



CHANDLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL OCCURRENCE HARDCOPY

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Assignment Information

Assigned to: 4400 - BRIAN MORGENTHALER #406 Rank: Officer
Capacity: Lead Investigator Org unit: Family Crimes Unit
Assigned on: Feb-27-2019 (Wed.) 838 by: 4087 - BRETT LOCKWOOD #S93
Report due on: Apr-28-2019 (Sun.)

Narrative Text Report # 1

Document: Case Summary
Author: 4400 - BRIAN MORGENTHALER #406
Related date/time: Mar-27-2019 (Wed.)

Case officer: Detective Morgenthaler #406

This is the case summary to report #2019-24291. See the original report for further information.

On 02-25-19 at approximately 1700 hours, Sarah Beck took her son, [REDACTED] (2 years of age) to Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine (2164 E. Broadway Rd., Tempe) for a [REDACTED]. In the presence of Dr. Bain's hour of treatment, [REDACTED] temperature rose to 105.1 F. Dr. Bain also noted several concerning symptoms which included [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Dr. Bain felt these symptoms combined with the [REDACTED] could be symptoms of [REDACTED]. Dr. Bain consulted with staff at Banner Cardon's Children Hospital, who agreed to evaluate [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] left untreated could be fatal or debilitating to juveniles. Dr. Bain directed Sarah to Cardon's for further testing. Sarah initially refused treatment due fear of [REDACTED] not being vaccinated and possible repercussions for the lack of vaccination, but relented and agreed to take [REDACTED] to an emergency room. Dr. Bain attempted contact with numerous hospitals and had found Sarah failed to follow medical advice and eventually Dr. Bain contacted the Department of Child Safety, after Sarah failed to communicate with her (Dr. Bain) further. At 2224 hours, the Chandler Police Department was contacted and a request for a welfare check on [REDACTED] was requested by the Department of Child Safety. This occurred at [REDACTED] home (1600 W. Marlboro Dr., Chandler). This location is within Maricopa County.

Officers from the Chandler Police Department responded to 1600 W. Marlboro Dr., where for over two hours officers attempt to check [REDACTED] welfare. Officers notified Sarah by telephone, through a neighbor, they were at her home. Officers spoke with Sarah's husband, Brooks Bryce, by telephone and yet all refused to allow officers to check [REDACTED] welfare. It should be noted that in a later interview Brooks indicated he was unaware police were at his home, until he received a phone call by an officer (2352 hours). Brooks advised he did not know that the Department of Child Safety was involved, nor did he believe the police had the authority to take his children. Brooks admitted that he refused to allow police to check [REDACTED] welfare. Brooks stated his home had a Ring Doorbell (video camera doorbell), but he was unaware the police were there, until he spoke with officers after 2350 hours. It should be noted that video footage from this camera was released within days, of this incident, to



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local media outlets. Officers made numerous attempts to negotiate with Sarah and Brooks through doors, through windows, by telephone, and with assistance of neighbors, but still neither would allow anyone access to _____ to check his condition.

Maricopa County Superior Court Exparte Removal Order #2019-00595 was obtained for the removal of _____ by the Department of Child Safety. On 02-26-19 at 0125 hours, officers forced entry into the residence and the Department of Child Safety removed _____ and after finding _____ siblings ill, removes them (_____ and _____) as well. All children were then transported to the Banner Cardon's Children Hospital (1400 S. Dobson Rd., Mesa) for medical evaluation.

The following charge will be submitted on **Sarah Beck** to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office:

- One count **Child Abuse Domestic Violence** (13-3623B.1): on 02-25-19 Sarah failed to obtain further medical treatment for her two year old son, _____, after being directed to do so by a doctor and after the doctor expressed concerns that _____ could be infected with _____ Sarah further refused attempts by police officers and the Department of Child Safety to check _____ welfare.

The following charge will be submitted on **Brooks Bryce** to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office:

- One count **Child Abuse Domestic Violence** (13-3623B.1): on 02-25-19 Brooks failed to allow officers and representatives of the Department of Child Safety to check welfare and need for further medical treatment of his two year old son, _____ after concerns of _____ being infected with _____ by a doctor.

