

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
REGION 6  
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

**06-0087-34-21**

On Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at approximately 3:40 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT MARY CHANDLER was located at the Jones County Courthouse and there made contact with Superior Court JUDGE ALISON BURLESON. SAC CHANDLER returned the search warrant for the Eatonton Police Department.

A copy of the search warrant is attached to this case file. No further action was taken at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Copy of SW return for Eatonton PD

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**LAWRENCE, WILLIAM KENT (CHIEF)**

DOB: 4/22/1959

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: 119 GLENWOOD CIRCLE  
EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: POLICE CHIEF

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

RESIDENCE:(706)485-5533

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARY CHANDLER: 5/6/2021

mc: 5/6/2021



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On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at approximately 11:42 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of re-interviewing LYNN THOMAS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

While at this location, THOMAS reviewed the case file for TINA CHILDRESS, in the presence of S/A LOVING, which had been stored in her office. During the interview of THOMAS, she had originally advised that there might have been handwritten reports to correspond to her conversations with WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE but she unable to locate any statements written by her or LAWRENCE.

THOMAS also reviewed the original reports, in the presence of S/A LOVING, which were maintained in the file cabinets in the locked storage area at the front of the police department. At the request of S/A LOVING, THOMAS provided photocopies of the handwritten reports completed by OFFICERS HAROLD BOWMAN and DENNIS TIPPENS and the typed version that had been entered into the system by a dispatcher but there were no statements written by her or LAWRENCE.

When asked by S/A LOVING to confirm that there were no handwritten reports completed by LAWRENCE, THOMAS stated, "most likely."

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The documents provided to S/A LOVING were attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

INCIDENT REPORT Handwritten Incident Report

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INCIDENT REPORT Typed Incident Report

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**THOMAS, LYNN (MS)**

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: CLERK

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 5/19/2021

dal: 5/19/2021

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**06-0087-34-21**

On Friday, May 21, 2021, at approximately 3:45 pm, GBI Region Six ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE BRIAN C. HARGROVE was located at the Eatonton Police Department for the purpose of conducting a cellphone examination using the UFED Cellebrite Device.

ASAC HARGROVE made contact with Eatonton Police Department dispatcher MS. QUANISHATE "TAE" ROLLINS' in the dispatch area of the P.D. ASAC HARGROVE introduced himself and requested ROLLINS make contact with him in INTERIM CHIEF HOWELL CARDWELL'S OFFICE. ROLLINS agreed and followed ASAC HARGROVE to that office.

ASAC HARGROVE introduced Region Six SA JERRI LYNN COODY, who was also present. ASAC HARGROVE essentially stated the following to ROLLINS:

ASAC HARGROVE and SA COODY were there to ask ROLLINS' permission to download her Apple iPhone XR cellphone. This was based upon the fact that she was observed recording the incident between CHIEF KENT LAWRENCE and SUBJECT TINA CHILDRESS on body camera footage obtained from EPD. ROLLINS was reminded about her previous interview with SA DEBBIE LOVING, during which time ROLLINS provided permission to search her cellphone and download it. ASAC HARGROVE requested ROLLINS to provide consent for ASAC HARGROVE to conduct a cellphone examination using the UFED Cellebrite device, which was brought to the P.D. ROLLINS was provided with a written consent form, which she signed, witnessed by ASAC HARGROVE and SA COODY. The consent form was later placed

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in the rear of the case file, and was attached to this summary.

After obtaining consent, ASAC HARGROVE connected ROLLINS' iPhone to the UFED device using cable no. 210. A successful Logical and Advanced Logical extraction was performed. The extracted data was placed on a digital storage device. ASAC HARGROVE secured the device until such time he could generate a UFED Reader and Excel Report of the extracted data. The data and generated reports were maintained on the same storage device and later secured in the rear of the case file as documented on the attached GBI Property Report CC03009. The cellphone examination was conducted entirely in the presence of ROLLINS. ASAC HARGROVE provided the iPhone back to ROLLINS at the conclusion of the examination.

While the cellphone was downloading, ASAC HARGROVE also requested ROLLINS' Apple id and password for the purpose of searching her iCloud account for the video, which she claimed was deleted from her phone sometime ago. ROLLINS provided the id name of taetae1978@gmail.com, with a password of kpooh369. Both were written on the signed consent form. ASAC HARGROVE was able to successfully log in and found that no video of the incident existed in the account.

During ASAC HARGROVE'S actions, SA JERRI LYNN COODY and ASAC HARGROVE conducted an interview of ROLLINS, during which time she admitted to knowingly recording the video. She also admitted to later deleting the video and lying to agents regarding the video. For details concerning the interview, refer to the investigative summary authored by SA COODY.

All activity concluded at approximately 5:00 pm. No further action took place at that time.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Written Consent to Search Apple iPhone XR  
signed by "TAE" ROLLINS

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**EVIDENCE**

DIGITAL STORAGE DEVICE THAT CONTAINS EXTRACTED

[CC03009-Evidence.pdf](#)

**ID DATA:**

**ROLLINS, QUANISHATAE** (MS)

DOB: 7/16/1978

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: 214 W MARION STREET

EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DISPATCHER

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 W MARION STREET

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA 31061

CELLULAR:(706)816-9670

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, ASST BRIAN C HARGROVE: 5/24/2021

bch: 5/24/2021

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On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at approximately 12:38 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at 108 West Mathis Drive in Eatonton, Georgia for the purpose of previewing the cellular device belonging to QUANISHATAE ROLLINS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

During the interview of ROLLINS, she provided verbal consent for S/A LOVING to preview her cellular device. She completed a Waiver of Constitutional Rights to a Search Warrant of Computer and Other Digital Devices and provided S/A LOVING with her device which was identified as an iPhone XR.

S/A LOVING performed a cursory preview of the device and no items of evidentiary value were discovered. There were a very limited number of photographs and video recordings but there were no items dated December 8, 2020. The video recordings showcased drinking cups that ROLLINS had been designing and marketing. There were no labeled folders and the "Recently Deleted" folder contained forty (40) photographs, some of which dated back to 2018.

ROLLINS explained that the camera application on her device could be quickly accessed by swiping to the left on the locked screen. She believed that she must have inadvertently accessed the camera when she was holding the device but she assured S/A LOVING that she did not take any photographs or videos. In the days following the

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incident, ROLLINS recalled being asked by INTERIM CHIEF HOWELL CARDWELL if she had video recorded the encounter and she had also offered her cellular device to him.

The device was returned to ROLLINS and no additional information was provided at this time.

The Waiver of Constitutional Rights to a Search Warrant of Computer and Other Digital Devices was attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

CONSENT FORM Waiver of Constitutional Rights to a Search Warrant of Computer and Other Digital Devices

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**ROLLINS, QUANISHATAE** (MS)  
DOB: 7/16/1978  
SEX/RACE: FEMALE/BLACK  
ADDRESS: 214 W MARION STREET  
EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024  
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES  
OCCUPATION: DISPATCHER  
EMPLOYER:  
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SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 5/19/2021  
dal: 5/19/2021



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On Friday, May 21, 2021, at approximately 4 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT JERRI LYNN COODY and GBI Region Six ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE BRIAN HARGROVE were located at the Eatonton Police Department for the purpose of interviewing QUANISHATAE ROLLINS regarding her videoing a use of force incident between Eatonton Police Chief KENT LAWRENCE and TINA CHILDRESS. ROLLINS has worked at the Eatonton Police Department since 2014. The interview was digitally recorded, and the audio recording has been attached to this summary.

ASAC HARGROVE performed a Cellebrite search of ROLLINS's phone while SA COODY interviewed ROLLINS. Refer to ASAC HARGROVE's investigative summary regarding the results of the Cellebrite search of ROLLINS's phone. Prior to the interview, SA COODY advised ROLLINS this was a use of force investigation; therefore, it was a criminal investigation. ROLLINS was not compelled to speak to SA COODY or ASAC HARGROVE pursuant to Garrity. ROLLINS stated she understood and continued the interview. ROLLINS stated essentially the following.

Eatonton Police Department OFFICER HAROLD BOWMAN stopped CHILDRESS because Officer BOWMAN believed CHILDRESS to be DUI. OFFICER BOWMAN arrested CHILDRESS and transported her to the Eatonton Police Department. While being processed for the DUI in the Eatonton Police Department, CHILDRESS fell down in the hallway. ROLLINS saw CHILDRESS on the floor. CHILDRESS remained on the floor for a period of time. ROLLINS witnessed CHIEF LAWRENCE strike CHILDRESS on the shoulder and tell her to "get up". CHIEF LAWRENCE grabbed CHILDRESS and pulled her into the lobby. CHIEF LAWRENCE grabbed CHILDRESS around her hand

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in order to pull her into the lobby. CHILDRESS was handcuffed at the time.

CHILDRESS said that Chief LAWRENCE slapped her. ROLLINS did not see Chief LAWRENCE slap CHILDRESS. ROLLINS saw Chief LAWRENCE pull CHILDRESS' hair while she was leaning on a chair. ROLLINS described the strikes CHIEF LAWRENCE made to CHILDRESS as "hard enough to get her attention." Officers eventually got CHILDRESS outside and into a patrol vehicle. CHILDRESS remained on the floor for approximately 30 to 45 minutes before getting into the patrol vehicle.

ROLLINS admitted she had videoed the incident between CHILDRESS and CHIEF LAWRENCE. ROLLINS stated she deleted the video after taking it. ROLLINS stated she initially lied to GBI Region Six SPECIAL AGENT DEBBIE LOVING because she did not think she was supposed to video the incident. ROLLINS stated she did not show the video to anyone.

ROLLINS did not share the video on any social media platform.

ROLLINS did not know where CHIEF LAWRENCE's oath of office was located. ROLLINS stated she did not hide CHIEF LAWRENCE's oath of office, nor did she know if anyone else hid the oath of office.

ROLLINS did not see CHILDRESS after she left to go to the hospital. ROLLINS believed CHILDRESS was released to her daughter.

No further information was gained from ROLLINS at this time. The interview was concluded at approximately 4:46 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Audio Recording

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**ROLLINS, QUANISHATAE** (Previously Submitted)

SPECIAL AGENT JERRI L COODY: 6/24/2021

erk: 6/29/2021

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On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at approximately 12:25 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at 108 West Mathis Drive in Eatonton, Georgia for the purpose of re-interviewing QUANISHATAE ROLLINS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

The interview of ROLLINS was digitally recorded using an Olympus WS-802 digital voice recorder. The recording was attached to this Investigative Summary and should be referred to for complete details of the interview. ROLLINS essentially stated the following:

She had been standing in the doorway outside of where her desk had been located when she witnessed WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE strike TINA CHILDRESS on her shoulder. She explained that CHILDRESS had been on the ground in the area outside of LAWRENCE'S office when she estimated that LAWRENCE slapped CHILDRESS possibly two (2) times on her shoulder. She thought the slaps were hard because she saw it and heard it.

ROLLINS stated that she also witnessed LAWRENCE grab the handcuffs that had been secured to CHILDRESS' wrists in the front of her body and drag her to the lobby area. She never saw LAWRENCE strike CHILDRESS in the head or face and she never heard slapping sounds when CHILDRESS was in the lobby area but she recalled

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CHILDRESS saying that LAWRENCE had slapped her. S/A LOVING asked ROLLINS if she had witnessed LAWRENCE pull CHILDRESS' hair. She stated that CHILDRESS had been on her knees and they were trying to get her up from the ground when she saw LAWRENCE pull her hair. She could not remember seeing CHILDRESS' head move backwards so she believed that he was pulling her hair in an upward direction.

S/A LOVING explained to ROLLINS that it appeared from the body worn camera videos that she could have been video recording the incident with her cellular device. When asked if she captured the incident via photographs or video recordings, ROLLINS repeatedly replied, "no, ma'am." She stated that she did not take any photographs or videos and immediately offered her cellular device to S/A LOVING to preview. She acknowledged that she had her cellular device in her hand and said that she might have hit the camera application when she had initially taken out her device.

No additional information was provided at this time.

The interview concluded at approximately 12:35 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Audio Interview of Quanishatae Rollins

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**ROLLINS, QUANISHATAE (MS)**

DOB: 7/16/1978

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: 214 W MARION STREET  
EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DISPATCHER

EMPLOYER:

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CELLULAR:(706)816-9670

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 5/19/2021

dal: 5/19/2021

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**06-0087-34-21**

On Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at approximately 11:38 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was contacted via electronic mail message by SHERIFF HOWARD SILLS at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

SILLS provided an Incident Report – Supplemental, referenced as Case Number 12-1254-2020 and dated December 28, 2020, completed by OFFICER DENNIS TIPPENS. The narrative appeared to include the statement completed by TIPPENS as well as a statement completed by WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE. In the narrative completed by TIPPENS, the sentence that TIFFANY MADDOX had removed a bag containing alcoholic beverages from the trunk of TINA CHILDRESS' vehicle and disposed of it in the garbage can had been highlighted. There was also a handwritten note which stated, "Lynn asked me to add this".

In the narrative completed by LAWRENCE, the sentence that TIPPENS had advised that MADDOX had removed alcoholic beverages from the trunk of CHILDRESS' vehicle and disposed of it in the garbage can had also been highlighted. There was a handwritten note which stated, "This never was told by me Ofc Welch called me and told me about the beer in trunk I advised her that Ms Maddox got it out and threw it away. I NEVER told chief about it".

