had been hearing voices "calling him a pedophile, saying that he has a small dick, and other insults." According to Sergeant Mote, Mr. Card began to hear voices in the spring, which had only gotten worse since then.

First Sergeant Mote described an incident that occurred on July 15, 2023, when the unit was located at West Point. Mr. Card reportedly accused three other soldiers in the unit of calling him a pedophile and said that "he would take care of it." Mr. Card "got in the face" of one of the soldiers, a longtime friend of his (Mr. Card's), and shoved him while telling the friend to stop calling him a pedophile. Mr. Card reportedly calmed down "a little" after he and the other soldiers drank some beer. On the way back to their motel, Mr. Card "said he would take care of it," but Mr. Card would not say what he meant when asked to explain his statements. At the motel, Mr. Card locked himself in his motel room and would not answer the door when the other soldiers tried to contact him.

One or more of the soldiers notified First Sergeant Mote about the incident on July 16, 2023. He (First Sergeant Mote) and several other soldiers from

the unit got the key to Mr. Card's motel room and contacted him. Mr. Card reportedly told them that he wanted "people" to stop talking about him. First Sergeant Mote told Mr. Card that nobody was talking about him and that all the soldiers in his room were his friends. Mr. Card told First Sergeant Mote to leave him alone and tried to slam the motel room door in his face, although another soldier stopped the door from closing.

Afterward, First Sergeant Mote reportedly informed the unit commander, which appears to be a reference to Captain Reamer, about the incident and recommended that Mr. Card have a psychiatric examination.

Next, First Sergeant Mote and other soldiers transported Mr. Card to a military hospital on the Army base, where he was evaluated by a psychologist who decided that he required further treatment, which resulted in Mr. Card's admission to the Four Winds Psychiatric Hospital in Katonah (New York) for fourteen days of evaluation and treatment before he was released. First Sergeant Mote wrote that he spent four hours with Mr. Card on the day of his admission to the hospital, but that Mr. Card never spoke to him and only stared "through me" without blinking.

More recently, according to First Sergeant Mote, Staff Sergeant Hodgson called him (First Sergeant Mote) and reported that Mr. Card had assaulted him. That soldier and Mr. Card were reportedly driving home from a casino when Mr. Card said that "people" were calling him a pedophile again. Staff Sergeant Hodgson reportedly told Mr. Card to "knock it off" because Mr. Card was going to get into trouble by talking about shooting up places and people, at which point Mr. Card allegedly punched Staff Sergeant Hodgson.

First Sergeant Mote reportedly that Mr. Card told him that he had guns and was going to "shoot up" the Army Reserve Center in Saco and other places, adding that he was going to get "them." First Sergeant Mote wrote that he (First Sergeant Mote) and the commander were the individual who had him committed to the psychiatric hospital, so he believed that Mr. Card was referring to him and the commander. Mr. Card also reported said that First Sergeant Mote was responsible for his (Mr. Card's) inability to purchase guns anymore due to the commitment to the psychiatric hospital. According to First Sergeant Mote, Staff Sergeant Hodgson was concerned that Mr. Card was going to "snap" commit a mass shooting, referring to Staff Sergeant Hodgson's text message.

In his memorandum, First Sergeant Mote stated that Captain Reamer, the Army Reserve unit (company) commander, requested that he (First Sergeant Mote) arrange to have the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office conduct a wellbeing check at Mr. Card's residence at 941 Meadow Road in Bowdoin "to gauge his mental health and determine if he is a threat to himself and/or others."

According to First Sergeant Mote, the Saco Police Department was notified, as well as the battalion commander, about the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health. First Sergeant Mote added that he "would rather err on the side of caution with regards to Card since he is a capable marksman and, if he should set his mind to carry out the threats made to Hodgson, he would be able to do it."

- After getting that information, Sergeant Skolfield took additional steps to assess the concerns provided by the Army Reserve personnel (via Detective Bagley).
- Sergeant Skolfield directed the Sagadahoc County Communications Center to broadcast a state-wide "attempt to locate" message requesting all Maine law enforcement agencies to attempt to locate Mr. Card to check his "mental health wellbeing" while cautioning that Mr. Card is "known to be armed and dangerous." The message, which was tagged as a "File 6" (meaning that all information was indexed in the statewide communications system for immediate retrieval if any Maine law enforcement officers encountered Mr. Card or his vehicles), also included identifying information for Mr. Card and his vehicles, as well as information about his mental health history, current mental health status, familiarity with firearms, threats to shoot up the armory in Saco, and concerns about officer safety.
- At Sergeant Skolfield's request, SCSO Deputy Zach Kindelan attempted to locate Mr. Card at his residence and his parents' residence, to no avail, during the evening.
- On September 16, 2023, the Saco Police Department responded to information contained in Sergeant Skolfield's File 6 broadcast by establishing a protection detail at the Army Reserve Center after it opened on that day.

However, during the early morning hours of September 16, 2023, Lieutenant Ed York of the Brunswick Police Department, who is also a member of Mr. Card's Army Reserve unit, contacted Saco Police Sergeant Monica Fahy, the patrol supervisor on the night shift. Lieutenant Yurek and Sergeant Fahy discussed the File 6 notification initiated by Sergeant Skolfield, and Lieutenant Yurek provided some background information on Mr. Card to Sergeant Fahy.

Sergeant Fahy briefed Saco Police Sergeant Scott Sicard, the patrol supervisor on the day shift, who established the protection detail at the Army Reserve Center, consisting of four officers who were positioned around the armory to intercept Mr. Card.

At Sergeant Sicard's direction, Saco Police Officers Rodney Rossignol and Amber Damon met with Captain Jeremy Reamer, Mr. Card's company commander, at the Army Reserve Center. The meeting was recorded by the officers' body cameras and a full transcript of the recording has been marked as Exhibit 1.

Although Sergeant Skolfield did not receive details of the briefing provided by Captain Reamer, the Army Reserve assessment that he (Captain Reamer) provided to the officers is useful for the purposes of this review because it corresponded with what Captain Reamer disclosed to Sergeant Skolfield in a subsequent telephone conference that they (Captain Reamer and Sergeant Skolfield) had during the morning of September 16, 2023.

Captain Reamer told the officers that the Army Reserve unit had requested [the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office to] conduct a wellbeing check on Mr. Card, adding that he (Mr. Card) was not at home, referring to Sergeant Skolfield's unsuccessful attempt to contact him (Mr. Card) on September 15, 2023.

As for the Army Reserve's plan to resolve the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health status, Captain Reamer said "what we kinda came up, like, was, alright, we'll see if we can get a check wellbeing on the guy ... make sure if he's good," adding that "then we're just lettin' you guys know – to kind of being aware of what's kinda going on."

He (Captain Reamer) also told the officers that Mr. Card had called him (Captain Reamer) to advise him that he (Mr. Card) would not be attending the Army Reserve drill at the Reserve Center in Saco on September 16, 2023, because he would be working all weekend.

According to Captain Reamer, it was evident from his telephone discussion with Mr. Card on September 15, 2023, that he (Mr. Card) was still angry about having been examined at the psychiatric hospital over the summer but added that Mr. Card had not made any specific threats during their telephone conversation, including along the lines of "hey, I'm gonna come shoot everybody,' or anything like that," meaning everybody or anybody at the Army Reserve Center.

Referring to Staff Sergeant Hodgson and the text message that he sent at 2:04 AM on September 15, 2023, regarding his concerns about Mr. Card's mental health, Captain Reamer told the officers that [First Sergeant Mote] spoke with Staff Sergeant Hodgson about the situation after Staff Sergeant Hodgson sent the text message.

According to Captain Reamer, Staff Sergeant Hodgson was unable to "really give any specifics" [to First Sergeant Mote, adding that Staff

Sergeant Hodges had only "specifically mentioned one of my soldiers and said he wanted to punch him ... in the face."

Continuing, Captain Reamer said that, according to Staff Sergeant Hodgson, who Captain Reamer characterized as not being "the most credible of ... our soldiers," Mr. Card said, "he would shoot places, but [Mr. Card] never specifically mentioned [the Army Reserve Center], never specifically mentioned any [place] specifically." Captain Reamer highlighted that Staff Sergeant Hodgson sent the text message at "two-something in the morning ... so, was he drunk?" Indicating that "[w]e didn't ask [if he was drunk]," Captain Reamer stated, "when we tried to nail it down with some specifics, he wasn't able to give us much," adding that "it kinda really didn't help any."

Captain Reamer told the officers that there was no need for the Saco Police Department to continue the protection detail, including because Mr. Card had told him that he would not be coming to the Reserve Center. He also described his plan for handling the situation if Mr. Card arrived unexpectedly, including removal of the soldier that Mr. Card had threatened to punch. Captain Reamer informed the officers that he would contact the Saco Police Department if any additional assistance was needed.

As he subsequently did when speaking with Sergeant Skolfield, Captain Reamer stated that the Army Reserve had assessed the concerns initially presented by Staff Sergeant Hodgson and determined, in essence, that Mr. Card did not pose a foreseeable risk of imminent self-harm or harm to others. However, out of an abundance of caution, the Army Reserve command staff had requested a wellbeing check on Mr. Card if he could be located.

• Still attempting to meet with Mr. Card to discuss his (Mr. Card's) mental health status, Sergeant Skolfield returned to Mr. Card's home in Bowdoin at 8:45 AM, where he observed Mr. Card's vehicle parked in the dooryard. At 9:01 AM, he requested a backup, which prompted a request for mutual aid to the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office ("KCSO"). About forty-five minutes later, KCSO Deputy Ivano Stefanizzi arrived to assist him. At that point, Sergeant Skolfield approached the door to Mr. Card's trailer and attempted to contact him by knocking on the door. Sergeant Skolfield believed that the curtains in a window that faced the road moved and thought that he could hear Mr. Card moving around inside the trailer, but he (Mr. Card) did not come to the door.

Sergeant Skolfield decided that standing at the trailer's door was a disadvantageous position under the circumstances (apparently including because Sergeant Skolfield did not want to provoke a confrontation with Mr. Card), so he and Deputy Stefanizzi left Mr. Card's property.

Deputy Stefanizzi returned to his patrol area in Kennebec County, but Sergeant Skolfield parked his police cruiser at a location near Mr. Card's property with a view toward his driveway, which positioned him so that he could attempt to contact Mr. Card for a welfare check if he drove away from his property.

- While watching Mr. Card's driveway, Sergeant Skolfield obtained Mr. Card's telephone number from a booking record the Two Bridges Jail and attempted to contact him by telephone, to no avail.
- At this point, Sergeant Skolfield briefed his supervisor, Lieutenant Brian Quinn, on his response to the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health and arranged for coverage of his patrol area so that he could continue his work on Mr. Card's situation.
- In addition, Sergeant Skolfield attempted to get telephone updates from Detective Bagley and First Sergeant Mote, but he could not reach them.
- At 10:32 AM, Sergeant Skolfield had a telephone conference with Saco Police Sergeant Sicard and they discussed the Saco Police Department's response to the File 6 broadcast, including the protection detail at the Army Reserve Center in Saco and the meeting that Saco Police officers had with [Captain Reamer], although the call ended before Sergeant Skolfield could get the details, apparently because Sergeant Skolfield hung up to take a call from First Sergeant Mote at 10:35 AM.
- Sergeant Skolfield's telephone conference with First Sergeant Mote resumed at 10:37 AM.

Regarding his memorandum regarding the concerns that Staff Sergeant Hodgson expressed about Mr. Card's mental state, First Sergeant Mote said something to Sergeant Skolfield along the lines of be believed that Staff Sergeant Hodgson's message was "over the top," or that he believed that Staff Sergeant Hodgson was being "an alarmist."

Among other things, First Sergeant Mote indicated to Sergeant Skolfield that the Army Reserve command staff was in the process of encouraging Mr. Card to retire from the military on the condition that he obtain some mental health treatment.

• While still watching Mr. Card's driveway, Sergeant Skolfield had a recorded telephone conference with Captain Reamer, who responded to a message from Sergeant Skolfield requesting a call. A full transcript of the telephone conference has been marked as Exhibit 2, but key points are paraphrased below. In response to a question from Sergeant Skolfield, Captain Reamer indicated that Mr. Card did not have access to the Army Reserve unit's weapons.

 Captain Reamer indicated that he did not have any details about the outcome of Mr. Card's mental health hospitalization over the summer due to HIPAA restrictions.

However, apparently referring to New York's so-called "red flag" statute, Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that no court order had been issued (as a result of his institutionalization) to take his (Mr. Card's) weapons or anything along those lines, apparently referring to the absence of a finding during Mr. Card's institutionalization that he (Mr. Card) posed a risk of imminent danger to any individual at that time.³⁰

- Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that he (Captain Reamer) understood that Mr. Card's family was supposed to remove his (Mr. Card's) weapons from his (Mr. Card's) home. In that connection, Captain Reamer said that he had been told that Mr. Card's weapons had been removed from his (Mr. Card's) home and were currently being stored in a family member's house. According to Captain Reamer, Staff Sergeant Hodgson, who Captain Reamer characterized as the individual who "kinda started this whole thing," was supposed to move the weapons, but then Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, "supposedly" moved them. However, he (Captain Reamer) added that he had been unable to verify that the firearms had been removed because he (Captain Reamer) lives in New Hampshire. Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that he did not know if Mr. Skolfield had any access to the firearms that were being stored at the family member's home.
- Captain Reamer informed Sergeant Skolfield that he had spoken to Mr.
 Card on September 15, 2023, when Mr. Card called him (Captain Reamer)

³⁰ As of this writing, it is unknown to the writer as to whether the psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Card in New York produced any determination that Mr. Card posed a risk of imminent harm to any persons, location, or the community, or whether it was a voluntary or involuntary commitment. However, New York law requires mental health care providers to make an official report whenever the provider determines that a patient is "likely to engage in conduct that would result in serious harm to self or others," which, it would be reasonable to assume, prompt an application of New York's Extreme Risk Protection Law. See NY MENT HYG § 9.46(a) (imposing an obligation to report on "a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, registered nurse, licensed clinical social worker, licensed master social worker, licensed mental health counselor, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse practitioner, licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, or a licensed professional nurse"); NY CPLR § 6340, et seq. (New York's so-called "red flag law," which has been the subject of constitutional challenges in the New York trial courts, some of which were successful).

to confirm that he would not be attending the Army Reserve "drill" session (at the Reserve Center in Saco) because he had to work at his civilian job. Captain Reamer reportedly told Mr. Card that there would be no problem if Mr. Card did not appear for the drill session.

According to Captain Reamer, Mr. Card "sounded angry" at "people" when he spoke to him on September 15. However, Captain Reamer added that Mr. Card did not make any specific threats during the telephone conversation. Rather, he (Captain Reamer) said, Mr. Card seemed upset at how "things went down there at West Point," apparently referring to the incident that led to his hospitalization for a mental health evaluation.

Importantly, Captain Reamer indicated to Sergeant Skolfield that Mr. Card had never threatened any specific person or said anything about targeting a specific location.

It is noteworthy that Captain Reamer's telephone discussion with Mr. Card occurred on September 15, 2023, the day when Sergeant Skolfield was attempting the wellbeing check. Moreover, it is noteworthy that Captain Reamer's assessment of his conversation with Mr. Card was that he (Mr. Card) did not pose a foreseeable risk of imminent self-harm or harm to others.

Captain Reamer requested a measured response from the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office to the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health. In that regard, Captain Reamer said that he had "just talked" with his Battalion Commander and Sergeant Major, one of whom works for the federal government and the other works as a police officer in Maine. They reportedly discussed Mr. Card's situation, and they decided to request law enforcement authorities (i.e., the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office) to perform a wellbeing check on Mr. Card to confirm that he is at home and alive, and then to document the wellbeing check (for the Army Reserve).

