MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE ORIGINAL INCIDENT REPORT	ORIGINAL DATE: Fri, Mar 08, 2024	INCIDENT NO: 080-0000043-24
	TIME RECEIVED: 0800	FILE CLASS: 73000
	WORK UNIT: MSP 8TH DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS	COUNTY: DELTA

COMPLAINANT: [redacted]		TELEPHONE NO: [redacted]	
[redacted] AND NO:	CITY:	STATE:	[redacted]
INCIDENT STATUS: OPEN			

MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL OFFENSE

SUMMARY:

On 12/4/2023 the undersigned met with Defense Attorneys [redacted] & [redacted] at Michigan State Police Eighth District Headquarters [redacted]
This is in connection with their client Tavaris Lee Jackson Jr. who is accused of murder in the death of [redacted]

Also during that meeting it was alleged that Sergeant Thomas V. Lewis, Delta County Sheriff Office (DCSO) had been disciplined for misconduct in his official capacity in extorting a witness in the homicide investigation at his residence. The information gotten from his private investigator shows a cover up of sexual allegations that [redacted] had reported to the DCSO and was only disciplined for having [redacted] come to his residence to solicit information regarding the homicide investigation.

[redacted]

VENUE:

DELTA COUNTY
[redacted]

DATE & TIME:

ON OR AFTER: SUN, JUL 16, 2023 AT 2300

COMPLAINANT/VICTIM:

NAM: [redacted]
BIR:
RAC: WHITE
ETH:

NBR: [redacted]
DIR:
SEX: FEMALE
DL: [redacted]

STR: [redacted]
SFX:
CTY:
ST:
TXH:
ZIP: [redacted]
TXW:
MB: [redacted]
SMT:

DOB: [redacted]
HGT:
WGT:
HAI:
EYE: [redacted]

SSN:
SI: /
FBI:
MNU:
PR:

INTERVIEW COMPLAINANT/VICTIM:

[redacted] to be interviewed by D/Sgt. James Wachnicki of the Negaunee Post and this interview will be documented in supplemental report #1.

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INTERVIEW [redacted]:

[redacted]

[redacted] did provide a copy of the Citizen/Outside Agency Complaint Form that had been completed by [redacted] on July 21, 2023 against Sgt. Lewis. He also provided a copy of the letter that had been sent by Under Sheriff Griebel to [redacted] dated August 21, 2023. Both to be entered as external documents.

Below under the heading Email – Delta County Investigation are the excerpts from the email that was sent by [redacted] to the undersigned on 12/29/23 which outlines the allegations of miscount by Sgt. Lewis.

EMAIL – DELTA COUNTY INVESTIGATION:

"Here is some more information now related to Sgt. Lewis and the Delta County Sheriff's Office.

[redacted]

[redacted]

3) The complaint already made involving the attempted coercion of the witness ([redacted] in the homicide case was more involved than the Sheriff documented in the report we obtained through FOIA. In that report there was no mention of any sexual component. In reality however, [redacted] told the Sheriff's Office that he kissed her and tried to get her to have sex with him. She refused and said she would call the police and have herself arrested before that. This is attempted CSC due to the position of authority and the coercion being applied to her while he was drunk and claiming to be investigating the homicide case. Not to mention the misconduct in office issues.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

I get there is a reluctance to investigate another law enforcement member and a natural skeptical view when complaints like this are made. I fully understand that. I also understand the thought that myself and my co-counsel may be doing this out of motivation for our client on the homicide case. I can assure you, even if that case didn't exist, we would feel no less strongly that Sgt. Lewis needs to be stopped and should be behind bars. The homicide case may have brought about the discovery of corruption, perjury, coercion, and sexual assault, but it is not the motivating factor here. The fact that we have corrupt law enforcement officials here is the motivating factor.

[redacted] *First, you have at least one with* [redacted]

Respectfully,

[redacted]

Additional Email Content from [redacted] 1/30/24

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] *can be contacted via phone at* [redacted]"

IDENTIFICATION OF SUSPECT:

Thomas Lewis was identified by image provided by the Secretary of States Office.

SUSPECT:

NAM: THOMAS VINCENT LEWIS
BIR: RAC: WHITE ETH:

NBR: [redacted] DIR: SEX: MALE DL: [redacted]

STR: [redacted] DOB: [redacted] SSN:
SFX: [redacted] HGT: [redacted] SI: /
CTY: [redacted] ST: MI WGT: [redacted] FBI:
TXH: ZIP: [redacted] HAI: [redacted] MNU:
TXW: EYE: [redacted] PR:
SMT:

EMPLOYER: DCSO

INTERVIEW SUSPECT:

To be interviewed at later date.

DCSO NOTIFICATION:

Sheriff Ozwald & Undersheriff Griebel after additional information is collected regarding the allegations with [redacted]

MSP DISTRICT NOTIFICATION:

Captain Green advised of the investigation and of the investigative plan regarding the allegations.

