

# Incident Report

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

Incident Number: LLA150521022536

## 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:

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                      Race: WHITE  
Height: 5' 7" - 5' 7"                      Weight: 140 - 140 lbs                      Eye Color: BLUE                      Hair Color: BLOND  
Address: 310 S FRANCIS, LANSING, MICHIGAN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 48912                      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.

## 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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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL

SUBJECT: INFORMATION

AUTHOR: MANSON, DAMIAN

*Never  
been  
abusive  
EVER*

## 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.

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.

*Never*

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 5/27/2015 16:50:00

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:

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

### STATUS:

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

REPORTING OFFICER BADGE NO. DATE

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-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.

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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 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

*WARD*

*Debbie Lincoln was Sheri's caregiver*

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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.

*No I did not say this.*

## List of Documents

Subject:	Author:	Entered Date/Time:
PROSECUTOR WORKSHEET-MORIN	SUKOVICH, ANGELA	5/29/2015 09:14:44
PROSECUTOR WORKSHEET-MORIN	SUKOVICH, ANGELA	5/29/2015 09:22:11
PROSECUTOR WORKSHEET-WARD	SUKOVICH, ANGELA	5/29/2015 09:47:38
WITNESS LIST-1	SUKOVICH, ANGELA	5/29/2015 09:52:27
PHOTOS OF MARIJUANA	ZEHR, DYLAN	5/29/2015 09:55:28
MARIJUANA GROW GARAGE	ZEHR, DYLAN	5/29/2015 09:59:37
MARIJUANA BASEMENT SAFE	ZEHR, DYLAN	5/29/2015 10:39:44
BASEMENT MARIJUANA GROW ROOM	ZEHR, DYLAN	5/29/2015 10:45:35
SUKOVICH EVIDENCE PHOTOGRAPHS	SUKOVICH, ANGELA	5/29/2015 10:55:01
PHOTOS OF SOUTH WEST BEDROOM	MCBRIDE, ROBERT	5/29/2015 10:59:03
JOHN MORIN ID	ZEHR, DYLAN	5/29/2015 11:01:20
LONG GUNS- ITEMS 15,16,17,18, 19 AND 20	MANSON, DAMIAN	5/29/2015 11:04:57
SAFE INSIDE OF WALL	MANSON, DAMIAN	5/29/2015 11:11:35
PHOTO OF THE TALL SAFE	MANSON, DAMIAN	5/29/2015 11:26:35
PHOTO OF CLOSED SAFE	MANSON, DAMIAN	5/29/2015 12:27:48
WARD AND MORIN'S KEYS	ZOLNAI, DANIEL	5/29/2015 12:54:07
WITNESS LIST-2	SUKOVICH, ANGELA	5/29/2015 13:15:47
ITEM 67...PROCESSED MARIJUANA	MANSON, DAMIAN	5/29/2015 13:17:05
ITEM 73- AMMO LOCATED INSIDE THE TALL SAFE	MANSON, DAMIAN	5/29/2015 13:35:27
ITEM 74- AMMO LOCATED INSIDE THE BEDROOM CLOSET	MANSON, DAMIAN	5/29/2015 13:38:18