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**DATE:** June 18, 2020  
**TO:** IA File #2001 (External Agency Investigation – Rabun Co.)  
**FROM:** Major Matt Allen  
**SUBJECT:** Autumn Harvey, wife of Scott Harvey

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**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

This interview was conducted on June 17, 2020, by Matt Allen and Carissa McFaddin of the Banks County Sheriff's Office. Autumn Harvey was requested to give details about the complaint of the incident that occurred on Thursday, June 4, 2020, involving her husband's supervisor at the time, Captain Richard Hunter. Harvey states she was on the way home with her children when her husband (Scott Harvey) calls and says Captain Hunter is going to call you. Harvey inquires what it is about, and Scott says he does not know. Harvey says she assumes the call is work-related considering the upcoming weekend events and riots. Harvey is almost home when the phone call from Scott is received. Harvey states she is still on the phone with Scott when she gets the call from Hunter and merges the call with Scott, so they are all on the phone together. Harvey states Hunter immediately asks her if the kids were in the car. According to Harvey, Hunter tells her to "hurry up and get them out; this conversation isn't appropriate for the kids." Harvey says ok and states she did not pick up on anything at this point in the conversation. Harvey tells Hunter to give her a few minutes as Scott begins to talk with the kids and ask them about their day. According to Harvey, Hunter repeatedly asks if the kids were out of the car yet. Harvey states at this point, she was starting to clue in because he was repeating himself. Harvey was asked to explain what she meant by cluing in. Harvey states Hunter seemed intoxicated.

Harvey states the conversation begins with Hunter asking what she and Scott had planned for the evening. Harvey describes to Hunter a list of chores around the house. According to Harvey, Hunter tells her not to worry about all that, "I needed to let Scott give me a full body massage instead." Harvey advises she tells Hunter that she does not have time for that, but Hunter keeps going on about it and repeating himself. Harvey says she was taken off guard because she assumed the call would be related to Scott's job and the upcoming weekend events. According to Harvey, Hunter then said, "just leave Harvey at home, and you can come down here, and I will give you a full body massage, you just come down here, and I will take care of you, just leave him at home." Harvey then says no, that's not going to happen. Harvey describes the call as continuing with Hunter just keeping on about it. According to

Harvey, Scott speaks up and asks Hunter how does Natalie feel about all this. Harvey states that Hunter says, "Natalie doesn't need to know, Natalie will find out when ya'll get down here." Harvey says no, and that Scott kept trying to distract him. Harvey states the conversation is not what she expected and that she would "not have picked up the phone if I would have known this." Harvey advises Scott eventually gets Hunter off the phone, and Hunter states he is going to bed, and the call ends.

Once off the phone, Harvey calls Scott back and asks, "What was that? Where did that come from." Harvey continues by saying, "for me, it was just blatant disrespect, somebody that is your superior and you don't respect your Sergeant enough. I don't know where he got the impression it would be ok even to call and talk to me in that way." Harvey was asked if Hunter had called her before and why Hunter had her phone number. Harvey states she is not sure how Hunter had her phone number. Harvey advises that she cooks food and takes it to the Sheriff's Office when she has days off or time to do it. When she does prepare the food, she brings enough for everyone that is working with Scott. She does receive appreciation text for the food from other deputies that work with her husband Scott, other employees of the Sheriff's Office have her phone number.

Harvey volunteers that it is not unusual for her and Scott to joke around with other employees of the Sheriff's Office. Harvey gives the example of another deputy that works with Scott that she has known since childhood. "The running joke is that my kids are his kids," Harvey says it never crosses into anything more. Harvey then says the incident with Hunter was taking it too far. Harvey further states the insinuation behind it was too much.

Harvey further elaborates that she and Scott were struggling over what to do about the incident. Harvey stated she and Scott discussed it at length and determined something needed to be done. Harvey said they wanted assurance it would be addressed and not happen again. Harvey was asked if what happened was offensive to her, and she said yes, but she did not want Hunter to lose his job over her. Harvey says, "I know sober Richard, sober Richard would have never crossed that boundary." Harvey says Scott and Hunter have been friends for years. Harvey said that this incident was very hard on Scott.

Harvey was asked to elaborate on how she perceived what Hunter said to her. Harvey said the night of the call; Hunter came across very serious. Harvey further describes the phone call and other statements made by Hunter during the call. Harvey says that Hunter said if Natalie were home, it would be something he wanted to see anyway; Harvey assumed Hunter was refereeing to a sexual encounter between her and Natalie. Harvey said she was just dumbfounded by what Hunter was saying. Harvey said again she thought the call would be about the upcoming weekend events and potential riots and giving her reassurance about the safety of Scott and the other deputies. Harvey states nothing about the job was mentioned, and she didn't understand why he was calling.

Harvey was asked if she socializes with Hunter or Hunter's wife, Natalie. Harvey states Natalie is an acquaintance, but they are not friends and do not socialize. Harvey says she does not socialize with Hunter and only sees him at Sheriff's Office events or when she brings food to the Sheriff's Office for

everyone. Harvey says she has received text messages in the past from Hunter thanking her for meals but never anything inappropriate until this incident occurred.

Harvey was asked if she was familiar with Hunter having a problem with alcohol before this incident occurred. Harvey elaborated that a week or so before this incident, she and Scott had discussed Hunter's availability, especially after hours. Harvey said the discussion came up because of current events(civil unrest, protest, riots) and the likelihood if Hunter was needed, he would not answer the phone or would be intoxicated. Harvey stated that recently, especially in the evenings when she has seen Scott on the phone with Hunter, Scott seems frustrated because Hunter will be drunk, and Scott cannot get anywhere or get the answers he needs. Harvey advises it is a pattern. Harvey states out of concern, she asks Scott what happens if something big comes up, and you need your supervisor(Hunter). Harvey advises if it is after a specific time, there is no need to call him because he will be intoxicated. Harvey stated she does not want to see Hunter lose his job, but she did want the situation addressed.

\*\* See folder - Audio Recordings – Autumn Harvey – for additional information. \*\*

