

Sheriff:
KEVIN ELLIS

INCIDENT/OFFENSE REPORT

Incident ID: 40117 Case # 10-0676 Off Date: 12/08/2010 Time: 14:42 Location Type: RESIDENCE
Status : CE (CLEARED BY EXCEPTION) # Premises : 9

INITIAL CALL INFORMATION

Initial Call Reported By:

WILHELM, GERALD
7225 FM 1119
CENTERVILLE, TX 75833
903-536-1026

Received By: MINDYV
Date: 12/08/2010
Time: 02:42pm
Meth: 911 EMERGENCY CALL

Nature of Call : SUICIDE

INCIDENT/OFFENSE INFORMATION

Offense/Incident Location:

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CENTERVILLE, TX 75833
903-536-1026

Area of Off: CENTERVILLE
Subdiv/Grid:

Officer/Unit Assigned.....	Date.....	Disp..	Arr...	Clear.	Total.	Disposition.....
182 (GRIMES, JERRY)	12/08/2010	14:42	15:04	17:22	02:40	INCIDENT REPORT
140 (WALTER, BRENT)	12/08/2010	14:57	15:15	17:22	02:25	BACK-UP OFFICER
233 (CRAFT, DEANN)	12/08/2010	14:57	15:19	17:22	02:25	BACK-UP OFFICER
501 (WAKEFIELD, JERRY)	12/08/2010	14:57	15:15	17:15	02:18	BACK-UP OFFICER

Investigator Assigned :
Weapon/Force Used : HANDGUN
Property/Evidence : BULLET CASING
PHOTOGRAPHS
WEAPONS

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Category....	Property Class.....	Qty..	Description.....	Ent NCIC..	Value.....	Disposition.....
EVIDENCE	AUTOMATIC WEAPONS		45 CALIBER BERSA THUNDER 45 SILVER Serial # AO6323 A 45 CALIBER BERSASA MODEL#THUNDER 45 SER.# AO6323		\$900.00	RELEASED
OTHER	MISCELLANEOUS		GSR KIT & PROJECTILE FROM BODY		\$0.00	
Total Value of Property					\$900.00	

COMPLAINANT/VICTIM INFORMATION

PID.....	Name of Victim/Complainant....	Description.....	Address.....	Phone.....	Injury Type.....
29577	WILHELM, JANICE LEE AKA:WILLHELM, JANICE LEE	W F 505 07/20/47	7225 FM 1119 CENTERVILLE, TX 75833	H:903-536-1026 W:N/A	
29578	WILHELM, GERALD EUGENE AKA:WILL AKA:WILLHEIM, GERALD EUGENE	W M 07/04/45	7225 FM 1119 CENTERVILLE, TX 75833	H:903-536-1026 W:	

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WITNESS INFORMATION

PID.....	Name of Witness.....	Description.....	Address.....	Phone.....	Comments.....
29578	WILHELM, GERALD EUGENE	W M 07/04/45	7225 FM 1119	H:903-536-1026	
	AKA:WILL			W:	
	AKA:WILLHEIM, GERALD EUGENE		CENTERVILLE, TX 75833		

SUMMARY/DETAILS

CALLER ADV HE THOUGHT HIS WIFE HAD SHOT HERSELF TEMP 42 JP #2 NOTIFIED 1447/WALTERS NOTIFIED AT 1624

REPORTING OFFICER

APPROVED BY

**Leon County
Sheriff's Office**

Information Report Only

Case Number: **10-0676**

Officer: **JERRY G.G RIMES**

Narrative:

On the date of 12-08-10 at about 2:42 pm I received a call from the Leon County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher of an unresponsive person at the address of 7225 FM 1119 in Centerville area.

I arrived at the address at about 3:04 pm on same date. When I arrived there were Allen Brown with the Centerville Volunteer Fire Department, Ron Mason with the Texas Medical Response EMS unit number 247 and his assistant and Judge J. Keeling JP#2 of Leon County. Ron came to me and advised me of the scene on the inside of the house he said the victim 63 year old female apparently used a 45 cal semi automatic and shot herself in the left side of the neck.

I noticed the house was a well kept frame house facing south about 75 to 100 yards off of FM 1119. I went into the house and saw her husband standing in the kitchen area with Allen Brown, I told Ron Mason to take Mr. Willhelm to the ambulance and let him set out there until I could come out and talk to him. He said escorted Mr. Willhelm to the ambulance he and his attendant staying with him.

