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February 17, 2021

TO: Detective Lieutenant Gerard Mattaliano #1455

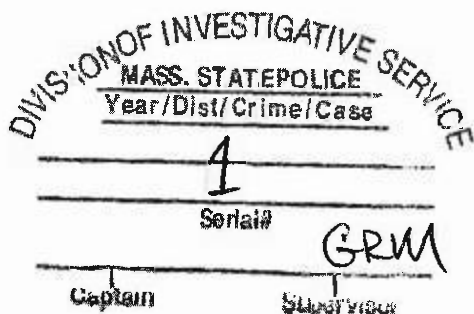
FROM: Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943

SUBJECT: Investigation into the Death of Sandra Birchmore ([REDACTED])
[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

1. On February 4, 2021, at approximately 11:45AM, I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, was notified by the Norfolk SPDU desk officer that Canton Police officers and detectives were on scene at [REDACTED] in Canton investigating the apparent suicide death of the adult female resident of that apartment. I then contacted Crime Scene Services and notified Trooper Kevin Tufts #4054, who was newly-assigned to the unit and was undergoing training. Tpr. Tufts and I then proceeded to the location.

2. Upon arrival, I spoke with Sgt. Mike Lank and Det. Jonathan McCourt. I learned that at approximately 10:55AM that morning, Canton patrol officers had responded to the



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apartment to conduct a wellbeing check on the resident, Sandra Birchmore ([REDACTED]) at the request of the Sharon Police school resource officer, Ofc. Michael Hocking. I was informed that Birchmore is an employee of the Sharon school system and had not shown up for work for several days and attempts to reach her by phone were unsuccessful. Ofc. Charles Yeaton and Ofc. Ensley Cotard of the Canton Police arrived and were unable to get a response at the door to the apartment. At that time they made entry, having received a key from property management to check the wellbeing of Birchmore. Upon entering the apartment, they located Birchmore apparently deceased, seated on the floor of the bedroom [REDACTED] Canton Fire Dept. personnel were notified and responded. Birchmore was then determined to be deceased at approximately 11:46AM by Firefighter/paramedic Daniel Whitley.

3. Det. McCourt, Tpr. Tufts, and I entered Birchmore's apartment, which had been held and secured by Canton Police for our arrival. There was a kitchenette immediately upon entry, toward the left side. There was a living room area directly in front of the entranceway. I observed a short hallway that led directly to the bathroom, and the single bedroom was to the left side of the hallway. I noted that the interior of the apartment was generally unorganized and unkempt. The countertops in the kitchenette were almost entirely covered with personal items, to include postal correspondence, junk mail, medication, and trash. [REDACTED] and an ultrasound photograph [REDACTED] Birchmore's name and date of birth were printed on the ultrasound.

4. I proceeded into the living room area. I noted trash and clumps of cat fur on the carpet indicating that it had not been cleaned or vacuumed in some time. There was debris, trash, or personal effects on virtually every horizontal surface in the living room area. There were two glass end tables, a dining room table, a glass coffee table, a couch, and a television stand with a television. There was a nook area that contained two recliners side by side, which were both covered on top and in front with personal effects and boxes.

5. I observed the interior of the bathroom to be generally neat and organized. Nothing of note was located inside.

6. I then proceeded to the bedroom. Upon entry, I observed Birchmore on the floor

[REDACTED]

There was a desk lamp turned on and color Christmas lights around the window that were also on. The room was cluttered and untidy in the same manner as the kitchenette and living room, with items covering the desk and a plastic storage table with drawers. There was an unmade bed with a sheet over the mattress and an exposed box spring. Birchmore's eyeglasses were on top of the bed. Among the scattered items inside the bedroom, I noted a US Army ACU-pattern duffle bag.

7. After concluding the examination of the apartment, I noted nothing suspicious and no sign of a struggle having taken place. Despite the clutter, all items appeared to be in their intended locations and no items appeared to have been knocked over or strewn about in an unintended manner. The walls showed no signs of scuff marks or indentations. No drag marks were visible on the floor or carpeting.

8. I then proceeded to where Birchmore had been found.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Birchmore's cell phone was on the floor, approximately 12 inches from her right hand and 6 inches from her right knee.

9. I examined Birchmore for any indications of physical abuse, to include grab marks, scratches, markings consistent with being struck, or apparent defensive wounds. I noted none. I observed no bruising, swelling, or external trauma to Birchmore. I noted no markings on the neck to indicate an attempt or struggle to loosen or remove the ligature.

10. Tpr. Zach Clark #4097 from Crime Scene Services documented the victim and the scene with digital photographs. The victim was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The cause and manner of death are pending further study.

Respectfully Submitted,

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SUBJECT: Investigation into the Death of Sandra Birchmore [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

1. On February 5, 2021, at approximately 11:15AM, Trooper Kevin Tufts #4054 and I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, proceeded to East Elementary School in Sharon in order to speak with Sandra Birchmore's supervisors and co-workers. [REDACTED]

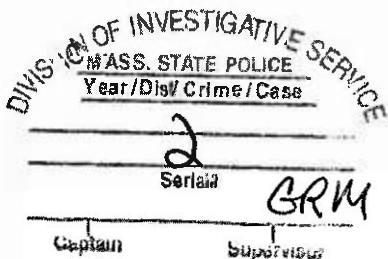
[REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] was asked about what, if any, observations he made about Birchmore in the time she had been employed at the school. [REDACTED]

asked to elaborate, he stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that prior to Birchmore's death [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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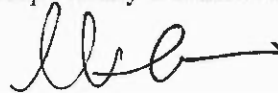
[REDACTED] stated that he had spoken with Birchmore's aunt after the death of Birchmore. He stated that she mentioned the name Matt Farwell, and that Farwell may be able to provide us with more information regarding Birchmore.

3. [REDACTED] stated that her general impression of Birchmore was that she was a pretty normal young lady. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] When questioned about any possible signs of abuse involving Birchmore, [REDACTED] stated she never noticed any signs or behavior to indicate such.

4. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore had told her she had been very close with her mother, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] further stated that when Birchmore first started at the school, she had to set boundaries after some instances.

5. Tpr. Tufts and I then interviewed additional members of the school staff individually.

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3. When asked about her observations of Birchmore's behavior and performance at work, [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore struggled with what was expected of her. She stated that overall, Birchmore was not very good at her job. [REDACTED] cited specifics, stating that she often had to redirect Birchmore and she required more guidance than should have been expected. [REDACTED] said that she often had to correct Birchmore for being on her cell phone and laptop computer for personal reasons at inappropriate times.

4. [REDACTED] was then asked about her relationship with Birchmore. She stated that Birchmore "seemed a little off," and tended to "overshare" a lot of personal information about herself, even on her first day of employment at the school. When asked to elaborate, [REDACTED] said that Birchmore had shared with her, unprompted, intimate details about her personal life. She stated that Birchmore told her she was dating a police officer who was 10 or 11 years older than her. Birchmore had stated her boyfriend already had two other children. At one point, Birchmore had told [REDACTED] that she "saw his ex at Starbucks," which she found to be very unprofessional. [REDACTED] said that these types of conversations were always unsolicited, and other employees at the school had previously remarked to her about Birchmore oversharing personal details unprompted.


5. [REDACTED] went on to state that Birchmore had told her that she wanted to get pregnant with her boyfriend, and he had finally said yes. Birchmore told [REDACTED] that she apparently did get pregnant, [REDACTED] pointed out that it was only 4 to 5 weeks into the pregnancy, which she found odd. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED] said that Birchmore proceeded to tell several members of the staff about her pregnancy, including people she was not close to. According to [REDACTED] some staff members expressed that it made them uncomfortable. Eventually, [REDACTED] stated she had to speak to the assistant principal about Birchmore's oversharing. [REDACTED] further stated that when asked, she declined to provide her phone number to Birchmore because she "seemed off."

