



Traverse City Police Department

Summary

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Case

Case Number: 2018-00001710
Location: 320 WASHINGTON ST
TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684
Reporting Officer ID: 224 - Keller

Incident Type: 9905-Suicide-Committed
Occurred From: 02/28/2018 20:34
Occurred Thru: 02/28/2018 20:34
Disposition:
Disposition Date:
Reported Date: 02/28/2018 20:34 Wednesday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	State	99005	99005	SUICIDE	1

Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Victim	1	Palmer, Marilyn Lucille	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Female	05/05/1981 36
Witness	1	Akers, Casandra Jolee	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Female	03/01/1994 23
Witness	2	Mireles, Arnida Nmn	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	American Indian/Alaska n Native	Female	06/09/1981 36
Witness	3	McGrath, Michelle Lee	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	American Indian/Alaska n Native	Female	07/07/1986 31
Witness	5	Taiymi, Jeanne	Traverse City, MI 49686 @ GT COUNTY JAIL TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684	(231)922-4507	Unknown	Female	
Witness	7	Friend, Jeff	@ NORTH FLIGHT EMS TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684	(231)635-6818	White	Male	05/07/1962 55
Witness	8	Smith, Robert, Dr.	@ MMC TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684		White	Male	
Witness	9	Kniss, Joshua, Sgt.	320 WASHINGTON ST		White	Male	10/02/1977 40
Witness	10	Palmer, Sharon Ann	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Female	04/16/1948 69
Witness	11	Case, Daryl	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Unknown	Male	
Witness	12	Palmer, Jeffery Allan	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Male	07/11/1958 61
Witness	13	Weathers, Kelly, Deputy	@ GT COUNTY JAIL TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684				
Witness	14	Schwettman, Mary Deputy	GTSO TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684	(231)922-4500	White	Female	

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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COMPLAINT:

Suicide – committed.

SUMMARY:

On 2/28/18, at approximately 20:34, I was dispatched to 320 Washington Street, the GT County Jail, on a report of a suicide. While enroute to the jail, Dispatch advised the victim was unresponsive and not breathing. Upon arrival to the jail, EMS was already on scene performing CPR on the victim, MARILYN LUCILLE PALMER, 5/05/81. MARILYN was lying on the floor of jail cell #207, while paramedics performed CPR. Paramedics worked on MARILYN for approximately 18 minutes; from 20:34 until DR. SMITH from North Flight pronounced time of death at 20:52. Through the investigation, there was nothing suspicious about this death and it appeared to be a suicide. I will be turning this case over to the DB.

VENUE:

320 Washington Street, Traverse City, MI. The GT County Jail.

DATE & TIME:

2/28/18, at approximately 20:34.

INJURIES:

The only injury MARILYN appeared to have on her body was a ligature mark which appeared to be made by the material that was used for her strangulation. This would have been a pair of pants and/or a t-shirt. MARILYN appeared to have ligature marks on the front of her neck and on the left side of her neck.

REPORT/NARRATIVE:

On 2/28/18, at approximately 20:34, I was dispatched to 320 Washington Street, the GT County Jail, on the report of a suicide. While enroute, Dispatch stated the victim was not breathing and unresponsive.

Upon arrival to the jail, I was led to cell #207, where I observed MARILYN lying on her back near the jail cell door and paramedics performing CPR. MARILYN appeared to be blue in color and not breathing. I observed medical personnel work on MARILYN for approximately 18 minutes, which started at approximately 20:34 and ended at 20:52, when DR. SMITH on scene called time of death.

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While on scene, I spoke with JEANNE TAIYMI, who is an RN at the jail. JEANNE stated at approximately 16:20, she gave MARILYN her medications and that was the last time she saw her alive. JEANNE stated she heard MARILYN'S cellmates screaming for help and ran down to the cell. At this point, JEANNE observed DEPUTY WEATHERS untying the knot MARILYN was hanging from. JEANNE stated it was in the shower area of the jail cell. JEANNE stated at this point she held MARILYN'S legs while DEPUTY WEATHERS untied the knot MARILYN was hanging from. They then laid her down and performed CPR until medical personnel arrived on scene. MARILYN was wearing only white underwear with no pants and a brown shirt.

After DR. SMITH from North Flight pronounced MARILYN'S time of death at 20:52, the Medical Examiner Investigator (MEI) was then called to the scene. As we waited for the MEI, I began to process the scene with DETECTIVE SOFFREDINE.

PROCESSING SCENE:

Prior to entering the cell, I took a photograph of the cell door which stated 207, to show the room number of the deceased. As I walked in the jail cell, I observed three bunk beds to my right; the first two closest to me had bedding on them and the last one did not have bedding. The top of the bunks did not have a mattress or bedding on them. I observed an orange shirt balled up on bed #2, the middle bed. Next, directly in front of me I observed a cell gate and to the left of me in the back of the room were a picnic table and a TV. In front of that picnic table, directly to my left, was a toilet and shower area. In this area I observed a blanket tied on the first pole of the shower area and an orange towel hanging on the partition wall. MARILYN was lying just inside the jail cell past the door where they had laid her down to perform CPR. In the actual shower I did not observe any items. Near the toilet there was a balled up brown shirt. To my direct right there was a balled up pair of orange pants lying on the side of the first bunk bed. When speaking with JEANNE, the RN at the jail, she stated there was a pair of orange pants and a brown shirt that appeared to be tied around MARILYN'S neck. These orange pants directly to my right appeared to be the ones that she had used. The knot was now currently undone so they could get her down and perform CPR. The brown shirt lying by the toilet appeared to be the other item that was used.

