

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
REGION 9
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Sunday, October 24, 2021, at approximately 12:33 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT ZACH JOHNSON was contacted SAC JAMY STEINBERG in reference to a request for assistance.

SAC STEINBERG advised that the Thomasville Police Department was requesting assistance with a shooting investigation. Preliminary information indicated that a two-year old child had gained access to a handgun and shot his father in the arm. The father was identified as an employee with the Department of Natural Resources.

AGENT JOHNSON advised he would be en route.

This investigative act concluded at approximately 12:35 p.m.

CONTACT INFO:

STEINBERG, JAMY (SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE)

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

EMPLOYER:

GBI

396 SOUTH PINETREE BLVD

THOMASVILLE, GA 31792

SPECIAL AGENT ZACHARY JOHNSON: 10/27/2021

jw: 10/28/2021



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On Sunday, October 24, 2021, at approximately 1:02 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT ZACH JOHNSON placed a phone call to DETECTIVE CHRIS BAGGETT with the Thomasville Police Department to obtain a briefing of the current investigation.

BAGGETT essentially stated the following:

The Thomasville Police Department was called to a residence at [REDACTED] in Thomasville, Georgia where an individual identified as JONATHAN SHARP had been shot in the arm. Upon arrival, officers contacted SHARPE and his girlfriend TIFFANY DAVIS who both stated their two-year old son had managed to get access to a handgun and fired one shot which struck SHARP in the arm. SHARP is employed as a Game Warden with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR.) The fired handgun is believed to be his department-issued backup weapon.

BAGGETT advised both SHARP and DAVIS were located at Archbold Memorial Hospital where SHARP was expected to undergo surgery. Officers had secured their residence and were remaining on scene. DAVIS had reportedly provided verbal consent to search the residence to patrol officers. AGENT JOHNSON requested BAGGETT obtain written consent from either DAVIS or SHARP.

AGENT JOHNSON also contacted Crime Scene Investigator LISA MAXWELL who agreed to respond and process the residence for any items of evidence.

No further information was obtained. This investigative act concluded at approximately

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1:10 p.m.

CONTACT INFO:

BAGGETT, CHRIS

SPECIAL AGENT ZACHARY JOHNSON: 10/27/2021

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On Sunday, October 24, 2021, at approximately 1:51 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT ZACH JOHNSON was located at Archbold Memorial Hospital in Thomasville, Georgia for the purpose of interviewing JONATHAN SHARP in reference to this investigation. This interview was audio recorded and will be attached to this summary.

Prior to any questioning, SHARP was advised that the ongoing investigation was criminal in nature and that it was not an administrative or disciplinary inquiry. SHARP was informed his cooperation was completely voluntary and he was not being compelled in any way to answer any questions or make any statements. SHARP stated he understood and consented to the interview.

SHARP essentially stated the following:

SHARP is employed as a Game Warden with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR.) Last night when he got off work, SHARP took off his uniform, duty belt and equipment. Included with that were his primary service weapon along with a Glock 43 backup weapon he carries in an ankle holster. SHARP placed the backup weapon on an ottoman at the foot of his bed next to his boots. SHARP normally places this weapon on a shelf in the closet so it is out of reach from his children, but this time, he set it next to his boots because he expected to leave for work early this morning prior to the children being awake.

This morning, SHARP did not go into work but instead remained in bed with his girlfriend TIFFANY DAVIS. Their two sons, two-year old [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

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and three-year old █████ SHARP eventually woke up and got into bed with SHARP and DAVIS. They spent the morning hanging out in bed with the kids and watching tv.

Around 10:00 a.m., SHARP and DAVIS both heard a sound which he recognized as his ankle holster being unstrapped. SHARP sat up and saw █████ standing at the foot of the bed holding SHARP's backup weapon. J████ was holding the gun with two hands out in front of his body. SHARP took the gun from █████ and sat it on the night stand to the right side of the bed closest to the door. DAVIS grabbed the empty ankle holster from the floor and set it on the nightstand.

Several minutes later, SHARP and DAVIS were still in bed with the kids. They were "messing around" and tickling each other. █████ had apparently slid off the bed without SHARP knowing. █████ was lying towards the foot of the bed while SHARP and DAVIS were lying in the middle. Suddenly, they heard a single gunshot. SHARP jumped up and observed █████ standing next to the bed in front of the nightstand. █████ was holding the handgun down next to his body with two hands. █████ was scared and in shock. SHARP felt a burning sensation in his right forearm and realized he had been shot above his wrist. DAVIS immediately called 911 and retrieved a towel to help stop the bleeding. The police department and an ambulance responded which ultimately carried him to the hospital.

AGENT JOHNSON then concluded the interview so nurses could prep SHARP for surgery. This investigative act concluded at approximately 2:00 p.m.

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AUDIO

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ID DATA:

SHARP, JONATHAN

DOB: [REDACTED]/1991

SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

THOMASVILLE, GA 31792

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

SPECIAL AGENT ZACHARY JOHNSON: 10/27/2021

jw: 10/28/2021

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On Sunday, October 24, 2021, at approximately 2:02 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT ZACH JOHNSON and DETECTIVE CHRIS BAGGETT were located at Archbold Memorial Hospital in Thomasville, Georgia for the purpose of interviewing TIFFANY DAVIS in reference to this investigation. This interview was audio recorded and will be attached to this summary.