██████ told investigators about an incident approximately a month earlier, in which Birchmore had asked a teacher's aide for money. This had apparently made the aide uncomfortable and she told other staff members about it.

7. When asked about details regarding Birchmore's boyfriend, ██████ stated that she never said if he was married or unmarried. She said she believed Birchmore's boyfriend was 35 or 36 years old, and he may be a Stoughton police officer, but she was not certain. ██████ stated she believed Birchmore and the boyfriend would see one another about once a week. She stated that she got the impression it was a casual relationship. ██████ said that earlier in the school year, Birchmore ██████ ██████ ██████ ██████ ██████ that she and her boyfriend had broken up, but then got back together. When questioned, ██████ stated she was under the assumption that Birchmore and her boyfriend were still together. I asked ██████ if she ever made any observations regarding potential abuse. ██████ stated Birchmore never mentioned anything about abuse or feeling scared, or anything of a similar nature.

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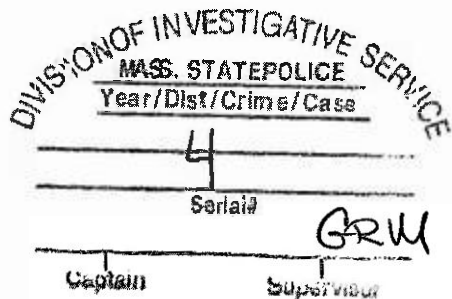
FROM: Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943

SUBJECT: Investigation into the Death of Sandra Birchmore ([REDACTED] [REDACTED])
[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

1. On February 5, 2021, at approximately 12:25PM, Trooper Kevin Tufts #4054 and I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the East Elementary School in Sharon. Trooper Tufts and I had been informed by the school principal, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the school and seemed to be somewhat close with Birchmore.

2. [REDACTED] stated that she had begun working at the school back in October. She said that on her first day there, Birchmore was the first person to introduce herself and the two exchanged phone numbers. [REDACTED] stated that she and Birchmore got along fairly well, and that Birchmore had a very open personality and was an "oversharer." When questioned, [REDACTED]



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stated that she had last spoken with Birchmore on Monday, February 1st on the phone.

3. [REDACTED] was then questioned about the extent of her knowledge regarding events in Birchmore's personal life. She stated that Birchmore's boyfriend works for the Stoughton Police Department. [REDACTED] said that Birchmore had told her that he was married with a wife and kids. [REDACTED] was aware Birchmore was pregnant, and according to [REDACTED] Birchmore had told her that she wanted the father of the child to sign the birth certificate. [REDACTED] stated she and Birchmore had spoken about this the previous week. Birchmore had told her that the father of the child may not want to sign the birth certificate. Birchmore had further told [REDACTED] that her boyfriend said he would be there for the child, but that his wife could not find out. When questioned, [REDACTED] stated she was never concerned about any abuse involving the victim and Birchmore never mentioned anything about the boyfriend being mean to her. [REDACTED] stated that she believes that if there were any safety or abuse issues in their relationship, Birchmore would "definitely" have shared that information with her. When asked why she believes she would have told her about that, [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore would routinely "overshare" personal details about her life.

4. Birchmore had told [REDACTED] that she and the father of the child were not going to pursue a relationship going forward. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore seemed fine with that, and the two had already discussed this arrangement. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore was already lining up specifics related to parental visitation, such as which holidays each parent would spend with the child. [REDACTED] remarked that it seemed very early in the pregnancy to be making such preparations.

5. When questioned, [REDACTED] stated that the last time she was aware that Birchmore and the father of the child saw one another in person was sometime the previous week. She stated that she and Birchmore were speaking on the phone and Birchmore told her that the father of the child had just brought her coffee and munchkins.

6. [REDACTED] said that in either October or November, Birchmore had asked her for money, which made [REDACTED] uncomfortable because they had only just met a short time ago.

Respectfully Submitted,

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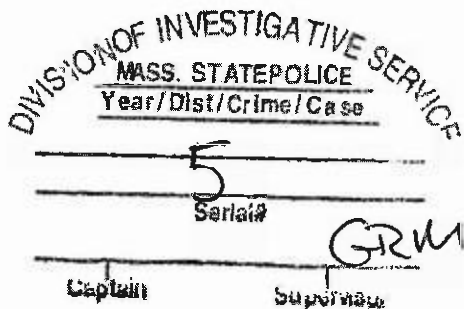
FROM: Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943

SUBJECT: Investigation into the Death of Sandra Birchmore [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

1. On February 5, 2021, at approximately 12:05PM, Trooper Kevin Tufts #4054 and I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the East Elementary School in Sharon. Trooper Tufts and I had been informed by the school principal, [REDACTED], that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and had a professional relationship with Birchmore.

2. [REDACTED] stated that she knew Birchmore to an extent, as they were both staff members at the school. She stated that not long after returning from Christmas break, Birchmore told her that she might be taking some time off because she was pregnant. When asked to speak



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about her and Birchmore's relationship, [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore "acted like a teenager." When asked to elaborate, she stated that Birchmore often shared more personal information than what was necessary. [REDACTED] said that Birchmore had spoken about her boyfriend on various occasions. Birchmore had never mentioned his name, but had told [REDACTED] that he was about 35 years old and he was a detective. [REDACTED] was not aware of which specific department he worked at.

3. [REDACTED] stated she had not observed any obvious signs of depression or erratic behavior regarding Birchmore. She further stated that Birchmore told her in early September that she had applied for housing and was getting her own place. [REDACTED] said that Birchmore seemed to be happy about getting the apartment at the time.

4. When asked about the personal details Birchmore had shared, [REDACTED] stated that she had told her that her mother had passed away and her father had never been in the picture. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore came across like a child without parents that needed help. [REDACTED] said that she tried to help Birchmore as best as she could, and expressed that she wished she had been there for Birchmore more in light of what happened.

5. I asked [REDACTED] if Birchmore ever spoke about, or showed any indications of, any type of abuse. She stated she never got that impression and Birchmore never expressed any concerns for her safety.

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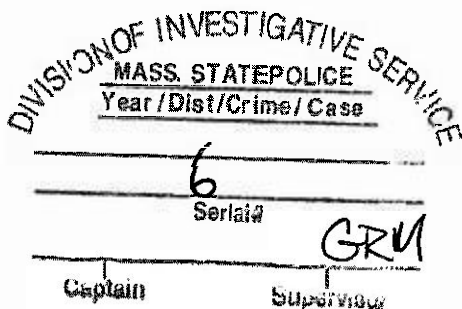
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FROM: Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943

SUBJECT: Investigation into the Death of Sandra Birchmore [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

1. On February 5, 2021, at approximately 1:08PM, Trooper Kevin Tufts #4054 and I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, conducted a phone interview of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was on file as Birchmore's emergency contact at her apartment complex, and had been notified of Birchmore's death the previous day by Canton Police. On the morning of February 5th, Tpr. Tufts had contacted [REDACTED] by phone and requested to meet with her in person. [REDACTED] stated she was in New Hampshire and preferred to speak by phone.
2. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore lived with her in Stoughton until approximately November 14, 2020, at which time Birchmore moved into her own apartment in Canton. She



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stated that she had some issues with Birchmore while they lived together. [REDACTED] stated

[REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore's mother had passed away in 2016, and around that timeframe other family members had died as well. [REDACTED] stated this was a very difficult time for Birchmore [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Birchmore seemed to change. [REDACTED]

When asked to elaborate, [REDACTED] stated Birchmore would get stressed out and would have fits of screaming and yelling. [REDACTED] further stated that Birchmore tended to blame her for many of her issues. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] went on to state that Birchmore had belonged to the Stoughton Police Explorers program, so she is well known to the police department.

