

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
REGION 3
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

03-0030-25-20

FINAL INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

On Thursday, January 2, 2020, at approximately 1:15 p.m., GBI Special Agent CLINT KARSTEN was located at the GBI Region (3) Field Office in Americus, Sumter County, GA. While at this location, SA KARSTEN made contact with Southwestern Judicial Circuit District Attorney(DA) LEWIS LAMB, via telephone. DA LAMB reviewed the facts of this case with SA KARSTEN. DA LAMB advised that at this time there was not enough evidence of criminal activity to warrant prosecution.

Later that same date, at approximately 1:40 p.m. SA KARSTEN received a letter from the Southwestern Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office. DA LAMB advised in the letter that given the facts and evidence in this case, there was not sufficient evidence of criminal conduct to warrant prosecution. DA LAMB was closing the case in his office. The District Attorney's office advised that this investigative case be closed. A digital copy of the letter was attached to this summary.

SA KARSTEN reviewed the case file and noted that no further investigative acts were necessary. SA KARSTEN requested the case be closed in light of this fact and the DA's office declining to prosecute.

Investigative activity concluded at approximately 2:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS

DA Letter

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CONTACT INFO:

LAMB, LEWIS (DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

EMPLOYER:

SOUTHWESTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

AMERICUS, GA

SPECIAL AGENT CLINTON KARSTEN: 1/2/2020

ck: 1/2/2020

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On Monday, July 29, 2019 at approximately 10:00 a.m. GBI Special Agent CLINT KARSTEN was located at the GBI Region 3 Field Office in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia. While at that location, SA KARSTEN was contacted by Lee County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy LEWIS HARRIS, via telephone. Chief Deputy HARRIS requested GBI assistance with a criminal investigation regarding a Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail Administrator possibly harboring a fugitive.

SA KARSTEN advised Chief Deputy HARRIS that GBI would assist with the investigation.

Contact concluded at approximately 10:10 a.m.

CONTACT INFO:

HARRIS, LEWIS (CHIEF DEPUTY)
SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE
EMPLOYER:
LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
119 PINWOOD ROAD
LEESBURG, GA 31763

SPECIAL AGENT CLINTON KARSTEN: 8/16/2019
ck: 8/16/2019



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On Monday, July 29, 2019 at approximately 10:10 a.m. GBI Special Agent CLINT KARSTEN was located at the GBI Region 3 Field Office in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia. While at that location, SA KARSTEN was contacted by Lee County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy LEWIS HARRIS, via telephone. Chief Deputy HARRIS had previously requested GBI assistance with a criminal investigation. SA KARSTEN then obtained a briefing from Chief Deputy HARRIS. During the briefing, Chief Deputy HARRIS stated essentially the following:

Lee County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit (SVU) had an ongoing investigation regarding a child molestation. The suspect of that investigation was identified as ANDY JONES. SVU Investigator DANNY ALDAY had conducted the investigation on JONES and arrested JONES on July 12, 2019. SVU Investigator ALDAY had obtained the warrants for JONES on July 11, 2019.

At the time of arrest, SVU Investigator ALDAY took JONES' cellphone into custody as evidence. SVU Investigator ALDAY then obtained a signed search warrant to have the phone forensically examined. Prior to sending the phone to GBI for processing, SVU Investigator ALDAY manually examined the phone. SVU Investigator ALDAY observed several text messages between a Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail Employee and JONES. That jail employee was the Jail Administrator Major CLAUDIA TUPPER. At the time of JONES arrest, Major TUPPER told Chief Deputy HARRIS and Lee County Sheriff REGGIE RACHALS that TUPPER new of JONES and that JONES was a family friend and TUPPER and JONES' kids would play together. TUPPER did not state any information regarding a

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sexual relationship with JONES.

During SVU Investigator ALDAY's manual examination of JONES' phone, he observed several text messages that were sexual in nature as well as nude photographs of TUPPER. Also found on the phone were text messages that appeared to show TUPPER getting a hotel room for JONES due to JONES being removed from the home because of the current case that SVU Investigator ALDAY was working.

Chief Deputy HARRIS had reason to believe that TUPPER knew of the active arrest warrants regarding JONES but did not alert any law enforcement to JONES' location. Chief Deputy HARRIS also had reason to believe that TUPPER knew of the allegations against JONES of child molestation prior to law enforcement being notified. TUPPER was a POST certified Peace Officer and Mandated reporter.

