

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FINAL INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

On Friday, December 11, 2015, Special Agent APRIL GRIFFITH received an email from ELIZABETH YORK, who is an Assistance District Attorney with the Bartow County District Attorney's Office in Cartersville, Georgia. The email was concerning the outcome of this case. AGENT GRIFFITH had previously submitted a copy of this case file to the DA's office for them to review to determine what, if any, criminal offenses had been committed and whether to go forward with prosecution. The email received from ADA YORK stated that the DA's office had decided that there was not sufficient evidence that a crime had been committed so they were electing at this time to not pursue anything further but if more evidence or victims could be identified then it would be revisited. A copy of this email will be attached to this summary.

As a result of this information, this case will be submitted for closing.

Nothing further at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

OTHER Email

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ID DATA:

BOSWELL, DAMON BRICK (Previously Submitted)

SPECIAL AGENT APRIL W GRIFFITH: 12/11/2015

awg: 1/12/2016



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On Thursday, October 30, 2014, at approximately 2:35 PM, Special Agent APRIL WELLS conducted an interview with Emerson Police Department OFFICER ADAM ROGERS concerning an incident which had occurred involving former police officer DAMON BOSWELL. OFFICER ROGERS stated the following:

OFFICER ROGERS stated that he was at the Wal-Mart vision center in Cartersville, Georgia talking with his cousin who works there. OFFICER ROGERS stated that RYAN MATHIS also works there and asked if OFFICER ROGERS worked at Emerson Police Department. OFFICER ROGERS stated that he told MATHIS that he did work at the police department. OFFICER ROGERS stated that MATHIS told him that he had been issued a ticket by OFFICER BOSWELL for speeding and wanted to know if OFFICER ROGERS could talk to OFFICER BOSWELL about reducing the ticket. OFFICER ROGERS stated that he would talk with OFFICER BOSWELL.

OFFICER ROGERS stated that when he left the Wal-Mart vision center he called OFFICER BOSWELL and asked him if he would be willing to reduce a ticket he wrote to RYAN MATHIS. OFFICER ROGERS stated that OFFICER BOSWELL asked him if MATHIS worked at the Wal-Mart vision center and OFFICER ROGERS replied yes. OFFICER ROGERS stated that OFFICER BOSWELL then told him that if MATHIS could get him some free eye contacts for his wife then OFFICER BOSWELL would reduce his ticket. OFFICER ROGERS stated that he told OFFICER BOSWELL not to worry about it. OFFICER ROGERS stated that OFFICER BOSWELL then said that he would talk to MATHIS himself and asked for

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MATHIS' phone number. OFFICER ROGERS stated that he gave MATHIS' phone number to OFFICER BOSWELL and he was not involved in the situation anymore after that.

OFFICER ROGERS stated that later that day he talked to OFFICER BARNES who said he relieved OFFICER BOSWELL. OFFICER ROGERS stated that OFFICER BARNES told him that OFFICER BOSWELL had a large box of eye contacts in his patrol vehicle and OFFICER BOSWELL told OFFICER BARNES that he got the eye contacts for free for his wife in exchange for reducing a ticket.

OFFICER ROGERS stated that he was talking with ALLEN RIDER one day and MR. RIDER told him that he had gotten his daughter's ticket reduced to a warning by OFFICER BOSWELL because he put brakes on BOSWELL's wife's vehicle for no charge. OFFICER ROGERS stated that MR. RIDER later changed his story saying that BOSWELL did pay for the brakes once MR. RIDER realized that BOSWELL might get in trouble.

Nothing further at this time.

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BARNES, CHRISTOPHER HAROLD (Previously Submitted)

BOSWELL, DAMON BRICK (Previously Submitted)

MATHIS, RYAN THOMAS

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SPECIAL AGENT APRIL M WELLS: 10/30/2014

amw: 10/30/2014



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On Thursday, October 30, 2014, at approximately 3:45 PM, Special Agent APRIL WELLS conducted an interview with RYAN MATHIS concerning an incident that had occurred involving former Emerson Police Department officer DAMON BOSWELL. MR. MATHIS stated the following:

MR. MATHIS stated that he got a speeding ticket from OFFICER BOSWELL back in March of 2014. MR. MATHIS stated that he works with a girl who's cousin is a police officer at the Emerson Police Department. MR. MATHIS stated that the officer was in the Wal-Mart vision center one day visiting with his cousin when MR. MATHIS told him that BOSWELL had issued him a ticket. MR. MATHIS stated that he asked the officer he could talk to BOSWELL about reducing the ticket. MR. MATHIS stated that the officer told him he would speak with BOSWELL.

