COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION REPORT



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AGENCY CASE NUMBER: 16S-08694, SCSO # 16-08229

CRIME: OIS SCPD

REQUESTED BY: ADA TARA GEORGE **INSPECTOR ASSIGNED:** KATRINA ROGERS

DATE OF REPORT: 10/18/2016

DEFENDANT(S): Sean ARLT (Deceased 10/16/16)

DOB: 06/25/1984 **CDL:** D2129951

ADDRESS: Plateau Avenue (rear unit) Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Synopsis: I interviewed Arlt and (parents of Sean) and (residents of Chace Street).

Persons Involved

Name	Address	Phone
Arlt,	Plateau Avenue, Santa Cruz	
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	Chace Street, Santa Cruz	
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Narrative: On 10/16/16 at approximately 0650 hours, I was contacted by Chief Inspector Mike Roe. Roe advised me that there had been an officer involved shooting and requested that I respond to the Santa Cruz Police Department to assist with the investigation. Upon my arrival at approximately 0815 hours, I briefed with Inspector Murray. Inspector Murray requested that Inspector Delfin and I interview Arlt and (parents of Sean Arlt), and and (residents of Chace Street).

At approximately 0930 hours, Inspector Delfin, ADA Tara George and I met with Detective

introductions it was agreed that and and would accompany Schneider to the District Attorney's Office to be interviewed.
Before returning to the District Attorney's Office ADA Tara George, Insp. Delfin and myself went and met briefly with at Chace Street. We provided our names to the CSO keeping the crime scene log. We did a brief walk through of the crime scene prior to making contact with at the front door of her residence.
After knocking on the front door, which is dark red in color, I noted that there were bloody hand prints on the door and glass panes. Some of the hand prints were as is someone had slid their hands down the door several inches. There was a drop of blood on the door sill approximately the size of a pea. I noted at this time that the knocker from the door knocker was broken and sitting on a nearby bench. At this point we alerted the CSI team on scene as to the blood as it was raining heavily and the blood was being washed away. A CSI technician came over shortly after and began photographing the door.
I met with briefly at the back door of her residence where I noted a full size umbrella propped up against the outside of the house to the right of the door. The umbrella had a small amount of blood on the handle.
I explained to that I would like to interview her and her tenant, in the day. Understood and agreed. I spoke briefly with that she would be receptive to talking with us later as well.
ADA George, Insp. Delfin, and myself then returned to the District Attorney's Office to interview and was the primary interviewer while Insp. Delfin assisted. I will be providing documentation of this interview. The following is meant to be a summary of my interview with for complete details regarding statement please refer to the audio and or video recordings.
I began by explaining the role of the District Attorney's Office in this investigation.
stated that 911 had been called twice this week prior to this incident. stated that on Monday October 10, 2016 at approximately 1700 hours, he received a call from his wife while he was at work. told that he needed to come home because Sean "was in bad shape." told that she had already called 911. works in Moss Landing and estimated that he arrived home between 1730 and 1800 hours.
When arrived home he came in the side door of the residence. Sean standing with his back to the door. Sean was "in a delusional rant" with very rapid speech. Sean saying things such as: "Their going to kill me." "No I'm going to have to kill them." "I have Rock Star power and their going to kill me because I have Rock Star power." "But then with my Rock Star power I can kill somebody. I may kill somebody."

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stated that this type of dialogue continued and Sean fell to the floor. Sean was crying and shivering and was trying to lay straight "to protect himself."
was able to place his hand on Sean's back and talking calmly with Sean assuring Sean that he was safe.
After a period of about 20 minutes Sean stood up and looked at he had to leave after previously welcoming into the home. Stated, "In other words he perceived him as a threat." Stood in between Sean and not make any kind of violent or aggressive stance toward began crying and stated that he didn't feel like his son was going to hurt anyone. Stated that Sean "was in a such a delusional state" and that he thought it was good practice to get in between and Sean and talk softly.
stated that had a conversation with the police officers who were on scene and understood that the result of that conversation was that the officers could not take Sean on a mental health hold because and that they were just further agitating Sean by being present on the property.
I interjected and asked if the police were present when Sean was making the statements about people killing him and Sean killing people. It is stated that the police were outside and he does not believe that the police heard Sean make those statements. I asked if the police officers were outside because he had asked them to stay outside. I asked if the did not know and that had interacted with the police upon their arrival. I stated that he did not know and that had interacted with the police upon their arrival. Sean must have presented reasonably well enough that the officers did not take him on a mental health hold.
I asked if he was present when the officers spoke with Sean. It is stated that he was not but recalled talking with the officers after they spoke with Sean. Officer "Trinidad" (Trindade) and a shorter Officer that were there. It is stated that he spoke with the shorter officer.
After the police left attempted to get Sean to calm down by doing some meditation and breathing exercises. Sean commented at this time that he had not slept in 48 hrs.
and were able to get Sean into the car and drove him to Telecare located on Soquel Ave. walked into the lobby and told the receptionist "Our son needs help." The receptionist told that he needed to take Sean over to the Emergency Room without having even spoken with Sean. recalls replying to the receptionist, "Fuck no, we've done that before and he needs to be admitted here."
At some point Sean walked into the lobby and began banging his hands on the wall and started mumbling, "Not a good place to be. Have to leave. This isn't safe. This isn't safe."

