NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Supplement Report BCI20-00536/38

Report Date: 10/29/2020

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Primary Information

Description:	Sheriff Mike Volek 2nd Interview
Occurrence From:	09/30/2020 00:00
Occurrence To:	09/30/2020 00:00
Reporting LEO:	ARENZ, JOE (BISMARCK / NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)
Report Status:	Approved
Report Status Date:	11/03/2020
Approved By:	RUMMEL, ARNIE (NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)

Synopsis

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

Address #1 - ACTIVITY LOCATION #1 - 33660 US HIGHWAY 14

Primary Information

Address: 33660 US HIGHWAY 14, HIGHMORE, SOUTH DAKOTA UNITED STATES

Subject #1 - 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

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] (CELLULAR)

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

Telephones / E-Addresses - Continued

Relationship	Number/E-Address
BUSINESS WORK PH#	**(605) 295-0802 (BUSINESS)**

Subject #2 - WITNESS #1 - VOLEK, MIKE

Primary Information

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

Officers

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RUMMEL, ARNIE (SOUTHEAST REGION / NORTH DAKOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION)

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Report Title: Sheriff Mike Volek 2nd Interview

Details:

(ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE)

1. On September 30, 2020, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Special Agent (S/A) Joe Arenz and Supervisory Special Agent (S/A) Arnie Rummel met with Hyde County Sheriff Mike Volek at the Department of Transportation shop in Highmore, South Dakota.

2. S/A Arenz explained S/A Arenz had some follow-up questions for Sheriff Volek. Sheriff Volek stated the following:

   A. Sheriff Volek was notified by dispatch of a car vs. deer accident.

   B. Sheriff Volek arrived and found a red car and a male, later identified as JASON RAVNSBORG, standing outside the car looking in the ditch.

   C. JASON RAVNSBORG had some kind of light as JASON RAVNSBORG was looking in the ditch.

   D. JASON RAVNSBORG told Sheriff Volek JASON RAVNSBORG hit something.

   E. There were frequently car vs. deer accidents on that stretch of Highway 14.

   F. When Sheriff Volek arrived, Sheriff Volek went east on Highway 14 past JASON RAVNSBORG's location and then turned around and pulled up behind JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle in Sheriff Volek's patrol vehicle. Sheriff Volek did not have a spotlight on Sheriff Volek's patrol vehicle.

   G. JASON RAVNSBORG did not know what JASON RAVNSBORG hit.

   H. Sheriff Volek had responded to other accidents were a deer was not located.

   I. Sheriff Volek did not even consider that JASON RAVNSBORG hit a body.

   J. JASON RAVNSBORG and Sheriff Volek walked together back east along Highway 14 looking for what JASON RAVNSBORG hit.

   K. Sheriff Volek did not believe that Sheriff Volek and JASON RAVNSBORG walked any further east than the large piece of debris on the shoulder.

   L. After JASON RAVNSBORG left the scene in Sheriff Volek's personal vehicle, Sheriff Volek came back to JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle and waited for a tow truck. While waiting for a tow truck, Sheriff Volek looked more for the deer because it bothered Sheriff Volek that with that level of impact, there should have been a deer there. Sheriff Volek believed JASON RAVNSBORG must have hit a

big deer. Sheriff Volek thought it was possible the deer could have made it to the cornfield.

M. Sheriff Volek used Sheriff Volek's flashlight when Sheriff Volek looked for the deer.

N. Sheriff Volek saw a light glowing and Sheriff Volek thought it was a lightbulb glowing from the car, but Sheriff Volek did not go look at the light. Sheriff Volek said the light was in the grass along the shoulder of the road.

O. Sheriff Volek had not consumed any alcoholic beverages that night.

P. When the tow truck arrived, it turned around on the east approach where Sheriff Volek lived and then the tow truck backed up to JASON RAVNSBORG's vehicle.

3. Please refer to the attached audio recording of the interview with Sheriff Volek for further details.

Description and Custody of Evidence:

1. None as a result of this report.

Attachments:

1. CD Containing Audio Recorded Interview with Sheriff Mike Volek