

Marshalltown Police Department

Case Narrative for PD19-01234 (06/06/19 16:07)

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Typed By Juan Tejada

On the 6th of June I was signed to investigate emails sent by Michael Merritt to Rev. Heecheon Jeon. On the 5th of June Michael sent Jeon an email telling him his intent to attend church at Hope United Methodist Church on the 9th of June in Marshalltown. Michael's email went on to have several more demands he wanted met before he returned to Church. The emails were printed out and entered into this case file.

I was tasked to make personal contact with Michael and reiterate our no trespass warning and no contact with Nancy and Meghan. I went to the Newton Police Department and they accompanied me to Michael's residence. I was able to make contact with Monica Speaks at the residence. Monica has been Michael's girl friend for the last year. Monica told me Michael wasn't home, he was on his way home from California. Michael needed to appear in court for a divorce matter in California.

While I were speaking with Monica, Michael called Monica cell phone. Monica answered the phone and spoke to Michael about the situation. Michael asked to speak with me and Monica put the phone on speaker, so my body camera could pick up the audio.

Michael started telling me how he hasn't broken any laws or gone against any of the warning the Marshalltown Police gave him. Michael blames his wife and the church for ruining his life. Michael believes church members have partnered with his ex-wife to ruin his wife.

I reiterated to Michael he couldn't be on United Methodist Church property and not to have anymore contact with the Methodist Church Administration. Michael stated he understood my warning. I ended the phone call and I continued to speak with Monica about Michael.

I asked Monica "Does Michael have a mental disorder?" Monica told me Michael has major depression, anxiety, OCD and PTSD. Monica told me Michael is currently on medication for all of his disorders. Michael is also seeing a psychologist through the VA hospital.

This interview was recorded and logged into evidence.

Case closed Tejada