

**Supplement**

Brandon Embry

19AS18022

Detective Sudduth

I was assigned this case on September 12, 2019. The mother of the victim, Sara Lee had called 911 requesting a welfare check on her son, Brandon Lee at his apartment. In the call notes from 911 Mrs. Lee stated that her son was not doing well emotionally because he had recently lost his job. Officers Henson and Kivett had discovered Brandon lying on the bedroom room floor without any clothes on. The apartment was very cluttered and in disarray. The water was also running inside the shower. Mr. Embry was in and out of consciousness and gasping for air. EMS responded and Mr. Embry was transported to Randolph Hospital.

I responded to the scene and briefly spoke with Detective Macon. We agreed a search warrant would need to be done before any searching of the apartment was done. I then responded to Randolph Hospital. I observed Mr. Embry in a room in the Emergency Department. Mr. Embry's had dried blood on his face. He had tubes going down his throat. I spoke with his nurse, [REDACTED]. She told me that his body temperature was very low and Mr. Embry was under a heated blanket in an effort to bring up his temperature. I photographed some of the injuries I observed on Mr. Embry. I then went to the lobby of the Emergency Department and spoke with Sara Lee, Mr. Embry's mother and his sister, Rachael Lee.

Mrs. Lee stated that she had not heard from Brandon since she got a text from him on Tuesday Morning around 6 am, (9/10/19). Sara stated that Brandon had worked for a welding place in Charlotte, NC but had recently gotten fired. Sara and Rachael both said that Brandon didn't have any friends around here because he had recently moved from Washington state. They said Brandon had been the US Navy for four (4) years and he had told Rachael that he had PTSD and ADHD. Rachael stated she didn't know of any drug use however Brandon did use steroids and take testosterone shots as well as socially drinking alcohol. Rachael stated that Brandon would "hook up" with girls on the internet through apps such as Tinder, Hinge, and Badoo. They told me that Brandon had a former girlfriend in Washington named Ashlynn however they had not heard anything from her in a long time. Sara and Rachel both said they didn't feel like Brandon would harm himself. After speaking with them I checked back in with the nurse, who stated that his drug screen had come back negative and Brandon was going to be transferred to Baptist Hospital. When I left the hospital I went back to 712 South Church Street and spoke with Detective Macon who had just photographed the apartment.

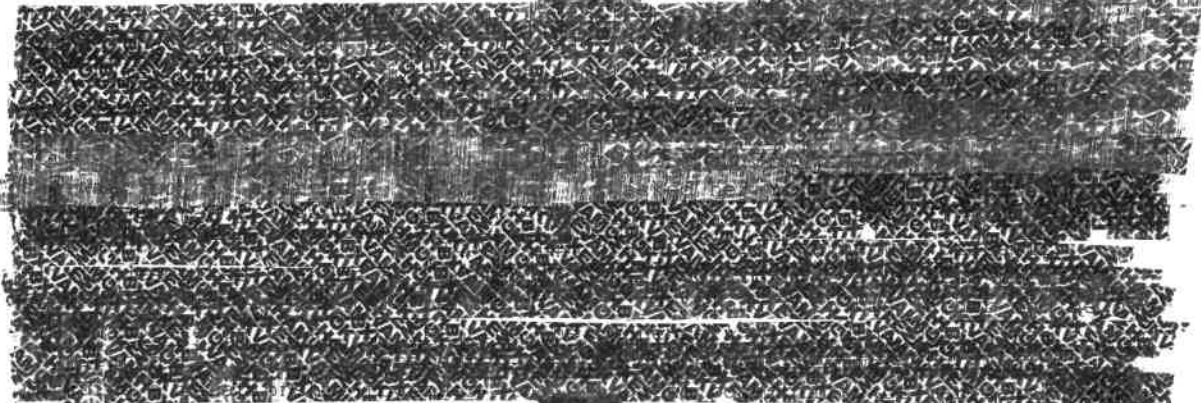
On September 13, 2019 I learned that Brandon had been taken to Moses Cone instead of Baptist and I spoke with [REDACTED] his RN. [REDACTED] told me that Brandon was still on the ventilator and that the doctor had ordered a test to check his brain activity. She said it was doubtful that he would recover because his body temperature was still very low. I also spoke with Ashley Embry by telephone. Ashley stated she was Brandon's sister and wanted to be the point of contact in this case instead of Sara his mother. I took Ashley's information (telephone number 425-345-0098). Ashley also told me that Brandon had passed out back in February of 2019 and was hospitalized. She said the doctors was never able to make a diagnosis as to why he had passed out and he was released from the hospital. Ashley said she wasn't sure which hospital he was in during this time.