Due to the conflict of TUPPER being an employee at the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Chief Deputy HARRIS advised Southwestern Judicial District Attorney(DA) LEWIS LAMB of the situation and DA LAMB advised to have the GBI contacted to conduct an investigation.

Chief Deputy HARRIS advised that SVU Investigator ALDAY would be point of contact for the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Contact concluded at approximately 10:35 a.m.

CONTACT INFO:

HARRIS, LEWIS (CHIEF DEPUTY)

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

EMPLOYER:

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

119 PINWOOD ROAD

LEESBURG, GA 31763

SPECIAL AGENT CLINTON KARSTEN: 8/16/2019

ck: 8/16/2019

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On Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at approximately 12:00 p.m. GBI Special Agent CLINT KARSTEN was located at the GBI Region 3 Field Office in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia. SA KARSTEN was at that location to forensically examine an Apple iPhone previously collected from the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The Apple iPhone was previously assigned to CLAUDIA TUPPER. TUPPER was identified as a subject in this investigation and a former employee at the Lee County Sheriff's office. The Apple iPhone was the property of the Lee County Sheriff's Office. SA KARSTEN had previously provided Lee County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy LEWIS HARRIS with a GBI Waiver of Constitutional Rights to a Search Warrant of an Electronic/cellular device form. Chief Deputy HARRIS signed the form authorizing SA KARSTEN to forensically examine the device. A copy of the signed form was digitally attached to this summary. The device was described as follows:

1. Apple iPhone 7; Model: MNAC2; Serial #: DX3XXL5MHG6W; IMEI: 354914090702808; GBI Evidence Property Tag#: BB53134.

SA KARSTEN used a digital extraction device to forensically examine the Apple iPhone. SA KARSTEN was successful in extracting data from the Apple iPhone. A PDF Report was generated from the data obtained from the Apple iPhone. A copy of the PDF Report was digitally attached to this summary. The PDF Report and data obtained from the Apple iPhone was saved to a portable USB and that USB was placed in the rear of the case file.

Investigative Act concluded at approximately 1:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS

CONSENT FORM

[\(Attachments\)](#)

OTHER PDF Report

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EVIDENCE

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[BB53134-Evidence.pdf](#)

SPECIAL AGENT CLINTON KARSTEN: 11/6/2019

ck: 11/6/2019

 

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On Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 10:15 a.m., GBI Special Agent CLINT KARSTEN was located at the Lee County Sheriff's Office in Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia. SA KARSTEN made contact with Lee County Detention Officer Lieutenant SEAN GETEK. LT. GETEK was identified as a witness in this investigation. SA KARSTEN made contact with LT. GETEK for the purpose of conducting an interview in this investigation. Prior to any questioning, SA KARSTEN advised LT. GETEK of the following:

This investigation is to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated. It is not an administrative or disciplinary inquiry. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. Your cooperation in this investigation is voluntary. LT. GETEK agreed to speak with SA KARSTEN at that time. During the interview, LT. GETEK stated essentially the following:

LT. GETEK had been employed in the jail at the Lee County Sheriff's Office for approximately (8) years. LT. GETEK advised that he was aware of the situation surrounding the termination of CLAUDIA TUPPER. TUPPER was the former Major over the Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail but had been terminated. TUPPER was identified as a subject in this investigation. LT. GETEK was only aware of what was being said through the "rumor mill".

LT. GETEK knew that ANDY JONES had been arrested due to felony charges. LT. GETEK was not sure what the actual charges were but believed the charges were child related.

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LT. GETEK was familiar with JONES due to the previous times JONES had been arrested.

JONES was currently housed in the booking area where inmates were placed when on (15) minute watch due to suicide. LT. GETEK had knowledge of a prior incident shortly before he came to work at the jail where JONES attempted suicide in a cell for previous charges that were not as severe as the felony charges JONES faced today. JONES was currently in the booking area due to JONES made statements regarding to suicide while being searched on intake. At that time TUPPER was still employed at the jail and ordered JONES placed on suicide watch.

TUPPER had advised LT. GETEK that TUPPER was the godmother to JONES' child. LT. GETEK did not know which child that was.

On the other times that JONES was in the Lee County Jail as an inmate, LT. GETEK remembered TUPPER would go out of her way to go speak with JONES, privately, in the day rooms in the rotunda.