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The Incident Report – Supplemental was attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

INCIDENT REPORT Incident  
Report - Supplemental

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**SILLS, HOWARD** (SHERIFF)

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: SHERIFF

EMPLOYER:

PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

111 RIDLEY DRIVE

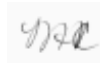
EATONTON, GA 31024

CELLULAR:(478)288-7965

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 5/11/2021

dal: 5/13/2021





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**06-0087-34-21**

On Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at approximately 4:30 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was contacted via electronic mail message by INTERIM CHIEF HOWELL CARDWELL. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

At the request of S/A LOVING, CARDWELL provided the Incident Report, referenced as Case Number 12-1254-2020, which included supplemental reports completed by OFFICER HAROLD BOWMAN, OFFICER DENNIS TIPPENS, OFFICER PAT WELCH, OFFICER CHRISTIAN WALDROUP, HOWELL, WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE and LYNN THOMAS.

It should be noted that LAWRENCE had been arrested on December 11, 2020 and had been placed on administrative leave by the City of Eatonton; however, the supplemental report completed by LAWRENCE listed the "Date Added" as January 3, 2021. There was also a supplemental report, which appeared to have been completed by LAWRENCE, in TIPPENS' narrative with the "Date Added" as December 28, 2020.

The Incident Report was attached to this Investigative Summary.

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INCIDENT REPORT Incident Report

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**CARDWELL, HOWELL** (INVESTIGATOR)

DOB: 8/25/1957

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

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SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 5/11/2021

dal: 5/13/2021

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**06-0087-34-21**

On Friday, November 5, 2021, at approximately 11:30 a.m., Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Special Agent (SA) AMANDA HAMMOCK contacted the Washington County Solicitors office, via telephone, and made contact with HILARY COLLIER.

HILARY advised the case was still pending.

Nothing further.

SPECIAL AGENT AMANDA HAMMOCK: 11/5/2021  
: 11/5/2021

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**06-0087-34-21**

On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at approximately 1:48 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING made contact via telephone with OFFICER DENNIS TIPPENS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

S/A LOVING inquired about the supplemental report TIPPENS had completed for the Incident Report referenced as Case Number 12-1254-2020. TIPPENS advised that he had completed his supplemental report about fingerprinting TINA CHILDRESS on December 9, 2020. He was later contacted by LYNN THOMAS and asked if he had observed CHILDRESS and WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE hug and/or apologize to each other but he had not. THOMAS then requested that he add a sentence to his supplemental report regarding TIFFANY MADDOX removing and discarding alcoholic beverages from CHILDRESS' vehicle before he released it from the impound lot. TIPPENS reviewed his body worn camera video to verify that had occurred then added the sentence to his supplemental report. TIPPENS was unable to recall the day he had been contacted by THOMAS but he later realized that a statement by LAWRENCE had been added to his supplemental report.

TIPPENS stated that he did not know why a statement from LAWRENCE would have been included in his supplemental report without his knowledge or consent. According to TIPPENS, THOMAS had access to the system to add and edit the supplemental reports but he did not have access. He explained that he had not been issued an

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individual login to the system. It was standard procedure to write his supplemental report then provide it to a dispatcher who typed it in the system. Once completed, he would be provided with a hard copy to review for accuracy and approve.

TIPPENS stated that he maintained his original supplemental reports and could provide photocopies to S/A LOVING, if needed. He acknowledged that he had been approached by OFFICER HAROLD BOWMAN about the statement by LAWRENCE in his supplemental report so he provided BOWMAN with a photocopy.

The telephone conversation concluded at approximately 2:03 p.m.

**ID DATA:**

**TIPPENS, DENNIS** (OFFICER)

DOB: 8/23/1995

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: POLICE OFFICER

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

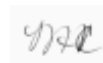
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CELLULAR:(706)816-1327

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 5/12/2021

dal: 5/13/2021

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On Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at approximately 2:50 p.m., Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Special Agent (SA) AMANDA HAMMOCK contacted the Washington County Superior Court for an update in reference to this use of force investigation.

SA HAMMOCK spoke with JENEE WHIDDON who advised the case was not being heard in their jurisdiction.

Contact concluded at approximately 2:55 p.m.

Nothing further.

SPECIAL AGENT AMANDA HAMMOCK: 9/28/2021  
: 9/28/2021

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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 2:15 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARY CHANDLER was located at the Putnam County Courthouse in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia, reference this investigation and there conducted an interview with Eatonton Police CHIEF KENT LAWRENCE. During this time, GBI agents were at the Eatonton Police Department interviewing officers and staff regarding allegations that LAWRENCE hit a female, who was arrested on December 8, 2020. SAC CHANDLER made contact with LAWRENCE at the front of the Putnam County Courthouse. LAWRENCE was not under arrest and was free to leave at anytime. SAC CHANDLER made contact with LAWRENCE to advise him the GBI was investigating a Use of Force investigation involving LAWRENCE and TINA CHILDRESS.

SAC CHANDLER initially only went to LAWRENCE to advise him the GBI was at the Eatonton Police Department to investigate the Use of Force that was filed against him. Unexpectedly, LAWRENCE began talking to SAC CHANDLER. SAC CHANDLER recorded the conversation with LAWRENCE without his knowledge. LAWRENCE essentially stated the following information.

"Who filed the complaint?" SAC CHANDLER advised she could not answer that. He stated, "I already know." "Well, I ain't got nothing to hide. She's a drunk. I tried to get her up. I'll just be honest with you, 400 and something pounds, I can't, I can't pick her fat ass up." "Everybody had to grab a damn handle, put her ass in the car, took her to hospital." LAWRENCE advised he told CHILDRESS's daughter that CHILDRESS was "tore up from the floor up."

SAC CHANDLER asked LAWRENCE if there were any marks on CHILDRESS and advised LAWRENCE the allegations stated he hit CHILDRESS in the head.

LAWRENCE stated, "No. I mean, she got marks on her arms from the handcuffs. I mean, shit, she's black and blue right here with her handcuffs, but no, I ain't hit that woman. I mean, I did slap her. I mean, you're probably going to see it on film- pop, pop, pop, pop- and I'm saying 'wake your ass up' (laughs)." "But I mean, I'm not wailing. I mean, it's a (slaps his hands together), you know, 'wake your ass up.'"

LAWRENCE then stated, "But I mean, yes, yes ma'am, I slapped the hell out of her. I hit- pop, pop, pop- her, was trying to wake her...trying to wake her damn drunk ass up. I said 'come on.' I grabbed her by the handcuffs and we started sliding her through the door cause she wouldn't get up." LAWRENCE stated, "I ain't gonna lie to you, she had them handcuffs on, like she was hooked up to the wall banging and beating. They're black and blue right here." LAWRENCE was pointing to his wrist. LAWRENCE stated, "But I- I ain't gonna lie to you, I slapped her in the face telling her to wake her damn ass- I- I said your drunk ass up."

LAWRENCE again advised SAC CHANDLER, "Oh, I ain't gonna- I ain't gonna lie to you. I slapped- I slapped her in the face telling her to wake her damn, drunk ass up." SAC CHANDLER asked LAWRENCE, "Okay, but was it too much?" LAWRENCE stated, "No. I mean, this is what I mean (slaps his hands together). I mean, yeah, wake her drunk ass up." SAC CHANDLER again advised the allegations were of excessive force while CHILDRESS was handcuffed and asked LAWRENCE if it was too much. LAWRENCE stated, "Not- not to me it wasn't. She was drunk as shit. I kept trying, I, I slapped her in the face, I don't know, six, seven, eight times- 'get your ass up,' you know,



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'get your ass up.' And it's probably going to say what I just told you- 'get your drunk ass up.'"

LAWRENCE then stated, "Well, you know, if I done something wrong, I done something wrong. I slapped her, I, you know, I slapped her though. I mean, you know, that's all I can tell you I done." SAC CHANDLER stated, "Yeah, but it wasn't intentional, it wasn't like. . ." and LAWRENCE stated, "No, I mean, I slapped her to say 'wake your fucking drunk ass up.' That's what I'm telling her. I ain't just slapping her for the hell of it. I leaned down here and she just- I said (slaps hands together) 'wake your ass up.'" "I mean, it ain't like I just- wham, wham, wham- you know, I- pow, pow, pow, pow, pow- you know, 'wake your ass up,' 'wake your drunk ass up' you know."

For details regarding the interview refer to the audio recording, which is attached to this summary. No further information was obtained at this time. The interview was concluded at approximately 2:40 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Audio Recording of Interview with Kent  
Lawrence

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**LAWRENCE, WILLIAM KENT (CHIEF)**

DOB: 4/22/1959

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: 119 GLENWOOD CIRCLE  
EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: POLICE CHIEF

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

RESIDENCE:(706)485-5533

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARY CHANDLER: 5/13/2021

mc: 5/13/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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On Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at approximately 2:03 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Region 6 Office, 291 Industrial Park Drive, N.W. in Milledgeville, Georgia, for the purpose of reviewing evidence. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

S/A LOVING obtained custody of the evidence in this case, referenced as Evidence Property Tag Numbers CC07105, CC07106 and CC07107, from the Region 6 evidence room. Evidence Property Tag Numbers CC07105 and CC07107 contained shredded papers which appeared to have been cross-cut and Evidence Property Tag Number CC07106 contained papers which had been shredded and torn. S/A LOVING reviewed the contents of the bags, which were documented via photographs, before returning the evidence to secured storage. No items of evidentiary value could be discerned.

The photographs were attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

PHOTOGRAPH Photographs

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**EVIDENCE**

SHREDDDED PAPERS

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TORN PAPERS  
SHREDDED PAPERS

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[CC07107-Evidence.pdf](#)

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 4/14/2021  
dal: 4/15/2021

(DAL) AGL BQ

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at approximately 11:17 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located outside of the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of re-interviewing LYNN THOMAS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

The interview of THOMAS was digitally recorded using an Olympus WS-802 digital voice recorder. The recording was attached to this Investigative Summary and should be referred to for complete details of the interview. THOMAS essentially stated the following:

When shown the Incident Report - Supplementals included with the Incident Report referenced as Case Number 12-1254-2020, which were documented as having been completed by WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE on December 28, 2020 and January 3, 2021, she advised that she had entered the statements in the system because LAWRENCE did not have access to the system once he had been placed on administrative leave by the City of Eatonton.

THOMAS stated that she had added the statement for LAWRENCE concerning what had allegedly occurred between him and TINA CHILDRESS on December 9, 2020 to OFFICER DENNIS TIPPENS' supplemental report because it had transpired on the

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same date that TIPPENS had fingerprinted CHILDRESS which was December 9, 2020. S/A LOVING asked THOMAS if LAWRENCE had told her what to write in the statement. She stated that she had been present and had witnessed when CHILDRESS and her daughter, TIFFANY MADDOX, had arrived at the police department and had paid for the tow service. In addition, LAWRENCE had reportedly told her what CHILDRESS had said to him. THOMAS claimed that it was LAWRENCE'S "statement" and his words that she had just typed but S/A LOVING questioned how it was LAWRENCE'S statement if he did not write it. She stated that the statement would have been a part of his report. S/A LOVING then inquired about where his report would be located. THOMAS explained that it would have been handwritten by LAWRENCE and maintained with the other handwritten reports in the file. In seeking further clarification, S/A LOVING asked THOMAS if there was a statement written by LAWRENCE in his handwriting. She replied that she had "took it down for him". When asked again if LAWRENCE had told THOMAS what to say, she replied that he had "told us what happened when she [CHILDRESS] came in and met".

THOMAS admitted that she had watched the body worn camera video recordings which included TIPPENS' body worn camera video. She further acknowledged that she had requested that TIPPENS add a sentence to his original supplemental report because she had seen alcoholic beverages in the trunk of CHILDRESS' vehicle in the video recording. S/A LOVING asked THOMAS why she would have watched the body worn camera videos. She stated that LAWRENCE'S attorney had requested copies of the video recordings so she viewed the videos when she made the copies.

S/A LOVING asked THOMAS about the supplemental report under the name of LAWRENCE dated January 3, 2021. She stated that she had written the supplemental

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reports on behalf of LAWRENCE based on her conversations with him since he had been placed on administrative leave. The statement was not something LAWRENCE had written and he had not asked her to generate supplemental reports in the system.

On the supplemental report dated February 17, 2021, it was noted that the officer name listed THOMAS and INTERIM CHIEF HOWELL CARDWELL and the badge was listed as 62. THOMAS explained that CARDWELL had been the acting Chief on that date and her dispatcher badge number was 62. According to THOMAS, unlike when an officer completed the supplemental report, the Chief's name would reportedly appear behind a dispatcher's name if a dispatcher generated the supplemental report.

In explaining the reason for the supplemental report dated February 17, 2021, THOMAS stated that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Division of Forensic Sciences (DOFS) had tested CHILDRESS' blood sample for alcohol but not for drugs. She completed a supplemental report about her request that the sample be tested for drugs. S/A LOVING asked if she had made the request to the DOFS at the direction of CARDWELL. She replied, "No, I did it" because she had wanted to know if CHILDRESS had any drugs in her system. She acknowledged it was not her responsibility and she said that she had requested the drug screen since, according to LAWRENCE, CHILDRESS had a bottle of pills in her possession at the time of her arrest. S/A LOVING asked if CARDWELL had authorized or had knowledge of the supplemental report. She stated, "I entered it. I didn't talk with him about it."

THOMAS stated that anyone could add a supplemental report to an Incident Report and she had generated supplemental reports in the past but not under someone else's name.

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The Incident Report - Supplementals shown to THOMAS were attached to this Investigative Summary.

No additional information was provided at this time.