During the conversation, Captain Reamer emphasized, he (representing the Army Reserves) was only asking Sergeant Skolfield to document a wellbeing check after verifying that Mr. Card was at home, although he may have been uncooperative, so that the Army can confirm that he was "alive and breathing," then the Army "can go from there."

• As to how Mr. Card should be approached, Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that Mr. Card can be "uncooperative or whatever," and indicated that it would not be sensible for them (the law enforcement officers) to "push" the situation (referring to taking steps during the wellbeing check that may force a confrontation with Mr. Card, thereby escalating the situation into one that would require a police use of force), emphasizing that the Army Reserve only wanted a wellbeing check verifying that Mr. Card was home and alive.

Referring to the results of his attempts to contact Mr. Card, Sergeant Skolfield told Captain Reamer that he knew that Mr. Card was alive, but added that he (Mr. Card) would not answer the door and, referring to the potential consequences of confronting Mr. Card if he was being uncooperative, there was no way to avoid Mr. Card's "line of sight," indicating that the presence of law enforcement officers may provoke Mr. Card into having an armed confrontation with the officers. In response, Captain Reamer said that he did not want law enforcement officers "to push into something" and "escalate" the situation, referring to the potential for an unnecessarily dangerous confrontation with Mr. Card.

As for the potential for the wellbeing check to escalate into a confrontation with Mr. Card, Captain Reamer indicated to Sergeant Skolfield that he did not want law enforcement officers to get hurt or to put themselves in a position of having to do "anything" or "making a decision," referring to any potential police action that would put officers in a "compromising situation" that may escalate to the point of where officers may have to use force against Mr. Card.

In response, Sergeant Skolfield indicated to Captain Reamer that his goal was to avoid escalating Mr. Card, adding that he had hoped that Mr. Card would answer the door and have a conversation with him (Sergeant Skolfield) to complete the wellbeing check. Sergeant Skolfield indicated that he was certain that Mr. Card had seen his (Sergeant Skolfield's) Sheriff's Office cruiser parked in his yard when the wellbeing check was attempted.

Referring to Mr. Card's refusal to answer the door when Sergeant Skolfield was attempting to make the wellbeing check, Captain Reamer said that he (Mr. Card) had done "the same thing" when "this all kinda initially went down," referring to the West Point incident.

According to Captain Reamer, Mr. Card had been "uncooperative" with him and other Army Reserve unit members, which, he said, "seems to be his thing when he just doesn't want to deal with us, anybody, he just kinda locks in there."

Continuing, Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that "nothing ended up happening" when they (Captain Reamer and other unit members) were trying to contact him during the West Point incident, adding that "[h]e didn't have any weapons, he didn't, it didn't turn into anything" and that "[h]e eventually came out ... after we kinda got our ... some of our guys out there to help out with it."

Referring to the similarity between how Mr. Card acted when Sergeant Skolfield attempted to contact him and Captain Reamer's previous experience with Mr. Card during the West Point incident, he (Captain

Reamer) said, "[s]o it's not ... unheard of for him to kind of handle it this way."

- Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that he (Captain Reamer) had given him (Sergeant Skolfield) the Army Reserve's "two cents," but added that he (Sergeant Skolfield) should take whatever action he may deem to be appropriate under the circumstances. In reply, Sergeant Skolfield said that he was acting on what had been passed on to him by the Army Reserve unit via [Detective Bagley], referring to his ongoing attempt to assess whether Mr. Card posed a risk of imminent danger to any individual.
- Referring to the reliability of the information provided by the Army
 Reserve via [Detective Bagley], Captain Reamer indicated that Army
 Reserve personnel had tried to fact-check and assess the information
 contained in Staff Sergeant Hodgson's text message, which was the catalyst
 for the request for the wellbeing check.

Captain Reamer said that he (Staff Sergeant Hodgson) had been unable to give any information about any specific threat that Mr. Card may have made, adding that the "validity of the text message" sent by Staff Sergeant Hodgson was questionable.

However, Captain Reamer indicated, there was enough information about Mr. Card to cause some concern, including Mr. Card's history (e.g., his hospitalization during the summer), which was why, he explained, the Army Reserve was requesting that law enforcement authorities conduct a well-being check.

Captain Reamer indicted that the Army Reserve was obligated to treat a message like the one Staff Sergeant Hodgson sent to First Sergeant Mote very seriously. However, he added that in the present circumstances the message must also be taken "with a grain of salt," again indicating that Army Reserve personnel questioned the reliability of the information that Staff Sergeant Hodgson provided.

Apparently referring to Staff Sergeant Hodgson's text message, Captain Reamer repeated to Sergeant Skolfield that the Army Reserve "considered the source" when evaluating the information provided in the text message. Accordingly, he indicated, the Army Reserve was only requesting a wellbeing check to assess Mr. Card's status to ensure that he was good and alive, as well as some documentation about the well-being check.

 Before concluding their telephone conference, Sergeant Skolfield told Captain Reamer that he intended to contact Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, to confirm that the family had removed all firearms from Mr. Card's home.

- At some point while he (Sergeant Skolfield) was watching Mr. Card's driveway Maine State Police Sergeant Thomas Pappas met with Sergeant Skolfield. Sergeant Skolfield explained the situation with Mr. Card to Sergeant Pappas, who informed Sergeant Skolfield that he (Sergeant Pappas) believed that his (Sergeant Skolfield's) response to the mental health concerns was sufficient under the circumstances. Notwithstanding Sergeant Pappas' assessment, Sergeant Skolfield decided to take additional steps in response to those concerns.
- Beginning at 10:59 AM, Sergeant Skolfield attempted to contact Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, by telephone (calling three telephone numbers that he believed were utilized by Ryan Card) with the intention of speaking to him about Robert's mental health, to no avail.
- At 11:09 AM, Sergeant Skolfield telephoned his supervisor, Lieutenant Brian Quinn, and discussed the status of his response to the Army Reserve's concerns about the mental health of Mr. Card. During the conference, Sergeant Skolfield informed Lieutenant Quinn that, based on the information provided by Captain Reamer as to the Army Reserve's assessment of Mr. Card's situation and the unsuccessful attempt to conduct a wellbeing check (other than determining that Mr. Card appeared to be inside his home), he (Sergeant Skolfield) believed that the best approach would be to leave Mr. Card alone.

Sergeant Skolfield also advised Lieutenant Quinn that he intended to speak with Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, and request that Ryan Card assist by removing any firearms that Mr. Card may possess. In addition, Sergeant Skolfield told Lieutenant Quinn that he intended to ask Ryan Card to contact the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office if he (Ryan Card) had or develops any reason to believe that Mr. Card needed a psychiatric evaluation.

 At 11:34 AM, Sergeant Skolfield attempted to contact Ryan Card by going to the home of Mr. Card's father, Robert Card, Sr., on the Meadow Road in Bowdoin, which Sergeant Skolfield recorded using the Watchguard cruiser camera system.

Sergeant Skolfield told Mr. Card, Sr., that he had been hoping to speak with Ryan Card to make sure that he (Ryan Card) had Mr. Card's guns, adding that he (Sergeant Skolfield) could not get him (Mr. Card) to talk "to us" and that he (Mr. Card) "won't answer the door." Sergeant Skolfield indicated that he understood that Ryan Card had Mr. Card's weapons, but that he (Sergeant Skolfield) "wanted to make sure that that's the case." In response to a question from Sergeant Skolfield, Mr. Card, Sr., said that he was not familiar with the status of Mr. Card's firearms. Mr. Card, Sr., advised Sergeant Skolfield to speak to Ryan Card about the firearms.

Before leaving, Sergeant Skolfield told Mr. Card, Sr., that he (Sergeant Skolfield) was only trying to make sure that Mr. Card didn't do anything "foolish." Although it's difficult to hear in the recording, Mr. Card, Sr., apparently referring to Mr. Card's mental health, said something to the effect of, "It doesn't sound good." He did not say anything to Sergeant Skolfield about whether Mr. Card posed an imminent risk of danger to anyone.

- Next, Sergeant Skolfield believes that he went to Ryan Card's home, but discovered that Ryan Card was not there.
- At 12:04 PM, the Sagadahoc County Communications Center assigned Sergeant Skolfield to a call for service to investigate a domestic violence incident in Bowdoinham, which required his full attention during the remainder of the shift and beyond. Consequently, Sergeant Skolfield was unable to continue his follow-up work regarding Mr. Card's situation, although, as he reported to Lieutenant Quinn, the Card matter did not then require any immediate action.
- On September 17, 2023, Sergeant Skolfield had a telephone conference with Ryan Card at 2:42 PM. Ryan Card assured him (Sergeant Skolfield) that he (Ryan Card) and his father (Mr. Card, Sr.) would work together to move Mr. Card's firearms from a safe at the Card family farm that Mr. Card could access to another secure location.

In addition, Ryan Card told Sergeant Skolfield that he (Ryan Card) was aware that Mr. Card had answered the door at his trailer with a handgun that he kept outside the line of sight of the person at the door, apparently a reference to what Ms. Card had previously disclosed. Ryan Card told Sergeant Skolfield that he would "work with" Mr. Card to ensure that he does not have any firearms independent of those in the family gun safe at the Card farm.

Sergeant Skolfield informed Ryan Card that the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office intended to ensure that Mr. Card would not do anything to harm himself and others. On that note, Sergeant Skolfield asked Ryan Card to determine whether Mr. Card required a psychiatric evaluation when he (Ryan Card) is communicating with him (Mr. Card). If so, Sergeant Skolfield told Ryan Card that Sheriff's Office personnel would be willing to assist Ryan Card in arranging for Mr. Card to be evaluated.

Subsequently, Ryan Card contacted Sergeant Skolfield and reiterated that he (Ryan Card) and his father (Mr. Card, Sr.) would be working together to ensure that Mr. Card did not have access to any firearms, adding that they have a plan for securing the weapons.

The foregoing facts provide useful context for the underlying review of important considerations regarding SCSO's response to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health in September 2023.

Feasibility of a voluntary psychiatric evaluation. As discussed above and reiterating the considerations addressed regarding Deputy Carleton's response to family concerns about Mr. Card's mental health, an informal voluntary admission to a psychiatric hospital for a mental health evaluation is a useful option if the process unfolds in the way that is contemplated by 34-B M.R.S. § 3831, but its viability depends upon the continued existence of the person of concern's consent. A voluntary evaluation can be short-circuited or become complicated and increasingly formal if the person of concern withdraws his or her consent for the evaluation. Thus, without the person of concern's consent, a voluntary psychiatric evaluation is impossible, at which point a law enforcement officer responding to concerns about a person's mental health must assess whether the prerequisites for taking the person of concern into protective custody. 31

When responding to the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health, the first consideration in Sergeant Skolfield's calculus was a determination of whether Mr. Card appeared to be mentally ill within the contemplation of 34-B M.R.S. § 3801(5). If so, then Mr. Card would be eligible under § 3831 for an informal voluntary admission to a psychiatric hospital.

Based on information that Sergeant Skolfield gathered directly and indirectly from Army Reserve personnel and family members, it was evident that Mr. Card was exhibiting paranoid behavior, having angry outbursts, being aggressive (including punching another soldier and threatening to punch the same or another soldier), and making generalized threats of firearms-related violence, noting that despite initial reports indicating otherwise an assessment by Army Reserve personnel downgraded the seriousness of his threatening behavior. Consequently, it would be reasonable to conclude that Mr. Card was mentally ill and that he would be a candidate for a voluntary psychiatric evaluation.

Accordingly, Sergeant Skolfield made a persistent good-faith effort to contact Mr. Card so that he could ask him (Mr. Card) to consent to a psychiatric evaluation. It is evident from the factual findings that the steps that Sergeant Skolfield took to locate Mr. Card on September 15, 2023, were persistent, but unsuccessful.

However, on September 16, 2023, Sergeant Skolfield saw Mr. Card's vehicle parked in the dooryard at his home, a trailer, and decided to attempt to contact him. Backed up by KCSO Deputy Stefanizzi, he (Sergeant Skolfield) knocked on the door in an attempt to meet with Mr. Card, but he (Mr. Card) did not come to the door. Sergeant Skolfield believed that Mr. Card was inside because the curtains in a window that faced the road moved and he (Sergeant Skolfield) believed that he could hear Mr. Card moving around inside the trailer. Failing to contact Mr. Card, Sergeant Skolfield and Deputy Stefanizzi left Mr. Card's property. Deputy Stefanizzi left the area, but Sergeant Skolfield, hoping to make a consensual contact with Mr. Card if he left his

³¹ As discussed above, there are four statutory options to addressing concerns about a person's mental health, but only two of them, a voluntary psychiatric evaluation and protective custody, are, from a practical standpoint, viable for a law enforcement agency.

property in his vehicle, took up a position on a road near Mr. Card's driveway, which also failed to yield any contact with Mr. Card.

Setting aside the question of whether the prerequisites for protective custody had been fulfilled, Sergeant Skolfield's decision not to make a forcible entry into Mr. Card's home and take him into protective custody was appropriate under the circumstances. Sergeant Skolfield did not have probable cause to believe that Mr. Card was then committing a crime inside the trailer. If so, probable cause to believe that a crime was in progress may have justified a warrantless entry under the so-called "exigent circumstances" exception to the Fourth Amendment's prohibition against warrantless intrusions into a home. Similarly, he did not have any basis for a belief that Mr. Card required emergency medical assistance or that he needed protection from imminent injury, which may have justified a warrantless entry under another variation of the exigent circumstances exception.³²

In this instance, Sergeant Skolfield was performing a "community caretaking" function by attempting to meet with Mr. Card in good faith as part of his response to the Army Reserve's concerns about Mr. Card's mental health, using a permissible "knock and talk" approach, and then left when Mr. Card did not answer his knock.³³ Courts have considered and rejected the idea that law enforcement officers can rely upon the so-called "community caretaking exception" to the Fourth Amendment and forcibly enter a person's home for community caretaking purposes, even in good faith. The United States Supreme Court considered a conceptually similar situation in which law enforcement officers "seized" a man with apparent psychiatric problems and sent him to a hospital for an evaluation before making a warrantless entry into the home of a person and seizing firearms. Caniglia v. Strom, 593 U.S. ---- (2021), 141 S.Ct. 1596, 1599.

Deciding that the "community caretaker" duties did not justify warrantless searches and seizures in the home, the Court reiterated a previous decision that the "very core" of the Fourth Amendment's protection of "[t]he right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures" is "right of a man to retreat into his own home and there be free from unreasonable governmental intrusion." *Id.* (quoting *Florida v. Jardines*, 569 U.S. 1, 6, 133 S.Ct. 1409). Quoting *Caniglia*, the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine recognized the "right of a man to retreat into his own home and there be free from unreasonable intrusion." *State v. Akers*, 2021 ME 43, ¶ 32, 259 A.3d 127 (quoting *Caniglia*, 593 U.S. at ----, 138 S. Ct. at 1670).

³² See, e.g., Kentucky v. King, 563 U.S. 452, 460, 470, 131 S. Ct. 1849 (2011). See also Brigham City v. Stewart, 547 U.S. 398, 403-404, 126 S.Ct. 1943 (2006) (listing other examples of exigent circumstances).

³³ See Kentucky v. King, 563 U.S. 452, 469-470, 131 S.Ct. 1849 (2011) ("When law enforcement officers who are not armed with a warrant knock on a door, they do no more than any private citizen might do. And whether the person who knocks on the door and requests the opportunity speak is a police officer or a private citizen, the occupant has no obligation to open the door or to speak."). Also see State v. Akers, 2021 ME 43, ¶ 32, 259 A.3d 127 (recognizing the validity of the "knock and talk approach").