I started off by taking many pictures of the room and then began looking at paperwork in the area of the jail cell. There appeared to be many items of paperwork on the picnic table, but nothing pertaining to MARILYN. SERGEANT KNISS stated to me the second bunk was MARILYN'S bed. On this bunk I observed a black folder which contained a bunch of paperwork for MARILYN. I then pulled out a bin of food from underneath MARILYN'S bed. As I took all of the food out of the bin, I found a piece of paper for an inmate request slip from 2/27/18. I also found one envelope with paperwork inside it, one being a yellow medical request form inside from 2/28/18. These items were all confiscated for evidence purposes.

I took the bedding off of MARILYN'S bunk and looked underneath her mattress, but did not find anything. I then looked around and searched the rest of the jail cell, but did not find any suicide note or any other writings from MARILYN. At this point I started collecting the evidence I wanted to take with me. I will list these items in the evidence header.

At this point, MEI DARYL CASE arrived on scene. After DARYL CASE was done investigating, I took more pictures of MARILYN'S body.

While on scene, DETECTIVE SOFFREDINE was able to review the video surveillance of this jail cell. He stated it appeared the three cellmates were in the cell with MARILYN originally and speaking with her. The three inmates then left for class and appeared to be gone for approximately an hour. These inmates were MICHELLE MCGRATH, CASSANDRA AKERS and ARMIDA MIRELES. Right after the three inmates left, MARILYN appears to stand up and go to the TV area in her room and then turns around and goes into the bathroom area. It appears that she is in the bathroom area with the blanket covering the doorway of the bathroom area. DETECTIVE SOFFREDINE described that you could see MARILYN'S feet standing and then appeared to be resting slightly off the floor, where this may be when she possibly hung herself. There is no other movement in the room until the three inmates return and find MARILYN hanging in the bathroom area.

At this point I had collected and taken pictures of all the evidence I needed to. DETECTIVE SOFFREDINE stated that he would interview the inmates tomorrow, 3/01/18, and this report will be turned over to the DB.

WEAPON:

There did not appear to be any weapons used in this suicide. It appeared that the victim used her orange pants she was wearing and another inmate's brown shirt.

EVIDENCE:

The first thing I did on scene was take pictures. These pictures consist of the following order:

- #1 - The number of the jail cell, 207, showing it on the jail cell door.
- #2 - The entrance of the jail cell showing the three bunk beds as you enter the room.
- #4 & #5 - The left side of the room as you enter the main door.
- #6 - Shows where MARILYN was lying when I entered the room.
- #7, #8 & #9 - Shows the shower and bathroom area.

- #10 thru #18 – Shows the picnic area and items on the picnic table.
- #19 thru #22 – Shows MARILYN'S bunk bed with her items that were found on the bed.
- #23 & #24 – Shows books that were found on top of the top bunk of MARILYN'S bed.
- #24 – Shows items on top of the TV stand.
- #25 thru #27 – Shows the blanket that was used to block the area of the bathroom.
- #27 thru #30 – Shows the area of the toilet where MARILYN'S body was found.
- #31 – Shows the bin of food that MARILYN had underneath her bed.
- #32 thru #35 – Shows items on MARILYN'S bed.
- #36 – Shows another picture of the partition into the bathroom area.
- #37 thru #39 – Shows an inmate health services request form that MARILYN had filled out. This was found in the black folder.
- #40 thru #43 – Shows the body of MARILYN as I found it after the medics had left the scene.
- #44 & #45 – Shows a yellow trash can that was near the body.
- #46 – Shows the interior part of the partition from the bathroom area.
- #47 & #48 – Shows items near MARILYN'S bed.
- #48 – Is MARILYN'S food bin.
- #49 & #50 – Is an inmate health service request written on 2/28/18.
- #51 – Is a letter from the Community Corrections Manager stating that MARILYN has to do her required jail sentence.
- #52 – Is the envelope that letter came in.
- #53 – A composition note pad found in the food bin with nothing written inside it.
- #54 – An inmate request slip found inside the bin dated 2/27/18.

#55 thru #57 – Is the orange pair of pants that appeared to be used in MARILYN'S suicide.

#58 thru #63 – Shows what a person would see if walking with the jail cell to the left of them from outside of the cell.

#64 thru #66 – Shows what a person would see if walking with the jail cell to the right side of them from outside the cell.

#67 – Shows what appears to be a Bible and it was open to this page found by the toilet where MARILYN'S body was found.

#68 thru #76 – Shows pictures of MARILYN'S body.

After I took these photographs, I downloaded them to the digital evidence locker.

I then collected five items at the scene.

