

Rock Falls PD

Case RFP25-00075

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Primary Narrative By Betony Gluff, 02/14/25 03:33

Aggravated battery that occurred at 601 W 20th St.

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CFS #25-045009

On 2-14-25 at approximately 1:50 a.m., the Rock Falls Police Department received a 911 call stating someone was stabbed at 601 W 20th St. I (Sergeant Betony Gluff #1067) arrived on scene wearing a department issued uniform and body camera. Upon arrival, there was a male in the driveway with a female holding onto him. The male's face was blue and had an obvious wound to his stomach, to the point his intestines were protruding out. Officer Sugars arrived on scene and brought an AED and started CPR. The two females who were also on scene were later identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The females stated the male victim's name was Daniel "DJ" Gordon (8-16-97). [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were repeatedly stating that Kyle Cooper was the subject that stabbed Daniel. They advised Kyle took off in his vehicle (gold Chevrolet Traverse) westbound on W 20th St., then north on 7th Avenue.

CGH EMS arrived on scene. Prior to them transporting Daniel, a paramedic handed me a paper bag with Daniel's shirt and sweatshirt. That evidence was later given to Detective Day.

Daniel was then transported to CGH.

After Daniel was transported, Officer McKanna and I taped off the scene. In the driveway, there was a white Chevrolet Blazer running with IL registration [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that was her vehicle. Near the passenger side of the vehicle, there was a large amount of blood in the snow, where Daniel was laying when I arrived. I also observed a stocking hat in the snow nearby.

I contacted Detective Sergeant Vondra and advised him of the situation. He stated Detective Day #1078 would be en route and he requested I contact ISP Crime Scene. A short time later, I spoke with ISP Crime scene who stated they would be en route.

I advised ISP Trooper Coward to go to Cooper's residence [REDACTED] to see if his vehicle is there. I also advised Deputy Neblung to drive to Cooper's mother (Dawn Nielsen)'s residence to see if his vehicle is there as well.

Chief Pilgrim #1037 arrived on scene and advised he would be contacting dispatch to have an ISPERN released. Detective Day and Deputy Chief Wolber arrived on scene shortly after.

Chief Pilgrim told me to interview one of the witnesses in my squad. I asked [REDACTED] if she could meet me in my squad car so I could interview her. The interview was recorded on my body worn camera.

[REDACTED] stated she lives at [REDACTED]. She has a roommate but she's been at work and was not there during the altercation. [REDACTED] said she was at K's Korner tonight and got home around 11:50 p.m. [REDACTED] looked at her phone and stated that [REDACTED] texted her at 11:02 p.m. asking her what she was doing. [REDACTED] told her she was at K's Korner. She then texted [REDACTED] at 11:46 p.m., telling [REDACTED] she was going home and that her other friends would be there. [REDACTED] then told her that she ran into those friends and asked her again what she was doing. [REDACTED] stated they were planning on going to another friend's house. [REDACTED] stated they also spoke on the phone at 1:39 a.m. and [REDACTED] told her she was on her way to [REDACTED] house. When [REDACTED] got to [REDACTED] house, [REDACTED] got out of the car and came in the doorway. [REDACTED] thought she heard her roommate coming home so they both looked outside. [REDACTED] then said that it was Kyle. [REDACTED] then went running outside towards her vehicle. [REDACTED] said Kyle was "talking shit" to [REDACTED] near her vehicle and kind of nudging her. [REDACTED] said DJ got out of [REDACTED]'s car and told Kyle to not talk to [REDACTED] like that. [REDACTED] believed DJ was sitting in the front passenger seat of [REDACTED]'s vehicle prior to getting out. [REDACTED] said that Kyle came at DJ and they started fighting. She said Kyle was punching DJ. She described DJ as getting "whipped around". [REDACTED] stated she did not see Kyle stab DJ because [REDACTED]'s vehicle was in the way. She did not see a knife but saw

Kyle on top of DJ. [REDACTED] said a kid that she does not know, got out of Kyle's vehicle to get Kyle. She said [REDACTED] told her the kid's name was Tyler. [REDACTED] said she went out of the house in her socks and was yelling at Kyle to leave DJ alone. She then saw DJ's injury. While the two were fighting, she stated that she was in the doorway of her residence. She could see them fighting until Kyle got DJ on the ground because [REDACTED]'s vehicle was blocking her view.

Deputy Chief Wolber advised me to transport [REDACTED] to the police department to obtain a formal interview. I transported [REDACTED] to the police department and escorted her to a room to wait to be interviewed by Detectives.

End of Report.

Sergeant Betony Gluff #1067

Supplemental Narrative By David Pilgrim, 02/14/25 03:22

Creation of photo lineups

On 02/14/2025 at approx. 2:05am I was contacted by Sgt. J. Vondra and informed that officers were responding to a stabbing at 601 W 20th Street and that Detectives were being called out to investigate. I responded to the scene from home and arrived a short time later. Once on scene, I met with Sgt. B. Gluff and was briefed on the incident. I contacted DC Bartel of the Sterling Police Department and Sheriff J. Booker to request additional investigators to assist.

There were two witnesses to the incident at the scene. They were transported to RFPD to be interviewed. I went to RFPD to compile photo line ups to be shown to those witnesses. Using the department's arrest photo system, I compiled three different 6-pack photo arrays containing an image of the suspect, Kyle M. Cooper 01/05/1989. The line-ups and the associated compilation reports, which list the identities of the individuals and their position in the lineup, were labeled A, B, and C

Photo lineups were administered to the two witnesses at RFPD by Det. A. Deyo of the Whiteside Co SO. Those interaction were recorded on Deyo's BWC. Deyo was not advised of the position of the suspect in the lineup, but she was aware of the name of the suspect, as were all available officers and investigators. However, Deyo had no previous involvement in the investigation to that point.

The line up labeled "B" was shown to witness [REDACTED] at approx. 3:33am. [REDACTED] identified the person pictured in position #4 of that lineup as the suspect Kyle Cooper. The photo in position #4 of that line-up is, in fact, Kyle M. Cooper 01/05/89.

The line up labeled "C" was shown to witness [REDACTED] at approx. 3:49am. [REDACTED] identified the person pictured in position #5 of that lineup as Kyle Cooper. The photo in position #5 of that line-up is Kyle M. Cooper 01/05/89.

Photo copies of the lineups, associated advisory forms, and compilation reports were made. Those will be attached to the case report. The original documents were sealed and entered into evidence.

End of Report

D. Pilgrim #1037 2/14/25 3:58am

Supplemental Narrative By Douglas Wolber, 02/14/25 05:32

witness interview x 2

INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]:

On February 14, 2025, at approximately 2:00 A.M., I (Deputy Chief Wolber) was contacted by Chief Pilgrim and advised a stabbing had occurred. I arrived at the crime scene (601 W 20th Street, Rock Falls) and was advised there are two witnesses to the crime. I had Officers transport the two witnesses to the Rock Falls Police Department to be

interviewed.

At approximately 3:17 A.M., I spoke with [REDACTED]. Detective Day was also present. [REDACTED] was advised our conversation was being recorded. [REDACTED] advised she has known Kyle Cooper (Kyle M Cooper 1/5/89) for approximately one year. [REDACTED] states that they were friends for a long time before they started "hanging out". [REDACTED] mentions that she has tried to get away from Kyle several times. [REDACTED] states that Kyle has control issues and has made threats to anyone that comes around her. [REDACTED] said Kyle is more obsessive over her being with "DJ". [REDACTED] is referring to Daniel J Gordon 8/16/97. [REDACTED] states she has been trying to leave Kyle for months. [REDACTED] also states that she wanted to get an order of protection on Kyle yesterday but had to work.

[REDACTED] states that Kyle stayed away from her all day (2/13/25) and mentions that was weird. She then states that he was "blowing up her phone". [REDACTED] then states that her and Kyle have been broke up for about one month. I asked if her and DJ were in a dating relationship. [REDACTED] states they have been "on and off for awhile". [REDACTED] then advised Kyle and DJ use to be close friends.

[REDACTED] said Kyle had been texting her throughout the night and he was making threats. [REDACTED] states that she did answer a phone call from Kyle as she was walking out of Lucy's (Lucky Lucy's Gaming Sports Bar located at 3 East 3rd Street in Sterling, Illinois). [REDACTED] said she answered his call in attempts to calm him down. [REDACTED] said DJ entered her vehicle and started to yell "fuck him" while Kyle was still on the phone. I asked if she was talking to Kyle on speaker phone. I asked what was said between the two. [REDACTED] states they have been threatening each other for awhile now. [REDACTED] states she has lost so many friends because of Kyle. [REDACTED] states that Kyle has slashed tires, broken into her garage, and broken into her house. [REDACTED] said Kyle has been banned from bars and other places because of the way he acts.

[REDACTED] said her and DJ both throw darts on a Thursday league. [REDACTED] said her and DJ walked into the Corner Tap at around 10:30 or 11:00 P.M. [REDACTED] states that Kyle was inside Corner Tap and Kyle and DJ started yelling at each other. Prior to walking into Corner Tap, [REDACTED] said she was throwing darts at Cochran's while DJ was throwing darts at Bartini's. [REDACTED] said her and DJ left Corner Tap and went to North End Liquor (208 West Miller Road in Sterling, Illinois). [REDACTED] believes they arrived at North End at around 10:45 P.M. [REDACTED] said her and DJ got to Lucy's after 12:00 A.M. and left Lucy's around 1:00 A.M.

[REDACTED] said her and DJ went to get his car after leaving Lucy's. [REDACTED] said it was located somewhere over by Corner Tap. [REDACTED] states that they took DJ's car to her house ([REDACTED] St, Room 1 and) and parked it in her garage due to Kyle slashing DJ's vehicle tires in the past. [REDACTED] said she then drove DJ over to 601 West 20th Street at approximately 1:20 or 1:30 A.M. [REDACTED] states that they drove past Kyle's house on the way over to 601 W 20th Street. Kyle lives at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] states that Kyle must have seen her car drive by and states "which is crazy". [REDACTED] states that DJ did yell at Kyle out her vehicle window as they were driving by. [REDACTED] adds "Kyle was ironically outside of his house". I asked if DJ told her to drive by Kyle's house and pointed out that Kyle's house is out of the way for them to drive from her residence to 601 W 20th Street. [REDACTED] states that she honestly does not know why she drove past Kyle's house and adds that she must of been just waiting for [REDACTED] to call her back. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]'s friend that lives at [REDACTED]. I confirmed that it was approximately 1:20 A.M., when she drove past Kyle's house. [REDACTED] states "uh huh, he was walking outside and you could see him on his deck and DJ rolled the window down and he yelled out at him, so thats how he knew we were, like, he followed us". I asked what DJ said to Kyle. [REDACTED] states that DJ called Kyle a bitch.

[REDACTED] states that Kyle followed them over to [REDACTED] house. [REDACTED] said she saw Kyle and pulled out of [REDACTED] driveway and drove around the block before returning to [REDACTED]'s house. [REDACTED] states that DJ stayed in her car while she briefly walked inside [REDACTED] house. [REDACTED] states she walked out of [REDACTED] house and saw Kyle with something in his hand but did not know what it was. [REDACTED] said she witnessed Kyle run to the passenger side of her vehicle and she thought he was going to bust out her passenger side window. [REDACTED] states "I didn't see what was in his hand". [REDACTED] states "and then DJ got out and then it just all went to shit".

[REDACTED] states that she was yelling at Kyle to get away from her car. [REDACTED] said she approached Kyle and Kyle pushed her a couple of times. [REDACTED] said DJ did not get out of the vehicle until Kyle started to push her. [REDACTED] adds that DJ was just defending her.

[REDACTED] said Kyle was laying on DJ and she was trying to get him off. [REDACTED] states that Tyler then approached and

pulled Kyle off of DJ. [REDACTED] said DJ stood up and she thought he was fine but then he fainted. I asked who Tyler is and [REDACTED] states that he is Kyle's brother and his last name is Cooper also. Detective Day later confirmed that the brother who witnessed the crime was [REDACTED] and that there is no brother named Tyler. [REDACTED] states that the brother did not have anything to do with the crime and was actually trying to help her get Kyle off of DJ. [REDACTED] said they both arrived in Kyle's gold Chevrolet Traverse.

[REDACTED] said it wasn't until DJ fainted that she saw he was stabbed. [REDACTED] states that Kyle and his brother immediately leave the area in Kyle's vehicle. [REDACTED] could not recall what Kyle and DJ were saying to each other during the physical confrontation. [REDACTED] said DJ did not say anything to her after he stood up. [REDACTED] said she saw DJ's eyes go cross eyed and then he fainted.

Detective Day confirms that the altercation between DJ and Kyle, at Corner Tap, was verbal only. Day asks if [REDACTED] can be more descriptive on what threats Kyle has made to her or DJ over the last couple days leading up to this incident. [REDACTED] replies "there's so many". I asked [REDACTED] if any of the threats mentioned the death of her or DJ. [REDACTED] replies "it's threats, it's not direct but it's threats" [REDACTED] states that the only reason she even called Kyle back tonight was because he had brought up her kids.

