

Incident Report

LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT
120 W MICHIGAN AVE
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48933
(517) 483-4600

Incident Number: LLA150521022536

Incident Summary

Incident Type: DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS
Inc Occurred Address: 310 S FRANCIS AVE, LANSING, MI 48912L
Inc Occurred Start: 05/19/2015 13:30 Inc Occurred End: 05/19/2015 15:30
Domestic: N Bias Motivation: NONE Gang Related: N
Reported Date/Time:
Reporting Officer: MANSON, DAMIAN Primary Assigned Officer: MANSON, DAMIAN
Case Status: Disposition: Disposition Date:

Report Type: RTI - NOT IN CUSTODY
Team: 008
Report Taken:
Substance: U

Offenses

Statute Code: 3563 Enhancers:
Statute Desc: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE-MARIJUANA-PRODUCING
Counts: 1 Statute Severity:
Statute Code: 3599 Enhancers:
Statute Desc: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE-DANGEROUS DRUGS-OTHER
Counts: 1 Statute Severity:
Statute Code: 5212 Enhancers:
Statute Desc: WEAPONS-POSSESSION OF WEAPON
Counts: 1 Statute Severity:
Statute Code: 5275 Enhancers:
Statute Desc: WEAPONS-POSSESSION OF FIREARM IN COMMISSION OF CRIME
Counts: 1 Statute Severity:

Persons Involved

Person#: 0002 Person PK: 247991 MNI ID:
Event Association: VICTIM
Name: MORIN, JOHN FRANCIS
SSN: DOB: 11/06/1955 Age: 59 - 59 Sex: MALE Race: WHITE
Height: Weight: Eye Color: Hair Color:
Address: 310 S FRANCIS, LANSING, MICHIGAN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 48912 Team:
Phone Type 1: HOME Phone# 1: (517) 372-5363 Ext 1: 10/11/14
Phone Type 2: Phone# 2: Ext 2:
DL State: DL#: DL Exp. Date:
Occupation: Employer/School:

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Persons Involved

Person#: 0003	Person PK: 30240	MNI ID:	
Event Association: ACCUSED			
Name: WARD, SHERI ANN			
SSN: 368-72-8405	DOB: 06/21/1970	Age: 44 - 44	Sex: FEMALE
Height: 5' 7" - 5' 7"	Weight: 140 - 140 lbs	Eye Color: BLUE	Race: WHITE
Address: 310 S FRANCIS, LANSING, MICHIGAN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 48912			Hair Color: BLOND
			Team:
Phone Type 1: HOME	Phone# 1: (517) 372-5363	Ext 1: 01/16/15	
Phone Type 2: OTHER	Phone# 2: (000) 483-4600	Ext 2:	
DL State: MICHIGAN	DL#: W630765067475	DL Exp. Date:	
Occupation: CLEANING & COOKING		Employer/School: NONE	

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Narratives

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 5/27/2015 16:46:00
NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL
SUBJECT: INCIDENT TO SEARCH WARRANT
AUTHOR: SUKOVICH, ANGELA

INFORMATION:

Members of the Special Operation Section (SOS) along with members of ATF acting on information of a possible Murder for Hire executed a search warrant at 310 S Francis.

ACTION TAKEN:

A search warrant was obtained by Officer Damian Manson, reviewed by Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney Andrew Stevens and signed by Magistrate Millmore.

EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANT:

Members of START entered the residence and secured it. Uniform patrol officers, SOS officers and members of the ATF maintained perimeter security. Members of START turned the scene over to SOS personnel for processing. A search of the residence yielded marijuana, computers, cell phones, residency paperwork, drug paraphernalia, US Currency, a coin collection, ammunition and a 6 long guns.

SEARCH WARRANT AND ADVICE OF RIGHTS:

The following subjects were inside the residence when Sgt Daniel Zolnai read the Advice of Rights:

Sheri Ann Ward and John Francis Morin the only residents of 310 S Francis.

FIELD TEST:

Officer Damian Manson conducted a field test on item #05 , which tested positive for the presence of marijuana.