Thus, Sergeant Skolfield did <u>not</u> have a legal basis for a forcible entry into Mr. Card's home on September 16, 2023, to perform a wellbeing check pursuant to his (Sergeant Skolfield's) community caretaking duties. Indeed, if he had made a warrantless entry, he (and the County) would have likely been susceptible to a civil action stemming from what may be construed as a violation of Mr. Card's Fourth Amendment rights.³⁴ Moreover, even setting aside the potential for escalating the situation into a confrontation, Mr. Card may have been entitled to resist an unlawful entry into his home, creating the possibility that a use of defensive force against Mr. Card may result, thereby increasing the risk of litigation.³⁵ Furthermore, if Mr. Card were to be injured or killed during a police use of force³⁶ following a warrantless entry into his home absent exigent circumstances (noting that the "community caretaking" exception to the Fourth Amendment was unavailable), he or his representative may contend during any ensuing litigation that the emerging "state-created danger" doctrine³⁷ would be applicable during

³⁴ See, e.g., 42 U.S.C. 1983.

³⁵ See, e.g., State v. Clisham, 614 A.2d 1297 (1992). In Clisham, the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine held that a homeowner would have been justified in using non-deadly force if he reasonably believed that the use of force was necessary to prevent the commission of a criminal trespass by police officers who were had been planning to make a warrantless entry into the home. Id. at 1299. Moreover, the Court found that "[t]he fact that the police officers may have been acting in good faith pursuant to their performance of necessary investigative duties in accordance with official departmental policies does not legalize an officer's warrantless entry into a private dwelling place." Id. citing State v. Bollard, 488 A.2d 1380, 1385 (Me. 1985) ("Warrantless official intrusions, without consent, upon the citizen's private property ... in the absence of probable cause and exigent circumstances, are unconstitutionally unauthorized and unjustified and constitute a trespass.").

While Clisham, supra, indicates that a homeowner would be justified in using non-deadly force to resist an unlawful entry by police, it appears that a homeowner would not be justified in using deadly force. The totality of the circumstances in this situation indicates that Mr. Card possessed a handgun at or around the time of Sergeant Skolfield's attempt to make the wellbeing check at his trailer, so it is possible that Mr. Card may have relied upon a firearm to resist when resisting an unconstitutional entry into his home, which could have precipitated a reciprocal use of a firearm by Sergeant Skolfield, thereby creating the potential for serious injury or a loss of life.

³⁷ See, e.g., Irish v. Fowler, 979 F.3d 65, 67 (1st Cir. 2020) (joining nine other United States Courts of Appeals in finding that law enforcement officers may be held liable for failing to protect individuals from danger created or enhanced by the officers' affirmative acts). To establish liability under the "state-created danger" doctrine, the Court held, a plaintiff (or a plaintiff's representative) must establish: (1) that a state actor or state actors affirmatively acted to create or enhance a danger to the plaintiff; (2) that the act or acts created or enhanced a danger specific to the plaintiff and distinct from the danger to the general public; (3) that the act or acts caused the plaintiff's harm; and (4) that the state actor's conduct, when viewed in total, shocks the conscience." Id. at 75. As for a showing of deliberate indifference, the Court stated:

⁽i) Where officials have the opportunity to make unhurried judgments, deliberate indifference may shock the conscience, particularly where the state official performs multiple acts of indifference to a rising risk of acute and

consideration of a legal remedy for harm caused to Mr. Card, creating an additional concern about potential liability for Sergeant Skolfield and the County. In the final analysis, Sergeant Skolfield's decision to leave Mr. Card's home without attempting a warrantless entry was constitutionally prudent and otherwise appropriate under the circumstances.

Under the circumstances, including a consideration of Captain Reamer's assessment that Mr. Card's refusal to answer the door and engage with Sergeant Skolfield was not unexpected due to his past behavior, it was reasonable for Sergeant Skolfield to conclude that further attempts to contact Mr. Card would be futile because he would continue to refuse to communicate with him and otherwise avoid contacts with SCSO personnel. After consulting with Lieutenant Quinn, Sergeant Skolfield discontinued his attempts to locate Mr. Card, although he left the File 6 in force.³⁸

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office did not have any direct contacts with Mr. Card at any time after (or during) Sergeant Skolfield's response to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health during the period September 15-17, 2023, as reflected by the SCSO Names Table.

Moreover, it is noteworthy that neither Mr. Card's family members nor Army Reserve personnel notified the Sheriff's Office that additional concerns about Mr. Card's mental health status had emerged.

Protective custody. As discussed in detail above and reiterating considerations addressed above regarding Deputy Carleton's response in May 2023 to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health, a Maine law enforcement officer "may" (i.e., has the discretion to) take a person into protective custody if the officer has probable cause to believe that the person is both mentally ill and poses a likelihood of serious harm to self or others, in which case the officer must deliver the person of concern immediately to a medical practitioner for an evaluation. When assessing whether a person of concern poses a likelihood of serious harm, an officer in Sergeant Skolfield's position must, in pertinent part, determine: (1) whether there was a substantial risk of self-harm

severe danger. To show deliberate indifference, the plaintiff must, at a bare minimum, demonstrate that the defendant actually knew of a substantial risk of serious harm and disregarded that risk.

Id.

⁽ii) Where state actors must act in a matter of seconds or minutes, a higher level of culpability is required.

³⁸ Following a routine Interstate Identification Index ("III") protocol, the FBI sent a computerized message to the Sagadahoc County Communications Center approximately 30 days after the File 6 for Mr. Card was entered into the III system and inquired whether the File 6 should be extended or removed from the system. By that time, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office had not received any information, including from the Army Reserve or the Card family, that additional concerns about Mr. Card's mental health had emerged. Consequently, Sergeant Skolfield authorized the cancellation of the File 6, although the "armed and dangerous" flag remained in the in-house computer system.

³⁹ See 34-B M.R.S. § 3862(1).

manifested by *recent* threats, or attempts at, suicide or serious self-inflicted harm and/or (2) whether there was a *substantial* risk of physical harm to other persons as manifested by *recent* homicidal or violent behavior or by *recent* conduct placing others in *reasonable* fear of *serious* physical harm.⁴⁰

Mental illness prong. Based on information that Sergeant Skolfield gathered directly and indirectly from Army Reserve personnel and family members, it was evident that Mr. Card was exhibiting paranoid behavior, having angry outbursts, being aggressive (including punching another soldier and threatening to punch the same or another soldier), and making generalized threats of firearms-related violence, noting that despite initial reports indicating otherwise an assessment by Army Reserve personnel downgraded the seriousness of his threatening behavior. Therefore, it would have been reasonable to conclude that Mr. Card was mentally ill within the contemplation of 34-B M.R.S. § 3801(5).

Likelihood of harm prong. As for the second prong of the determination, i.e., whether a consideration of the totality of circumstances indicated that Mr. Card posed a likelihood of harm to himself or others within the contemplation of 34-B M.R.S. § 3801(4-A),⁴¹ it appears from the factual findings that Sergeant Skolfield did not discover any information indicating that Mr. Card had recently (or at any time) threatened or attempted suicide or self-harm, or had recently (or at any time) engaged in homicidal or violent behavior that had placed any specific person in reasonable fear of serious physical harm.

To set the stage, it is important to note Sergeant Skolfield had the following information when he began his response to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health:

- First Sergeant Mote (via Detective Bagley) dutifully reported via a memorandum that Staff Sergeant Hodgson had sent him a text message reporting that Mr. Card had weapons and expressed beliefs that Mr. Card was "messed up in the head," posed a threat to the "[Army Reserve] unit and other places," and that "he's going to snap and do a mass shooting." First Sergeant Mote's memorandum also reported that Mr. Card "has been hearing voices calling him a pedophile, saying he has a small dick, and other insults," beginning in the spring.
- First Sergeant Mote also described *vague* threats that Mr. Card made in July 2023 that he would "take care of it," apparently referring to his (Mr. Card's) belief that some of his soldier colleagues were calling him a pedophile. According to First Sergeant Mote, Mr. Card shoved one of the soldiers after "getting in his face" during the July incident, locked himself

⁴⁰ See 34-B M.R.S. § 3801(4-A).

⁴¹ That is, in pertinent part: (1) whether there was a *substantial* risk of self-harm manifested by *recent* threats, or attempts at, suicide or serious self-inflicted harm and/or (2) whether there was a *substantial* risk of physical harm to other persons as manifested by *recent* homicidal or violent behavior or by *recent* conduct placing others in *reasonable* fear of *serious* physical harm.

in his room until First Sergeant Mote and some other soldiers talked him out.

- First Sergeant Mote also stated that Mr. Card was treated at a psychiatric hospital for two weeks after the July incident.
- More recently, according to First Sergeant Mote, Mr. Card told Staff
 Sergeant Hodgson that he had heard people calling him a pedophile, which
 prompted Staff Sergeant Hodgson to tell him to "knock it off because he
 was going to get into trouble talking about shooting up places and people,"
 after which Mr. Card punched Staff Sergeant Hodgson.

However, Sergeant Skolfield's response subsequently led to determinations that undercut the original nature and extent of the concerns about Mr. Card' mental health, as follows:

- First Sergeant Mote, the author of the report that was prompted by Staff
 Sergeant Hodgson's text message regarding his concerns about Mr. Card's
 mental health, indicated to Sergeant Skolfield that Staff Sergeant
 Hodgson's concerns about Mr. Card's mental health were, in so many
 words, disproportionate, or that Staff Sergeant Hodgson was being an
 "alarmist."
- Captain Reamer, Mr. Card's Army Reserve company commander, acknowledged to Sergeant Skolfield during their telephone conference on September 16, 2023, 42 that the Army Reserve was obligated to treat a message like the one Staff Sergeant Hodgson sent to First Sergeant Mote very seriously.
- However, Captain Reamer added that in the present circumstances the
 message from Staff Sergeant Hodgson must also be taken "with a grain of
 salt," indicating that the Army Reserve's assessment of the situation raised
 questions about the reliability of the information that Staff Sergeant
 Hodgson provided.
- Referring to Staff Sergeant Hodgson, Captain Reamer repeated to Sergeant Skolfield that the Army Reserve "considered the source" when evaluating the information provided in the text message.
- Captain Reamer indicated that Army Reserve personnel had tried to factcheck and assess the information contained in Staff Sergeant Hodgson's

⁴² As reflected herein, Captain Reamer's discussion with Sergeant Skolfield, including concerning the Army Reserve assessment that Mr. Card did not pose a foreseeable risk of imminent self-harm or harm to others, corresponded with what Captain Reamer told Saco Police Officers Rossignol and Damon during a meeting that they had at the Army Reserve Center in Saco on September 16, 2023.

text message, which was the catalyst for the request for the wellbeing check.

- Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that Staff Sergeant Hodgson had been unable to give any information about any specific threat that Mr. Card may have made, adding that the "validity of the text message" sent by Staff Sergeant Hodgson was questionable.
- Captain Reamer also indicated to Sergeant Skolfield that Mr. Card had never threatened any specific person or said anything about targeting a specific location.
- Captain Reamer informed Sergeant Skolfield that he had spoken to Mr.
 Card on September 15, 2023, when Mr. Card called him (Captain Reamer) to confirm that he would not be attending the Army Reserve "drill" session (at the Reserve Center in Saco) because he had to work at his civilian job.
 Captain Reamer reportedly told Mr. Card that there would be no problem if Mr. Card did not appear for the drill session.

According to Captain Reamer, Mr. Card "sounded angry" at "people" when he spoke to him on September 15 (which is the day that Sergeant Skolfield began follow-up on the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health that Staff Sergeant Hodgson expressed to First Sergeant Mote via the text message).

He (Captain Reamer) added that Mr. Card did not make any specific threats during the telephone conversation. Rather, he (Captain Reamer) said, Mr. Card seemed upset at how "things went down there at West Point," apparently referring to the incident that led to his hospitalization for a mental health evaluation.

• Captain Reamer indicated to Sergeant Skolfield that the Army Reserve was only requesting a documented wellbeing check of Mr. Card to ensure that he was "good" and "alive."

Therefore, although it appeared to Sergeant Skolfield that Mr. Card was mentally ill, there were insufficient grounds to take Mr. Card into protective custody, which, based on the facts and applicable law, was an objectively reasonable decision.

Confiscation of Mr. Card's firearms. As described above in detail, Maine law provides for a process to remove dangerous weapons from a mentally ill person who is in protective custody and has undergone a psychiatric evaluation, endorsed by a judge, indicating that there is a realistic potential for imminent self-harm or imminent harm to others, as well as other safety considerations. See 34-B M.R.S. § 3862-A (Maine's so-called "yellow flag" statute).

However, the dangerous weapon confiscation provisions of § 3862-A were not available to Sergeant Skolfield under the circumstances presented to him in September 2023, because, although Mr. Card appeared to be mentally ill, he (Sergeant Skolfield) did not have probable

cause to believe that Mr. Card posed a likelihood of self-harm or harm to others as defined by the protective custody statute.⁴³ An analysis supporting a conclusion that there was an absence of probable cause for placing Mr. Card into protective custody is described in detail above as part of the review of the protective custody issue.

Even if both preliminary prongs to the calculus had been met, a judge cannot endorse an order to confiscate weapons from a person of concern pursuant to Maine's so-called "yellow flag" statute unless a law enforcement submits a declaration that the officer has *probable cause* to believe that the person "possesses, controls or may acquire a dangerous weapon." 34-B M.R.S. § 3862-A(3). In these circumstances, Sergeant Skolfield's probable cause along those lines, as follows:

During a telephone conference with Sergeant Skolfield on September 16,
 2023, Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that he (Captain Reamer)
 understood that Mr. Card's family was supposed to remove his (Mr. Card's)
 weapons from his (Mr. Card's) home.

Captain Reamer said that he had been told that Mr. Card's weapons had been removed from his (Mr. Card's) home and were currently being stored in a family member's house.

According to Captain Reamer, Staff Sergeant Hodgson, who Captain Reamer characterized as the individual who "kinda started this whole thing," was supposed to move the weapons, but then Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, "supposedly" moved them.

However, he (Captain Reamer) added that he had been unable to verify that the firearms had been removed because he (Captain Reamer) lives in New Hampshire.

Captain Reamer told Sergeant Skolfield that he did not know if Mr. Skolfield had any access to the firearms that were being stored at the family member's home.

As for Army Reserve weapons, Captain Reamer indicated to Sergeant Skolfield that they had been accounted for, meaning that Mr. Card did not have access to military weapons.

 During a telephone conference with Sergeant Skolfield on September 17, 2023, Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, assured him (Sergeant Skolfield) that he (Ryan Card) and his father (Mr. Card, Sr.) would work together to move Mr. Card's firearms from a safe at the Card family farm that Mr. Card could access to another secure location.

⁴³ See 34-B M.R.S. §§ 3862(1) (authority to take a person into protective custody), 3801(4-A) (defining likelihood of harm for the purposes of taking a person into protective custody).

Ryan Card also informed Sergeant Skolfield that he would "work with" Mr. Card to ensure that he does not have any firearms independent of those in the family gun safe at the Card farm.

Subsequently, Ryan Card contacted Sergeant Skolfield and reiterated that he (Ryan Card) and his father (Mr. Card, Sr.) would be working together to ensure that Mr. Card did not have access to any firearms, adding that they have a plan for securing the weapons.

Thus, the factual findings indicate that Sergeant Skolfield was diligent when exploring whether Mr. Card had, or would have, access to weapons, noting that it was reasonable for Sergeant to conclude that he had insufficient grounds to take Mr. Card into protective custody and, thereafter, to seek an order to confiscate Mr. Card's weapons pursuant to the "yellow flag" statute. If those grounds existed, it would have been reasonable or necessary for Sergeant Skolfield to conduct further investigation into Mr. Card's access to weapons.

