

**OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE**1200 N TELEGRAPH ROAD
PONTIAC MI 48341
248-858-5000**Case Report****Administrative Details:**

CR No 230078678	Subject C3324 Suspicious Circumstances
Report Date/Time 04/02/2023 18:11	Occurrence Date/Time 04/02/2023 18:11
Location [REDACTED]	Call Source PHONE
Dispatched Offense C3324 Suspicious Circumstances	Verified Offense C3329 Intelligence Information
OIC Webber, Kevin (OSWEBBERK-00481)	OIC Contact Number [REDACTED]
County 63 - Oakland	City/Twp/Village 08 - Highland Twp
Division HIT - Highland Patrol	

Action Requested:

☐ Arrest warrant	☐ Review only
☐ Search warrant	☐ Forfeiture
☐ Juvenile petition	☐ Other



Offenses:

C3324 - Suspicious Circumstances [OSBROUILLARDN (02447)]

IBR Code / IBR Group /		Offense File Class	
Crime Against	Location Type 20 - Residence/Home	Offense Completed Not Applicable	
Domestic Violence No	Hate/Bias 00 - None (No Bias)		
Using	A-Alcohol: No C-Computer Equipment: No D-Drugs/Narcotics: No		Cargo Theft

People:

SNYDER, MATTHEW (O-OTHER) (L-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER) [OSSNYDERM (00267)]

PE:	W.Type:	Last Name Snyder	First Name Matthew	Middle Name	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms LT.
DOB (Age)	Sex	Race UNKNOWN	Ethnicity	Birth City & State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship
Street Address 1200 N Telegraph Road		Apt #	County OAKLAND	Country USA	Home Phone	Work Phone
City Pontiac	State MI	Zip 48341	Cell Phone	Email		
Phone/Email						
Type				Description		
BU-Business Phone #1				248-858-5000		
Notes Conducted follow up w/ Julie Ohashi						

WEBBER, KEVIN (O-OTHER) (L-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER) [OSWEBBERK (00481)]

PE:	W.Type:	Last Name Webber	First Name Kevin	Middle Name	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
DOB (Age)	Sex	Race UNKNOWN	Ethnicity	Birth City & State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship
Street Address 1200 N Telegraph Road		Apt #	County OAKLAND	Country USA	Home Phone	Work Phone
City Pontiac	State MI	Zip 48341	Cell Phone	Email		
Phone/Email						
Type				Description		
BU-Business Phone #1				248-858-5000		
Notes OIC						

BROUILLARD, NICHOLAS (O-OTHER) (L-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER) [OSBROUILLARDN (02447)]

PE:	W.Type:	Last Name Brouillard	First Name Nicholas	Middle Name	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
DOB (Age)	Sex	Race UNKNOWN	Ethnicity	Birth City & State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship
Street Address 1201 N Telegraph Road		Apt #	County OAKLAND	Country USA	Home Phone UNKNOWN	Work Phone
City Pontiac	State MI	Zip 48341	Cell Phone UNKNOWN	Email		
Phone/Email						



Type	Description
BU-Business Phone #1	248-858-5000

OHASHI, JULIE KATHERINE (O-OTHER) (I-PERSON INTERVIEW) [OSBROUILLARDN (02447)]

PE:	W.Type:	Last Name OHASHI	First Name JULIE	Middle Name KATHERINE	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
Aliases			Driver License#	DL State MI	DL Country	Personal ID#
DOB (Age) (39)	Sex F	Race UNKNOWN	Ethnicity	Birth City & State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship
Complexion	Build	Teeth	Height 5' 4"	Weight 180	Attire	
Street Address			Apt #	County	Country	Home Phone
City			State MI	Zip	Cell Phone	Email
				UNKNOWN		

Narrative:
CR No: 230078678-001 Written By: OSBROUILLARDN (02447) Date: 04/02/2023 07:09 PM
SOURCE:

Dispatched

INFORMATION:

On 4/2/23 I was dispatched to [REDACTED] for a suspicious. Upon arrival I spoke with Julie Ohashi who stated that he and her son were walking on the walking trail next to her house. While on the walk Julie noticed a large swastika that had been spray painted on a tree and burn marks. Julie stated that it must have happened last night because she walks the trail every day and didn't notice it there yesterday. I asked Julie if she was having problems with anyone in the neighborhood. or had anything like this happen before. Julie stated she was not having problems with anyone and nothing like this has happened before. I informed Julie that I would make a report for this and to call us back if anything else happens.