DAVIS essentially stated the following:

This morning DAVIS and her boyfriend JONATHAN SHARP were lying in bed when their two children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] SHARP, woke up and climbed into bed with them. They spent most of the morning watching tv. The kids were in bed part of the time and playing on the floor at other times.

DAVIS commented that SHARP left his DNR-issued service weapon on an ottoman at the foot of the bed last night because he planned to go to work early this morning prior to the kids being awake. However, for whatever reason, SHARP did not go into work this morning so his backup weapon was still on the ottoman.

At some point, DAVIS and SHARP both heard the sound of velcro being separated. They sat up, and DAVIS observed [REDACTED] holding SHARP's backup weapon. SHARP took the firearm from [REDACTED] and placed it on a nightstand to the right of their bed closest to the door. DAVIS believes SHARP set the ankle holster next to the weapon.

Approximately 30 to 45 minutes later, DAVIS and SHARP were in bed wrestling with

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the children. At some point, ■ slid out of bed without them knowing. They suddenly heard a loud, single gunshot. SHARP and DAVIS both jumped up out of the bed and observed ■ standing next to the bed with SHARP's backup weapon. ■ began crying heavily. SHARP realized he had been shot in the arm and started bleeding. DAVIS could not recall if it was she or SHARP who took the gun from ■ but it was immediately placed somewhere out of reach.

DAVIS ran to another room to grab a rag to help stop SHARP's bleeding. Realizing the rag was not enough, DAVIS ran to the laundry room and retrieved a towel. As she returned with the towel, SHARP was walking into the kitchen where they applied pressure to his wounds.

DAVIS also called 911 and requested an ambulance. Responding officers asked DAVIS where the handgun was, but she told them she could not recall where they had set it after the shooting.

To assist with her explanations of events, DAVIS drew a sketch by hand showing where her son was standing when the shot was fired. This sketch will be attached to this summary.

This investigative act concluded at approximately 2:23 p.m.

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OTHER Sketch

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CONTACT INFO:

BAGGETT, CHRIS (Previously Submitted)

ID DATA:

DAVIS, TIFFANY

DOB: [REDACTED] 1984

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

THOMASVILLE, GA

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

CELLULAR: ([REDACTED])

SPECIAL AGENT ZACHARY JOHNSON: 10/27/2021

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On Thursday, October 28, 2021, at approximately 1:39 p.m., SPECIAL AGENT ZACH JOHNSON contacted Thomas County 911 Director WHITNEY HOPKINS by e-mail and requested a copy of the 911 audio and CAD sheet associated with this investigation.

The CAD sheet noted the call was placed on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 11:33 a.m. by TIFFANY DAVIS from phone number 229-977-8466. These items will be attached to this summary.

HOPKINS also searched for any historical calls for service to that address but found none.

This investigative act concluded at approximately 8:41 a.m.

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OTHER CAD SHEET

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CONTACT INFO:

HOPKINS, WHITNEY

EMPLOYER:

THOMAS COUNTY 911 CENTER

110 S. CRAWFORD STREET

THOMASVILLE, GA 31792

SPECIAL AGENT ZACHARY JOHNSON: 10/28/2021

jw: 10/28/2021

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On Monday, November 1, 2021, at approximately 10:30 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT ZACH JOHNSON and DETECTIVE CHRIS BAGGETT were located at 144 E. Jackson Street, Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia for the purpose of interviewing TIFFANY DAVIS in reference to this investigation. This interview was audio recorded and will be attached to this summary.

DAVIS essentially stated the following:

DAVIS recounted how this incident unfolded which was consistent with her prior interview. Although the last thing DAVIS remembers before the gunshot being fired was JONATHAN SHARP's arm lying around her while they were cuddling, SHARP has since commented he was getting up out of bed when the shot was fired. DAVIS stated she struggled to recall the specifics of how they were positioned and was unable to provide further clarification. AGENT JOHNSON asked DAVIS if she and SHARP were having sexual relations when the incident occurred, but she stated they were not.

When the shot was fired, DAVIS jumped out of bed and saw her youngest son [REDACTED]. standing on the right side of the bed (closest to the door.) [REDACTED] was holding SHARP's backup weapon. DAVIS took the gun from [REDACTED] and set it out of reach from the kids. DAVIS could not recall where she placed it. She then called 911 and grabbed a towel for SHARP to place on his gunshot wound to his right arm.

DAVIS stated [REDACTED] and three-year old [REDACTED] SHARP were the only children home. Her older two children were with their father [REDACTED].

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AGENT JOHNSON asked DAVIS if she and SHARP had a history of domestic violence. DAVIS recalled a 2018 incident when she ran out of the house from SHARP during a heated argument. DAVIS broke her foot as she ran out of the house. SHARP did not have any weapons during this incident. Both EMS and the Police Department responded.