During this most recent time that JONES was in the Lee County Jail as an inmate, TUPPER would sometimes pull LT. GETEK down to the booking area when TUPPER went to check on JONES. LT. GETEK advised that there was not that line of Jail Administrator and inmate. LT. GETEK advised that it could be seen there was another type of relationship between TUPPER and JONES but at that time LT. GETEK believed it was due to the godmother issue and nothing sexual. Now that LT. GETEK knew of the sexual relationship between TUPPER and JONES, LT. GETEK can see that relationship when looking back at those same interactions.

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LT. GETEK did not know any information first hand of the sexual relationship prior to TUPPER being terminated. LT. GETEK believed if anyone in the jail knew of the relationship prior to TUPPER being terminated then it was Lee County Detention Officer MARCIA BROOKS. Officer BROOKS and TUPPER were close outside of work also.

LT. GETEK found out about TUPPER being terminated when Chief LEWIS HARRIS asked LT. GETEK to drive TUPPER home. When TUPPER got into the car with LT. GETEK, he remembered TUPPER saying, "I fucked up" and then she began texting and did not talk to LT. GETEK.

LT. GETEK did not have any issues out of JONES after TUPPER was terminated. LT. GETEK knew that JONES had put TUPPER down on JONES' visitation list. JONES had been moved to Dougherty County Jail once the information was obtained about the relationship between TUPPER and JONES. JONES has since been moved back to the Lee County Jail.

JONES did not call many people from jail. JONES told LT. GETEK that when JONES had been arrested, JONES had left his phone in his hotel room. JONES went to meet deputies at the Burger King in Leesburg, Georgia. JONES stated that he had stayed in the hotel behind the Burger King for a few days.

There had been a previous incident with JONES brother, ANDREW JONES, involving TUPPER. JONES had been disciplined for disrespecting Detention Officer JAMES MONTEIRO and had his recreation time taken away. ANDREW JONES then told Officer MONTEIRO that ANDREW JONES knew TUPPER outside of the jail and would have Officer MONTEIRO's job. LT. GETEK was not sure of the exact

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words but would have Officer MONTEIRO make contact with SA KARSTEN.

JONES' attitude and demeanor had not changed much once he found out TUPPER had been terminated. LT. GETEK had heard from different Officers on the night shift that after JONES found out TUPPER had been terminated, JONES could be heard crying in his cell.

The only other person besides Officer BROOKS that LT. GETEK thought might know something would be Officer MADDIX.

This interview was audio and video recorded. A copy of the video was saved to a portable USB drive and that USB drive was placed in the rear of the case file. A copy of the audio was digitally attached to this summary.

Contact concluded at approximately 10:40 a.m.

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AUDIO

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CONTACT INFO:

GETEK, SEAN (LIEUTENANT)

DOB: 1,991.00

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

EMPLOYER:

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LEESBURG, GA

EMPLOYER:(229)759-3328

SPECIAL AGENT CLINTON KARSTEN: 9/11/2019

kb: 9/16/2019



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On Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at approximately 11:27 a.m., GBI Special Agent CLINT KARSTEN was located at the Lee County Sheriff's Office in Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia. SA KARSTEN made contact with Lee County Detention Officer JAMES MONTEIRO. Officer MONTEIRO was identified as a witness in this investigation. SA KARSTEN made contact with Officer MONTEIRO for the purpose of conducting an interview in this investigation. Prior to any questioning, SA KARSTEN advised Officer MONTEIRO of the following:

This investigation is to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated. It is not an administrative or disciplinary inquiry. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. Your cooperation in this investigation is voluntary. Officer MONTEIRO agreed to speak with SA KARSTEN at that time. During the interview, Officer MONTEIRO stated essentially the following:

Officer MONTEIRO had been employed at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail for approximately (8) months. Officer MONTEIRO was familiar with both CLAUDIA TUPPER and Inmate ANDY JONES. CLAUDIA TUPPER was identified as a subject in this investigation and a former employee with the sheriff's office. JONES was identified as a witness in this investigation.

Officer MONTEIRO had no knowledge of the relationship between TUPPER and JONES. Officer MONTEIRO's main interaction with JONES was "hello, good morning, bye". Officer MONTEIRO did have a conversation with JONES at one time out in the recreation yard about JONES brother, ANDREW JONES. JONES had told

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Officer MONTEIRO that ANDREW had been locked up in Dougherty County for Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and JONES hoped they threw the book at his brother for it.