Case closed to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

Narrative Text Report # 2

Document: **Supplemental**

Author: **4400 - BRIAN MORGENTHALER #406**

Related date/time: **Feb-27-2019 (Wed.)**

Case Officer: Detective Morgenthaler #406

This is a supplement to report #2019-24291. See the original report for further information.

Throughout this report numerous temperatures are documented and all are in Fahrenheit.

On 02-27-19, I was assigned this investigation by Sergeant Lockwood #S93. I reviewed Officer Cascio's #774 original report. On 02-25-19 at 2224 hours, officers from the Chandler Police Department responded to 1600 W. Marlboro Dr., Chandler in regards to a welfare check upon _____ (2 years old), as requested by Investigator Brian Baum of the Department of Child Safety (DCS). This location is within Maricopa County. It was reported that _____ mother, Sarah Beck, failed to present _____ for further medical treatment, when



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showed signs of . Officers determined children were in the residence, even though no one would answer the door. Officers reported hearing children coughing within the residence.

Officer Cascio contacted Dr. Bain, the physician who had treated . Dr. Bain works at Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine Clinic (2140 E Broadway Rd, Tempe). Dr Bain reported at approximately 1700 hours, Sarah arrived at the clinic with . due to a fever. Dr. Bain explained . had several symptoms such as a . of . egrees, . and signs of an . Based on the observations, Doctor Bain believed . possibly had . Dr. Bain contacted a physician from Banner Children's Urgent Care as well as the emergency department at Cardon Children's Hospital and they recommended . to be taken to the emergency room as soon as possible. Dr. Bain stated . could possibly be life threatening to an infant child especially.

Investigator Baum obtained Maricopa County Superior Court Exparte Removal Order #2019-00595 signed by the Honorable Tracy Nadzieja and entry was made into the residence. Investigator Baum took custody of . , as well as his siblings (. All children were transported to Cardon's Children's Hospital for treatment.

I learned Investigator Marita Hoffman of DCS would be assuming this investigation. I contacted Marita and she agreed to provide me with custody paperwork and medical records for each of the children.

I received copies of the Banner medical records, along with Temporary Custody Notice (TCN), and Maricopa County Superior Court Exparte Removal Order #2019-00595.

I reviewed the medical records from Banner Desert Medical Center. The records were named . and . All juveniles were seen by Dr. Onyemeze Azuogu on 02-26-19.

On 02-28-19, I responded to Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine (2164 E. Broadway Rd., Tempe), where I met with Dr. Jacylyn Bain. My conversation was audio recorded and below is a summary of my conversation with Dr. Bain.



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Dr. Bain explained she is a naturopathic doctor, who works for Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine. Dr. Bain stated she teaches at the school, as well as sees patients in the school's clinic. Dr. Bain advised she has been a doctor for five years. It should be noted that throughout this entire conversation, Dr. Bain was visibly upset, crying as she spoke with me.

Dr. Bain indicated she saw [redacted] and his mother, Sara, came her medical clinic due to the complaint of [redacted] and [redacted]. Dr. Bain reported during [redacted] visit, his temperature was taken several times. Dr. Bain remembered [redacted] temperature being recorded at [redacted] at one point. Dr. Bain indicated the largest portion of patients are pediatric. Increased fever prolonged could have an elevated risk of seizure, but not necessarily brain damage reported reported Dr. Bain. Dr. Bain explained it's what the root cause of the fever, which can be the most harmful/worrisome for the patient. Dr. Bain informed me [redacted] had [redacted] which became more of a concern, being it's correlation (with the fever) as being a symptom of [redacted]. Dr. Bain stated [redacted] also had a cough and appeared especially clingy to Sara. According to Dr. Bain, [redacted] appeared to have [redacted] and this can also be a symptom of [redacted].

Dr. Bain noted this is a clinic and they do not have the full capabilities of a full hospital. Dr. Bain she does not have the ability to test for [redacted] at this location.