1. A pair of orange inmate pants that appeared to be the victim's. These were collected from the floor to the right of the jail cell door.
2. One brown inmate shirt. This was collected near the toilet of the jail cell.
3. One black folder with paperwork of MARILYN'S inside. This was collected on her bunk bed.
4. One inmate request slip from 2/27/18 that was found inside her food bin.
5. One envelope with paperwork inside of it. This was collected from inside MARILYN'S food bin.

This was all the evidence taken from inside the jail cell. DETECTIVE SOFFREDINE has spoken with the jail to get a copy of the video surveillance from the cell. All of the five evidence items were placed into the property room with property tags. The photographs have been added to the digital evidence locker and I emailed CAPTAIN BUSSELL to let him know those photographs are there.

DISPOSITION:

This report will be turned over to the DB.

STATUS:

Closed.

Submitted, OFFICER KELLER/224 on 3/01/18 @ 03:08

JK/hjm 3/01/18 @ 06:44

cc: CAPT, DB, TOT DB

COMPLAINT:

Suicide – committed.

SUMMARY:

On 2/28/18, at 20:34, EMS, along with TCPD were dispatched to the jail, 320 Washington Street, reference a female who was found hanging in her cell and was unresponsive and not breathing. It was determined that MARILYN LUCILLE PALMER committed suicide while she was alone in her cell by hanging herself. This report will be turned over to the DB for further review.

VENUE:

This incident occurred at the jail, 320 Washington Street, cell #207. This is in the incorporated city limits of Traverse City.

DATE & TIME:

This incident was reported on 2/28/18, at 20:34.

REPORT/NARRATIVE:

On 2/28/18, at 20:34, EMS, along with TCPD were dispatched to the jail reference a possible suicide. Central Dispatch advised a female was found in cell #207 who was unresponsive, not breathing and hanging. I did respond to the scene in an emergency fashion from the LEC by activating my lights and siren.

Upon arrival, I gained access into the jail through the sally port. OFFICER KELLER and I walked in simultaneously and we were greeted by DEPUTY SCOTT MARTIN. He advised that the incident was occurring in cell #207.

Upon getting closer to cell #207, I observed several medical staff, along with jail staff standing outside the cell. Inside the cell were TCFD members and SERGEANT JOSHUA KNISS, who were performing CPR on a white female, later identified as victim MARILYN LUCILLE PALMER.

PALMER appeared to be very white in color and I observe her skin to be purple around her neck and on her upper forehead. Based on my experience and training, I believed PALMER was deceased. PALMER was lying on her back with her feet towards the shower and her head towards the bunk area of the cell. She had a shirt on her neck and was wearing a pair of underwear and this was the only clothing that she had on.

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EMS attempted to revive PALMER, however, were unsuccessful. EMS advised that PALMER was deceased and for a specific time of death, please see OFFICER KELLER'S original report.

NOTIFICATIONS:

I did make contact with CAPTAIN GILLIS and informed him of the situation, along with DETECTIVE SERGEANT BOHRER. It should be noted that School Resource Officer SOFFREDINE responded to the scene, as he was the on-call detective for the incident.

MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATOR (MEI) NOTIFICATION:

I did request the MEI respond to the scene. This was done through Central Dispatch and MEI DARYL CASE responded to the scene and investigated.

EVIDENCE TECH:

OFFICER KELLER was on duty and is an evidence tech and processed the scene. Please see her original report for further information.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

I did take initial photographs of the scene with my department issued cell phone, along with photographs of the control room. It should be noted that present in the control room was DEPUTY MICHAEL OLESON #827.

NEXT OF KIN NOTIFICATION:

On 2/28/18, at 23:43, OFFICER SIMERSON, OFFICER NOWLAND and I made contact with next of kin at 202 West Tenth Street. I made contact with father JEFFREY ALAN PALMER and his wife, who was later determined to be the step-mother of the victim MARILYN. The wife's name is SHARON ANN PALMER, 4/06/48.

TRANSPORT OF DECEASED:

MARILYN PALMER was transported from the scene by North Flight EMS personnel to Munson Medical Center. It should be noted that no TCPD personnel followed the deceased from the scene to Munson Medical Center per the request of the MEI.

DISPOSITION:

Please refer to original report.

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STATUS:

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Submitted, SERGEANT TAYLOR/216

RT/hjm 3/01/18 @ 05:38

cc: CAPT, DB, TOT DB

COMPLAINT:

Suicide -- Committed

VICTIM:

MARILYN LUCILLE PALMER

VENUE:

This incident occurred at the jail, 320 Washington Street, cell #207. This is in the incorporated city limits of Traverse City.

DATE & TIME:

This incident was reported on 2/28/18, at 20:34.

INVESTIGATION:

On 2/28/2018, I received a phone call from D/Sgt. ERICH BOHRER indicating that there had been a suicide in the jail and they needed the on-call detective to respond. I responded to the jail and met with Sgt. RYAN TAYLOR/216 who had informed me that the deceased was in cell #207 and gave me the name of MARILYN LUCILLE PALMER. Sgt. TAYLOR indicated that Officer JESSICA KELLER/224 will be completing the original report, but also will be conducting the evidence tech portion and was en route to the station to gather evidence tech equipment and would be back.

