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Complaint **19-020931**

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D57 responded to 3rd floor Rath building for an investigation of a package that was left in the County Executives office on 3/15/19. I would be given names of those whom they believed to have been involved along with the package that contained papers regarding accusations of corruption in Niagara County and other involving active family court cases and criminal cases.

The cases involved the Riford family. (Kevin, Sister Katie, and the address of sister Christina Little). The package contained probably well over 200 hundred pages. Basically stating that they were not getting treated fairly and were looking for help from the county executive. It was also brought to my attention that a knife was left in the tree in front of the county executives home and they were concerned that the 2 events were related.

I was shown video from the Rath Building showing a subject enter the Rath Building with a backpack going through security. We were able to identify the a person of interest as Kevin Riford based on similarities to a Facebook picture. His name and sisters names were among the papers and address on this package.

With the help of Buffalo PD Detective Chris Schafer I would then check the address of the sister (Christina Little) whose name and address was on the package. We would find out that the **State State State**

We would approach the house at **the second second** and were greeted by Christina Little who had come out on the porch before we had made it half way up the driveway. I would speak with here from the ground while



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she stayed on the front porch:

I asked her why she thought we we were there and at first stated she didn't know.

I asked about the package and she would state that "her name and address were on it."

I asked who brought it there and she stated she had asked her brother to take it.

I explained it was treated as a suspicious package... she could not understand this as she stated that it went through the X-ray machine and had her address on it.

I would explain that that was not the proper procedure for delivering a package and that I needed to confirm that her brother brought the package and speak with him about his intentions.

She would state that he did take it there at her request and had done nothing wrong. I assured her that he hadn't but I still just needed to briefly speak with him.

She would state that he would be there in a few minutes which seemed strange

The basic theme of the conversation was corruption in Niagara County courts and Sheriff's She would ask if The County Executive was going to call her about the papers, and became agitated when I explained that he never saw the package and that our Bomb Unit had taken it.

We would go back to my vehicle to await Kevin's arrival. Christina would approach the driver side window and ask for my card. I would give it to her and she would return to the house. A little bit later she would emerge from the home talking on her cellphone and began asking me questions. i believed that she was talking with Kevin and asked if I could speak with him and she handed me the phone:

Kevin was very defensive stating that he didn't do anything. I would reassure him that he's not in any trouble but I just want to confirm he was the person who brought the package. He would not give a direct answer just that we have video and fingerprints to confirm it. He would state that it was not a suspicious package and they should have know when it went through the conveyer. (X Ray machine?). This was a conversation that was going nowhere as he was confrontational with everything I said and talking about his right and a lawyer while I would explain that this was not criminal. He would mention one party consent which made me believe that he was recording. Knowing that this was going no where I would ask if he was in Buffalo the previous night but I think he hung up before hearing the question.

I would contact the arresting officer from Niagara County regarding his arrest of Kevin. Deputy Nick Faso would state that he went to the family house at 3038 Michael Dr North Tonanwanda looking for the sister Katie. Katie has a warrant out of Family Court for taking and hiding her children. They believe that they are at this house but no one comes to the door. While at this residence Kevin showed up being very confrontation and video taping the Deputy's. He believes that they are border line Sovereign citizen based on some of the actions and ideology. The deputies would leave the residence in a marked patrol car with Kevin following them at half a cars length through multiple streets. They would eventually swing around on the vehicle and arrest the subject Kevin which was the the arrest that was given to me with his paperwork. They would put an officer safety on the subject Kevin Riford based on his behavior.

I would also speak with Investigator Brett Thompson with the Niagara County Sheriff's. He would state that he has been dealing with this case against Katie through family Court. That the sister Katie has a warrant and has fired at least 2 attorneys. That the family keeps to themselves and have no contact with neighbors. He would also state that he believes they are borderline sovereign citizens based on their ideology and actions. I told him about the knife and he stated that they are not violent and he doesn't not believe that this is something they would do. They go the paper trail route as they did with the package delivered to The County Executive.

I am certain it was Kevin who brought the package to the County Executives Office. I do not believe that



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they had anything to do with the knife as they had no personal vendetta against the County Executive and were trying to solicit his help.

SUPPLEMENT #1 Date Entered: 06/06/2019 12:55 Typist: BRIAN OHARA

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No criminal activity at this time I will be closing this case pending new information

CASE CLOSED

IMAGE(S)

Officer: D57 - OHARA

Supervisor: - SAVAGE

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