NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Supplement Report BCI20-00536/3

Report Date: 09/28/2020

Warning

Contains entities exempt from disclosure

Primary Information

Description:	**Scene Processing/Interview with Sheriff Mike Volek**
Occurrence From:	**09/13/2020 00:00**
Occurrence To:	**09/13/2020 00:00**
Reporting LEO:	**ARENZ, JOE (BISMARCK / NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)**
Report Status:	**Approved**
Report Status Date:	**10/05/2020**
Approved By:	**RUMMEL, ARNIE (NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)**

Synopsis

Joe Arenz, NDBCI, Bismarck, ND
Shane Snyder, South Dakota Highway Patrol, Huron, SD
Emily Sovell, Hyde County State's Attorney's Office, Highmore, SD

Address #1 - ACTIVITY LOCATION #1 - SD HIGHWAY 14, 1/4 MILE WEST OF HIGHMORE

Primary Information

Address: **SD HIGHWAY 14, 1/4 MILE WEST OF HIGHMORE, HYDE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA UNITED STATES**

Subject #1 - VICTIM - DECEASED #1 - BOEVER, JOSEPH PAUL

Primary Information

Subject Name:	**BOEVER, JOSEPH PAUL**
Record Type:	**PERSON**
Bio:	**55 yr. old, WHITE, MALE**
Birth Date:	[redacted]
Juvenile:	**NO**

Addresses

Relationship	Address
HOME ADDRESS	[redacted]

Subject #2 - SUSPECT #1 - RAVNSBORG, JASON RICHARD

Primary Information

Subject Name:	**RAVNSBORG, JASON RICHARD**
Record Type:	**PERSON**
Bio:	**44 yr. old, WHITE, MALE**
Birth Date:	[redacted]
Juvenile:	**NO**

This report is the property of the NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION and is not to be copied or disseminated without the specific permission of the NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

Subject #2 - SUSPECT #1 - RAVNSBORG, JASON RICHARD - Continued

Personal Information

Ethnicity:	**NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO**
Height:	**602**
Weight:	**225**
Eye Color:	**BLUE**
Hair Color:	**GREY**

Addresses

Relationship	Address
HOME ADDRESS	[redacted]

Telephones / E-Addresses

Relationship	Number/E-Address
CELLULAR PHONE	[redacted]
BUSINESS WORK PH#	**(605) 295-0802 (BUSINESS)**

Subject #3 - WITNESS #1 - VOLEK, MIKE

Primary Information

Exempt From Disclosure:	**YES**
Subject Name:	**VOLEK, MIKE**
Record Type:	**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL**
Juvenile:	**NO**

Subject #4 - MENTIONED #1 - TOWING, BLACK HILLS

Primary Information

Subject Name:	**TOWING, BLACK HILLS**
Record Type:	**BUSINESS**
Juvenile:	**NO**

Addresses

Relationship	Address
BUSINESS LOCATION	**3175 PLATEAU ST, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501 UNITED STATES**

Subject #5 - MENTIONED #2 - BORMANN, TIM

Primary Information

Subject Name:	**BORMANN, TIM**
Record Type:	**PERSON**
Bio:	**54 yr. old, WHITE, MALE**
Birth Date:	[redacted]
Juvenile:	**NO**

Personal Information

Ethnicity:	**NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO**

This report is the property of the NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION and is not to be copied or disseminated without the specific permission of the NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

Subject #5 - MENTIONED #2 - BORMANN, TIM - Continued

Telephones / E-Addresses

Relationship	Number/E-Address
CELLULAR PHONE	[redacted]

Subject #6 - MENTIONED #3 - NEMEC, VICTOR

Primary Information

Subject Name: **NEMEC, VICTOR**

Record Type: **PERSON**

Bio: **58 yr. old, WHITE, MALE**

Birth Date: [redacted]

Juvenile: **NO**

Personal Information

Ethnicity: **NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO**

Addresses

Relationship	Address
HOME ADDRESS	[redacted]

Telephones / E-Addresses

Relationship	Number/E-Address
HOME	[redacted] **SUBJECT'S PHONE)**

Subject #7 - MENTIONED #4 - REID, HARLAN BCI20-00536

Primary Information

Subject Name: **REID, HARLAN BCI20-00536**

Record Type: **PERSON**

Bio: **UNKNOWN, MALE**

Juvenile: **NO**

Vehicle #1 - RELATED #1 - UNKNOWN BCI20-00536

Primary Information

Vehicle Type: **AUTOMOBILE**

Vehicle Description: **FORD F-150**

Exterior Top Color: **WHITE**

Tag Number: **UNKNOWN BCI20-00536**

Vehicle #2 - RELATED #2 - UNKNOWN BCI2-00536

Primary Information

Vehicle Type: **AUTOMOBILE**

Vehicle Description: **2011 FORD TAURUS**

Tag Number: **UNKNOWN BCI2-00536**

This report is the property of the NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION and is not to be copied or disseminated without the specific permission of the NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

Officers
LEO
DROSKE, ALEX (BISMARCK / NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)
HALSETH, CASSIDY (CYBER CRIMES - MINOT / NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)
HELFRICH, PAT (CYBER CRIMES - BISMARCK / NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)
MEES, MICHAEL (BISMARCK / NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)
RUMMEL, ARNIE (SOUTHEAST REGION / NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)
VOELTZ, SCOTT (FARGO / NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)
KINNEY, KEVIN (SOUTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PATROL)
SNYDER, SHANE (SOUTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PATROL)
BERNDT, JOHN (SOUTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PATROL)

Narrative begins on the following page.