MR. MATHIS stated that it was about 10-15 minutes later when he got a phone call from BOSWELL. MR. MATHIS stated that BOSWELL told him that he would reduce the speeding ticket he previously issued MR. MATHIS if MR. MATHIS would get him some free eye contacts for his wife. MR. MATHIS stated that he told BOSWELL to get him his wife's prescription strength so he could get the right ones. MR. MATHIS stated that they have sample eye contacts and solution that they give out all the time for people to try. MR. MATHIS stated that he agreed to give BOSWELL some of these eye contacts when he got off work that evening. MR. MATHIS stated that BOSWELL then met him at the Anytime Fitness in Cartersville later that day to get the eye contacts. MR. MATHIS stated that BOSWELL told him that when he got back to the station that day he would reduce MR. MATHIS' ticket for him.

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MR. MATHIS stated that his ticket was never reduced and he paid the ticket.

Nothing further at this time.

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MATHIS, RYAN THOMAS

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SPECIAL AGENT APRIL M WELLS: 10/30/2014

amw: 10/30/2014



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On Thursday, October 30, 2014, at approximately 2:00 PM, Special Agent APRIL WELLS conducted an interview with Emerson Police Department SGT. ADAM KNIGHT in reference to an incident which had occurred involving former police officer DAMON BOSWELL. SGT. KNIGHT stated the following:

SGT. KNIGHT stated that in March of 2014, he spoke with OFFICER BARNES during shift change in order to exchange information with him. SGT. KNIGHT stated that at this time, OFFICER BARNES stated to him that OFFICER BOSWELL had told him about something that he did not think was right. SGT. KNIGHT stated that OFFICER BARNES told him that he had met with OFFICER BOSWELL the day before during shift change and noticed a bag with several boxes of eye contacts in the passenger seat of OFFICER BOSWELL's car. SGT. KNIGHT stated that OFFICER BARNES further told him that OFFICER BOSWELL had relayed to him that he had gotten the eye contacts for his wife in exchange for reducing a ticket for someone who worked at the Wal-Mart vision center in Cartersville, Georgia.

SGT. KNIGHT stated that he told OFFICER BARNES that he should tell LT. TEEMS about this because it was not appropriate. SGT. KNIGHT stated that he spoke with LT. TEEMS to give him a heads up that OFFICER BARNES would be calling him with this information.

SGT. KNIGHT stated that on another occasion he was standing in the parking lot at the police department when ALLEN RIDER rode up to him. SGT. KNIGHT stated that MR. RIDER asked him if he had written a ticket for someone for no tag. SGT.

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KNIGHT stated that he told MR. RIDER no. SGT. KNIGHT stated that MR. RIDER told him that he was told it was a day shift officer and SGT. KNIGHT told him that it must have been OFFICER BOSWELL who wrote that ticket. SGT. KNIGHT stated that MR. RIDER made a comment about getting BOSWELL to take care of the ticket because OFFICER BOSWELL had reduced a ticket for him before in exchange for MR. RIDER putting brakes on MR. BOSWELL's wife's vehicle.

SGT. KNIGHT stated that during the last few weeks of OFFICER BOSWELL's employment at the police department, SGT. KNIGHT noticed that OFFICER BOSWELL was buying a lot of guns and also bought a new vehicle. SGT. KNIGHT stated that he asked OFFICER BOSWELL was affording all of this because SGT. KNIGHT knew that OFFICER BOSWELL had quite a few children and money had always been tight for him. SGT. KNIGHT stated that OFFICER BOSWELL told him that money had been good lately.

Nothing further at this time.

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BOSWELL, DAMON BRICK

SPECIAL AGENT APRIL M WELLS: 10/30/2014
amw: 10/30/2014

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On Friday, August 15, 2014, Special Agent APRIL WELLS opened this case concerning a request that had been previously submitted. The request was received on or about April 8, 2014 from Emerson Police Department concerning conduct of an officer. After consulting with DA ROSEMARY GREENE and Region 1 supervisors, it was decided a case was to be opened concerning this matter. A copy of the request letter and provided documents will be attached to this summary.