was told he needed take Sean to the ER. Sean agreed to go to the ER but

stated that the staff finally got it worked out

then refused to go in. Sean felt that the ER staff needed to invite him in. In describing this

mentioned, "he's a fighter."

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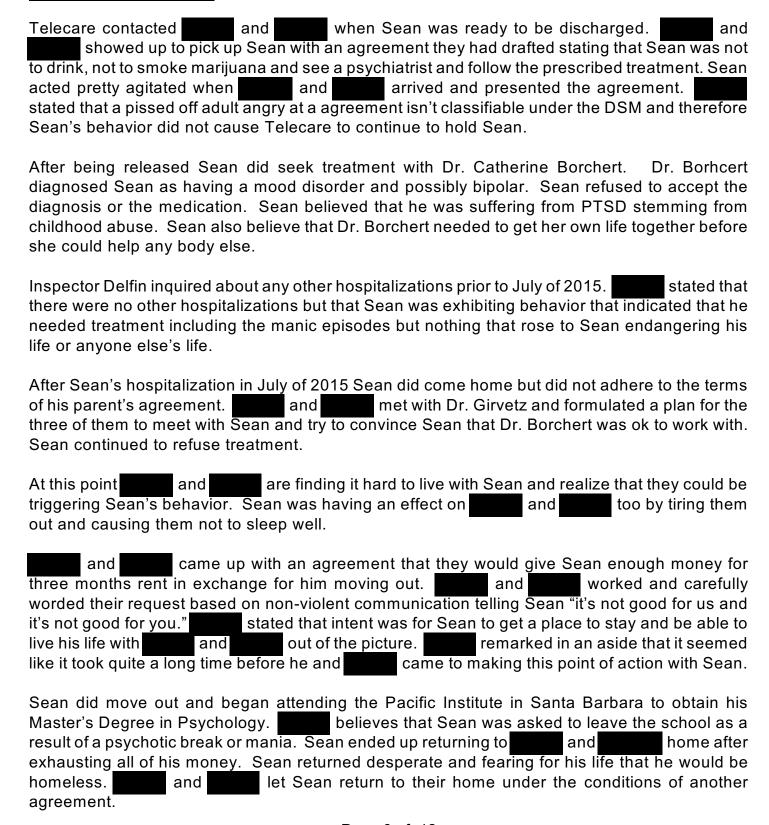
unsafe and went outside. placed himself in front of Sean in an attempt to prevent him from leaving. described two security guards offering their assistance.
engaged in a back and forth dialogue with Sean about why he needed to go to the ER. Sean was convinced that it was who should be going to the ER. eventually started yelling and told Sean that he needed to get help or he was risking not seeing his son again.
stated that Sean has the ability to calm himself down in very agitated situations. And that Sean then found that was the one who was out of control because had started screaming. Sean related that information to the security guards.
Some Sheriff's deputies arrived and observed Sean and for awhile. believes that the Sheriff's deputies came to the conclusion that what they were observing were two grown men having a disagreement and surmised there was nothing the deputies could do. stated that at this point he was worn down and Sean walked off.
talked with the Sheriff's deputies for awhile outside in the parking lot and then drove around trying to find Sean.
I confirmed with that he was saying that Sean would flip the argument and make it seem like was the one with the issue after became frustrated and began yelling. confirmed that was correct and stated that it had been like that for the last 17 years. explained that he and had observed over the years that during situations like this Sean would be able to calm himself down in a very controlled manner, although appearing very tense, and would then tell and that they were the ones with psychiatric issues.
about the "17 years" comment. Stated that at the age of fifteen Sean told his parents that he was depressed. Stated that this was the first indication that there was something going on with Sean. Sean went to see a psychologist by the name of Dr. Jon Girvetz while in high school. Sean started using Marijuana in high school. and took Sean out of Santa Cruz High as a mutual agreement with the school because the school was ready to expel Sean. At this time Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) was being explored as the source of Sean's issues.
Sean did Americorp for approximately a year and was then accepted to Sonoma State. described a few incidents where Sean would call and up for a visit and then get very frantic wondering why and were putting him under so much pressure. stated that Sean would then "normalize". Sean ended up graduating with honors with a degree in Philosophy and Psychology. Sean was accepted into USF law school but decided two weeks prior that he did not want to go.
stated that they would "see these mood swings" over the years. Sean came back and lived at home and worked. Sean worked at the Bay School for approximately a year. Sean did well at Bay School for a period of time but then his mental illness caused Sean to become disruptive and believe that he could run the organization better than anyone else.