Officer MONTEIRO had no issues with ANDY JONES. Officer MONTEIRO did have a disciplinary issue with ANDREW JONES in the past few months. The last time that ANDREW JONES had been arrested and housed in the Lee County jail, Officer MONTEIRO had to discipline ANDREW JONES for being disrespectful to detention officers. When Officer MONTEIRO told ANDREW JONES that Officer MONTEIRO was taking ANDREW JONES' recreation time away, ANDREW JONES told Officer MONTEIRO that he knew TUPPER outside of the jail and that ANDREW JONES would have Officer MONTEIRO's badge.

Officer MONTEIRO advised that he completed a report and all the details of the incident were in the report.

After ANDREW JONES made that comment to Officer MONTEIRO, Officer MONTEIRO called Lee County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant SEAN GETEK. Officer MONTEIRO advised LT. GETEK of the comments made by ANDREW JONES. LT. GETEK and Officer MONTEIRO then went to TUPPER who was the Major at that time and advised TUPPER of the incident. TUPPER then went to speak with ANDREW JONES alone. TUPPER spoke with ANDREW JONES between (5) and (12) minutes.

Officer MONTEIRO advised that during his intake search and medical questionnaire with ANDY JONES, JONES made comments pertaining to suicide and was then considered "signal 12" which was suicide watch. JONES was placed in the booking area where inmates are on (15) minute checks due to suicidal comments or threats.

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That was all the information that Officer MONTEIRO could provide at that time.

This interview was audio and video recorded. A copy of the video was saved to a portable USB drive and that USB drive was placed in the rear of the case file. A copy of the audio was digitally attached to his summary.

Contact concluded at approximately 11:45 a.m.

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AUDIO

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ID DATA:

MONTEIRO, JAMES

DOB: 10/27/1998

SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK

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ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GA 31707

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DETENTION OFFICER

EMPLOYER:

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LEESBURG, GA

CELLULAR:(229)296-6350

SPECIAL AGENT CLINTON KARSTEN: 9/11/2019

kb: 9/16/2019

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On Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at approximately 11:00 a.m., GBI Special Agent CLINT KARSTEN was located at the Lee County Sheriff's Office in Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia. SA KARSTEN made contact with Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail Inmate ANDY JONES. JONES was identified as a witness in this investigation. SA KARSTEN made contact with JONES for the purpose of conducting an interview in this investigation. Prior to any questioning, SA KARSTEN provided JONES with a GBI Waiver of Rights form. JONES read the form, signed the form and stated that he understood his rights and was willing to talk to law enforcement at that time. During the interview, JONES stated essentially the following:

JONES knew CLAUDIA TUPPER. TUPPER was identified as a subject in this investigation. JONES met TUPPER about (11) years ago at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail. JONES had been arrested for probation violation and given approximately (800) days to serve. JONES was upset and had issues with depression and attempted to kill himself. TUPPER brought JONES a bible and would bring JONES bible verses to read. TUPPER told JONES he was still young and had a lot of life left.

When JONES got out of jail, JONES would see TUPPER around town and talk with TUPPER. TUPPER and JONES had a close relationship and JONES was friends with TUPPER's son ANTHONY TUPPER. JONES asked TUPPER to be the godmother of JONES' daughter, AMELIA.

JONES was currently locked up at the Lee County Sheriff's Office jail because his

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step daughter TIERA alleged that JONES and TIERA had been having sex for the past seven years. JONES stated it was a lie. On the day that he was accused, July 4, 2019, JONES had an argument with TIERA about going to a pool party. JONES left the house after the argument and called TUPPER because he was upset. TUPPER told JONES to go park somewhere. JONES went to Target and parked. JONES had his daughter AMELIA with him. ANTHONY TUPPER came to target and checked on JONES. JONES then went back to ANTHONY's apartment in Graystone apartments.