The interview concluded at approximately 11:33 a.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Audio Interview of Lynn Thomas

[\(Attachments\)](#)

INCIDENT REPORT Incident Report - Supplementals

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**THOMAS, LYNN** (MS)

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: CLERK

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 5/18/2021

dal: 5/19/2021

*(DAL) AGH*

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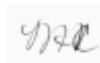
On Thursday, May 20, 2021, at approximately 1:44 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (SAC) MARY CHANDLER received an email from the Putnam County Solicitor's Office regarding the appointing of Washington County SOLICITOR MICHAEL HOWARD over this investigation. The email provided contact information for SOLICITOR HOWARD. The information has been entered into the ID data for this case file.

Nothing further.

**ID DATA:**

**HOWARD, MICHAEL SHANE (MR)**  
SEX/RACE: MALE/UNKNOWN  
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES  
OCCUPATION: ATTORNEY/LAWYER  
ELECTRONIC ADDRESS: MICHAELHOWARDLAW@GMAIL.COM  
EMPLOYER:  
MCMILLIAN & RAWLINGS, LLP  
120 NORTH HARRIS STREET/PO BOX 5746  
SANDERSVILLE, GA 31082  
BUSINESS:(478)552-2467  
WASHINGTON COUNTY SOLICITOR

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARY CHANDLER: 3/25/2022  
hms: 4/1/2022



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On Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at approximately 11:28 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of collecting evidence. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

INTERIM CHIEF HOWELL CARDWELL provided a blue in color iPhone XR with a cracked screen which belonged to QUANISHATAE ROLLINS. ROLLINS had reportedly provided the cellular device to CARDWELL earlier in the week and advised that it had been the device she had used to video record the incident on December 8, 2020.

ROLLINS consented to a download of the cellular device and completed a Waiver of Constitutional Rights to a Search Warrant of Computer and Other Digital Devices. She confirmed that the device was unlocked but provided the passcode 1903.

The iPhone XR was documented on the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Receipt for Property Number E-566874 and assigned Evidence Property Tag Number CC07178. On this same date, at approximately 12:29 p.m., the evidence was transferred to the custody of the Region 6 Evidence Room for secured storage.

The Waiver of Constitutional Rights to a Search Warrant of Computer and Other Digital

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Devices and the Receipt for Property were attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

CONSENT FORM Waiver of Constitutional  
Rights to a Search Warrant of Computer and  
Other Digital Devices

[\(Attachments\)](#)

GBI EVIDENCE RECEIPT Receipt for Property

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**CARDWELL, HOWELL** (INVESTIGATOR)

DOB: 8/25/1957

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

CELLULAR:(478)288-3386

**ROLLINS, QUANISHATAE** (MS)

DOB: 7/16/1978

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: 214 W MARION STREET

EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DISPATCHER

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 W MARION STREET

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA 31061

CELLULAR:(706)816-9670

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 6/3/2021  
dal: 6/4/2021

(DAL) ACH

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**06-0087-34-21**

On Thursday, May 13, 2021, at approximately 1:37 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was contacted via telephone by INTERIM CHIEF HOWELL CARDWELL. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

S/A LOVING and CARDWELL discussed the supplemental reports included with the Incident Report, referenced as Case Number 12-1254-2020, which had allegedly been completed by WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE on December 28, 2020 and January 3, 2021. CARDWELL advised that LAWRENCE had been placed on administrative leave by the City of Eatonton on December 11, 2020, the date of his arrest. He confirmed that LAWRENCE would not have had access to the system to enter a supplemental report once he had been placed on administrative leave but dispatchers and office personnel, including LYNN THOMAS, had access to the system. CARDWELL seemed unaware that THOMAS had also included a supplemental report with the Incident Report that had CARDWELL'S name attached to it.

CARDWELL stated that he had spoken with SHERIFF HOWARD SILLS at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office earlier on this same date and had been informed about the discrepancies with the supplemental reports.

No additional information was provided at this time.

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The telephone conversation concluded at approximately 1:46 p.m.

**ID DATA:**

**CARDWELL, HOWELL** (INVESTIGATOR)

DOB: 8/25/1957

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

CELLULAR:(478)288-3386

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 5/13/2021

dal: 5/13/2021

(DAL) ACH

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On Thursday, June 3, 2021, at approximately 2:13 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING reviewed the extracted data from the cellular device of QUANISHATAE ROLLINS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

S/A LOVING reviewed the USB flash drive containing the Logical and Advanced Logical extraction, dated Friday, May 21, 2021, from the iPhone XR belonging to ROLLINS but no relevant video recordings were discovered and no items of evidentiary value were discerned. The USB flash drive was included in the case file.

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 6/15/2021

dal: 6/15/2021

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**06-0087-34-21**

On Friday, April 23, 2021, at approximately 3:30 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARY CHANDLER was located at the Putnam County Clerk of Superior Court and there file the search warrant return for the Eatonton Police Department. I copy of the filed search warrant return is attached to this summary.

No further action was taken at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Filed SW Return for Eatonton PD

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**LAWRENCE, WILLIAM KENT (CHIEF)**

DOB: 4/22/1959

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: 119 GLENWOOD CIRCLE

EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: POLICE CHIEF

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

RESIDENCE:(706)485-5533

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARY CHANDLER: 5/6/2021

mc: 5/6/2021





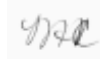
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On Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at approximately 3:00 p.m. this case was reassigned to SA AMANDA HAMMOCK.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARY CHANDLER: 8/31/2021

hms: 8/31/2021



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**06-0087-34-21**

On Friday, May the 28, 2021 at approximately 08:45 AM, SPECIAL AGENT TS RESHA was located at the GBI Cyber Crimes Unit in Augusta, GA for the purpose of extracting the contents of an iPhone with GBI barcode for property CC07178.

The cell phone was described as a blue in color iPhone XR (A1984).

SA RESHA attached to this summary and placed into the case file a written consent to search the phone signed by QUANISHATAE ROLLINS, which had been signed on 5/26/2021. SA RESHA made contact with Rollins on 5/28/2021 and verbally confirmed the consent to search.

SA RESHA placed the phone into airplane mode and followed settings instructions provided by the CELLEBRITE UFED device, SN: 7206953 and running software version 7.45.0.92.

SA RESHA used the CELLEBRITE UFED device to conduct an Advanced Logical file extraction of the cell phone and Logical file extraction.

SA RESHA copied these files to a thumb drive which was assigned GBI barcode for property AA41942.

SA RESHA returned and placed all evidence into secure storage.

**ATTACHMENTS**

CONSENT FORM-VOLUNTARY Consent to search cell phone

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**EVIDENCE**

ONE (1) BLUE IN COLOR IPHONE XR WITH A CRACKED THUMB DRIVE CONTAINING UFED CELL PHONE

[CC07178-Evidence.pdf](#)

[AA41942-Evidence.pdf](#)

**ID DATA:**

**ROLLINS, QUANISHATAE** (MS)

DOB: 7/16/1978

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: 214 W MARION STREET  
EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DISPATCHER

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT


214 W MARION STREET

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA 31061

CELLULAR:(706)816-9670

SPECIAL AGENT THOMAS RESHA: 7/19/2021

tr: 7/19/2021



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REGION 6  
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

**06-0087-34-21**

On Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at approximately 12:42 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was contacted via telephone by TIFFANY MADDOX. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

MADDOX confirmed that she had removed alcoholic beverages from the trunk of TINA CHILDRESS' vehicle and discarded them in the garbage can at the impound lot.

No additional information was provided at this time.

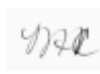
**ID DATA:**

**MADDOX, TIFFANY (MS)**  
SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE  
ADDRESS: 135 REID DRIVE  
EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024  
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES  
OCCUPATION: OTHER  
EMPLOYER:  
UNKNOWN  
CELLULAR:(706)816-1002

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 5/11/2021

dal: 5/13/2021



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**06-0087-34-21**

On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 9:35 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was directed by SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (SAC) MARY CHANDLER to initiate an investigation into an allegation that CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE physically assaulted TINA CHILDRESS who was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia. DISTRICT ATTORNEY STEPHEN BRADLEY of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office requested assistance on this case. This investigation was opened and assigned case number 06-0087-34-21.

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 12/10/2020  
dal: 12/15/2020



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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 9:35 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was contacted via telephone by SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (SAC) MARY CHANDLER. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

SAC CHANDLER provided the following information:

She had been contacted on the evening of Wednesday, December 9, 2020, in reference to an allegation that CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE had physically assaulted a female, later identified as TINA CHILDRESS, while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department. CHILDRESS had been arrested by OFFICER HAROLD BOWMAN on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at approximately 5:13 p.m., for driving under the influence. After transporting CHILDRESS to the police department, BOWMAN left the room but returned upon hearing a commotion and witnessed LAWRENCE repeatedly hitting CHILDRESS. It was not known at this time if LAWRENCE struck CHILDRESS with an open or closed hand or where CHILDRESS had been hit.

BOWMAN had been equipped with a body worn camera but it was not activated until after he initially witnessed LAWRENCE strike CHILDRESS. It was reported that OFFICER PAT WELCH would have had her body worn camera turned on during the

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incident.

On this same date, at approximately 9:50 a.m., S/A LOVING made contact via telephone with BOWMAN to schedule an interview. During the telephone conversation, BOWMAN briefly explained that he had conducted a traffic stop on CHILDRESS for driving under the influence. She had been transported to the Eatonton Police Department and had initially consented to the administration of a breath test to determine her blood alcohol content. After later refusing, WELCH read the implied consent notice for a blood sample which CHILDRESS again refused. It was determined that CHILDRESS would be transported to the hospital before being booked at the jail. She was handcuffed in front of her body but was uncooperative in walking to the patrol vehicle and laid down on the floor. According to BOWMAN, CHILDRESS was not fighting but was non-compliant. While trying to get CHILDRESS up from the floor, BOWMAN witnessed LAWRENCE pull CHILDRESS' hair and repeatedly slap CHILDRESS on the head with an open hand.

BOWMAN stated that he had been equipped with a body worn camera which he activated when he witnessed the incident. He was aware that WELCH also had a body worn camera which should have been recording. BOWMAN reported what he had observed that night to INVESTIGATOR HOWELL CARDWELL who was supposed to review the body worn camera videos.

The incident would have also been witnessed by LYNN THOMAS, the Municipal Court Clerk, and QUANISHATAE ROLLINS, a Dispatcher.

No additional information was provided at this time.

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 12/15/2020

dal: 2/3/2021

(DAL) ACH BQ



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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 12:09 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Region 6 Office, 291 Industrial Park Drive, N.W. in Milledgeville, Georgia, for the purpose of interviewing HAROLD BOWMAN. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

Also present during the interview was ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (ASAC) BRIAN HARGROVE.

The interview of BOWMAN was digitally recorded using an Olympus WS-700M digital voice recorder. The recording was attached to this Investigative Summary and should be referred to for complete details of the interview. BOWMAN essentially stated the following:

He was a Patrolman and had been employed with the Eatonton Police Department since July of 2012.

On Tuesday, December 8, 2020, FIRE CHIEF EUGENE HUBERT observed a vehicle leaving the roadway and he believed the female driver could be intoxicated. BOWMAN responded to the call and, after activating his emergency equipment, he initiated a traffic stop at approximately 5:13 p.m. The female driver, identified as TINA

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CHILDRESS, had slurred speech, red eyes and BOWMAN could smell a strong odor of alcohol. CHILDRESS was taken into custody, but not handcuffed, and driven to the Eatonton Police Department. Once at the police department, BOWMAN stated that he handcuffed one of CHILDRESS' wrists to the bar per their departmental policy and her other hand was free.

BOWMAN asked OFFICER PAT WELCH to administer a breath test then he went into another room to start writing his report. At one point, he left the police department to go to the impound lot when WELCH advised him over the radio that CHILDRESS was not cooperating. When he returned to the police department, WELCH was reading CHILDRESS the implied consent notice for a blood sample to determine her blood alcohol content. CHILDRESS initially agreed and continued to make comments such as saying he was "sexy". BOWMAN suggested that WELCH take CHILDRESS to the hospital for them to obtain the blood sample. WELCH drove her patrol vehicle around to the front of the police department and BOWMAN unhandcuffed CHILDRESS from the bar. As he was handcuffing her wrists in front of her body, CHILDRESS was refusing so he had to grab her arm a "little forcefully" but not hard. CHILDRESS then refused to walk down the hallway so BOWMAN was pulling her but, as she approached the doorway, she "fell down" on the floor.

BOWMAN explained that emergency medical services (EMS) was contacted to draw a blood sample. While waiting on EMS, CHILDRESS remained on the floor. She was reportedly yelling and screaming and rolling around and he was unable to convince her to get up and sit down in a chair. BOWMAN stated that CHILDRESS was "not combative" but was non-compliant and obviously "way intoxicated" so he went to another room to work on his report.

When BOWMAN checked on CHILDRESS one time, he observed CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE, WELCH, LYNN THOMAS and QUANISHATAE ROLLINS present in the room. He stated that LAWRENCE was directing CHILDRESS to get her “fat ass up” and referred to her as a “beached whale”. BOWMAN tried again to convince CHILDRESS to get up from the floor and act like a lady but she continued her behavior so he returned to the other room to work on his report.