EXTERNAL DOCUMENT:

Two Page Letter Written by Undersheriff Griebel dated 8/21/23
One page DCSO Complaint Form dated 7/21/23

STATUS:

OPEN

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SUPPLEMENTAL INCIDENT REPORT 0002	SUPPLEMENTARY DATE: Thu, Mar 21, 2024	FILE CLASS: 73000

INCIDENT STATUS: OPEN

MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

JOURNAL:

DATE	JOURNALED BY	ACTION
03-12-2024	ENTERED BY: BELONGA, JOHN, 81, SERGEANT	REVIEWED SUPP #1. PENDS FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

OTHER PERSON

NAM: [redacted]
BIR:
NBR: [redacted] DIR:
STR:
SFX: APT/LOT:
CTY: ST:
TXH: ZIP:
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MB: [redacted]
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INTERVIEW [redacted]:

I interviewed [redacted] while at the post on 3/20/2024. I advised her I was investigating possible misconduct by Sgt. Lewis with the Delta County Sheriff's Department.

[redacted] advised she knew who Sgt. Lewis was and had known him for a few years. She stated she has been arrested by him a few times. She stated it was a rough time in her life when she was being arrested. [redacted] had provided Sgt. Lewis with information over the years but was done so professionally and with no misconduct by Sgt. Lewis. She advised she had never been coerced into giving that information. Sgt. Lewis had never done anything inappropriate with her to get information out of her. She and Sgt. Lewis had never had any sort of dating relationship nor had they ever had intimate relations. She advised one time she had asked Sgt. Lewis to go to the Casino with her, which he declined. She was told that the Casino was not his thing.

[redacted]

[redacted] had no other information to provide.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

I received a call from [redacted] who is a private investigator working in conjunction with [redacted]. [redacted] advised me he has been investigating the possible inappropriate behavior of SGT. LEWIS. He advised me that he has not found anyone with any substantial or corroborated evidence of any wrong doing by Sgt. Lewis.

[redacted] advised he spoke with [redacted] as well and was told by her that nothing inappropriate had happened between herself and Sgt. Lewis.

STATUS:

Open, pending further investigation.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INCIDENT REPORT 0001	SUPPLEMENTARY DATE: Mon, Mar 11, 2024	FILE CLASS: 73000

INCIDENT STATUS: OPEN

MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

JOURNAL:

DATE	JOURNALED BY	ACTION
03-08-2024	ENTERED BY: CAMPBELL, PAUL, 85, D/F/LIEUTENANT	INITIAL REVIEW, PENDS FURTHER DOCUMENTATION AND INVESTIGATION.

VICTIM

NAM: [redacted]
BIR:
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INTERVIEW [redacted]:

[redacted] was interviewed on 2/29/2024 while at the Gladstone Post.

[redacted] agreed to meet me at the Gladstone Post in reference to a complaint she had filed with the Delta County Sheriff's Office. She made complaints that Sgt. Lewis with the Delta County Sheriff's had extorted her during a time she was attempting to give him information in regards to a homicide that occurred in the Delta County area. [redacted] was questioned on this specific incident and the following information was obtained.

[redacted] advised she had contact with Sgt. Lewis prior to the incident she had reported. She stated she was the murdered victim's boss at the time she was killed. Sgt. Lewis spoke to her while investigating the murder while working at Ernie's. Sgt. Lewis would later come back with a search warrant in reference to the homicide.

Last July she had seen a TikTok that was posted by the victim. She sent the message to Sgt. Lewis via text message. This would have been after the first time he had interviewed her in reference to the homicide.

[redacted] advised she had contact with Sgt. Lewis prior to that. She stated they had a friendship, but did not classify it as a relationship. She stated she flirted with him during the conversations. She had known Sgt. Lewis for a couple years but never any in person contact. That was the first time he had ever asked me over to his house. They would see each other out in public with mutual friends or parties.

[redacted] advised they started using snapchat to communicate and then used text messages the night that she had gone over to his house. She stated she had been pulled over by Sgt. Lewis not last summer but the summer before. She advised she was stopped for not stopping before the white line at a stop sign. She then advised they were looking for cocaine in her car. She advised they thought she was selling cocaine. She clarified that she did not have cocaine in her car at the time of that stop.

[redacted] then stated she has been recently pulled over by the State Police, the Sheriff's department, and the city for thinking she had cocaine. She advised she had a straw that tested positive for cocaine with one of the stops. [redacted] advised she believes that Sgt. Lewis had something to do with all of the recent traffic stops. She stated she did not feel like she was being watched, however, has been swarmed by police cars.

