

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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On Thursday, September 18, 2014, at approximately 1830 hours Special Agent (SA) Tony Watts arrived at 2550 NW 29 Terrace in Bell, Florida. SA Watts was briefed by Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) Yolanda Carbia and Gilchrist County Sheriff Office Sheriff Robert Dale Schultz, III, III regarding a murder suicide. In substance, SA Watts was advised that Don Charles Spirit, WM, 12/11/62 called GCSO 911, at approximately 1600 hours, advising he had shot his daughter, Sarah Spirit and his six grandchildren. Spirit advised 911 that when law enforcement arrived he would then walk to the back of his mobile home and kill himself. GCSO deputies arrived on scene at approximately 1609 hours, and observed Don Spirit walking in the front yard. After brief negotiations with deputies he then proceeded towards the rear of the mobile home and shot himself in the head with a semi-automatic firearm in front of deputies. Spirit had shot and killed juvenile's Kylie Kuhlmann, Kaleb Kuhlmann, Johnathan Kuhlmann, Brandon Brandon J Stewart, Destiny Stewart, Alanna Stewart, along with their adult mother Sarah Lorraine Spirit and himself. Each juvenile was shot and killed inside the mobile home.

SA Watts entered the crime scene and observed a green single wide mobile home with white trim that is located approximately 50 yards off of the roadway. The front door of the mobile home is white and faces west. Once on the property SA Watts immediately observed a white female who was later positively identified as Sarah Spirit with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head. Half of the decedent body was covered with a gray tarp. Approximately 25 yards from her body near the back door of the mobile home was a white male who was later identified as Don Spirit. The decedent had what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head and lying near his feet was at semi-automatic 45 caliber handgun. SA Watts entered the green mobile home from the back door and observed juvenile decedent Kylie Kulman in the hallway with a gunshot wound to the head. A few feet away in the hallway white male, juvenile Kaleb

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Description:Initial Response

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Kuhlman lay with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head. SA Watts entered the north bedroom and observed white female juvenile Destiny Stewart on the couch with a gunshot wound to the head and next to her on the floor was white male juvenile Brandon Stewart with a gunshot wound to the head. In the living room of the mobile home an infant was seen lying on a couch with a gunshot wound to the chest area. The infant decedent was later identified as three month old Alanna Stewart. In the south bedroom lying on the floor near the door was white male juvenile Johnathan Kuhlman with a gunshot wound to the head.

SA Watts and GCSO Sheriff Schultz made contact with Christine Jeffers on NW 29th Terrace outside of the crime scene. Jeffers advised that she is the mother of Sarah Spirit. She was notified at that time that her daughter and grandchildren had passed away. Jeffers due to her emotional state could only provide the following information. Her ex-husband Don Spirit was Bi-polar and to her knowledge using illegal narcotics. She hadn't spoken to her daughter since last week but knew that she was living with her father until she could get enough money to rent her own place.

There were multiple agencies on scene to provide support to the family and first responders. Those agencies were Gilchrist County Emergency Personnel, Alachua County Sheriffs Office (ACSO) Critical Incident Team, and the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

The crime scene was processed by Senior Crime Lab Analyst (SCLA) John H Holmquist, Crime Scene Analyst (CLA) Jamey Williamson, and CLA Jean Blundell. See lab report number 20140405275.

The Medical Examiners 8th District responded and took possession of the decedent's to perform autopsies.

The actions and involvement of GCSO is documented in their report, Case #14-1481.

RAC Carbia made the following assignments:

SA- Tony Watts -Case Agent

SA Garrett Carlisle- Interview of first responding deputy on scene and neighborhood canvass

SA Amanda Spurlin- neighborhood canvass

Additional Investigative activity and interviews of witnesses will be covered in subsequent IR's.

SA Watts attached the CD containing the audio recording of the 911 telephone call and radio transmissions to this file as Related Item INV-01. SA Watts electronically attached to this file the photo copy of GCSO CAD Operations report as Related Item INV-02.

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This Investigative Report (IR) documents the interview of Collene Stewart W/F, DOB 2/19/1979.

On September 18, 2014, Special Agent (SA) Garrett Carlisle interviewed first responding deputy David Aderholt who was able to communicate with the suspect prior to him committing suicide. The suspect yelled obscenities at the deputy and advised that he was mad at Collene Stewart because "she turned Sarah into a whore and she has ruined this family with drugs". See SA Carlisle investigative report for further details.

SA Tony Watts and GCSO Sergeant Michelle Jones travelled to 5190 North US highway 19, Bell, Florida to interview Stewart. The following is a synopsis of the sworn, recorded interview of Stewart.

Stewart is the great aunt to three of the juvenile decedents Brandon Stewart, Destiny Stewart and Alanna Stewart; she is the aunt to Jaime Stewart who has been in a relationship with Sarah Spirit for years. He is the father of the listed juveniles and is currently incarcerated in the Levy County jail. Stewart was at the above listed incident location on September 17, 2014 for the entire day until she had to leave and return home. While at the residence she overheard Donald Spirit tell Sarah Spirit that "her kids were not worth a shit, tell someone to come get them because I don't love them, I hate them." A short time later Donald was overheard apologizing to Sarah for making the comments about her children. He advised her that he was really stressed out. Sarah was unemployed and providing her father with money from sexual acts that she was conducting with a Hispanic male only known as "Jose" from Trenton. Sarah has only known this subject for two days and was provided \$25.00 on 9/16/2014 and \$70.00 on 9/17/2014 which she was supposed to provide her father with some of the money. Donald was aware that she was meeting this subject to conduct sexual acts for money due to the fact that she was utilizing

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Description:Investigative Interview of Collene Stewart

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his phone to make contact with "Jose". She was introduced to "Jose" by Stewart and Ruby Cissell. "Jose" came to the residence the first day to pick Sarah up and on the second occasion she met him at the Dollar Store in Bell. SA Watts was provided with telephone number 352-210-8498 for "Jose". Research was conducted on the listed number and the account is inactive.

SA Watts recorded the Stewart interview with her consent, the audio file was then downloaded to a CD. SA Watts attached the CD recording of the interview to this file as Related Item INV-03.

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This Investigative Report (IR) documents an interview with the initial responding officer, Deputy and School Resource Officer (SRO) David Aderholt.

On September 18, 2014, Special Agent (SA) Amanda Jean Spurlin and John Garrett Carlisle interviewed SRO Aderholt at the above location. The interview took place inside the state-issued vehicle of SA Spurlin. SRO Aderholt was sworn in at 1808 hours and the following is a summary and not a verbatim transcript of the digitally-recorded interview:

Aderholt indicated he was in the Bell Elementary School area when heard GCSO dispatch send out a call for any and all officers regarding a person who called in to state he had killed 6 kids and would kill himself as well. The initial address given was 2550 NW 25th and then corrected to NW 29th Terrace, Bell, Florida. Aderholt was very familiar with D. Spirit, his family and the residence (SRO Aderholt made multiple references to the last name "Stewart" which was incorrect, as the subject he was referring to was "Spirit"). Based on his experience as an SRO, Aderholt had interactions with the family in the past.