Conclusion. The factual findings establish that it was not feasible under the totality of the circumstances for Sergeant Skolfield to facilitate a voluntary psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Card's mental health status, but he acted diligently when encouraging Ryan Card, Mr. Card's brother, to do so and when offering the assistance of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office in that regard. Reiterating a notation made at the conclusion of Deputy Carleton's response to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health in May 2023, involvement of a mental health professional, along with family and Army Reserve oversight of Mr. Card's mental health status, was a viable strategy from a law enforcement agency perspective because a mental health professional would simultaneously treat Mr. Card's mental health condition and serve as a community caretaker. Under Maine law, for example, mental health care professionals have a duty to warn of or to take reasonable precautions to provide protection from violent behavior by an individual under their care who is likely to engage in physical violence that poses a serious risk of harm to self or others, and may discharge that duty by communicating the treat to a potential victim, notifying a law enforcement agency, or seeking involuntary hospitalization of the individual who poses the threat. 44

The factual findings also establish that Sergeant Skolfield did not have sufficient grounds to take Mr. Card into protective custody, which also foreclosed his discretion to initiate the process for confiscation of Mr. Card's firearms.

After Sergeant Skolfield completed his response to the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health on September 17, 2023, the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office did not have any contact with Mr. Card. Similarly, no member of the Card family and no member of the Army Reserve contacted the Sheriff's Office after September 17, 2023, to report additional concerns about Mr.

⁴⁴ See 32 M.R.S. § 2600-F (osteopathic physicians), 32 M.R.S § 3300-I (medical doctors), 32 M.R.S. § 3820 (psychologists), 32 M.R.S. § 6207-C (certified alcohol and drug counselors or licensed alcohol and drug counselors), 32 M.R.S. § 7007 (social workers), 32 M.R.S. § 13867 (licensed counseling professionals).

Card's mental health, which would have prompted an additional response from the Sheriff's Office.

CONCLUSION

This independent, third-party review emerged from the aftermath of the murder of eighteen individuals and wounding of many others in Lewiston on October 25, 2023, which was tragic beyond measure. The enduring impact of that catastrophe on Sagadahoc County personnel involved in this review was evident during the review process, and it continues to affect the families and friends of the victims, as well as the community as a whole.

The reviewer acknowledges that all participants, including Sheriff Merry, Sergeant Skolfield, Corporal Fitzpatrick, Deputy Carleton, and Deputy Kindelan, cooperated with the review process without any hesitation whatsoever, and they did so without regard to the possibility that an independent, third-party review may result in criticism. Indeed, Sheriff Merry, insisted that the review be performed impartially, and that the reviewer make evidence-based findings that reflect transparency.

Accordingly, this review was conducted using a lens that was focused on the circumstances as they were known to personnel of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office at the time that relevant events were occurring, without using the benefit of hindsight. The review process established the legal requirements and restrictions, the best practices (as well as factors that are considered by or influence law enforcement officers when responding to situations involving mental health concerns), and other guardrails that reasonably applied to the totality of circumstances established by the factual findings.

After an objective analysis, the reviewer concluded that the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office's responses to concerns about Mr. Card's mental health in May and September 2023 were reasonable under the totality of the circumstances.

Moreover, the factual findings indicate that Sergeant Skolfield and Deputy Carleton each diligently explored the nature and extent of the concerns about Mr. Card's mental health and that it was reasonable for them to conclude under the totality of the circumstances both that Mr. Card did not then pose an imminent risk of self-harm or harm to others, that there were insufficient grounds to take Mr. Card into protective custody or to take other actions, and that deferring the monitoring of Mr. Card's wellbeing, including guidance toward a mental health evaluation and treatment, to third parties while emphasizing the availability of Sheriff's Office resources if they should be needed thereafter, was objectively reasonable.

Going forward, the reviewer recommends that the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office enhance its strategy for responses to mental health situations by:

 Continuing and enhancing its mental health-related training programs (including training in the mechanics of applying statutory options for handling mentally ill persons who pose a risk of self-harm or harm to others).

- Taking full advantage of its partnership with the newly available mental
 health liaison resource (including the development of protocols for a multidisciplinary approach to incidents with mental health components,
 especially procedures for follow-up by the mental health liaison with
 persons of concern regarding their mental health status and treatment
 initiatives).
- In consideration of the fact that responses to mental health-related situations are resource intensive, exploring the creation of a multijurisdictional and multidisciplinary mental health response team that would be responsible for, at a minimum, oversight of responses to mental health situations and, preferably, to assist with (or to fulfill) the procedures necessary to assess the person of concern and, as appropriate, to take the person of concern into protective custody (or to follow-up if the person is in protective custody), involuntary commitment, emergency involuntary commitment, and to effectuate the protection from substantial threats provisions that would permit the confiscation of dangerous weapons from persons who pose a risk of self-harm or harm to others.

In conclusion, the reviewer commends the participating members of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office and the Sagadahoc County Communications Center for their candor and cooperation during the independent, third-party review process.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT 1

Transcript of an Audio Recording of a Meeting between SPD Officer Amber Damon, SPD Officer Rodney Rossignol, and Army Reserve Captain Jeremy Reamer at the Army Reserve Center in Saco on September 16, 2023 7:46:36 AM to 7:51 AM⁴⁵

Damon:

Hi.

Reamer:

Okay. We can go out this way to talk.

(Pause, all are walking)

Reamer:

How you doin'?

Damon:

Good, how are you?

Reamer:

Not too bad, not too bad. Um, so what - I know my First Sergeant,

you guys got calls from a couple people from us?

Rossignol:

Uh...

Unidentified: As of right now, August 1st.

Damon:

Yes.

Reamer:

So, what were you guys told, to make sure that we kind of...

Rossignol:

Um-

Damon:

It was kind of, ah, so we were given two specific, um, plates to

look out for, in reference to him making statements about basically

coming here and shooting up the place.

Rossignol:

And shooting a couple people, yeah.

Damon:

Um, so, and more so a wellbeing check. Kind of make contact with

him -

Rossignol:

Yeah.

Damon:

- to see if he still feels that way.

⁴⁵ Officer Rossignol and Officer Damon were wearing activated body cameras during their meeting with Captain Reamer, which began at 7:46 AM. This is a transcription of only the audio portion of the body camera footage, which begins at 7:44:35 AM (Officer Rossignol) and 7:44:37 AM (Officer Damon), that was recorded during the meeting.

Reamer:

Okay.

Damon:

Um, uh, we had heard that he was supposed to be here for drill

today.

Reamer:

Okay, so, I, um, yes, so this all came in and that initial, kinda, I

guess my First Sergeant kinda, from Ellsworth, pushed out -

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer:

- a lot of the stuff that you guys have.

Rossignol:

Yeah.

Reamer:

I'm a cop in New Hampshire.

Rossignol:

Okay.

Reamer:

So, a little bit different than how you guys do it. But yeah, so he pushed out that stuff to pretty much everybody in the – in the State

about him -

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer:

- being a more of a check wellbeing. Just make sure that he's good. So, kinda covering everything, we sent, I think, the Sheriff out to try to make contact at his house, he wasn't able to find him there. He did, uh, reach out to us, or we – he – he responded to us, he actually called me yesterday. Um, I spoke with him, um, he was angry, but never made any specific threats over the phone –

Damon:

Okav.

Reamer:

- to me like, "hey, I'm gonna come shoot everybody" or anything

like that.

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer:

Um, and he's just - he's still angry about what happened kind of

over the summer.

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer:

Um, so, um, I asked him are you gonna come to drill? He's, like, "no, I gotta work." So, he drives truck, um for a company, I forgot, I don't know which company he drives truck for, but so he kinda drives. He's – he's like "I gotta work this whole weekend,"

so I am not expecting him to actually be here.

Damon:

Okay.

Reamer:

Um, and we kinda went back and, um, talked – my First Sergeant talked with the guy who made the initial – like sent us all the texts with all the stuff that kind of blew everything from -

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer:

- where everything kinda came from.

Rossignol:

Yeah.

Reamer:

He was unable to really give any specifics. The only – he only – the guy only specifically mentioned one of my soldiers and said he wanted to punch him. That was – that was kinda the only specific "I want – you know, re... – I wanna punch him in the face."

Rossignol:

Yeah.

Reamer:

Like that was kind of the only specifics.

Damon:

Okay.

Reamer:

He did say, you know, that he would shoot places, but never specifically mentioned here, never specifically mentioned any specifically — according to this one source, which... is not the most credible of our -

Damon:

Okay.

Reamer:

- of our soldiers.

Damon:

Okay, okay.

Reamer:

So, he – he doesn't have a, you know, it came in at two-something in the morning

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer:

... so, was he drunk?

Rossignol:

Yeah.

Reamer:

We didn't ask. We don't really have all that and when we tried to nail it down with some specifics, he wasn't able to give us much.

So, it kinda really didn't help any.

Damon:

Okay.

Reamer:

So, just kind of, what we kinda came up, like, was, alright, we'll

see if we can get a check wellbeing on the guy, -

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer:

- make sure if he's good. Um, and then we're just lettin' you guys

know-

Damon:

Yep.

Reamer:

- to kind of being aware of what's kinda going on.

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer:

Um...

Rossignol:

Yeah so - so they've had us all, basically -

Reamer:

Yeah so-

Rossignol:

staking out -

Reamer:

Yeah, I saw -

Rossignol:

- the place.

Reamer:

- you guys over there and over there.

Rossignol:

So, basically, we just want to know if that needs to continue.

Reamer:

Um...

Rossignol:

Or...

Reamer:

I don't-

Rossignol:

...what?

Reamer:

I don't see the, uh, need to tie you guys up to - to do that for the

long term. I mean, I had you guys - obviously made contact with

you guys.

Rossignol:

Yeah.

Reamer:

I gotten to know here, you know where it is, -

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer: - if something does come in. I mean, the one specific person that

was targeted, I - I told him today if he does show up, you'll be the

first one - we'll get you out -

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer:

- and you can just drive off, so then -

Rossignol:

Oh, do -

Reamer:

- we can try to handle that -

Rossignol:

Does he have access to get to the gate?

Reamer:

He - he probably knows the - the code.

Rossignol:

Okay.

Reamer:

The code to get into the gate.

Rossignol:

Okay.

Reamer:

Um, I don't think he has any of the stuff to get in uh, anywhere

else, but...

Rossignol:

Okay.

Reamer:

Um, well we got a couple other, cops here that, can hopefully de-

escalate things -

Rossignol:

Okay.

Reamer:

- and kinda calm him down. At this point, probably if he does show up, we'll probably just give you guys a ring, and say "hey, can you

just come on out?" Just in the event that somethin' turns.

Damon:

Absolutely.

Reamer:

But we'll do our best to kinda de-escalate and handle it on our end as far as we can.

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer:

And I'll probably get that one guy out, um, and get him out of here so he doesn't, you know, escalate things, for whatever the reason because he does – he does have mental –

Damon:

Mhm.

Reamer: - health issues. Um, you know I'd say probably schizophrenia

seemed to be what his – he's delusional, hearing a lot of – lot of, uh, things about being a pedophile, but nobody's saying a word to

him about it, so.

Rossignol: Yeah.

Reamer: He's - that's kind of the - the deal, so.

Rossignol: Alright.

Reamer: Any other questions?

Damon: No, we just kind of wanted to see if you had any more information

to give us.

Reamer: Yeah, yeah.

Damon: Or something to give...

Reamer: I mean I guess, yeah. So, I did speak with him, and he's not

supposed to be here -

Damon: Okay.

Reamer: - is what he's told us. And that came from both the text message to

somebody else, as well as kind of calling me. So, we'll take it as that and we'll keep an eye out for him, and we'll give you guys a

call-

Rossignol: Alright.

Reamer: - if we need anything.

Damon: Sure, perfect.

Reamer: We appreciate you guys helpin' us out.

Damon: Yeah, of course.

Rossignol: Yeah, no worries.

Reamer: And sticking around the area, so. Uh, in the middle of work.

Rossignol: Not much else going on this early.

Reamer: (laughter)

Rossignol: Yup. (laughter)

Reamer:

But...you guys have to bring anyone extra on because of this? Or

you guys the only ones?

Damon:

(laughter) No.

Rossignol:

No no no no no. We didn't - don't have any - I mean we - we had

a couple people that stayed a little late, from the night shift, but...

Reamer:

Okay.

Damon:

Mhm.

Rossignol:

They're gone now, so.

Reamer:

Okay.

Rossignol:

But now we're here all day so.

Reamer:

Okay, perfect.

Damon:

Yeah, give us a shout if you need us.

Reamer:

Will do I appreciate it. Thanks guys.

Rossignol:

Alright, thanks man.

Damon:

Thank you.

EXHIBIT 2

Transcript of a Recorded Telephone Conference between SCSO Sergeant Aaron Skolfield and Army Reserve Captain Jeremy Reamer on September 16, 2023⁴⁶ 10:46 AM to 10:54 AM

Skolfield:

Hey, Captain. I appreciate you calling me back. Uh -

Reamer:

Yeah, no worries.

Skolfield:

So, obviously we're very concerned over this. I don't wanna be an

alarmist or anything, but when you - when you -

Reamer:

Yeah.

Skolfield:

You know, it's - I mean, I've got, you know, a lot of

documentation that said to me they're worried about him doing a mass shooting, and he's having hallucinations, that he had been institutionalized for a couple of weeks this past summer, and he's – he's not showing any signs of improvement. Um, uh - just trying to

get some answers on - on uh, your end of it here. All of his

weapons from the National Guard have been accounted for, right?

So, he doesn't have anything at the house?

Reamer:

National Guard...so in terms of all the weapons, this is kinda how

it went down as far as I know.

Skolfield:

Okay.

Reamer:

Um, there was no real court order to take his weapons or anything like that, so what was required was when he went to the institution, um, over there, they – they – part of the thing is – which I wasn't even a part of, uh, to, mind you, like they didn't keep me in the

loop on any of this 'cause of HIPAA.

Skolfield:

Right.

Reamer:

Um, but the family was supposed to, uh, take care of all the

weapons and move it.

Skolfield:

Okay.

⁴⁶ This is a transcript of the audio portion of a "cruiser camera" recording that Sergeant Skolfield made during his conversation with Captain Reamer as he was positioned on a road with a view of Mr. Card's driveway, which is reflected by the video portion of the recording.

Reamer:

Um, obviously I lived in New Hampshire, so I was unable to

obviously verify any of it.

Skolfield:

Right.

Reamer:

Um, so as far as I know, his weapons, I was told, his weapons had

been moved, um, out into a family member's, um, place.

Skolfield:

Okay.

Reamer:

Um, whether he has access to those at the family members', I don't know. But that's what, um, as far as I know, any weapons he had were supposed to be moved by, um, his friend, um, Hodgson, who kinda started this whole thing. And then, uh, his – his brother, um,

Ryan Card, which I have his contact information too.

Skolfield:

Yeah ...

Reamer:

Supposedly had moved all that.

Skolfield:

Okay.

Reamer:

Um...

Skolfield:

Alright.

Reamer:

So that was what we kind of know. Um, I did speak with him

yesterday, Card.

Skolfield:

Okay.

Reamer:

Um, he called me after he kinda confirmed he wasn't gonna come up to – after we kinda started this whole thing initially, he called later on. Uh, and stated that, you know, he wasn't gonna come to drill. Um, and I was like, okay that's – that's fine. Uh, he – he sounded angry, um, definitely angry at people but made no specific threats like "I'm gonna come there and shoot if nobody does" – I mean nothin' like that. It was not even, he's just "I'm pissed off at how everything went, no I gotta work," um, because of how everything went down there at West Point. He never said any specific names, he never said anyone specific, he didn't target any

specific sites, or anything like that.