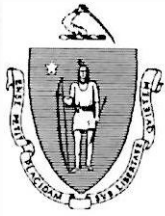
4. [REDACTED] stated she had spoken with Birchmore on Monday (February 1st) at about 4:30PM, and she made no mention of any negative issues. I requested that [REDACTED] check for the exact time on her phone, and she stated she had called Birchmore at 4:25PM. At the time Birchmore was discussing food she planned to order. When questioned, [REDACTED] then stated that she was aware Birchmore was pregnant, and that the father of the baby is Matthew Farwell. [REDACTED] stated Birchmore had previously mentioned that she and Farwell had been talking through

issues regarding Farwell signing the birth certificate. [REDACTED] was asked if she was aware of any allegations or signs of abuse between Farwell and Birchmore, to which she stated she was not.

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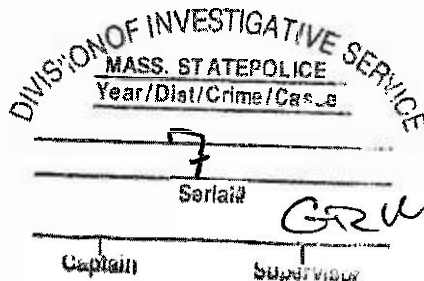
FROM: Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943

SUBJECT: Investigation into the Death of Sandra Birchmore [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

1. On February 6, 2021, at approximately 11:30AM, Trooper Kevin Tufts #4054 and I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, proceeded to the Canton Woods apartment complex in Canton, MA pursuant to the investigation into the death of Sandra Birchmore [REDACTED]. We were joined by Sgt. John Fanning #3253 and detectives from Canton Police. Upon arrival, Tpr. Tufts and I spoke with members of the management staff, including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I confirmed with management that Birchmore had only been issued one key fob.

2. Upon request, [REDACTED] provided investigators with access to the video surveillance system. It should be noted that the time stamp on the DVR system was



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approximately 13 minutes faster than the actual time. Investigators identified the only camera angle that showed Birchmore's building, in which the main entrance, the lobby, and the elevator are visible. Certified Forensic Video Technician Coleen Crawford from the Norfolk District Attorney's Office arrived and extracted the surveillance footage from Sandra Birchmore's building from February 1, 2021 at 10:59AM through February 4, 2021 at 2:59PM.

3. Investigators reviewed the archived surveillance footage. Birchmore can be seen entering the building on February 1, 2021 at approximately 12:51PM while using her cell phone, at which time she proceeds to the elevator. Birchmore is next seen at approximately 5:01PM getting off the elevator, retrieving a food item from a delivery driver, and returning to the elevator. At approximately 5:31PM, Birchmore is seen getting off the elevator in the lobby and exiting the building. She returns at approximately 5:33PM while holding a snow/ice scraper. Birchmore is not seen on video footage again. At approximately 9:14PM, a male believed to be Matthew Farwell is observed entering the building, at which time he gets on the elevator. At approximately 9:43PM, the male believed to be Farwell exits the elevator and then exits the building. Nothing of investigative significance is seen on the video footage after that time.

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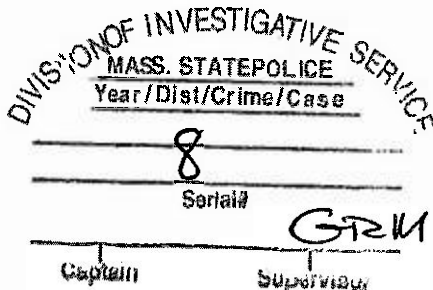
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FROM: Sergeant John Fanning #3253

SUBJECT: Interview of Matthew Farwell [REDACTED]
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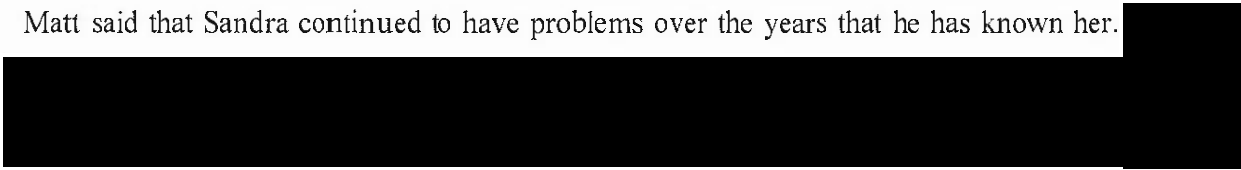
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1. On February 6, 2021 at approximately 3:10pm, Trooper Matt Dunne and I interviewed Matt Farwell at the Gibbons School (Stoughton) in a parking lot out front. On February 4, 2021, Trooper Dunne responded to Canton for the suicide death of Sandra Birchmore. Trooper Dunne was advised by multiple sources that the victim Sandra was possibly pregnant and that she said the father of the baby is Detective Matthew "Matt" Farwell from Stoughton Police Department. This interview was conducted in furtherance of this investigation.



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2. Matt said that he heard Sandra passed away on Friday. Matt said that he has known Sandra for about ten years going back to when Sandra was a Police Explorer in Stoughton and Matt was an instructor. The Police Explorer program is a junior academy program for high school aged kids, exposing them to the different facets of law enforcement. Matt said that Sandra had a troubled life and he felt bad for her. He would keep tabs on her over the years. Matt said that Sandra continued to have problems over the years that he has known her.

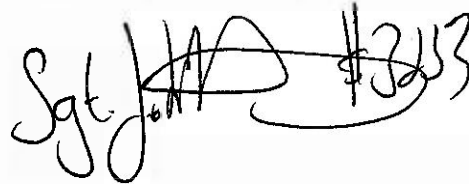


3. Matt said that sometime early in 2020 he began a sexual relationship with Sandra. He said that he was intoxicated one night and ended up meeting up with her and having sex. Matt said that he maybe had sex with her 2-3 since last year. He said that the last time they had sex was the end of October 2020. Matt said that sometime in December 2020 Sandra told him that she was pregnant and he was the father. Matt said that he was confident the last time he had sex with her and that the timeline didn't add up based on her expected due date in September. Matt was adamant that he is not the father of the unborn child that Sandra was carrying at the time of her death.

4. Matt said that on the evening of Monday February 1st, 2021 he went to Sandra's apartment in Canton. He said that he asked her if he could come by and she said no problem. Matt said that he intended on breaking everything off with Sandra. Matt said that he told Sandra that she was crazy and it was not his child. He said that Sandra told him that he was a "dick". Matt said that he was straight-forward in his conversation with her, and told her that it was all over and he was blocking her from all forms of communication. Matt said that it was a pretty nasty argument but they weren't too loud. Matt said he kept telling Sandra that there is no way that he's the father based on her timeline. Matt said that he kept calm and was not trying to incite a fight. Matt said that Sandra was upset, but she did not make any suicidal statements at all. Matt said that he left and Sandra was standing in the kitchen when he walked out. Matt said that he arrived around 9:10pm and left around 9:30pm. (Matt is observed by video surveillance entering and leaving Sandra's building, the approximate time was 28 minutes). Matt said that when he left he blocked Sandra on all communication platforms.

5. Matt said that the last time he had seen Sandra prior to Monday February 1st, was approximately a week before. He said that he had been trying to distance himself from her. Matt said that Sandra was having sex with other people during their entire time together. Matt did not know that Sandra was telling other people that he was the father of her unborn child. Matt said that he has been to her Canton apartment 5-6 times and he helped her move in. Matt said that he had never had sex with her in the Canton apartment. Matt said that prior to the Canton apartment, Sandra was living at her grandmother's house on Holbrook Ave in Stoughton. [REDACTED]

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sergeant John M. Fanning #3253

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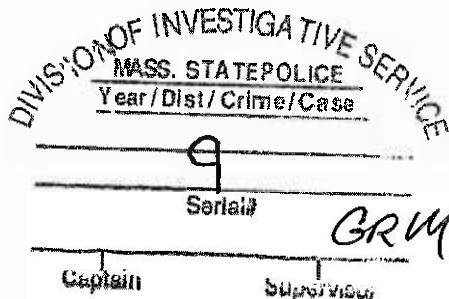
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[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

1. On February 8, 2021, I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, conducted a phone interview of [REDACTED] had called the Norfolk District Attorney's Office and stated she had information regarding the death of Birchmore. [REDACTED] described herself as a close friend of Birchmore.