[redacted] read the screenshots of the conversation that she had with Sgt. Lewis after once she had contacted him about the TikTok. The conversation started with [redacted] sending him a text with a TiKtok of the murder victim. Sgt. Lewis stated you better not be holding out and advised he was too drunk to drive. She requested meeting the next day. Sgt. Lewis requested to come to his house on that night, which, [redacted] agreed to.

[redacted] stated she did not take her own car because she had a head light out on her own vehicle. She also stated everyone thinks she is doing cocaine so why would she drive her own car to a police officer's house. [redacted] stated suspicions of her being involved with cocaine has been going on for years now.

[redacted] advised she wouldn't have said anything about the incident if he hadn't started to degrade her and tell her that she is nothing but a drug dealer and am going to get everything taken away while she was there. She was going to Sgt. Lewis' with the intention of not saying anything about her going over there. Sgt. Lewis told her he was going to extort her for the cocaine and that was when she got pissed and was going to tell.

When [redacted] got to his place she walked in the door and sat down. He was drinking a drink and asked if she wanted one as well. She agreed to have a drink. He offered her sprite, but in her mind due to his intoxication he had vernors and thought it was sprite. They were sitting at the table and he was telling her you better not be holding out on him over and over again. She stated he thought she may have information on the murder case and that she was not telling him. The TikTok was the only thing that she know about the murder. [redacted] stated Sgt. Lewis was very upset about it.

[redacted] stated she felt bad for him and wanted to be there for him. Sgt. Lewis was upset as to how he found the murder victim.

[redacted] advised things escalated from there. At one point she went to use the bathroom and she told him his house was gross and that he needed to clean it. He was then asking her to stay the night. [redacted] declined to stay the night and stated there was pictures of his girlfriend everywhere. [redacted] knew that he had a [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] kept declining to stay there. At one point she could not remember what was said, however, told him that if he doesn't let her leave she will get a domestic violence charge and she didn't care. [redacted] then left.

[redacted] stated that Sgt. Lewis told her if she was holding out on her he would get her in trouble for selling cocaine. He did not say how he was going to do that. [redacted] then asked him "what are you going to have [redacted] do a controlled buy on me? [redacted] knows that she is a CI for Sgt. Lewis. She stated that she is not a CI for Sgt. Lewis, however, got pulled over last Sunday by the State Police. She did not know if this was related to Sgt. Lewis.

[redacted] clarified that when she talked about the domestic violence charge, she was referring to Sgt. Lewis not giving it up. She stated he just kept asking for her to stay. He did not physically restrain her and could not recall if he ever stood by the door preventing her from leaving. She stated they did kiss while she was there and that she only did those things because she thought he was going to get her in trouble because of the cocaine. [redacted] stated the kiss happened after a while of being there. She stated they were sitting at the table and he asked her for a kiss which she accepted. There was no other physical contact between the two of them whatsoever. She stated it would have been fine up until the stuff that he had said after about getting her in trouble.

[redacted] felt that she was extorted to get the truth out of her and that she felt threatened that he would carry out the threat. [redacted] stated there would be no other way other than, Sgt. Lewis making it happen, that would ever tie her to cocaine use. [redacted] advised she was sober for 4 months since [redacted] got murdered. She stated she was not selling cocaine she was just recreationally using cocaine.

[redacted] advised she went to the Sheriff's Department about 2 weeks after this incident happened. She stated her boyfriend called someone in law enforcement and then set up an appointment with the Sheriff's dept. to report Sgt. Lewis' actions. [redacted] advised she had written stuff down what she had reported to the sheriff dept. After reporting the incident, a private investigator reached out to her and asked her about the incident. She felt that the PI was investigating both the homicide and Sgt. Lewis. She stated the PI reached out to her about 2 months prior to this incident.

[redacted] advised she could not recall telling the PI if there was any other physical contact between herself and Sgt. Lewis other than what she told us today. She advised she could not remember what she told them.

[redacted] advised there was no way Sgt. Lewis could make good on his threat because she wouldn't be selling or carrying drugs. She then agreed that she had a straw that tested positive for cocaine in her possession during a recent traffic stop with the State Police. She stated she did not know the straw was in her purse. She took the purse out of the bottom of her closet and was just using it.

[redacted] advised Sgt. Lewis has not contacted her since that time at his house. She stated she may have saw him in court, however, just saw someone out of the corner of her eye.

[redacted] advised when she was reporting the incident to the Sheriff, she was asked if she was selling cocaine. She questioned what that had to do with anything with what she was reporting. She was also asked what she would like to come of this by the Sheriff, which she advised she responded with, him not being able to do this to any other girls.

[redacted] advised prior to the incident with Sgt. Lewis she believes they started talking on Snapchat and then eventually got his number. There had been no prior relationship, one night stand, or any kissing prior to that day. The kiss shared between the two of them was a "first kiss". While the incident unfolded there was no physical contact, no his hand on her leg, rubbing of the head, or moving of her hair.