I asked [REDACTED] again if she saw Kyle with any type of weapon during the fight between Kyle and DJ. [REDACTED] states she knows Kyle had something in his hand when he was acting like he was going to break her car window. [REDACTED] could not say for sure what the object was. [REDACTED] adds that the object was "definitely metal" and about the size of Kyle's hand.

INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]:

At approximately 4:04 A.M., I spoke with [REDACTED] at the Rock Falls Police Department. [REDACTED] was advised our conversation was being recorded. Detective Day was also present.

[REDACTED] advised her and [REDACTED] have been friends for years. [REDACTED] states she has been aware of the drama going on between [REDACTED] and Kyle for the last four to six months. [REDACTED] did not know when [REDACTED] and Kyle started to officially date each other. [REDACTED] states that Kyle became very "possessive, controlling, stalkish." [REDACTED] said Kyle got to the point where he slashed four different peoples tires and adds "he just slashed DJ's the other day".

[REDACTED] then recalled a time when Kyle came out to K's Korner Bar to confront DJ about him being friends with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said Kyle came there with a bat. [REDACTED] states this incident occurred on October 21, 2024. [REDACTED] said Kyle began doing burnouts in his bosses work truck. She said he was doing the burnouts at the intersection just outside of K's Korner.

I asked if she had ever heard Kyle make threats to [REDACTED] or DJ. [REDACTED] states "I went over to her house one time, with a rape whistle and pepper spray". [REDACTED] said she took those items over so she could give them to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] states Kyle is a Psycho. [REDACTED] said she took those items over to her because she wasn't answering her phone that day and she thought Kyle might have done something to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said Kyle has taken [REDACTED] phone several times and states that he has even broken her phone in the past. [REDACTED] mentions a time when Kyle slashed all the tires in [REDACTED]'s driveway. [REDACTED] said she started to park her car down the street when she would visit [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] states she has become familiar with DJ over the past year and a half. [REDACTED] mentions that DJ has been trying to protect [REDACTED] from Kyle.

Our conversation went back to the incident that occurred at K's Korner. [REDACTED] states that the bartender locked the door so Kyle couldn't get in. [REDACTED] said DJ was inside the bar and never walked outside to confront Kyle. [REDACTED] could not remember if [REDACTED] was also at K's Korner that night.

I advised we need to talk about what occurred tonight. [REDACTED] said she went to K's Korner tonight. [REDACTED] said she got back

home at around 11:30 P.M. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] text her and asked what she was doing. [REDACTED] said she responded that she was getting ready to leave K's Korner and head home. [REDACTED] was reading the text from her phone and advised that conversation was at 11:46 P.M.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] text her at 1:19 A.M. and asked her what she was doing. [REDACTED] said she called [REDACTED] at 1:39 A.M. and [REDACTED] said she was about five minutes away from [REDACTED] house. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] did not mention Kyle's name during this phone call. [REDACTED] said that when [REDACTED] arrived, DJ stayed in the car and [REDACTED] came up to her door. [REDACTED] states it was at this time that she saw a car pull up. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] looked out and advised it was Kyle that just arrived. [REDACTED] said Kyle approached [REDACTED] vehicle and tried to open the vehicle. [REDACTED] states that she could clearly see that the subject was Kyle and also knows Kyle's vehicle.

[REDACTED] said she was yelling at Kyle but describes him as having tunnel vision and not acknowledging her or hearing her. [REDACTED] adds that Kyle was like a wild animal. [REDACTED] was unaware if Kyle opened the passenger door or if DJ did. [REDACTED] does remember DJ telling Kyle "don't fucking talk to her like that". [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] tried to get in between Kyle and DJ. [REDACTED] said she saw them hit each other and states that DJ was trying to protect himself. After the altercation, [REDACTED] thought DJ was knocked out and [REDACTED] was trying to wake him up. [REDACTED] could not tell if Kyle had anything in his hands during this altercation. [REDACTED] said she saw DJ's "guts hanging out when she turned away from Kyle". [REDACTED] said Kyle went back and got into his vehicle and left.

I asked if anyone else was there. [REDACTED] said some kid did get out of the passenger seat of Kyle's car and ran up. [REDACTED] said she does not recall what was said or done after that. I brought [REDACTED] attention back to during the actual altercation. [REDACTED] recalls them hitting each other and stumbling around. [REDACTED] describes Kyle as "up on him, you like know when someone tries to chest bump you or whatever". [REDACTED] said she saw Kyle punching DJ in the stomach. [REDACTED] said she never saw a knife in her driveway.

[REDACTED] said she did not know the other male with Kyle and states that he got out of Kyle's vehicle after the altercation. [REDACTED] said the subject has brown hair and was wearing a stocking cap. [REDACTED] said Kyle was wearing a dark colored sweatshirt, dark colored stocking cap with a white ball shaped symbol on the front, and possibly jogging pants.

Supplemental Narrative By Matthew McKanna, 02/15/25 04:25

Supplemental Narrative to the Aggravated Battery occurring at 601 W 20th St. on 2/14/25.

On 2/14/25 at approximately 1:50 AM I, Officer Matt McKanna #1079, was on duty for the Rock Falls Police Department (RFPD), wearing a department issued uniform, driving a fully marked squad car, performing routine patrol when RFPD Patrol Units were dispatched to 601 W 20th St. to the report of a female screaming a male had been stabbed.

While enroute to the reported location I asked Dispatch if the suspect was still on scene at which time, they reported the female was extremely hysterical and they had not ascertained that information yet. Dispatch then stated the female stated the name of "Kyle Cooper."

The following is a synopsis of the incident and interviews conducted on scene and not a verbatim account. For more detail, please see attached bodycam video on www.evidence.com.

Sgt. B. Gluff #1067, myself, followed by K9 Ofc. D. Sugars #1084 arrived on scene in that sequential order. At the time of officers' arrival, a white male subject was discovered lying on his back in the snow of the driveway located at 601 W 20th St. near the sidewalk. The male later identified as Daniel J. Gordon (8/16/97) appeared to have agonal breathing, his face was pale gray in-color, and I observed he appeared to have a cut in his abdomen area in which his intestines were protruding from. I observed blood in the snow around the area where Daniel

was lying.

Standing near Daniel were (2) females later identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]). Both females are known to me from my time spent employed at RFPD and their identities were later confirmed using their Digital IL SOS DL Images.

Due to Daniel's physical state, all RFPD officers began lifesaving measures. While attempting to render first aid to Daniel, I began asking [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] what had occurred and they reported Kyle M. Cooper (1/05/89) had pulled up in his gold Chevy Traverse and had gotten out of his vehicle and stabbed Daniel. They reported Kyle's brother "Tyler Cooper" was with Kyle and Tyler got out of Kyle's vehicle and physically pulled Kyle off of Daniel to stop the altercation. They reported Kyle and Tyler then got back into Kyle's Traverse and left the area headed northbound on 7th Ave.

[REDACTED] reported she had formerly been in a dating relationship with Kyle and she had been having difficulty getting away from him.

Upon CGH EMS arriving on scene, Daniel was placed into the ambulance and later transported to CGH.

A short time after officers' arrival on scene [REDACTED] approached and commented to officers about "the look" in Kyle's eyes. [REDACTED] mentioned she ran outside in the snow without any shoes only socks on - to see what the commotion was and what was going on involving this vehicle in front of her house at which time she made eye contact with Kyle.

I then began speaking with [REDACTED] about what had occurred and she reported she had come to her friend [REDACTED] house located at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported she drove her white Chevy Blazer over to [REDACTED] house. [REDACTED] reported she drove and Daniel or "DJ" was riding in the passenger seat of her car.

According to [REDACTED] she got out of her vehicle and went inside of [REDACTED] house during which Daniel remained seated in the front passenger seat of her Blazer. [REDACTED] stated while she was standing inside of [REDACTED] house, she observed a gold Chevy Traverse pull up and stop in the road in front of 600 W 20th St. at which time she witnessed Kyle Cooper exited the vehicle from the driver's seat and charge towards her Blazer on foot.

[REDACTED] said she walked out of the house and approached Kyle as he was headed towards her vehicle and she began telling him to go away. [REDACTED] said Kyle began touching her vehicle to entice Daniel to step out, but Daniel remained inside of her car. [REDACTED] reported Kyle pushed her at which time Daniel exited her car and told Kyle not to touch her. [REDACTED] reported Kyle then started fighting with Daniel.

According to [REDACTED], Kyle was soon on top of Daniel hitting him while Daniel was lying on the ground on his back. [REDACTED] said she tried to get Kyle off of Daniel, and began pushing Kyle but she was not strong enough to get Kyle off. [REDACTED] reported Kyle's brother then ran up and physically pulled Kyle off of Daniel. [REDACTED] reported during the time she attempted to get Kyle off of Daniel, the black stocking cap Kyle was wearing came off his head and fell on the ground

as she was trying to push Kyle off. [REDACTED] identified a black stocking cap with a round white-in-color emblem on it - as the hat Kyle was wearing during the altercation. During my time on scene, I observed (2) black stocking caps in the snow-the hat [REDACTED] identified as belonging to Kyle and a black Carhart brand stocking cap – which reportedly belonged to Daniel.

[REDACTED] reported after Kyle's brother got him off of Daniel, both of them got into Kyle's car and left. [REDACTED] reported Daniel stood up and looked at her and then fell to the ground. [REDACTED] reported at that time she then observed Daniel's intestines protruding from his abdomen and she screamed and [REDACTED] then called 911.

During my time with [REDACTED], I asked her to go over the events of the evening in chronological order so I would have the best understanding as to what had occurred. [REDACTED] reported she and Daniel had spent the day together. [REDACTED] said earlier in the day she and Daniel had gone to the Corner Tap around 1 PM in the afternoon. [REDACTED] reported the (2) of them spent a little time there before leaving and going back to her residence for a couple of hours.

[REDACTED] reported both she and Daniel are on dart leagues, but they are on different teams and they had games at different establishments earlier in the evening. [REDACTED] reported Daniel went and played darts at Bartini's (205 W 2nd St.) while she went to Cochran's Pub (223 W 2nd St.) and played darts.

According to [REDACTED], once Daniel was done with his game, he came to Cochran's and met back up with her and then both of them went to the Corner Tap. [REDACTED] reported upon entering the Corner Tap, unbenounced to them Kyle Cooper was inside of the Corner Tap and he and Daniel began verbally yelling at each other. [REDACTED] reported Daniel walked in before her and when she walked in and heard/saw the shouting, she suggested to Daniel they leave, which they did.

[REDACTED] said she and Daniel then went to the North End (208 W Miller St.) in Sterling. [REDACTED] reported after sometime at the North End she and Daniel then went to Lucky Lucy's (3 E 3rd St.) where they remained until almost closing time. According to [REDACTED] after exiting Lucky Lucy's, she and Daniel sat in her Chevy Blazer for approximately 15 minutes and talked in the parking lot area behind Champs on Light Street.

[REDACTED] said once she and Daniel left the parking lot, they came back to Rock Falls where they went and picked up Daniel's vehicle which was parked near the Corner Tap. [REDACTED] reported she and Daniel have been having issues with Kyle slashing Daniel's tires, so they got Daniel's vehicle and took it to [REDACTED] residence ([REDACTED]) and parked it inside of [REDACTED] garage and closed the door so it would be out of view from potentially being vandalized (see WCSO CFS 25-0430018).

According to [REDACTED], she called [REDACTED] upon leaving Sterling and made arrangements for her and Daniel to stop over and pick up [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said after parking Daniel's car in her garage and closing it up she and Daniel got into her car and went to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said she turned at the RT 30 shell (1111 W RT 30) onto 12th Ave. to head to [REDACTED] and passed by Kyle's residence ([REDACTED]). [REDACTED] said Kyle was outside at the time she and

Daniel drove past and Kyle saw them.

According to [REDACTED], she then went to [REDACTED], but as she was pulling up, she observed Kyle's gold Traverse was following behind her so she decided not to stop and kept driving past [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said she then headed towards the area of her house and no longer observed Kyle behind her. [REDACTED] reported after no longer seeing Kyle, she then headed back over to [REDACTED] and parked in her driveway and went inside. [REDACTED] reported after very briefly being inside "like 60 seconds" was when she observed Kyle pull up front of the neighbor's across the street and exit his vehicle and run at her vehicle.

[REDACTED] reported during the time she was trying to get Kyle off of Daniel, she lost her cellphone in the snow. [REDACTED] cell phone was later photographed and collected by Detective A. Day #1078 upon her arrival on scene. The phone was discovered pressed down in the snow like it had been rolled over by one or both parties during the struggle.

[REDACTED] reported she did not know where Kyle would go to, but suggested his mother's residence should be checked by officers. [REDACTED] stated she did not observe Kyle with a knife and she did not witness Kyle stab Daniel, but due to Daniel's severe laceration upon standing up after the altercation she believes Kyle to have stabbed him.

According to [REDACTED], Kyle always carries a knife on his person.