I waited at the cell and no one, besides myself or Sgt. TAYLOR, entered the cell, and that was only stepping approximately one foot in. I could observe the deceased subject, MARILYN PALMER, lying on the ground.

Officer KELLER then arrived on scene and began taking photographs and evidence collection, please see Officer KELLER's report.

VIDEO REVIEW:

I was led over to Captain TODD RITTER's Office (badge 805) to review the video of the incident. Upon reviewing the video, I saw the deceased, MARILYN PALMER, in cell 207 with her other cellmates, who were identified as CASANDRA AKERS, ARMIDA MIRELES, and MICHELLE MCGRATH, all in the cell. I then observed that AKERS, MIRELES and MCGRATH are all exiting the cell. When asked where they were going to, I was informed they were headed to a class. PALMER does not go to the class. The time stamp of this was approximately 20:36. It should be noted that the time stamp on the video is one hour and four minutes off, making it approximately 19:32.

After observing the three leave the cell, I observed PALMER, who was sitting on her bunk, get up, and walk towards the TV/phone area in the cell. PALMER then goes to the portion of the cell that is covered -- this is the shower/bathroom stall area. On the west side of that is a blanket that appears to be put up for privacy. On the south side of the stall is a metal divider. On that metal divider is two metal posts going up to the ceiling. In the video on the east side of the cell, the portion of the

bathroom stall area where the metal post is going to the ceiling is out of view of the camera. There are two towels draped over the metal divider.

I observed PALMER enter the stall area. I cannot see what she is doing. There is movement of her feet. Captain RITTER stated that the camera is motion activated so that until the camera picks up motion, there could be a still frame on the video. The next movement I see it appears that PALMER stands up and is now in the corner of the bathroom/shower stall that is slightly out of view. I can see the top portion of her head. I also observed her move one of the towels that were draped over the metal railing over to that corner. There appears to be movement and you can slightly see what appears to be an orange fabric in the one corner. This activity continues on but you cannot fully see what she is doing. The towel that PALMER had moved, then falls. PALMER exits the area not wearing any pants, puts the towel back up in the same area and returns to the bathroom/shower stall. It appears she puts the orange fabric over her head. I observed more movement of the feet and you can slightly see the top of her head within the frame. This movement in the corner of the stall continues.

I continue to see movement with her feet, but it is not clear what is going on. At approximately the time stamp on the video at 20:41 you see PALMER's, what appears to be her leg on the ground. That appears to be the last movement.

The next movement you see in the video is on the time stamp of the video at approximately 21:37. The cellmates enter the cell and observe PALMER, after looking in the shower/bathroom stall area, and immediately alert corrections officers.

The video was downloaded and entered into evidence.

WRITTEN STATEMENTS:

I did receive written statements from corrections officers in regards to this incident. They are attached with this supplemental report.

INTERVIEW OF CELLMATES:

D/Sgt. ERICH BOHRER and I went to the Grand Traverse County Jail on 3/1/2018 and made contact with all three cellmates of PALMER.

INTERVIEW OF CASANDRA AKERS:

D/Sgt. ERICH BOHRER and I interviewed AKERS in interview room B at the Grand Traverse County Jail. I introduced Sgt. BOHRER and myself to CASANDRA and asked her if she knew why we were there to talk to her and she stated yes. I had CASANDRA spell out her name and date of birth for me. I asked CASANDRA to lead me through what happened the day prior, that being the February 28th of 2018.

CASANDRA responded that it was a "shitty ass day." I asked her what happened. CASANDRA stated that she took on in to be a trustee, and then she got taken back out and said she can't go, and I clarified, be a trustee, and she stated yes. CASANDRA said it was because of something SHELLY

said. CASANDRA said that SHELLY is one of the ones that they have problems with in 101. I clarified who SHELLY was and CASANDRA stated SHELLY PAPP. CASANDRA stated she believed that was her name.

I then asked if SHELLY was someone they were in 101 with, and CASANDRA stated yes. CASANDRA stated they had recently been kicked out of 101 because of false statements. CASANDRA stated some time had gone by and the mail came through and she got denied Community Corrections, something with only a 90 day thing and they don't do it for that. CASANDRA stated she tried to use the phone but people wouldn't pick up. CASANDRA stated she was guessing it was her husband or kids, because that's who she usually calls. CASANDRA stated they finally got pads after asking for three days and stuff. I asked like bed pads to try to clarify. CASANDRA stated like female. I stated I understood.

CASANDRA stated it was like weird because they felt they were being treated bad and being punished because they all had gotten moved out of 101 and put in there and ever since then, the COs just kind of shrug them off, like they walk through the cell really quickly pretty much or say they are starting rumors or something.

She stated they were all supposed to go to class. I asked what class it was, and she stated NA. I asked if everyone was supposed to go, and she stated yes. CASANDRA stated they were talking about it in the morning and MICHELLE first stated she wasn't going to go, and MARILYN stated to MICHELLE well you gotta go, you'd be the only one in the cell or something along those lines. I asked her if it was every night and she stated no, it's only on Wednesday nights. I asked her if MICHELLE stated she was thinking of not going and MARILYN said, no go, you'd be the only one. CASANDRA stated something like that because she can't remember word for word.