Aderholt was the first unit who arrived on scene. He parked across the driveway close to the west shoulder of NW 29th Terrace, which runs along the west side of the residence. Aderholt observed D. Spirit walking around in the back yard, pacing. No weapons were visible in D. Spirit's hands at that time. Aderholt called to D. Spirit by name, using his patrol vehicle's loud speaker, and identified himself. Aderholt did not initially notice the tarp in the front yard (later identified as covering the body of Sarah Lorraine Spirit). Aderholt repeatedly asked for D. Spirit to show him his hands, to which he did. D. Spirit was cursing and would tell Aderholt he was not going to hurt him (Aderholt). As D. Spirit began to communicate with Aderholt, he started to speak to him without the loud speaker and would even leave cover to show D. Spirit that it was him (someone he was familiar with).

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Description: Interview with Initial Responding Officer, GCSO Deputy/SRO Aderholt.

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Aderholt encouraged D. Spirit to come to the roadside and talk with him, since as previously stated, Aderholt knows D. Spirit. On one occasion when Aderholt asked to see D. Spirit's hands, he showed him empty hands and told Aderholt "I'm not mad at you. ... I'm mad at the Stewarts. Collene Stewarthas turned Sarah (Spirit) into a whore and drugs and I'm fed up with this whole family...the Stewart family...they've ruined my family, they've ruined my life and I'm just tired of 'em all." D. Spirit continued to tell Aderholt "...and I have taken care of it today!"

Aderholt continued to ask D. Spirit to come to the roadside and let him see his hands. D. Spirit responded with "I killed 'em all!" When Aderholt asked who, D. Spirit exclaimed "The kids inside.....I killed the kids inside.....They're in the trailer dead...and Sarah's dead too!" Aderholt asked where Sarah was, and D. Spirit pointed to the tarp in the front yard by the driveway and yelled "She's under that right there, mother fucker" (Aderholt states he said something to that affect).

Aderholt asked where the weapon was and D. Spirit indicated it was inside the house. Aderholt knew from previous experience that the residence had no functional front door, and that entry to the residence was through the back door on the east side. At this time, Deputy Scotty Douglas arrived on scene and took a position on the passenger side of Aderholt's patrol vehicle.

D. Spirit would pace back and forth, sometimes going almost out of view. Aderholt would then remind him that he needed to see his hands. D. Spirit stated again he was not going to hurt Aderholt or the other guy (referring to Douglas who was now on scene). D. Spirit went behind the residence out of view and then reappeared with a gallon jug of water. He then went to the back of the truck parked at the residence and drank some of the water. Aderholt continued to try and communicate with D. Spirit, but he became less responsive at this point.

D. Spirit walked back out of view behind the residence again, and then returned into view with a handgun. Aderholt indicated before he could say anything to D. Spirit, he put the gun to his head and pulled the trigger. Aderholt dispatched on the radio that D. Spirit had shot himself and for medical units to begin staging in the area. Other officers had arrived at that time, but it is unclear if D. Spirit saw them arriving. During the incident, D. Spirit stayed in the area of the grass between the residence and the truck and jet ski. He stayed in view of Aderholt except for two instances, when D. Spirit retrieved the gallon of the water and when he retrieved the handgun.

The officers entered and cleared the scene as Aderholt posted near the northwest corner of the residence. He heard the other officers say the scene was clear, and he returned to the roadside. Aderholt advised Sheriff Robert Dale Schultz, III that S. Spirit was under the tarp by the driveway. Sheriff Schultz instructed him and Investigator Michelle Leigh Jones to verify, and a female body matching S. Spirit's description was observed underneath the tarp. Aderholt then walked off of the scene and did not return.

Aderholt clarified that the Collene Stewart that D. Spirit was referring to was the aunt to Jamie Stewart, the father of the three youngest children killed by D. Spirit (Destiny N Stewart, Brandon J Stewart and Alanna Stewart). J. Stewart is currently incarcerated, as is the father of the oldest three children killed (Kaleb M Kuhlmann, Kylie M Kuhlmann and Johnathan N Kuhlmann). Aderholt was not familiar with the Kuhlmann family of the father of the deceased Kuhlmann

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children. Aderholt indicated there was some history in the family of domestic violence and other criminal activities. Possibly three years ago, D. Spirit was caught growing marijuana at the residence. D. Spirit was the main occupant at residence, and S. Spirit and her children lived there and at other family properties at different times. The interview was ended at 1828 hours.

A CD copy of the interview was attached to this IR as Related Item INV-4.

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This Investigative Report (IR) documents an interview with the second responding officer, K-9 Deputy Scotty Douglas.

On September 18, 2014, Special Agent (SA) Amanda Jean Spurlin and John Garrett Carlisle interviewed Deputy Douglas at the above location. The interview took place inside the state issued vehicle of SA Spurlin. Deputy Douglas was sworn in at 2108 hours and the following is a summary and not a verbatim transcript of the digitally-recorded interview:

Deputy Douglas was in Trenton where he heard dispatch report that a man had called 911 and stated he had shot 6 kids. Deputy Douglas responded lights and siren and arrived on scene after School Resource Officer (SRO) David Aderholt. He noted SRO Aderholt was speaking with D. Spirit when he arrived. Deputy Douglas was familiar with D. Spirit and recognized him on sight. Deputy Douglas parked behind SRO Aderholt and got his "AR" (patrol rifle) and took a position of cover behind SRO Aderholt's vehicle, as SRO Aderholt stood between the driver's side door trying to get D. Spirit to come to him. Deputy Douglas heard SRO Aderholt telling D. Spirit to come talk to him, that he did not feel safe with him (D. Spirit) over behind the truck. Deputy Douglas remarked that the engine noise was covering D. Spirit's voice, but he did hear D. Spirit state "They were all dead" and that he did not want to shoot any officer - that they were safe. However, D. Spirit indicated he was not coming out to the roadway.

D. Spirit was standing behind a white truck, He walked to the back of the trailer and grabbed a jug of water and started drinking it. D. Spirit then walked back to the back of the trailer. Deputy Douglas moved to cover and attempted to speak with Lt. Edwin Jenkins and Sheriff Robert Dale Schultz, III to formulate a plan to get to the back of the property where D. Spirit was located. While doing so, Deputy Douglas heard a shot and then he heard SRO Aderholt say that D. Spirit had shot himself. Deputy Douglas never saw the gun during the incident and did not see

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Description: Interview with Second Responding Officer K-9 Deputy Douglas.

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D. Spirit shoot himself. His dash cam was on and he was wearing a microphone. The video and audio were available on his dash cam (the footage will be obtained at a later time).