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a counselor. believes that Sean was also asked to leave Encompass.
Sean had a relationship with a girl named and Sean and she moved back to Texas for her to have the child. Sean's son was born on 11/15/12. It and went to visit Sean and withdrawing. It alked with a neighbor who described and Sean as arguing a lot.
Around January of 2013 became fed up and took and left Sean to move in with her parents. Around this time Sean took an overdose of sleeping pills and drove himself to the hospital. flew out to Texas and packed up Sean and his belongings and moved him back to their house in California.
and came out for approximately 6-8 months and tried to make it work with Sean left one morning after leaving a note saying she had to take and leave. and leave and leave and Ultimately it was agreed that Sean would send 10% of his wages to month.
stated that things were "up and down" with Sean.
The next significant event with Sean was July of 2015. described Sean as exhibiting very manic and upbeat but very agitated behavior. Sean had unrealistic ideas about how he was going to support Sean wrote a book and had it published (later learned to be titled "The Love Manifesto").
Around July of 2015 and and received a call from one of Sean's friends who lives in the lower Seabright area. Sean was found hiding in a closet of the friend's apartment paranoid that someone was trying to kill him.
After this incident Sean agreed to let and and take him to Telecare. This was Sean's first visit to Telecare. The ended up taking Sean to Telecare. Sean complained of a stomach ache so Telecare told she needed to take Sean to the ER. Sean was admitted into the ER where he was given a muscle relaxer, some other medication and was hydrated. Sean was then held on a 5150 hold and sent over to Telecare. Sean slept for 18 hours at Telecare after which he was interviewed and determined to be fine.

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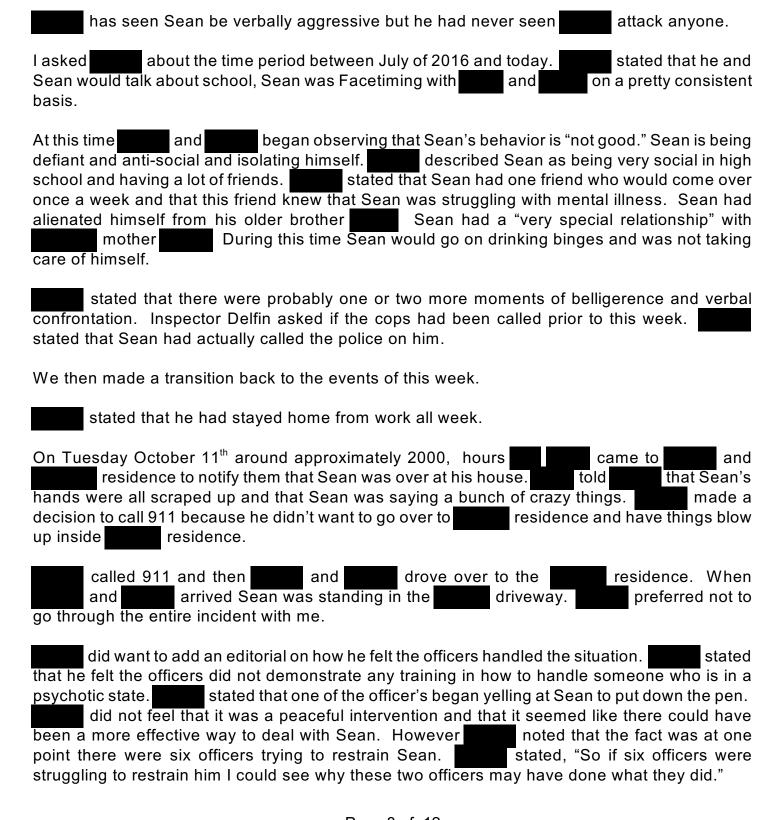


mixed martial arts. Sean like reading about warriors and like the philosophical side especially