When EMS arrived, BOWMAN noted that CHILDRESS, who had been located outside of LAWRENCE’S office, was in the lobby area. RENALDO SANDERS, Paramedic, checked CHILDRESS’ blood sugar level which was satisfactory so they tried to get her up by pulling her upwards from under her arms. BOWMAN stated that he “did not observe any aggression out of her whatsoever” yet LAWRENCE started to slap her on the side of her head toward the top with an open hand. According to BOWMAN, it was approximately seven (7) to ten (10) hard slaps that he could hear and he believed that it had to have hurt. At the time, LAWRENCE was standing over CHILDRESS who was sitting on the ground. LAWRENCE then grabbed a handful of her hair and pulled it forward as he was telling her to get her “fat ass up” and “laughing about it”. BOWMAN stated that CHILDRESS repeatedly said “fuck up” during the time that she was being made fun of and asked why she was being struck.

EMS refused to transport CHILDRESS to the hospital so BOWMAN backed WELCH’S patrol vehicle to the front door. As he got out of the vehicle, he saw that LAWRENCE had CHILDRESS on a rug and was pulling her out of the door. BOWMAN assisted because they did not want to drag her across the concrete or asphalt. EMS provided a MegaMover to lift her up and put her in the back of the patrol vehicle so WELCH could

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drive her to the hospital.

BOWMAN stated that LAWRENCE wanted CHILDRESS charged with Obstruction and Disorderly Conduct but he did not want to take those warrants since he viewed CHILDRESS as being intoxicated and non-compliant. Contact was reportedly made with CHILDRESS' daughter and it was agreed that she could sign the bond paperwork. When BOWMAN took the bond paperwork and CHILDRESS' purse and cellular device to the hospital, he stated that he heard CHILDRESS hollering that "they beat my ass" but he did not hear her elaborate on how.

When discussing where CHILDRESS had been located at the time of the incident, ASAC HARGROVE provided a hand drawn sketch of the front of the Eatonton Police Department which was attached to this Investigative Summary.

BOWMAN had been equipped with a body worn camera during his interaction with CHILDRESS but the recording was intermittent while he was located at the police department because he would turn off the camera when he left the room to work on his report. Once he witnessed the actions of LAWRENCE, BOWMAN activated the body worn camera again. WELCH had also been equipped with a body worn camera which BOWMAN believed had been activated during the entire incident. BOWMAN had not viewed any video recordings.

Following the incident, BOWMAN contacted INVESTIGATOR HOWELL CARDWELL to tell him what he had observed, how he felt and to ask him to review his body worn camera video. He also contacted ROLLINS to ask how she felt about what she had seen. According to BOWMAN, there were no surveillance cameras inside of the police

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department.

OFFICER DENNIS TIPPENS fingerprinted CHILDRESS when she came back to the police department on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. CHILDRESS reportedly complained about her wrists which were described as being red and swollen. She did not recall what had happened but her daughter said that someone had hit her in the head at the police department the previous night.

BOWMAN stated that LAWRENCE was a “great guy to work for” and, although they occasionally got mad with each other, they “get along fine”. He became emotional and expressed that the incident had bothered him. He did not believe that CHILDRESS “deserved what she got”. He also feared retaliation and regretted not intervening or saying something to LAWRENCE. He believed that if he had told LAWRENCE not to hit CHILDRESS, LAWRENCE would have gotten mad with him and might have even struck her again “just out of spite”.

When asked if he had witnessed any similar incidents with LAWRENCE, BOWMAN recalled a child that had run away from the primary school after not taking his medication. After chasing the child, getting him into the patrol vehicle and driving him to the police department, he witnessed LAWRENCE pinch the child’s ear and twist it while saying “I am number one” gesturing with his middle finger. The incident occurred several years ago and they did not have body worn cameras at the time but BOWMAN could not recall any other details about the incident such as the child’s name.

No additional information was provided at this time.

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The interview concluded at approximately 12:41 p.m.

Following the interview, BOWMAN provided the name of the individual at Putnam General Hospital who had contact with CHILDRESS as being TONYA DENNIS.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Audio Interview of Harold Bowman

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CRIME SCENE SKETCH Sketch

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**ID DATA:**

**BOWMAN, HAROLD** (OFFICER)

DOB: 11/27/1961

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

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EMPLOYER:

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dal: 2/3/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
REGION 6  
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 2:18 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of interviewing OFFICER PAT WELCH. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

The interview of WELCH was digitally recorded using an Olympus WS-700M digital voice recorder. The recording was attached to this Investigative Summary and should be referred to for complete details of the interview. WELCH essentially stated the following:

She had received a call from OFFICER HAROLD BOWMAN requesting her assistance at the location where he had initiated a traffic stop on TINA CHILDRESS. When she arrived, CHILDRESS was in the back of BOWMAN'S patrol vehicle hollering that she could not breathe. She remained with CHILDRESS' vehicle to wait for the tow service while BOWMAN transported CHILDRESS to the Eatonton Police Department.

When WELCH returned to the police department, BOWMAN asked her if she would administer the breath test on CHILDRESS to determine her blood alcohol content. She entered the information in the machine, unhandcuffed CHILDRESS from the wall and requested that she blow into the machine but she refused. CHILDRESS was stumbling and falling so she called CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE to the room. WELCH

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stated that she read CHILDRESS the implied consent notice and she agreed to provide a blood sample. She left CHILDRESS in the holding room and went outside and moved her patrol vehicle around to the front of the building to take CHILDRESS to the hospital to obtain the sample. When she walked inside of the front door, CHILDRESS was laying on the floor in front of LAWRENCE'S office. She was handcuffed in front of her body and was rolling around on the floor while screaming and hollering. CHILDRESS reportedly stated that she hated them but then would tell them that she loved them. She also asked to speak with her daughter.

According to WELCH, CHILDRESS remained on the floor for approximately two (2) hours. During that time, LAWRENCE and BOWMAN tried several times to get her off of the floor. They would each grab one of her arms to lift her up but she would lock her legs and push against them. WELCH stated that she did not assist because of her own medical conditions.

The decision was made to contact emergency medical services (EMS) to draw blood at the police department. When the paramedics, RENALDO SANDERS and ANGELA FRANKLIN, arrived, SANDERS came inside to check CHILDRESS' blood sugar level before they used the MegaMover to carry CHILDRESS to WELCH'S patrol vehicle.

S/A LOVING asked WELCH if she witnessed anyone strike, slap or put their hands on CHILDRESS which would hurt her in any way besides trying to pick her up. WELCH replied, "yes". When asked who, she hesitated before stating LAWRENCE. WELCH stated LAWRENCE "popped her upside the head" approximately two (2) times and told her to wake up. According to WELCH, LAWRENCE used an open hand and struck CHILDRESS on the upper part of her head. She explained that LAWRENCE was



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standing but bent over CHILDRESS as she was laying on the floor. When asked if the strikes were hard, WELCH stated "not really" and said that it would be difficult to say if she heard the slaps because she was standing behind everyone. WELCH did not know how to describe the slaps but, when asked if it would have hurt if she had been struck the same way as what she had observed, she replied, "that depends". She explained that, to a sober person, it might have been hard but she did not think it would have hurt CHILDRESS because she was intoxicated.

When asked if anyone else had slapped CHILDRESS, WELCH replied, "not to my knowledge". She also did not witness LAWRENCE pull CHILDRESS' hair. She could not recall anyone calling CHILDRESS any derogatory names but stated that it could have happened. When questioned, WELCH stated, if anyone would have called her derogatory names, it would have been LAWRENCE. S/A LOVING asked if CHILDRESS made any statements in response to being struck. WELCH stated that she might have said not to hit her.

WELCH stated that she was present at the police department except when she went outside to move her patrol vehicle to the front of the building. When asked if she witnessed CHILDRESS fighting, swinging her arms or being aggressive, she responded that CHILDRESS was rolling around on the floor to keep anyone from helping her.

WELCH transported CHILDRESS to the hospital but she did not see any marks on her face and she was not present in the room when CHILDRESS was assessed by medical personnel.

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WELCH was equipped with a body worn camera video which had been activated. Also present during the incident with LAWRENCE was LYNN THOMAS, QUANISHATAE ROLLINS, BOWMAN and SANDERS.

No additional information was provided at this time.

The interview concluded at approximately 2:35 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Audio Interview of Pat Welch

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**WELCH, PAT** (OFFICER)

DOB: 2/4/1958

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: POLICE OFFICER

EMPLOYER:

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SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 12/15/2020

dal: 2/3/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
REGION 6  
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 2:18 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT RET TRUBEY was located at 214 West Marion Street, Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia in reference to this investigation. While at this location, SA TRUBEY made contact with Eatonton Police Department Dispatcher QUANISHATAE "TAE" ROLLINS in reference to conducting an interview. It should be noted, ROLLINS was being interviewed in this investigation due to being a witness in this case. During the interview, ROLLINS stated essentially the following information.

ROLLINS had been at the Eatonton Police Department as a dispatcher since September of 2014. ROLLINS worked C shift from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ROLLINS was at work on the date of this incident, Tuesday, December 8, 2020. ROLLINS was located in the dispatch room/area just off the main lobby.

ROLLINS was aware a female by the name of TINA CHILDRESS was arrested for DUI and being brought to the Eatonton Police Department for further processing. ROLLINS was at the front desk when Eatonton Police Department OFFICER HAROLD BOWMAN brought CHILDRESS in through the front door. CHILDRESS was noted to be a white female wearing a blue shirt, black shorts, average height, heavy set, and handcuffed in the front. ROLLINS recalled CHILDRESS was crying when she walked in and asked to hold OFFICER BOWMAN'S hand. OFFICER BOWMAN told CHILDRESS she could not hold his hand and could use the wall to support herself to walk down the hallway to the booking area. OFFICER BOWMAN and CHILDRESS continued through the door down the hallways to the "booking" area. CHILDRESS did appear to be walking "fine".

ROLLINS could hear CHILDRESS being "loud" when she first got back to the booking area. ROLLINS could not specifically describe what CHILDRESS was doing to be "loud" besides that she was just "loud". ROLLINS never physically saw CHILDRESS in the booking area and never went back there to see what was going on. CHILDRESS was in booking for 15-20 minutes and was "loud" the entire time. ROLLINS only knew of CHILDRESS and OFFICER BOWMAN being together in the booking area. ROLLINS was unsure if any other people were located in the booking area during that time.

When OFFICER BOWMAN was bringing CHILDRESS back up to the front to take her to the Putnam County Jail, Eatonton Police Department OFFICER PAT WELCH was headed to assist OFFICER BOWMAN. ROLLINS recalled CHILDRESS was still being "loud" while being walked back down the hall towards the lobby. ROLLINS was asked by OFFICER BOWMAN to "pop the door" to the lobby so they could walk through and place CHILDRESS in the patrol car. After popping the door, ROLLINS noticed OFFICER BOWMAN never opened the door. OFFICER BOWMAN then stepped around the corner, because ROLLINS could not see him, and advised CHILDRESS was on the floor. At this time, ROLLINS decided to go hold the door open to assist OFFICER BOWMAN. OFFICER WELCH was walking in from the front entrance to assist as ROLLINS was holding the door. ROLLINS described CHILDRESS to be laying on the floor at the door to the lobby. CHILDRESS was rolling back and forth on the floor telling them to take the cuffs off of her. CHILDRESS was screaming at them and making statements that her kids did not love her, she was all alone, and an alcoholic. ROLLINS recalled the cuffs were still in the front of CHILDRESS' body. ROLLINS stated this went on for what she believed to be 35-45 minutes.

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ROLLINS stated while CHILDRESS was rolling around on the floor, nobody touched her. ROLLINS described CHIEF KENT LAWRENCE, OFFICER WELCH, OFFICER BOWMAN, ADMIN ASSISTANT LYNN THOMAS and herself as the individuals there during the incident. Eventually ROLLINS and THOMAS went back into the admin/dispatch area and CHIEF LAWRENCE and OFFICER BOWMAN eventually sat CHILDRESS up. ROLLINS did not know how they were able to get CHILDRESS sitting up. CHIEF LAWRENCE told CHILDRESS to get up and CHILDRESS stated she could not get up. CHILDRESS had been repeatedly stating she could not get up during the time she was on the floor. CHIEF LAWRENCE kept telling CHILDRESS to get up and she would not get up. CHIEF LAWRENCE then open handed patted CHILDRESS on her left shoulder, but the pat was not hard. CHIEF LAWRENCE did this as he was telling CHILDRESS to get up. CHILDRESS then hollered out loud that she could not get up. CHIEF LAWRENCE and OFFICER BOWMAN then got on each side of CHILDRESS and tried to pull her into the lobby. ROLLINS stated she did not see CHIEF LAWRENCE strike CHILDRESS any more after he patted her back. CHILDRESS was pulled into the lobby by CHIEF LAWRENCE and OFFICER BOWMAN and immediately began laying on the floor again, refusing to move. OFFICER WELCH called for EMS to come assist moving CHILDRESS out of the lobby. RENALDO SANDERS with EMS showed up to assist and came in the lobby to help with CHILDRESS. CHILDRESS was still upset when SANDERS was dealing with her. ROLLINS did recall hearing CHILDRESS state that CHIEF LAWRENCE hit her, but she never witnessed CHIEF LAWRENCE hit CHILDRESS. ROLLINS also did not hear anything that sounded like CHILDRESS being hit. CHILDRESS was eventually gotten out of the door and near the patrol vehicles. CHILDRESS was assisted getting up by ROLLINS, CHIEF LAWRENCE, SANDERS, OFFICER BOWMAN, and a female EMS worker. CHILDRESS was placed in OFFICER WELCH'S patrol vehicle and taken

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to Putnam General Hospital by OFFICER WELCH.