After the shot was heard, Lt. Jenkins, Lt. Jeff Manning, Sgt. Stephen W Stalvey and Deputy Douglas formed a line to maneuver onto the scene and secure D. Spirit and the scene. Deputy Douglas noticed D. Spirit was bleeding out of his mouth, with a wooden-handled handgun (possibly a .45 or 9 mm) lying at his feet. Deputy Douglas then proceeded to open the back door of the residence, and Lt. Jenkins and the others entered the house to clear it. Deputy Douglas maintained the perimeter at the back door and secured the back of the residence. He would later take photos of all the victims inside the residence. He indicated two females were in the north end of the trailer (actually one female, Destiny N Stewart, and one male, Johnathan N Kuhlmann, juveniles), one female in the hallway (Kylie M Kuhlmann) at the doorway, one male in the hallway (Kaleb M Kuhlmann) towards the kitchen, a baby (Alanna Stewart) on the couch, and another male (Brandon J Stewart) in the south end bedroom.

Deputy Douglas did not see any personnel move any items inside the residence. He noticed the tarp in the yard, and he heard SRO Aderholt say Sarah Lorraine Spirit was underneath. He believed Lt. Jenkins may have moved the tarp and photographed her.

Deputy Douglas had been to calls at the incident location in the past and was familiar with the entire family, including putting D. Spirit's son in prison. Deputy Douglas did not recall any other violent incidents other than D. Spirit arguing with his son. Deputy Douglas stated when he talked to the family earlier in the investigation, that a subject named Ruby Louise Cissell stated D. Spirit had been off of his medication for a month or two, and he had been smoking "spice" quite a bit. From what other family members told Deputy Douglas, "it all started" yesterday, when D. Spirit commented on how Collene Stewart caused his daughter to be a prostitute and doing drugs, and the kids were not going to live this kind of life. Deputy Douglas was not aware that the kids were staying with D. Spirit. He thought they were staying with other family members. The interview was ended at 2118 hours.

A CD Copy of the interview with Deputy Douglas was attached to this IR as Related Item INV-7.

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This Investigative Report (IR) documents an interview with responding officer, Deputy Brittany Lee.

On September 18, 2014, Special Agent (SA) John Garrett Carlisle interviewed Deputy Lee at the above location. The interview took place inside the state issued vehicle of SA Carlisle. Deputy Lee was sworn in at 1748 hours and the following is a summary and not a verbatim transcript of the digitally-recorded interview:

Deputy Lee was at the GCSO office when she heard the call go out on the radio of a signal zero (armed) white male stating he had shot 6 subjects. She arrived on scene after two other vehicles, belonging to School Resource Officer (SRO) David Aderholt and K-9 Deputy Scotty Douglas. SRO Aderholt was speaking with the subject (identified as Spirit) on his public announcement (PA) speaker from his patrol vehicle. Deputy Lee grabbed her med kit, AED and patrol rifle (she indicated she is a licensed EMT). Deputy Lee made it to the second vehicle closest to the residence (Deputy Douglas'). She could not hear if D. Spirit was speaking back to SRO Aderholt or not.

Deputy Lee had a line of sign of D. Spirit and saw him walking around. She never saw a gun in his hand, stating she could only see from his waist up. At some point during the incident she reached down to put her patrol rifle on unsafe and made it ready to fire. As she brought her rifle back up onto target, she heard a shot with no echo, like a thud. Deputy Lee then heard an unidentified GCSO personnel yell that he (D. Spirit) had shot himself.

Deputy Lee stated that Lieutenant Edwin Jenkins and Jeff Manning, Investigator Michelle Jones, Deputy Douglas, Sergeant Stephen W Stalvey and she prepared to make entry into the residence. As they approached, Deputy Lee checked D. Spirit for a pulse but she found none,

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Description: Interview with Responding Officer Deputy Lee.

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and she noted he had a gunshot wound to the head. Investigator Jones told Deputy Lee to come inside as there were multiple victims in the residence. Deputy Lee entered the back door (east side) and went to the north bedroom. She located a little girl on the futon (later identified as Destiny N Stewart) and a little boy (later identified as Johnathan N Kuhlmann) curled up in a ball next to the futon on the floor. Deputy Lee remarked that it appeared he was trying to hide. D. Stewart had a gunshot wound to the head and had no pulse and her body was cold to the touch. J. Kuhlmann had a gunshot wound to the head and also had no pulse.

Deputy Lee traveled from the north bedroom south in the hallway, where she located a young preteen girl (later identified as Kylie M Kuhlmann) in the hallway with a gunshot wound to the head. Deputy Lee noted there were brain matter, cerebral fluid and blood visible. She checked Kylie Kuhlmann who did not have any vitals. Continuing south in the hallway, Deputy Lee located a young pre-teen male subject (later identified as Kaleb M Kuhlmann). Deputy Douglas thought he saw Kaleb Kuhlmann's eyes moving, so Deputy Lee checked him as well but she detected no vitals. She also noted he had a gunshot wound to the head.

Deputy Lee stated she heard there was a baby and another subject further down (south) in the residence but she never went any further than the hallway next to Kaleb Kuhlmann.

As Deputy Lee exited the residence, she rechecked D. Spirit again but did not detect any vitals (someone on scene stated they saw him moving). She continued to the driveway and was asked by Lieutenant Jenkins to check under the tarp in order to verify the identity and vitals on the victim underneath. Deputy Lee removed the tarp after Lieutenant Jenkins took photographs of the tarp, and she observed a white female subject on her stomach, with her head towards the east and her face pointed north. Deputy Lee was familiar with Sarah Lorraine Spirit and stated the victim appeared to be her. S. Spirit had what Deputy Lee described as a gunshot wound somewhere between her head and chest area, but Deputy Lee was unsure. Lieutenant Jenkins photographed S. Spirit and then Deputy Lee recovered her with the tarp.

Deputy Lee stated her dash cam was not operational and would not have obtained vital footage based on her location in proximity to the scene. Her body cam was also not operational at the time of the incident. The interview was ended around 1800 hours.

A CD copy of the interview with Deputy Lee was attached to this IR as Related Item INV-5.

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This Investigative Report (IR) documents an interview with responding officer, Sergeant (Sgt.) Stephen W Stalvey.

On September 18, 2014, Special Agent (SA) John Garrett Carlisle interviewed Sgt. Stalvey at the above location. The interview took place inside the state issued vehicle of SA Carlisle. Sgt. Stalvey was sworn in at 1958 hours and the following is a summary and not a verbatim transcript of the digitally-recorded interview:

Sgt. Stalvey was at the GCSO parking lot when he heard dispatch report that a subject called stating he had killed 6 kids and when law enforcement arrived he would kill himself. Sgt. Stalvey responded along with multiple other GCSO personnel. He arrived on scene with other officers and noted two other units were already on scene at the roadway. Upon his arrival, Sgt. Stalvey observed a male subject (identified as D. Spirit) with no weapon, walking around. He was familiar with D. Spirit and knew the subject involved in the incident D. Spirit. Sgt. Stalvey got his rifle and posted at the northwest corner of the property along a fence line. He had binoculars and saw D. Spirit with no weapon in his hand.

