Supplement Report

Agency: **Santa Rosa Police Department** Case #: **SR220008672.029**

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Others Involved

Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Other	[redacted]	[redacted]	**42/Hispanic/Female**	**5'00"/150**
Address: [redacted], LOWER LAKE CA				[redacted]
Employer/School: -				

Narrative

[redacted] **Interview**
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Date/Time: **09/21/2022 09:18:00**

[redacted] **(Pelaez's girlfriend) INTERVIEW:**

On August 01, 2022, at approximately 1830 hours, Detective White, VCI Sergeant Matthies, Narcotics Detective Arredondo, and I traveled to [redacted] Bell Avenue, Lower Lake to contact [redacted]. I learned that [redacted] was David Pelaez's girlfriend through their landlord who I spoke with earlier in the day. Prior to my arrival, I spoke with [redacted] over the phone. During my brief phone conversation with [redacted], she told me that she was involved in an argument with Pelaez on the day before his death. During the argument, [redacted] stated that Pelaez made odd statements indicating that he would be dead soon.

When I arrived at [redacted] residence, I saw that [redacted] and his wife were also present. I learned that [redacted] had arrived at the residence in hopes of collecting some of Pelaez's property. I politely asked [redacted] and his wife to depart in order for me to speak with [redacted] in private. [redacted] agreed to leave, and I arranged to meet with him at a gas station in the area after I completed my interview with [redacted].

My interview with [redacted] was conducted on the patio outside her home. [redacted] spoke limited English so Detective Arredondo acted as our interpreter. [redacted] told me that she has known Pelaez for approximately one year after they both had newly arrived from Mexico. [redacted] told me that she is a day-laborer who works in the vineyards and Pelaez worked in construction.

I explained the events which led to Pelaez's death and asked [redacted] why Pelaez was in a rural area of Sonoma County during the morning of July 29th. [redacted] did not know what Pelaez was doing in the area, and she was unaware of any ties Pelaez had to Sonoma County.

I asked [redacted] to explain her last contact with Pelaez. I specifically asked for her to follow up with the statement she made when I spoke with her over the phone.

[redacted] explained to me that since she began a relationship with Pelaez, he has always been very jealous. She stated that Pelaez would often accuse her of having an affair with other men.

On Wednesday, July 27th, [redacted] stated that she and Pelaez were involved in an argument. The argument began when Pelaez believed that he saw a man in the background of the video call they were having. According to [redacted], Pelaez took a screenshot during the video-chat and sent it to her. I reviewed the screenshot sent to [redacted] and did not see anyone else in the background. Based on my observations, I believed that Pelaez was delusional or paranoid.

[redacted] also mentioned that during the argument, Pelaez had sent her a screenshot of a Facebook post which was not yet published. The Facebook post was a photo of [redacted] and a caption which read something to the effect of, "This woman is the worst she says she loves you but only betrays you, she says that she speaks the truth, but only lies, she says she is sincere but it is all the opposite. While she was talking to me she was fucking another guy, another guy was fucking her by her ass, While she was talking to me she was fucking in my face. She is a hot dog that likes to fuck anyone." (This screenshot was uploaded into Evidence.com.)

[redacted] told me that the argument continued into the next day. [redacted] allowed me to review the text messages on her phone and I

was able to review her conversations with Pelaez. In the messages, Pelaez accused [redacted] of having an affair and calling the police on him. In my review, I noted several text messages which appeared suspicious in nature.

In a text message sent on 07/28 at approximately 2117 hours, Pelaez sent a text message to [redacted] stating something similar to "Last night I drove around looking for an officer to stop me and to not stop until I crashed." The very next message from Pelaez reads something similar to, "I have the same feeling to find them I filled the gas tank." At 2151 hours, Pelaez follows up with "I'm going to crash, I can't keep my eyes open."

In addition to these text messages, [redacted] showed me a total of three voice messages Pelaez had sent to her via text message. In the first message dated 07/28 at approximately 0810 hours, Pelaez tells [redacted] that he had left her vehicle keys for her and she can now have it.

I listened to another voice message dated 07/29 at around 0047 hours. In this message, Pelaez accuses [redacted] of calling the police on him. Pelaez also tells [redacted] that he is going to light her car on fire. Pelaez continues with the same accusations indicating that [redacted] is involved with another man and "she is going to regret it."

In the third voice message dated 07/29 at around 0153 hours, Pelaez sent [redacted] another voice message stating something similar to "You're going to regret it…I'll die before I let them get me."

I spoke with [redacted] about these messages, and she denied ever calling the police on Pelaez.

I believed that these messages sent by Pelaez were relevant to this investigation because they had the potential to shed light on Pelaez's mindset during the days and hours prior to this critical incident.

It should be noted that these calls and text messages were translated by SRPD Records Technician Stephanie Ramirez who is a native Spanish speaker. All three voice messages as well as a video depicting the text messages were uploaded into Evidence.com. Please see the recordings for further details.

I proceeded to ask [redacted] if she was aware of any mental health issues or drug abuse by Pelaez. [redacted] told me that Pelaez did not suffer from mental health issues, and she did not believe that he was a drug user.

I asked [redacted] for consent to search her residence for any narcotics or any evidence related to this investigation. [redacted] provided me with her verbal consent to search the residence.

Detective White and Detective Arredondo conducted a search of Pelaez and [redacted] home. During the search, Detective White told me that he had located what appeared to be drug paraphernalia in Pelaez's bedroom area. Detective White told me that the paraphernalia was found on top of a tall bedroom dresser. It did not appear as though the drug paraphernalia belonged to [redacted] because she is very short and would not likely be able to access the drug paraphernalia where it was found. See Detective White's supplement for details on the drug paraphernalia discovery.

After the discovery of the narcotics paraphernalia, I showed the items to [redacted]. [redacted] denied knowledge of the drug paraphernalia and told me that they did not belong to her and she had never seen them before. I ultimately took custody of the narcotics paraphernalia and booked them for destruction at SRPD.

After the search was completed, I thanked [redacted] for her cooperation and provided her with contact information in case she needed additional follow up. We then departed the residence.

Shortly after leaving [redacted] residence, I drove to the Chevron gas station located nearby and met with [redacted]. This was my second opportunity to speak with [redacted] about this investigation and I spent approximately 15 minutes answering his questions and explaining the next steps of the investigation.

It should be noted that my interviews with [redacted] and [redacted] were recorded on my body worn camera. This report is a summary of the interviews and not a transcript.

DISPOSITION:

Attach to report.