I asked [REDACTED] about Kyle ending up at [REDACTED] residence if she had continued on and initially lost him. [REDACTED] reported Kyle is aware that [REDACTED] is her good friend and Kyle has previously been to [REDACTED] house during the time they were in a dating relationship.

During my time on scene, I briefly spoke with [REDACTED] as well. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reported witnessing Kyle physically attacking Daniel. [REDACTED] reported she too did not physically observe the knife, but she observed Daniel appear to not have a laceration and upon Kyle fleeing and Daniel standing up, he then had a serious laceration.

I then concluded the interview with [REDACTED] and she was transported to RFPD to speak with Detective Day.

The Illinois State Police (ISP) Crime Scene Unit (CSI) was called to the scene and Investigator/Tech D. Thew processed the scene. After completion, the scene was released back to [REDACTED].

Upon returning to work the following night shift (2/14/25), I observed the "Tyler Cooper" [REDACTED] referred to is [REDACTED] whom is known to me from my time spent employed at RFPD.

I was also informed upon arriving at work that Daniel J. Gordon (8/16/97) had succumbed to his injuries and had been pronounced deceased at CGH.

This report will be forwarded to the Whiteside County State's Attorney's Office for follow-up prosecution.

Supplemental Narrative By Autumn Day, 02/17/25 10:56

On February 14, 2025, I, Detective Autumn Day, was contacted about a stabbing that occurred at 601 W 20th Street in Rock Falls. I responded to the scene a short time later.

Also on scene at the time of my arrival were Chief Pilgrim, Sergeant Gluff, Officer McKanna, and Officer Sugars.

Once on scene, I was advised that the victim, Daniel J. Gordon (D.J.) (08/16/97) was transported to CGH Medical Center by ambulance. It was reported to me that Gordon was stabbed in his abdomen. I was advised that two female witnesses were still on scene, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I was also informed that the suspect, Kyle M. Cooper (01/05/89), fled from the scene driving a gold in color Chevrolet Traverse.

I was made aware that [REDACTED]'s phone was dropped in the area of the altercation in snow and mud. She requested the phone. She was advised that it was evidence. We collected only the phone at this time, a rose gold in color iPhone 16 with a clear case, from the scene. Photographs were taken of where the phone was located and a marker replaced it.

Sergeant Gluff and Officer McKanna began to interview the witnesses. Deputy Chief Wolber then arrived on scene. We then requested that the witnesses come to RFPD for further interviewing and photo lineups. We returned to RFPD where Deputy Chief Wolber and I spoke with [REDACTED] and then [REDACTED]. See Deputy Chief Wolber's report for details on these interviews.

It should be noted that while [REDACTED] was at RFPD, she stated that we could go through her phone for whatever we need. She agreed to sign a release form. A release form was signed and [REDACTED] provided her unlock code.

I was then advised that Kyle Cooper turned himself in at the Whiteside County Sheriff's Office. He was being placed in a holding cell. I was also informed that a silver vehicle dropped him off at the Sheriff's Office. At this time, WHCO Detective Deyo and I left RFPD to go speak with Kyle. It should be noted that Detective Deyo was at RFPD to assist with administering photo line-ups (see Chief Pilgrim's report).

While enroute to Morrison, WHCO Sergeant Hamstra conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle that dropped Kyle off. I was advised that there were three occupants, Kyle's brother, mom, and stepdad. They agreed to return to WHCO. When I arrived Detective Deyo advised that she spoke with Chief Pilgrim who stated the vehicle used to bring Kyle in is going to be towed and held as evidence.

Detective Deyo and I first spoke with the brother who identified himself as [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]). I advised [REDACTED] that he was not under arrest or detained. I informed him that I was still going to advise him of his Miranda Rights. I read [REDACTED] his Miranda Rights and he signed a waiver. [REDACTED] acknowledges that he understands his rights and is willing to speak to us.

I asked [REDACTED] if he went by Tyler and he stated that he did not know who Tyler was and he does not go by that name.

While getting basic information from [REDACTED], I asked him where he was living. [REDACTED] stated, "don't

really have one. I kind of moved back with my brother (Kyle) at the moment but then all of this happened." [REDACTED] advised that he will probably be finding somewhere else to live after all of this. I asked [REDACTED] about his phone number. [REDACTED] stated that he does not have a phone because Kyle took it and lost it. [REDACTED] advised that he will probably stay at his brother's house for a few more days until he figures out where he is going.

I then asked [REDACTED] about the events that occurred tonight. I asked him if he was there during the entire incident and he stated "I was in the vehicle." He continued, "and then all I did was pull my brother off of whoever it was."

I asked [REDACTED] to walk me through the day with Kyle. He stated that it usually is not like this and this was just weird. I asked [REDACTED] if they spent most of the day together. [REDACTED] stated they were together and Kyle asked him if he wanted to go to the bar. [REDACTED] stated, "I hop in the car. Next thing you know we're zooming a different direction and then he's out of the car and I'm just still chilling. Said he would be back, he needed to do something. [REDACTED] advised that he stayed in the car and was not paying attention. He then stated, "I look up and next thing you know I'm seeing them rumble next to their vehicle or whatever or who's ever vehicle was there at the, where he was at." [REDACTED] stated that was "pretty much when I ran over and pulled them apart and then we just kind of left from there."

I asked [REDACTED] if before the incident they were out at a bar together. [REDACTED] advised that they were originally home and then Kyle said he was going to go out and asked if [REDACTED] wanted to go. [REDACTED] stated that was what they were supposed to be doing (going to the bar) and then "it just got sideways all around."

Detective Deyo asked [REDACTED] if he knew what time that was at. [REDACTED] advised "not right off hand" but he knew it was sometime after midnight "I think." [REDACTED] was asked if Kyle seemed agitated or said anything that would prompt him to go to the bar at midnight. [REDACTED] stated "no" and that it was a pretty usual thing for Kyle to ask him if he wants to go to the bar. [REDACTED] advised that they usually just go and have a few drinks "and this was completely not the norm with what ended up happening."

[REDACTED] was asked if he asked Kyle when they began going a different direction. [REDACTED] stated, "I just didn't want to talk to him." [REDACTED] continued on stating that he didn't know what to say about everything. He stated that Kyle just kept driving and then ended up meeting with his parents. While talking about meeting with the parents [REDACTED] stated, "we finally got to get him talked down to come turn himself in and figure out where do we go from here."

[REDACTED] spoke about Kyle bringing him along and making him apart of it and getting him in trouble. [REDACTED] continued on to state that this was part of the reason he moved away and now he came back and moved in with Kyle. It was explained to [REDACTED] that he is not in trouble, but is a witness and any detail could help so we can get every side of what occurred.

[REDACTED] then advised that Kyle had been talking to his "off and on-again girlfriend." [REDACTED] Detective Deyo asked if that was on the way there or when it occurred. [REDACTED] advised that Kyle had been talking to her throughout the day. [REDACTED] stated that it was nothing out of the normal.

[REDACTED] continued on stating that Kyle "just occasionally has these black out spurts that he just

snaps." [REDACTED] explained that it will take just a little "flicker of something" to cause these black out spurts. He continued on to say that he is so "attached" to [REDACTED] and he is "jealous, he's just that kinda person."

Detective Deyo asked [REDACTED] if he could explain these "black out spurts." [REDACTED] replies, "I've tried to pull him off several people before." [REDACTED] stated that he is usually trying to keep the family together and Kyle makes it difficult.

[REDACTED] was asked to go back to when he stated that Kyle had been talking to [REDACTED] all day which is normal. He was asked how they communicated, through text or phone calls. [REDACTED] advised both. He advised that coming up to the time when Kyle asked him to go out, Kyle was still talking with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that Kyle took off with his phone. [REDACTED] stated that he has no idea where his phone is right now because Kyle took it.

[REDACTED] states that Kyle has a phone but it just doesn't keep a charge. Kyle would have to keep it plugged in and he "hated that" so he asked to use [REDACTED]'s phone. [REDACTED] states that he "hasn't seen it since." [REDACTED] states that Kyle took his phone when they left the house to go to the bar.

[REDACTED] was asked if Kyle said what bar they were going to go to. [REDACTED] states that he is "guessing" the one down the road from Kyle's house, Emerson's. He states they have been there a couple times, have been to Bar Code, and Froggy's. [REDACTED] stated that they didn't go to any of the bars tonight, they never made it. [REDACTED] then states he thinks Kyle had already been drinking. He advised that Kyle left and then came back and asked for [REDACTED]'s phone. [REDACTED] states that Kyle seemed like wherever he was at, "he was already kinda, out of his third." [REDACTED] advised that could be why Kyle was "kind of irrational."

[REDACTED] could not think of what time it was that Kyle originally left. Detective Deyo asked if normal dinner time was about 5:30 or 6:00pm would Kyle have left around that time, before, or after. [REDACTED] advised it was "roughly" right around that time. [REDACTED] advised that Kyle came back around 8:30pm. He advised that Kyle went to get food he believes. [REDACTED] advised that Kyle was home from around 8:30pm until they left at midnight. [REDACTED] advised that they were not hanging out however, Kyle was "doing his own thing." [REDACTED] states that Kyle did not have his phone the entire time he was home but took it just before they left, maybe around an hour or half hour before.

[REDACTED] advised that Kyle lives at [REDACTED] in Rock Falls. He describes it as being a couple house down from [REDACTED]. He was asked about leaving that residence, and instead of going towards Emerson's what happened. [REDACTED] advised that Kyle went straight where "dude" went. He stated, "all I remember is that whoever it is that he was fighting with drove by in his (Kyle) girlfriend's car whatever, and yelled out something." [REDACTED] advised that "ticked" Kyle off and Kyle chased him. [REDACTED] stated that the male "antagonized" Kyle and Kyle "pulled the bait."

[REDACTED] was asked who's car the male drove by in [REDACTED] advised he believes it was [REDACTED]'s car, a white big SUV. [REDACTED] states that he did not see the male or where he was located in the vehicle. [REDACTED] states that "at this point, that's just what I heard him (Kyle) say." [REDACTED] advises that he saw the vehicle drive by but he didn't "catch anything that he said." [REDACTED] states that Kyle "swore up and down" that it happened. Kyle told [REDACTED] that he was "just going to go talk to him" and then they would go do "whatever." [REDACTED] stated that when [REDACTED] car drove by, he was on the porch.

█████ advised that he got in the passenger seat of Kyle's car and Kyle was driving. When Kyle pulled out of the driveway, instead of going "going left he went right." █████ advised that they should have gone to the main road to go to the bar but they didn't.

I asked █████ what occurred when they made it to the location where the incident occurred. █████ stated that Kyle got out of the car and went over and that was it. █████ states, "next thing you know, boom, they're fighting." █████ advised that he was still in the car wondering what he should do and if he should intervene or step back. █████ stated that █████ was freaking out so he tried to separate them.

I asked █████ if he saw anything in anyone's hands during this. █████ quickly states, "no!" then continues to say he did not see anything "like that."

█████ was asked to give us as much detail as he can from when they arrived at the residence. █████ drew a small picture of where the house was located, the drive way, and where they parked (attached). █████ explained that they parked across the street from the residence, to the side (east) of the driveway. He advised there were 2 cars, a black car and then █████ car, in the driveway and the fight occurred on the other side (west) of the vehicles, in the driveway. █████ advised that the fight was on the other side of him and the other side of the car so he couldn't see, he just heard screaming. █████ advised that he got out of the car and ran over then separated Kyle and the other male.

█████ advised that when Kyle exited his car, he went "straight to dude. █████ advised the male was still in the car, he assumes on the passenger side, when Kyle went up to him. He advised that Kyle walked straight to the passenger side and █████ thought Kyle was just going to talk to him. █████ then stated that he doesn't know if the male was in the passenger seat and got out or if he was in the driveway. █████ advised that they were talking for a little bit then "next thing you know they are just all brawling out."

█████ advised that █████ was also out there and she was trying to separate Kyle and the other male. █████ advised that was when he jumped in because he didn't want █████ to get hurt. █████ advised that █████ was out there originally talking to Kyle so he thought things were fine but then the other male was there too. He states that he doesn't know if █████ was in the car or in the house. He advised that █████ walked up to Kyle and they "pulled off to the side." █████ advised that was when everything happened.

█████ advised that he didn't see any of the beginning of the fight. I asked him what he saw when he went up to them to break it up. █████ states that his brother (Kyle) was punching him (DJ) in the face. █████ advised that he "yanked" Kyle off and said "we just gotta go." █████ advised that Kyle stopped doing what he was going and they left.

█████ advised that they drove and Kyle was freaking out. █████ advised that he said they needed to go talk to the police. █████ advised that they eventually got Kyle to talk to his mom and he then agreed to come turn himself in. █████ advised that they met up with Kyle's mom around 35 or 45 minutes afterwards. █████ continued to state that after the entire thing happened, Kyle drove around for a while, then went straight to his sister's. He advised that the sister is █████ and she resides at the █████ address that they provided to Detective Deyo for

where Kyle's vehicle was located.