ROLLINS recalled OFFICER WELCH and OFFICER BOWMAN were wearing body cameras during the incident. ROLLINS stated while at the hospital, CHILDRESS was still uncooperative and OFFICER CHRISTAIN WALDROUP and OFFICER ELI JAMES had to assist in dealing with CHILDRESS at the hospital. Eventually, OFFICER BOWMAN went to the hospital to meet with TIFFANY MADDOX, the daughter of CHILDRESS, to provide her with belongings and help bond CHILDRESS out.

ROLLINS stated BOWMAN did tell her he witnessed CHIEF LAWRENCE hit CHILDRESS in the head and he had his bodycam on during the incident. ROLLINS stated she had not seen any bodycam footage related to this incident. ROLLINS stated she had never seen CHIEF LAWRENCE lose his temper and strike someone in the past. ROLLINS did recall CHILDRESS stating at least three times in the lobby that CHIEF LAWRENCE hit her. ROLLINS quoted CHILDRESS saying "fuck you, you hit me".

This interview was recorded utilizing a GBI audio recording device. This summary is not a verbatim transcript of the interview. For complete details of the interview, please see the attached audio recording. This interview was concluded at approximately 2:55 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Interview with Dispatcher Quanishatae  
"Tae" Rollins

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

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COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DISPATCHER

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SPECIAL AGENT RONALD TRUBEY: 3/1/2021

rt: 3/1/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
REGION 6  
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 3:25 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT RET TRUBEY was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia, in reference to this investigation. While at this location, SA TRUBEY made contact with ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY LYNN THOMAS in reference to conducting an interview. THOMAS was being interviewed in this investigation due to being a witness to this incident. During the interview, THOMAS stated essentially the following information.

THOMAS advised she had worked at the Eatonton Police Department for approximately 37 years, and she was currently the administrative secretary. She worked from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and was at work on December 8, 2020 when the incident occurred. THOMAS recalled Eatonton Police Department OFFICER HAROLD BOWMAN arrested TINA CHILDRESS on a traffic stop. THOMAS did not see CHILDRESS when she first entered the Eatonton Police Department after the traffic stop. THOMAS did hear CHILDRESS in the back booking area. THOMAS stated she heard CHILDRESS say she wanted to call her daughter, and she was crying a lot. THOMAS stated CHILDRESS sounded like she was intoxicated. THOMAS later heard OFFICER BOWMAN talking to CHILDRESS in the hall near where CHIEF KENT LAWRENCE'S door was. At that time, THOMAS decided to look and see what was going on.

THOMAS observed CHILDRESS lying on the floor on her stomach handcuffed in the front. CHILDRESS was lying in the area just behind the lobby door, and CHIEF LAWRENCE, OFFICER BOWMAN, OFFICER PAT WELCH, and QUANISHATAE



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"TAE" ROLLINS were standing there. THOMAS went to the dispatch area and watched what occurred. THOMAS recalled they were trying to get CHILDRESS to stand up and get in a chair, but she would not do so. CHILDRESS was rolling over and talking, stating her daughters did not love her, nobody loved her, and she continued to cry hysterically. THOMAS and ROLLINS tried to calm CHILDRESS down by talking to her while she laid on the floor. OFFICER WELCH was in dispatch watching the incident as OFFICER BOWMAN was in the courtroom area doing paperwork. THOMAS stated she never saw CHIEF LAWRENCE or anyone else try to get CHILDRESS up. THOMAS recalled ROLLINS called EMS to the Eatonton Police Department to help handle CHILDRESS and take her blood.

CHILDRESS had eventually moved to the lobby and was lying on the floor when EMS arrived. RENALDO SANDERS, who worked for EMS, came into the Eatonton Police Department to assist with CHILDRESS. THOMAS stated she was in dispatch while OFFICER BOWMAN, OFFICER WELCH, CHIEF LAWRENCE, and ROLLINS were handling CHILDRESS in the lobby. THOMAS recalled before EMS arrived, she heard CHILDRESS say something like "hit me" but never saw anyone hit CHILDRESS. THOMAS again stated she never saw anyone strike CHILDRESS. THOMAS stated she did not hear what sounded like anyone hitting CHILDRESS. THOMAS stated no one had said anything to her about someone striking CHILDRESS. THOMAS recalled SANDERS brought in a carrying device that they utilized to get CHILDRESS out of the lobby and into the patrol vehicle. CHILDRESS was then transported to Putnam General Hospital.

It should be noted this interview was recorded utilizing a GBI audio recording device. This summary is not a verbatim transcript of the interview. For complete details of the

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interview, please see the attached audio recording. This interview was concluded at approximately 3:46 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Interview with Lynn Thomas

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**THOMAS, LYNN** (Previously Submitted)

SPECIAL AGENT RONALD TRUBEY: 3/1/2021

erk: 3/2/2021

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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 5:05 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at 135 Reid Drive in Eatonton, Georgia for the purpose of interviewing TINA CHILDRESS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

The interview of CHILDRESS was digitally recorded using an Olympus WS-700M digital voice recorder. The recording was attached to this Investigative Summary and should be referred to for complete details of the interview. CHILDRESS essentially stated the following:

She recalled being the subject of a traffic stop and being transported to the Eatonton Police Department. She also remembered having her blood drawn at the hospital although she had refused to provide consent for the sample. CHILDRESS stated that she "was intoxicated" and she knew what she had done was wrong.

While at the police department, CHILDRESS remembered falling on the floor and said that she had been drinking too much eggnog. She believed at least three (3) or four (4) white police officers, including CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE, shoved her down, were on top of her back and "roughed" her up. CHILDRESS stated that she was "attacked" from behind and described the experience as "horrible". She received two (2) or more punches to the back of her head but she did not know who struck her

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because she had been facedown. According to CHILDRESS, she had knots on the back of her head which were still sore.

CHILDRESS believed she had been handcuffed behind her body and thought it was LAWRENCE who ordered her to get up but she was unable because she had recently had surgery on her right knee. She recalled being “yanked” up and hurt.

CHILDRESS did not know if she had been resisting the police officers but stated that she had lost her balance and fell inside of the police department because she was drunk. She could not recall if she had been dragged but said that she had been picked up by her handcuffs. When S/A LOVING asked what had happened to her wrists, CHILDRESS thought the bruises were from being held down and she did not believe anyone was trying to help her get up from the floor.

CHILDRESS did not report the incident because she stated that she was scared. In her opinion, the more she said to the police officers, the angrier they became. She went to the Eatonton Police Department on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, to be photographed and fingerprinted. While there, a police officer asked her what had happened when he noticed the bruises. CHILDRESS stated that she showed her bruises to LAWRENCE and he said it was the result of her falling and laughed at her.

CHILDRESS believed that they needed to be held accountable because she did not deserve the treatment she received. She also thought that she had not been arrested because they knew what they had done to her was wrong.

No additional information was provided at this time.

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The interview concluded at approximately 5:20 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Audio Interview of Tina Childress

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**CHILDRESS, TINA (MS)**

DOB: 9/15/1962

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

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EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: UNKNOWN

EMPLOYER:

UNKNOWN

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SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 12/15/2020

dal: 2/3/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 5:05 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT RET TRUBEY was located at 135 Reid Drive in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia in reference to this investigation. While at this location, SA TRUBEY made contact with TIFFANY MADDOX in reference to conducting an interview. MADDOX was being interviewed due to being a witness to this investigation and the daughter of TINA CHILDRESS. During the interview, MADDOX stated essentially the following information.

MADDOX recalled receiving a phone call from the Eatonton Police Department and was told CHILDRESS had gotten a DUI. CHIEF KENT LAWRENCE wanted to speak with MADDOX and told her CHILDRESS was DUI driving on railroad tracks, and she needed to go to the hospital and bond her out. MADDOX stated CHIEF LAWRENCE told her the bonds were taken care of and they did not owe anything. CHIEF LAWRENCE also told MADDOX that CHILDRESS was flopping on the floor and being loud. MADDOX did go to Putnam General Hospital and picked up CHILDRESS.

When MADDOX arrived at the hospital to pick up CHILDRESS and sign the paperwork for her bond, she recorded seeing her mother intoxicated. It should be noted SA TRUBEY received a video recording taken by MADDOX and noted the video was of what appeared to be CHILDRESS in Putnam General Hospital very intoxicated, yelling, crying, and walking from the hospital to the car. MADDOX also took several photographs of CHILDRESS on December 10, 2020. SA TRUBEY observed these pictures to be of CHILDRESS with bruises on her arms and hands, thighs, and buttocks area. MADDOX stated she felt CHILDRESS' head on December 9, 2020 and

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December 10, 2020 and could feel lumps and knots on her head. MADDOX recalled these knots being on the back of CHILDRESS' head on the upper left and right sides. MADDOX recalled on the ride from the hospital to CHILDRESS' house, CHILDRESS stated the police beat her, jumped on her back, and punched her in the head. MADDOX stated her husband, MATTHEW, was also in the car as well (phone number 706-473-9004).

MADDOX stated at approximately 2 or 3 a.m. on December 9, 2020, she called CHILDRESS and checked on her, and CHILDRESS continued to state she was sore and that the police had crossed the line when handling her. MADDOX stated she saw the bruising and felt the knots on CHILDRESS' head when she was taking CHILDRESS back to the Eatonton Police Department to be fingerprinted and get her car from the impound lot. SA TRUBEY noted the bruises to be on CHILDRESS' arms, wrists, hip, back, and knee. CHILDRESS told MADDOX the police officers had thrown her down on the ground. CHILDRESS also told MADDOX there were four people on top of her and stated one person punched her in the head, but she never named who punched her. CHILDRESS did state to MADDOX that she was mad at CHIEF LAWRENCE because he was standing there. MADDOX stated CHILDRESS did call CHIEF LAWRENCE a "son of a bitch" a few times that night.

MADDOX advised CHILDRESS has had a drinking problem for approximately 13 years. MADDOX moved to Eatonton back in 2007, and CHILDRESS moved to Eatonton with her. MADDOX stated nothing like this has ever occurred before.

It should be noted this interview was recorded utilizing a GBI audio recording device. This summary is not a verbatim transcript of the interview. For complete details of the

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interview, please see the attached audio recording. This interview was concluded at approximately 5:36 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

VIDEO Video of Tina Childress

[\(Attachments\)](#)

PHOTOGRAPH Photographs of Tina Childress

[\(Attachments\)](#)

AUDIO Interview with Tiffany Maddox

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**MADDOX, TIFFANY** (Previously Submitted)

SPECIAL AGENT RONALD TRUBEY: 3/1/2021

erk: 3/2/2021

*RT AGH BQ*



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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 5:24 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at 135 Reid Drive in Eatonton, Georgia for the purpose of interviewing TINA CHILDRESS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

While at this location, S/A LOVING documented the injuries to CHILDRESS via photographs which were attached to this Investigative Summary. Included in the photographs was a picture of CHILDRESS' wrists which she had taken with her cellular device on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

**ATTACHMENTS**

PHOTOGRAPH Photographs

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**CHILDRESS, TINA (MS)**

DOB: 9/15/1962

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: 109 LOWER HARMONY ROAD, LOT 18

EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: UNKNOWN

EMPLOYER:

UNKNOWN

CELLULAR:(706)634-2368

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 12/15/2020

dal: 2/3/2021

(DAL) AGH BQ

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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 6:07 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of interviewing OFFICER DENNIS TIPPENS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

The interview of TIPPENS was digitally recorded using an Olympus WS-700M digital voice recorder. The recording was attached to this Investigative Summary and should be referred to for complete details of the interview. TIPPENS essentially stated the following:

He was a Patrol Officer with the Eatonton Police Department but had not been working on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. When TIPPENS arrived at work on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at approximately 11:45 a.m., he was advised by CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE that he needed to process TINA CHILDRESS from an incident on the previous night. TIPPENS had been aware that there had been a traffic stop which resulted in an arrest because he had been listening to his radio while at his residence but he and LAWRENCE did not discuss the incident.

As TIPPENS grabbed CHILDRESS' wrist when he began to fingerprint her, she made "a loud, painful noise" so he immediately let her wrist go. She voiced a complaint about

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her wrists which appeared to TIPPENS to be discolored. Once he finished fingerprinting CHILDRESS and taking her photograph, he escorted her and her daughter to the impound lot to retrieve her vehicle. After releasing the vehicle to CHILDRESS, her daughter asked him if he knew what had happened on the previous night. She did not want TIPPENS to tell anyone but stated that someone had punched her mother in the face while she had been at the police department although she was not aware of who had struck her.

TIPPENS stated that he had made conversation with CHILDRESS while completing the booking report but she did not have any recollection of what had happened and did not mention anyone having physical contact with her. He did not know if CHILDRESS had a conversation with LAWRENCE when she was at the police department that day.

Later that same day, TIPPENS received a telephone call from OFFICER HAROLD BOWMAN who had initiated the traffic stop on CHILDRESS. BOWMAN told TIPPENS that LAWRENCE was the individual who had struck CHILDRESS in the head and face area and he believed the incident was "messed up".

No additional information was provided at this time.

The interview concluded at approximately 6:16 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Audio Interview of Dennis Tippens

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**TIPPENS, DENNIS** (OFFICER)

DOB: 8/23/1995

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: POLICE OFFICER

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

CELLULAR:(706)816-1327

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 12/15/2020

dal: 2/3/2021

(DAL) ACH BQ

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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, at approximately 6:19 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of interviewing INVESTIGATOR HOWELL CARDWELL. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

The interview of CARDWELL was digitally recorded using an Olympus WS-700M digital voice recorder. The recording was attached to this Investigative Summary and should be referred to for complete details of the interview. CARDWELL essentially stated the following:

He was an Investigator at the Eatonton Police Department but had not been working on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. He had been contacted that evening, at approximately 6:30 p.m., by CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE requesting that he issue a warrant for TINA CHILDRESS on the charge of Obstruction. He informed CARDWELL that CHILDRESS had been driving under the influence and had not been compliant. She had reportedly been highly intoxicated and had been falling on the ground and rolling around. CARDWELL believed that LAWRENCE might have told him that CHILDRESS had been fighting.