[redacted] advised over the span of the two years of communication with Sgt. Lewis, he would tell her she was hot. However, once he got a girlfriend he deleted her off stuff. Prior to the incident she reciprocated the complimentary conversations and sent pictures of herself to him. She stated the pictures were "swimsuit pictures".

[redacted] advised she had deleted the conversation with Sgt. Lewis approximately a month after reporting it to the sheriff's department. She stated she was mortified of being in that situation. She stated she screenshotted portions of the conversations to have it forever.

[redacted] advised the next day after this incident she had told her friends but did not tell her boyfriend. She didn't tell her boyfriend right away because she felt guilty at the time. She stated she knew she should not have gone over there. Sgt. Lewis had not threatened her in the past but she was skeptical of what he might do. She stated Sgt. Lewis had pulled her over once prior for cocaine and she did not have cocaine on her at the time. [redacted] advised everyone thought the owner of Ernie's was selling cocaine which was not true. She stated with that there was an aura of drug use around her and people would assume she was involved with it as well.

[redacted] advised that she knows that Sgt. Lewis admitted to everything about this incident to the Sheriff. She stated Phil Griebel, the undersheriff called her yesterday and told her. Griebel also requested the pictures of the conversation she had texted with Sgt. Lewis.

[redacted] was asked if Sgt. Lewis has ever sent intimate pictures of himself to her. She stated that he had and had sent some on the day she was at his house. After she told him no she would not stay the night he requested to have her send some while she was there. She stated she did send him intimate photos and stated, "in my defense I was scared as to what he may do to me if I didn't". She stated they were sitting next to each other at the table when they exchanged the pictures. They were pictures that she had taken in the past, saved on her phone.

[redacted] advised she was not aware of anything specific with Sgt. Lewis doing this to other girls. [redacted]

[redacted] advised she thought when she reported this incident to the Delta County Sheriff's office, that Sgt. Lewis would have faced criminal actions as well. She did not feel like Sgt. Lewis should be an officer and that he jeopardized a murder investigation by inviting a witness to his house. [redacted] advised she does not want this happening to other girls, because someone would sleep with him, however, she stated she is not scared of him.

[redacted] advised that the suspect in the murder investigation was her "right hand man" at the bar they worked at. The victim was also an employee and she knew her, her whole life. She and the victim did not hang out. [redacted] advised she was a compulsive liar, and drove her insane. They did not hang out. [redacted] then clarified that she did not kill the victim and then stated she was a good worker.

CCU PHONE ANALYSIS:

[redacted] agreed to have her phone analyzed by the MSP CCU unit to attempt to retrieve the conversation that was being had by herself and Sgt. Lewis. The phone was analyzed on 3/5/2024. [redacted] brought the phone up to Marquette and turned it over to personnel there. On 3/6/2024, I returned the phone to [redacted] at her residence. A signed UD-14B was obtained and will be in external documents.

EXTERNAL DOCUMENTS:

UD-14B

STATUS:

Open, pending phone examination results and any other investigation that may be needed.

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INCIDENT STATUS:
UNFOUNDED

MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

JOURNAL:

DATE	JOURNALED BY	ACTION
03-21-2024	ENTERED BY: CAMPBELL, PAUL, 85, D/F/LIEUTENANT	SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT #2 HAS BEEN REVIEWED, PENDS ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS
04-02-2024	ENTERED BY: CAMPBELL, PAUL, 85, D/F/LIEUTENANT	MR, PENDS FURTHER INTERVIEWS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Information provided by Attorney [redacted] indicated that he had a person, [redacted] that had [redacted] It was reported that [redacted] had a [redacted] is the complaint that involved [redacted] and [redacted].

I spoke with Tpr. Basenese who was part of the accident investigation. He remembered the incident due to [redacted] Tpr. Basenese recalled Sgt. Lewis and Deputy Wilson arriving on scene with [redacted] and [redacted]

PHONE EXTRACTION:

[redacted] phone extraction had been completed and reviewed. The extraction did not provide any additional information related to Sgt. Lewis.

[redacted]

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OTHER PERSON

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INTERVIEW [redacted]:

I interviewed [redacted] on 4/2/2024. [redacted] stated she was best friends with [redacted]. She had contact with [redacted] who recalled [redacted] coming home early in the morning. [redacted] She stated she did not have any direct knowledge of any wrong doing by Sgt. Lewis or misconduct with him in relation to his contact with [redacted]. She did not know that she was cited for MIP and that it was not proven if she was driving the vehicle or not.

[redacted] advised [redacted] stated [redacted] had been cited for MIP prior to the MIP with Sgt. Lewis [redacted] that maybe [redacted] was worried she would [redacted]

STATUS:

UNFOUNDED, no evidence or corroborating information about wrong doing was located.