ACTION TAKEN:

Report Completed, Witness Statement attached, Photos attached.

BODY CAMERA USE:

Yes

STATUS:

Closed

CR No: 230078678-002 Written By: OSWEBBERK (00481) Date: 05/10/2023 11:21 AM

**FOLLOW-UP:**

4-5-2023: I was contacted by FBI Special Agent Krupa. SA Krupa asked about a report taken in Highland Township on 4-2-2023. SA Krupa stated that Julie Ohashi contacted the FBI National Threat Operational Center (NTOC) and reported a hate crime in Highland Township. SA Krupa asked if there was anything suspicious about the report. SA Krupa said that he reviewed our report, and the report did not state if the tree was on Ohashi's property, but in the complaint, she filed with NTOC Ohashi stated the tree was on her property, and that the tree was burned. I advised SA Krupa that I would go to the area and look.

██████████ is located next to a private neighborhood park. There are two entry gates to the park. One is a vehicle gate that was locked. The second was a walk-through gate that was open with a sign stating the area was under video surveillance. I discovered the tree with the swastika painted on it. The tree is located about 50 yards from Ohashi's line. The swastika was painted on the tree facing away from Ohashi's home. There are numerous trees between the home and the painted tree. The painted tree is not visible from the home or back yard.

I visible inspected the tree for burn marks. In my experience and training I found the tree not to have been burnt just spray painted. I then looked throughout the park and found no other trees to have been painted.

I informed SA Krupa my findings and he stated that since there was no evidence of a crime in Oakland County, he would be forwarding it to the FBI Office in Ann Arbor, because they cover Livingston County.

5-9-2023: Ohashi came to the substation to pick up a copy of the report that was written. While at the substation Ohashi spoke with Lt. Snyder about the tree. Lt. Snyder and I went back out to the neighborhood park to look at the tree again. This time both gates to the park were locked. We looked at the tree and the swastika had been removed.

I made contact with SA Krupa. SA Krupa stated that his office was contacted again by the media due to Ohashi's complaint. SA Krupa stated that since there was no proof of a crime against Ohashi in Oakland County the complaint referring to social media harassment, which occurred in Livingston County, had been transferred to the FBI office in Ann Arbor because that office covers Livingston County. SA Krupa did not say what the Ann Arbor office was doing with the complaint.

5-10-2023: On this day Lt. Snyder, Highland Township Fire Marshal Shaun Bell and I went back out to the tree. The Fire Marshal stated the tree did not look to be burned, just spray painted. I took a sample of the bark thought to have been burnt and a sample of bark from another side of the tree. Both samples smelled the same and did not give off a burnt (campfire)



smell. I put the random sample of bark under a flame until it was charred. Once cooled, it gave off a strong smell of burnt wood.

Due to no proof of a crime against Ohashi, and no suspects/complainant for the possible MDOP to the neighborhood park tree the case will be closed. The case can be reopened if new information is received.

STATUS:

Closed.

CR No: 230078678-003 Written By: OSSNYDERM (00267) Date: 05/10/2023 01:07 PM

SOURCE: Follow up / Walk in at the Highland Substation.

INFORMATION: On Tuesday May 9, 2023, Julie Ohashi called the substation to obtain her written statement from the report she previously made on 4/2/23. She requested it be sent email, but we insisted she come in person and show her ID. She left with a copy of her written statement. Mrs. Ohashi called back and asked why she did not receive the entire report. She was advised that she only requested her statement. Mrs. Ohashi returned to obtain a copy of the report. Upon her return to the substation, I spoke with her briefly in the lobby and explained the steps the OCSO did in following up with her report. I indicated that we contacted the FBI and that they took the information and forwarded it the Ann Arbor branch for review. Mrs. Ohashi was insistent that the tree was burned and not spray painted. I asked her if she would mind if we came out and took another look. She agreed. Detective Webber and I responded to her address at [REDACTED] where we met Mrs. Ohashi, and she showed us the tree.