Skolfield:

Okay.

Reamer:

Um, so that was my conversation - brief conversation with him

vesterday.

Skolfield:

Alright.

Reamer:

Um, so, yeah. And I just, um, just talked with my Battalion Commander and Sergeant Major, um both – one works for the government, federal government. The other one works as a State Police of Maine.

Skolfield:

Yup.

Reamer:

Um, and, we kinda went through hashed it out and as far as they're concerned, they – they said like as long as you can kinda – if you're out there he's – he's there, he can be uncooperative or whatever but there's no sense in you guys pushing in and – and regard, we just wanted to check wellbeing if you can kinda tell he's there and alive just kind of document it. Um –

Skolfield:

He's there, he's alive, he won't answer the door, and there's no good way to approach the trailer without being in a line of sight through the curtains.

Reamer:

Yeah.

Skolfield:

Um...

Reamer:

Yeah.

Skolfield:

And, uh -

Reamer:

So that - that's what I mean we don't - from our end here we don't - and I'm - I'm a cop myself. Um, I don't want you guys to push into something um, and - and escalate it past something at the moment. Um...

Skolfield:

Yup.

Reamer:

You know there's no sense. Like you guys cou – if you could just - the only thing I would ask if you could just document it.

Skolfield:

Oh, yeah.

Reamer:

Uh, however – however you want, just document it. Um, just to say like he was there, he was uncooperative. Um...

Skolfield:

Yup.

Reamer:

But we confirmed that he was, you know, alive and breathing. You know, and then we can go from there. But that's – that's kind of from our end here. Um, all we're really looking for. Um, obviously

I want - don't want you guys to get hurt or do anything that would

Right. Skolfield:

That would uh push you guys in - in a compromising position and Reamer:

have to make a decision so, if um -

That's our goal -Skolfield:

That's kind of -Reamer:

I was hoping -Skolfield:

Yeah. Reamer:

- he was gonna come out, like I said I'm - I'm sure he saw the Skolfield:

cruiser out in the yard.

Yeah. He - he - he did the same thing with us, um, down at um, Reamer:

when this all kinda initially went down he was uncooperative -

Mhm. Skolfield:

- um, with us so it seems to be his thing when he just doesn't want Reamer:

to deal with us - anybody, he just kinda locks in there. Nothing and nothing ended up happening. He didn't have any weapons, he

didn't, it didn't turn into anything. He eventually came out-

Skolfield: Okay.

- um, after we kinda got our - some of our guys out there to help Reamer:

out with it.

Mhm. Skolfield:

So, it's not un – unheard of for him to kind of handle it this way. Reamer:

Alright. Skolfield:

Um, so, yeah, that's - that's kind of our two cents, but if there's Reamer:

something else that you guys see out there that you're more concerned about then um, then you can kinda act on it but -

No, I'm just a - acting on everything that was told by, uh, uh, the Skolfield:

detective, uh, from the Guard.

Yeah. That they pushed out, yeah. Reamer:

Skolfield:

Yup, um -

Reamer:

So, I -and Iknow and -and also -and I'm sure it was probably relayed to you, the - the information that initially came when we

went to try to fact check it.

Skolfield:

Mhm.

Reamer:

Um, the text message, the guy who sent it out, he was unable to even give specifics on, during that, so I don't know like what, like, the - the validity of the text message is.

Skolfield:

Okay.

Reamer:

But there was enough that we were concerned and needed to, like, do a check well-being and stuff like that because of his history and our understanding of it. Um...

Skolfield:

Okay.

Reamer:

And obviously when anyone texts anything like that, we obviously need to take it very seriously. Um, but also taking it with, like, with a grain of salt as well.

Skolfield:

Right.

Reamer:

Um, because we - we know where the source is coming from so it's kind of - that's kind of what we were really looking - the goal of it was. Was just to kind of make sure he's, you know, where he's at, make sure he's good, alive, um, and then just if we can

document it and we can go from there.

Skolfield:

Okay, alright. Um, fair enough. Captain, I'm sorry, what was your name again?

Reamer:

Um, my first name's Jeremy. J-E-R-E-M-Y.

Skolfield:

Yup.

Reamer:

And my last name is Reamer. R-E-A-M-E-R.

Skolfield:

Okay.

Reamer:

If you need my date of birth, I can give it to you.

Skolfield:

No, it's good enough. Um...

Reamer:

Okay.

Skolfield: Yup, that'll work. Um, I'm probably gonna reach out to Ryan Card

just to validate that any weapons, I get with the Cards. I mean, I've kept everything off the scanner like I said they're a big family in

this area, and -

Reamer: Mhm.

Skolfield: I didn't - didn't want to say on the radio that I'm off at a particular

address and have them listening on the scanner and go "okay

what's going on." And, but I think I can -

Reamer: Yeah.

Skolfield: - talk to Ryan Card and say hey I just want to make sure you've got

his guns, right? And uh, and -

Reamer: Yeah.

Skolfield: And uh...uh...go from there -

Reamer: Yeah, I mean I don't think this is gonna get any better.

Skolfield: No, nor do I.

Reamer: Um, cause he's - he's refuse - yeah, he's refusing any real medical

treatment. I mean, we got him as much as we could.

Skolfield: Mhm.

Reamer: But, you know, you can lead a horse to water but if he's not gonna

drink it, then there's not much we can really do. So, I'm not sure, 'cause I like in New Hampshire. I'm a cop in New Hampshire, so I'm not sure about your guys' rules and stuff there, but maybe if

something were to -

Skolfield: (Inaudible) were more complicated -

Reamer: Yeah

Skolfield: - and then there's the yellow flag laws. So, when there's someone -

Reamer: Oh.

Skolfield: - who - who's uh - uh - a - a danger to themselves or others,

there's a process with — we're supposed to go through to, uh, seize their weapons if they are deemed a danger to themselves or others. So that, you know, that — that um, obviously is a hurdle we have to deal with, but at the same time, we don't wanna throw a stick of

dynamite into a pool of gas either and make things worse.

Reamer:

Yeah, yeah. I hear ya.

Skolfield:

So, alright. Well, this just kinda sucks. I appreciate you callin' me back and it gives me some answers and a little bit to work with.

Reamer:

Yeah, yeah. Well, you have my number.

Skolfield:

Yup.

Reamer:

Uh, if you need anything else, um, I mean my First Sergeant kinda

lives in Maine, knows a little bit more.

Skolfield:

Mhm.

Reamer:

Um, regarding that, but you can always reach out to me, and I'll do

my best to kinda help out.

Skolfield:

Hey, I appreciate it.

Reamer:

Um, and answer any questions I can or get answers if you need it.

Skolfield:

Yup. I appreciate it.

Reamer:

Um, and we can go from there. Okay?

Skolfield:

Alright. Thank you, sir.

Reamer:

I appreciate it, thanks Deputy.

Skolfield:

Have a good one.

Reamer:

Bye.

Skolfield:

Bye.

Sagadahoc County (ME) Sheriff's Office (SAGDHCMESO) Incident: 23-006566 Date Reported: 05/03/2023 10:37 Incident Start Date: 05/03/2023 10:37 Incident End Date: 05/03/2023 10:38 Type: Incident MO: **TOPSHAM ME 04086** Location: Summary: CITIZEN ASSIST -- CITIZEN ASSIST **Status Date:** Case Status: ***SAGADAHOC PATROL PLEASE READ - USE CAUTION IF RESPONDING TO 1007 WEST ROAD -ROBERT CARD'S RESIDENCE - PARANOID BEHAVIOR AND HAS 10-15 FIREARMS IN HOUSEAND/OR TRUCK - ANSWERED THE DOOR WITH A GUN ON 5/4/23 WHEN FAMILY VISITED******THE ACTUAL RESIDENCE IS JUST NORTH OF THE HOUSE MARKED , AND IS THESECOND RIGHT JUST NORTH OF WOOD SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD. IT IS A WHITESINGLE WIDE TRAILER WITH BLACK SHUTTERS AND A DETATCHED BLUE METAL GARAGE.*** I was asked to call in and speak with Topsham SRO Mathieu. Mathieu'soffice On the phone, Ilearned that and had some concerns they would like to discuss reference Robert Card Mathieu's office. Afterintroductions, I resides in Bowdoin. I traveled to mental health is inquestion. learned from I learned a bit aboutRobert's life. Robert is currently an Army Reservist assigned to a trainingunit in Saco and has historically instructed soldier's on the use of handgrenades. In the civilian world, Robert recently stated driving a truck for Maine Recycling in Lisbon and lives at 1007 West Road in Bowdoin. talked about various ideas in approaching Robert, Robert has been historically resistant to admitting anything is wrong. The idea of contacting Robert'scommand in the reserves came up and everyone agreed this may be the best avenueof getting Robert some help. I agreed to reach out to Robert's commandingofficer in hopes of getting them involved. I provided my card with cellphone number I researched the Army Reserve Center in Saco and ultimately got in touch withan Administrator Getchell for the Third Battalion 304 Training Group. Administrator Getchell provided me with First Sgt. Mote's cell phone number and told me Sqt. Mote is a police officer in Maine. He also told methe company commander, Captain Reemer, is also a police officer from NewHampshire. While on the phone with Administrator Getchell, he told me there hasrecently been considerable concern for Robert. It sounded like they may beaware of his recent mental health decline. I have left a message with FirstSgt. Mote and am waiting a call back. got a call back from Firt Sgt. Kelvin Mote who is

Motetold me that Robert had been accusing other soldiers of calling him a sexoffender which seems to coincide with some of the behavior problem is perhaps as bad . He thanked me for the notification because they
are scheduledfor an upcoming training exercise involving crew served weapons and grenades. First Sgt. Mote said he was going to call Captain Reemer immediately and startto figure out options to get
Robert help. We agreed to keep each other updatedon any changes. I got a message Mathieu asking for me to . On the phone
I thought thiswas an odd coincidence and did some online research. I found that hearing lossinduced mental illness is a documented condition that
can project itself inparanoid behavior. This may be coincidence or not.
offered to go if he would like.
I called First Sgt. Mote and left a message detailing the above
Later in the afternoon, First Sgt. Mote called me back and I filled him in witheverything I had learned. First Sgt. Mote told me that their plan was to sitdown with Robert in the near future and see if they could get him to open upabout what has been going on. I specifically warned about the fact Robert hadallegedly answered the door with a gun yesterday. Chad Carleton ***********************************
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Incident: 23-015694 Sagadahoc County (ME) Sheriff's Office (SAGDHCMESO) Date Reported: 09/15/2023 14:47 Incident Start Date: 09/15/2023 14:47 Incident End Date: 09/15/2023 14:47 Type: Incident MO: BOWDOIN ME 04287 Location: Summary: WELFARE CHECK -- WELFARE CHECK, INFORMATION Case Status: Status Date: I received a complaint from the Maine National Guard asking me to perform awelfare check on Robert . His in house record shows he lives in Bowdoin, however this is incorrect. He used to live there. Thenew residents state that they think he lives next door on the same side of theroad directly to the north, a white mobile home with a rather large detachedgarage. As of recent it as come to the Guards attention that Card is having psychoticepisodes where he is hearing voices that are insulting him calling him apedophile. Card is also making threats to shoot up the Saco National Guardfacility. He had been committed over the summer for a couple of weeks due tohis altered mental state but has been since released. I have been asked by the National Guard to identify any specific individuals whowere concerned for Card whereas he may focus his altered aggression toward themas he has already demonstrated. It should be noted that Card is a firearms instructor with the Guard so utmostcaution must be utilized. Upon going to Card's residence, the white trailer above, I did not find anyonehome. I did not see any vehicle's in the driveway as well. Under the overhangto the garage I did find a motorcycle with a plate of which did come backto Bowdoin address. The samegoes for a jet ski in the being registered to Card but at a yard. This leads me to believe Card does in fact livehere. I was not able to locate Card but will ask the evening shift to check on him. Afile 6 was also sent out at my request. A letter from the Guard is cut and pasted below: Good afternoon, I received the attached text this morning form SSG Hodgson in Card is one of my senior reference to Sergeant First Class Robert Card firearmsinstructors in Bravo Company 3/304 in Saco. Card has been hearing voices callinghim a pedophile, saving he has a small dick, and other insults. This hearingvoices started in the spring and has only gotten worse. On July 15 2023 while atWest Point Card was hanging out with several other soldiers at the hotel theywere staying at. They had gone to a convenience store to get some beer. In theparking lot Card accused three of them of calling him a pedophile and said hewould take care of it. One of the soldiers who has been friends with Card for along time was there. Card got in his face, shoved him, and told him to stopcalling him a pedophile. They got their beer, calmed Card down a little, andmade their way back to the hotel. Several times on the ride back Card said hewould take care of it. When pressed about what he meant by that Card didn'trespond. . Oncethey got back to the motel, Card locked himself in his room and would not answerthe door when they tried to make contact. I was informed about this incident early the next morning. I met them at themotel along with a couple other soldiers and we were able to get the key to theroom and make contact. Card said he wanted people to stop talking about him. Itold him no one was talking about him and everyone here was his friend. Cardtold me to leave him alone and tried to slam the door in my face. One of the soldiers stopped the door from closing with his foot. I decided, after talkingwith my commander, that Card needed to be evaluated. We took him to the basehospital where he was seen by a psychologist there and determined to needfurther treatment. Card was taken to Four Winds Psychiatric Hospital in KatonahNY for treatment and evaluation. During the four hours I

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in Bowdoin Maine, togauge his mental health and determine if he is a hreat to himself and/orothers. I relayed this to Deputy Chief Troy Bires and he advised to have detective make the request to the SCSO to conduct the well-being check. I haveattached the text nessage and current photograph of Robert Card to this email. The Saco PD has been given a heads up bout this and the battalion commander hasbeen briefed as to the threat to the unit in Saco. I would ather err on theside of caution with regards to Card since he is a capable marksman and, if heshould et his mind to carry out the threats made to the sould be ableto do	
It was there. Upon makingthis oberservation I opted to have another was in his yard on the late of the wast here. Upon makingthis oberservation I opted to have another with back me up. Kennebec CountyDeputy Stefanizzi, arrived about 45 minutes later and we tempted contact withCard without success. Card could be heard moving around inside the trailer outwould not answer the door. Due to being in a very disadvantagous position wedecided to back way. Deputy Stefanizzi cleared as I began to make some phone calls. I was eventuallyable to reach he Saco Reserve unit commander, Captain Jeremy Reamer. We spokeatlength about Card's mental health status. I was told that Card no longer hadany weapons from the Reserve Unit. They had also made arrangements with Card'sbrother who who retrieved the personal weapons belonging to card. I explained to Capt.Reamer that I tried to make contact with Card and he wouldnot answer the loor. Capt. Reamer advised this is something that Card has donein the past. After he keeps to himself for a while he will come back out. I was further advised that the Guard is in the process of rying to get Card toretire from the Guard with conditions that he get some mental health treatment. Capt. Reamer (who is also a law enforcement office in NH) was of the opinionthat forcing a contact with Card was necessary or advantagous. He thought itbest to let Card have time to himself for a bit. On 9/17/23 I again tried to make contact with and eventually did. Iwas able to confirm that he was able to get any process of the card farm.	
expressed to that it was our intention to make sure Robert does not do anything to hurt himself of others. If and when does communicate with to make his own judgement as to whether Robert needs an evaluation. If he thought that Robert did to call us back and we would work with him to helpfacilicate that. It should also be know that told me when Robert answers the door at histrailer, in the past he usually does so with a handgun in hand out of view from the person outside. I was later contacted by he told me that between they would work to ensure that Robert does not have access to any firearms. They have a way to secure his weapons.	