D. Spirit was observed walking to the back of residence. Sgt. Stalvey then heard a gunshot and did not know if he (D. Spirit) shot at officers or himself. When he observed D. Spirit, he could see him clearly. However, when D. Spirit walked around to the back of the house, the white truck blocked his view, therefore he did not see the shot. Other officers started to move into the yard, and Sgt. Stalvey ran up to them and joined their advance. He saw the body and legs of D. Spirit lying on the ground. Sgt. Stalvey assumed he had shot himself. As he approached, Sgt. Stalvey observed D. Spirit who appeared to have a gunshot wound to the head, and a black pistol was next to him. The officers approached the back door where Sgt. Stalvey saw a white female (later identified as Kylie M Kuhlmann) sitting on her butt with her face forward and

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leaning to the right. She had a pool of blood around her head and brain matter was visible.

Officers continued into the residence to clear it and look for survivors. Two officers went into the north bedroom and cleared it, but Sgt. Stalvey did not go into that room. Sgt. Stalvey went with Lt. Edwin Jenkins and Lt. Jeff Manning down the hallway toward the kitchen area. At the point where the hallway met the kitchen, Sgt. Stalvey noted a young male child (later identified as Kaleb M Kuhlmann) with a head wound lying in a pool of blood with brain matter visible. They continued to clear the kitchen area and into the living room area, where Sgt. Stalvey observed an infant (later identified as Alanna Stewart) on the couch. The infant had one gunshot wound to the abdomen / chest area.

After clearing the living room, Sgt. Stalvey and the other officers went to the south bedroom where he entered the room and noted another child - he was unsure if it was a male or female - lying on the floor near the doorway of the south bedroom. The child (later identified as Brandon J Stewart) had blood around him or herself, and it was apparent to Sgt. Stalvey that none of the victims (inside the residence) appeared to have survived their gunshot wounds. Sgt. Stalvey, Lt. Jenkins and Lt. Manning then began to exit the residence and it was announced by a member of the team that the back of the scene was clear. Deputy Scotty Douglas was heard stating one victim (Kaleb Kuhlmann) might still be alive. Deputy Lee came in and checked Kaleb Kuhlmann but advised that he was in fact deceased. All personnel exited the residence once the scene was deemed safe and secure.

Lt. Jenkins and Sgt. Stalvey cleared the camper in the back of the residence, and attempted to check the barn, however it had a pad lock on the door. Sgt. Stalvey then cleared the area and was stationed north of the residence on the roadway to maintain a perimeter.

Sgt. Stalvey overheard on the radio that School Resource Officer (SRO) David Aderholt was speaking with D. Spirit, but he did not know what was being said. His dash cam was not close enough to capture the incident on video. Years ago Sgt. Stalvey had a domestic call at the incident location, but as far as recent calls, he could only recall a property dispute with a neighbor. Nothing further was added, and the interview ended at 2009 hours.

A CD copy of the interview with Sgt. Stalvey was attached to this IR as Related Item INV-6.

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This Investigative Report (IR) documents a neighborhood canvass with GCSO Investigator Julie Girona and Special Agent (SA) Amanda Jean Spurlin and John Garrett Carlisle.

On the above date Investigator Girona and SA Spurlin and Carlisle conducted a partial neighborhood canvass of NW 29th Terrace. The following details document the information obtained at the given addresses:

2630 NW 29th Terrace - This residence is directly next (north) of the incident location on the same side of the roadway (east side). Initially, Investigator Girona and SA Carlisle were unable to locate anyone at the residence. Later in the evening on the above date, a white van was observed pulling into the driveway of the residence. Investigator Girona and SA Spurlin made contact with the occupants. Belinda R Houston and Kyle Houston stated they both left between 1530 - 1600 hours on the date of the incident. They did not observe any suspicious activity during the day, and stated their dogs bark a lot and they could not hear any activity outside. K. Houston left the residence around 1530 hours with his children, and B. Houston left around 1600 hours. When B. Houston left, she heard her neighbor, D. Spirit, yelling at deputies parked in the roadway, but she did not know what was happening and she left the area. No further information was obtained at this time.

2680 NW 29th Terrace - This address is a vacant residence located two houses north of the incident location on the same side of the street (east side).

2720 NW 29th Terrace - This address is located on the same side of the street (east side) approximately three houses north of the incident location. Investigator Girona and SA Carlisle made contact with the occupants, Billy E Dyer and Betty L Dyer. The Dyers stated they left the residence around 1430 hours to pick up their granddaughter (Cheyanne Dyer) from school.

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Description: Neighborhood Canvass with GCSO Investigator Girona.

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They returned around 1545-1600 hours. While driving south on the roadway to their residence, they noted a dark-skinned male subject, possibly in his late 30's, with a green t-shirt and pants (possibly blue jeans) walking north on NW 29th Terrace. He was past their neighbor's residence to the north. He was described as possibly Hispanic, with dark, medium-length wavy hair, and a thin mustache. He had a medium build, and was described as "fit." The subject was not familiar to them, and he appeared to be staring at them as they drove by. He continued to look back at the Dyers as they drove past him. The Dyer's granddaughter was at her home (2680 NW 13th Terrace, Bell) at the time of this interview and was not available for questioning.

No residences were located to the south of the incident location, and none directly across the street and to the south, on the west side of the roadway. SA Spurlin conducted other neighborhood canvasses on NW 29th Terrace (see IR # 11 for further details).

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On 9/22/2014 Special Agent (SA) Tony J Watts received the following information from Catherine Weldon Director of Investigations with 8th District Medical examiners office in reference to the autopsies conducted on the decedents.

ME14-0457 Sarah Spirit, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED]
Manner of death: Homicide.
ME14-0458 Donald Spirit, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED] Manner of death: Suicide.
ME14-0459 Alanna Stewart - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED] Manner of death: Homicide.
ME14-0460 Kylie Kuhlmann, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED] Manner of death: Homicide.
ME14-0461 Kaleb Kuhlmann, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED] Manner of death: Homicide.
ME14-0462 Destiny Stewart, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED] Manner of death: Homicide.
ME14-0463 Johnathan Kuhlmann, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Manner of death: Homicide
ME14-0464 Brandon Stewart, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED] Manner of death: Homicide.

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Author: Watts, Tony Jermaine	Office: Gainesville
Activity Start Date: 09/22/2014	Activity End Date:09/22/2014
Approved By: Carbia, Yolanda Maria	

Description: Cause and Manner of Death

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This Investigative Report (IR) documents the autopsies of Johnathan N Kuhlmann, Brandon J Stewart and Alanna Stewart.

