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Title: 2815 REPORT DRAFT

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My body worn camera recorded what was in front of its limited field of view, in lower definition as I can see with my own eyes and in poorer depth perception. This illustrates the limitations of the camera technology compared to my eyes ability to see and notice things the camera cannot record, store in memory and later replay on a video screen.

Video: Yes

Audio: Yes

Photo(s): No

Criminal History: No

Suggested Charges: No

Restitution Review: No

On Tuesday, December 9, 2025, I was working for the Houston County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff. On this date, I was dressed in full deputy uniform and driving a fully marked squad car. On this date, I was wearing my Body Worn Camera (BWC) which was functioning and active. My squad car was equipped with a squad camera, which was also functioning and active.

On this date, at approximately 0350 hrs., I was contacted by Sgt. Travis Lapham, of the Houston County Sheriff's Office regarding a welfare check on a 26 YOA male who was at a residence in La Crescent, MN. Sgt. Lapham advised that he was contacted by Officer Cody Bellock, of the La Crescent Police Department, who requested assistance from the Houston County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Lapham requested that I go to La Crescent and speak to Officer Bellock.

While I was traveling to La Crescent, Officer Bellock contacted me and advised that he was investigating a welfare check reported by Natalie Marie Gerard Preiner (DOB: XXXXXXXXXX.) Preiner reported that her boyfriend, Yoon Hyuk Uhr (DOB: XXXXXXXXXX) was a flight student, and was unfamiliar with the La Crescent area and was staying with a friend at a residence in La Crescent. Preiner advised that Uhr sounded intoxicated, and she believed that he didn't drink alcohol.

Preiner reported that Uhr said he didn't know where he was and sent her his location, via cellular phone, which depicted his location to be at [REDACTED]. Preiner said that Uhr stated that he was outside of the residence walking, by himself, was scared and said something to the effect that Uhr believed a male in the residence was hitting on him. Uhr also told Preiner that he was going to call her back in 20 minutes. Preiner reported that she hadn't heard from Uhr in approximately 40 minutes and tried his cell phone several times.

Preiner reported to Officer Bellock that she understood Uhr was with a friend, Kyle Lee Ahlschlager (DOB: XXXXXXXXXX,) and understood that Kyle's uncle was the Sheriff. Preiner wanted Uhr's welfare checked due to the concerns that she reported to Officer Bellock.

It should be noted; the residence of [REDACTED] is the residence of Chief of La Crescent Police Luke Ahlschlager. Officer Bellock advised that he contacted Chief Ahlschlager by phone and explained the above welfare check. Officer Bellock told me that Chief Ahlschlager told him that Uhr was at his residence and was sleeping on his couch. Officer Bellock said that Chief Ahlschlager was verbally uncooperative towards him and refused to check Uhr's welfare advising that Uhr was fine and was sleeping on the couch. Officer Bellock told Chief Ahlschlager that he needed to speak to Uhr, or Uhr needed to call his girlfriend, Preiner. Chief Ahlschlager told Officer Bellock that Uhr wasn't going to be able to call Preiner and advised that Uhr was fine. I understood that the phone call was ended shortly after and Chief Ahlschlager was uncooperative and rude to Officer Bellock.

Officer Bellock requested that I go to Chief Ahlschlager's residence to attempt to make personal contact with Uhr to check his welfare. Officer Bellock said that he was told by Chief Ahlschlager that Officer Bellock wasn't going to come to his house to check Uhr's welfare.

After being advised of Preiner's report, I believed that a welfare check was warranted regardless of the time of day because with what information was known to law enforcement an immediate risk of Uhr's safety was present. I understood that Uhr could have been dangerously intoxicated or potentially held against his will.

I understood that Officer Bellock attempted phone contact with Uhr several times and didn't make contact. Officer Bellock also contacted Chief Ahlschlager who, from what I understood, refused to check Uhr's welfare and further advised that Uhr wouldn't be able to contact Preiner tonight. Officer Bellock concluded that an in-person welfare check was the only viable option at this time because all other means of contact were tried and unsuccessful. Officer Bellock requested that I make contact at the residence and speak to Chief Ahlschlager with the hope that I would be able to speak to Chief Ahlschlager with a different outcome.

On this date, at approximately 0406 hrs., I arrived at Chief Ahlschlager's residence. Officer Bellock advised that he was going to wait inside of his patrol car while I made contact. I went to the residence and knocked on the door. A short time later, Chief Ahlschlager came to the door of the residence. It should be noted; the north facing entrance door has a large window of which I was able to see into the residence. I observed Chief Ahlschlager come to the front door, as he was approaching, I heard him yell "what the fuck is going on." I identified myself and asked to speak to Chief Ahlschlager.

Chief Ahlschlager opened the door and said "what the [REDACTED] is going on." I asked to speak to Chief Ahlschlager outside the residence and began to apologize for waking him but was stopped by Chief Ahlschlager who said "no, there's no talking." I began to speak to Chief Ahlschlager to build rapport, when he said what "you guys" were talking about. I explained that I didn't want to wake his family up and began to explain that I was called to conduct a welfare check on Uhr and that I understood Officer Bellock had informed Chief Ahlschlager of the report. Chief Ahlschlager said that the kid was right there and pointed to the basement area of the residence.

Chief Ahlschlager asked if I wanted to talk to him. I asked Chief Ahlschlager if it was okay with him if I spoke to Uhr. Chief Ahlschlager asked again if I wanted to talk to him. I asked Chief Ahlschlager if it was okay with him if I speak to Uhr. Chief Ahlschlager asked me "what's going on." I said "it's a welfare check." Chief Ahlschlager yelled "for what." I again said it was a welfare check and that someone called, Chief Ahlschlager said "go [REDACTED] talk to him" and pointed towards the basement area.

As I entered the residence, Chief Ahlschlager began to explain that he didn't know Uhr and said that "they flew in tonight and I don't even know this kid." Chief Ahlschlager said "go [REDACTED] talk to him" and walked up the stairway into the residence. I told Chief Ahlschlager that I would let myself out when I was done speaking to him. Chief Ahlschlager walked away from the basement area into the residence.

I went into the basement and observed Uhr and Kyle both sleeping on couches. I woke Uhr and Kyle and identified as the police. I also radioed Officer Bellock and asked him to come into the residence. I began speaking to Uhr while I was waiting for Officer Bellock. Uhr appeared to be sleeping and displayed an odor of an alcoholic beverage. A short time later, Officer Bellock entered the residence and spoke to Uhr for a brief period. Officer Bellock advised that he would contact Preiner and advise that Uhr was okay and didn't need any assistance.

Officer Bellock and I left the residence. I had no further contact with any parties involved. It should be noted; throughout my contact I didn't observe any indication that any type of criminal element was present and no reason to believe that Uhr was in any kind of danger.

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