█████ advised that Kyle and he share a father. █████ and Kyle share a mother. █████ advised that Kyle only has half siblings.

█████ advised they went to █████s and then Kyle's mom and step-dad came over. He advised they spent all this time convincing Kyle to turn himself in. █████ advised that Kyle did not say anything to him about what happened.

I asked what █████ meant when he said Kyle was freaking out in the car. █████ advised that Kyle was afraid. █████ advised that all he knew was that Kyle "just beat him up" and then they just "dipped." I asked if Kyle was screaming or yelling or what he was doing that made █████ say he was "freaking out." █████ replied that Kyle just started "talking stupid." █████ states that Kyle was saying he needed to go see his mom and was "talking suicidal again." █████ advised that Kyle "has those tendencies." █████ continued on that Kyle was saying he needed to go see everyone he loves and that Kyle originally was talking about taking his own life all night. █████ advised that had to talk him out of that and then talk him into coming here.

█████ advised that when they were driving, Kyle was driving stupid and █████ was ready to stop moving. Kyle stopped at █████s and his mom came there. █████ states that he was not a part of that conversation and that he "kind of" stayed in the car, then clarified Kyle's car. He advised that it was late and they were asleep. He then stated that when they were awake, he was told he could come inside. █████ stated that he is not close with that side of the family. █████ advised that they then moved to Kyle's mom's car to come to the Sheriff's department.

I asked █████ if Kyle had anything with him when he got in the car after the fight. █████ advised that he was not aware of anything. █████ stated that there wasn't anything in the car that wasn't normally in there. █████ advised that Kyle has golf clubs, a baseball bat, a bunch of "stupid" random stuff. █████ was specifically asked about a knife and he replied, "he might have a knife in there, I don't know." █████ denied seeing a knife in Kyle's hand. █████ did advise that Kyle has a few knives but he does not know if Kyle had any on him. █████ states that all he saw was Kyle punching with his fists.

I asked █████ if he noticed anything on Kyle's clothing when he got back in the vehicle. █████ stated "no." █████ was asked what Kyle was wearing and he advised the same thing he was wearing when he came in. █████ advised that they are all in the same outfits from when the incident occurred. I asked if there was anything that Kyle was wearing when he exited the vehicle at the scene that he did not get back in the car with. █████ advised no, not that he is aware of. I asked if Kyle was wearing a jacket, hat, or jewelry. █████ stated that everything he was wearing is the same as when they came in.

█████ was checked for any blood on his clothing. There were a couple splatters of mud on his hoodie. It was not taken.

█████ provided his phone number. He advised that it is a Moto G with a case. He advised that it is all beat up. He advised that the screen is cracked and the case is orange and black.

█████ advised that he has told us everything that he knows of on his end. █████ stated that he

cannot think of anything else we need to know.

I asked [REDACTED] if we could discuss Kyle and [REDACTED]'s on-again off again relationship. I asked how long it had been going on. [REDACTED] advised that he was not sure. [REDACTED] advised that he just moved back and was trying to reconnect with Kyle recently. [REDACTED] advised that he has been living in Galesburg for the last couple of years and only visited a few times.

Detective Deyo then asked to clarify on when [REDACTED] advised that he has had to pull Kyle off of people many times. [REDACTED] advised that Kyle has a bad temper and "should be taking meds." [REDACTED] advised that Kyle never went to his follow-up appointment to continue his medications when he got out of the "psych-ward." [REDACTED] advised that was a "few years" ago. [REDACTED] was asked if Kyle was diagnosed with anything and [REDACTED] stated that the last time he knew, Kyle was on [REDACTED] and something else. [REDACTED] advised that he believes it is an [REDACTED] nt.

[REDACTED] was provided my business card and advised to contact me if he thinks of anything else.

I then spoke to D [REDACTED] N [REDACTED] who is Kyle's mother. D [REDACTED] declined to speak with me and advised that she would like to consult with her attorney.

I spoke with T [REDACTED] N [REDACTED] who is Kyle's step-father. [REDACTED] declined to speak with me and advised that he would like to consult with his attorney.

Detective Deyo and I then went to the Jail Floor to meet with Kyle. Kyle was sleeping in a holding cell. He was woken up by the Jailers and we moved to an interview room. Kyle appeared calm and tired during the interview.

I read Kyle her Miranda Rights at approximately 5:50am. I asked Kyle if he understood his rights and he shook his head up and down to indicate yes. I asked Kyle if he had any questions about his rights and he stated no. I asked Kyle if he wanted to speak to me and he stated, "no."

I advised Kyle that I will have to take his clothing and he stated, okay. Detective Deyo took pictures of Kyle as he was. We observed scratches on Kyle's face on the left side of his nose and on his left eye lid. Kyle was asked if we could take pictures of his hands and he complied. There were marks on his arms as well that he advised were new. He was asked if there are marks or any injuries anywhere else on his body and he stated that he did not know. Kyle advised that nothing was hurting on him and that he was still kind of in shock. Kyle turned around and marks on the back sides of his arms were photographed as well. Kyle lifted his shirt and stated that he is feeling stuff but then he searches and doesn't see anything so he doesn't know. We did not see any marks on Kyle's midsection when he lifted his shirt.

Kyle was advised that if he starts to feel any pain to inform the jail staff so that he can get proper treatment.

Jail staff then provided Kyle a change of clothing and his clothes were taken as evidence. They were transported to RFPD before transferring them to ISP CSI Jeff Thew and awaiting a search warrant.

When I returned to RFPD, ISP DCI Special Agent Willis arrived to begin downloading [REDACTED]

phone. Before the download was down, ISP CSI Sergeant Jeff Threw took a swab of a red substance that appeared to be block off the phone. I then transferred the phone to Agent Willis. Later, Agent Willis advised the phone storage was too large and the phone had to be transported to ISP District 1 headquarters. Paperwork was completed and I was provided a copy (attached).

I was advised later that CGH pronounced deceased at 8:23am. I contacted ISP CSI Sergeant Thew who met me at CGH Medical Center. I stood by while Sergeant Thew photographed the scene and Gordon's body was secured in a body bag before being transferred to the morgue. I was advised that Gordon would be transferred to Rockford for an autopsy.

I returned to RFPD to complete reports. While working on reports, I was transferred a call from [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] in Rock Falls. [REDACTED] advised that her roommate was home and someone spoke with them (ISP was in the area getting statements and video.) [REDACTED] advised that she wanted to give her side of what she knew. [REDACTED] states that just before 2:00am she heard a woman screaming. She thought it may have just been kids or someone drunk but then it did not stop. [REDACTED] advised that she eventually looked outside as the police were arriving on scene. [REDACTED] states that she saw an officer shake a subject and then begin doing compressions. She advises that she did not see anything before that. [REDACTED] states that she knows there are several parties at the residence this occurred and assumed it was an overdose. [REDACTED] did not have any further information.

It should be noted that there was a note located in the call from dispatch that [REDACTED] called into RFPD. [REDACTED] advised dispatch that she heard "one of her friends stabbed another friend." [REDACTED] stated that the suspect, Kyle, has a plane ticket to leave [REDACTED] advised dispatch that she did not want anyone to show up where she was because she did not want anyone to know she called. Sergeant Gluff was advised of this according to the log. [REDACTED] advised that Kyle told her on Tuesday night (February 11) that he was going to be leaving soon to work in Alaska. She did not have a date or where specifically at. I was also advised that [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and advised [REDACTED] that she "knew something was going to happen." [REDACTED] advised that Kyle was talking at the bar after DJ and [REDACTED] left. Kyle was saying things like he was going to take care of it and then go to get on his plane. At this time, we have not had [REDACTED] come in for an interview and will attempt to set one up.

End report.

Supplemental Narrative By David Pilgrim, 02/17/25 13:09

Obtained flash drive of video from Shell/Johnson Oil

On 02/17/2025 I placed a call to the Johnson Oil Corporate Office to request video from the Shell gas station at Rt 30 and 12th Avenue as well as the corporate office located directly south. I was put in contact with [REDACTED] who is a supervisor and has extensive experience operating the business's video surveillance systems. I requested all video showing the traffic on the streets outside the two locations on 02/14/2025 from 12:30am until 2:30am. [REDACTED] provided me a black flash drive containing video files at approximately 1:10pm on 02/17/25. The flash drive was given to Det. Sgt. Vondra to be viewed, copied and entered evidence.

End of Report

Supplemental Narrative By Autumn Day, 02/17/25 15:50

Witness [REDACTED] Interview

Interview with [REDACTED]

On February 17, 2025, [REDACTED] came into RFPD to speak about information she had in regards to this case. Detective Sergeant Vondra and I, Detective Day, were both present during the interview. The interview was recorded on my body camera and by the interview room camera.

[REDACTED] advised that no one threatened her to come in today or offered her anything. She agreed that she was there of her own free will. I advised [REDACTED] that she was free to leave at any time and that she can leave the same way she in.

[REDACTED] advised that she is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] states that she is familiar with Kyle Cooper as a customer. She first met him when she [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that she saw Kyle at PJ's on Tuesday, February 11. I asked [REDACTED] to describe what occurred with Kyle on that date.

[REDACTED] advised Kyle came into the bar with [REDACTED] and another female named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was not aware of [REDACTED] last name. [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a Hispanic bartender and believes that she works at [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised that they all came in and were drinking pretty heavily. She advised that Kyle was frustrated and very irritated. She advised that she has heard a lot of things about Kyle but he has always been very respectful and helpful to her [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised that Kyle was complaining a lot about somebody so she finally asked him who he was talking about. Kyle told her it was about "this kid named DJ." She asked him what about DJ and Kyle told her that "he was this young kid and he keeps messing around." [REDACTED] advised that she asked Kyle if this was about [REDACTED] to which Kyle replied, "yup, of course it is." [REDACTED] advised that she asked Kyle what was going on. She advised that people come into the bar and sometimes need to vent so she lets them vent.

[REDACTED] advised that Kyle continued on stating that he (DJ) has been messing around and is just an "immature kid" and that he doesn't deserve anything. [REDACTED] asked Kyle if he was again talking about [REDACTED] and he stated yes. Kyle told [REDACTED] that "he (DJ) just really got under my skin. When I get that look in my eye then you just know." [REDACTED] asked him "know what," and Kyle restated, "you just know." [REDACTED] stated that she did not know because she doesn't know Kyle like that.

[REDACTED] advised that she does not remember exactly and does not want to misspeak but she was pretty sure that Kyle said he was going to kill DJ. She stated that she knows Kyle said he

was going to hurt DJ. [REDACTED] advised that Kyle did not tell her how he was going to hurt DJ because at that point she walked away and Kyle was saying this all to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that while this was happening, she was wondering if Kyle was serious. She advised she thought there was no way that Kyle meant it. She advised that it just didn't seem right. [REDACTED] advised that when she walked away, she went to talk to other people and Kyle just didn't stop. She stated that she had to tell Kyle to stop because he was "getting rowdy" and it was enough. She advised that they left after that.

[REDACTED] advised that she goes to school at [REDACTED] and found out that this situation happened. [REDACTED] advised that she doesn't know exactly what happened and was told by another girl, [REDACTED], that she goes to school with.

[REDACTED] advised that when [REDACTED] told her, she said "no way, I'm pretty sure that he (Kyle) told me that he was going to hurt him (DJ)." She advised that [REDACTED] told her to go tell the police and [REDACTED] stated that she was going to. [REDACTED] advised that she told [REDACTED] that she doesn't remember exactly what was said and did not want her words twisted.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] then went and told everyone that [REDACTED] said Kyle told her that he was going to kill DJ. She advised that after that, [REDACTED], her old boss from [REDACTED], messaged her and told her to do the right thing and help get justice for DJ.

[REDACTED] advised that later that night, she had to work at [REDACTED]. She advised that while she was working, [REDACTED] came in with a male and a female that [REDACTED] did not know. [REDACTED] states that she has never seen these two people before. She describes them as both being taller than [REDACTED], the male having a beard, and the female having brunette hair. [REDACTED] advised that she thought it was weird and was uncomfortable so she told her boss.

Her boss, [REDACTED], checked the cameras and said that it appears [REDACTED] and the other two stared at her for a while then possibly said something about [REDACTED] being too busy to talk. They stare at [REDACTED] some more and then leave. None of them ordered anything.

[REDACTED] advised that it scared her because [REDACTED] doesn't go to [REDACTED], she called off work, this happened the same day. She advised that this occurred at either 10:51 or 11:51 at night. She recalls writing it down on a post-it for her boss to keep the video.

[REDACTED] then stated that she believes after what Kyle was saying on Tuesday and this happening, it was pre-meditated. She stated that especially after hearing that Kyle slashed tires. [REDACTED] advised that Kyle "had the anger in his eyes" and was "very pissed off" about the situation.

[REDACTED] advised that the cameras in [REDACTED] are not working yet. They only have the Goldrush cameras. She also advised that she did not see Kyle after Tuesday because she didn't work in Rock Falls again that week.

I advised [REDACTED] if there are any more issues with people messaging her or showing up where she is to let me know. She was later provided a card with my information.