Dr. Bain said she consulted with Cardon Children's Hospital staff doctor. Dr. Bain could not recall the doctor's name. Dr. Bain noted she briefed the staff doctor with her findings and that doctor agreed to accept [redacted] for further treatment/observation. Dr. Bain noted she could not provide any further level of care for [redacted] and he needed a higher level of treatment. Dr. Bain stated she spoke with Sara, that with [redacted] being unvaccinated, which Dr. Bain explained just puts [redacted] at a higher risk for illnesses, she wanted to rule out [redacted] which could not be done at this location. Dr. Bain further referred [redacted] to an emergency room for further treatment. Dr. Bain told me, Sara became upset. According to Dr. Bain, Sara's concerns were threefold: first being a vaccine could have prevented [redacted] illness, secondly that her husband would be upset (as he is pro-vaccine), and thirdly the emergency room would report to CPS (DCS) that [redacted] had not been vaccinated.

Dr. Bain said she confirmed with Cardon Children's Hospital that they would not report to DCS over a non-vaccinated child, which she related to Sarah. Dr. Bain informed me, the original plan she made with Sarah, prior to Sarah and [redacted] leaving was that Sara would take [redacted] to Phoenix Children's Hospital or Cardon Children's Hospital, with Sarah deciding on Cardon Children's Hospital. Dr. Bain reported that once Sarah decided on Cardon Children's Hospital, she (Dr. Bain) contacted Cardon's Hospital, who agreed to notify Dr. Bain of [redacted] arrival. Dr. Bain stated Sarah stated concern over the hospital doing tests against her concerns, to which Dr. Bain told Sarah there would be a staff doctor from the clinic available for consultation. Dr. Bain reported that Sarah agreed on Cardon's, but asked if she could go home, to which Dr. Bain directed her to go straight to the hospital. Dr. Bain told me, she was direct with Sarah on going directly to the emergency room.

According to Dr. Bain between 1830 and 1845 hours, Sarah called into the clinic and reported on way home, she bought a thermometer, and [redacted] temperature had dropped to [redacted] as well as he seemed to be improving. Dr. Bain advised she still directed Sarah to the emergency room to confirm the fever was dropping and they could assess [redacted]. Sarah then said she was nervous about going to the hospital and then asked if she could lie to hospital staff about [redacted] being vaccinated reported Dr. Bain. Dr. Bain said she told



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Sarah, she could not lie. Dr. Bain also advised she then gave Sarah the option to go to an urgent care. Dr. Bain explained she even found the closest Banner Urgent Care to Sarah's location. Dr. Bain also advised she spoke with a doctor at the clinic and they also felt ——— should go to the emergency room. Dr. Bain noted she reported this information to Sarah and Sarah questioned the consequences if she did not take ——— and to this Dr. Bain indicated she would have to notify CPS.

Dr. Bain noted while ——— was in her clinic, she had him change into cooler clothing and had him not be against his mother, hoping to see if this would drop his temperature, but instead ——— temperature increased.

Dr. Bain she last spoke to Sarah at 1847 hours, and then attempted several attempts to reach Sarah. Dr. Bain indicated she called CPS (DCS), after she was no longer able to reach Sarah.

Dr. Bain indicated ——— had not had a well-child check since four months of age. Dr. Bain reported other than ill, ——— appeared clean and without signs of neglect.

I was provided the medical records from ——— isit with Dr. Bain. These records are dated 02-25-2019 at 1700 hours.

Also documented in the report was Dr. Bain's contact with Sarah in regards to going to the emergency room, as well as a timeline of phone calls with Sarah. It should be noted Dr. Bain identified 1847 hours, is the last time Dr. Bain actually spoke with Sarah. Dr. Bain contacted Cardon Children's Hospital at 2026 hours, and had not arrived. Dr. Bain instructed Dr. Massingale to attempt to contact Sarah. Dr. Bain even had an email sent to Sarah for contact at 2101 hours. At 2120 hours, Cardon's contacted and ——— till had not shown. Dr. Bain again attempted to contact Sarah at 2136 and 2145 hours, with no contact. Dr. Bain contacted Cardon's again



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at 2146 hours, and [REDACTED] still had not shown up. At 2147 hours, Dr. Bain reported this incident to the Arizona Child Abuse Hotline. Again Dr. Bain attempted to contact Sarah by telephone at 2209 hours, but still no contact. Dr. Bain called Cardon's at 2223 hours and still [REDACTED] had not arrived. Dr. Bain requested a welfare check of the Chandler Police Department at 2224 hours. Dr. Bain received a phone call from the Chandler Police at 2331 hours, saying no answer at the door and children could be heard inside the residence.