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious Address: 941 Meadow Rd

Location: BO Bowdoin, ME 04287 ______

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: B. Buzzell How Received: 2 Agency: 1200

Responding: Matt Sharpe, Norm Gove, Olson, Garrett, Aaron Skolfield, Z

Kindelan, Dietlin, John

Responsible: Matt Sharpe Disposition: CLO 10/28/23 When Reported: 21:04:34 10/ Occurred Between: 21:04:34 10/25/23 and 21:06:56 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: SUSP Suspicion

Observed: SUSP Suspicion Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Olson, Garrett 114
Aaron Skolfield 104
Z Kindelan 113
Dietlin, John 160 Matt Sharpe Norm Gove 105

Responsible Officer: Matt Sharpe
Received By: B. Buzzell
How Received: 2 TO 911
When Reported: 21:04:34 10/25/23
Responsible Officer: Matt Sharpe
Last Radio Log: 04:30:15 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/28/23

Occurred between: 21:04:34 10/25/23 Judicial Status: Misc Entry: and: 21:06:56 10/25/23

Modus Operandi: Description: Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description Relationship

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Narrative

We received information that Robert Card may be heading to
Bowdoin. The residence of and his family. At the residence was Robert
Cards who were concerned that Robert
may be coming there to murder them as there was bad blood between and him.
We provided scene security at the residence. It was decided that several of us
would remain on scene while other deputies go to Roberts residence in the event
he attempt to go back home. We remained on scene until relieved by MSP. We then
headed to 1017 West Road and remained there until relieved by SOPO Swat team.
MWS 105
The way on at his a T TIO
Responsible LEO
Approved by
Date

Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department Deputy Report for Incident 23-018122

1136

Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious

Location: BO

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Devin Everst How Received: 7

Agency: 1200

Responding: A Huntington
Responsible: A Huntington
Disposition: CLO 10/26/23

Address:

When Reported: 06:52:40 10/ Occurred Between: 06:52:39 10/26/23 and 06:54:32 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: SUSP Suspicion

Observed: SUSP Suspicion Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

LT13 Highway/Road/Alley

Responding Officers: Unit:

A Huntington

112

Responsible Officer: A Huntington

Received By: Devin Everstone
How Received: 7 FD Bus Line
When Reported: 06:52:40 10/26/23

Agency: 1200

Last Radio Log: 07:27:43 10/26/23 CMPLT

Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23

Occurred between: 06:52:39 10/26/23

Judicial Status: Misc Entry:

and: 06:54:32 10/26/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Agency: 1200

Involvements

Date Type Description

Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department 1136 Deputy Report for Incident 23-018122 Page: 2

Narrative

06:	54:19 10/2	26/2023	- Devi	n Evei	stone								
Cal	ler report	ing su	spiciou	s grey	r truck	parked	l by	the	pipeline	on	lewis	hill	rd,
is	concerned	since	there i	s curi	ently a	a stay	at	home	order.				

112:

I was on 197 and headed over via Dead River the vehicle was gone when I arrived in the area.

Responsible	LEO
Approved by	
Date	

Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department 1136
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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: INFO

Received By: Andrew Naum How Received: 5

Agency: 1200

Responding: Brian Quinn
Responsible: Brian Quinn
Disposition: CLO 10/26/23

When Reported: 06:58:29 10/ Occurred Between: 06:58:29 10/26/23 and 07:00:56 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: INFO Information Additional Offense: INFO Information

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Brian Quinn

103

Responsible Officer: Brian Quinn
Received By: Andrew Naum
How Received: 5 LAW Bus Line
When Reported: 06:58:29 10/26/23

Responsible Officer: Brian Quinn
Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 07:03:22 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23 Occurred between: 06:58:29 10/26/23

Judicial Status:

Misc Entry:

and: 07:00:56 10/26/23

Modus Operandi:

Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description

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Narrative

Date

Dispatch advised me that the above listed complainant wanted to advise use that the person of interest, Robert card owned approximately 300 acres of woodland We added it to the list of information to be investigated by the poweres to be.	s
Responsible LEO	
Approved by	

11/28/23 Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department 1136 09:43 Deputy Report for Incident 23-018127 Page: 1

Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious

Address: Location: BO

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Chaz Chasten How Received: 8 Agency: 1200

Responding: Aaron Skolfield
Responsible: Aaron Skolfi Disposition: CLO 10/30/23

When Reported: 06:54:48 10/ Occurred Between: 06:54:48 10/26/23 and 06:57:38 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: SUSP Suspicion

Observed: SUSP Suspicion Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit: Aaron Skolfield 104

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield
Received By: Chaz Chastenay
How Received: 8 SUP Bus Line
When Reported: 06:54:48 10/26/23

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield
Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 07:54:05 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/30/23

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 06:54:48 10/26/23 and: 06:57:38 10/26/23 Misc Entry:

Modus Operandi:

Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description

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Narrative

feeding around 1730HRS last night

10/26/2023 07:04:52 Chaz Chastenay

2-3 houses up from "road" that goes down back through tree line to a house - cmplt states she heard what sounded like multiple gunshots - didn't think anything of it until she heard the news about the incident in Lewiston	a
Responsible LEO	
Approved by	
Date	

09:42

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1136

Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious Address:

Location: BH

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Devin Everst How Received: 7

Agency: 1200

Responding: A Huntington
Responsible: A Huntington
Disposition: CLO 10/26/23

When Reported: 07:25:49 10/ Occurred Between: 07:25:49 10/26/23 and 07:27:49 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES Reported: SUSP Suspicion

Observed: SUSP Suspicion Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

LT10 Field/Woods

Responding Officers: Unit:

A Huntington

112

Responsible Officer: A Huntington

Agency: 1200

Judicial Status:

Received By: Devin Everstone
How Received: 7 FD Bus Line
When Reported: 07:25:49 10/26/23
Idicial Status:

Received By: Devin Everstone
Last Radio Log: 07:31:27 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23
Occurred between: 07:25:49 10/26/23

Misc Entry:

and: 07:27:49 10/26/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description

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Narrative

07:26:56 10/26/2023 - Devin Everstone caller reporting several consecutive shots in	n the	area	of	
07:27:45 10/26/2023 - Devin Everstone caller reporting several consecutive shots in	n the	area	of	
112: Negative contact, today is also hunting day.				
Responsible LEO				
Approved by				
Date				

Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department Deputy Report for Incident 23-018137

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Trespassing Address:

Location: BO

Offense Codes: TRES

Received By: Chaz Chasten How Received: 5

Agency: 1200

Responding: A Huntington
Responsible: A Huntington
Disposition: CLO 10/26/23

When Reported: 08:29:29 10/ Occurred Between: 08:29:29 10/26/23 and 08:30:38 10/

" 我就要就到我们看到我们就是我们的意思,我们就是我们就是我们的是我们的是我们的是我们的我们的我们的我们的我们的我们会会是什么是我们的知识是什么是不是是是我们的

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status: Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: TRES Trespassing

Observed: TRES Trespassing

Additional Offense: TRES Trespassing

Circumstances

LT20 Residence/Home

Responding Officers: Unit:

A Huntington

112

Responsible Officer: A Huntington

Agency: 1200

Received By: Chaz Chastenay
How Received: 5 LAW Bus Line
When Reported: 08:29:29 10/26/23

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 09:17:06 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23 Occurred between: 08:29:29 10/26/23

Judicial Status: Misc Entry:

and: 08:30:38 10/26/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description

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Narrative

When I arrived there was no white vehicle in her driveway.
While I was there and getting ready to leave two vehicle pulled up. They did not enter the property and they parked well off the roadway so as not to create a hazard. One was a newspaper no camera reporter from Mass. I spoke with him and gave I spoke with the New Channel reporter and I explained to all party's to please not disturb
They cleared and then a red car with a female reporter "Zara" from Waterville stopped by. I gave her the same message and then she asked for my name and she then cleared. I notified 102 of the contact.
Responsible LEO
Approved by Date

Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department Deputy Report for Incident 23-018138

Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Address:

Location: BO

Offense Codes: INFO

Received By: Andrew Naum How Received: 5

Agency: 1200

Responding: Aaron Skolfield
Responsible: Aaron Skolfi Disposition: CLO 10/26/23

When Reported: 08:30:53 10/ Occurred Between: 08:30:53 10/26/23 and 08:35:50 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: INFO Information Additional Offense: INFO Information

Circumstances

Responding Officers:
Aaron Skolfield

Unit:

104

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield
Received By: Andrew Naum
How Received: 5 LAW Bus Line
When Reported: 08:30:53 10/26/23

Judicial Status:
Occurred between: 08:30:53 10/26/23

Part 1200

Last Radio Log: 08:47:28 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23
Occurred between: 08:30:53 10/26/23

Misc Entry:

and: 08:35:50 10/26/23

Modus Operandi:

Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description

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Narrative

Per Dispatch:

knows the family from past history	
caller wouldnt be surprised is robert card w	as at the trailer
I spoke with the complainant who in wanted to pass along structures and outbuilding will be cleared on a priority complainant was thankful and just wanted us aware of the	by priority basis. The
Responsible LEO	
Approved by	
Date	

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Address:

Location: BH

Offense Codes: SUSP

Agency: 1200

Received By: Chaz Chasten How Received: 6
Responding: Aaron Skolfield

Responsible: Aaron Skolfi Disposition: CLO 10/26/23

When Reported: 09:01:39 10/ Occurred Between: 09:01:39 10/26/23 and 09:02:59 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/*

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified Observed: SUSP Suspicion

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers:
Aaron Skolfield

Unit:

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield

Agency: 1200
Received By: Chaz Chastenay
How Received: 6 TO Bus Line
When Reported: 09:01:39 10/26/23
Idicial Status:

Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23
Occurred between: 09:01:39 10/26/23
and: 09:02:59 10/26/23

Judicial Status:

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description

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Narrative		1
Per Dispatch:		
heard shots around 1 states it was more i	715HRS - though it was aut ntense than what heard before	comatic fire - cmplt
10/26/2023 09:03:	18 Chaz Chastenay	
Nature change fr	om Suspicious to Information	
I went and spoke to yesterday. I thanke	the complainant who wanted to report described call and cleared.	the shots from
Responsible LEO		

Approved by

Date

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Chaz Chasten How Received: 6
Responding: A Huntington
Responsible: A Huntington Disposition: CLO 10/26/23

Agency: 1200

When Reported: 09:47:54 10/ Occurred Between: 09:47:54 10/26/23 and 09:49:28 10/

Assigned To:

Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: SUSP Suspicion

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

LT20 Residence/Home

Responding Officers: Unit:
A Huntington 112 A Huntington 112

Agency: 1200

Responsible Officer: A Huntington

Received By: Chaz Chastenay Last Radio Log: 10:22:31 10/26/23 CMPLT How Received: 6 TO Bus Line Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi When Reported: 09:47:54 10/26/23 Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 09:47:54 10/26/23

Misc Entry:

and: 09:49:28 10/26/23

Modus Operandi:

Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description

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Narrative

09:49:27 10/26/2023 - Chaz Chastenay empty mobile home that the cmplt would like us to know about - should be fresh dirt delivered 09:52:55 10/26/2023 - Chaz Chastenay no one should be there and the doors should be locked 09:53:58 10/26/2023 - Chaz Chastenay to the left of the mobile home there is an overgrown access road that has a cabin with a door that doesn't lock well

112:

I checked the area there are two houses on that road empty for two years. I spoke with 2 neighbors and told them why I was there. They will call if they see anything suspicious.

Responsible	LEO		
Approved by			
Date	The state of the s	 	·····

11/28/23 10:16

Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department
Deputy Report for Incident 23-018157

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Address:

Location: BO

Offense Codes: INFO

Received By: Chaz Chasten How Received: 6 Agency: 1200
Responding: Aaron Skolfield
Responsible: Aaron Skolfi Disposition: CLO 10/30/23
When Reported: 10:51:58 10/ Occurred Between: 10:51:58 10/26/23 and 10:53:15 10/

Assigned To:
Status:

Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: anonymous First: Mid:
DOB: **/**/** DL #: Address: *** Do Not Modify****
Race: Sex: Phone: () - City:,

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed:

Additional Offense: INFO Information

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit: Aaron Skolfield 104

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield
Received By: Chaz Chastenay
How Received: 6 TO Bus Line
When Reported: 10:51:58 10/26/23
Judicial Status:
Misc Entry:

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 10:57:11 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/30/23
Occurred between: 10:51:58 10/26/23
and: 10:53:15 10/26/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description

11/28/23 10:16							Department 23-018157
Narrative							
Complainant	wanted	to make	e us	aware	of an	empty	structure.
Responsible	LEO						
Approved by							

Date

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Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department 1071
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Case Numbers:

Nature: Disorderly

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: PARK

Received By: Brandon Bail How Received: 7
Responding: Chad Carleton, Aaron Skolfield Agency: 1200

Responsible: Chad Carleto Disposition: CLO 10/26/23
When Reported: 12:34:50 10/ Occurred Between: 12:34:50 10/26/23 and 12:35:37 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: DCON Disorderly Conduct

Observed: PARK Parking Problem

Additional Offense: PARK Parking Problem

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit: Aaron Skolfield

Responsible Officer: Chad Carleton
Received By: Brandon Bailey
How Received: 7 FD Bus Line
When Reported: 12:34:50 10/26/23
Judicial Status:
Misc Entry:

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 13:37:50 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23
Occurred between: 12:34:50 10/26/23
and: 12:35:37 10/26/23

Modus Operandi: Description: Method:

Involvements

Date Type 10/26/23 Name Relationship Complainant Description

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Narrative

Date

Narrative
Card asked for some assistance with clearing media off the edges of their property along Road. Multiple out-of-state media crews were attempting to park and set up cameras. Sgt. Skolfield tactfully spoke with them and asked they not park on private property and not impede the flow of traffic.
Chad Carleton
Responsible LEO
Approved by
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Name Involvements: Complainant :

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Agency Assist

Location: TO

Address:

Offense Codes: ASST

Received By: Andrew Naum How Received: R

Agency: 1200

Responding: Chad Carleton, Aaron Skolfield
Responsible: Chad Carleto Disposition: CLO 10/26/23
When Reported: 12:54:20 10/ Occurred Between: 12:54:20 10/26/23 and 12:54:35 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/*
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: Topsham Police First: Mid:
DOB: **/**/** DL #: Address: 100 MAIN ST

Sex: Phone: (207)725-4337 City: Topsham, ME 04086

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: ASST Agency Assist Observed: ASST Agency Assist

Additional Offense: ASST Agency Assist

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Chad Carleton 110 Aaron Skolfield 104

Responsible Officer: Chad Carleton Agency: 1200
Received By: Andrew Naum Last Radio Log: 13:15:55 10/26/23 CMPLT
How Received: R Radio Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi How Received: R Radio Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi When Reported: 12:54:20 10/26/23 Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23 dicial Status: Occurred between: 12:54:20 10/26/23 and: 12:54:35 10/26/23

Judicial Status:

Modus Operandi: Description: Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description Relationship

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Chad Carleton

Responsible	LEO		
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Date		**************************************	

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious

Location: BO TOCACTON: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Amanda Fowle How Received: 5
Responding: Aaron Skolfield, Chad Carleton

Agency: 1200

Responsible: Aaron Skolfi Disposition: CLO 10/26/23
When Reported: 13:28:26 10/ Occurred Between: 13:28:07 10/26/23 and 13:28:07 10/

Assigned To:

Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: SUSP Suspicion

Observed: SUSP Suspicion

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:
Aaron Skolfield 104

Chad Carleton 110

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield
Received By: Amanda Fowler
How Received: 5 LAW Bus Line

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 13:50:14 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi How Received: 5 LAW Bus Line Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi When Reported: 13:28:26 10/26/23 Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23

Occurred between: 13:28:07 10/26/23 Judicial Status:

and: 13:28:07 10/26/23 Misc Entry:

Modus Operandi: Description: Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description Relationship

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Sgt.	Skolfield	and	I	cleared	a	barn	after	the	complainant	found	the	door	open.
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Chad Carleton

Responsible LEO	
Approved by	
Date	

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Location: BH

Address:

Offense Codes: INFO

Received By: Chaz Chasten How Received: 6 Agency: 1200
Responding: Aaron Skolfield
Responsible: Aaron Skolfi Disposition: CLO 10/26/23
When Reported: 13:17:16 10/ Occurred Between: 13:17:16 10/26/23 and 13:20:42 10/

Assigned To:

igned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: **UNKNOWN** First: Mid:

DOB: **/** DL #: Address:

Race: Sex: Phone: () - City: , ME

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: INFO Information Additional Offense: INFO Information

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:
Aaron Skolfield 104

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield
Received By: Chaz Chastenay
How Received: 6 TO Bus Line
When Reported: 13:17:16 10/26/23

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield
Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 13:58:00 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 13:17:16 10/26/23

Misc Entry:

and: 13:20:42 10/26/23

Modus Operandi:

Description:

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious

Location: WO

Address:

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Brandon Bail How Received: 7

Agency: 1200

Responding: Olson, Garrett
Responsible: Olson, Garret Disposition: CLO 11/12/23
When Reported: 15:51:34 10/ Occurred Between: 15:51:34 10/26/23 and 15:52:19 10/

Assigned To:

Signed To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: Kennebec Count First:

DOB: **/**/** DL #:

Race: Sex: Phone:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: SUSP Suspicion

Observed:

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit:

Olson, Garrett

Responsible Officer: Olson, Garrett

Received By: Brandon Bailey
How Received: 7 FD Bus Line
When Reported: 15:51:34 10/26/23

Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi Disposition: CLO Date: 11/12/23

Judicial Status: APP

Occurred between: 15:51:34 10/26/23

Misc Entry: 105

and: 15:52:19 10/26/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description

Relationship

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Narrative

Report of a suspicious male walking down the roadway. It was a BIW employee and not the suspect at large.