When CARDWELL arrived at the police department, CHILDRESS was not present.

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LAWRENCE advised him that they would just issue tickets for CHILDRESS which CARDWELL stated was not unusual.

Later that night, CARDWELL received a telephone call from OFFICER HAROLD BOWMAN. BOWMAN was concerned about the events that had occurred and he believed CHILDRESS had been mistreated. BOWMAN told CARDWELL that LAWRENCE had struck CHILDRESS but CARDWELL did not ask BOWMAN to elaborate and he did not discuss the allegation with LAWRENCE. BOWMAN was supposed to have come to the police department the following day for CARDWELL to download his body worn camera video but the video footage was not downloaded until this date in the presence of ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (ASAC) BRIAN HARGROVE.

No additional information was provided at this time.

The interview concluded at approximately 6:23 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Audio Interview of Howell Cardwell

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**CARDWELL, HOWELL** (INVESTIGATOR)

DOB: 8/25/1957

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

CELLULAR:(478)288-3386

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 12/16/2020

dal: 2/3/2021

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On Friday, December 11, 2020, at approximately 10:24 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was contacted via electronic mail message by CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYST (CIA) VICTORIA TOMLINSON. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

In response to a request by S/A LOVING, CIA TOMLINSON provided an intelligence report on WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE which was attached to this Investigative Summary. No criminal history was noted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

DRIVERS LICENSE PHOTO Drivers License  
Photograph

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SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 12/16/2020

dal: 2/17/2021

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On Friday, December 11, 2020, at approximately 11:36 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Putnam County Superior Court, 100 South Jefferson Avenue in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of obtaining arrest warrants. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

Also present was SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (SAC) MARY CHANDLER.

Having read the Affidavit, supported by the oral affirmation and testimony of S/A LOVING, CHIEF JUDGE BRENDA TRAMMELL of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit Superior Court found that probable cause existed for the issuance of Arrest Warrants for WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE for two (2) counts of Simple Battery (O.C.G.A. § 16-5-23) and one (1) count of Battery (O.C.G.A. § 16-5-23.1).

The State Warrants and Mittimus were attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

ARREST WARRANT State Warrants and  
Mittimus

[\(Attachments\)](#)

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 12/16/2020  
dal: 2/5/2021



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On Friday, December 11, 2020, at approximately 12:15 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of executing arrest warrants. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

Also present was SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (SAC) MARY CHANDLER and ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (ASAC) BRIAN HARGROVE.

WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE was arrested without incident and transported to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. S/A LOVING completed the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Arrest Record and documented LAWRENCE via a photograph which were attached to this Investigative Summary.

Prior to departing the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, S/A LOVING was provided with the Arrest/Booking Report and fingerprint card which were also attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

ARREST RECORD Arrest Record [\(Attachments\)](#)  
PHOTOGRAPH Photograph [\(Attachments\)](#)  
ARREST-BOOKING REPORT [\(Attachments\)](#)  
Arresting/Booking Report  
FINGERPRINT CARDS Fingerprint Card [\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**LAWRENCE, WILLIAM KENT (CHIEF)**

DOB: 4/22/1959

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: 119 GLENWOOD CIRCLE  
EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: POLICE CHIEF

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

RESIDENCE:(706)485-5533

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/5/2021

*(DAL) AGH BQ*

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On Friday, December 11, 2020, at approximately 1:11 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of meeting with OFFICER PAT WELCH. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

In response to a request to review the personnel file of WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE, WELCH advised that the file had been removed from the Eatonton Police Department by MARIA JIMENEZ, City Clerk, while LAWRENCE had been with Agents at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

S/A LOVING traveled to the Eatonton City Hall and witnessed JIMENEZ and GARY SANDERS, City Administrator, conducting a search of personnel file of LAWRENCE. Based on their review, it was reported that no Oath of Office form had been located. According to JIMENEZ, she had obtained the personnel file from the Eatonton Police Department at the request of SHERIFF HOWARD SILLS at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/5/2021



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On Friday, December 11, 2020, at approximately 1:35 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at 109 Lower Harmony Road, Lot 18, in Eatonton, Georgia for the purpose of meeting with TINA CHILDRESS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

At the request of S/A LOVING, CHILDRESS provided the Progress Notes from her appointment on this same date with AJAY KUMAR, M.D. The Progress Notes were attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

MEDICAL RECORDS Progress Notes

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**CHILDRESS, TINA (MS)**

DOB: 9/15/1962

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: 109 LOWER HARMONY ROAD, LOT 18  
EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: UNKNOWN

EMPLOYER:

UNKNOWN

CELLULAR:(706)634-2368

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/5/2021

(DAL) ACH BQ

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On Friday, December 11, 2020, at approximately 2:03 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at Putnam General Hospital, 101 Lake Oconee Parkway in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of obtaining medical records. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

TINA CHILDRESS had previously completed the Authorization for Disclosure of Protected Health Information for the release of her medical records from Putnam General Hospital. In response to the request, SHANNON ROBBINS provided S/A LOVING with the medical records, referenced as Account Number 10019491, for Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

The Authorization for Disclosure of Protected Health Information and medical records were attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

OTHER Authorization for Disclosure of Protected Health Information

[\(Attachments\)](#)

MEDICAL RECORDS Medical Records

[\(Attachments\)](#)



**ID DATA:**

**ROBBINS, SHANNON** (MS)

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: OFFICE MANAGER

EMPLOYER:

PUTNAM GENERAL HOSPITAL

101 LAKE OCONEE PARKWAY

EATONTON, GA 31024

BUSINESS:(706)485-2711

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/8/2021

(DAL) AGH BQ

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On Friday, December 11, 2020, at approximately 2:32 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT RET TRUBEY was located at Putnam County EMS Station 10, 882 South Oak Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia, in reference to this investigation. While at this location, SA TRUBEY made contact with Putnam County EMS PARAMEDIC/SHIFT CAPTAIN RENALDO SANDERS in reference to conducting an interview. PARAMEDIC SANDERS was being interviewed in this investigation due to being a witness to this incident. During the interview, PARAMEDIC SANDERS stated essentially the following.

PARAMEDIC SANDERS advised he had been a paramedic for approximately 32 years with 25 of those years being at Putnam County EMS. PARAMEDIC SANDERS was currently a paramedic/shift captain for Putnam County EMS.

PARAMEDIC SANDERS recalled on December 8, 2020, Eatonton Police Department CHIEF KENT LAWRENCE requested assistance from an ambulance to come to the Eatonton Police Department to draw legal blood on a DUI. PARAMEDIC SANDERS stated he personally called the police department and spoke with Eatonton Police Department OFFICER PAT WELCH, who advised they had been dealing with a female for approximately two hours and requested he come help them.

PARAMEDIC SANDERS stated he responded to the scene, and when he arrived at the police department, he witnessed CHIEF LAWRENCE dragging the female through the door. PARAMEDIC SANDERS recalled the female was cuffed in front, and OFFICER WELCH was helping get her back into the lobby. PARAMEDIC SANDERS stated the

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female began lying on the floor on her back and appeared to be in a daze with her eyes partially closed. PARAMEDIC SANDERS stated he observed CHIEF LAWRENCE start slapping the female on her cheeks, telling her to wake up and talk to PARAMEDIC SANDERS. PARAMEDIC SANDERS sat on the floor and checked the female's blood sugar, and he noted she was extremely intoxicated. PARAMEDIC SANDERS asked if she would let him take her blood, and she stated no. PARAMEDIC SANDERS described the slapping CHIEF LAWRENCE was doing towards the female as only slapping her cheeks. PARAMEDIC SANDERS recalled the female was cussing at CHIEF LAWRENCE, stating he was family.

It should be noted this interview was concluded at approximately 2:39 p.m. due to a 911 call coming in during the interview.

This interview was recorded utilizing a GBI audio recording device. This summary is not a verbatim transcript of the interview. For complete details of the interview, please see the attached audio recording.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Interview with Putnam EMS RENALDO SANDERS

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**SANDERS, RENALDO** (Previously Submitted)

SPECIAL AGENT RONALD TRUBEY: 3/1/2021

erk: 3/3/2021



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On Friday, December 11, 2020, at approximately 5:30 pm, GBI Region Six ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE BRIAN C. HARGROVE was located at the Eatonton Police Department in Eatonton, Georgia for the purpose of obtaining body camera footage. The footage obtained was from Eatonton Police OFFICERS HAROLD BOWMAN, PAT WELCH, and DENNIS TIPPINS.

EPD INVESTIGATOR HOWELL CARDWELL downloaded the videos to a total of ten separate DVDs, which were inventoried as the following:

- Six (6) DVDs containing footage of HAROLD BOWMAN's body camera. This footage included the initial traffic stop, and events leading up to CHILDRESS' transportation to the hospital.

- Five (5) DVDs containing footage of PAT WELCH's body camera. This footage included the initial traffic stop, events leading up to CHILDRESS' transportation to the hospital, and events which took place at the hospital.

- One (1) DVD containing footage of DENNIS TIPPINS' body camera. This footage included video of CHILDRESS' booking the day after the initial arrest.

The download for each DVD was witnessed by ASAC HARGROVE.

The DVDs were secured in a manila envelope, and placed into the rear of the case file as documented on the attached GBI Receipt for Property E-566005.

No further action took place at that time.

**ATTACHMENTS**

GBI EVIDENCE RECEIPT E-566005

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**CARDWELL, HOWELL** (INVESTIGATOR)

DOB: 8/25/1957

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

CELLULAR:(478)288-3386

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, ASST BRIAN C HARGROVE: 2/23/2021

bch: 2/23/2021

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**06-0087-34-21**

On Friday, December 11, 2020, at approximately 6:35 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Putnam County Fire Department, 882 South Oak Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of interviewing RENALDO SANDERS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

The interview of SANDERS was digitally recorded using an Olympus WS-700M digital voice recorder. The recording was attached to this Investigative Summary and should be referred to for complete details of the interview. SANDERS essentially stated the following:

He was a Paramedic and Shift Supervisor Captain and had been employed with Putnam County for approximately twenty-four (24) years.

On Tuesday, December 8, 2020, SANDERS had been contacted by OFFICER PAT WELCH who requested assistance with a female, later identified as TINA CHILDRESS, because they had reportedly been struggling with her for approximately two (2) hours. When SANDERS and his partner, ANGELA FRANKLIN, arrived at the Eatonton Police Department, FRANKLIN remained in the truck while SANDERS went inside. As SANDERS walked into the lobby, he observed "Chief Lawrence dragging this young lady by handcuffs" through the doorway to the lobby. According to

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SANDERS, CHILDRESS had been handcuffed in front of her body and CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE was holding the handcuffs as he was pulling her.

Once in the lobby, LAWRENCE reportedly began slapping CHILDRESS with an open hand on her cheek multiple times in rapid succession while telling her to wake up. When asked, SANDERS explained that CHILDRESS was not "passed out" but was just laying there, not responding and not cooperating. While being slapped, CHILDRESS was yelling to "stop" which SANDERS interpreted as CHILDRESS wanting LAWRENCE to stop hitting her. SANDERS did not think the slaps were hard but were meant to get CHILDRESS' attention and she started to cuss at LAWRENCE.

SANDERS explained to CHILDRESS that he wanted to check her blood sugar to which she agreed. At the request of WELCH, SANDERS asked CHILDRESS if he could draw a blood sample but she stated "no". SANDERS could smell alcohol on CHILDRESS and stated that she was "drunk as hell".

SANDERS advised LAWRENCE that CHILDRESS would need to receive a medical clearance before being transported to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office but SANDERS refused to transport her to Putnam General Hospital because she was not a patient. He helped pull CHILDRESS toward the front door of the building and onto a floor mat which they used to drag her until they could get the MegaMover to carry her to the patrol vehicle.

SANDERS described CHILDRESS as rolling around and not cooperating but not fighting. SANDERS stated that LAWRENCE was the only individual he observed dragging CHILDRESS by the handcuffs and he never witnessed LAWRENCE strike

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CHILDRESS on the top or back of her head and he did not see LAWRENCE pull her hair.

SANDERS believed that everyone was frustrated. He stated that he did not witness anyone holding CHILDRESS down or kicking her but he reiterated that WELCH had told him that they had been interacting with CHILDRESS for two (2) hours prior to his arrival.

No additional information was provided at this time.

The interview concluded at approximately 6:49 p.m.

Following the interview, SANDERS advised that a Patient Care Report had not been completed because CHILDRESS had not been transported to Putnam General Hospital.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Audio Interview of Renaldo Sanders

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**SANDERS, RENALDO** (MR)

DOB: 9/13/1966

SEX/RACE: MALE/UNKNOWN

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: PARAMEDIC

EMPLOYER:

PUTNAM COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

882 SOUTH OAK STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

CELLULAR:(706)473-8223



SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/8/2021

(DAL) ACH BQ

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On Friday, December 11, 2020, at approximately 6:53 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Putnam County Fire Department, 882 South Oak Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of interviewing ANGELA FRANKLIN. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

The interview of FRANKLIN was digitally recorded using an Olympus WS-700M digital voice recorder. The recording was attached to this Investigative Summary and should be referred to for complete details of the interview. FRANKLIN essentially stated the following:

She was an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Intermediate and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and had been employed with Putnam County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for approximately eleven (11) years.