I then went into the residence and saw a white female in a blue cloth covered recliner with blood coming from a wound on the left side of her neck. There was tan wash cloth over the wound that her husband had put there to try to stop the bleeding. Her head was slumped to the right. Both hands were in her lap. I then went back outside and called the Leon County Sheriff's Office and advised the dispatcher of what I had and to contact the Chief Deputy Walter and the crime scene trailer to help work the scene. Deputy Craft came to the scene and ask what I wanted her to do I told her to get her camera and start taking pictures of the scene. I went back into the house and found a 45 cal Bersa on the floor about 5' to 6' foot to the left of the body. The pistol was lying on the floor in front of the couch pointing toward the opposite wall from the body. The hammer was cocked and a round was in the barrel. I found one spent round casing on the floor behind the couch to the left side of the body.

Sheriff Wakefield had came to the scene he told me that he knew the husband so I ask him to talk to the husband and see what happened in the house. While we worked the scene up. Chief Deputy Walter showed up with the crime scene trailer and we got started working the scene.

I retrieved a 45 caliber Bersa stainless semi automatic and placed it in an evidence bag with description of location and model number Thunder 45 and serial number AO6323 on the bag # 2. I retrieved a 45 caliber hull from the floor at the back of the couch and placed it in an evidence bag with the description of location in bag #1. I retrieved one magazine from the pistol with six (6) live rounds one round in the chamber and 5 rounds in the magazine placed in an evidence bag marked #3. All of these bags will be placed in the property room under the case number 10-0676.

Walters Funeral Home arrived and they took charge of the body and I had requested an autopsy from Judge Keeling. Judge Keeling advised Mr. Walters of the funeral home to send the body to Dallas to Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences for an autopsy.

I am awaiting results of autopsy.

I turned property over to Larry Keith the property room officer.

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Supplemental Report

Case Number: **10-0676**

Officer: **Investigator D. Craft**

Narrative:

On Wednesday December 8th, 2010 at approximately 1500hrs I responded to a report of a possible suicide at 7225 FM 1119 out of Centerville. When I arrived on scene I observed EMS Ron Mason and Sheriff Wakefield talking. Deputy Paskel Foster was leaving the scene. Sheriff Wakefield and Ron Mason briefed me of the scene and told me Deputy Grimes and JP Keeling were inside the house. The husband and reporting party, Gerald Willhelm was sitting in the back of the ambulance with Paul, the other EMS attendee.

I approached the front door of the residence and knocked then eased it open to notify Deputy Grimes I was there. I asked him what he needed me to do and he said get a camera and start taking photos. I had my digital camera with me and stepped inside the residence to begin taking photos. As I stepped in I asked if there was anything I needed to watch for and not accidentally step on and I was told it was okay. I was advised of the location of the involved weapon, a small frame semi-auto handgun lying on the floor at the front of the sofa and a spent .45 cal casing lying behind the couch on the floor near the door to the utility room.

I observed the victim, who I knew to be Janice Willhelm sitting in a blue recliner in the living room. Her head was slumped over to her right shoulder and her eyes were closed. There was blood on the front of her pink shirt and pooling towards her right arm at the elbow. Her legs were covered with a multi-colored knitted afgan blanket and tucked in at the legs. Her feet were raised on the recliner. On the left side of her neck was a large hole that looked to be approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch across with blood coming from it. This is believed to be the entry wound from the .45 cal handgun found on the floor. I did not see an exit wound on the body. The victim's hands were resting in her lap in a somewhat natural position.

I began taking photos of the scene including a few outside the residence then each room from many angles of the house. Approximately 160 photos were taken. I also assisted in locating the victim's driver's license and social security card in her purse and giving the information to JP Keeling for his inquest notes. Afterwards, the cards were placed back inside the purse where they originally came from.

After taking photos I left the scene and responded to 1147 S. Cass in Centerville, the residence of James O. Hill a friend and relative of the deceased. I advised them of the incident and requested their help in notifying next of kin family members. I was given the number to the deceased's brother Sam W. Robeson who lives in Palestine. I then asked Mr. Hill if he would be able to notify the deceased's son Wayne Robeson who was believed to be travelling out of state on his job. I then came back to the office and made

attempts to contact Sam Robeson. I left a message for him to call me or Sheriff Wakefield at the office. After several failed attempts to contact him I requested Dispatch to send a request to Anderson County for assistance on an emergency message delivery.

After the information was given to Dispatch, I left the office and ended my tour of duty.

The following morning I met with Deputy Grimes and he requested me to make a disk containing the photos both he and I took at the crime scene. I downloaded the images to a DVD disk and turned it over to Deputy Grimes for his master case report.