STATEMENTS OF ACCUSED:

See Officers' supplemental reports.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION PERSONNEL:

Supervisor Sgt. Daniel Zolnai
Evidence Officer Damian Manson

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ID/Photos Officer Angela Sukovich
Search Officer Dylan Zehr
Search Officer Norm Armstrong
Search Officer Robert McBride

EVIDENCE:

Officer Damian Manson was responsible for securing and transporting all evidence found at the scene. See attached evidence log detailing the location and description of the evidence found.

DISCOVERY OF WEAPONS:

While searching the south east bedroom, Officer Armstrong located a gun safe concealed behind a movable book case. This bedroom was determined to be accused Morin and Ward's bedroom. Three safes were located in the residence. Accused Morin provided the combination to the safes upon request. The gun safe contained 6 long guns and ammunition.

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FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION/FELONY FIREARM:

Morin was convicted of Armed Robbery on 4/17/1980, Safe Breaking on 12/19/1984 and Larceny of a Building on 4/1/1985 making him ineligible to possess firearms and/or ammunition.

MANUFACTURING MARIJUANA:

In the residence, a marijuana grow op was located in the basement consisting of two rooms. In the garage, a marijuana grow op was located consisting of two grow rooms and one dry room. Ward has a medical marijuana license and is a caregiver to five patients, however Ward did not have access to the marijuana grow rooms. Morin was found to possess the only keys to the grow rooms. 62 plants, approximately 6 lbs of processed marijuana and 13 mason jars of processed marijuana were seized.

DISPOSITION:

Refer to Ingham County Prosecutors Office for the following charges:

John Francis Morin-Manufacturing Marijuana, Felony Firearm, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition and Maintaining a Drug House.

Sheri Ann Ward-Murder for Hire, PWID Marijuana and Maintaing a Drug House.

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ENTERED DATE/TIME: 5/27/2015 16:49:55

NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL

SUBJECT: INFORMATION

AUTHOR: MANSON, DAMIAN

INVESTIGATION

I received information the Sheri Ward had solicited CI to murder her reportedly abusive live in boyfriend, John Morin. During the course of that investigation controlled contact with CI and Ward were recorded. The following is a summary of their contact relevant to this case:

During the first controlled contact, CI met with Ward at her house, 310 S Francis. CI obtained a small bag of marijuana from Ward. At the conclusion of that contact, CI turned the marijuana over to me. I field tested it the suspected marijuana and it field tested positive.

Ward said Morin has is growing marijuana in their basement as well as in their garage. Ward had a Michigan Medical Marijuana card identifying her as a Caregiver; however did not have access to the marijuana grown in their house. Ward on the other hand did not possess a MMMA card.

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Morin had three safes in their house, none of which were accessible by Ward. Two safes were in their bedroom in a hidden room behind a sliding bookcase. One of the two safes had firearms and the other coins and watches. Ward noted that Morin was a convicted felon and could not possess firearms. She further noted that there was a handgun under their mattress. The third safe was located in the basement. That safe contained marijuana.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL

SUBJECT: KNOCK AND ANNOUNCE

AUTHOR: LENNEMAN, JEFFREY

LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL TACTICS AND RESCUE TEAM
ACTION REPORT

CALL OUT/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On Thursday, 05-28-2015, LPD START was called upon to assist SOS with the execution of a murder for hire and felon in possession of a firearm search warrant at 310 S. Francis.

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BRIEFING:

A briefing was conducted at 1730 hrs. for the officers involved in the operation. The Team was to approach the residence from the North and entry was to be made via the front, east-facing door.

TEAM ACTIONS:

At 1818 hrs. a secure channel was requested by the START supervisor Sgt. Kevin Schlagel. At this time the Team approached the residence from the North. A female was observed in the driver's seat of a vehicle in the driveway and a male was standing on the front porch of the target residence. The Team stopped directly in front of the residence. I exited the van and approached the vehicle occupied by the female and was assisted an additional Team member, who secured her. The remaining Team members approached the front of the residence and secured the male on the front porch. Both subjects were turned over to perimeter Officers. Officer Lomokoski knocked on the front glass door and announced, "Police Search Warrant, Open the Door." No one came to the door. Officer Lomokoski knocked one more time while announcing, "Police Search Warrant, Open the Door." Still no one came to the door. The interior front door was open and several windows on the residence were also open. Ofc. Lomokoski opened the unlocked glass front door. The team yelled, "Police Search Warrant," upon entry and continued doing so until the house was secure. There were 0 subjects located inside.

