

Warren Police Department
Incident Report

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Incident #: 08-327-OF
Call #: 08-7367

Date/Time Reported: 11/18/2008 1000
Report Date/Time: 11/19/2008 1356
Status: Incident Open
Reporting Officer: (A) CHIEF OF POLICE BRUCE SPIEWAKOWSKI
Approving Officer: (A) CHIEF OF POLICE BRUCE SPIEWAKOWSKI

Signature: _____

SUSPECT(S) SEX RACE AGE SSN PHONE

1 BLAIS, RAYMOND R M W [REDACTED] NOT AVAIL [REDACTED]

HAIR: BROWN EYES: BROWN
COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.
PLACE OF BIRTH: WARE, MA
BODY: NOT AVAIL.
DOB: NOT AVAIL.
LICENSE NUMBER: NOT AVAIL.

[APPEARANCE]

GLASSES WORN: NO

[FAMILY/EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION]

EMPLOYER/SCHOOL: TOWN OF WARREN • 413-436-7677
BRIMFIELD RD
WARREN MA 01083

OCCUPATION: HIGHWAY DEPT

LOCATION TYPE: Government/Public Building Zone: WEST WARREN
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
ALBANY ST
WARREN MA 01083

[REDACTED]
OCCURRED: 11/18/2008 0700

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or around September of 2008 at the request of the Warren Board of Selectmen, I was asked to conduct an investigation into the allegation that equipment had been stolen from the Warren Highway department. Highway Superintendent Gary Odiorne was to provide me with information regarding any missing equipment in order to commence an investigation.

or about November 17, 2008 I made arrangements to meet with Mr. Odiorne at the Warren Police Department. During this meeting, Mr. Odiorne informed me that there were three pieces of equipment missing, three are Wain Roy backhoe components, a swinging coupler (also referred to as a wrist twister or twist a st), a 24 inch digging bucket, and a 48 inch grading bucket.

Odiorne informed me that the wrist twister had been repaired in 2004 and that it was used on their old John Deere backhoe. He states that he was going to scrap the Wain Roy wrist twister, that it was "junk", and that it never used on the new JCB backhoe purchased in July of 2007. He states that the new backhoe came equipped with a new swinging coupler, 24 inch digging bucket and 48 inch grading bucket. Mr. Odiorne states to replace just the buckets alone would likely cost around \$500.00 each.

Odiorne gave me copies of receipts for:

the purchases of the new John Deere backhoe on 7/11/91

the repair receipt for the missing Wain Roy swinging coupler from General Machine Co. in 2004

an estimate for the purchase of the new Wain Roy XLS swinging coupler and corresponding buckets in 2006

the receipt for the purchase of the new JCB backhoe in 2007 that included the new swinging coupler and buckets.

Odiorne states that at some point, Raymond Blais, also known as "Pit" approached him and asked what was to be done with the old Wain Roy swinging coupler and buckets. Mr. Odiorne informs me that Blais was responsible for an arrangement with [REDACTED] to assume ownership of the Wain Roy components. Mr. Odiorne states that he does not know if any money changed hands between Blais and [REDACTED] for the transaction. Mr. Odiorne does state that he is aware that [REDACTED] is now in possession of those

on November 17, 2008 I interviewed Patricia Leboeuf who works as a laborer on the Warren Highway Department. Ms. Leboeuf states that she works as a cook at the Eagles Club in West Warren. She states that during her conversation with [REDACTED] had previously had conversation with [REDACTED] and had been informed that Blais [REDACTED] that Blais has sold the Wain Roy swinging coupler to [REDACTED] for a sum of \$250.00.

regarding the missing equipment, Ms. Leboeuf states that the swinging coupler and one of the buckets were in the process of repair and she believed that they would be used as spares in the event that the primary units went out. Ms. Leboeuf also states that [REDACTED] has heard [REDACTED] talking about selling the equipment. Ms. Leboeuf also informed me that she believed that Zack Lemieux, who also works for the highway department, helped Blais load the swinging coupler into the back of Blais' truck. She states that the particular component has been missing for quite some time, possibly since the fall of 2006. She further states that through conversations she has had, she believes that one Jeff Wilcox possibly drove the truck used to pick up the buckets at the Albany street location.