While at ANTHONY's apartment, TUPPER came over to drop off ANTHONY's son. TUPPER came in and saw AMELIA, her goddaughter, and began playing with AMELIA. While TUPPER, JONES and ANTHONY were at ANTHONY's apartment, JONES girlfriend, DONNA DEPERRO, called JONES. DEPERRO told JONES that TIERA had told DEPERRO that TIERA and JONES had been having sex. JONES asked DEPERRO to repeat it and put his phone on speaker mode. DEPERRO repeated the allegation and TUPPER heard it. TUPPER asked JONES if he wanted TUPPER to watch AMELIA while he went home to talk to DEPERRO. JONES said no and went home. TIERA was gone and DEPERRO told JONES to get his stuff and get out. DEPERRO gave JONES \$100.00 and dropped JONES off at the King Motel in Leesburg, Georgia. JONES and TUPPER continued contact until July 7, 2019, when the allegations were reported to Lee County Sheriff's Office.

TUPPER told JONES that she could not keep contacting JONES because of the investigation and her position at the Lee County Sheriff's Office. JONES advised that he did not contact TUPPER again until the morning he was to meet the investigator at Burger King in Leesburg, Georgia. JONES met the investigator on July 12, 2019.

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JONES stated that there was no sexual contact between TUPPER and JONES. JONES and TUPPER were close, but she was the godmother of JONES' daughter, AMELIA.

This interview was audio and video recorded and a copy of that recording was saved to a USB and placed in the rear of the case file.

A copy of the GBI waiver of rights form was digitally attached to this summary. The original was placed in the case file.

Interview concluded at approximately 12:50 p.m.

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WAIVER OF RIGHTS

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ID DATA:

JONES, ANDY (INMATE)
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

SPECIAL AGENT CLINTON KARSTEN: 9/18/2019
kb: 9/24/2019



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On Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at approximately 8:45 a.m., GBI Special Agent CLINT KARSTEN was located at the Lee County Sheriff's Office in Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia. SA KARSTEN made contact with Lee County Detention Officer Lieutenant MARCIA BROOKS. LT. BROOKS was identified as a witness in this investigation. SA KARSTEN made contact with LT. BROOKS for the purpose of conducting an interview in this investigation. Prior to any questioning, SA KARSTEN advised LT. BROOKS of the following:

This investigation is to determine whether any criminal laws had been violated. It is not an administrative or disciplinary inquiry. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. Your cooperation in this investigation is voluntary.

LT. BROOKS agreed to speak with SA KARSTEN at that time. During the interview, LT. BROOKS stated essentially the following:

LT. BROOKS knew why SA KARSTEN wanted to speak with LT. BROOKS. LT. BROOKS was familiar with the issue regarding CLAUDIA TUPPER. TUPPER was the former Major with the Lee County Sheriff's Office jail and a subject in this investigation. LT. BROOKS had known TUPPER for approximately (8) years. LT. BROOKS had met TUPPER while working at the jail. LT. BROOKS and TUPPER were close at work but not as close outside of work.

LT. BROOKS knew of a relationship between TUPPER and ANDY JONES. JONES

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was further identified as an inmate at the Lee County Sheriff's Office jail. JONES stayed down the street from LT. BROOKS. LT. BROOKS knew that TUPPER was at JONES house a lot. TUPPER told LT. BROOKS that TUPPER was the godmother to one of JONES kids.

LT. BROOKS never saw anything inappropriate between TUPPER and JONES while JONES was in the jail. TUPPER would go see JONES by herself sometimes but would normally take another officer with TUPPER. The only thing out of the ordinary that TUPPER did with JONES was let JONES be taken out for recreational time. JONES was "signal 12" which meant JONES was on suicide watch and on a (15) minute watch list. Inmates on suicide watch did not normally get recreation time.

The only other thing that LT. BROOKS knew about were just rumors that she had heard from others. Those rumors included videos and photographs of TUPPER on JONES' cell phone.

LT. BROOKS did not provide any other information at that time.

This interview was audio and video recorded and a copy of that recording was placed on a usb in the rear of the case file.

Interview concluded at approximately 9:00 a.m.

CONTACT INFO:

BROOKS, MARCIA (LIEUTENANT)

EMPLOYER:

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LEESBURG, GA

SPECIAL AGENT CLINTON KARSTEN: 9/18/2019

kb: 9/24/2019

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On Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at approximately 9:05 a.m., GBI Special Agent CLINT KARSTEN was located at the Lee County Sheriff's Office in Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia. SA KARSTEN made contact with Lee County Detention Officer Major JOSEPH "JOE" CLARK. Major CLARK was identified as a witness in this investigation. SA KARSTEN made contact with Major CLARK for the purpose of conducting an interview in this investigation. Prior to any questioning, SA KARSTEN advised Major CLARK of the following:

This investigation is to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated. It is not an administrative or disciplinary inquiry. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. Your cooperation in this investigation is voluntary.