On September 19, 2014, Special Agent (SA) John Garrett Carlisle traveled to the Office of the Medical Examiner (ME), Florida District Eight, located at 606 SW 3rd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida, in reference to the autopsy (processing) of J. Kuhlmann, B. Stewart and A. Stewart. Present for the processing was FDLE Crime Lab Analyst (CLA) Jean Marie Blundell. The presiding examiners for the state ME were Dr. William Hamilton and Dr. Martha Joyce Burt.

The following remarks and observations of the processing are not all-inclusive, and not intended to replace the ME's report regarding Dr. Hamilton or Burt's findings:

J. Kuhlmann (#ME14-0463), Dr. Burt - J. Kuhlmann is described as an 8 year-old white male, who was clothed at the time of the autopsy. During the course of the processing, it was noted that J. Kuhlmann sustained what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head. The point of entry was believed to be the upper left frontal bone area of the skull, with a possible exit wound above the right ear at the temporal bone area. The possible entry and exit wounds indicated the trajectory of the gunshot as a left to right shot, angled slightly downward and to the back. An x-ray of the body revealed metal fragments inside the skull, consistent with the remains of a projectile from a gun. The jacket of a bullet was later located near the right ear of J. Kuhlmann, along with a small piece of metal fragment inside the brain.

B. Stewart (#ME14-0464), Dr. Hamilton - B. Stewart is described as a 4 year-old white male, who was clothed at the time of the autopsy. During the course of the processing, it was noted that B. Stewart sustained what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head. The point of entry was believed to be the upper right temporal bone area of the skull, with a possible exit wound to

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Author: Carlisle, John Garrett	Office: Gainesville
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Description:Autopsies of J. Kuhlmann, B. Stewart and A. Stewart.

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the upper left temporal bone area. The possible entry and exit wounds indicated the trajectory of the gunshot as right to left from side to side. An x-ray of the body revealed a metal fragment inside the skull, consistent with the remains of a projectile from a gun.

A. Stewart (#ME14-00459), Dr. Hamilton - A. Stewart is described as a 2-3 month-old white female, who was clothed only in a diaper at the time of the autopsy. During the course of the processing, it was noted that A. Stewart sustained what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the torso. The point of entry was believed to be the lower left rib area of the front of the torso, with a possible exit wound to the lower right rib area of the back of the torso. The possible entry and exit wounds indicated the trajectory of the gunshot as left to right and angled from front to back. No fragments were noted in the x-ray of A. Stewart, and the gunshot appeared to be through-and-through. Stippling was noted on the front left torso around the entrance wound.

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This Investigative Report (IR) documents the autopsies of Don C. Spirit, Sarah L. Spirit, and Kaleb Kuhlmann.

On September 19, 2014, Special Agent (SA) Amanda Spurlin traveled to the Office of the Medical Examiner (ME), Florida District Eight, located at 606 SW 3rd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida in reference to the autopsy (processing) of D. Spirit, S. Spirit, and Kaleb Kuhlmann. Present for the autopsies was FDLE Crime Lab Analyst (CLA) Jean Marie Blundell. The presiding examiners for the state ME were Dr. William Hamilton and Dr. Martha Joyce Burt.

The following are observations made by SA Spurlin during processing:

D. Spirit's (#ME14-0458) processing was conducted by Dr. Hamilton. D. Spirit was clothed at the time of processing. D. Spirit was wearing a green short sleeved shirt, shorts, and sneakers. D. Spirit appeared to have sustained a gunshot wound to the right side of his head. Dr. Hamilton indicated there was a muzzle impression near the entry wound. D. Spirit had a skull fracture due to the gunshot. An x-ray of the body indicated that there were metal fragments inside the skull, consistent with the remains of a projectile from a gun.

S. Spirit's (#ME14-0457) processing was conducted by Dr. Burt. S. Spirit was clothed at the time of processing. S. Spirit was wearing a short sleeved shirt and shorts. S. Spirit was barefoot. S. Spirit appeared to have sustained a gunshot wound to the right side of her head near her temple. Stippling was noticed near the entry wound on S. Spirit. Dr. Burt indicated that S. Spirit also sustained six (6) stab wounds. While examining S. Spirit, Dr. Burt discovered a laceration on S. Spirit's head. SA Garrett Carlisle arrived and was present during S. Spirit's processing. SA Carlisle informed SA Spurlin that Dr. Burt said that S. Spirit sustained blunt force trauma to the back of her head and that it appeared she may have been pistol whipped.

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Author: Spurlin, Amanda Jean	Office: Gainesville
Activity Start Date: 09/19/2014	Activity End Date: 09/19/2014
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Description: Autopsies of Don Spirit, Sarah Spirit, and Kaleb Kuhlmann

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K. Kuhlmann's (#ME14-0461) processing was conducted by Dr. Hamilton. K. Kuhlmann was clothed at the time of processing. K. Kuhlmann was dressed in a short sleeved shirt, shorts, and sneakers. K. Kuhlmann appeared to have sustained a gunshot wound on the left side of his head behind his ear. An x-ray of the body indicated that there were metal fragments inside the skull, consistent with the remains of a projectile from a gun. Dr. Hamilton discovered that the projectile was still in K. Kuhlmann's skull and could be felt just under the skin on the right side of the head. The remains of the projectile were removed during processing.

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On September 18, 2014 Special Agent (SA) Amanda Spurlin conducted a neighborhood canvas of NW 29th Terrace in Bell, Florida with GCSO Detective Windy Ponce. SA Spurlin and Detective Ponce made contact with residents at 2969 NW 29th Terrace, 2919 NW 29th Terrace, 2759 NW 29th Terrace, but no relevant information was gathered. The residents did not report seeing or hearing anything unusual. No contact was made with anyone residing at 2800 NW 29th Terrace.

SA Spurlin and Detective Ponce made contact with Tate Bryant and Diane Bryant at 2870 NW 29th Terrace. Mr. Bryant said that he was home all day on September 18, 2014 and that he was outside at 1530 hours. He said that he saw "the man that usually rides his bike" walking up and down the street. Detective Ponce said that she knew who he meant when he referred to the man who rode the bike. Detective Ponce told SA Spurlin that D. Spirit normally rode his bicycle in town. Mr. Bryant said that he saw the male walk up and down the street three times and that was unusual. He said that the male had tense body language and appeared to be upset while walking up and down the street. Mr. Bryant said that he then saw the male walk back by his residence with four children. The children were described as three hispanic children and a tall slender boy around nine years old. He said that a fifth child was walking near the group but broke off and went to the house across the street, which is where the child lived. Mr. Bryant did not report hearing any yelling or screaming and he did not report observing any other unusual behavior.

Ms. Bryant is Mr. Bryant's mother and she said that she was also home during the day on September 18, 2014. She said that she was inside the residence when she heard two "muffled pops" around 1600 hours. Ms. Bryant said that she recognized the sounds to be gunshots, but that they sounded far away or inside of a residence.

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Author: Spurlin, Amanda Jean	Office: Gainesville
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Description:Neighborhood canvas with GCSO Detective W. Ponce.