On Tuesday, December 8, 2020, OFFICER PAT WELCH had contacted the Putnam County Fire Department and requested that RENALDO SANDERS draw a blood sample from an intoxicated female, later identified as TINA CHILDRESS. Although they normally do not obtain blood samples, SANDERS had agreed after WELCH said that CHILDRESS was willing to cooperate.

Upon arrival at the Eatonton Police Department, FRANKLIN remained inside of the

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truck and did not enter the building. From her location, she was unable to see inside of the lobby area but she observed CHILDRESS when they brought her outside on a rug. At that time, she offered the assistance of the MegaMover to lift her into the patrol vehicle.

FRANKLIN described CHILDRESS as agitated and “really, really drunk” but she did not witness CHILDRESS kicking or fighting and she did not see anyone strike or kick CHILDRESS.

No additional information was provided at this time.

The interview concluded at approximately 6:57 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Audio Interview of Angela Franklin

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**FRANKLIN, ANGELA (MS)**

DOB: 4/26/1966

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: EMT

EMPLOYER:

PUTNAM COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

882 SOUTH OAK STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

CELLULAR:(770)714-8387

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/8/2021



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**06-0087-34-21**

On Monday, December 14, 2020, at approximately 9:10 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT RET TRUBEY was located at 758 South Steel Bridge Road in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia in reference to this investigation. While at this location, SA TRUBEY made contact with Putnam General Hospital REGISTERED NURSE DONNA EVANS in reference to conducting an interview. RN EVANS was being interviewed due to being a witness in this incident as she handled TINA CHILDRESS at Putnam General Hospital. During the interview, RN EVANS stated essentially the following information.

RN EVANS advised she had been a registered nurse for approximately 17 years and had worked at Putnam General Hospital for approximately 4 years. RN EVANS worked night shift from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

RN EVANS was at work the night the Eatonton Police Department brought CHILDRESS in for medical clearance so she could go to jail. RN EVANS recalled OFFICER PAT WELCH was there but could not remember the other officers at the hospital. RN EVANS did recall OFFICER HAROLD BOWMAN arriving on scene with a property bond for CHILDRESS' daughter to sign and release to her care.

RN EVANS described CHILDRESS as being very belligerent, loud, and cussing at everyone. CHILDRESS was resisting getting out of the police car and was handcuffed in the front during this incident. RN EVANS stated CHILDRESS was calling everyone a "bitch" and stating she wanted to go home. RN EVANS stated CHILDRESS would cuss at whoever she was looking at. CHILDRESS was handcuffed to the side of the bed and was constantly snatching the handcuffs back and forth against the side of the bed.

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CHILDRESS said nothing to RN EVANS about anyone hitting her. Officers did tell RN EVANS that CHILDRESS was cussing and resisting them at the police department. RN EVANS stated a phlebotomist was able to draw blood from CHILDRESS. RN EVANS stated while at the hospital, she noticed no injuries to CHILDRESS. RN EVANS stated she knew CHILDRESS' wrists would be injured from the handcuffs because of her snatching the handcuffs back and forth. RN EVANS stated CHILDRESS did not complain of any injuries or pains. CHILDRESS just stated she wanted to go home and did not want to go to jail.

RN EVANS stated she did not know why CHILDRESS got a property bond and did not go to jail. RN EVANS stated they were going to give CHILDRESS a "banana bag," but CHILDRESS advised she did not want any medical treatment. The phlebotomist did get legal blood drawn, but no blood was drawn for the hospital. The blood was given to OFFICER WELCH. Once CHILDRESS had refused medical treatment, they were able to release her from the hospital after she bonded out. RN EVANS recalled CHILDRESS' daughter signing an Against Medical Advice release form, and CHILDRESS left the hospital. RN EVANS was told CHILDRESS was arrested for a DUI, and she could tell CHILDRESS was intoxicated. RN EVANS stated the only thing officers told her was that CHILDRESS was being resistant at the police department before she got to the hospital.

This interview was recorded utilizing a GBI audio recording device. This summary is not a verbatim transcript of the interview. For complete details of the interview, please see the attached audio recording. This interview was concluded at approximately 9:24 a.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Interview with RN DONNA EVANS

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**EVANS, DONNA** (Previously Submitted)

SPECIAL AGENT RONALD TRUBEY: 3/1/2021

erk: 3/3/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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On Monday, December 14, 2020, at approximately 10:15 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Putnam County Superior Court, 100 South Jefferson Avenue in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of reviewing archived newspaper articles. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

In reviewing the archives for The Eatonton Messenger, S/A LOVING, with the assistance of T. WRIGHT BARKSDALE, District Attorney for the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit, located the newspaper article, dated Thursday, November 27, 1986, titled "Lawrence Appointed As Police Chief Of Eatonton". The article, referenced as Volume 118 – Number 48, was attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

OTHER Newspaper Article

[\(Attachments\)](#)

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/16/2021

*(DAL) ACH BQ*

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
REGION 6  
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Monday, December 14, 2020, at approximately 11:41 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of meeting with LYNN THOMAS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

At the request of S/A LOVING, THOMAS provided a blank copy of the Eatonton Police Department Oath of Office form and a more recent version titled Eatonton Police Department Official Oath of Office. THOMAS stated that she had never seen an Oath of Office form for CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE and she was not aware of whether he had ever signed one. Aside from LAWRENCE, HOWARD CLEMONS was identified as having been employed by the Eatonton Police Department for the longest amount of time. THOMAS allowed S/A LOVING to review CLEMONS personnel file which contained the Eatonton Police Department Oath of Office form signed by CLEMONS but it did not include the date.

The Oath of Office forms were attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

OATH OF OFFICE Oath of Office

[\(Attachments\)](#)



**ID DATA:**

**THOMAS, LYNN (MS)**

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: CLERK

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/16/2021

(DAL) ACH BQ

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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On Monday, December 14, 2020, at approximately 11:55 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of interviewing OFFICER HOWARD CLEMONS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

The interview of CLEMONS was digitally recorded using an Olympus WS-700M digital voice recorder. The recording was attached to this Investigative Summary and should be referred to for complete details of the interview. CLEMONS essentially stated the following:

He was a Patrolman and had been employed by the Eatonton Police Department for approximately thirty-five (35) years. He had initially started with the department in 1978 but left for a few years before returning in 1989.

CLEMONS did not recall signing an Oath of Office form in 1978 when he started employment under the former Chief of Police, BILLY WOOTEN. S/A LOVING showed CLEMONS the Oath of Office form, signed by him and CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE, that had been found inside of his personnel file. CLEMONS remembered signing the form but he did not know when he signed it and did not understand why the form did not contain the date that he had signed it. The Oath of

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Office form shown to CLEMONS was attached to this Investigative Summary.

No additional information was provided at this time.

The interview concluded at approximately 11:59 a.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Audio Interview of Howard Clemons

[\(Attachments\)](#)

OATH OF OFFICE Oath of Office

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**CLEMONS, HOWARD** (OFFICER)

DOB: 7/28/1951

SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: POLICE OFFICER

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

CELLULAR:(706)816-2269

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/16/2021

*(DAL) ACH BQ*

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On Monday, December 14, 2020, at approximately 12:03 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of interviewing OFFICER HOWARD CLEMONS. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

While at this location, LORI GETTY, a Dispatcher for the Eatonton Police Department, advised that she had heard that LYNN THOMAS and CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE had shredded documents and removed boxes from the police department on Friday evening and throughout the weekend. She had not been at the Eatonton Police Department during that time but had received the information from other employees who had reportedly been present.

No additional information was provided at this time.

**ID DATA:**

**GETTY, LORI (MS)**

DOB: 4/7/1959

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DISPATCHER

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

CELLULAR:(706)473-8569

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/16/2021

(DAL) ACH BQ

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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On Monday, December 14, 2020, at approximately 1:11 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING made contact via telephone with RYAN POWELL, Director of Operations, at the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Council. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

In response to an inquiry, POWELL advised that P.O.S.T. did not collect or retain any Oath of Office forms or any documentation for Chiefs of Police.

No additional information was provided at this time.

**ID DATA:**

**POWELL, RYAN** (DIRECTOR)

SEX/RACE: MALE/UNKNOWN

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: OTHER

EMPLOYER:

GEORGIA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/16/2021



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On Monday, December 14, 2020, at approximately 1:37 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING made contact via telephone with OFFICER PAT WELCH. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

In response to a request for a follow-up interview, WELCH advised that she had never seen an Oath of Office form for WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE. She stated that she had provided S/A LOVING with all of the information she knew and did not wish to be interviewed again.

**ID DATA:**

**WELCH, PAT** (OFFICER)

DOB: 2/4/1958

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: POLICE OFFICER

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

CELLULAR:(706)485-3551

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/16/2021

(DAL) ACH BQ



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On Monday, December 14, 2020, at approximately 1:43 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting a records search. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

GARY SANDERS, City Administrator, provided S/A LOVING with the personnel file of WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE that had been removed from the Eatonton Police Department. A review of the personnel file did not reveal an Oath of Office form.

While at this location, MARIA JIMENEZ, City Clerk, advised that she had been unable to locate the Oath of Office for LAWRENCE but she had reviewed the minutes from the council meetings. She provided S/A LOVING with a photocopy of the minutes, dated December 22, 1986, which noted that "Kent Lawrence" was present and the minutes, dated January 20, 1987, which noted that "Kent Lawrence, Police Chief" was present but there was no mention in the minutes that LAWRENCE had been administered an Oath of Office.

The minutes were attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

OTHER Minutes

[\(Attachments\)](#)

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/16/2021

(DAL) AGH BQ

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On Monday, December 14, 2020, at approximately 3:30 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT RET TRUBEY was located at Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia, in reference to this investigation. While at this location, SA TRUBEY conducted a review of the personnel file for CHIEF KENT LAWRENCE. SA TRUBEY noted no pertinent information in the personnel file for CHIEF LAWRENCE. SA TRUBEY also noted there was no oath of office in CHIEF LAWRENCE'S personnel file. SA TRUBEY was provided this personnel file by GARY SANDERS, who works for Eatonton City Hall.

No further investigative actions were taken at this time.

**ID DATA:**

**SANDERS, GARY** (Previously Submitted)

SPECIAL AGENT RONALD TRUBEY: 3/1/2021

erk: 3/3/2021

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On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at approximately 9:48 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARY CHANDLER was located in Monticello, Jasper County, Georgia, and there met Superior Court JUDGE ALISON BURLESON. SAC CHANLDER provided JUDGE BURLESON with a search warrant for the Eatonton Police Department in Putnam County, Georgia. SAC CHANDLER provided JUDGE BURLESON with the case facts. JUDGE BURLESON reviewed and signed the search warrant. A copy of the search warrant is attached to this summary.

No further action was taken at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS**

SEARCH WARRANT SW for Eatonton PD

[\(Attachments\)](#)

**ID DATA:**

**LAWRENCE, WILLIAM KENT (CHIEF)**

DOB: 4/22/1959

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: 119 GLENWOOD CIRCLE

EATONTON, PUTNAM COUNTY, GA 31024

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: POLICE CHIEF

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

RESIDENCE:(706)485-5533

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARY CHANDLER: 3/26/2021  
mc: 3/26/2021

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REGION 6  
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at approximately 11:45 am, SPECIAL AGENT RET TRUBEY was located at the Eatonton Police Department for the purpose of assisting with the service of a search warrant for documents reference this case. For details concerning the application, issuance, service, and return of the search warrant, refer to the investigative summaries authored by SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARY CHANDLER and SA DEBBIE LOVING.

While searching the office of Eatonton Police CHIEF KENT LAWRENCE, SA TRUBEY noted documents contained in filing cabinets maintained in this office. SA TRUBEY observed several documents pertaining to this investigation located in the office. The documents included blank Eatonton Police Department Oath of Offices. There were approximately three different versions of these documents appearing to range in the year they were created (unknown years). Please see the attached photographs of the documents. Some of these documents were maintained in locked filing cabinets and others were not. These documents were only photographed and not collected.

No further investigative actions were taken at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS**

PHOTOGRAPH Photographs of documents in  
Chief Kent Lawrence Office

[\(Attachments\)](#)

SPECIAL AGENT RONALD TRUBEY: 3/3/2021

rt: 3/3/2021



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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at approximately 11:45 am, GBI Region Six ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE BRIAN HARGROVE was located at the Eatonton Police Department for the purpose of assisting with the service of a search warrant for documents reference this case. For details concerning the application, issuance, service, and return of the search warrant, refer to the investigative summaries authored by SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE MARY CHANDLER and SA DEBBIE LOVING.

A quantity of shredded documents were located in shredder bins of the department. One shredder was located near the dispatcher's desk, and the other was found in the office of Eatonton Police Department INTERIM CHIEF CARDWELL. Both shredders were photographed. The shredded papers were collected in separate bags and retained for evidence as documented on the attached GBI Property Report CC07105 and CC07107.

While searching the office of OFFICER PAT WELCH, ASAC HARGROVE located a quantity of torn documents lying in a trash can underneath the desk. These torn documents appeared to be printed, and lying on top of the other trash. While reviewing the documents, it was noted that one torn piece included the name DEPUTY DIRECTOR FISHER and the phrase "interim police chief". The documentation appeared to be related to this case, and therefore was retained as documented on the attached GBI Property Report CC07106. Photographs were taken of these items and are attached. No attempt was made at that time to piece the documentation back together.