Major CLARK agreed to speak with SA KARSTEN at that time. During the interview, Major CLARK stated essentially the following:

Major CLARK had been employed at the Lee County Sheriff's Office for approximately (11) years. Major CLARK had known CLAUDIA TUPPER through work. TUPPER was identified as a subject in this investigation. TUPPER was the former Major over the Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail.

Major CLARK was aware of the issue regarding TUPPER. Major CLARK knew of a relationship between TUPPER and ANDY JONES. JONES was an inmate at the Lee County Sheriff's Office jail. Major CLARK knew that TUPPER was the

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godmother of one of JONES' kids. Major CLARK did not know of a sexual relationship between TUPPER and JONES.

Major CLARK believed that TUPPER's relationship was "excessive" when it came to JONES. JONES was placed on "signal 12" which was the suicide watch list. Inmates who were on suicide watch were housed in Booking. Major CLARK was told by TUPPER that JONES was on Signal 12 because during a previous time that JONES was locked up in the Lee County Sheriff's Office jail he attempted to commit suicide.

This most recent time JONES was locked up in the Lee County Jail, Major CLARK remembered TUPPER always being down where JONES was housed in booking. Major CLARK had suspicions about more of a personal relationship between TUPPER and JONES but all he had were suspicions. TUPPER was never back at JONES cell for very long.

Major CLARK never saw any inappropriate physical contact between TUPPER and JONES. Major CLARK did remember an incident where JONES was taken to medical and TUPPER could be seen on security camera footage standing outside the door to medical listening and then entering medical with JONES which was not normal practice.

This interview was audio and video recorded and a copy of that recording was saved to a usb and placed in the rear of the case file.

It should be noted that shortly after the interview ended Major CLARK advised SA KARSTEN of a situation involving TUPPER and another inmate, PATRICK ACRES. Major CLARK advised that it involved TUPPER requesting that medical give a

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medication to ACRES to calm ACRES down because he was being disruptive toward officers and inmates. The medical staff person was identified as CHRISTINA BEAMON.

Contact concluded at approximately 9:30 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

AUDIO USB drive containing audio/video recording of interview

CONTACT INFO:

CLARK, JOSEPH (MAJOR)

DOB: 1,987.00

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

EMPLOYER:

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LEESBURG, GA

SPECIAL AGENT CLINTON KARSTEN: 9/18/2019

kb: 9/24/2019

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On Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at approximately 11:00 a.m., GBI Special Agent CLINT KARSTEN was located at the Lee County Sheriff's Office in Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia. SA KARSTEN made contact with Lee County Sheriff's Office Medical Staff Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) CHRISTINA BEAMON. LPN BEAMON was identified as a witness in this investigation. SA KARSTEN made contact with LPN BEAMON for the purpose of conducting an interview in this investigation. During the interview, BEAMON stated essentially the following:

LPN BEAMON did not work for the Lee County Sheriff's Office. LPN BEAMON worked for Wellpath. LPN BEAMON had been at the Lee County Sheriff's Office since June 17, 2019. LPN BEAMON had previously spoken with Major JOE CLARK about an incident regarding CLAUDIA TUPPER. TUPPER was identified as a subject in this investigation. LPN BEAMON could not remember the exact date that the incident occurred but believed it to be a week to a week and a half prior to July 26, 2019. LPN BEAMON remembered that date due to inmate PATRICK ACRES receiving his first injection on that date.

TUPPER was previously the Major in the Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail. At the time of this incident, ACRES was on "signal 12" which was suicide watch. ACRES was housed in the Booking cell due to being on suicide watch. On the date of the incident, TUPPER asked LPN BEAMON if she could give ACRES something to calm him down because ACRES was being disruptive and disrespectful to other inmates and jail staff. ACRES was being housed in the cell next to inmate ANDY JONES at that time. LPN BEAMON advised that she could give ACRES Geodon 20 milligram.

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LPN BEAMON described Geodon as an “anti-psychotic” drug and prescription strength. ACRES was not prescribed Geodon.