I obtained a copy of these medical records, which were attached to this report.

On 02-28-19 at 1300 hours, I responded to 1201 S. Alma School Rd., Mesa for a Team Decision Meeting with DCS and Investigator Hoffman. Upon my arrival, I learned the meeting was canceled. I briefly met Sarah and Sarah's husband, Brooks Bryce. I provided them with my business card and explained, I would like to speak with them in regards to this matter. I was told they would contact me.

As of 03-06-19, I had not heard from Brooks or Sarah.

At 1357 hours, I attempted to reach Brooks by telephone ([REDACTED]) at I received no answer. I left a message requesting a return phone call.

At 1400 hours, I contacted Sarah by telephone ([REDACTED]) I explained to Sarah, I would like to speak with her and Brooks. Sarah agreed to speak with Brooks and determine, if they would make a statement.

Brooks returned my phone call and an interview was scheduled on 03-21-19 at 1700 hours.

I reviewed Officer Cascio's #774 video footage from 02-25-19. Below is a summary of those recordings:

- 2243 hours, Officer Cascio approaches the house and runs a license plate of a black sport utility vehicle. Officer Cascio rings the doorbell and knocks on door. Officer Cascio knocks again and announces "Chandler PD". Knocks again and then knocks on a window. Officer Cascio tells another officer "they're here". Officer Cascio walks around the house, checking other doors and windows, before knocking on a side door. Officer Cascio wals back to the front door and announces "Chandler PD". Officer Cascio makes contact with a neighbor who knows and agrees to call Sarah ([REDACTED] mother). A woman calls the neighbor back and says she will call her back later.

- 2329 hours, Officer Cascio leaves a message on Brooks phone (voice message identifies phone as belonging to Brooks)

- 2329 hours, Officer Cascio calls Dr. Bain. Dr. Bain explains her medical concerns for [REDACTED] Dr. Bain advised she consulted with hospital and hospital staff wanted to see [REDACTED] this night at hospital. A subject, who identifies himself as Brian with DCS, gets on call and asks Dr. Bain questions.

- 2342 hours, Officer Cascio knocks on front door and announces "Chandler PD" and then rings doorbell.



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- 2352 hours, Officer Cascio makes contact with Brooks by telephone. Brooks tells Officer Cascio to stop knocking on the front door. Brooks states ~~fine~~ fine and that Sarah is currently holding ~~fine~~ Brooks requests officers leave him alone, before disconnecting the phone call. Officer Cascio leaves a message for Brooks.

- 2358 hours, Officer Cascio returns to the house and threw a window makes announcements and gives Brooks option to come outside. Officer Cascio calls Brooks and Brooks states not going to be forced to take child to hospital and get "three grand" bill. Brooks states "no" he won't go outside. Brooks admits all three of his kids are sick, before disconnecting the call. Another phone message is left for Brooks.

- On 02-26-19 at 0048 hours, Officer Cascio goes to front door with Lieutenant Shellum #L45. Lieutenant Shellum knocks and announces "Chandler Police Department". Lieutenant Shellum explains a court order has been obtained and entry will be forced. Lieutenant Shellum attempts to have them speak at door and he offers to show all of the court paperwork.

- 0053 hours, Lieutenant Shellum attempts to speak with Sarah through the door and have her open the door peaceably. Lieutenant Shellum attempts to have subjects come to door, without force being used.

- 0125 hours, the front door is breached. It takes just under two minutes of announcements, before Brooks comes to the front door. Brooks is detained and a minute later Sarah emerges from the house with ~~her~~ her arms.

- 0131 hours, Officer Cascio and Officer Stover #710 clear the house and a female juvenile exits a bedroom. Someone identifies a shotgun in the master bedroom, laying in plain view.

On 03-21-19 at 1700 hours, I met with Brooks at the Chandler Police Main Station (250 E. Chicago St.). My conversation with Brooks was recorded by audio/video and below is a summary of that conversation.

Brooks was explained that he was not under arrest and that he was here voluntarily. Brooks agreed to speak with me, as he told the following information.