2. [REDACTED] began by stating that she and Birchmore would typically speak approximately three times a week, and would see one another in person one to two times per week. When asked how she and Birchmore would typically communicate, [REDACTED] stated it was



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about 50/50 between calling and texting. [REDACTED] stated she met Birchmore in high school and that Birchmore was one academic year below her.

3. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore told her that she had kicked the baby's father out of her apartment one time, approximately 2 or 3 weeks earlier, after the two had argued about the birth certificate issue. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore had also told her about another verbal argument the two had. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore never expressed any concern for her safety with the baby's father. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated Birchmore told her that she and the father of the baby were still trying to figure out how to approach the situation with respect to him signing the baby's birth certificate. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore said that he would waver between being ok with signing it and then not.

4. [REDACTED] then said that not long ago, out of the blue, Birchmore asked [REDACTED] to buy a baby carriage for her. When asked if she had offered to make the purchase, [REDACTED] stated she had not. [REDACTED] stated there had been no previous discussion about this, but ultimately she ended up buying the carriage for Birchmore.

5. When asked about the identity of the baby's father, [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore had kept it a secret from her, and that she didn't really know much about he and Birchmore's relationship. She did tell [REDACTED] at one point that she had also been having a sexual relationship

with his brother. [REDACTED] stated she believed this was 6 to 8 months ago. However, once she had become pregnant, Birchmore had focused her attention on who she believed to be the father.

Respectfully Submitted,

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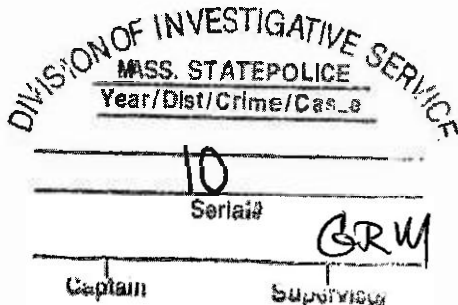
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2. [REDACTED] stated that she was Birchmore's [REDACTED] grade teacher, and after her mother died, Birchmore had reached out to her and they had since developed an adult friendship. [REDACTED] described her relationship with Birchmore as a motherly type role. [REDACTED] described Birchmore as a "tough cookie" on the outside. When asked to elaborate, she stated that



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Birchmore would not necessarily get sad were something to upset her. Instead, she would tend to become aggressive and angry if something were to upset her. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that Birchmore would often go out of her way to help others.

3. [REDACTED] went on to state that she was never really sure if she could take Birchmore's word as true. For example, she was aware Birchmore would occasionally fabricate events. For that reason, [REDACTED] stated she was leery of what Birchmore would tell her and what was actually true. She stated that recently she had spoken with Birchmore less often due to the coronavirus pandemic. During this time, she described their communication as "spotty."

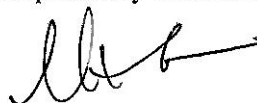
4. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore had reached out to her out of the blue in January, at which time Birchmore told her that she was pregnant. Birchmore stated that the father was a "close friend" but did not mention a name. [REDACTED] stated she was not sure if Birchmore was telling the truth about the pregnancy at the time, given that she could not always believe Birchmore's word.

5. [REDACTED] said that during a conversation on January 22nd, Birchmore told her she had already had several ultrasounds. [REDACTED]

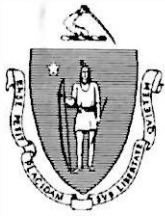
6. When asked about recent events in Birchmore's life, [REDACTED] stated that she definitely has social and emotional issues, but she seemed to be doing relatively well with regard to her job and moving into a new apartment. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore had a "sucky life" and specifically mentioned her losing her mother and an aunt she was close to in a relatively short period of time. [REDACTED] said that losing her mom and aunt still seemed to upset her, but that Birchmore wasn't necessarily the type to talk about those issues. [REDACTED] also mentioned that

Birchmore would share "drama" about the Stoughton Police with her, specifically mentioning how the chief was treating one specific Officer unfairly.

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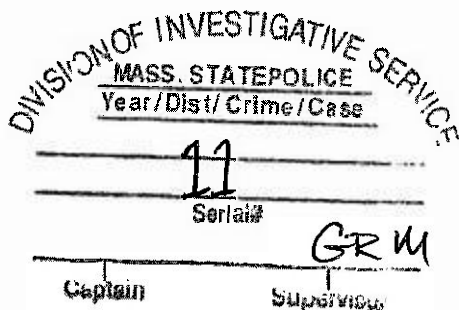
FROM: Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943

SUBJECT: Investigation into the Death of Sandra Birchmore [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

1. On February 8, 2021, at approximately 10:58AM, I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, conducted a phone interview of [REDACTED] had called the Norfolk District Attorney's Office and stated she had information regarding the death of Birchmore. [REDACTED] described herself as a friend and former college classmate of Birchmore.

2. [REDACTED] stated she had last spoken with Birchmore on Sunday night (January 31st). I requested that [REDACTED] check her phone for the time, and after looking she replied that they had actually spoken at 11:57AM, and that she had received a missed call from Birchmore at 7:16PM on that day. [REDACTED] stated that she had met Birchmore last year, around December or



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January, while taking classes at Massasoit. She stated that she and Birchmore spoke almost daily. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore was approximately 12 weeks pregnant and planned to announce it publicly on February 14th.

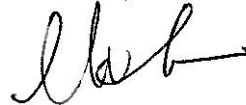
3. [REDACTED]

Birchmore had also mentioned going into the military, but was not sure if she would be able due to the pregnancy. [REDACTED] also stated that Birchmore seemed down about her mother dying, especially recently, because she wanted her mother to be there when the baby was born.

4. When questioned about recent events in Birchmore's life, [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore had mentioned being involved in a court case due to a car crash she had been in.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] but she did not want to. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore was upset that the father of the baby wanted to have his own kids with his wife, but not with her. When questioned about any signs or mention of abuse between the baby's father and Birchmore [REDACTED] stated that she knew he had raised his voice to Birchmore before, but "never anything more than that."

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[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

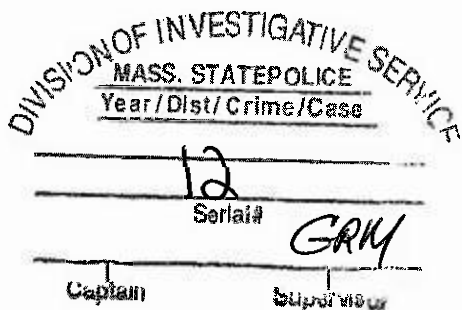
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1. On February 8, 2021, I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, conducted a phone interview of [REDACTED] had called the Norfolk District Attorney's Office and stated she had information regarding the death of Birchmore. [REDACTED] described herself as the cousin of Birchmore's mother.

2. [REDACTED]

She then stated she had seen Birchmore in person approximately two weeks ago, at which time they had spoken about her pregnancy. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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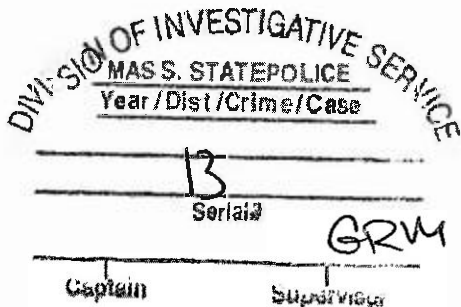
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[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

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1. On February 8, 2021, I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, conducted a phone interview of [REDACTED] had called the Norfolk District Attorney's Office and stated she had information regarding the death of Birchmore. [REDACTED] described herself as Birchmore's cousin.