██████ was asked about anyone who was in the bar and may have overheard this conversation on Tuesday. ██████ advised that ██████ was our "person." She stated that ██████ wasn't trust worthy but she who would have heard it all. She also advised that ██████ was also someone to speak with. She advised that ██████ and Kyle were flirting a lot and looked like they would be going home together. ██████ advised that ██████ Facebook is ██████ and showed us a picture.

██████ advised there were other people in the bar but she does not know names. She advised they were on opposite ends of the bar and doesn't believe they would have heard Kyle.

██████ provided me with ██████ information to obtain video from ██████. We got in contact with ██████ who advised that she would provide us video. Sergeant Vondra later provided ██████ with a flash drive.

Sergeant Vondra asked what time she thought Kyle was in PJ's on Tuesday. ██████ advised she thought it was between 7 and 10pm. She advised that it wasn't that busy in there and it was early evening. She advised that it was only "that crowd" and another patron with his son at the opposite end of the bar.

I asked ██████ if there was anything else that we didn't discuss and should know about. ██████ advised that there is bad history with Kyle in general from her understanding. She advised that she doesn't quite understand the entire situation, only what she saw. She advised that she did not even know there were problems.

I asked ██████ what she thought was Kyle and ██████ relationship. ██████ advised that is a great question because she found out ██████ was talking to other people but she did not know ██████ was talking to DJ. She advised that she didn't know either that ██████ and Kyle weren't broken up. She advised that she was in Corner Tap with in the last month and saw ██████ and Kyle together playing darts there. She advised that Kyle and ██████ are "off and on" a lot.

██████ advised that she did not know that DJ was in the picture. She stated that she did not even know DJ and does not think she has ever ██████ at work.

The interview was ended and ██████ was provided a business card.

End report.

Supplemental Narrative By Jeremy Vondra, 02/18/25 09:53

Follow Up w/ Joe McDonald

On 02/18/25 at approximately 8:27 A.M. I, Detective Sergeant Jeremy Vondra #1047 spoke to Whiteside County Coroner Joseph McDonald via telephone. I was inquiring about the autopsy of Daniel J. Gordon (08/16/97) and if Dr. Peterson had done a preliminary autopsy report.

Coroner McDonald advised me that Dr. Peterson does not do a preliminary autopsy report, only his final autopsy report. He advised that Daniel died of stab wounds that were not self-inflicted. He added that Dr. Peterson's autopsy report would also document incisions that were done by surgeons and emergency room staff along with any incisions that were done by him during the

autopsy.

End of report.

Detective Sergeant Jeremy Vondra #1047

Supplemental Narrative By David Pilgrim, 02/18/25 11:43

Video from Corner Tap

On 02/18/2025 [REDACTED], an employee of the Prescott Group, dropped off a flash drive containing video from the Corner Tap recorded on 02/13/2025 and 02/14/2025. The video was requested by investigators working on the DJ Gordon homicide case. The flash drive was given to Detective Day at 11:45am.

End of Report

D. Pilgrim 2/18/2025 11:45am

Supplemental Narrative By Autumn Day, 02/19/25 12:48

Video Corner Tap and W 2nd

On February 18, 2025, Chief Pilgrim provided me with video footage from Corner Tap. While reviewing the video I observe Kyle in the bar wearing black sweat pants, a light hoodie, black shoes, and a black stocking cap with a round emblem on the front. Kyle is seen in the bar talking to several different people through out the night. He looks at his phone often.

Kyle steps outside and I located a view from the city cameras. Kyle is outside with a group and appears to be smoking. It should be noted. That a dark colored Ford sedan is parked across the road from the entrance to Corner Tap. A male gets out of the driver seat of the Ford sedan and stands near the vehicle as [REDACTED] white Chevrolet SUV slows down to park in front of Corner Tap. [REDACTED] was traveling east on W 2nd Street. Kyle was still outside when she was slowing down to park. He then is seen going back inside of Corner Tap approximately 11:20pm.

When Kyle reenters the bar, he is seen walking to approximately the middle of the bar and standing with a small group.

[REDACTED] parks and the male who was standing next to the Ford sedan walks across the road to her driver side door. He appears to be speaking with [REDACTED] when DJ is seen exiting the passenger side of [REDACTED] vehicle. DJ walks into Corner Tap as another female, identified as [REDACTED], crosses the road and motions at [REDACTED] and the unknown male. [REDACTED] then exits her vehicle and they all enter Corner Tap.

From the cameras inside of Corner Tap, I observe DJ walk in at approximately 11:20:58pm. DJ is wearing grey pants, a dark grey hoodie, and a black stocking cap with a square emblem on the front. DJ walks directly to Kyle and shoves Kyle with one arm, Kyle in turn shoves DJ back. Kyle is smiling during this exchange. DJ steps back and they appear to be arguing. Everyone in the bar stops and is watching them. Kyle attempts to step towards DJ and another patron stops him. DJ continues to attempt to go towards Kyle and several patrons stop him.

Kyle appears to engage in another conversation while DJ continues to point and attempt to go towards Kyle. The bartender, [REDACTED], is seen stepping in and appears to be removing DJ from the bar. DJ is walked to the door. While this is happening, [REDACTED], and the

unknown male all walk in. DJ then remains standing near the front door of the business, inside.

█████ stands towards the entrance and is speaking to █████. It appears that █████, another unknown older male, and █████ are all speaking with █████ and DJ while near the front. Kyle stays where he was for a moment but appears to get upset when he sees █████ inside. Kyle then walks back to the restroom. █████ and DJ begin to leave and █████ appears to be arguing with █████.

█████ and DJ exit the bar and get into █████'s vehicle. █████ and the other male exit and █████ walks out with them. █████ and █████ hug and it looks like the three of them have a short conversation before the male and █████ start to cross the street. █████ rolls down her window and has a conversation with █████ and the male. █████ and the male get into his vehicle. █████ begins backing out to leave.

As █████ and DJ leave, Kyle comes out of the bathroom. He walks towards the front of the bar and appears upset. He looks outside while everyone is getting in their cars. █████ walks in and says something then Kyle quickly walks outside. Kyle stands at the door as █████ is driving away. He then returns inside.

When Kyle returns inside, he is clearly agitated. He appears to be having a heated conversation with █████ while pointing outside then points to his head. Kyle then stays in the bar and continues to converse with several subjects and appears to remain agitated and argumentative.

Kyle is seen going back into the restroom at approximately 11:30pm. He comes out and gets another beer then gets on his phone again. Kyle then continues talking and drinking. Kyle gets a phone call at approximately 11:44pm and hangs up around 11:45 before appearing to be talking on the phone again until approximately 11:49pm. Kyle talks to other subjects some more then is seen getting back on his phone and appears to be texting.

Kyle continues talking to other subjects and drinking throughout the night. Kyle appears to get worked up multiple times throughout the night. Kyle is seen leaving Corner Tap at approximately 12:23am. Kyle exits through the front door then walks to the west side of the building where his Chevrolet SUV is parked on 2nd Avenue. He then turns West onto W. 2nd Street and then turns south onto 3rd Avenue.

End report.

Supplemental Narrative By Jeremy Vondra, 02/19/25 13:24

Review of video from Rt. 20 Shell.

On 02/17/25 I, Detective Sergeant Jeremy Vondra #1047 was given a USB Flash Drive by Chief David Pilgrim #1037. That flash drive contained security camera footage from Shell Gas Station located at W. Rt. 30. that was provided to Chief Pilgrim. See Chief Pilgrim's supplemental report.

On 02/19/25, I reviewed the footage on that flash drive. On the video entitled "Camera 8 2-14-2025, 1.30.00am CST - 2-14-2025, 2.00.00am CST", at time stamp 2025-02-14 01:39:42, a white SUV matching the description of █████ white 2022 Chevrolet Blazer comes into view. The white SUV was eastbound on W. Rt. 30, then turns south onto 12th Ave.

It should be noted that Kyle Cooper's residence is located just to the [REDACTED] of Rt. 30 Shell at [REDACTED]

The USB Flash drive was entered into evidence and secured in the locked evidence vault at the Rock Falls Police Department.

End of report.

Detective Sergeant Jeremy Vondra #1047

Supplemental Narrative By Autumn Day, 02/21/25 12:45

North End, Lucky Lucy's

I, Detective Day, was provided with the video obtained from North End. I viewed the camera footage. This is a synopsis of what I observed from the footage.

At approximately 11:42pm, [REDACTED] and DJ arrive at North End in [REDACTED] vehicle. They park and appear to be talking. At approximately 11:44pm, [REDACTED] turns on a light in the vehicle and they appear to be arguing. They then exit the vehicle and enter North End.

[REDACTED] and DJ walk toward the back of the bar. [REDACTED] and the other male, who was identified by [REDACTED] as [REDACTED], were already inside playing darts with another female. DJ walks directly into the restroom and [REDACTED] walks to a table near where the group is. [REDACTED] stands by herself for a moment and is on her phone. [REDACTED] approaches [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appears to be upset.

DJ comes out of the restroom and walks to the bar. He does not order anything. He returns and talks with [REDACTED] and the group. They all talk for a while and speak to a couple other subjects in the bar.

[REDACTED] exits the bar at approximately 11:53pm and DJ follows shortly after. They both get into [REDACTED]'s vehicle. They speak to a subject outside for a while. Another female then comes and gets in the back of [REDACTED]'s car. At approximately 11:55pm they then leave the parking lot traveling east and then turn south at the traffic light.

[REDACTED] advised they went to Lucky Lucy's after North End. Lucky Lucy's did not have any video.

End Report

Supplemental Narrative By Autumn Day, 03/21/25 13:41

return [REDACTED] phone/ interview

On February 18, 2025, Detective Sergeant Vondra received [REDACTED]'s phone from ISP after they completed the download. [REDACTED] was contacted and advised the phone was at RFPD.

[REDACTED] arrived at RFPD and her phone was returned to her at approximately 2:44pm that day. [REDACTED] agreed to speak with Detective Sergeant Vondra and me, Detective Day, again.

Before we began speaking to [REDACTED], she was advised that Kyle had been attempting to contact her from jail. [REDACTED] advised that she has "been worried, honestly." She stated that she got on her iPad and saw on her SnapChat that she had a missed call from Kyle's sister [REDACTED]

at approximately 3:14am the morning of February 14th. She advised that is the number (time) that she remembers. She stated that she is sure it was Kyle trying to call her because she heard that he went there.

██████ asked if she should go get an order of protection. She was advised that Kyle will likely keep attempting to reach out to her and had been using another inmate's phone privileges to do so at this time.

██████ advised that she has heard that Kyle is not doing well in jail and has told another inmate that he is going to kill himself. ██████ stated that she knew Kyle would feel this way once he processed everything. She advised that regardless, she does not want to talk to Kyle.

██████ was advised that we do not suggest she speak to Kyle however if he does keep calling or leaves a message, to let us know.

We then spoke to ██████ to let her know that Kyle had a detention hearing today. While speaking about whether he would be released or not ██████ expressed that she hopes he is detained in jail because her kids are home.

██████ asked if we were able to go through and see all the threats from Kyle on her phone. She was advised that we just received her phone back today and have not gone through any of the information.

We then discussed how there has been an ongoing issue between her and Kyle. She was asked if we could specifically talk about what occurred at ██████ house on February 14th and leading up to it.

██████ stated that she will tell us the entire day. She advised that she had been reminiscing because they (DJ and ██████) had such a good day.

██████ advised that she and DJ both play darts every Thursday. She advised that morning they woke up at her house, DJ stayed with her. ██████ advised they were supposed to go to Clinton to get darts but the guy they were getting them from never answered. ██████ and DJ stayed in town and ended up going to Corner Tap.

██████ advised that she then went to get her daughter and niece from school. They took her daughter and niece to get McDonald's for lunch because that is what the girls wanted. ██████ advised they took the girls home and then went back to Corner Tap. ██████ advised that they got to Corner Tap around approximately 3:15pm or 3:20pm.

██████ advised that after that, DJ wanted to go see ██████ and his friend's ██████ and ██████. ██████ advised that ██████ is DJ's best friend's son.

██████ advised that DJ also had to pick up his car still because DJ's tires were slashed, and he had to get new ones. She stated that she took DJ to J.R.'s to get his car. She advised that it had to be about 4-4:30pm because they then we supposed to have dinner with DJ's parents at El Tapatio and only had about 45 minutes until darts began.

█████ stated that DJ went to █████, and she had some things to do. She advised that they were "just running errands." She stated that she had to take █████ money and believes that she went home to check on the girls.

█████ advised they both went to darts. She throws darts at Cochran's and DJ throws darts at Bartini's. █████ advised that DJ got done before her. DJ came to Cochran's when he was done to meet with █████

█████ advised that she was talking to █████ (DJ's dad). █████ told █████ that he was worried about DJ walking to Corner Tap but then watched him walk to █████ instead. █████ advised that they (her, DJ, █████, and █████) wanted to go into Corner Tap. She stated that she told them if Kyle was in Corner Tap, they were leaving.