Lee County Sheriff’s Office Detention Officer’s ERVIN MADDIX and GINA BARRETT were present. Officer MADDIX took the Geodon capsule to ACRES to have ACRES take the medication. ACRES refused to take the medication. Officer MADDIX came back to medical and stated that they had to figure out a way to get him to take it. LPN BEAMON advised that since Geodon was in capsule form and not extended release then it could be opened and dissolved into something else. Officer BARRETT then took the capsule and poured the contents of the capsule into a Gatorade. Officer BARRETT then took the Gatorade that contained the dissolved Geodon and a honeybun to ACRES. ACRES drank the Gatorade with no knowledge that it contained the drug Geodon.

LPN BEAMON stated that ACRES was administered the Geodon via the Gatorade a total of two separate times prior to July 26, 2019. ACRES started receiving the injections due to Physicians Assistant ROBERT DONOVAN authorizing LPN BEAMON to order the injectable medication due to ACRES having been on it when ACRES was previously arrested and housed at the Lee County Sheriff’s Office Jail.

LPN BEAMON did not know of any other times that anything like this had occurred. LPN BEAMON was just doing what she was told. LPN BEAMON believe that each incident occurred around lunchtime. ACRES did not know that the medication was in the Gatorade either time.

This interview was audio and video recorded using the sheriffs' office recording system and that recording was saved to a USB and placed in the rear of the case

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file.

Interview concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m.

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AUDIO USB drive containing audio/video
recording of interview placed in rear of case file

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BEAMON, CHRISTINA

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

EMPLOYER:

WELLPATH

LEESBURG, GA

SPECIAL AGENT CLINTON KARSTEN: 9/18/2019

kb: 9/24/2019

 

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
REGION 3
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at approximately 10:50 a.m. GBI Special Agent CLINT KARSTEN was located at the GBI Region 3 Field Office in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia. SA KARSTEN attempted to make contact with CLAUDIA TUPPER via telephone. TUPPER was identified as a subject in this investigation. SA KARSTEN had been provided with the following phone number for TUPPER:

229-344-1547.

SA KARSTEN was unsuccessful in making contact with TUPPER. SA KARSTEN was also unable to leave a message due to a voicemail box being full.

SA KARSTEN had previously attempted to make contact with TUPPER on multiple occasions for the purpose of conducting an interview with no success.

SA KARSTEN was provided with a copy of TUPPER's signed Lee County Sheriff's Office Oath of Office document. A copy of that document was digitally attached to this summary.

Investigative act concluded at approximately 11:20 a.m.

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OTHER Oath of Office

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TUPPER, CLAUDIA

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

SPECIAL AGENT CLINTON KARSTEN: 11/6/2019

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
REGION 3
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Thursday, November 14, 2019 at approximately 9:50 a.m. GBI Special Agents CLINT KARSTEN and JUSTIN LOWTHORPE were located at the GBI Region 3 Field Office in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia. Agents made contact with CLAUDIA TUPPER. TUPPER was identified as a subject in this investigation. SA KARSTEN made contact with TUPPER for the purpose of conducting an interview in this investigation. During the interview, TUPPER stated essentially the following:

TUPPER had previously been the rank of Major at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail in Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia. TUPPER had previously been let go from employment with the Lee County Sheriff's Office. TUPPER had worked at the Lee County Sheriff's Office for approximately (11) years. TUPPER remembered meeting ANDY JONES when TUPPER began working at the Lee County Sheriff's Office. JONES was identified as an inmate that was currently in the Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail.

TUPPER met JONES when TUPPER was still training at the jail. TUPPER remembered JONES as one of the first inmates that TUPPER processed into the jail. During that time that JONES was locked up in the jail, JONES had tried to kill himself. TUPPER would take JONES bible verses. TUPPER believed JONES was in jail that particular time for a domestic violence charge but was not sure.

JONES only spent one or two days in the Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail. TUPPER never stayed in touch with JONES outside of the jail until last year. TUPPER then ran into JONES at Walmart. JONES was with his family at that time. TUPPER gave

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JONES her phone number. TUPPER liked to see that her inmates were doing well. On December 5, 2017, TUPPER was at the magistrate court in Lee County, Georgia for her son, ANTHONY TUPPER's, hearing. TUPPER saw JONES there again. JONES was also there for Magistrate Court. TUPPER was also attending the police academy in Tifton, Georgia during that time. ANTHONY and JONES became friends.