LOCATION OF SUBJECT(S) INSIDE BUILDING:

Sheri Ann Ward, W/F, 06/21/70, Located inside a vehicle parked in the driveway.
John Francis Morin, W/M, 11/6/55, Located on the front porch of the residence.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:

Several doors and pad locks were damaged due to being forced open to check security.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS:

SupervisorSgt. Kevin Schlagel
ShieldOfc. Jeff Lenneman
RamOfc. John Lomokoski
Backup #1Ofc. Doug Hall
Backup #2Ofc. Kris Doerr
Backup #3Ofc. Chad Frazier
Backup #4Ofc. Walt Kim
Backup #5Det. Jeremy Wonnacott
Backup #6 Sgt. Kyle Schlagel

STATUS:

The scene was turned over to Sgt. D. Zolnai of the LPD Special Operations Section.

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his horticulture skills evolved over time.

-Morin stated that he and Sheri would take care and water the plants together.

-The last time Morin harvested was yesterday.

-Morin stated that some of his money in the safe was from marijuana sales and some was from his work to pay bills.

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 5/29/2015 12:11:07

NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL

SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF SHERI WARD

AUTHOR: BAILEY, STEVE

Interview of Sheri WARD regarding Del/Mfg of Marijuana:

On May 28th, 2015, at approximately 8:00 p.m. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Special Agents Steve Bailey and Shelly Jacques conducted a digitally recorded Post-Miranda interview with Sheri WARD.

WARD was read her Miranda warnings verbatim from a standard U.S. Department of Justice, Advice of Rights worksheet. WARD stated verbally that she understood her rights and agreed to answer questions without her attorney present. The following is a summary of the interview with WARD. For exact statements refer to the recording.

WARD told agents that she resided at 310 S. Francis Rd., Lansing, MI with her boyfriend whom she identified as John MORIN. She and Morin had been together for the past 15 years. WARD had no legitimate source of income other than SSI, which she admitted collecting each month in the amount of \$731. She did not have any bills, but did give MORIN \$500 per month for rent. Both vehicles and the home are owned by MORIN who worked at H & H welding in Mason, MI. She did not know MORIN's financial situation, but said that he had spent approximately \$25,000 on his credit cards to purchase the marijuana grow equipment found in the basement of the house.

WARD described three (3) safes in the house. Two (2) in the master bedroom and one in the basement. She denied having access to any of them, but knew that there were guns and gold coins in the safe's upstairs and processed marijuana and records for her medical marijuana patients in the basement safe. In addition, she stated that MORIN was the only person with access to the safe(s) because he was worried that if someone broke in and attempted to steal the processed marijuana she would not be able to give it to them. She denied

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knowing the combinations, or having access to the key(s).

WARD told agents that she obtained her medical marijuana card sometime in 2013 and was a caregiver for a woman whom she identified as Debbie LINCOLN. During that time she grew 12 plants. At some point after that she was a caregiver for 5 people and grew 72 plants. Currently, she and a woman named Mary (LNU), who is a patient of hers is also a caregiver and has 12 plants growing in the basement. WARD was uncertain how many plants were currently in the home at 310 S. Francis, but did admit that a subject identified as "MARK" actually grew and cared for the plants. WARD said her only involvement in growing the plants was washing the pots and that "MARK" was the person who did the work. As payment for growing the marijuana plants "MARK" was given 50% of the product.

WARD explained that John MORIN paid the monthly electric bill in the amount of \$1,200, but initially denied that he participated in the medical marijuana grow operation. Eventually, WARD admitted that MORIN sometimes helped and said that she would sometimes "share" marijuana with him. WARD denied ever selling or trading marijuana for money or other items of value and did admit to having an addiction to crack cocaine.

MORIN was questioned about a separate crime involving her involvement in a murder for hire plot, the details of which are documented in a separate ATF report of investigation completed by ATF S/A Bailey. Upon conclusion of that interview MORIN made the statement that she was "sunk" and "done" on the marijuana charge, but said that she would fight the attempt solicitation to commit murder case.

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