I asked CASANDRA if MARILYN tried to convince her or was it just basically the talk they were having, and CASANDRA stated that was about it. I asked what time the class was, and CASANDRA stated it was around 19:30. CASANDRA stated because they have commissary and stuff and they were talking and CASANDRA stated because it was her birthday and they were supposed to do a cook up. CASANDRA stated they were trying to figure out how to get a few things to cook up with the girls, because it was four of them in 101 and the four of them got kicked out and they all went into 207 and then they separated the four of them and moved two of them down to 300. They were going to do it for the whole cell either way but they were trying to figure out how to get stuff to them so they went through commissary and everything and talked, then class got called and they were all getting up, but MARILYN was staying. They told her let's go, you're going to be the only one here. She said she wanted to call her husband. I asked so that's what she told you, she wanted to stay and call her husband. CASANDRA stated yes.

I asked so up until that point, the plan was that you were all going to go. CASANDRA stated yes, we were all going to go. I asked so it wasn't until you got called to class that she (PALMER) stated that she was going to stay and call her husband, and CASANDRA stated yes. CASANDRA stated there weren't any signs or nothing. There was nothing showing it and we were talking like normal and laughing because CASANDRA stated that she guessed she was sleeping hard right before that and that she ended up snoring, and she told me I haven't heard you snore yet. CASANDRA stated she was with her for the last 20 days or so, the 9th or 10th somewhere around there.

I asked her if she had seen any difference from the time she was first with her on the 9th or 10th till today. CASANDRA stated not until they got in that cell. I asked so when you got to that cell, that's when you saw a difference. CASANDRA stated yes, that's when her anxiety got worse, she was having problems getting her prescriptions filled. The nurses kept saying well it's the weekend, we can't do anything. All that has to wait till Monday and just giving her the ring around the rosy and stuff. CASANDRA stated she thought it took her like three medical slips to figure it out. She knows for two that she had to do medical slips and they told her oh, you're doing it wrong, you need it this way, so she had to put out a kite and then get a medical slip.

I asked when they got moved out and she stated it was two nights without NANCY, this Saturday or Sunday. Then she said Sunday because she went to visitation and then later on is when they got kicked out. She stated it all very well could have played a big role in it too. I asked who she stated the people in 101. CASANDRA stated because it started out. She stated you know there is tension in cells no matter what. CASANDRA stated 101 was pretty much divided into a group of 4 and 4. They were doing their own thing and we were doing our own thing.

MARILYN was making her phone call and everything and the others girls were making a cook up and they ended up spilling the cook up. People were making a big mess and were laughing and being loud and obnoxious and after a few minutes, MARILYN finally had it and she kind of freaked out stating what the fuck, I'm on the phone, this costs a lot of money and it does, then the next think you know they are all popping off and everything, and fucking ZACHMAN-CLARK trying to pull or make assumptions that MARILYN's going to stab one of them and it went to NANCY that she was going to stab one of them and that they were scared for their lives because of her and that's how they all got moved out of there. That's how they felt, like they were the bad cell, or the bad kids and we had to get moved and everything and after that it pretty much felt like that. CASANDRA stated that's what all the other girls will say, the exact same thing too.

CASANDRA stated at one time that DESTINY went and called it out and the CO didn't appreciate that and rumors being spread about him and he just made that assumption and DESTINY wasn't asked the rest of the day. DESTINY was trying to say she was sorry that the CO thought that. I asked CASANDRA if the fact she had been trying to use the phone if MARILYN had gotten a hold of anybody yesterday. CASANDRA stated not that she could remember, but when they were talking about it, one of the girls stated that she did get through and that she was talking about being denied Community Corrections, but CASANDRA wasn't sure because she was sleeping through part of it. CASANDRA stated she didn't know, but it seemed like the second we got put in there, it sucked. CASANDRA stated it like sucked even more that the four have gotten split up. CASANDRA stated that she thought the four of them were okay because they got moved together.

I asked CASANDRA when they got back to the cell what happened. CASANDRA stated they pushed the button for them to go in instead of using the key, as they were getting in, DESTINY stated hi MARILYN and they were like where's MARILYN. CASANDRA stated she said the bathroom, there's only one other place. She stated she looked over and saw her face and she thought at first it was a seizure and she was epileptic. They pulled down the curtain and seen it was obvious and after that and then they just walked out. CASANDRA stated MICHELLE pushed the button and she ran out and got to a medical before anybody did anything which was kind of stupid, we were screaming for help, she hung herself, try to get their attention, and they were all down here in this little corner and the nurse just kind of nonchalantly popped her head out. CASANDRA did state that

MARILYN was upset about missing Easter and her son's 13th birthday. I then talked with CASANDRA about using the resources that were available through the jail through Community Mental Health. I then asked CASANDRA if there was anything else that she could think of that we should know. CASANDRA stated the only thing she could think of is that PALMER really felt like a targetor because of something she didn't do. Since they got in that cell, it was the main thing of every day.