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SA Spurlin and Detective Ponce spoke with Rick Edwards and Brett Rhoden at 2859 NW 29th Terrace. Mr. Edwards said that he was home all day on September 18, 2014, but that he did not hear anything unusual. His grandson, Brett Rhoden, told SA Spurlin and Detective Ponce that there were four children that got off at the same bus stop as he did and that they acted scared to get off of the bus. He described the kids as two boys and two girls. He said that he did not know their names. Mr. Edwards said that his daughter, Victoria Edwards, was also home during the day, but she was not currently at the residence.

SA Spurlin and Detective Ponce made contact with Victoria Edwards near 2759 NW 29 Terrace. She was speaking with a neighbor, Maryann Vincent. Ms. Vincent stated that she was home all day on September 18, 2014, but she was sleeping during the day. Ms. Edwards said that she saw D. Spirit on September 18, 2014 and that he was walking to the end of the road while she was cleaning her car. She described him as wearing a green shirt and that he was picking up kids from the bus stop. Ms. Vincent said that she never observed D. Spirit walking the kids back from the bus stop on any other occasions and that it would be odd to see him walking the kids back from the bus stop. Ms. Edwards said that her son, Brett Rhoden, told her that he observed S. Spirit yelling at the kids in the morning while at the bus stop on various occasions.

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On September 18, 2014 Special Agent (SA) Amanda Spurlin made contact with Department of Children and Families employees Shelly McDaris, Cynthia Speed, and Cheryl Snider that had arrived at the GCSO Mobile Command Center on NW 29th Terrace in Bell, Florida. McDaris, Speed, and Snider responded to assist with identifying the children that were found deceased at the above mentioned address. McDaris and Snider viewed the photographs with GCSO Detective Julie Gironda and identified the deceased children via the photographs. The children were identified as Kylie Kuhlmann, Kaleb Kuhlmann, Johnathan Kuhlmann, Alanna Stewart, Destiny Stewart, and Brandon Stewart.

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Author: Spurlin, Amanda Jean	Office: Gainesville
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Description:Identification of child victims by Department of Children and Families.

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On September 18, 2014, Senior Crime Intelligence Analyst (SCIA) Tonya Rives conducted indices checks for Special Agent (SA) Tony Watts on the following subject related to the murder-suicide that occurred at 2550 NW 29th Terrace, Bell, Florida:

Donald Charles Spirit
W/M DOB 12/11/1962

The following indices were queried:

FL DHSMV (DAVID)-Positive
FL DL# [REDACTED] 1/Status Suspended on 05/05/2007
Address-[REDACTED]

AIM-Positive
Spirit was indexed in GA-90-24587 (Public Assistance Fraud case) and referenced in GA-01-0063.

InSITE-Negative

Gilchrist County Property Appraisers-Positive
Don Spirit is the listed as the owner of the property found at 2550 NW 29th Terrace, Bell, FL

FCIC/NCIC-[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SCIA Rives provided a copy of these results to SA Watts for review. This Investigative Report is complete.

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Author: Rives, Tonya Kimberly	Office: Gainesville
Activity Start Date: 09/18/2014	Activity End Date:09/18/2014
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Description:Background for Don Charles Spirit

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This Investigative Report (IR) documents the receipt of the dash cam video from K-9 Deputy Scotty Douglas' patrol vehicle.

On September 23, 2014, Special Agent (SA) Tony Jermaine Watts provided SA John Garrett Carlisle a DVD copy of the dash cam video from the patrol vehicle belonging to K-9 Deputy Douglas. SA Carlisle reviewed the video prior to its submission in this case. The DVD contained six video files with audio. None of the files had a time/date stamp displayed on the video, and time references made refer to the running counter/time elapsed for each video file. The following is a summary and not a verbatim transcript of the video and audio footage on the DVD:

Video file labeled "tick14713144-tick14713799-video1" -

The footage starts as a deputy is seen on the roadway, to the driver's side of a vehicle, talking to a subject behind a white truck near a residence. The deputy is later identified as School Resource Officer (SRO) David Aderholt, and the subject as D. Spirit. There is limited sound at first, and then radio traffic is heard and the driver of the dash cam patrol vehicle (identified as Deputy Douglas) exits the vehicle and begins to communicate with dispatch and SRO Aderholt. The subject (D. Spirit) is seen walking out of view to the back of the residence. Engine noise is present during the initial portions of the footage.

At 01:11 D. Spirit is seen coming back from the rear of the residence to the bed area of the white truck with a gallon jug of what is believed to be water. He is seen taking multiple drinks from the jug and then sits it on the back tailgate of the truck. SRO Aderholt is heard (and occasionally seen) pleading with D. Spirit to let him see his hands and to come to the roadway to speak with him. A gap between the truck and residence was shown in the footage where D. Spirit could be seen moving from the truck to the residence and back again.

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Author: Carlisle, John Garrett	Office: Gainesville
Activity Start Date: 09/23/2014	Activity End Date:09/23/2014
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Description:Receipt of Deputy Douglas' Dash Cam Video.

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SRO Aderholt and Deputy Douglas are heard off camera view discussing a plan to approach the residence and D. Spirit. At 03:01 SRO Aderholt asks D. Spirit if there is anybody else at the residence and D. Spirit is heard stating "Just me." SRO Aderholt asks if everybody else is dead and D. Spirit gives an unintelligible response of yes, they are dead.

At 03:43 Deputy Douglas is heard speaking to someone off camera view as SRO Aderholt attempt to keep watch over D. Spirit. D. Spirit is seen behind the white truck, moving around behind it and a tree. At 03:52 a shot is heard and a sudden motion is noted over top of the white truck. SRO Aderholt immediately stated "He shot himself!" Personnel from the GCSO are seen and heard on and off camera view staging to approach the residence.

An unknown member of the agency moved Deputy Douglas' patrol vehicle as five members (later identified as Lt. Edwin Jenkins, Investigator Michelle Jones, Deputy Douglas, Deputy Brittany Lee and Sgt. Stephen W Stalvey) approach the residence and eventually are out of camera view. Audio is still being recorded by Deputy Douglas' microphone as the team locates D. Spirit. Audio appears to indicate that Deputy Lee secures D. Spirit momentarily as Deputy Douglas opens the back door to the residence. Other members are heard possibly entering the residence, and the footage ends at 05:27.

Video file labeled "tick14713799-tick14714454-video1" -

Video and audio appears to be a continuation of the previous file. Deputy Lee is heard stating "There's two in here!" At 00:43 Investigator Julie Girona is observed approaching the residence, along with Investigator Windy Ponce. The two stage behind a tree in the front yard of the property.

At 01:16 Deputy Douglas is heard yelling "This one's alive!" He later states he saw the eyes moving. Deputy Lee apparently checks the victim. At 01:55 the all clear call is given. Deputy Lee then is heard telling Deputy Douglas that the victim was not alive. At 02:56 SRO Aderholt is heard asking if he (apparently referring to D. Spirit) is alive. He claims he saw his right leg moving. Moments later the audio from Deputy Douglas' microphone cuts out, but audio from his vehicle remains on.