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Weapon Offense

Address:

Location: BO

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Brandon Bail How Received: 3 Agency: 1200
Responding: Chad Carleton, Joel Merry, A Huntington
Responsible: Chad Carleto Disposition: CLO 10/26/23
When Reported: 15:56:10 10/ Occurred Between: 15:56:10 10/26/23 and 15:57:03 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

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Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: WOFF Weapons Offense

Observed: SUSP Suspicion Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:
Chad Carleton 110
Joel Merry 101
A Huntington 112

Agency: 1200
Received By: Brandon Bailey
How Received: 3 FD 911
When Reported: 15:56:10 10/26/23

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 17:04:30 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23 Responsible Officer: Chad Carleton

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 15:56:10 10/26/23

Misc Entry:

and: 15:57:03 10/26/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type 10/26/23 Name

Description

Relationship Complainant

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Narrative

I responded to the report of 6-9 gunshots in the Doughty Road area. Multiple residents reported hearing the shots.

The best I could narrow it down was out behind the Card property. There is an old shooting range out there that citizens will occasionally access. An ATF team that was standing by across from the property heard the shots and They were not concerned with the situation. I remained in the area for some time and did not hear any shots.

Chad Carleton

Responsible LEO		ukung panang panggang panggang panggang kilan kilan ika di dalah da	
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Supplement

At approximately 1615 hours, I was on my way home when dispatch advised 110 of a complaint from of shots, voices and what sounded like a bull horn. I was at Meadow and 125 at that time and advised 110 that I would head up. I arrived and spoke with the complainant. 110 Arrived shortly after and shortly after that 101 arrived across from the found what I believe ATF's tac team on seen of the meaning and they had penetrated the residence and cleared it. I then cleared,

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: INFO

Received By: Brandon Bail How Received: 7 Agency: 1200

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Responding: Aaron Skolfield
Responsible: Aaron Skolfi
Disposition: CLO 10/26/23

When Reported: 15:54:39 10/ Occurred Between: 15:54:39 10/26/23 and 15:54:58 10/

Assigned To:

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 Detail:
 Date Assigned:
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 Status:
 Status Date:
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 Due Date:
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Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: INFO Information Additional Offense: INFO Information

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Aaron Skolfield

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield
Received By: Brandon Bailey
How Received: 7 FD Bus Line
When Reported: 15:54:39 10/26/23

Disposition: CLO Date: 10/26/23

Occurred between: 15:54:39 10/26/23 Judicial Status:

Misc Entry: and: 15:54:58 10/26/23

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Narrative

Per Dispatch:

cmplt called to report he has an alarm at the end of the road so when cars come down near his property and has had it go off numerous times and never seen a car come by. Robert Card owns about 40 acres out that way per my caller

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Date				

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Weapon Offense

Location: RI

Address:

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: John Thibode How Received: 6 Agency: 1200
Responding: Z Kindelan
Responsible: Z Kindelan Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 17:18:32 10/ Occurred Between: 17:18:32 10/26/23 and 17:20:21 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: WOFF Weapons Offense

Observed: SUSP Suspicion Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Z Kindelan

113

Responsible Officer: Z Kindelan

Received By: John Thibodeau Last Radio Log: 17:34:33 10/26/23 CMPLT How Received: 6 TO Bus Line Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi When Reported: 17:18:32 10/26/23 Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23

Judicial Status: APP

Occurred between: 17:18:32 10/26/23

Misc Entry: 105

and: 17:20:21 10/26/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type 10/26/23 Name

Description

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Narrative

Complainant	was	conce	erned	given	the	current	cir	cui	nstance	es. I	1	ocated	and	
stopped the	veh:	icle.	They	were	just	sighting	in	a	rifle	befo	re	deer	season	starts.

-ZDK

Responsible	LEO
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Date	

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Location: BH

Address:

Offense Codes: INFO
Received By: Amanda Fowle How Received: 1 Agency: 1200
Responding: Z Kindelan
Responsible: Z Kindelan Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 17:21:56 10/ Occurred Between: 17:21:44 10/26/23 and 17:21:44 10/

Assigned To:

igned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: INFO Information Additional Offense: INFO Information

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Z Kindelan

113

Responsible Officer: Z Kindelan

Received By: Amanda Fowler
How Received: 1 LAW 911
When Reported: 17:21:56 10/26/23

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 18:10:00 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23

Judicial Status: APP Occurred between: 17:21:44 10/26/23

Misc Entry: 105

and: 17:21:44 10/26/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type 10/26/23 Name

Description

Relationship Complainant

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Narrative

	a white	
with hard-top canopy pass by her residence southward on the	kennebec	river
earlier this afternoon around 1330 hours. She was not able t	o obtain	boat
registration, or who was operating the boat.		

-ZDK

Responsible	LEO	, and the second	
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Name Involvements:

165070 Complainant :

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious

Location: BH

Address:

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: John Thibode How Received: 6 Agency: 1200
Responding: Z Kindelan
Responsible: Z Kindelan Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 18:12:06 10/ Occurred Between: 18:12:06 10/26/23 and 18:12:26 10/

Assigned To: Status:

Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: SUSP Suspicion

Observed: SUSP Suspicion

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Z Kindelan

113

Responsible Officer: Z Kindelan
Received By: John Thibodeau
How Received: 6 TO Bus Line
When Reported: 18:12:06 10/26/23
Judicial Status: APP
Misc Entry: 105

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 18:36:41 10/26/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23
Occurred between: 18:12:06 10/26/23
and: 18:12:26 10/26/23

Misc Entry: 105

and: 18:12:26 10/26/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

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Involvements

Date Type 10/26/23 Name

Relationship Complainant

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Narrative

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Checked the complainants wood	line as				saw	someone	or
something. I could not locate hesitate to call.	anything	and	cleared	after	advisi	ng	never
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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: INFO
Received By: Amanda Fowle How Received: 5 Agency: 1200
Responding: Z Kindelan
Responsible: Z Kindelan Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 18:25:26 10/ Occurred Between: 18:25:14 10/26/23 and 18:25:14 10/

Assigned To:

Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: INFO Information

Additional Offense: INFO Information

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Z Kindelan

113

Responsible Officer: Z Kindelan

Received By: Amanda Fowler
How Received: 5 LAW Bus Line
When Reported: 18:25:26 10/26/23

Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23

Judicial Status: APP

Occurred between: 18:25:14 10/26/23

Misc Entry: 105

and: 18:25:14 10/26/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

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Date Type 10/26/23 Name

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious

Address:

Location: BO

Offense Codes: SUSP Received By: John Thibode How Received: 6 Agency: 1200

Responding: Norm Gove, Z Kindelan

Responsible: Norm Gove Disposition: CLO 10/27/23

When Reported: 22:35:28 10/ Occurred Between: 22:35:28 10/26/23 and 22:36:28 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/*

Status: Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: SUSP Suspicion Observed: SUSP Suspicion

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Norm Gove

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Z Kindelan

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Agency: 1200

Responsible Officer: Norm Gove

Received By: John Thibodeau Last Radio Log: 23:37:00 10/26/23 CMPLT
How Received: 6 TO Bus Line Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
When Reported: 22:35:28 10/26/23 Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23
adicial Status: APP Occurred between: 22:35:28 10/26/23
Misc Entry: 105 and: 22:36:28 10/26/23

Judicial Status: APP

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Narrative

Responded	to				Bowdoin	for	a	report	of	a	light	in	the	woods
and crash	ing	in	the	woods.										

113 and I responded and checked the area. Negative contact with any flashlights in the woods. No sign of disturbance to the ground indicating that someone was in the area the alleged lights were at. Possibly a neighbor arriving home and an animal in the woods. Located a light through the woods, but found it belonged to the last residence on

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious

Location: BH

Address:

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Andrew Naum How Received: 2 Agency: 1200
Responding: William Hagan
Responsible: William Haga Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 04:36:01 10/ Occurred Between: 04:36:01 10/27/23 and 04:38:59 10/

Assigned To:

Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: SUSP Suspicion

Observed: SUSP Suspicion

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

William Hagan

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Responsible Officer: William Hagan
Received By: Andrew Naum
How Received: 2 TO 911
When Reported: 04:36:01 10/27/23

Responsible Officer: William Hagan
Reported: 04:53:18 10/27/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23

Judicial Status: APP Occurred between: 04:36:01 10/27/23

Misc Entry: 105

and: 04:38:59 10/27/23

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Narrative

Bowdoinham for a suspicious I was asked to respond to complaint. The caller stated the interior dome light in their car was on and the windows were fogged up.

When Deputy Thibeault and I arrived on scene we observed the vehicle with the light on. There were no signs of intrusion on the vehicle and we searched a barn attached to the house.

I informed the complainant that her vehicle and barn were secure.

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WJH.

Responsible LEO	(Files.
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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: INFO

Received By: Andrew Naum How Received: 6

Agency: 1200

Responding: William Hagan
Responsible: William Haga Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 06:08:10 10/ Occurred Between: 06:08:10 10/27/23 and 06:12:01 10/

Assigned To:

igned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: INFO Information

Additional Offense: INFO Information

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

William Hagan

Responsible Officer: William Hagan
Received By: Andrew Naum
How Received: 6 TO Bus Line
When Reported: 06:08:10 10/27/23

Responsible Officer: William Hagan
Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 06:21:07 10/27/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23

Occurred between: 06:08:10 10/27/23 Judicial Status: APP and: 06:12:01 10/27/23

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Narrative

Complainant wanted to report that Card Construction was using a rock crusher all day yesterday (10/26) and he was having trouble hearing what was going on around him. The complainant wants to hear if someone is walking in the woods by his house due to the recent shooting and shelter in place.

I explained to the complainant that I would not be asking Card Construction to shut down their equipment and I advised him to either call State Police regarding the shelter in place or a supervisor.

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Address:

Location: WO

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Laura Downin How Received: 7 Agency: 1200
Responding: Mark Anderson
Responsible: Mark Anderso Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 07:07:52 10/ Occurred Between: 07:07:52 10/27/23 and 07:13:53 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: SUSP Suspicion

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit:

Mark Anderson

Responsible Officer: Mark Anderson
Received By: Laura Downing
How Received: 7 FD Bus Line
When Reported: 07:07:52 10/27/23
Judicial Status:
Misc Entry:

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 08:49:32 10/27/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23
Occurred between: 07:07:52 10/27/23
and: 07:13:53 10/27/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type 10/27/23 Name

Description

Relationship Complainant

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Narrative

Suspicious red PU truck on private property, Woolwich.
Truck went onto property that is vacant and hauled an old boat trailer from it.
Complainant called in believing it was Lewiston suspect who he heard might be looking for a boat.

Responsible	LEO		
Approved by		 	
Date			

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Name Involvements:

Complainant

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Address:

Location: BH

Offense Codes: INFO

Received By: Andrew Naum How Received: 6
Responding: Aaron Skolfield, I Alexander Agency: 1200

Responsible: I Alexander Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 08:52:56 10/ Occurred Between: 08:52:56 10/27/23 and 08:56:59 10/

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Assigned To:

Detail:

Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Alert Codes:

CWPA Cn Wep Per Apli

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: INFO Information Additional Offense: INFO Information

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit: Aaron Skolfield

I Alexander 107

Responsible Officer: I Alexander

Received By: Andrew Naum

How Received: 6 TO Bus Line
When Reported: 08:52:56 10/27/23

Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23

Judicial Status: APP Occurred between: 08:52:56 10/27/23 and: 08:56:59 10/27/23 Misc Entry: 107

Modus Operandi: Description: Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description Relationship

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Narrative

Complainant wanted to tell me that his thought of the whereabouts of Card. He stated that Card is probably in an area of woods that he knows. He thought we should know this. I thanked him for calling.

Responsible	LEO	 and the second s	 ***************************************	
Approved by		***************************************		
Date				

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: PCHK

Received By: Devin Everst How Received: 5

Agency: 1200

Responding: I Alexander, Mark Anderson
Responsible: Mark Anderso Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 09:02:27 10/ Occurred Between: 09:02:27 10/27/23 and 09:04:47 10/

Assigned To:

ssigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: PCHK Property Check Additional Offense: PCHK Property Check

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit: I Alexander 107 Mark Anderson 111

Responsible Officer: Mark Anderson

Received By: Devin Everstone
How Received: 5 LAW Bus Line
Chen Percented: 00:00 00 10:12:18 10/27/23 CMPLT How Received: 5 LAW Bus Line Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi When Reported: 09:02:27 10/27/23 Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23

Occurred between: 09:02:27 10/27/23

Judicial Status:

and: 09:04:47 10/27/23

Misc Entry:

Modus Operandi:

Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type 10/27/23 Name

Description

Relationship Complainant

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Walked into property behind Property owned by	(not	directly	to	suspect)	that	he
may have hunted on in the past.						
Responsible LEO						
Approved by		- Consider to the Consider Constant				
Date						

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Name Involvements: Complainant :

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Deputy Report for Incident 23-018235 Page: 1

Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Devin Everst How Received: 5 Agency: 1200
Responding: Mark Anderson, I Alexander, Aaron Skolfield
Responsible: Mark Anderso Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 09:19:03 10/ Occurred Between: 09:19:03 10/27/23 and 09:21:57 10/

Assigned To:

ned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: SUSP Suspicion

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit: 111

Mark Anderson I Alexander

107

Aaron Skolfield

104

Responsible Officer: Mark Anderson

Judicial Status:

Received By: Devin Everstone
How Received: 5 LAW Bus Line
When Reported: 09:19:03 10/27/23

Idicial Status:

Agency: 1200

Last Radio Log: 12:14:25 10/27/23 CMPLT

Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi

Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23

Occurred between: 09:19:03 10/27/23

Misc Entry:

and: 09:21:57 10/27/23

Modus Operandi:

Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description

Relationship

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Cleared vacant house and hunting cabin on
that has been vacant for years. Hunting cabin behind
Responsible LEO
Approved by
Approved by
Date

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Supplement

104, 107, 111 cleared an abandoned house near the end of cleared a abandoned hunting shack near the address of and -DE

10:33

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Disorderly

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: DCON

Received By: Laura Downin How Received: 7 Agency: 1200
Responding: Aaron Skolfield
Responsible: Aaron Skolfi Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 09:38:43 10/ Occurred Between: 09:38:43 10/27/23 and 09:43:34 10/

Assigned To:

igned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: DCON Disorderly Conduct

Observed: DCON Disorderly Conduct Additional Offense: DCON Disorderly Conduct

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit: Aaron Skolfield 104

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield
Received By: Laura Downing
How Received: 7 FD Bus Line
When Reported: 09:38:43 10/27/23

Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23

Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23

Occurred between: 09:38:43 10/27/23

Judicial Status:

Misc Entry:

and: 09:43:34 10/27/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type 10/27/23 Name

Relationship Complainant

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Narrative

Media causing issues, running over cones on property, almost causing x55s



10/27/2023 09:46:40 Laura Downing

Had a talk with the reporters who moved along the press.