That concluded our interview with CASANDRA AKERS.

INTERVIEW WITH MICHELLE MCGRATH:

Sgt. BOHRER introduced ourselves to MICHELLE MCGRATH. I asked MICHELLE if she knew why we needed to talk to her, and she replied yes. I asked MICHELLE to lead me through yesterday, what was going on in the cell, conversations that they might have had. MICHELLE said that their cell was fine, it was just the four and they were just calm all day. MICHELLE stated she thought she was feeling better because she was claustrophobic and there's a part in the cell where the air will come and she would have to sit there to get her to calm down and that she was not getting up and doing it as much as before. MICHELLE thought she was feeling better and getting used to the cell.

MICHELLE stated it was kind of normal, people were trying to sleep on and off, watch TV. She was reading and they would make jokes because whatever happened, they felt like they were the bad kids. She remembers, you know when you get bad news, you get sad and hers kind of hit, one right after the other; first she got told that she couldn't be a trustee for really dumb reasons. I asked if she knew what those reasons were and MICHELLE stated something to do with these girls, pointing over towards cell 101. MICHELLE stated that maybe what happened to MARILYN had something to do with whatever happened and that they weren't going to give her trustee, then the mail came and she got a letter stating that she wasn't getting Community Corrections, and that she was being evicted and her daughter was sick and she was frustrated with her husband because for six days she told him to take her to the doctor, take her to the doctor, and he didn't. She was going to miss Easter, she was going to miss birthdays, and she was just sad because you realize what you're going to miss, you get sad. After that, just trying to keep spirits up, trying to help each other.

MICHELLE stated in the beginning of the day you go to AA and MICHELLE said no, I don't want to go to AA here, and then they said you're going to be here alone, she was one of the ones that you don't want to be in here by yourself. MICHELLE stated that yeah, she said she would go, that way she could see her cousin, check on her and make sure she is alright back there, and then it came time for class after they got their commissary. Everything seemed fine, they all got their commissary, and they got all ready, and it was almost time to go and they all got their shirts on, ready to go and MARILYN was still sitting on the bed. MICHELLE stated you're not going. MARILYN stated no, and they went and had AA and came back to the room. Sgt. BOHRER asked if she typically came to class with them. MICHELLE stated no, she has only been with her since Sunday.

MICHELLE stated she came walking back with all the girls because they were going to 300 and DESTINY was like hi MARILYN and they all went in there and they were happy. CASSY was like where's MARILYN at, she's got to be in the bathroom. We all looked underneath and we saw her legs. MICHELLE stated wait, that's not right. MICHELLE stated she pulled down the curtain. MICHELLE stated she just hit the button and kept hitting the button. Sgt. BOHRER asked what

MICHELLE saw when they pulled down the curtain. MICHELLE stated it was just there, limp, her lips were all super blue and that she could tell that it was over, there wasn't anything like MICHELLE knew there was no helping her. MICHELLE stated her legs were all swotchy and just all blue, her lips were so blue, you could tell the bottom of the face.

Sgt. BOHRER asked exactly how was she when the curtain got pulled back. MICHELLE demonstrated just sitting in a chair like slumped over down. Sgt. BOHRER asked was she just sitting there and MICHELLE stated it was like she was sitting down. Sgt. BOHRER asked if MICHELLE tried to render any aid to her at all, and MICHELLE stated no. Sgt. BOHRER stated so you pushed the button and MICHELLE motioned like she was hitting a button and said yeah, just kept slamming on the button. MICHELLE stated she is pretty sure that WEATHERS was first and they were going out of the door and she held the door.

I then explained to MICHELLE that originally she didn't want to go and MICHELLE stated yeah, and that those, meaning MARILYN, was one of the ones saying you will be in the cell by herself and then the plan was that everyone was going to go, and MICHELLE stated yes. MICHELLE stated it was because they wanted to see everybody because they got all separated. MICHELLE stated she knows that two of the people she was close to got moved out. MICHELLE stated the others were DESTINY and NANCY and they were all together. I asked if it was right before up until the point where they got called to class that she said she wasn't going, and MICHELLE stated yeah. Sgt. BOHRER if MARILYN stated there was any reason why she wasn't going to go. MICHELLE stated she didn't give her a reason. MICHELLE stated she asked her you're not going, and she said no. MICHELLE stated she thought she wasn't sleeping well when you're stuck with someone you can't really get a phone, sometimes you like alone time and chill out and get a good hour of sleep. Sgt. BOHRER asked MICHELLE if MARILYN had said anything or made any statements that she was contemplating something like this and MICHELLE stated no. She brought up the stuff about earlier in the day and they all just talked about it. Sgt. BOHRER asked what stuff. MICHELLE stated that MARILYN had made a comment that she had been to jail before and that she has never missed birthdays, she's never missed Easter, just stuff like that, and that it sucks, it's one of the things that she had to get through and that she wasn't going to be here for that long, only here till April.