2. [REDACTED] stated that within approximately two weeks prior to Birchmore's death, she and her sister had breakfast with Birchmore, which turned into a long conversation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She stated that Birchmore was a member of the "respect



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program" at age 8 and later the junior officer program at age 13, which I believe is a reference to the Stoughton Police Explorers program. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore's friend by the name of [REDACTED] would have additional information on the topic.

3. [REDACTED] stated that she believed Birchmore began a relationship with Matt Farwell of the Stoughton Police Department [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When questioned, [REDACTED] stated she did not have firsthand knowledge of this, but had heard about it through acquaintances of Birchmore.

4. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore had previously enlisted in the military at one point but had gotten kicked out, [REDACTED]. She further stated that Birchmore's mother, aunt, and grandmother had all died in a relatively short period of time, and by 2018, her support network had essentially broken down [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] said that she was aware Birchmore was pressuring Matt Farwell to sign the baby's birth certificate. She further stated that Matt's brother, Billy Farwell, had informed Matt's wife about the affair. According to [REDACTED] account, at that time, Matt's wife confronted him but he denied it. When questioned, [REDACTED] again stated that she did not have firsthand knowledge about this, but this information had been relayed to her. She once again stated that [REDACTED] would know specifics. [REDACTED] did state that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had told her that Birchmore had previously told [REDACTED] that Matt Farwell's wife knew about the affair.

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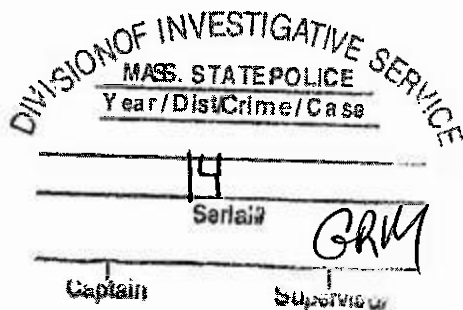
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SUBJECT: Investigation into the Death of Sandra Birchmore [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

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2. [REDACTED] stated that she has known Birchmore since they were 7 or 8 years old, at which time they were involved in a program that helps mothers strengthen bonds with their children. They then played volleyball together from approximately ages 9 through 12. [REDACTED] stated she moved to a different school in Brookline around the 5th to 6th grade but remained



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living in Stoughton. Over the years, she and Birchmore would lose touch for an extended period of time then reconnect and occasionally communicate via social media or an occasional text message here or there. This continued into their late teens and early 20s. According to [REDACTED], this past summer she and Birchmore began to interact once again.

3. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore had just moved into her apartment in Canton a few months ago. Prior to that, Birchmore had asked [REDACTED] mother if she could move into her house. Birchmore had said at the time that she was having an issue with her aunt, who was selling the house where they were both living. [REDACTED] also stated that Birchmore did not trust her aunt with her cats, and wanted [REDACTED] mother to look after them. Birchmore also asked [REDACTED] to watch her cats and dog if she ended up going back into the military.

4. When asked about the types of conversations she would have with Birchmore,

[REDACTED] According to [REDACTED] around late November or early December, she went over to Birchmore's apartment complex where they hung out for approximately 2 hours outside the building. [REDACTED] then went over to Birchmore's apartment a few days after that. Around December 12th, Birchmore told [REDACTED] that she was pregnant. She told [REDACTED] that the baby's father was a Stoughton detective but she did not say his name. Birchmore told [REDACTED] that she and the father are dating, but because he's still married, they are not "official."

5. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore had told her that the baby's father was going to divorce his wife, but can't right now because of coronavirus. Birchmore had told her that at the time she became pregnant, [REDACTED] Birchmore further told [REDACTED] that she used to babysit [REDACTED] Birchmore asked [REDACTED] if she was going to have a baby too, and mentioned something to [REDACTED] about "baby fever." Birchmore began avoiding certain foods when she began to suspect she was pregnant, but [REDACTED] pointed out this was before Birchmore ever even took a blood or urine pregnancy test.

6. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore told her she had told the baby's father about the pregnancy a few days after Christmas. Apparently the father was upset about the pregnancy, and

[REDACTED] She then kicked him out of the apartment. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore told her he had said "I wish you would kill yourself" or "I wish you were dead."

7. Birchmore told [REDACTED] that she wanted the baby to have the father's last name and wanted the birth certificate to reflect that. She also wanted him in the delivery room when she gave birth. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore had demanded that if he could be in the delivery room with his wife, then he could be in the delivery room with her. Birchmore had told [REDACTED] about a second meeting between her and the father of the baby to discuss the pregnancy, which occurred sometime around January 8th. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore and the father argued at this meeting as well.

8. [REDACTED] said that Birchmore told her the father of the child had been pursuing her

[REDACTED] When questioned as to when Birchmore told her this, [REDACTED] stated she believed it was in December. [REDACTED] stated that it seemed like Birchmore and the father were involved in an on-again/off-again type relationship. [REDACTED] stated that the father's brother knew about their relationship and knew about the pregnancy.

9. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore owed her a lot of money, which she estimated to be \$248. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore had owed her the money for a couple months and eventually she told Birchmore she needed some of it paid back. This was on or about January 16th of this year. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore responded by saying that she would send her \$150 that night. After receiving no response from Birchmore, [REDACTED] got irritated and asked her why she only stopped responding when she requested that Birchmore pay her back. Birchmore responded a few days later stating that she didn't respond because she had hit her head on her car door and then again on the pavement and had to go to the hospital. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED] stated that she eventually told Birchmore that she was going to file a police report if Birchmore did not start to pay back the money she owed. [REDACTED] stated that on or about January 20th, she called the Stoughton Police and informed them about the monetary dispute. [REDACTED] was advised that this was a civil matter. She stated that she became upset and responded to the officer on phone by insinuating that the Stoughton officer or detective that Birchmore is engaged in a sexual relationship with should tell her to pay back the money she owes. [REDACTED] stated she then received a phone call from Birchmore not long after this took place.

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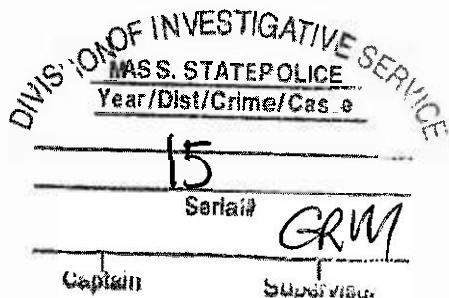
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2. [REDACTED] stated that she believed Birchmore saw her as a mother figure, and she pointed out that her own children are roughly the same age. Birchmore had told her that she was



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[REDACTED] stated that Birchmore seemed alone because her close family members had died in recent years. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] said that Birchmore had told her she was upset about her aunt selling the house. She stated that Birchmore “seemed down” and knew that the pregnancy was going to be an “uphill battle.” [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When asked about the father, [REDACTED] stated that she knew the father was a detective, has two children of his own, and that his wife is pregnant and due sometime in February. [REDACTED] further stated that the father of the baby is a twin and Birchmore’s mother is a twin, so they had discussed the potential of Birchmore possibly being more likely to have twins. She said that she later spoke with Birchmore after an ultrasound and was told Birchmore was only pregnant with one child.

4. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore was fine with the pregnancy, however, she just didn’t want the father’s wife to find out. Birchmore had told [REDACTED] that the father was willing to help with the pregnancy and the baby. [REDACTED] stated that she and Birchmore discussed [REDACTED] but they also spoke about topics such as her plans for the baby, day care, a baby shower, etc.