█████ advised that she knows DJ was "running his mouth" right when they walked into Corner Tap. She advised that she was just walking in, and █████ (bartender) was already pushing DJ out of the bar.

█████ advised that she was worried and even asked █████ if he would have DJ's back if something bad happened. █████ advised that she just didn't know what was going to happen. She advised that █████ was in there too and they didn't get along so she wasn't sure. █████ advised that she was surprisingly calm and was just trying to get everyone to leave.

█████ advised that after they left Corner Tap, they went to North End. She advised that they were not there long. They then went to Luck Lucy's

█████ advised that Kyle called. She stated that she was getting text messages from Kyle all day long for days. █████ stated that she was communicating with Kyle to keep him calm. She stated that "this is the messed-up part about all of it because I, that's literally why I've been just trying to slowly get away him (Kyle) because if he gets angry you just don't, you don't know. And it's been so many times."

█████ advised that Kyle text her something about her kids. She advised that after that, she walked out of "Lucy's" and called Kyle. █████ advised she got in her car because it was freezing out. █████ stated that she was trying to calm Kyle down. She advised that Kyle was already upset that she was ignoring him and then was upset about what happened at Corner Tap too.

█████ advised that her and DJ had been an ongoing thing too, for almost 6 months. She advised that DJ has just always been there.

█████ advised that she was still on the phone with Kyle when DJ walked to her car and got in and was "snapping." █████ advised that she just didn't want anything to do with it.

█████ then stated that when "Kyle gets that crazy in his eye, like when you can see that, he's, he's gone." She stated that night Kyle "seen through" her.

██████ then brought herself back to speaking about Lucy's. She advised that normally when she leaves there, she always drives out and around by K's Korner to go back into Rock Falls. She stated that she does not know if she drove that way or the other. She stated that she can just not remember what way she drove. She advised that she knows that she goes that way a lot though. She stated that she may have gone that way and that would be why she went past Kyle's. ██████ advised that she has no idea what made her do that and she thinks it was just out of habit. She advised that she either went that way or over the other bridge.

██████ advised that DJ was with her in her car, she was driving. She was asked where DJ's car was. ██████ advised that DJ had parked his car in her garage. She advised that DJ took his car to darts but at some point, they took it to her garage because "we knew better." She advised that Kyle had slashed DJ's tires just days before.

██████ advised that she drove by Kyle's. She advised that she just doesn't know what she was thinking driving by there. While going by, DJ rolled his window down and yells "bitch" at Kyle. ██████ advised that she rolled the window up and asked what he was doing. ██████ advised that "in my brain, I was just going, and I wasn't really watching for Kyle which I don't know why I wasn't."

██████ advised that they kept driving to ██████ house and then as she was parking, she saw Kyle driving in his Traverse. She advised that she pulled out and drove around for a bit. She advised that she was picking up ██████ to go play cards. She went back and parked again.

██████ advised that she went inside ██████ house. Before she got out, she told DJ that she was going to get ██████. She advised DJ to sit in the car and wait.

██████ advised when she got inside ██████ she saw Kyle's headlights again. She yelled at ██████ that Kyle was there, and she didn't know what was going to happen.

██████ advised that she ran outside because Kyle was going to "bust" open her window. She advised that she still can't remember exactly what was in Kyle's hand, but she knows there was something. ██████ advised that Kyle was going to bust out her window to her vehicle. ██████ advised that she got in front of Kyle and was asking if he was really going to bust out her window and stated she just got this car. She stated, "why are you going to bust out my window right now? Just to get, just to get to him?"

██████ advised that Kyle pushed her. She advised that she went back, and ██████ advised her that she was pushed onto the fence. ██████ advised that DJ only got out because Kyle pushed her.

██████ advised that she saw Kyle hit DJ in the face. DJ went to hit Kyle back, but he slipped and went to the ground. DJ was lying on his back and Kyle was over top of him. ██████ stated that she was wondering why she couldn't get Kyle off DJ. She advised that Kyle has never hit her, but he has pushed her and she has usually been able to move him. She advised that during this, she was trying everything, and her fingers were even in Kyle's eyes at one point in an attempt to get him off DJ. She stated that she was on Kyle's back trying to stop him. She advised that Kyle didn't even seem to be doing anything, he was just on DJ at that point. Still, she could not get him off. She advised that she did not see Kyle swinging, "maybe a little here

and there."

██████████ advised that Tyler (██████████) came running from Kyle's car. She advised that she did not even know Tyler was in the car. She yelled at Tyler to get Kyle off DJ and to get him out of there. Tyler yanked Kyle off, and they started to leave.

She advised that DJ then stood up, turned around and looked at her, then he just fell. ██████████ described the way DJ fell as "like a rubber band." She stated that DJ just collapsed.

██████████ advised that the fight occurred by where the hats were. DJ got up and fell then that was where he was when officers arrived on scene. She described herself as being toward the front of her vehicle. Kyle got up and was going to his car, DJ stood up from where the fight was. She advised that DJ turned and came toward her as he fell.

██████████ advised that when DJ collapsed, she thought he got hit hard in the head. She advised that she was grabbing DJ and trying to see what was going on. She stated that DJ couldn't speak to her. ██████████ advised that she was searching DJ and "I see his intestines everywhere." She advised that she held DJ on the ground until Sergeant Gluff got there. ██████████ advised that was the longest 3 to 5 minutes of her life.

██████████ was asked to go back to when Kyle was at the side of her vehicle and pushed her. She was asked how DJ got out of the vehicle. She advised that DJ opened his own door. She stated that she had the car doors locked, so DJ was locked in the car. ██████████ advised that is why she assumes Kyle was trying to hit her window.

██████████ was asked if she noticed if DJ had anything. She stated DJ did not have anything. She advised they did not have anything in the car, she just bought it a few days before.

██████████ advised that she did not see Kyle at all during the day. She stated that she saw Kyle briefly when she walked into Corner Tap earlier in the night, but he walked to the bathroom.

██████████ did not know what Kyle was wearing at the bar and did not recall what Kyle was wearing when he arrived at ██████████

██████████ advised that Kyle "was oddly obsessed with hating him (D.J.)" She advised that she believes there was more between Kyle and D.J. ██████████ advised that Kyle and D.J. used to work together and she was "pretty sure Kyle had a gun to D.J.'s head years ago too." She advised that D.J. was talking to ██████████ who is another ex of Kyle's. She stated that ██████████ and D.J. "just hooked up." She advised that she knows Kyle held a gun to D.J.'s head and has "heard that story a couple of times." ██████████ was not sure what year that was.

██████████ advised that her and D.J. could not get away from Kyle. She advised that "everyone knew." ██████████ advised that D.J. and she would go stay out at D.J.'s parents. She stated that she wouldn't want to take her car out there, Kyle showed up there one night. She stated they would have to hide their cars. ██████████ advised that she was at D.J.'s having a fire. She advised their friend ██████████ had just left and the Kyle showed up.

██████████ then advised she "knew Kyle was crazy." She advised she did not think Kyle would take it this far. She then stated its "that switch."

██████ then advised that ██████ called ██████ that night and told her Kyle "was out for blood." ██████ was not sure if this was before or after the incident occurred. It should be noted that attempts to contact ██████ for an interview have been made. She has not answered nor called in.

██████ was asked about when she said Kyle was looking through her. She stated that it was like Kyle didn't even know it was her. ██████ advised she has seen Kyle like that before. She was asked about what might trigger that. ██████ advised that she was sure Kyle was on drugs, likely cocaine. When asked what would make her think that ██████ replied, "I mean, it's Kyle." She advised that she had seen Kyle use cocaine when they were dating. ██████ advised she did not physically see Kyle do it often, but she did not do cocaine.

██████ advised that she believed when Kyle was happy, he wasn't doing cocaine. She advised that Kyle would start drinking and that was usually when he would use cocaine. She stated that Kyle wanted to be sober and wanted the best things. ██████ advised that Kyle never had a chance being around here.

██████ advised that before she met her ex who she had been with for 7 years, she was down a really bad path. She advised that she needed that person, and he helped. ██████ advised that she changed. ██████ advised that she thought Kyle could change too. She then stated she felt that she didn't know everything about Kyle. She stated she knew a lot, but not everything.

██████ advised that Kyle's mom and sister always seemed good and stable to her and his step-dad is amazing. She stated she didn't see why Kyle is this way.

██████ advised that she heard Kyle was filing for self-defense. She advised that she heard he got an attorney. ██████ seemed unsure of why Kyle would do that. She advised that Kyle would always tell her he had nothing to live for if he didn't have her. ██████ advised that Kyle told her he was going to kill himself two nights before this incident.

██████ advised there were several nights that she would be home with D.J. and she would keep talking to Kyle. She advised she would have to talk to Kyle and tell him she was going to come over so Kyle would go away. She advised she wouldn't but that was the only way to get Kyle away.

██████ turned her phone on and advised that she had a missed phone call at approximately 3:13am on February 14 from ██████ (██████) on Snapchat. She advised that she also had calls from D. ██████ at 3:59am and 4:01am.

██████ was asked if she recalled anything that was said during the incident. She advised that she recalls saying something along the lines of, "you're really going to bust out my window?" to Kyle. She advised that Kyle and D.J. both "talked so much shit" to each other. ██████ advised that she doesn't remember anything that was said by either of them.

██████ then stated that she wish she knew exactly what Kyle had in his hand. She stated she knew he had something and lifted her right arm up to imitate holding an object. She stated she just couldn't tell exactly what it was. ██████ advised the object had to be the size of his hand.

She stated she didn't know it was a weapon until she saw what happened to D.J.

Supplemental Narrative By Jeremy Vondra, 03/25/25 13:52

Val's Place Video

CFS: X250450009
Incident Report: RFP25-00075

Val's Place Video

On February 17, 2025, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was interviewed regarding the stabbing death of Daniel Gordon. During that interview [REDACTED] stated that on February 14th, 2025, she was working at Val's Place in Dixon. While she was working, [REDACTED] walked into the bar with a male and a female that [REDACTED] did not know. [REDACTED] advised that she thought it was weird and was uncomfortable, so she told her boss, [REDACTED], who checked the cameras and confirmed that [REDACTED] and the two individuals did walk into the bar, then left without ordering anything.

On 03/13/25, I Detective Sergeant J. Vondra #1047 obtained video from Val's Place of [REDACTED] and the two individuals walking in that night. The video was on a USB Flash Drive which was later put into evidence. The USB Flash Drive contained several angles with in the bar as well as a view outside at the front door to the bar.

The video showed [REDACTED] walk into Val's Place. They walk to some tables in the bar, stand there talking to each other for a short period of time, then leave the bar. The times stamp on the video when they enter the bar is 02-14-2025 Fri 11:20:20. The time stamp when they leave the bar is 02-14-2025 Fri 11:21:32.

End of report.

Detective Sergeant J. Vondra #1047

Supplemental Narrative By Jeremy Vondra, 03/25/25 14:14

Dr. Peters Correction

On 02/18/25 at approximately 8:27 A.M. I, Detective Sergeant Jeremy Vondra #1047 spoke to Whiteside County Coroner Joseph McDonald via telephone. I was inquiring about the autopsy of Daniel J. Gordon (08/16/97). In my report from that date, I mistakenly referred to the Dr. who did the autopsy as Dr. Peterson. It should read Dr. Peters.

End of report.

Detective Sergeant Jeremy Vondra #1047

Supplemental Narrative By Jeremy Vondra, 03/26/25 08:35

[REDACTED] n Video

CFS: X250450009
Incident Report: RFP25-00075

Cruz Colon Video

On February 18, 2025, [REDACTED] contacted the Rock Falls Police Department advising that he had video from the security camera on his home regarding the stabbing of Daniel Gordon. At approximately 1:46 P.M. that same day, [REDACTED] came into the Rock Falls Police Department to share the videos. I, Detective Sergeant J. Vondra #1047 spoke to [REDACTED]. I first advised [REDACTED] that the room was recorded and that I would also be recording on my body camera. [REDACTED] agreed to being recorded. In speaking with [REDACTED] he showed me the videos on his phone. After showing me the videos, [REDACTED] emailed me the videos.

It should be noted that [REDACTED] lives at [REDACTED] and his camera faces south down 7th Ave. between W. 19th St. and W. 20th St. to where 7th Ave. dead ends just south of W. 20th St.

The videos he provided show the following:

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- Shows vehicle matching [REDACTED]'s vehicle traveling east on W 19th then turn south on 7th Ave. There is a pause in the video, then a few seconds later the video shows a vehicle matching Kyle Cooper's Vehicle traveling east on W 19th St. then turn south on 7th Ave.

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- Shows vehicle matching [REDACTED]'s vehicle traveling north on 7th then turn east onto W 19th St. There is a pause in the video, then a few seconds later the video shows a vehicle matching Kyle Cooper's Vehicle traveling north on 7th Ave. then turn west on W 19th St.

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- Shows a vehicle matching Kyle Cooper's Vehicle traveling north on 7th then turn west on W 19th St.

