

Attachment A



City of Phoenix

To: Jeri L. Williams
Police Chief

Date: September 20, 2022

From: Warren Brewer, Commander
Violent Crimes Bureau

Subject: MR. KIM BAKER THREATS REPORT/INCIDENT 2021-1645266

This memorandum is being generated to document the investigation regarding incident #2021-1645266, a bias motivated threats case which occurred at the Lovecraft restaurant located at 3128 E. Cactus Road. The victim, Kim Baker, reported that after finishing his shift at the above listed address he returned to his vehicle, which was parked on the property, and found a note under the windshield wiper. Mr. Baker drove to a different location, removed the note and found it contained a threat stating, "you dead n*****." Mr. Baker contacted Phoenix Police to report the threat, and the below timeline documents the investigative steps completed.

October 21, 2021 – Officer Vaden #10737 responded to 1550 E. Thunderbird Road and contacted Mr. Baker. The officer learned that Mr. Baker called Phoenix Police the night before; however, after an extended wait, he left the area and made a call from his home. Officer Vaden authored an original report outlining the threatening note left on Mr. Baker's vehicle and he impounded the note. The note was created using cut out letters to spell out the threat. When asked about a possible suspect, Mr. Baker states it may be related to information regarding a missing 10-year-old girl he shared with media and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

October 23, 2021 – Officer Vaden authored a supplement describing an email she received from Mr. Baker. In the email, Mr. Baker stated that his boss, Ryan Castillo, said the cameras at the Lovecraft restaurant do not cover the area his vehicle was parked in. Therefore, no surveillance video is available showing who left the note on Mr. Baker's vehicle.

October 27, 2021 – Detective Collins #8813 was assigned the case and began his investigation. On the same date, he took a photograph of the impounded note. Detective Collins also responded to the scene of the incident and to take overall photographs of the area. He also canvassed the area looking for additional video surveillance cameras. The detective contacted three adjacent businesses to inquire about surveillance cameras, a floral shop, It's all Goodz Smoke Shop and the Lovecraft restaurant. The cameras for each of the businesses did not record the area of the parking lot where Mr. Baker's vehicle was parked.

October 27, 2021 – Detective Collins submitted a forensic lab request for latent fingerprints and DNA analysis for the impounded note.

October 27, 2021 – Detective Collins spoke with Mr. Baker over the telephone and learned that Mr. Baker believes a private investigator, David Carlson, who no longer wishes to work with him may have information regarding the note left on his vehicle. Mr. Baker does not believe Mr. Carlson is the suspect; however, Mr. Baker believes Mr. Carlson may know who left the note.

October 28, 2021 – Detective Collins responded to Mr. Baker's residence to collect exclusionary buccal swabs. Detective Collins also contacted the owner of the parking lot where Mr. Baker's vehicle was parked at the time of the incident. The owner confirmed that all video footage from the property had been made available to Detective Collins, and the footage does not capture the area where Mr. Baker's vehicle was parked on the day of the incident.

October 28, 2021 – Detective Collins contacted an employee at the Arco Gas Station, located at 12222 N. 32nd Street, where Mr. Baker said he waited for police contact. Detective Collins watched footage from October 21, 201 and observed Mr. Baker waiting for police contact.

October 28, 2021 – Detective Collins received emails from Mr. Baker which contained text messages that Mr. Baker sent to Mr. Carlson.

October 29, 2021 – Detective Collins received an email from Mr. Baker which contained a Zoom meeting invitation to Mr. Baker, possibly from Nicole Grigg at ABC 15. When Detective Collins inquired as to the purpose of this meeting, Mr. Baker stated that the meeting was cancelled.

November 1, 2021 – Detective Collins contacted a representative of Arco to collect the surveillance footage. However, the representative was unable to download the footage. A representative of Its all Goodz Smoke Shop also informed Detective Collins the video footage was not available.

November 1, 2021 – Detective Collins spoke with Private Investigator, David Carlson. Mr. Carlson denied speaking to anyone regarding his conversations with Mr. Baker or having knowledge of who may have left the note on Mr. Baker's vehicle. He told Detective Collins that due to a conflict of interest, he declined to work as a private investigator for Mr. Baker. Mr. Carlson also stated that he had not spoken with Mr. Baker for several weeks.

November 2, 2021 – Detective Collins responded to the Arco with Forensic Imaging Unit personnel and was able to obtain the surveillance footage from October 21, 2021.

November 8, 2021 – Detective Collins received an email from Ryan Castillo, the owner of Lovecraft restaurant. The email contained a statement describing what Mr. Baker told him regarding the missing juvenile case and the threatening note found on his truck. Mr. Castillo again confirmed that the surveillance cameras did not capture the area of the parking lot where the victim's vehicle was parked.

Detective Collins has completed all reasonable investigative steps regarding this incident. He has exhausted all known leads and submitted a lab request for the impounded note. The case is currently considered an ongoing investigation in a Pended Status awaiting processing of the note by the Phoenix Police Crime Lab.

9/13/2022 – Please forward through the chain of command and provide to Mr. Baker reference his Citizen Request for Information.

9/13/2022 – Detective Collins has completed a thorough investigation and exhausted all leads. If additional information is learned in the future, investigators will conduct follow-up in an effort to successfully resolve this investigation. Mr. Baker's complaint to City Council will be documented in a Blue Team incident and Mr. Baker will be sent a letter documenting our findings.