5. When asked about what Birchmore shared regarding her relationship with the baby’s father, [REDACTED] stated that she knew the two were still talking. [REDACTED] also said that she had spoken with Birchmore about “managing expectations” with regard to their relationship, as she got the impression that Birchmore was more attached to him than he was to her. Birchmore was concerned about the wife of the baby’s father finding out as well. Birchmore had also told [REDACTED] that prior to the coronavirus pandemic, the baby’s father had supposedly told Birchmore that he

was going to leave his wife for her. When questioned, [REDACTED] stated Birchmore never mentioned the baby's father being mean to her or expressed any concerns for her safety.

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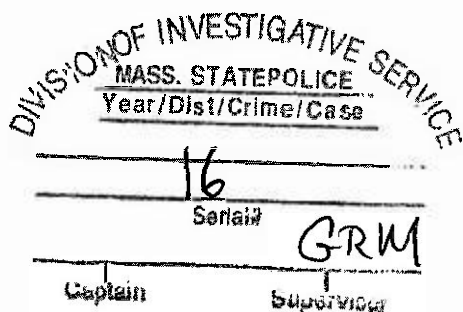
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[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

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2. [REDACTED] stated that she moved across the street from Birchmore's house when she was about 4 years old, and had known Birchmore, off and on, for about 17 years. [REDACTED] stated she and Birchmore were very close between the ages of 4 and 12. She stated that until about a month ago, she had not spoken to Birchmore in approximately two years. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore



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had reached out to her about a month ago out of the blue. [REDACTED] stated that she was actually kind of surprised to hear from Birchmore. She stated that when they last spoke, they had left things "not necessarily on bad terms, but not great terms."

3. [REDACTED] said that when Birchmore reached out to her, she tried to add [REDACTED] back on Snapchat and asked her for phone number. They then spoke via Facetime for approximately two hours. During that conversation, Birchmore told [REDACTED] that she was pregnant but she was not sure who the father was. She told [REDACTED] that she was sleeping with twin brothers. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore told her that one or both of the twins were cops. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore never actually said the name of either party. Birchmore told [REDACTED] that she wasn't sure what to do and asked her for advice since she already has a child of her own.

4. When asked to elaborate on what Birchmore told her regarding the pregnancy, [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore did not know who the father was due to a "timeframe thing" in which she was sexually active with more than one individual around the time she became pregnant. However, [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore later told her that she knew who the father was and stated he was a cop. Birchmore told [REDACTED] that he made a lot of money. [REDACTED] stated that it was an awkward situation because the father of the baby was married and Birchmore did not know what to do.

5. Birchmore told [REDACTED] that she had told the father of the baby how much money he would have to pay per month once the baby was born. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore told her that she would be demanding \$4,000 per month from the baby's father, plus an additional \$3,000 for daycare. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore had already picked out a specific daycare center, the Creative World Children's Learning Center in South Easton, MA. [REDACTED] noted that it was not even a month into her pregnancy when Birchmore told her all of this.

6. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore told her that the baby's father was in denial, saying that it was not his child. Birchmore told her that he did not seem happy about the pregnancy. [REDACTED] further stated that Birchmore seemed set on having the baby alone if he was not going to be involved, and stated she did not need help. [REDACTED] said Birchmore "seemed completely OK with that."

7. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When asked if Birchmore had told her this directly, [REDACTED] stated she had. [REDACTED] stated she was aware that sometimes Birchmore would make up stories, however, she believed the information at the time and it sounded real. [REDACTED] then went on state that she was aware there were various rumors going around Stoughton regarding Birchmore's death, such as: the death was a suicide, that a cop was involved, and that the death was suspicious with blood all over the walls in her apartment.

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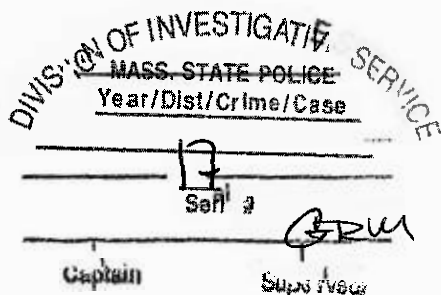
TO: Detective Lieutenant Gerard Mattaliano #1455

FROM: Sergeant John Fanning #3253

SUBJECT: Matthew Farwell iPhone 11 Consent Phone Data

CASE NUMBER: 2021-112-39

1. On February 9, 2021 at approximately 12pm, I met with Matthew Farwell at the Norfolk District Attorney's Office in Canton. I asked for Matthew's consent to retrieve the data off his phone relative to the investigation into the death of Sandra Birchmore. Matthew read and signed the consent form. I took his phone into possession and had Trooper Nick Guarino extract the data. I then gave the phone back to Matthew. I have attached the signed consent form.



Respectfully Submitted,

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Consent Form

Search of Computer/Cellular Phone/Storage Media

I, Mat Farnell, have been informed by Sgt. John Farnell of the Massachusetts State Police that I have a right to refuse to allow a search of my computer and/or storage media without a search warrant. I understand this right and I hereby waive the necessity of a search warrant and do authorize law enforcement to search my computer and/or storage media and/or the computer and/or storage media of my minor child, where described as:

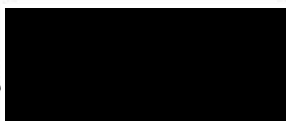
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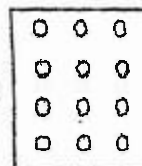
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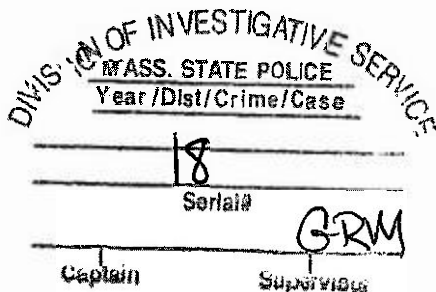
TO: Detective Lieutenant Gerard Mattaliano #1455

FROM: Sergeant John Fanning #3253

SUBJECT: Interview of William Farwell [REDACTED]

CASE NUMBER: 2021-112-39

1. On February 11, 2021 at approximately 4:05pm, Trooper Matt Dunne and I interviewed William "Billy" Farwell in a parking lot at Cobbs Corner in Stoughton. On February 4, 2021, Trooper Dunne responded to Canton for the suicide death of Sandra Birchmore. Trooper Dunne was advised by multiple sources that the victim Sandra was possibly pregnant and that she said the father of the baby is Detective Matthew "Matt" Farwell from Stoughton Police Department. Trooper Dunne was also advised from multiple sources that the victim was having sex with Matt's brother Billy Farwell. This interview was conducted in furtherance of this investigation.



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2. Billy said that he heard Sandra passed away on Friday. Billy said that he first met Sandra about ten years ago when Sandra was a Police Explorer in Stoughton and Billy was a guest instructor. The Police Explorer program is a junior academy program for high school aged kids, exposing them to the different facets of law enforcement. Billy said that he had not seen Sandra in a very long time probably since the Explorers program. Billy became a Stoughton Police Officer in 2017. In 2018, Billy saw Sandra while he was working a paid detail in Stoughton. Billy said that Sandra remembered him but he didn't really remember her that well. Billy said that Sandra wanted to get into the Army and asked if he had any contacts. Billy who still serves in the military helped her get in contact with recruiters to get into the Army. Billy said that Sandra got into the Army but eventually got kicked out during boot camp. Billy said that Sandra started constantly contacting him. Billy said that the last time he was in contact with Sandra was about two weeks ago, via email. Sandra told Billy that she has been accepted to nursing school.