OBSERVATION: Mrs. Ohashi walked us behind her residence and onto the subdivision park area and showed us a large pine tree. The pine tree did not have the swastika visible on it anymore. On the other side approx. four feet up on the tree were two black spots. It appeared that it could possibly have a little charring from being burned, but it definitely had black paint on both spots. It had a shiny glassy coating, and you could see overspray spots of paint on a



branch. It appeared to me as if someone spray painted a spot on the tree and at the same time ignited the paint with a lighter. The swastika was no longer visible on tree. Not sure if someone cleaned it or it wore off with the recent rains the area had.

INTERVIEW WITH JULIE OHASHI: While looking around the scene Detective Webber and myself were having a conversation with Mrs. Ohashi. On a few occasions she mentioned she was a teacher for Hartland Schools. Ohashi stated because she is a teacher for Hartland Schools, she started an on-line group with the intention of getting the word out on the millage. Ohashi stated is very important to her and the district to get the millage passed. She stated she has been doxed by the opposing group on-line and feels this swastika is related. After completing our follow up at the scene and prior to leaving, Ohashi stated the report is wrong and that her husband is not African American and requested the report be changed. I had no answer for her why it was put in the report that way. Ohashi stated she told the Deputies he was dark skinned, but not black. I apologized and stated that we would correct that. Detective Webber and I cleared the scene and returned to the substation.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon return to the substation, I had a meeting with the Detectives. We decided to review the bodycam footage of the initial call. We discussed the tree and whether it was actually burned or painted. We all thought it was painted due to the shing coating and overspray spots. After reviewing the bodycam footage, we saw items near the scene that could possibly indicate teenagers were in the area. It was observed that Deputy Thieme found an Under Armor sweatshirt that was a size small. You could hear him say that on the camera. There was also a possible energy drink bottle on the ground nearby the tree. These are items that we often associate with teenagers. Deputy Thieme will add his supplement report which will explain exactly what he observed. I also heard on Deputy Thieme's bodycam footage, Mrs. Ohashi saying her husband is the only black man in the neighborhood. I believe this is why Deputy Brouillard initially put her husband was an African American in his report.

HIGHLAND FIRE MARSHALL SHAWN BELL: On May 10, 2023, I contact the Highland Fire Marshall, Shawn Bell, and asked if he was available to inspect a tree to determine if it was burned or not. Bell responded to the scene and met me and Detective Webber. Bell inspected the tree and stated it appeared to be spray painted. He stated there may be a spot of charring that looked like the paint was ignited in some areas. I showed him the area the tree was in. We walked the subdivision park / beach and he stated that he believes this was probably kids messing around in the park area with paint.

INVESTIGATION: I contacted Hartland Consolidated Schools to verify if Julie Ohashi was



indeed a teacher for the district as she mentioned to me on several occasions. Hartland Consolidated Schools stated she is not a teacher with their district. After reviewing this case with Detectives, it has been determined to be an isolated incident with no evidence of a crime at this time. This incident can be reopened if further information develops.

BODY CAMERA USE: No for the follow up.

STATUS: Closed.

CR No: 230078678-004 Written By: OSTHIEMEP (01927) Date: 05/15/2023 03:34 PM

SOURCE:

Dispatched to a Suspicious Circumstances

OBSERVATION:

While speaking with the caller, Julie Ohashi, she provided an escort to the area of the possible vandalism. Julie stated that she had been a resident at the home for several years with her husband. Ohashi described her husband as "the only black person in the area."

On a pine tree, approximately 50+ yards outside her property line, there was black swastika spray painted in black about 6 ft up the tree trunk. The marking was facing away from Ohashi's residence. It was visible from the road entrance to the beach front. An area on the side of the tree had light charring from an attempt to light a paint spot on fire. There were no other burn marks near the swastika or base of the tree.

Located about 15 yards from the painted tree was a cut Under Armour shirt and a Monster energy can. The shirt was black in color, size youth small. it appeared to be a swim shirt.

No other burning attempts were noticed in the area, or damage to area property. There were no cameras in the area of the tree or surrounding area.

ACTION TAKEN:

Body cam footage was reviewed.

BODY CAMERA USE:

Yes.

STATUS:

Closed.