JONES texted TUPPER in March, 2018. TUPPER and JONES met up and "fooled around". TUPPER stated that "fooled around" meant kissing and sex. JONES told TUPPER that he and DONNA DOWLING were just co-parenting. JONES and DOWLING had three children together. DOWLING got pregnant during the time that JONES and TUPPER were in a relationship. TUPPER was also married during the relationship. When DOWLING became pregnant, JONES told TUPPER that he did not think the baby was his. TUPPER then became the baby's Godmother. TUPPER's family and JONES' family had become close. DOWLING did not know about TUPPER and JONES' relationship.

TUPPER remembered that JONES was very violent towards DOWLING. TUPPER remembered being on the phone with JONES and the way JONES would talk to DOWLING.

TUPPER thought that JONES and DOWLING's daughter, TIARA DOWLING, had a relationship. TIARA would act "weird" around TUPPER. TUPPER did not know if TIARA knew about JONES and TUPPER's relationship. TUPPER asked JONES' about his relationship with TIARA because TUPPER was suspicious. When JONES would go to TUPPER's house or apartment, TIARA would text JONES.

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On July 4th, 2019 TUPPER found out about the allegations against JONES. TIARA had told DOWLING that JONES had sex with TIARA. JONES was at TUPPER's apartment when DOWLING called and told JONES about the allegations. JONES was at TUPPERS with the baby because JONES and DOWLING had been arguing. JONES and DOWLING had argued about letting TIARA go to a pool party.

The Saturday after July 4th, 2019, law enforcement was notified by TIARA's grandmother, but law enforcement was notified in Dougherty County, Georgia. The niece that lived with the grandmother had told the grandmother that JONES had touched the niece. TUPPER did not know the names of the grandmother of the niece. DOWLING told JONES he could not stay at the house anymore. JONES was out on the streets.

JONES text TUPPER but JONES used an app to change his number. JONES tried to get TUPPER to use the app to change her number also. TUPPER did not use the app. During that following week, TUPPER got in her car and went to look for JONES. JONES told TUPPER that JONES was sleeping on park benches near Tift Park and Turtle Park. At that time, Lee County Sheriff's Office Investigator DANNY ALDAY had been looking for JONES to talk to JONES regarding the ongoing investigation. TUPPER never told ALDAY that TUPPER was in contact with JONES or knew an area that JONES could possibly be found in. There were no active arrest warrants for JONES at that time.

JONES told TUPPER that Investigator ALDAY had been in touch with JONES and wanted to talk to JONES. JONES never went into detail about the allegations with TUPPER. TUPPER never told law enforcement about the sexual relationship between TUPPER and JONES. TUPPER only told the law enforcement about being

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the Godmother to JONES child and the families were friends.

On the morning of July 11, 2019 TUPPER met JONES at the Burger King in Leesburg, Georgia. JONES needed some money. TUPPER gave jones \$40.00. JONES told TUPPER that JONES had a room but did not say where that room was. TUPPER believed it was at one of the two hotels near Burger King. Arrest warrants were signed for JONES later that same day. TUPPER did not advise law enforcement that she had seen JONES that same morning or that JONES was possibly at one of the hotels near Burger King.

On the morning of July 12, 2019, JONES text TUPPER and told TUPPER that JONES was going to meet Investigator ALDAY at Burger King. TUPPER responded "ok" to JONES text. TUPPER did not advise Investigator ALDAY that TUPPER had received a text from JONES.

Once JONES was taken into custody and booked in to the Lee County Sheriff's Office Jail, JONES was placed on Suicide watch. TUPPER stated that JONES had told an officer during booking that JONES was going to kill himself. TUPPER took JONES bible verses when TUPPER was at work. TUPPER would check on JONES.

TUPPER realized that JONES was a liar and would do anything to get his way or what he wanted. JONES lied to TUPPER but JONES made TUPPER feel special. TUPPER and TUPPER's husband, BRYAN TUPPER were separated because BRYAN had an affair also. BRYAN did not know about the relationship between JONES and TUPPER until recently. TUPPER and BRYAN were trying to work things out now.

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TUPPER is still embarrassed about the entire situation and just wanted to put the whole thing behind her. TUPPER made some bad decisions and had to live with those decisions.

This interview was audio recorded and a copy of that recording was digitally attached to this summary.

Interview concluded at approximately 11:20 a.m.

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AUDIO

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