At 03:58, a female voice (later identified as Myra Hope) is heard saying (unintelligible) "...my partner? Devin, just me and you - let's go." It is believed that is when Paramedic Hope and Firefighter (FF) / Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Devin C Taylor went on scene to confirm the status of the victims. The footage ends at 05:27.

Video file labeled "tick14714454-tick14715109-video1" -

Video and audio appears to be a continuation of the previous file. SRO Aderholt is observed walking past the dash cam patrol vehicle at 00:12, talking on the phone. At 00:42 a paramedic or emergency medical Technician is seen walking past the vehicle towards SRO Aderholt. The two are seen talking at a distance from the vehicle. The remainder of the video and audio shows various activities by emergency responders on scene. The footage ended at 05:27.

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Video file labeled "tick14715109-tick14715765-video1" -

Video and audio appears to be a continuation of the previous file. Minimal audio and video footage of evidentiary value is noted. Footage ends at 05:27.

Video file labeled "tick14715765-tick14716421-video1" -

Video and audio appears to be a continuation of the previous file. Deputy Douglas is seen moving his patrol vehicle at 02:07. It is turned around to the roadside and the camera view shows an ambulance and other emergency vehicles parked nearby, with various emergency personnel walking around. Minimal audio and video footage of evidentiary value is noted. Footage ends at 05:28.

Video file labeled "tick14716421-tick14717076-video1" -

Video and audio appears to be a continuation of the previous file. Minimal audio and video footage of evidentiary value is noted. Footage ends at 05:27.

The DVD copy of the dash cam video from Deputy Douglas' patrol vehicle was attached to this IR as Related Item INV-8.

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This Investigative Report (IR) documents an interview with responding emergency medical personnel, Paramedic Myra Hope.

On October 3, 2014, Special Agent (SA) Tony Jermaine Watts and John Garrett Carlisle interviewed Hope at the Gilchrist County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The interview took place inside the conference room. The following is a summary and not a verbatim transcript of the digitally-recorded interview:

Hope was at the station (EOC) when she and other personnel overheard law enforcement being dispatched on the radio to someone who had possibly shot 6 kids. They immediately got up and prepared to respond. Hope contacted her partner (Devin C Taylor) and advised him of the situation. Once they received a request to respond on the radio, they traveled to the staging area, around NW 30th Street near the scene location (which was NW 29th Terrace).

Hope stated she believed it was approximately 5 minutes before she and Taylor were requested to come down to the scene. She indicated that law enforcement had arrived first and saw the shooter, and then they advised he had shot himself. Hope and Taylor were then requested to come to the scene. At that time a second medical unit had responded and a third was on the way to the scene. Hope indicated there were vehicles parked in the roadway and they were forced to drive on the side of the roadway to get to the scene.

Sheriff Schultz made contact with Hope and advised her he wanted only her to enter the scene and check the status of the victims. Hope informed Sheriff Robert Dale Schultz, III that she wanted her partner, Taylor, to go in with her. The two then entered the scene. Hope did not notice the body under the tarp when she first walked up to the residence. An officer on scene advised her that a body (Sarah Lorraine Spirit) was under the tarp and the person was dead, so

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Author: Carlisle, John Garrett	Office: Gainesville
Activity Start Date: 10/03/2014	Activity End Date: 10/03/2014
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Description: Interview with Paramedic Myra Hope.

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she did not look under the tarp. Hope and Taylor walked up to where the shooter (later identified as D. Spirit) was located. Hope observed his injuries and made the determination that his injuries were not recoverable.

Hope asked where the other victims were and an officer told her in the house. Hope and Taylor then walked up to the steps of the back door to the residence. Hope immediately observed a little girl in the hallway who was shot in the head (later identified as Kylie M Kuhlmann). They then went into the room to the right (identified as the north bedroom) and an officer was inside the room, where Hope checked both juveniles. Neither had a pulse (these juveniles were later identified as Destiny N Stewart and Johnathan N Kuhlmann).

Hope and Taylor were advised that the other victims were in the other part of the residence, and they walked down the hallway, stepping over Kylie Kuhlmann, and went to where another boy was located. The male child, later identified as Kaleb M Kuhlmann, was shot in the head. Hope and Taylor stepped over or around the refrigerator in the kitchen and made their way to the baby on the couch, who was also checked for a pulse with negative results (the baby was later identified as Alanna Stewart). Another male child (later identified as Brandon J Stewart) was located in the other bedroom (south bedroom) and he was also identified as being shot in the head.

Hope used gloved hands to check the victims for pulses, and did not attach any leads or medical equipment of any kind onto the victims. She did not believe Taylor touched any of the victims. After checking all of the victims inside the residence, Hope and Taylor exited the residence. They never checked S. Spirit under the tarp. Since they were advised by law enforcement that she was obviously dead, neither Hope nor Taylor disturbed the body.

Hope had been to a different residence in the past in dealing with S. Spirit and other family members for her pregnancy, and drug issues to include smoking spice. Hope recounted that years ago two of S. Spirit's children were brought to their station after their grandfather (D. Spirit) had fallen asleep. The children stated they left their residence and started walking. That was the only information Hope had on D. Spirit.

A CD copy of the interview with Hope was attached to this IR as Related Item INV-9.

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This Investigative Report (IR) documents an interview with responding emergency medical personnel, Firefighter (FF) / Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Devin C Taylor.

On October 3, 2014, Special Agent (SA) Tony Jermaine Watts and John Garrett Carlisle interviewed Taylor at the Gilchrist County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The interview took place inside the conference room. The following is a summary and not a verbatim transcript of the digitally-recorded interview:

Taylor stated his partner Myra Hope advised him they had a call where possibly 6 children were shot, and the caller advised he would shoot himself also. Taylor and Hope went down the road from the scene and staged until law enforcement advised they could come to the scene, at which time they did. He and Hope arrived close to the scene, and initially officers only wanted Hope to go in. However, she requested Taylor go with her. The two went onto the scene with a law enforcement officer as their escort.

Just inside the gate was a bundle of carpet or some material, where a person was wrapped inside. An officer advised Taylor and Hope that the person (later identified as Sarah Lorraine Spirit) was deceased, so they moved on to near the residence. Taylor and Hope observed a second victim, a male subject (later identified as D. Spirit) behind the trailer. He was noted to have "obvious signs of death."

The two entered the residence and noted a little girl just inside the doorway (later identified as Kylie M Kuhlmann). They went right into a bedroom (north bedroom) and started pronouncing the victims (deceased) in the room. There was one on the couch (later identified as Destiny N Stewart) and one sitting on the floor (Johnathan N Kuhlmann).