Brooks indicated this incident occurred between 02-25-19 and 02-26-19. According to Brooks, he arrived home from work at approximately 1700 hours, to find no one home. Brooks stated this is unusual, as someone is usually home. According to Brooks, he gets a call from Sarah around 1730 hours requesting he start a bath, as ~~she~~ was a ~~fever~~ and they want to attempt to reduce the ~~fever~~. Brooks reported starting a lukewarm bath and Sarah returns home with the children at 1745 hours. Brooks reports that ~~the~~ temperature is "~~low~~" and after being in the bath, ~~the~~ temperature reduces to ~~low~~ degrees.

Brooks told me, they a friend, who is a registered nurse come over and check on ~~the~~ and the nurse reported the fever is gone. The nurse indicated ~~the~~ was fine. Brooks would not identify the nurse, as he reported she did not want to be involved.

Brooks said at 1045 there was a knock on the door with someone saying "open up". Brooks indicated he ignored the door and did not look to see who was at the door. Brooks noted then there was knocking on the window, which caused his daughter to vomit. Brooks advised his daughter vomits, when she is excited. Brooks further



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explained, when he heard the knocking, he was in his bedroom, which is located in the back corner of his residence. Brooks indicated the police were still knocking on the window, so he changed his daughter's clothing and moved all of the children back into his master bedroom. Brooks then told me, he did not know it was the police, until they called him at 2330 hours. Brooks reported he and the rest of family had been sleeping, but realized he had several missed calls. Brooks obtained the messages and called the police back. Brooks advised the officer "yelled" at him, telling this was the Chandler Police Department and he (Brooks) needed to come outside now. The officer explained he had heard [REDACTED] was sick and they needed to check on him, noted Brooks. Brooks stated he had checked [REDACTED] temperature, [REDACTED] was fine, and the police did not need to check on him. Brooks indicated he was unaware that DCS had been involved at this time and no one said DCS was there with the police. Brooks said he told the officer he wasn't coming outside. Brooks admitted he had two sick kids and that he was holding [REDACTED] who still had a [REDACTED]

Brooks explained he has the "Ring", which is a camera door bell, and later (week after event) reviewed the footage and found it had been the police knocking on his door.

Brooks reported Sarah took [REDACTED] and he fell asleep. Brooks estimated he was awoken sometime around 0130 and 0230 hours, by his fire alarm going off. Brooks noted that he went to shut off the alarm and found the front door broken in, as well as cops pointing guns at him. Brooks reported he followed the commands of the police.

Brooks admitted he had spoken with officers at least twice. Brooks indicated he didn't go out and speak with the police, because he had two sick kids in the house. Brooks informed me that he did not know, at the time, that the police could check on his kids, nor that they had the ability to take his children. Brooks further reported he was unaware that DCS had a responsibility to check on his kids, if contacted by a doctor. Brooks reiterated he was uninformed at the time, but his now informed of DCS responsibilities. Brooks indicated prior to police contact, he was never contacted by DCS. Brooks told me, he did not monitor his door bell "ring" at the time of the incident.

Brooks noted that he spoke with Sarah and she was unwilling to provide with a statement.

On 02-25-19, Sarah Beck and Brooks Bryce failed to obtain medical treatment for their two year old son, [REDACTED] Bryce, after directed to do so by Dr. Bain of the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine. Sarah and Brooks placed [REDACTED] in a situation where [REDACTED] health was endangered. Dr. Bain believed [REDACTED] was presenting with symptoms of [REDACTED] but her clinic was not equipped to test for that illness. Officers of the Chandler Police Department and representative of the Department of Child Safety attempted to check [REDACTED] welfare, but Sarah and Brooks impeded this action, by failing to allow access to [REDACTED]. Eventually Maricopa County Superior Court Exparte Removal Order #2019-00595 was obtained for [REDACTED] by the Department of Child Safety. The Chandler Police Department enforced this order, forcing entry into the home and allowing the Department of Child Safety to remove [REDACTED] and his two siblings for medical treatment.

One count each of Child Abuse Domestic Violence (13-3623B.1) will be submitted to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office against Sarah Beck and Brooks Bryce.

All interviews in this matter were uploaded into Evidence.com as evidence.