MICHELLE stated that MARILYN commented about her daughter's grades slipping. I asked MICHELLE if she remembered MARILYN talking to anybody on the phone yesterday. MICHELLE stated that she remembers MARILYN trying to call her husband, especially after she got the letter she wasn't eligible for Community Corrections. I asked if she ever ended up talking to anybody and MICHELLE stated not that she knew of but that MICHELLE had taken a nap. MICHELLE stated that she had taken a nap from 10:00 to lunch and she doesn't remember her getting a hold of anybody the rest of the day. I asked MICHELLE if there was anything else that she could think of that we should know. MICHELLE stated that she is just confused. MICHELLE didn't know what. Sgt. BOHRER explained to MICHELLE that we may never know or be able to figure out why it happened. We then explained to MICHELLE what resources they have available at the jail - Community Mental Health and that it was good to use those services. MICHELLE said that MARILYN was having a hard time adjusting from 101 back into the 200s, because 101 is more like a trustee cell, and then back there in 101 you have a separate divider, a toilet, a shower and then you're back to the 200s and you are stuck behind bars. You have the window to the outside. MICHELLE stated that she knew that she was having a hard time adjusting to that but MICHELLE

thought it was getting better. We again discussed services available and that concluded our interview with MICHELLE MCGRATH.

INTERVIEW WITH ARMIDA MIRELES:

Sgt. BOHRER and I interviewed ARMIDA MIRELES at the Grand Traverse County Jail in interview room B. I asked MIRELES if she knew why we were there to talk to her and she stated yes. I asked ARMIDA to lead me through yesterday, 2/28/2018. She was unsure what I meant. I advised what was going on throughout the day, conversations that had taken place. ARMIDA stated that she, meaning MARILYN, was stressed out, because they pulled her off of trustee and then they didn't give it to her with everything that had happened in 101 and she was upset about that. ARMIDA stated that MARILYN didn't know why she was being punished. ARMIDA stated they pulled her off of trustee and she didn't except it.

ARMIDA stated that MARILYN used the phone a couple of times and tried to get through and she kept trying to make phone calls. A couple of them didn't go through. ARMIDA stated that MARILYN just kept talking about why she doesn't understand why she is being punished. MARILYN kept saying that she didn't do anything wrong. I asked ARMIDA if she remembered her actually talking to anyone getting through on the phone. ARMIDA stated that she thought the first one she didn't, but she does remember her talking to someone about the Community Corrections and that she had gotten a letter getting denied and ARMIDA kind of remembered her talking to someone about that and she was upset. ARMIDA stated that she has been with her since Monday, and that she had anxiety, was claustrophobic and ARMIDA remembers that she kept going from her bed to the bench table, and ARMIDA could tell that she was having anxiety. After she would move to the bench, she would be okay and she was like that a lot for three days that ARMIDA was in there with her.

ARMIDA stated that MARILYN talked a little bit about her husband and kids. I asked what she said. ARMIDA stated she wasn't really sure. I asked ARMIDA if MARILYN was upset, and ARMIDA stated yes. ARMIDA stated MARILYN stated she wasn't sure if her husband could handle it and she was worried about them. MARILYN was also worried about them getting evicted or something. ARMIDA stated that was just about it and just talked about how she was worried about him. ARMIDA stated that MARILYN was trying to figure out who could go over there and help, her sisters or someone, and then MARILYN stated that no one would help her.

ARMIDA stated when MARILYN would talk about it, she was worried about it, but stayed calm. ARMIDA stated that she kept saying she would go to class with them and then at the last minute as they were going in the hallway, MARILYN stated the other girls said that she was going to try to get a hold of her husband. ARMIDA stated that MARILYN put out a lot of kites that day too. ARMIDA said that MARILYN was trying to get her medications. ARMIDA stated that MARILYN was upset because they weren't answering her kites. ARMIDA stated that MARILYN was worried about starting her period and it took forever to get feminine products and then she finally got them and it was stuff like that that went on for a couple of days.

ARMIDA does remember her putting out kites for stuff and then not getting responses and then her being upset about that. ARMIDA stated that she remembers the first night that they got in there, they were labeled the trouble makers by a couple of the CO's. She doesn't remember the names of them,

but they were labeled as trouble makers. When there was some talk about them starting rumors, MARILYN stated she wasn't starting any rumors. MARILYN didn't know why they were saying that and didn't know why she was being punished. MARILYN was upset that she was not in 101 because she guesses 101 was better. ARMIDA stated that she has never been in 101, so she doesn't know. I asked ARMIDA so you guys were going to go to class, but she doesn't go to class, ARMIDA said no, she didn't. I said so then you guys go to class, you come back, and then tell us what happened from there. ARMIDA said they came in and everyone was asking where she was. ARMIDA stated she's probably in the bathroom, nowhere else she could be. ARMIDA said that when she turned around to look, she could see her legs and her legs were all purple. ARMIDA stated they thought she had a seizure or something, and then went to go in there to try and talk to her and pulled the curtain down and we saw her.