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described Sean's behaviors over those several days. Sean had developed a "cultivated" manner of dialogue where he would talk quickly and tersely when asked a question. also described Sean pointing is arms straight and stiff with his fingers bowed out on the ends of his hands. Sean continued to wander in and out of the house and wasn't sleeping. Sean had found his Wellbutrin and stated that he was going to start taking the medication again. Sean banging on the bedroom door a couple of times and on one occasion telling that she needed to take him seriously. Couldn't recall whether this was Friday night or early Saturday morning. Clarified that Sean was welcome in the house and moved freely between his outdoor studio and the main house.
On Saturday October 15, 2016 Sean ate dinner with broccoli. Sean did not drink any alcohol with dinner. Sean was acting tense and talked in his quick tone. Came home from a wedding around 1930 hours. Sean was pretty agitated. Went out the front door and Sean came walking down the sidewalk. Case asked Sean what he was doing and Sean replied that he was going to get some beer and asked wanted to join him. Total told Sean that he thought it was a better idea if Sean stayed here. Sean replied that he felt it was a better idea if stayed there. Sean didn't get beer at that time because he saw Sean in his studio from inside the house.
stated that Sean must have gone and gotten some beer at a later time because around 2130 hours, Sean came inside bantering and placed two bottles of beer outside of and bedroom door. Sean commented something to the effect of "this is what you need to straighten yourselves out." opened the door and picked up the beers in one hand. told Sean, "Sean, you need to leave the house." stated that Sean was approximately 10-12 feet away and had some type of argumentative response but left peacefully.
I asked if there had been any conversation about Sean no longer being allowed to live at the residence at all. stated that there was no conversation to that effect. When told Sean he needed to leave the house he meant the main residence.
After Sean left the house locked all of the doors. He could hear Sean yelling something but it had gotten to a point that didn't want to hear what Sean was saying.
explained that he sleeps with ear plugs in and that stated that he woke up around 0530 hours and checked his phone. Stated that he works in IT and checks his phone for equipment issues when he wakens. At this time saw a text message that sent at 0407 hours saying, "Sean on Getchell Street. Police here. Sean tased or shot in legs.

about the damage to the glass patio doors as I had noticed that both glass patio

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were shattered. stated that the doors must have been damaged during the middle of the night or early morning as they were not that way when he went to sleep and he didn't hear them getting broken during the middle of the night.
about the glass I had seen in the garbage can that looked as if it had been swept up. explained that one of the officers had told he could start cleaning that area up.
described the scene to me as he saw it around 0600 hours. Stated that at first he thought his patio door was foggy. He then realized that the outer pain of the double pain door was shattered. It noted a laundry basket, two chairs, a candle that may have been thrown at the door, a bunch of clothes, Sean's computer, and shattered glass from Sean's patio door all in the patio area between the main residence and Sean's studio. Confirmed that he had pushed the clothing back into Sean's open patio door. Sean's put some beer bottles in the garbage bin and a small pipe for smoking marijuana.
about a few small stains on his blue jeans which were similar to blood. explained that these droplets were his blood and were from some time ago.
about a type written time line that he referred to during our interview. stated that he was referred to someone at the Sheriff's office who told about an AB1424 form from the NAMI website.
that I would like to do a forensic download on his cellular phone with the intent of obtaining a copy of the recording titled "Sean talk 10122016" and the text messages from I explained the Consent To Search for to and advised him that we would limit the scope of our search of the phone to Monday October 10 th , 2016 until Sunday October 16, 2016. Signed the consent to search form at approximately 1210 hours and Inspector Delfin signed as a witness. While I was interviewing Inspector Tripp took possession of the phone and began performing a forensic download.
After the interview with friend indicated that he no longer wished to consent to the search of his phone. I contacted Inspector Tripp who halted the forensic download of the phone. I wrote in a line on the consent form indicating that consent had been withdrawn and signed the form at approximately 1400 hours. signed the form also acknowledging that he had withdrawn his consent.
did agree to forward screen prints of the text messages from also also stated that he would place the recording of Sean into a Dropbox account for me to download.

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