



Chelmsford Police Department

2 Olde North Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824

(ph) 978-256-2521 (fax) 978-256-6872



POLICE OFFICER'S FORMAL REPORT

11/24/17 09:09

PAGE: 1

PTS_21 -55

Case#: 668041

Rpt Date: 11/22/17 09:07

Reported: WEDNESDAY 11/22/17 08:27

Ucr: 140 DISTURBANCE-GENERAL

ibr: 1:916

Location: 120 RICHARDSON RD and HARRINGTON SCHOOL

Follow Up By: (N)ONE NEEDED

Case Status: CLEARED NORMAL

Officer:

Rpt Status: COMPLETED

Review Officer: 40 SGT GOODE

Comp/Vict Notify: No

Sup Review Officer:

Cir/Involve Type:

Complaint: C-3,1 ISSUE AT MAIN OFFICE

Reporting Officer: 96 PTL FERNALD

Assignment: B

Car: 3

Second Officer: 99 PTL LECZYNSKI

Sup/Back-Up: 40 SGT GOODE

*** NAMES ***

Type	Mast#	Name/Add	Phone	Dob	SS#
INVOLVED	046206	SALMON, JENNIFER	[REDACTED]		
INVOLVED	221369	TOBIN, PATRICIA			
INVOLVED	222902	BLANCHET, ERIC J	[REDACTED]		
REPORTING	211335	LANG, JAY	[REDACTED]		

*** NARRATIVE ***

ON WEDNESDAY 11/22/2017, I, OFFICER FERNALD, WAS ASSIGNED TO PATROL CAR #3 ON THE 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM SHIFT. AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 AM, OFFICER LECZYNSKI, DETECTIVE (GEORGE) TYROS, SERGEANT GOODE, AND I RESPONDED TO THE HARRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AT 120 RICHARDSON ROAD, FOR THE THIRD PARTY REPORT OF AN ONGOING DISTURBANCE IN THE LOBBY.

UPON MY ARRIVAL, I MET WITH CHELMSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL'S SUPERINTENDENT, JAY LANG, WHO WAS HAVING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A HEATED DISCUSSION WITH A UNION REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TEACHING STAFF, ERIC BLANCHET. LANG THEN LOOKED AT ME AND SAID "I NEED THIS MAN TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL." I SEPARATED THE TWO, AND LANG WALKED AWAY TO RETRIEVE THE SCHOOLS PRINCIPAL, PATRICIA TOBIN. BLANCHET TOLD ME THAT HE HAD COME TO THE SCHOOL EARLY THIS MORNING TO HAVE A MEETING WITH TOBIN REGARDING ONGOING ISSUES IN THE TEACHERS UNION. WHEN HE WAS TOLD THE MEETING WOULD NOT BE HAPPENING HE GREW UPSET, AND BEGAN TO ASK THE PRINCIPAL WHY. WHEN

I TOLD HIM THAT HIS ACTIONS WERE UNACCEPTABLE IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS, HE REPLIED WITH "WELL I HAVE A JOB TO DO!" WHEN BACK UP UNITS ARRIVED, I HAD ERIC STEP OUTSIDE AS I ADDRESSED THE ISSUE WITH THE PRINCIPAL.