Case Number: JA-01-0045	Serial #: 16
Author: Carlisle, John Garrett	Office: Gainesville
Activity Start Date: 10/03/2014	Activity End Date:10/03/2014
Approved By: Carbia, Yolanda Maria	

Description: Interview with FF/EMT Devin Taylor.

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Taylor and Hope went down the hallway past the little girl to another boy (Kaleb M Kuhlmann) and the residence looked like it was in disarray, with the refrigerator lying on its side. They went to the living room and on the couch was a baby that was shot in the abdomen (Alanna Stewart) and another boy was found in another bedroom (south bedroom). He was on the floor with a gunshot wound to the head (Brandon J Stewart). Taylor and Hope then exited the trailer and went back to outside of the scene.

Taylor advised they never moved any bodies; they just checked pulses with touch and never moved any of the victims. He has been employed with Gilchrist County for 3 years. He had previous experience with S. Spirit several times at another location, but not at the incident location. His prior experience with her included her boyfriend and complications with using the synthetic drug spice, and she also had a history of using it. Aside from other general health issues, Taylor could not recall any other interaction with her or her children.

A CD copy of the interview with Taylor was attached to this IR as Related Item INV-10.

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On Monday, October 13, 2014, FDLE Gainesville Field Office (GFO) Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) Yolanda Maria Carbia met with Investigator/Director Cathy Weldon of the 8th District Medical Examiner's (ME) Office. RAC Carbia provided Investigator Weldon with copies of the FDLE investigative reports. Investigator Weldon provided RAC Carbia with the preliminary eight autopsy reports for all victims and suspect. It should be noted that prior information had been provided to Special Agent Tony Jermaine Watts on the preliminary cause of death and it was documented in investigative report #8 of this case file (Refer to SA Watts' report for specific information).

RAC Carbia attached the following items as a related item (INV # 11) to this case file:

- Preliminary Autopsy Reports.
- CD (8) of ME's photographs for each victim and suspect.
- CD (8) of ME's radiographs for each victim and suspect.
- Receipt (8) of ME's release of evidence disposition signed by RAC Carbia.

Case Number: JA-01-0045	Serial #: 17
Author: Carbia, Yolanda Maria	Office: Gainesville
Activity Start Date: 10/13/2014	Activity End Date:10/13/2014
Approved By: Nehrbass, Gary A	

Description:Receipt of preliminary autopsy reports and photographs

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On Monday, October 13, 2014, FDLE Gainesville Field Office (GFO) Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) Yolanda Maria Carbia received the JROC Crime Scene report related to this case. The ten page report is dated September 26, 2014 and authored by Crime Lab Analyst (CLA) Jean Marie Blundell. The report lists the items of evidence that were seized both at the scene and at the Medical examiner's office. The report also lists the items of evidence that have been disposed to GCSO. The FDLE lab case number is 20140405275. All evidence in this case is being maintained by GCSO.

RAC Carbia attached electronically the above mentioned crime scene report as a related item (INV 12) to this case file.

Case Number: JA-01-0045	Serial #: 18
Author: Carbia, Yolanda Maria	Office: Gainesville
Activity Start Date: 10/13/2014	Activity End Date:10/13/2014
Approved By: Nehrbass, Gary A	

Description:Receipt of JROC Crime Scene Report

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On Tuesday, October 21, 2014, GCSO Detective (Det) Julie Girona faxed GFO Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) Yolanda Maria Carbia copies of all GCSO reports, to include the crime scene log. The GCSO case number is # 1401481.

RAC Carbia placed these reports into the related items section of this case file (INV #13).

Case Number: JA-01-0045	Serial #: 19
Author: Carbia, Yolanda Maria	Office: Gainesville
Activity Start Date: 10/21/2014	Activity End Date:10/22/2014
Approved By: Nehrbass, Gary A	

Description:Receipt of GCSO reports and crime scene log

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On February 20, 2015, Special Agent (SA) Tony Watts received the Report of Investigation and a Postmortem Examination Report from Catherine Weldon Director of Investigations with 8th District Medical examiner's office.

- Dr. Martha Burt prepared the postmortem report and gave the autopsy findings as follows: ME14-0457 Sarah Spirit, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED]; Manner of death: Homicide.
- Dr. William Hamilton prepared the postmortem report and gave the autopsy findings as follows: ME14-0458 Donald Spirit, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED]; Manner of death: Suicide.
- Dr. William Hamilton prepared the postmortem report and gave the autopsy findings as follows: ME14-0459 Alanna Stewart - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED]; Manner of death: Homicide.
- Dr. William Hamilton prepared the postmortem report and gave the autopsy findings as follows: ME14-0460 Kylie Kuhlmann, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED]; Manner of death: Homicide.
- Dr. William Hamilton prepared the postmortem report and gave the autopsy findings as follows: ME14-0461 Kaleb Kuhlmann, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED]; Manner of death: Homicide.

Case Number: JA-01-0045	Serial #: 20
Author: Watts, Tony Jermaine	Office: Gainesville
Activity Start Date: 02/20/2015	Activity End Date:02/20/2015
Approved By: Mead, Josh Carlton	

Description:Case Closing Final Autopsy Report

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- Dr. William Hamilton prepared the postmortem report and gave the autopsy findings as follows: ME14-0462 Destiny Stewart, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Manner of death: Homicide.
- Dr. Martha Burt prepared the postmortem report and gave the autopsy findings as follows: ME14-0463 Johnathon Kuhlmann, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. Manner of death: Homicide
- Dr. William Hamilton prepared the postmortem report and gave the autopsy findings as follows: ME14-0464 Brandon Stewart, - Probable cause of death: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Manner of death: Homicide.

SA Watts electronically attached the Report of Investigation and Postmortem Examination Report as Related Items to follow: Donald Spirit - INV-14, Sarah Spirit -INV-15 ,Brandon Stewart-INV-16, Kylie Kuhlmann- INV-17, Johnathon Kuhlmann-INV-18 ,Destiny Stewart -INV-19 , Kaleb Kuhlmann- INV-20.

All evidence was collected on behalf of GCSO and maintained under their agency case number 14-1481. SA Watts contacted GCSO Detective Julie Gironda and advised her that the final autopsy reports had been recieved and FDLE investigation would be closed.

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INV-7	JA-01-0045	4			CD Copy of Deputy Douglas Interview.	10/01/2014 11:56:12 Carlisle, John Garrett
INV-8	JA-01-0045	14			DVD of Deputy Douglas' Dash Cam Video	10/01/2014 12:06:17 Carlisle, John Garrett
INV-9	JA-01-0045	15			CD of Interview with Paramedic Hope.	10/06/2014 13:31:50 Carlisle, John Garrett
INV-10	JA-01-0045	16			CD of Interview with FF/EMT Taylor.	10/06/2014 13:33:18 Carlisle, John Garrett
INV-11	JA-01-0045	17			Preliminary autopsy report, CD of photographs and radiographs from ME	10/14/2014 10:48:04 Carbia, Yolanda Maria

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