This report is the property of the NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION and is not to be copied or disseminated without the specific permission of the NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

CASE/REPORT #: BCI20-00536/3

Report Title: Scene Processing/Interview with Sheriff Mike Volek

---

Details:

(ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE)

1. On September 13, 2020, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Special Agent (S/A) Joe Arenz arrived at the scene on Highway 14 west of Highmore, South Dakota. Upon arrival, S/A Arenz observed a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper in a patrol vehicle west of the accident near a white Ford F-150, which was in the ditch on the north side of Highway 14 facing westbound.

2. S/A Arenz continued east on Highway 14 from the location of the F-150 to the area west of the highway department.

3. When S/A Arenz arrived, S/A Arenz met with South Dakota Highway Patrol (SDHP) Sergeant Kevin Kinney, Sergeant Shane Snyder, and Trooper John Berndt. S/A Arenz was advised of the following:

    A. At approximately 10:30 p.m., on September 12, 2020, JASON RAVNSBORG called 911 after hitting something with JASON RAVNSBORG's 2011 Ford Taurus on Highway 14 just west of Highmore.

    B. Hyde County Sheriff Mike Volek responded to the scene and it was believed that JASON RAVNSBORG may have struck a deer.

    C. JASON RAVNSBORG used Sheriff Volek's personally owned vehicle to get back to Pierre, South Dakota, and JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle was towed to Pierre.

    D. On September 13, 2020, JASON RAVNSBORG and Tim Bormann came back to the scene and discovered a deceased male at the scene of the accident.

    E. JASON RAVNSBORG and Tim Bormann advised Sheriff Volek of what they found.

    F. Sheriff Volek contacted the SDHP and the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation (SDDCI) for assistance.

    G. The SDHP had JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle secured at the Pierre Police Department.

    H. The SDHP obtained blood samples from JASON RAVNSBORG. Sergeant Snyder turned the two blood kits over to S/A Arenz at 7:10 p.m., on September 13, 2020. Please see attached Evidence Inventory and Receipt.

4. S/A Arenz walked through the scene with other North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (NDBCI) agents and observed vehicle debris along the shoulder of the roadway on the north side of Highway 14. S/A Arenz observed a deceased male, later identified as Joseph Boever, laying approximately three feet into the grass off the north shoulder of Highway 14. Joseph Boever had substantial trauma to Joseph Boever's body and facial area. Joseph Boever's right leg was missing from the right knee down, and Joseph Boever's left leg was bent up so Joseph Boever's left foot was next to the left side of Joseph Boever's head. S/A Arenz was shown Joseph Boever's lower right leg, which was in the grass on the north side of Highway 14 northwest of Joseph Boever's body.

5. S/A Arenz was advised that Joseph Boever owned the white F-150 in the ditch west of the accident scene, and that Joseph Boever was given a ride home last night by Joseph Boever's cousin, later identified as Victor Nemec, after Joseph Boever struck a hay bale in the ditch with Joseph Boever's pickup. It was believed that Joseph Boever may have walked back to Joseph Boever's pickup from Joseph Boever's residence in Highmore after being dropped off by Victor Nemec. S/A Arenz was also told that Victor Nemec had contacted Sheriff Volek regarding Victor Nemec not being able to find Joseph Boever.

6. S/A Arenz requested that S/A Alex Droske fly a drone over the scene and capture the necessary images. S/A Michael Mees was assigned to take photographs of the scene and work with S/A Pat Helfrich and S/A Cassidy Halseth on collecting and documenting evidence at the scene.

7. On September 13, 2020, S/A Arenz and Supervisory Special Agent (SS/A) Arnie Rummel met with Sheriff Volek regarding Sheriff Volek's contact with JASON RAVNSBORG. Sheriff Volek stated the following:

   A. Sheriff Volek was contacted by dispatch at approximately 10:30 p.m., on September 12, 2020, for an accident on Highway 14 west of Highmore. Sheriff Volek was advised that a vehicle had hit something on Highway 14 west of Highmore and broke the windshield out.

   B. Sheriff Volek arrived and met with JASON RAVNSBORG.

   C. JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle was parked west of where Joseph Boever was later located.

   D. When Sheriff Volek arrived, JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle was hovering the westbound fog line on Highway 14.