I FOUND PRINCIPAL TOBIN IN A CLASSROOM DOWN THE HALLWAY, IT WAS IMMEDIATELY APPARENT TO ME THAT SHE WAS SHAKEN UP. HER EYES WERE RED AND PUFFY, AND SHE WAS OBVIOUSLY UPSET. SHE THEN TOLD ME THE FOLLOWING: SHE WAS PREPARING FOR THE SCHOOL DAY, AS IT WAS THE LAST HALF DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING BREAK. BLANCHET CAME INTO HER OFFICE AND DEMANDED A MEETING, AND WHEN SHE TOLD HIM SHE WOULD NOT ENTERTAIN THIS TODAY, HE GREW ENRAGED AND BEGAN TO SHOUT AT TOBIN. AS TOBIN CONTINUED TO DENY ERIC HIS MEETING HE WALKED VERY CLOSE TO HER AND BEGAN TO POINT HIS INDEX FINGER AT HER FACE WHILE SHOUTING; TOBIN TOLD ME THAT SHE FELT THREATENED DURING THIS TIME. TOBIN GREW VERY UPSET, AND LEFT THE SITUATION TO CALL LANG. BLANCHET THEN SAT IN A CHAIR, AND WAITED IN HER OFFICE. IN THE SHUFFLE, TOBIN HAD LEFT HER CELL PHONE ON THE TABLE THAT ERIC WAS SEATED AT. AFTER LANG WAS CONTACTED TOBIN BEGAN TO SOLICIT HELP IN FINDING HER PHONE. ONE OF THE SECRETARY'S CHECKED HER OFFICE, AND FOUND THE PHONE ON THE TABLE JUST AS LANG PLACED A CALL TO IT. BLANCHET PICKED UP THE PHONE AND SAW THAT LANG WAS CALLING; WHEN THE SECRETARY ASKED FOR THE PHONE BLANCHET TOLD HER "NO! SHE (TOBIN) CAN COME GET IT HERSELF." WHEN LANG ARRIVED AT THE SCHOOL, HE ADVISED BLANCHET THAT THE POLICE HAD BEEN CONTACTED, AND HE LEFT THE PHONE ON THE TABLE TO BEGIN HIS HEATED DISCUSSION WITH LANG.

DETECTIVE TYROS HAD BEEN IN THE HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICE AT THE TIME OF THIS CALL, AND WAS WATCHING THE SCHOOL CAMERAS AS THIS INCIDENT UNFOLDED. HE TOLD ME THAT IT APPEARED THAT DURING BLANCHET'S "DISCUSSION" WITH LANG, HE PUT HIS HANDS ON LANG 2-3 TIMES. HOWEVER, LANG LATER ADVISED OFFICERS THAT THIS WAS MERELY INCIDENTAL TO THE CONVERSATION THEY WERE HAVING. LANG EXPRESSED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO FILE CRIMINAL CHARGES, BUT HE JUST WANTED BLANCHET TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL FOR THE DAY. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE MADE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION TO SEND THE UNION PRESIDENT, JENNIFER SALMON (3RD GRADE TEACHER), HOME FOR THE DAY TO PREVENT FURTHER ISSUES. JENNIFER WAS VERY UPSET TO THE POINT OF CRYING, BUT WAS SAFELY ESCORTED OUT OF THE BUILDING BY DETECTIVE TYROS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT JENNIFER WAS SENT HOME AS A FORMALITY, SHE DID NOT CAUSE ANY ISSUES AT THE SCHOOL. I INFORMED LANG AS TO THE PROCEDURES OF A NO TRESPASS ORDER (FOR BLANCHET), AND ADVISED HIM TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL'S LAWYERS AS THIS INVOLVED A POTENTIALLY VOLATILE UNION ISSUE; HE STATED HE WOULD DO JUST THAT.

DETECTIVE TYROS AND I SPOKE TO BLANCHET OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING, AND ATTEMPTED TO CONVEY TO RIDICULOUSNESS OF HIS ACTIONS ON AN ACTIVE SCHOOL DAY. HE CONTINUOUSLY REPLIED THAT HE HAS "A JOB TO DO." I THEN TOLD HIM THAT HE OVERSTEPPED TODAY AND HE HAD BORDERED ON BEING CHARGED WITH DISTURBING A SCHOOL ASSEMBLY. HE WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT CRIMINAL CHARGES MAY BE FORTHCOMING FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON SUPERINTENDENT LANG, AS WELL AS ASSAULT ON PRINCIPAL TOBIN. WE ESCORTED HIM TO HIS VEHICLE, AND SERGEANT GOODE SPOKE TO ERIC AT LENGTH ABOUT HIS POOR ACTIONS WITH HOLDING THE PRINCIPALS CELL PHONE, AS WELL AS HIS OVERALL DEMEANOR REGARDING THE ENTIRE INCIDENT. AS OFFICER UBELE IS THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR THE HARRINGTON, I WILL BE FORWARDING HIM THE INFORMATION FROM THIS REPORT.

NOTHING FURTHER.

=====
chief [] capt/oic [] cid [] traffic [] fire [] other []
=====

I recommend this case be declared:
Unfounded() Not Cleared() Court Action() Cleared by Arrest()
Case Declared:
Active() Complete() Unfounded() Domestic Violence()

Reporting Off's Sig. Date/Time

OIC Signature

Date/Time