It should be noted that when traveling south on 7th Ave. the road dead ends into a corn field just south of W 20th St. Because of this, the only route to take, without doing a U-turn back toward [REDACTED] house, is to turn east on W. 20th St. toward 601 W 20th St. where Daniel Gordon was stabbed. Also, [REDACTED]'s vehicle is a white 2022 Chevrolet Blazer, and Kyle's vehicle is a gold 2013 Chevrolet Traverse.

End of report.

Detective Sergeant J. Vondra #1047

Supplemental Narrative By Jeremy Vondra, 03/26/25 13:03

██████████a Interview

CFS: X250450009

Incident Report: RFP25-00075

Jaden Urrutia Interview

On February 18, 2025, at approximately 10:26 A.M. I, Detective Sergeant Jeremy Vondra #1047 interviewed ██████████ in the interview room at the Rock Falls Police Department. I first advised ██████████ that the room was recorded and that I would also be recording on my body camera. ██████████ agreed to being recorded. I also confirmed with ██████████ that he was there voluntarily. I then had ██████████ verbally identify himself and collected his contact information.

During the interview, ██████████ stated that he is best friends with Daniel Gordon and that he has known him since they were 5 or 6 years old. When asked what he was there to talk about, ██████████ indicated that he had gotten Daniels phone and debit card from ██████████ and ██████████ at about 7:52 A.M. at the hospital. ██████████ assumed that they were left at the house after the incident at ██████████ house.

██████████ advised that he and ██████████ went to the scene after ██████████ (who was working at K's Korner) got a call from one of the girls that was there. He commented that he told them to call the police, but the police had already been called. When they arrived at ██████████, Daniel had just been transported to the hospital. ██████████ spoke to an officer on scene asking where they were taking Daniel. The officer told him to go to CGH.

██████████ then stated that he was with Daniel earlier in the night at Cochran's. He explained that that Daniel was throwing darts. ██████████ estimated that they were at Cochran's from about 9:30 P.M. to about 11:15 P.M. ██████████ then went to K's Corner, and he talked to Daniel on the phone. Daniel told him they were going to Lucky Lucy's. ██████████ then stated that he talked to Daniel on the phone at about 1:25 A.M. when they first got to ██████████ for 33 seconds. He indicated that just were checking on each other to make sure they were safe. During that phone call Daniel did not indicate that anything was going on, and that he was at ██████████. When asked if Daniel gave any indication that anything was going on when they were at Cochran's, ██████████ stated that there had been an ongoing thing with Kyle antagonizing Daniel. ██████████ advised that there had been incidents where Kyle had come to Daniels house and had been threatening him.

I then asked if he could email me screen shots of anything he had on his phone regarding the issues between Kyle and Daniel. ██████████ agreed. ██████████ then described an incident at K's corner between Kyle and ██████████ in which Kyle threatened ██████████. ██████████ advised that he was not there for that incident, but ██████████ could tell me more about what happened.

I then discussed with ██████████ the sequence of events of him getting Daniel's phone. ██████████ estimated that he got to the hospital at about 1:50 A.M. ██████████ indicated that he called ██████████, Daniels dad and met him there. ██████████ advised that he sat at the hospital until they

came in and told them. [REDACTED] advised that he needed to get out of there, so his mom came and picked him up. He then went and picked his car up at K's corner. Then at about 7:52 A.M. he got the call from [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] that they had Daniel's phone and debit card at [REDACTED] house. He then went there and got the phone and debit card. He then took the phone to the hospital and gave it to Daniel's mom just after 8:00 A.M.

When asked what he heard happened, [REDACTED] advised that he heard they had gone to Corner (Tap). [REDACTED] indicated that when they were at Cochran's he had told Daniel that it was not worth it, but Daniel was fed up and wanted to be a man about it. When asked if Daniel and Kyle were friends at one point, [REDACTED] advised that up until 3 years ago, they would hang out and throw darts but were not really close friends. [REDACTED] then described that he did not really like Kyle because of the whole situation. [REDACTED] then described a time when they were at Corner Tap, and Kyle asked him if he wanted to throw darts. [REDACTED] told him no. Daniel, trying to be the bigger man, agreed to throw darts with Kyle.

[REDACTED] then described that night, the bartender at Lucy Lucy's let Daniel stay in the bar a little longer because Daniel was telling the bartender about what was going on, so he let him stay in the bar a little longer. [REDACTED] advised that he only knows the bartender as [REDACTED]

I then gave [REDACTED] my business card with my email so he could send me screenshots from his phone. I then ended the interview with [REDACTED]

At the time of this report, I have not received any screenshots or information from [REDACTED] regarding this case.

End of report.

Detective Sergeant J. Vondra #1047

Supplemental Narrative By Autumn Day, 04/02/25 15:57

Interview with [REDACTED]

On March 5, 2025, at approximately 10:30am, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] came to the Rock Falls Police Department (RFPD) to speak with me, Detective Autumn Day, regarding this case. [REDACTED] advised that he had information regarding past incidents between Kyle and DJ he thought would be valuable.

[REDACTED] advised that he had known DJ for a while but when he started working at [REDACTED] he started to hang out with DJ and they became friends. He advised that was approximately 1 and a half to 2 years ago.

[REDACTED] advised that there was an incident last winter between DJ and Kyle. [REDACTED] stated DJ had been talking to a girl, not [REDACTED] and Kyle didn't like that. [REDACTED] stated DJ and Kyle used to be friends and would hang out.

[REDACTED] continued stating that DJ called him one night around 1 or 2 in the morning asking [REDACTED] to come get him. [REDACTED] stated that DJ had been in the car with Kyle. He advised Kyle had tried hard to get DJ into the car with him and kept asking DJ to come with him.

[REDACTED] advised that Kyle then pulled a gun out and put in DJ's face. He advised Kyle told DJ he was going to take DJ to Casey's and then take him home. DJ got out at Casey's because he

didn't think Kyle was going to take him home, he thought Kyle was going to kill him.

██████████ advised that DJ got out of the car and began running. DJ called ██████████. ██████████ advised that he picked DJ up in between Casey's and where DJ lived, out toward Buell Road. ██████████ advised that he did not take DJ home because he didn't want anyone to show up there looking for him. ██████████ stated that he took DJ with him to where he was hanging at.

██████████ advised he told DJ at the time of that incident he needed to stop "playing with this dude" in reference to Kyle. ██████████ advised that DJ then started talking to ██████████ and Kyle would not leave DJ alone.

I later asked ██████████ if he recalled who the female was that this incident was about. ██████████ advised he could not remember but it may have been ██████████. He advised that he knows ██████████ knows a lot.

██████████ advised when he picked DJ up that night, he did not see Kyle at all. ██████████ stated that DJ was out with Kyle that night. DJ thought Kyle was just going to give him a ride home.

██████████ advised that DJ told him about what happened when ██████████ picked DJ up. ██████████ stated that DJ was shaking and "not alright."

██████████ advised Kyle did not like DJ. There were multiple times around 1 or 2 in the morning when DJ would reach out to him because DJ wanted someone to be with him and make sure he was safe.

██████████ advised that he spent the majority of his free time with DJ due to this. ██████████ stated that he was afraid that his tires were going to get slashed by Kyle or get something put in his gas tank due to Kyle vandalizing multiple vehicles including DJ's.

██████████ then advised there was another incident at K's Korner. He advised that he was there with DJ. Kyle went there and they had to lock the door on him. ██████████ advised that Kyle started banging on the door from outside stating he had a shotgun, and he was going to come in there and "kill DJ and blow his brains out." ██████████ advised that everyone there, including himself, heard that.

██████████ advised that during this incident, Kyle was "all strung out" and had someone else's work truck. ██████████ advised that everyone there was yelling at Kyle for being stupid. He stated that he stayed back because he knew Kyle wasn't "playing games." ██████████ advised other people in the bar stood at the door, yelling at Kyle. ██████████ stated that DJ did stand near the door and was looking at Kyle, but DJ did not really say anything or try to go outside.

██████████ advised that when Kyle first arrived, he came to the door with a baseball bat. He advised Kyle kept going back to the truck.

██████████ stated there have been several incidents recently where Kyle would continuously drive by ██████████ residence. He advised that it was about once a week that Kyle would make DJ feel uncomfortable.

I asked [REDACTED] if there was anything else that I should know about. [REDACTED] stated he believed this is "definitely like premeditated." He stated that he believes "Kyle definitely was planning on catching DJ out sometime, by himself." [REDACTED] advised that he has gone out of his way multiple times.

[REDACTED] advised there were several times he has gone to Corner Tap around closing and seen Kyle "zooming" through the parking lot and looking for people. He advised that he has been driving toward Rock Falls and Kyle has "come flying past" him, looking for people.

I asked [REDACTED] how he knows Kyle. [REDACTED] advised he knows Kyle from DJ. He stated he would try to "mediate it" and make sure Kyle wouldn't "put his hands on" DJ. [REDACTED] advised he would always try to be nice to Kyle, but Kyle is "scary as hell." [REDACTED] advised he would not want to mess with Kyle, he could tell Kyle "just didn't care about doing things to you" and that you could just look at him and "tell that."

[REDACTED] then stated he was over at Kyle's house on New Year's with Kyle's cousin. [REDACTED] advised he did not know that was where they were going, but ended up there. [REDACTED] advised he asked Kyle if he was still talking to [REDACTED] and Kyle said he was. [REDACTED] advised he told Kyle that he needed to leave [REDACTED] and DJ alone. [REDACTED] stated he told all three of them to leave each other alone several times.

[REDACTED] stated he has been dealing with this since July. He advised he is surprised his car didn't get messed up going over there or that Kyle didn't start coming at him "crooked."

I asked [REDACTED] if he has ever had any conversations with Kyle or if there was anything said on that night, New Year's, by Kyle about DJ. [REDACTED] stated "oh yeah. He (Kyle) didn't give a damn about him (DJ) at all." [REDACTED] stated Kyle's mind was pretty set on "taking care of him (DJ)." I asked [REDACTED] if Kyle told him that and [REDACTED] replied, "oh yeah. He'd (Kyle) always drive around with a big ass knife and stuff and saying he was going to gut him (DJ) like a fish."

[REDACTED] advised Kyle said he was going to gut DJ like a fish to [REDACTED] multiple times. [REDACTED] advised that Kyle always "had something on him" when I asked about the knife. He advised Kyle would pull the knife out every now and then. [REDACTED] advised that Kyle did not speak highly of DJ.

I asked if [REDACTED] recalled the last time Kyle said something about gutting DJ like a fish. [REDACTED] advised it would have probably been on New Year's.

[REDACTED] advised that about a week or 2 before this happened, Kyle messaged him asking where he was at and who he was with. [REDACTED] advised that he did not open the message until the next day but believes that Kyle was driving past where he was at because [REDACTED] was with [REDACTED] and her "baby daddy" [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] would be places with [REDACTED] just to make sure she had someone there because "Kyle was crazy." He advised that Kyle would go mess with [REDACTED]'s house and vehicle.

I requested [REDACTED] to go through his phone and any messages he still has, to save them and

email them to me. He advised that he went through his phone the night before and unfortunately does not have a lot. He advised if he does, he will email them.

I asked if there was anyone else he feels I should reach out to. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] does know a lot and would be someone to talk to. It should be noted attempts have been made to speak with [REDACTED]. She has not answered nor called back.

[REDACTED] was provided with a business card and advised to send anything he finds and call if he needs anything or thinks of anything else. I have not received any further information from [REDACTED] at the time of this report.