On September 14, 2019 I learned that Brandon Embry had died during the night. Brandon's body was being sent to Raleigh for an autopsy scheduled for September 16, 2019. Detective Johnson and Detective Macon attended the autopsy

on this date. The initial report from the Medical Examiner listed the probable cause of death as "Pending". I requested all documentation from the Autopsy and ME report from the hospital to include in the case file.

On September 18, 2019 I had a search warrant signed by a Superior Court Judge to get Brandon's cell phone records. I faxed the Search Warrant to AT&T Mobility on the same day. On September 24, 2019 I received an email from AT&T Mobility with the results from the search warrant. I began going through the data and learned that Brandon had received a phone call from telephone number [REDACTED] on September 11, 2019 at 01:26 hours UTC. This UTC time translates to September 10, 2019 at 8:26 pm. The phone call was for 13 minutes and 6 seconds. This was the last time I could tell anybody had spoken with Brandon. I called the number and listened the voicemail greeting which stated the number belonged to a female named [REDACTED]. I was unable to leave a message for [REDACTED] because the mailbox was full, however within a few short minutes of hanging up [REDACTED] returned my call.

I introduced myself to [REDACTED] and explained how I had obtained her phone number and the purpose for my call. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED]



I left my contact information with [REDACTED] and thanked her for talking to me.

On September 25, 2019 I returned to Brandon's apartment at 711 South Church Street. Detective Fulk was with me and he prepared a bottle of BlueStar. BlueStar is used to detect the presence of blood and glows in the dark when it comes in contact with blood. I had previously located an orange "dead blow" hammer and I began by checking it with BlueStar. I was unable to detect the presence of any blood on it. I checked it by placing it in the bathroom floor and closing the door to the bathroom and then spraying it with the BlueStar. After checking the hammer I checked the bathroom sink, floor, tub and light switch. I was unable to detect any blood on these surfaces. This was the bathroom in the hallway. After checking it I then checked the bathroom that was connected to the bedroom. I began by turning off the lights and closing the door. I then sprayed the BlueStar on the sink and counter area which I got several spots of positive reading. I checked the mirror and the wall near the counter and also found some positive spots. The wall near the toilet and the shower also had positive spots for blood. I did not observe any clean-up marks in the positive spots which could indicate a false positive reading. This could indicate the presence of bleach. I then used a hemastix to check the spots for actual blood. The only positive reading I could find was one small spot near the shower about the size of a dime. I was unable to document my findings with photos due to the weak results, not glowing very bright.

I continued reviewing the data from Brandon's phone and found a telephone number from Colorado. I recognized the number from talking with Sara Lee. Mrs. Lee had told me about a young lady named [REDACTED] that had contacted her through Facebook about the death of Brandon. [REDACTED] was

claiming to be Brandon's girlfriend to Mrs. Lee. I called [REDACTED] and received no answer. She called me back shortly after. I informed her why I was calling and she asked me [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I give her my contact information and thanked her for her time. Throughout the month of October, 2019 I continued to review Brandon's phone records and spoke with Sara Lee several times about the case. Mrs. Lee told me that she had met with [REDACTED] several times. During one off the times they met [REDACTED] told Sara about how Brandon had hid a key outside of his apartment so [REDACTED] could come in and surprise him. [REDACTED] had also told Sara that she was convicted Felon and worked in the prison system as a nurse. Sara told me several elaborate stories that [REDACTED] had shared with her many of which were so extravagant they were unbelievable.

During the month of November I called [REDACTED] several times and attempted to get her to come to Asheboro to speak with me about Brandon again. [REDACTED] made an appointment with me on November 19, 2019. The day before the appointment, Sara Lee called and told me [REDACTED] had told her she wasn't planning on coming to Asheboro to speak with me. On November 19, [REDACTED] called me and told me she had food poison and was going to be unable to meet with me. I asked her if we could reschedule and said not right now.

On December 3, 2019 I called Darlington Sheriff's Office in South Carolina and spoke with Sergeant Brown. I informed him what I was investigating and asked if his department was familiar with [REDACTED]. He stated the only thing he could locate was traffic offenses on her, however her address was a heavy drug area. He searched the address and only located a suicide of a [REDACTED] in 2003. After speaking with Sergeant Brown I called [REDACTED] and again asked her to come and speak with me. She agreed and stated she would come in tomorrow.

On December 4, 2019 [REDACTED] came to the police department and spoke with me. [REDACTED] confirmed that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I sent a preservation letter to Verizon Wireless to preserve the text contents of [REDACTED]. I followed up the preservation letter with a search warrant signed by a superior court judge. I received the data I requested in the search warrant back December 27, 2019. I reviewed some of the data.

On January 1, 2020 this case was reassigned to Detective Johnson. I forwarded everything in this case file to her. This concludes my involvement in this case.