Nothing further at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

OTHER Request letter

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OTHER Documents provided by Emerson PD

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ID DATA:

BOSWELL, DAMON BRICK

SPECIAL AGENT APRIL M WELLS: 8/15/2014

amw: 12/4/2014



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On Thursday, October 30, 2014, at approximately 4:10 PM, Special Agent APRIL WELLS conducted an interview with Emerson Police Department Officer CHRISTOPHER BARNES concerning an incident that occurred with former police officer DAMON BOSWELL. OFFICER BARNES stated the following:

OFFICER BARNES stated that he met up with BOSWELL during shift change one day. OFFICER BARNES stated that BOSWELL told him he had to get home and that he had gotten his wife some new eye contacts. OFFICER BARNES stated that BOSWELL went on to say that he had gotten the eye contacts for free in exchange for reducing a ticket for someone who was friends with OFFICER ROGERS.

OFFICER BARNES stated that BOSWELL seemed to be bragging about getting the eye contacts for free and that BOSWELL told him that this was what law enforcement was all about; you take care of people and they will take care of you. OFFICER BARNES stated that he did not agree with BOSWELL and that he knew what he had done was not right. OFFICER BARNES stated that he told SGT. KNIGHT about this incident. OFFICER BARNES stated that SGT. KNIGHT told him that he should report this to LT. TEEMS. OFFICER BARNES stated that he later spoke with LT. TEEMS and gave him the information.

Nothing further at this time.

ID DATA:

BARNES, CHRISTOPHER HAROLD

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BOSWELL, DAMON BRICK (Previously Submitted)

KNIGHT, ADAM LEE (Previously Submitted)

ROGERS, ADAM SHAYNE (Previously Submitted)

SPECIAL AGENT APRIL M WELLS: 10/30/2014

amw: 10/30/2014



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On Friday, October 31, 2014, at approximately 2:30 PM, Special Agent APRIL WELLS was located at Strickland's Towing at 21 Old Old Alabama Road in Emerson, Georgia for the purpose of conducting an interview with ALLEN RIDER. MR. RIDER stated the following:

MR. RIDER stated that his daughter was issued a citation by Officer DAMON BOSWELL with the Emerson Police Department in November of 2013. MR. RIDER stated that he later talked with BOSWELL about possibly having this citation reduced for his daughter. MR. RIDER stated that BOSWELL told him he would reduce the ticket to a warning. MR. RIDER stated that BOSWELL then asked him if he did mechanic work and MR. RIDER told BOSWELL that he did. MR. RIDER stated that BOSWELL asked him how much it would cost to have the brakes changed on BOSWELL's wife's car. MR. RIDER stated that he agreed to put the brakes on BOSWELL's wife's vehicle. MR. RIDER stated that he felt like BOSWELL was trying to get him to agree to change the brakes for free in exchange for BOSWELL reducing the ticket but that BOSWELL did not come right out and say anything like that. MR. RIDER stated that he did put new brakes on the vehicle and that BOSWELL paid him \$200 in cash.

MR. RIDER was confronted with the fact that he had told several other people that BOSWELL had agreed to reduce the ticket to a warning in exchange for putting brakes on the vehicle for free. MR. RIDER stated that he was confused at first but he is sure that BOSWELL paid him \$200 for putting brakes on the vehicle.

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Nothing further at this time.

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COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

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BOSWELL, DAMON BRICK (Previously Submitted)

SPECIAL AGENT APRIL M WELLS: 11/4/2014

amw: 11/4/2014



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On Monday, November 17, 2014, at approximately 12:55 PM, Special Agent APRIL WELLS placed a phone call to the cell phone of DAMON BOSWELL at 678-246-8980, which was not answered. AGENT WELLS had made previous plans to meet with BOSWELL on this same date to talk about this case; however, AGENT WELLS was unable to get in touch with BOSWELL to set up the time and place of the meeting. AGENT WELLS did not receive a return phone call and also called BOSWELL a day or so later to attempt to make contact again with no luck. AGENT WELLS has made numerous attempts to contact BOSWELL and speak with him concerning this matter.

The case file will now be turned over to the District Attorney's office for review.

Nothing further at this time.

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BOSWELL, DAMON BRICK (Previously Submitted)

SPECIAL AGENT APRIL M WELLS: 11/17/2014

amw: 12/4/2014