DC #506

End of Report

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Supplemental Report

Case Number: **10-0676**

Officer: **Larry W. Keith, Property Person**

Narrative:

On Friday, December 10, 2010 @ approx. 10:00 Am. I (Larry W. Keith) received from Deputy Jerry Grimes the following items;

- # 1 1 spent 45 caliber casing, silver in color
- # 2 1 semi-automatic pistol, Bersasa, Model Thunder 45 Ultra Compact Pro,
Serial # AO6323
- # 3 1 Magazine, & 6 live rounds of 45 caliber ammunition (hollow point),
gold casings.

The above property was placed into the evidence room at location A-6

Larry W. Keith
Property / Records

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Sheriff's Office**

Supplemental Report

Case Number: **10-0676**

Officer: **Investigator D. Craft**

Narrative:

On Monday, December 13, 2010 I received a Cause of Death letter from The Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas in reference to the autopsy of Janice Willhelm. The letter stated the cause of death to be a "Contact gunshot wound of the neck" and the manner of death was listed as "SUICIDE".

The letter was signed by Jill E. Urban, M.D. Medical Examiner.
It was dated December 9th, 2010.

This letter will be given to Deputy Jerry Grimes to be placed in the master file.

D. Craft #506
End of report.

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Supplemental Report

Case Number: 10-0676

Officer: Brent K. Walter

Narrative:

On 12/08/2010 Chief Deputy Walter was contacted by Deputy Grimes at approximately 1505 hours regarding a possible suicide located at 7225 FM 1119, Leon County, Texas. Chief Walter arrived at the scene and was escorted to the living room by Deputy Grimes. Deputy Grimes advised he had arrived to find the scene as it was and had not disturbed any evidence. Investigator D. Craft was on the scene taking photos and video.

Chief Walter entered the residence through the front door which is located on the south side of the residence near the center of the building. The front door enters in what appears to be the dining area of the residence with the living room adjoining the dining area on the north side of the dining room. There is no wall separating the dining room and living room area.

On the south side of the living room area are two recliners facing north with a couch located to the left side of the recliners with the couch facing east. The complainant was sitting upright with the chair reclined. The complainant's head was tilted to the right over her left shoulder with what appeared to be a single gunshot wound to the left side of the neck.

On the floor to the left of the complainant the 45 caliber Simi Automatic lay on the floor approximately four feet to the left of the body near the front of the couch. One spent 45 caliber round was located on the floor approximately six feet from the left side of the body near the rear of the couch. The position of the body, location of the weapon and spent round is consistent with a self-inflicted wound.

Chief Walter was advised that the complainant had numerous medical problems which caused her constant pain. The complainant had been taking medication which contained Morphine and was possibly addicted to the morphine. Chief Walter was advised the week prior to the death the complainant's Doctor had taken her off the Morphine and the complainant had gone through the stages of withdrawal and the normal pain from her illnesses. The witness had advised the complainant had been attempting to contact a pharmacy delivery company and was denied further medication containing morphine.

Investigator Craft and Deputy Grimes checked the house phone and confirmed the complainant had in fact called the pharmacy company. Chief Walter was directed to a what appeared to be a day book or diary which was opened to a page where the complainant at one time had written she was reliving the death of her father. Chief Walter was then informed the complainant's father had also taken his life with a gunshot wound to the neck approximately 10 years prior.

The scene, medical problems and past are consistent with a person highly depressed to the point of suicide. This case will remain open pending the results of the autopsy.

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Case Number: **10-0676**

Officer: **Larry W. Keith, Property Person**

Narrative:

On Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at approx 11:00 Am. I received from Chief Deputy Brent Walter a sealed clear plastic Bag containing a GSR Kit, & the projectile that was removed by the M.E. at SWIFTS.

Evidence was placed into the evidence room at location C 3, Box 1

Larry W. Keith
Property / Records

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Supplemental Report

Case Number: **10-0676**

Officer: **JERRY G. GRIMES**

Narrative:

On the date of 03-07-11 I received that autopsy from the medical examiner and the report read that the person died of a gun shot wound to the neck. The wound was self inflicted.

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Supplemental Report

Case Number: **10-0676**

Officer: **Larry W. Keith, Property Person**

Narrative:

On Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at approx. 09:30 AM. I Larry W. Keith released to Mr. Gerald Wilhelm (TX- 02232602) a Bersa, 45 caliber semi-automatic pistol, serial number AO6323.

I was advised by the investigating Deputy Jerry Grimes and Chief Deputy Brent Walter case is closed and he may recover his property.

Larry W. Keith, Property Person