   E. Sheriff Volek observed that JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle had extensive front end and windshield damage on the passenger side, but the airbags had not deployed.

   F. Both Sheriff Volek and JASON RAVNSBORG looked around for what JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle struck.

   G. Since JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle was going to be towed, Sheriff Volek took JASON RAVNSBORG to Sheriff Volek's residence and gave JASON RAVNSBORG one of Sheriff Volek's personal vehicles to drive back to Pierre.

H. After JASON RAVNSBORG left Sheriff Volek's residence in Sheriff Volek's personal vehicle, Sheriff Volek had to do a traffic stop on JASON RAVNSBORG on Highway 14 to get the keys to JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle for the tow truck.

I. At the time when Sheriff Volek stopped JASON RAVNSBORG, Sheriff Volek observed a white Ford F-150 pickup in the ditch on the north side of Highway 14.

J. Sheriff Volek checked on the pickup, which was unoccupied, and found the pickup to be registered to Harlan Reid. Sheriff Volek was familiar with Harlan Reid and contacted Harlan Reid who advised Sheriff Volek that Harlan Reid had sold the pickup to Joseph Boever. Sheriff Volek was familiar with Joseph Boever and said that Joseph Boever had a drinking problem and suffered from mental health issues.

K. Sheriff Volek went back to JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle and had it towed by Black Hills Towing to Pierre.

L. At approximately 11:31 p.m., on September 12, 2020, Sheriff Volek received a call from JASON RAVNSBORG letting Sheriff Volek know that JASON RAVNSBORG made it back to Pierre safely.

M. At approximately 8:00 a.m., on September 13, 2020, JASON RAVNSBORG and Tim Bormann came back to Sheriff Volek's residence and advised Sheriff Volek that JASON RAVNSBORG found a deceased male at the scene of JASON RAVNSBORG's accident from the night before.

N. Sheriff Volek along with JASON RAVNSBORG and Tim Bormann went back to the scene and Sheriff Volek told JASON RAVNSBORG to go home and write a statement out. JASON RAVNSBORG and Tim Bormann then left the scene.

O. Sheriff Volek called the SDHP and the SDDCI for assistance.

P. At approximately 5:35 p.m., on September 13, 2020, Sheriff Volek had contact with Victor Nemec, who stated that Victor Nemec had picked up his cousin, Joseph Boever, the previous night after Joseph Boever hit a hay bale. Victor Nemec told Sheriff Volek that Victor Nemec gave Joseph Boever a ride home.

8. After interviewing Sheriff Volek, S/A Arenz met with the agents collecting evidence at the scene. S/A Arenz was shown a small flashlight, which was still illuminating, along the north shoulder of Highway 14 in amongst the other debris.

9. Hyde County Coroner Tiffany Hofer was contacted and arrived at approximately 7:00 p.m., to the scene. Joseph Boever and the detached leg were placed in the body bag. S/A Arenz placed a plastic evidence tag on the bag to seal the bag. SS/A Rummel agreed to go to the funeral home in Highmore with Tiffany Hofer to meet with Victor Nemec to confirm that Joseph Boever was the deceased male. S/A Arenz was later advised by SS/A Rummel that Victor Nemec did positively identify the deceased male as Joseph Boever. The initial arrangement was for the autopsy to be completed in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, but Tiffany Hofer later contacted S/A Arenz and advised that the

medical examiner in Sioux Falls was unavailable to conduct an autopsy and Tiffany Hofer made arrangements for the autopsy to be conducted on September 14, 2020, at the medical examiner's office in Ramsey County, Minnesota. SS/A Rummel made arrangements for S/A Scott Voeltz to attend the autopsy. Please see S/A Scott Voeltz's report for details on the autopsy.

10. Once Joseph Boever's body was removed from the scene, S/A Arenz was shown areas on the westbound lane of Highway 14 and the north shoulder of Highway that were believed to possibly be blood from Joseph Boever.

11. S/A Arenz used cotton swabs and water to collect samples from the areas that were believed to be blood.

12. Once all evidence was collected, NDBCI agents left the scene. All evidence was maintained in the custody of S/A Mees. Please see S/A Mees' report for details.

13. Please see other NDBCI agent's reports for details on scene processing and evidence collection along with SDHP reports for accident reconstruction details.

Other Personnel Assisting:

Tiffany Hofer, Hyde County Coroner, Highmore, South Dakota

Description and Custody of Evidence:

1. All evidence collected at the scene remained in the custody of S/A Michael Mees until turned over to the custody of S/A Joe Arenz on September 17, 2020.

2. Two South Dakota blood kits from JASON RAVNSBORG will be maintained in the custody of S/A Arenz until delivered to the North Dakota Crime Laboratory.

Attachments:

1. Evidence Inventory and Receipt (1 Pg), 09-13-2020