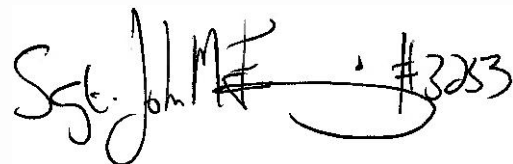
3. Billy said that he had a sexual relationship with Sandra going back about two years. Billy said that in 2020 he had been with her sexually maybe 2-3 times. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Billy said that the last time they were together was sometime in December of 2020. Sandra told Billy that she was pregnant and that the father was his brother Matt. Billy said he knew that he didn't get her pregnant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Respectfully Submitted,



Sergeant John M. Fanning #3253

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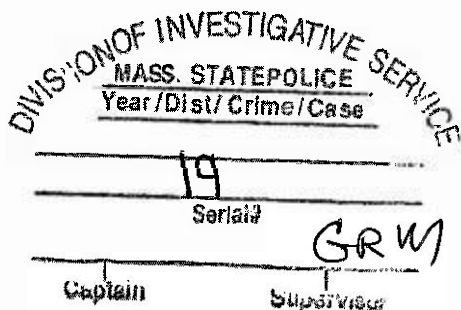
FROM: Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Death of Sandra Birchmore [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

1. On February 12, 2021, I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, conducted a phone interview of [REDACTED] had called the Norfolk District Attorney's Office and stated she had information regarding the death of Birchmore. [REDACTED] described herself as being a formerly close friend of Birchmore through volleyball.

2. [REDACTED] stated that she and Birchmore had not spoken for some time, and they had last communicated about a year ago. However, Birchmore had unexpectedly reached out to [REDACTED] via text message recently. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore was always saying she was trying to get pregnant. Birchmore told [REDACTED] that she had a "donor" and that he



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was a Stoughton police officer. Beyond that, [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore did not really share much personal information.

3. [REDACTED] stated that she had heard from their volleyball coach that Birchmore had become pregnant. When questioned, [REDACTED] stated Birchmore never mentioned the name of the baby's father. [REDACTED] had no further information to report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943
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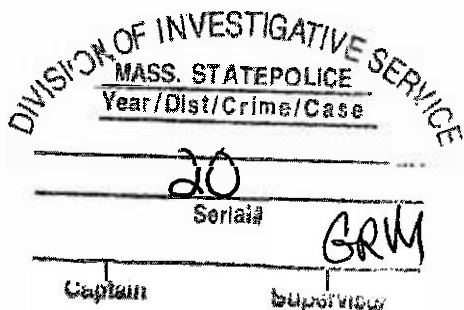
FROM: Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943

SUBJECT: Investigation into the Death of Sandra Birchmore [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

1. On February 12, 2021, I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, conducted a phone interview of [REDACTED] had called the Norfolk District Attorney's Office and stated she had information regarding the death of Birchmore. [REDACTED] described herself as being a friend of Birchmore who communicated with her often.

2. [REDACTED] stated that she has known Birchmore since elementary school. She stated that over time, she and Birchmore fell out of touch, but reconnected toward the end of high school around the time they were age 17 or 18. [REDACTED] said that she and Birchmore attended volleyball open court sessions in Stoughton around that time. They continued to see one another



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over time when playing volleyball. [REDACTED] stated that she and Birchmore were “never super close” but had started communicating via social media, primarily Snapchat, after the coronavirus pandemic started. [REDACTED] described their communication as typically just sending pictures through social media. [REDACTED] stated she and Birchmore normally didn’t communicate by phone or through text message.

3. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore had recently reached out to her to let her know she was pregnant. [REDACTED] said that this was unusual because they were not all that close and typically did not communicate about personal details prior to that. Birchmore told [REDACTED] that she had been sleeping with a married man and he was the father of the baby. She also told [REDACTED] that she had already bought a baby stroller. [REDACTED] said that Birchmore had wanted a family of her own, but she believed the baby’s father may not have wanted the pregnancy. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore “wasn’t trying to *not* get pregnant.” When asked to elaborate, [REDACTED] said that she believed Birchmore may have intentionally gotten pregnant. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore had run into [REDACTED] mother at the grocery store recently, possibly Stop & Shop, at which time Birchmore told [REDACTED] mother that she was expecting. [REDACTED] pointed out that aside from seeing one another at volleyball, Birchmore and her mother did not ever communicate with one another.

5. [REDACTED] and is employed at Sharon High School, and she was actually the one that got Birchmore her job at East Elementary School in Sharon. [REDACTED]

6. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore had sent her a message via Snapchat at approximately 9:00PM on Monday, February 1st about work the following day since they both worked for the Sharon school system. There had been a half day on that day due to snow, and a

remote half day was scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd. They spoke about work, but [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore never responded to her last Snapchat message.

7. [REDACTED] was then questioned about her knowledge related to the father of Birchmore's child. She stated that Birchmore told her that at one point after expressing he was unhappy about the pregnancy, an argument took place between the two. Birchmore told her that she was going to tell his wife and his job. [REDACTED] stated that Birchmore was aware this would get him into trouble. The father of the child then got angry and took Birchmore's phone from her. [REDACTED] stated this was approximately two weeks prior to her being found deceased. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Birchmore had also told [REDACTED] that "he should leave his wife, he loves me" and that he loves her more than his wife.

Respectfully Submitted,



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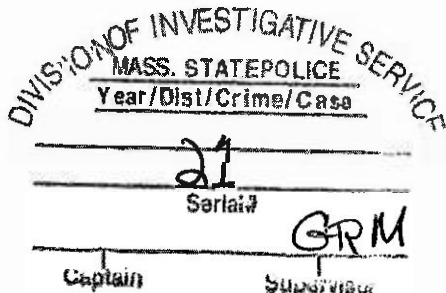
TO: Detective Lieutenant Gerard Mattaliano #1455

FROM: Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943

SUBJECT: Investigation into the Death of Sandra Birchmore [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Canton, MA

CASE: 2021-112-39

1. On February 23, 2021, I, Trooper Matthew Dunne #3943, conducted a phone interview of [REDACTED] had called the Norfolk District Attorney's Office and stated she had information regarding the death of Birchmore. [REDACTED] stated she was Birchmore's [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] stated that when she [REDACTED], Birchmore would occasionally confide in her. [REDACTED] said that she would typically see Birchmore about once a month. She said that once Birchmore became pregnant, the two began to interact more. According to [REDACTED] she and Birchmore would primarily communicate via Facebook messenger.



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3. [REDACTED] stated she had seen a Facebook message regarding Birchmore's death and did a Google search and got an uneasy feeling, which is what prompted her to contact investigators. She stated she was aware that Birchmore was sleeping with a married man and knew that Birchmore had been trying to get pregnant. [REDACTED] said Birchmore had told her that she and the baby's father had talked about getting pregnant, but [REDACTED] had gotten the impression that the father may not have been on board with the pregnancy. [REDACTED] said Birchmore had told her that the baby's father did not want to sign the birth certificate.

4. [REDACTED] stated she last saw Birchmore on January 30th at the salon. She stated that Birchmore had been calling her about once a week, but that she typically would not answer the phone when she saw Birchmore calling her and would instead text her back. According to [REDACTED] Birchmore seemed to be happy about the pregnancy.

Respectfully Submitted.



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April 26, 2021

To: Detective Lieutenant Gerard R. Mattaliano #1455

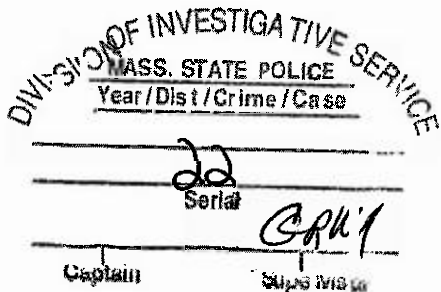
From: Sergeant John M. Fanning #3253

Subject: Letter from Attorney Patrick Hanley

Re: Sandra Birchmore Death Investigation

Case: 2021-112-39

1. On March 10, 2021, I received a letter at the Norfolk County DA's office from Attorney Patrick Hanley. Attorney Hanley is known to me and he represents Detective Matthew Farwell from Stoughton Police. Attorney Hanley had called me earlier in the week to tell me that he was sending a letter on behalf of Matthew in regards to some unanswered questions regarding their relationship and in response to some requests that I had made. I have read the letter and it is attached to this report.



Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant John M. Fanning #3253

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March 8, 2021

Sergeant John Fanning
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Re: Sandra Birchmore Death Investigation

Dear Sgt. Fanning:

I am writing to follow-up on our recent conversations and prior interviews you have had with my client, Matthew Farwell. As you know, Mr. Farwell has been cooperative with your investigation, including participating in interviews with you and permitting you to download certain information from his mobile phone.

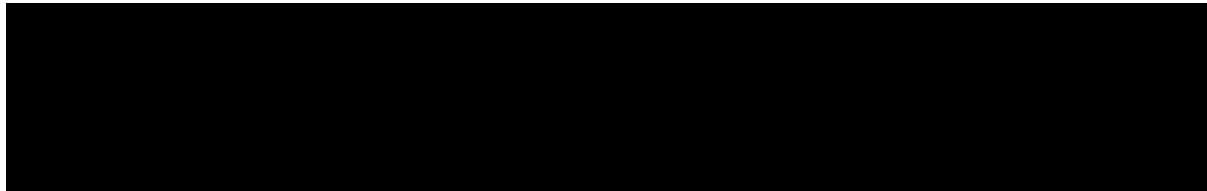
Throughout your conversations with my client, and later with myself, you have indicated that you view him as a witness in your investigation. This is consistent with reality. Mr. Farwell has committed no crime. Like many, he is saddened by Ms. Birchmore's death.

During our recent conversations, you asked Mr. Farwell to submit a DNA sample and participate in a polygraph interview. Although I appreciate your diligence, I advised my client to decline these requests and the request for further interview (traditional/non-polygraph) that accompanied them. I did so because they are far outside the norm for mere witnesses in an investigation. I was a prosecutor for 14 years and participated in hundreds of interviews with State Police detectives like yourself. I cannot recall once seeking a polygraph interview. And I can only recall seeking DNA of persons that the investigators and I considered targets.

There are good reasons for anyone to chafe at a request for DNA and polygraph and for an attorney to advise his client to decline the request. Compiling Mr. Farwell's DNA profile would be highly invasive. It would yield genetic markers and highly personal health and family information. Based on the information he has already provided to you that I will not restate here, I expect his DNA profile would reveal nothing of value to your case. Mr. Farwell has already provided highly personal information. In my opinion, providing DNA is a step too far.

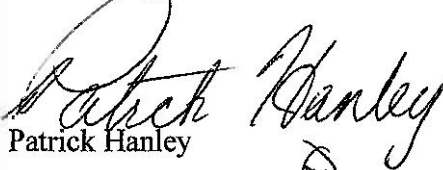
A polygraph raises similar concerns about invasion of privacy. The topics of questioning would be highly invasive. Furthermore, the results of a polygraph are inadmissible in court because courts have concluded that polygraph results are unreliable. See *Commonwealth v. Mendes*, 406 Mass. 201 (1989). Under the circumstances here, there is no reason for the State Police to conduct a polygraph examination of my client.

I write not only to explain my response to your request for DNA and polygraph of my client, but also to briefly address two points that may be underlying your requests. First, my client had no role in Ms. Birchmore's death. He certainly never encouraged her to take her life, nor did he have any reason to fear that she would take her own life. He was shocked and saddened when he learned that she had taken her own life.



If possible, please inform me when your investigation closes and of any conclusions (if any) that you draw with respect to Mr. Farwell. Please contact me if I may provide additional assistance to you or if you would like to contact my client.

Yours Truly,


Patrick Hanley



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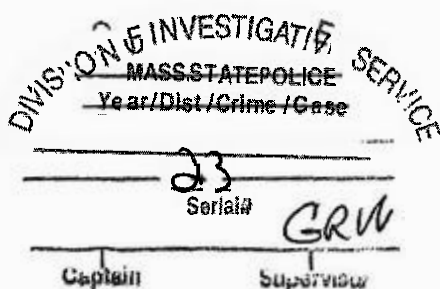
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April 26, 2021

To: Detective Lieutenant Gerard R. Mattaliano #1455
From: Sergeant John M. Fanning #3253
Subject: Matthew Farwell Stoughton Police Issued iPhone Drop-off
Re: Sandra Birchmore Death Investigation
Case: 2021-112-39

1. On April 26, 2021, Deputy Chief Brian Holmes from Stoughton Police Department brought a black iPhone to the Norfolk DA's office as part of our investigation into the death of Sandra Birchmore. The phone was issued to Detective Matthew Farwell and had been retrieved by Stoughton Police when he was placed on administrative leave. The phone has been logged into evidence.



Respectfully submitted,

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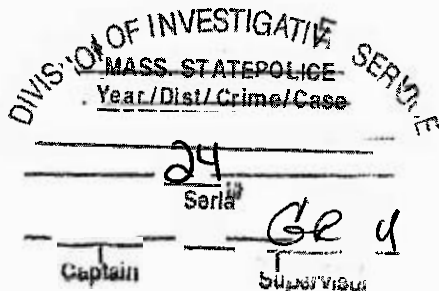
August 16, 2021

To: Detective Lieutenant Gerard R. Mattaliano #1455
From: Sergeant John M. Fanning #3253
Subject: Matthew Farwell Personal and Work Cellphone Analysis
Case: 2021-112 -39

1. On February 9th, 2021 Matthew Farwell consented to a data extraction of his personal iPhone 11, which was then extracted by Trooper Nick Guarino. On April 26, 2021 I received Matthew's work cellphone from Stoughton Police Department. Through Matthew's attorney, consent was given for a data extraction, which was performed by Trooper Nick Guarino. I analyzed both of these phones and did not find any communication with Sandra Birchmore. Matt had said in a previous interview that he deleted all communications with Sandra.

Respectfully submitted,

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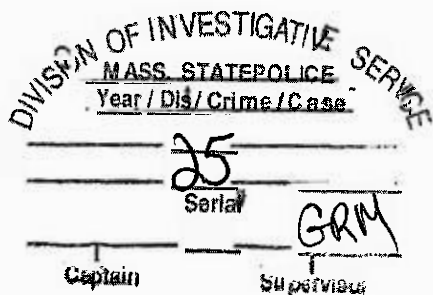
To: Detective Lieutenant Gerard R. Mattaliano #1455

From: Sergeant John M. Fanning #3253

Subject: Sandra Birchmore Apple Laptop Analysis

Case: 2021-112-39

1. On February 4, 2021, Trooper Dunne responded to Canton for the suicide death of Sandra Birchmore. Trooper Dunne was advised by multiple sources that the victim Sandra was possibly pregnant and that she said the father of the baby is Detective Matthew "Matt" Farwell from Stoughton Police Department. On February 9th, 2021 Trooper's Dunne, Keefe and I responded to [REDACTED] in Canton, to retrieve Sandra's laptop and any other relevant evidence. We retrieved Sandra's Apple Laptop and we were able to use a password to gain access to the device. This device was then turned over to Trooper Nick Guarino for data collection and preservation.



2. Over the next several weeks, I analyzed data from Sandra's laptop. In particular, I was investigating any criminal conduct related to Sandra's death and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sandra's laptop gave me access to approximately 12 months of iMessages, social media content, and other documents/databases. Matt and Sandra had texted thousands of times over the year, as well communication with many other friends and family of Sandra. It was clear based on texts with Matt that he and Sandra had a sexual relationship as he told us in his previous interview.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] All of these conversations were flagged in the forensics report of her laptop.

3. Sandra communicated often with friends and family. It appeared that Sandra had sexual relationships with other men in the months leading up to her death. There were no threats of harm by any of these individuals, including Matt.

Respectfully submitted.

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Sergeant John M. Fanning #3253

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