AGENT JOHNSON questioned DAVIS about a comment she made to responding officers regarding SHARP leaving his equipment and firearms in places accessible by the children. DAVIS stated that comment would have been referring to the decision to set the handgun on the nightstand when [REDACTED] was found with it approximately 30 minutes before the shooting. DAVIS clarified that SHARP placed the handgun on the nightstand after taking it from [REDACTED].

No further information was obtained. This investigative act concluded at approximately 10:55 a.m.

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ID DATA:

DAVIS, TIFFANY

DOB: [REDACTED] 1984

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

THOMASVILLE, GA

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

CELLULAR: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT ZACHARY JOHNSON: 11/1/2021

zj: 11/1/2021



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On Monday, November 1, 2021, at approximately 11:05 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT ZACH JOHNSON and DETECTIVE CHRIS BAGGETT were located at 308 Palm Ave., Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia for the purpose of interviewing JONATHAN SHARP in reference to this investigation. This interview was audio/video recorded and will be attached to this summary.

Prior to any questioning, SHARP was advised that the ongoing investigation was criminal in nature and that it was not an administrative or disciplinary inquiry. SHARP was informed his cooperation was completely voluntary and that he was not being compelled in any way to answer any questions or make any statements. SHARP stated he understood and consented to the interview.

SHARP essentially stated the following:

SHARP recounted the same details provided during his first interview but clarified a few additional points. When he and TIFFANY DAVIS first caught their son "JJ" with the weapon approximately 30 minutes before the shooting, DAVIS took the handgun from him and placed it on the nightstand closest to the door. She also took the ankle holster and set it next to the gun.

Later, when the gunshot was fired, SHARP was lying next to DAVIS with his arm wrapped around her body such that his arm was lying on the right side of the bed. SHARP escorted investigators to his bedroom and demonstrated how they were positioned. AGENT JOHNSON noted this demonstration was generally consistent with

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the trajectory of the round seen through the mattress and bedding. SHARP then saw ■ standing near the nightstand with the gun in his hands. DAVIS took the gun and set it somewhere out of reach. SHARP began bleeding heavily from his arm and told DAVIS to get a towel and call 911.

SHARP and DAVIS do have a history of domestic violence. In 2018, while residing at the same Palm Ave. residence, DAVIS was suffering from postpartum depression after giving birth to their son. When SHARP got home, DAVIS had tossed out his clothes and had a "pissy attitude." SHARP picked up his son and said they could argue another time. DAVIS then tossed a box at SHARP which he blocked. After handing his son off to his cousin, SHARP then grabbed DAVIS and "threw her everywhere." No weapons of any kind were involved. SHARP was ultimately arrested by Thomasville Police.

SHARP commented he normally hangs his duty belt containing his primary weapon over his closet door which is high enough the children cannot reach it. His backup weapon is usually kept on a top shelf in the closet. SHARP explained on this occasion his backup weapon was left on the ottoman at the foot of the bed because he intended to go to work early that morning prior to the children awakening.

SHARP stated there has never been another incident to his knowledge where the children have gained access to a weapon without it being an intentional, controlled interaction such as target shooting with his older children.

SHARP provided consent for AGENT JOHNSON to obtain a copy of his medical records pertaining to this incident. A signed release form will be attached to this summary.

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No further information was obtained. This investigative act concluded at approximately 11:34 a.m.

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CONSENT FORM

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VIDEO

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ID DATA:

SHARP, JONATHAN

DOB: [REDACTED]/1991

SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

THOMASVILLE, GA 31792

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

SPECIAL AGENT ZACHARY JOHNSON: 11/1/2021

zj: 11/1/2021



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On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at approximately 9:30 a.m., SPECIAL AGENT ZACH JOHNSON was located at the Thomasville Police Department in Thomas County, Georgia for the purpose of contacting DETECTIVE CHRIS BAGGETT in reference to this investigation.

AGENT JOHNSON received the following documentation which will be attached to this summary:

1. Incident reports and supplements
2. Body camera video from responding officer
3. Crime scene report
4. Crime scene photos.

This investigative act concluded at approximately 9:45 a.m.

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VIDEO	(Attachments)
INCIDENT REPORT	(Attachments)
OTHER Crime Scene Report	(Attachments)
CRIME SCENE PHOTOS	(Attachments)

CONTACT INFO:

BAGGETT, CHRIS

SPECIAL AGENT ZACHARY JOHNSON: 11/5/2021
zj: 11/5/2021

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FINAL DISPOSITION

On Friday, November 12, 2021, at approximately 9:15 a.m., SAC JAMY STEINBERG and SPECIAL AGENT ZACH JOHNSON spoke by phone to DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRAD SHEALY in reference to this investigation.

AGENT JOHNSON provided an overview of the investigation. SHEALY noted that although JONATHAN SHARP's actions showed a reckless disregard for the safety of his children, he did not believe criminal charges were appropriate. As such, the DA's Office will not seek prosecution.

AGENT JOHNSON requests this case be closed.

CONTACT INFO:

SHEALY, BRAD (DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

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SPECIAL AGENT ZACHARY JOHNSON: 11/12/2021

jw: 11/15/2021