Sgt. BOHRER asked when they pulled the curtain could ARMIDA explain what they saw. ARMIDA stated she was just hanging there. ARMIDA thought she was sitting at first, but then she was just kind of sitting hanging. Sgt. BOHRER asked what she was hanging from. ARMIDA stated from the pole. ARMIDA stated she doesn't know, she just saw a towel and she knew she didn't have her pants on and her legs looked all bruised, and her face was all blue. Sgt. BOHRER asked if ARMIDA tried to render aide at all at that point. ARMIDA stated no. ARMIDA stated they just pushed the button and opened up the door and CASANDRA ran down the hall to the nurses' station. ARMIDA stated that they were screaming on the intercom system. All they knew was that she was hanging there.

Sgt. BOHRER asked while they were in the cell together was there any talk about anything like this, did she ever say anything. ARMIDA stated no, she was just really upset about getting the trustee and she didn't understand why she was being punished and then she didn't get Community Corrections, she got a letter, MARILYN didn't understand why she didn't get that either and when she tried to make phone calls, they couldn't get through. ARMIDA stated that MARILYN had talked about her kids and her husband, how they handle it, and that she didn't think he would be able to do it and that they were also getting evicted. ARMIDA stated that she didn't think anything of it. ARMIDA thought that she was having anxiety because she would get up from the bed and go to the bench. ARMIDA stated she would talk about how she couldn't wait to get out of there and go home. ARMIDA stated like the two days that she knew her, she seemed to be pretty okay. ARMIDA stated that she seemed like normal. I asked ARMIDA if there was anything else that she could think of that we need to know. ARMIDA stated no.

ARMIDA stated that the first day that they were there, a couple of the CO's were calling them trouble makers and saying like the trouble maker's cell and ARMIDA said that she's not a trouble maker. ARMIDA stated she didn't do anything wrong, she just moved there. ARMIDA stated that they said something about them starting rumors, about CO's and MARILYN didn't understand what they were talking about. ARMIDA stated she just thought they were talking a lot about the incident that had happened in 101.

I asked ARMIDA if she was involved in that incident and ARMIDA stated no, she came from 300. When she got in here, they were talking about the incident that had happened in 101. Sgt. BOHRER asked if she knew about what happened in that incident. ARMIDA stated that MARILYN was on the phone and that they were being loud and she asked them to quiet down and have some respect and that she was trying to talk with her family and another girl started acting up. MARILYN was upset

because all she was trying to do was use the phone and then it turned into a big thing and then they got moved. ARMIDA stated that she was sure the other girls were making up lies about MARILYN. ARMIDA stated that MARILYN kept saying she was going to be punished for stuff that wasn't true. At that point in the interview, we then discussed services that were available there in the jail that ARMIDA should take advantage of. That concluded our interview with ARMIDA MIRELES.

CONTACT WITH CORRECTIONS OFFICER MARY SCHWETTMANN:

Sgt. BOHRER and I made contact with the Corrections Officer SCHWETTMANN to inquire about the incident that happened in 101. Corrections Officer SCHWETTMANN stated that the incident had begun as a disagreement on Saturday night and then led into Sunday where a large argument had ensued within the cell. It was decided to move MARILYN PALMER and CASANDRA AKERS out of that cell into a different cell. When I asked about MCKAYLA ZACHMAN-CLARK being moved, Corrections Officer SCHWETTMANN stated no, she couldn't be moved because ZACHMAN-CLARK had two previous suicide attempts so she had to stay in that cell.

PHONE CONVERSATIONS:

I did listen to all the phone conversations that MARILYN PALMER had had from her time first into jail up until what appeared to be her last phone call on 2/27/2018. In those phone conversations, I did not hear any talk of suicide. There were a couple where she had stated that she was feeling sick that were about a week prior to the incident, but from the initial phone calls that started upon first going into jail to recent phone calls, they appear to be the same.

DISPOSITION:

This case will remain open until a final autopsy report. Upon receiving that final autopsy report, this report will be sent to the PAO for review.

STATUS:

Open.

Submitted by Detective SOFFREDINE/232, TCPD on 3/9/2018 @

JS/djl, 3/9/2018 @ 15:09

COMPLAINT:

Suicide – Committed

VICTIM:

MARILYN LUCILLE PALMER

VENUE:

This incident occurred at the jail, 320 Washington Street, cell #207. This is in the incorporated city limits of Traverse City.

DATE & TIME:

This incident was reported on 2/28/18, at 20:34.

INVESTIGATION:

I received a phone call from Jail Sgt. BRIAN NEWCOMBE/818 who stated that they had intercepted some mail in regards to MARILYN PALMER. The intercepted mail was from a SHELLY PATT, outgoing. I did retrieve the letters, and I made copies.

The first letter appears to be to SUE PAHL. In this letter, PATT describes the fact that the incident that had occurred in 101 and the threats might have been made up by another cellmate, possibly MCKAYLA ZACHMAN-CLARK.

The next letter from PATT is to a TRACEY SCHWORM and in that letter, it also indicates that the threats had been made up by MCKAYLA ZACHMAN-CLARK. Copies of these letters will be attached with this supplemental report.

DISPOSITION:

Unchanged.

STATUS:

Unchanged.

Submitted by Det. SOFFREDINE/232, TCPD on 3/20/2018 @

JS/djl, 3/21/2018 @ 10:46