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Case Information

Case Officer: 1078 - Autumn Day
Offense Date/Time: 02/14/2025 - 01:50Hrs
Offense Location: 601 W 20th
Offense Type: 0420 - AGG BATT; KNIFE/CUT INSTR
Expiration Date:
Jurisdiction: Whiteside
Court Date:
Disposition:
Disposition Date:
Case Comments:

Case Names

Name Type: Suspect

Name: Cooper, Kyle	Sex: M	Race:	DOB:	Home Phone#:
Address:				ID#:
Additional Name Information:				SSN#:

Name Type: Victim

Name: Gordon, Daniel	Sex:	Race:	DOB:	Home Phone#:
Address:				ID#:
Additional Name Information:				SSN#:

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Item Number: 001

Container #:	Process: Hold for investigative purposes
Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4	
Collection Date/Time: 02/14/2025 - 03:33Hrs	Collection Purpose: Evidence
Collected By: 1037 - Dave Pilgrim	
Collection Location: RFPD	
Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed plastic bag with: - 1 - Photo Lineup	
Detail Description: photo line up shown to [REDACTED], advisory form	
Item Notes:	

Item Number: 002

Container #:	Process: Hold for investigative purposes
Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4	
Collection Date/Time: 02/14/2025 - 03:49Hrs	Collection Purpose: Evidence
Collected By: 1037 - Dave Pilgrim	
Collection Location: RFPD	
Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed plastic bag with: - 1 - Photo Lineup	
Detail Description: photo line up shown to [REDACTED], advisory form	
Item Notes:	

Item Number: 003

Container #:	Process: Hold for investigative purposes
Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4	
Collection Date/Time: 02/14/2025 - 09:40Hrs	Collection Purpose: Evidence
Collected By: 1078 - Autumn Day	
Collection Location: CGH Medical Center	
Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed plastic bag with: - 1 - Letter(s)/Note(s)/Papers	
Detail Description: Crime Scene Log from CGH (SPD)	
Item Notes:	

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Item Number: 004**Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/14/2025 - 10:30Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1078 - Autumn Day**Collection Location:** RFPD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed plastic bag with: - 1 - Letter(s)/Note(s)/Papers**Detail Description:** Evidence Inventory receipt from ISP for [REDACTED] phone**Item Notes:****Item Number: 005****Container #:****Process:****Current Custody:** Returned To Owner**Collection Date/Time:** 02/19/2025 - 08:52Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1047 - Jeremy Vondra**Collection Location:** ISP Dist 1**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Jewelry**Detail Description:** envelope from ISP CSI containing 2 silver necklaces belonging to gordon**Item Notes:****Item Number: 006****Container #:****Process:****Current Custody:** Returned To Owner**Collection Date/Time:** 02/14/2025 - 02:30Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1078 - Autumn Day**Collection Location:** 601 W 20th St**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** The following item was collected: - 1 - Cellular Telephone**Detail Description:** iPhone 16 pro max rose gold with clear case**Item Notes:****Item Number: 007****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/17/2025 - 13:10Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1037 - Dave Pilgrim**Collection Location:** Rock Falls PD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed envelope with: - 1 - USB flash drive**Detail Description:** USB Flash Drive containing surveillance video from RT. 30 Shell**Item Notes:****Item Number: 008****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/20/2025 - 14:40Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1078 - Autumn Day**Collection Location:** RFPD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Letter(s)/Note(s)/Papers**Detail Description:** 2 paper bags use to secure victims handa collected at autopsy by ISP CSI**Item Notes:**

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Item Number: 009**Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/24/2025 - 14:08Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1047 - Jeremy Vondra**Collection Location:** Rock Falls PD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed envelope with: - 1 - Collected stain(s)-Swab(s)**Detail Description:** Buccol Swab taken from CSI Thew from Kyle Cooper at the Whiteside County Jail**Item Notes:****Requested for Analysis On:** 02/24/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Requested for Analysis On:** 02/24/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Item Number: 010****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/20/2025 - 14:40Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1078 - Autumn Day**Collection Location:** RFPD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed envelope with: - 1 - Other item(s)**Detail Description:** postmortem kit collected by ISP CSI**Item Notes:****Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Item Number: 011****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/20/2025 - 14:40Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1078 - Autumn Day**Collection Location:** RFPD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed envelope with: - 1 - Fingerprint & Palmprint cards**Detail Description:** finger print and palm prints collected by ISP CSI for victim**Item Notes:**

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Item Number: 012**Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/20/2025 - 14:40Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1078 - Autumn Day**Collection Location:** RFPD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Collected stain(s)-Swab(s)**Detail Description:** swab suspected blood collected by ISP CSI**Item Notes:****Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Item Number: 013****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/20/2025 - 14:40Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1078 - Autumn Day**Collection Location:** RFPD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Other item(s)**Detail Description:** lip balm collected from scene by ISP CSI**Item Notes:****Item Number: 014****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/20/2025 - 14:40Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1078 - Autumn Day**Collection Location:** RFPD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Vape equipment and supplies**Detail Description:** suspected vape device collected on scene by ISP CSI**Item Notes:****Item Number: 015****Container #:****Process:****Current Custody:** Returned To Owner**Collection Date/Time:** 02/20/2025 - 14:40Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1078 - Autumn Day**Collection Location:** RFPD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Clothing**Detail Description:** Carhartt brand stocking cap reported to belong to victim collected on scene by ISP CSI**Item Notes:**

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Item Number: 023**Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/24/2025 - 15:42Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1047 - Jeremy Vondra**Collection Location:** Rock Falls PD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Knife/Knives**Detail Description:** Utility knife collected by CSI Dykstra from glove box of Kyle Cooper's vehicle after search warrant was obtained**Item Notes:****Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Item Number: 024****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/24/2025 - 15:42Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1047 - Jeremy Vondra**Collection Location:** Rock Falls PD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Knife/Knives**Detail Description:** Grey camouflage Guideman brand pocket knife with clear-like substance on tip collected by CSI Dykstra from Dawn Neilsen's vehicle. vehicle after search warrant was obtained**Item Notes:****Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Item Number: 025****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/24/2025 - 15:42Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1047 - Jeremy Vondra**Collection Location:** Rock Falls PD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Collected stain(s)-Swab(s)**Detail Description:** SWAB taken from Grey camouflage Guideman brand pocket knife with clear-like substance on tip collected by CSI Dykstra from Dawn Neilsen's vehicle. vehicle after search warrant was obtained**Item Notes:****Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Item Number: 026****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/24/2025 - 15:42Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1047 - Jeremy Vondra**Collection Location:** Rock Falls PD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Cellular Telephone**Detail Description:** White iPhone w/ cracked screen collected by CSI Dykstra from center console of Kyle Cooper's vehicle after search warrant was obtained**Item Notes:**

Rock Falls Police Department**Department Case Report****Department Case Number: 25-0450009****Case Items****Item Number: 027****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/24/2025 - 15:42Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1047 - Jeremy Vondra**Collection Location:** Rock Falls PD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed box with: - 1 - Knife/Knives**Detail Description:** Knife with silver color handle and multicolored blade collected by CSI Dykstra from top dash storage compartment of Kyle Cooper's vehicle after search warrant was obtained**Item Notes:****Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Item Number: 028****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/24/2025 - 15:42Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1047 - Jeremy Vondra**Collection Location:** Rock Falls PD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Fiber/Cloth Std. sample(s)**Detail Description:** White paper tissue with blood-ike stains collected by CSI Dykstra from driver's side floorboard of Kyle Cooper's vehicle after search warrant was obtained**Item Notes:****Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Item Number: 029****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/24/2025 - 15:42Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1047 - Jeremy Vondra**Collection Location:** Rock Falls PD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Collected stain(s)-Swab(s)**Detail Description:** Swab of suspected blood stain collected by CSI Dykstra from steering wheel of Kyle Cooper's vehicle after search warrant was obtained**Item Notes:****Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA

Rock Falls Police Department**Department Case Report****Department Case Number: 25-0450009****Case Items****Item Number: 030****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/24/2025 - 15:42Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1047 - Jeremy Vondra**Collection Location:** Rock Falls PD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Collected stain(s)-Swab(s)**Detail Description:** Swab of suspected blood stain collected by CSI Dykstra from gear selector lever of Kyle Cooper's vehicle after search warrant was obtained**Item Notes:****Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Requested for Analysis On:** 03/06/2025**Submitted To:** Illinois State Police Crime Lab**Requested By:** Jeremy Vondra**Submission Type:** HAND DELIVERED**Examination(s) Requested:** DNA**Item Number: 031****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/24/2025 - 15:42Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1047 - Jeremy Vondra**Collection Location:** Rock Falls PD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed paper bag with: - 1 - Cellular Telephone**Detail Description:** White iPhone collected by CSI Dykstra from top center storage compartment of Kyle Cooper's vehicle after search warrant was obtained**Item Notes:****Item Number: 032****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/14/2025 - 04:08Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1078 - Autumn Day**Collection Location:** RFPD**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed plastic bag with: - 1 - Letter(s)/Note(s)/Papers**Detail Description:** Consent form for [REDACTED] phone**Item Notes:****Item Number: 033****Container #:****Process:** Hold for investigative purposes**Current Custody:** Stored in Location - B4**Collection Date/Time:** 02/14/2025 - 05:04Hrs**Collection Purpose:** Evidence**Collected By:** 1078 - Autumn Day**Collection Location:** WHCO**Packaging/Quantity/Item Type:** One sealed plastic bag with: - 1 - Letter(s)/Note(s)/Papers**Detail Description:** WHCO Miranda Waiver for [REDACTED]**Item Notes:**

Rock Falls Police Department

Department Case Report

Department Case Number: 25-0450009

Case Items

Item Number: 034

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 02/24/2025 - 15:42Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1047 - Jeremy Vondra

Collection Location: RFPD

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - Compact Disc Recording

Detail Description: CD containing photographs taken by CSI Dykstra.

Item Notes:

Item Number: 035

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 02/24/2025 - 14:11Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1047 - Jeremy Vondra

Collection Location: RFPD

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - Compact Disc Recording

Detail Description: CD containing photographs taken by CSI Thew.

Item Notes:

Item Number: 036

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 03/13/2025 - 14:40Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1047 - Jeremy Vondra

Collection Location: Val's Place Dixon, IL

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - USB flash drive

Detail Description: USB flash drive containing video from Val's Place in Dixon.

Item Notes:

Item Number: 037

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 03/24/2025 - 07:00Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1054 - Doug Wolber

Collection Location: RFPD

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - USB flash drive

Detail Description: USB flash drive containing 911 call and radio traffic.

Item Notes:

Item Number: 038

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 02/18/2025 - 13:53Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1047 - Jeremy Vondra

Collection Location: RFPD

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - USB flash drive

Detail Description: USB flash drive containing video obtained from ██████████.

Item Notes:

Rock Falls Police Department

Department Case Report

Department Case Number: 25-0450009

Case Items

Item Number: 039

Container #:

Process:

Current Custody: Returned To Owner

Collection Date/Time: 02/18/2025 - 16:00Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1047 - Jeremy Vondra

Collection Location: RFPD

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - Cellular Telephone

Detail Description: iPhone and charges belonging to Daniel Gordon

Brand : APPLE - APPLE

Model : iPhone

Item Notes:

Item Number: 040

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 02/14/2025 - 08:00Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1037 - Dave Pilgrim

Collection Location: SPD

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - USB flash drive

Detail Description: USB Radio Traffic and 911 Call

Item Notes:

Item Number: 041

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 02/14/2025 - 16:26Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1047 - Jeremy Vondra

Collection Location: North End

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - USB flash drive

Detail Description: USB containing video from North End

Item Notes:

Item Number: 042

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 02/18/2025 - 11:45Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1037 - Dave Pilgrim

Collection Location: Rfpd

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - USB flash drive

Detail Description: USB containing Corner Tap Video

Item Notes:

Item Number: 043

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 02/20/2025 - 11:45Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1054 - Doug Wolber

Collection Location: ISP Dist 1 HQ

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - USB flash drive

Detail Description: hard drive containing ██████████ Phone Download

Item Notes:

Rock Falls Police Department

Department Case Report

Department Case Number: 25-0450009

Case Items

Item Number: 044

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 02/25/2025 - 11:45Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1054 - Doug Wolber

Collection Location: ISP Dist 1 HQ

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - USB flash drive

Detail Description: hard drive containing DJ phone download

Item Notes:

Item Number: 045

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 04/10/2025 - 14:00Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1047 - Jeremy Vondra

Collection Location: RFPD

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - DVD recording

Detail Description: dvd containing Autopsy Photos

Item Notes:

Item Number: 046

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 04/15/2025 - 10:30Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1047 - Jeremy Vondra

Collection Location: ISP DIST 1 HQ

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - USB flash drive

Detail Description: USB CONTAINING PHONE EXTRACTION FROM ITEM 31-WHT IPHONE

Item Notes:

Item Number: 047

Container #:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes

Current Custody: Stored in Location - B4

Collection Date/Time: 04/15/2025 - 10:30Hrs

Collection Purpose: Evidence

Collected By: 1047 - Jeremy Vondra

Collection Location: ISP DIST 1 HQ

Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed envelope with: - 1 - USB flash drive

Detail Description: USB CONTAINING PHONE EXTRACTION FROM ITEM 26-WHT IPHONE 11PRO

Item Notes:

Case Officer Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

IN THE COURT OF THE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WHITESIDE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

People of the State of Illinois

vs.

Defendant: Kyle M. Cooper
Date of birth: 01/05/1989

No. _____

First Degree Murder

Class: M

In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois,
David L. Pilgrim, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges
that on or about the 14th day of February 2025, in Whiteside County,
Illinois, Kyle M. Cooper, hereinafter called the defendant, committed
the offense of:

FIRST DEGREE MURDER

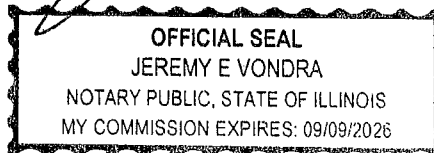
In violation of SECTION 9-1(a)(2) of ACT 5 of CHAPTER 720 of the
Illinois Compiled Statutes, Kyle M. Cooper, without lawful justification
and with the intent to do great bodily harm to Daniel J. Gordon, stabbed
Daniel J. Gordon thereby causing the death of Daniel J. Gordon.

Complainant Signature: _____

Complainant Name: David L. Pilgrim

Subscribed and sworn before me.
On the 18th day of February, 2025

Notary Public Signature: _____





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As requested, the dates of employment for David L Pilgrim:

08/29/2001-Present



David Pilgrim
Chief of Police

Doug Wolber
Deputy Chief

Rodney Kleckler
Mayor

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City Administrator