The complainant who has no claim to the adjoining properties was very diffcult to deal with accusing me of being too polite to the reporters as I sought and obtained voluntary compliance from them.

Interaction was recorded.

Responsible	LEO			
Approved by				ONE STORY OF MANAGEMENT OF STORY
Date				

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Officer Standby Address:

Location: BO

Offense Codes: OFSB

Received By: Laura Downin How Received: 7

Agency: 1200

Responding: Aaron Skolfield

Responsible: Aaron Skolfi Disposition: CLO 10/27/23

When Reported: 10:24:43 10/ Occurred Between: 10:24:43 10/27/23 and 10:28:44 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: OFSB Officer Standby Observed: OFSB Officer Standby

Additional Offense: OFSB Officer Standby

Circumstances

Responding Officers:
Aaron Skolfield

Unit:

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield

Received By: Laura Downing Last Radio Log: 12:54:49 10/27/23 CMPLT How Received: 7 FD Bus Line Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi When Reported: 10:24:43 10/27/23 Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23 Idicial Status: Occurred between: 10:24:43 10/27/23 and: 10:28:44 10/27/23

Judicial Status:

Method:

Modus Operandi: Description:

Involvements

Date Type 10/27/23 Name

Relationship Complainant

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Narrative

Date

Per Dispatch:
Req someone to go with to check on house when go to feed animal. Just moved in but has been vacant other than the cat. Nervous about going by herself.
I spoke with the complainant on the phone. I advised that due to heightened calls for service that I could not promise we could come over and clear her house for at this time, in one hour. I did ask that as she came closer to the time when she wanted to go into her residence to call back then and we would see what we could do to help her out. She understood stating she would call later.
I was called back by the complainant and met her house which I cleared for her.
Responsible LEO
Approved by

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Name Involvements:

Complainant: 181276

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Agency Assist

Address:

Location: BH

Offense Codes: ASST

Received By: Brandon Bail How Received: P Agency: 1200

Responding: Aaron Skolfield

Responsible: Aaron Skolfi Disposition: CLO 10/27/23

When Reported: 10:37:16 10/ Occurred Between: 10:37:16 10/27/23 and 10:38:36 10/

Status: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/** Assigned To:

Complainant:

Last: Sagadahoc SO First:

DOB: **/**/** DL #:
Race: Sex: Phone: Address:

City:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: ASST Agency Assist Observed: ASST Agency Assist Additional Offense: ASST Agency Assist

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Aaron Skolfield

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield Agency: 1200
Received By: Brandon Bailey Last Radio Log: 14:59:15 10/27/23 CMPLT
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and: 10:38:36 10/27/23 Misc Entry:

Modus Operandi: Description: Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description Relationship

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Case Numbers:

Nature: TipSoft

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Laura Downin How Received: 0

Agency: 1200

Responding: I Alexander
Responsible: I Alexander Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 11:26:33 10/ Occurred Between: 11:26:33 10/27/23 and 11:32:48 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/*
Status: Status Date: **/**/*
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: Tipsoft First: Mid:
DOB: **/**/** DL #: Address: *anonymous tip line*
Race: Sex: Phone: () - City: ,

OFFENSE CODES

Reported:

Observed: SUSP Suspicion

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

I Alexander

107

Responsible Officer: I Alexander

Agency: 1200

Received By: Laura Downing Last Radio Log: 12:05:49 10/27/23 CMPLT

How Received: O Other Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi When Reported: 11:26:33 10/27/23 Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23 Judicial Status: APP Occurred between: 11:26:33 10/27/23 Misc Entry: 107 and: 11:32:48 10/27/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description Relationship

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left t	heir	res	id	ence.	Ι	cleared	the	dumpster	alor	ng 1	with	garage	and	wood	pile.

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Amanda Fowle How Received: R

Agency: 1200

Responding: Mark Anderson
Responsible: Mark Anderso
Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 14:57:35 10/ Occurred Between: 14:57:20 10/27/23 and 14:57:20 10/27/23

Assigned To:

Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: Sagadahoc SO First:

DOB: **/**/** DL #:
Race: Sex: Phone:

Address: City:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: SUSP Suspicion Observed: SUSP Suspicion

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Mark Anderson

111

Responsible Officer: Mark Anderson

Agency: 1200
Received By: Amanda Fowler
How Received: R Radio
When Reported: 14:57:35 10/27/23
Idicial Status:
Misc Entry:

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 15:08:03 10/27/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23
Occurred between: 14:57:20 10/27/23
and: 14:57:20 10/27/23

Judicial Status:

Misc Entry:

Modus Operandi:

Description:

Method:

Involvements

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Relationship

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Cleared	two	vacant	houses	on	John	Small	Rd.	Bowdoir	1:
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Approve	d by								
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Date									

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Agency Assist

Address: 24 Mollison Way

Location: OC

Lewiston, ME 04240

Offense Codes: ASST

Received By: Brandon Bail How Received: R

Agency: 1200

Responding: I Alexander
Responsible: I Alexander
Disposition: CLO 10/29/23
When Reported: 15:35:50 10/ Occurred Between: 15:35:50 10/27/23 and 15:36:31 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: Sagadahoc SO First:
DOB: **/**/** DL #:
Race: Sex: Phone:

*ddress:

City:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: ASST Agency Assist Observed: ASST Agency Assist Additional Offense: ASST Agency Assist

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

I Alexander

107

Agency: 1200

Responsible Officer: I Alexander Agency: 1200
Received By: Brandon Bailey Last Radio Log: 16:40:45 10/27/23 CMPLT

How Received: R Radio
When Reported: 15:35:50 10/27/23

Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi Disposition: CLO Date: 10/29/23

Judicial Status: APP Occurred between: 15:35:50 10/27/23 and: 15:36:31 10/27/23

Misc Entry: 107

Description:

Method:

Involvements

Modus Operandi:

Date Type Description

Relationship

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Narrative

Lt. Jason Fowler called and asked if we could help them. State Pol	ice
in the woods off of in Bowdoinham. They came	across a
hunting shack with multiple long guns and a revolver. The team pic	ked them up
and brought them to Lewiston. The Lt. did not want to put them int	o evidence
and believes that someone will call to say and	Dispatch ran
them all and one shows stolen. Will be speaking with cid.	

10-29-23 it was determined that none of these guns are stolen. Wrong model. The guns have been tagged and placed into evidence locker 10

Browning Arms 12 gauge SN:29075PN152
Ruger 10/22 rifle SN:0006-74541
Winchester model 101 12 gauge SN:K300798
T Parker double barrel 12 gauge SN:8945 STOLEN FROM NEW YORK
Remington .22 rifle model 510 SN:Unknown
Ruger .357 magnum revolver SN:159-46971

I have the firearms in my patrol vehicle at this time.

Responsible LEO
Approved by
Date

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Supplement

On 10/30 an ATF E-Trace was requested on the following firearms:

Browning Arms 12 gauge SN:29075PN152 - T20230576491 Ruger 10/22 rifle SN:0006-74541 - T2023057615 Winchester model 101 12 gauge SN:K300798 - T20230576538 T Barker double barrel 12 gauge SN:8945 - T20230576566 Ruger .357 Security Six revolver SN:159-46971 - T20230576579

BMC 161

Deputy Carlton asked if I could return several weapons to the owner,

Cpl. Alexander was given the weapons from Maine State

Police. The weapons had been seized during a search of out
buildings during the active search for Robert Card.

Dep. Dietlin assisted me in returning the weapons. When we came out into the hallway with the weapons, which I replied "the ones that were given to us "

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Information

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: PCHK

Received By: Brandon Bail How Received: 5

Agency: 1200

Responding: Matt Sharpe
Responsible: Matt Sharpe
Disposition: CLO 10/28/23

When Reported: 17:38:26 10/ Occurred Between: 17:38:26 10/27/23 and 17:39:41 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant: Last: Better Homes a First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/** DL #:

Address:

Race: Sex: Phone:

City: ,

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: PCHK Property Check Additional Offense: PCHK Property Check

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:
Matt Sharpe 105

Matt Sharpe

Responsible Officer: Matt Sharpe

Agency: 1200 Received By: Brandon Bailey
How Received: 5 LAW Bus Line
When Reported: 17:38:26 10/27/23
Idicial Status:
Misc Entry:

Matt Sharpe
Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 17:52:19 10/27/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/28/23
Occurred between: 17:38:26 10/27/23
and: 17:39:41 10/27/23

Judicial Status: Misc Entry:

Modus Operandi:

Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date Type Description

Relationship

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_	called to report of a be checked for Robert	house	for	sale	on		that
MWS 105							
Responsible	LEO						
Approved by		 anagang ng ng Palantan ang ang ang ang ang ang ang ang ang a			· ·		
Date							

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Weapon Offense Address:

Location: BO

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Katelyn Stap How Received: 4 Agency: 1200

Responding: Matt Sharpe
Responsible: Matt Sharpe
Disposition: CLO 10/28/23

When Reported: 18:03:24 10/ Occurred Between: 18:03:24 10/27/23 and 18:07:02 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/*
Status: Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: WOFF Weapons Offense

Observed: SUSP Suspicion Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Matt Sharpe

105

Responsible Officer: Matt Sharpe

Agency: 1200

Received By: Katelyn Staples
How Received: 4 SUP 911
When Reported: 18:03:24 10/27/23

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 18:32:13 10/27/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/28/23

Occurred between: 18:03:24 10/27/23 Judicial Status:

Misc Entry:

and: 18:07:02 10/27/23

Modus Operandi:

Description:

Method:

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Natiative	
Report of 3 gun shots in the area of in Bowdo locate a member of the NY HSI team. He advised me his teasearch of the Card farm on Meadow Road and they deployed an attempt to locate Robert Card who was still at large.	several
MWS 105	
Responsible LEO	
Approved by	
Date	

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious

Location: BO

Address:

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Brandon Bail How Received: R Agency: 1200
Responding: Mark Anderson
Responsible: Mark Anderso Disposition: CLO 10/27/23
When Reported: 18:07:51 10/ Occurred Between: 18:07:45 10/27/23 and 18:07:45 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Da Status: Status Date: **/**/**

Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: Sagadahoc SO First:

DOB: **/**/** DL #:
Race: Sex: Phone:

Address:

City:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: SUSP Suspicion

Observed: SUSP Suspicion

Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit:

Mark Anderson

111

Responsible Officer: Mark Anderson

Received By: Brandon Bailey
How Received: R Radio
When Reported: 18:07:51 10/27/23
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23
Misc Entry:

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 18:07:59 10/27/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/27/23
and: 18:07:45 10/27/23

Judicial Status:

Modus Operandi: Description: Method:

Involvements

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Cleared vacant m	obile home nea	ar	Bowdoin.
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Responsible LEO			
Approved by			
Doto			
Date			

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Suspicious

Location: OC

Address:

Offense Codes: SUSP

Received By: Katelyn Stap How Received: 4 Agency: 1200

Responding: Z Kindelan, Matt Sharpe, I Alexander

Responsible: Z Kindelan Disposition: CLO 10/28/23 When Reported: 18:19:28 10/ Occurred Between: 18:19:28 10/27/23 and 18:25:31 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: SUSP Suspicion Observed: SUSP Suspicion Additional Offense: SUSP Suspicion

Circumstances K9 k9 Call

Responding Officers: Unit:
Z Kindelan 113
Matt Sharpe 105
I Alexander 107

Responsible Officer: Z Kindelan Agency: 1200
Received By: Katelyn Staples How Received: 4 SUP 911 Clearance: CRO Cleared by Respondi When Reported: 18:19:28 10/27/23 Disposition: CLO Date: 10/28/23
Judicial Status: APP Occurred between: 18:19:28 10/27/23

Miss Entry: 105 and: 18:25:31 10/27/23

Modus Operandi: Description: Method:

Involvements

Date Type 10/27/23 Name Relationship Complainant

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Narrative

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K9 DEPLOYMENT

Received a report about an individual on the ATV trails off Huffs Mill Road that hid in the woods when he was seen by the complainant. The complainant dropped a pin on the location he last saw the male that he described looked like the suspect from the manhunt. Very quickly Mass State Police

Myself and K9 Hero tasked with the teams and deployed through the trails to the last sighting location. Once at the location of last sighting K9 Hero and I led the team on a very brief track that ended after about 200 yards. After that K9 Hero stopped showing tracking behavior and we headed back out of the woods. As we arrived at our vehicle we heard the intel that Card had been found deceased in Lewiston.

Responsible LEO Approved by Date

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Name Involvements: Complainant :

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Case Numbers:

Nature: Agency Assist

Address:

Location: RI

Offense Codes: ASST

Received By: Brandon Bail How Received: R
Responding: Ryan Camarda
Responsible: Ryan Camarda Disposition: CLO 10/30/23

Agency: 1200

When Reported: 18:39:48 10/ Occurred Between: 18:39:48 10/27/23 and 18:40:00 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/** Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: Richmond Polic First:

DOB: **/**/** DL #: Address: Race: Sex: Phone: City:

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: ASST Agency Assist

Observed: ASST Agency Assist

Additional Offense: ASST Agency Assist

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit:

Ryan Camarda

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Responsible Officer: Ryan Camarda
Received By: Brandon Bailey
How Received: R Radio
When Reported: 18:39:48 10/27/23

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Judicial Status: APP Occurred between: 18:39:48 10/27/23
Misc Entry: 105 and: 18:40:00 10/27/23

Modus Operandi: Description:

Method:

Involvements

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116 Camarda		
Responsible LEO		
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Case Numbers:

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Offense Codes: ASST

Received By: Amanda Fowle How Received: 2 Agency: 1200

Responding: S Thibeault, Ryan Camarda, William Hagan

Responsible: S Thibeault Disposition: CLO 10/28/23

When Reported: 20:01:34 10/ Occurred Between: 20:01:25 10/27/23 and 20:01:25 10/

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status: Status Date: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: Richmond Polic First: Mid:
DOB: **/**/** DL #: Address: 26 GARDINER ST
Race: Sex: Phone: (207)737-2615 City: Richmond, ME 04357

OFFENSE CODES

Reported: ASST Agency Assist Observed: ASST Agency Assist

Additional Offense: ASST Agency Assist

Circumstances

Responding Officers: Unit: S Thibeault 117 Ryan Camarda 116 William Hagan 118

Responsible Officer: S Thibeault

Agency: 1200
Received By: Amanda Fowler
How Received: 2 TO 911
When Reported: 20:01:34 10/27/23
Disposition: CLO Date: 10/28/23

 Judicial Status: APP
 Occurred between: 20:01:25 10/27/23

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Deputy Thibeault

Responsible LEO

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