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On top of the desk, ASAC HARGROVE found a printed copy of the EPD body worn camera policy. This item was retained for evidence and placed in the rear of the case file as documented on the attached GBI Receipt for Property E-563360, Item #3.

In a cardboard box underneath the desk, ASAC HARGROVE located a two page supplemental report authored by OFFICER WELCH pertaining to the precipitating incident for this case. While reviewing the document, ASAC HARGROVE verified that the supplemental report detailed the actions and observations of OFFICER WELCH during the incident. However, there was no mention of CHIEF LAWRENCE striking TINA CHILDRESS. For a full account of this supplemental report, see attached copy. The copy removed from under the desk was retained for evidence and placed in the rear of this case file as documented on the attached GBI Receipt for Property E-563360, item #5.

A black and white composition notebook was found lying on top of the desk. Inside, ASAC observed journal entries that appeared to be written by OFFICER WELCH. These entries were titled, "Case 12-1254-2020" and dated Dec 11 2020 and Dec 14 2020. The entries documented actions and observations of OFFICER WELCH. In them, she documented log entries for body camera computer system, her contact with SA LOVING, and her contact with INTERIM CHIEF CARDWELL. The composition notebook was not retained, however, the entries were photographed and are attached to this summary. For full verbatim details of the entries, refer to the attached photographs.

After the search was complete, SA HARGROVE requested INTERIM CHIEF



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CARDWELL provide ASAC HARGROVE with incident report # 12-1254-2020. A copy of this report was on INTERIM CHIEF CARDWELL'S desk. ASAC HARGROVE noted that the incident report detailed the actions and observations of OFFICER BUDDY BOWMAN. While reviewing his report it was noted that he observed CHIEF LAWRENCE "strike Ms. Childress several times in her head with his open hand and also pulled her hair (up and forward)". This report was dated 12/14/2020. INTERIM CHIEF CARDWELL stated that this report was the most current version.

The supplemental report of OFFICER WELCH was not included within the official incident report. INTERIM CHIEF HOWELL stated that the supplemental report found by ASAC HARGROVE under the desk of OFFICER WELCH was not an official copy. He articulated that the supplemental report was a word document, which would ultimately be given to a dispatcher who would type the report into the department's report system. It should be noted that this supplemental report did list CHIEF LAWRENCE as an approving officer. INTERIM CHIEF HOWELL was unaware if CHIEF LAWRENCE had read this supplemental report.

It was also noted that CHIEF LAWRENCE was listed as the approving officer for OFFICER BOWEN's report. INTERIM CHIEF HOWELL stated he had not approved this report, and was not aware if CHIEF LAWRENCE had reviewed it.

Lastly, ASAC HARGROVE requested that INTERIM CHIEF CARDWELL provide any new supplemental reports that subsequently may be added to the original.

All activity conducted by ASAC HARGROVE concluded at approximately 4:55 pm. No further action took place at that time.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Photographs [\(Attachments\)](#)

EPD Body Worn Camera Policy [\(Attachments\)](#)

Supplemental Report of OFFICER PAT WELCH, Case # 12-1254-2020 [\(Attachments\)](#)

Incident Report of OFFICER BUDDY BOWEN, Case # 12-1254-2020 [\(Attachments\)](#)

GBI EVIDENCE RECEIPT E-563360 [\(Attachments\)](#)

**EVIDENCE**

SHREDDED PAPERS [CC07105-Evidence.pdf](#)

TORN PAPERS [CC07106-Evidence.pdf](#)

SHREDDED PAPERS [CC07107-Evidence.pdf](#)

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, ASST BRIAN C HARGROVE: 12/16/2020

bch: 12/16/2020

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

**06-0087-34-21**

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at approximately 1:54 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of executing a search warrant. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

While at this location, S/A LOVING requested a follow-up interview with LYNN THOMAS in reference to information that she had shredded documents and removed boxes from the Eatonton Police Department. THOMAS did not wish to provide any information and declined to be interviewed.

On this same date, at approximately 3:27 p.m., S/A LOVING again requested a follow-up interview with THOMAS at the instruction of SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (SAC) MARY CHANDLER. THOMAS reiterated that she did not wish to be re-interviewed.

**ID DATA:**

**THOMAS, LYNN (MS)**

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: CLERK

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

EATONTON, GA 31024

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/16/2021

(DAL) ACH BQ

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On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at approximately 4:13 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton Police Department, 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of executing a search warrant. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

While at this location, S/A RET TRUBEY provided the Arresting-Booking Report for TINA CHILDRESS which was attached to this Investigative Summary. CHILDRESS had been charged with Driving Under the Influence and Failure to Maintain Lane.

**ATTACHMENTS**

ARREST-BOOKING REPORT  
Arresting - Booking Report

[\(Attachments\)](#)

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021  
dal: 2/16/2021



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On Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at approximately 11:54 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Eatonton City Hall, 201 North Jefferson Avenue in Eatonton, Georgia, for the purpose of reviewing the personnel file of WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

GARY SANDERS, City Administrator, provided S/A LOVING with the personnel file of WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE for review. The following information was noted:

LAWRENCE was hired with the City of Eatonton on September 1, 1980 and became a Certified Police Officer in 1983. He was appointed as the Chief of Police for the Eatonton Police Department on December 1, 1986.

There were two (2) motor vehicle accidents noted in the personnel file. The first was dated March 12, 1993 and referenced as Case Number 46-93 in which LAWRENCE struck a light pole when backing his city-issued vehicle in the parking lot. The second was dated October 10, 2019 and referenced as Case Number 10-245-2019 in which LAWRENCE backed his city-issued vehicle into another vehicle when he was exiting the police department parking lot.

There were no annual Performance Evaluations in the personnel file but numerous

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letters of commendation were noted. The letters recognized the working relationship between the Eatonton Police Department and other agencies. There were also letters of appreciation from citizens including recognizing LAWRENCE for his participation as a guest speaker at an event.

There were two (2) files labeled Complaint File and Reprimand File, respectively, but neither file contained any documentation.

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/17/2021

(DAL) AGL BGL

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

**06-0087-34-21**

On Thursday, December 17, 2020, at approximately 12:00 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was contacted via telephone by LORI GETTY. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

GETTY advised that she had witnessed LYNN THOMAS shredding documents on Monday, December 14, 2020. She did not know what THOMAS had been shredding but she looked in the shredder and saw what appeared to be bank records and receipts. She explained that the documents had dollar signs and she could see routing numbers. She stated that THOMAS was known to maintain a voluminous amount of paperwork and she had once lost a check made payable to the city for a substantial amount of money.

GETTY also wanted S/A LOVING to know that she suspected that WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE had taken prescription medication from the evidence safe a couple of years prior. She had reported her suspicions to the Drug Enforcement Administration but an investigation had not been initiated.

No additional information was provided at this time.



**ID DATA:**

**GETTY, LORI (MS)**

DOB: 4/7/1959

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DISPATCHER

EMPLOYER:

EATONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

214 WEST MARION STREET

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SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/5/2021

dal: 2/17/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

**06-0087-34-21**

On Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at approximately 9:21 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was contacted via electronic mail message by NICK REONAS at the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.). This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

At the request of S/A LOVING, REONAS provided the P.O.S.T. Individual Officer Profile for WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE. All required questions were asked and answered and were attached to this Investigative Summary along with the P.O.S.T. Individual Officer Profile.

LAWRENCE had Basic Law Enforcement certification and appeared to be current on required training. No sanctions were noted but he was under investigation for his arrest on December 11, 2020.

**ATTACHMENTS**

E-MAIL(S) Electronic Mail Message

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OTHER P.O.S.T. Individual Officer Profile

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**ID DATA:**

**REONAS, NICK** (MR)

SEX/RACE: MALE/UNKNOWN

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: OTHER

ELECTRONIC ADDRESS: NREONAS@GAPOST.ORG

EMPLOYER:

GEORGIA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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On Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at approximately 10:27 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was contacted via electronic mail message by CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYST (CIA) BETH ANNE MCCART. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

In response to a request by S/A LOVING, CIA MCCART provided an intelligence report on TINA CHILDRESS which was attached to this Investigative Summary. CHILDRESS had a criminal history which included charges of DUI – Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

**ATTACHMENTS**

DRIVERS LICENSE PHOTO Drivers License  
Photograph

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CRIMINAL HISTORY Criminal History

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On Thursday, February 11, 2021, at approximately 10:48 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located outside of 201 Walmart Drive in Eatonton, Georgia for the purpose of interviewing LORI GETTY. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

The interview of GETTY was digitally recorded using an Olympus WS-700M digital voice recorder. The recording was attached to this Investigative Summary and should be referred to for complete details of the interview. GETTY essentially stated the following:

She was a Dispatcher and had been employed with the Eatonton Police Department for approximately nine (9) years.

GETTY stated that she had received information from HAROLD BOWMAN and DEBORAH WILLIAMS, a Dispatcher, that LYNN THOMAS had been shredding documents and packing boxes on Friday, December 11, 2020, to Sunday, December 13, 2020. GETTY had not been working on those dates but had heard that THOMAS was getting CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE'S "personal stuff" out of his office.

GETTY stated that she had worked on Monday, December 14, 2020, and had witnessed THOMAS shredding documents. She explained that THOMAS had a

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shredder in her office that she normally used but, on that date, she was using the one outside of the dispatcher's area. According to GETTY, THOMAS would enter LAWRENCE'S office with a stack of papers, come back out, make a couple of photocopies then shred some of the documents. GETTY stated that she had to empty the shredder two (2) times that day which was unusual. When emptying the shredder, she looked at the documents and saw "old receipts from check stubs" that had routing numbers at the bottom. She could also see the dollar sign and "everything about a check".

GETTY had never seen an Oath of Office form for LAWRENCE and did not know if LAWRENCE had ever signed one. LUCILLE CRAWFORD, a Dispatcher, had mentioned to her that she had heard that THOMAS had been trying to find the Oath of Office but had been unable to locate it.

No additional information was provided at this time.

The interview concluded at approximately 10:57 a.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

AUDIO Audio Interview of Lori Getty

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**ID DATA:**

**GETTY, LORI (MS)**

DOB: 4/7/1959

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DISPATCHER

EMPLOYER:

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SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/11/2021

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On Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at approximately 4:45 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING made contact via telephone with INTERIM CHIEF HOWELL CARDWELL. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

In response to an inquiry, CARDWELL confirmed that there were no Internal Affairs files on CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE.

No additional information was provided at this time.

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On Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at approximately 2:38 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was contacted via telephone by INTERIM CHIEF HOWELL CARDWELL. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

In response to a request, S/A LOVING was provided, via electronic mail message, with the Eatonton Police Department policy on use of force, referenced as Chapter 11 - Use of Force, and the Uniform Traffic Citations, referenced as Citation Numbers 10932 and 10933, which were issued to TINA CHILDRESS for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Failure to Maintain Lane, respectively. The policy and citations were attached to this Investigative Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

OTHER Policy (Use of Force)

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OTHER Uniform Traffic Citations

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**ID DATA:**

**CARDWELL, HOWELL** (INVESTIGATOR)

DOB: 8/25/1957

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

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SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 2/17/2021

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On Monday, March 29, 2021, at approximately 11:01 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT (S/A) DEBORAH A. LOVING was located at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Region 6 Office, 291 Industrial Park Drive, N.W. in Milledgeville, Georgia, for the purpose of reviewing body worn camera video recordings. This investigative act was in reference to a request by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office to investigate a use of force incident which resulted in injuries to TINA CHILDRESS while she was in the custody of the Eatonton Police Department located at 214 West Marion Street in Eatonton, Putnam County, Georgia.

ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (ASAC) BRIAN HARGROVE had obtained ten (10) DVD-Rs which contained the body worn camera video recordings from OFFICER HAROLD BOWMAN, OFFICER PAT WELCH and OFFICER DENNIS TIPPENS. The video recordings included the traffic stop conducted by BOWMAN, the interaction with TINA CHILDRESS while at the Eatonton Police Department and at Putnam General Hospital and the booking process following the arrest of CHILDRESS. The five (5) DVD-Rs of the body worn camera video from BOWMAN had the times 5:13 p.m., 5:29 p.m., 5:50 p.m., 6:20 p.m. and 5:31 p.m. handwritten on the envelopes but it should be noted that the WatchGuard system did not indicate the actual time.

After reviewing the video recordings, the following information was noted:

On the DVD-R identified as video 4 of 5 from BOWMAN, CHIEF WILLIAM KENT LAWRENCE could be seen grabbing a handful of CHILDRESS' hair on the back of her head. LAWRENCE could also be heard yelling for CHILDRESS to get her "fat ass up"

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and CHILDRESS could be heard saying that they had “beat” her.

In the video recording from WELCH, when CHILDRESS expressed complaints that LAWRENCE was hurting her legs, multiple slap sounds could be heard and LAWRENCE stated that he was going to hit her “upside the head”. LAWRENCE then appeared to drag CHILDRESS through the doorway into the lobby by the handcuffs secured to her wrist. Once in the lobby, CHILDRESS questioned LAWRENCE calling her a derogatory name. In response, LAWRENCE appeared to slap her face and CHILDRESS repeatedly vocalized that he had slapped her. While trying to pick her up off of the ground, LAWRENCE again appeared to slap CHILDRESS on the head. He told her to get her “fat ass up” and threatened to drag her on the pavement.

The body worn camera video recordings were included in the case file.

SPECIAL AGENT DEBORAH A LOVING: 3/29/2021

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