I also interviewed Larry Pease who also works for the Warren Highway department. Mr. Pease is aware of the

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ssing equipment and states that he could identify the components if they are located. He states that two ckets were traded with the old John Deere backhoe but that there were four buckets total. He states that the o remaining buckets are now missing along with the swinging coupler. Pease states that he received ormsation [REDACTED] purchased the swinging coupler from Blais for \$250.00

ase states that all three missing components work in conjunction with each other and that the swinging coupler appeared long before the two buckets did. Pease states that he worked on the swinging coupler and had it ouged out" and ready to repair and that the buckets were in good shape. He states that it would take roximately a days work to restore the components to acceptable working condition. Pease states that he is are [REDACTED] owns either a John Deere or a JCB backhoe and that the missing components would [REDACTED] ckhoe.

ase states that he knows [REDACTED] has said that Blais told him that he sold the swinging pler. Pease is also familiar with Jeff Wilcox and informs me that Wilcox works with [REDACTED] who is ason from West Brookfield. Pease also states that in conversation with Odiorne, Pease asked Odiorne if he s "squeaky clean" in regards to the alleged sale of the Wain Roy components and Odiorne stated that he was t. Pease alleges that Odiorne stated that he told Blais to see how much he could get for the components. ←

ext interviewed Armand Valois who also works for the Warren Highway Department. Mr. Valois stated that is familiar with the missing components and that Larry Pease had previously worked on them and had the inging coupler ready to fix. Valois states that after he found out about the sale of the swinging coupler, he ed Blais how much money Blais got for the sale. Valois alleges that Blais responded by stating, "You'll never ow how much I fucking got."

lois reaffirms previous assertions that the buckets were not worn out and [REDACTED] has a backhoe that would dily accept the missing components. He further confirms that the units are a package deal and work together l that the two buckets disappeared when the highway department relocated from Albany Street to Brimfield d and that the swinging coupler disappeared long before that. Valois also states that information he received hat Blais accepted \$250 in compensation for the swinging coupler.

stly, I interviewed Zack Lemieux. Mr. Lemieux is the junior member of the Warren Highway department. He orms me that he began his employ with the department in July of 2007. Lemieux was aware of the missing nponents and states that Blais is his supervisor. Lemieux states that shortly after he began working for the artment, he was instructed by Blais to help load the Wain Roy swinging coupler into the back of Blais onal vehicle, a pickup truck. Lemieux states that the backhoe was used to lift the swinging coupler and place n the back of Blais' truck. Lemieux informs me that he is not aware of where Blais took the unit, or whether ais accepted money for it. Lemieux also states that he became aware at some point the the corresponding ckets went missing, although he is not sure when and has no knowledge of their whereabouts.

sed on the interviews from the above individuals, it appears that the Wain Roy components owned by the wn of Warren were stolen from the Warren Highway Department and sold by Raymond Blais [REDACTED] It o appears that Raymond Blais was monetarily compensated for some, possibly all of the items. In October of 04, repairs were done to the Wain Roy swinging coupler by General Machine in Palmer. The repairs to the t cost \$1800, indicating that the overall value of the unit exceeded the repair costs.

ause of these findings, I have contacted the Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to District

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by Joseph Early's office and afforded them a copy of this report for further investigation.

fully submitted,

Bruce D. Spiewakowski

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE FOR (A) CHIEF OF POLICE BRUCE D SPIEW

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as on vacation on Monday December 1, and Tuesday December 2, 2008.

Tuesday December 2, 2008 at approximately noon, I was contacted by telephone by Warren Selectmen administrative Secretary Jean McCaughey. Mrs. McCaughey informed me that highway superintendent Gary Odiorne had come into the selectmen's office on Monday and notified her that all of the missing equipment had been returned to the highway department.

Wednesday December 3, 2008 I received two telephone messages from Patricia Leboeuf. In her first message that was left during the week of November 24, 2008, Ms. Leboeuf states that Raymond Blais had informed Gary Odiorne that he had no problem bringing the missing buckets back.

The second message that was left on December 1, 2008 at 0700, Ms. Leboeuf states that all of the missing equipment had been returned to the Warren highway department. Ms. Leboeuf states that one Al Drake returned equipment in his truck and that it was unloaded by Zack Lemieux.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Bruce D. Spiewakowski

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