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DISPOSITION: ZULU
DIVISION: DETECTIVE

911:

SUICIDE

SIGNAL CODE: 32 CRIME CODE: * NON CRIME CODE: OT CODE: 9532 06/13/16 TUESDAY
ZONE: C21 GRID: DEPUTY I.D.: 7571 NAME: PEREZ, M. ASSIST: TIME D 1610 A 1629 C 0119
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 02/22/16 , 2200 HOURS AND DATE: 02/23/16 , 1730 HOURS
EXCEPTION TYPE:
INCIDENT LOCATION: 7020 LIONS HEAD LA APT. NO.:
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33496

NO. OFFENSES: 00 NO. OFFENDERS: UK NO. VEHICLES STOLEN: 0 NO. PREMISES ENTERED: 0
LOCATION: RESIDENCE - SINGLE FAMILY
NO. VICTIMS: 00 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

ON MAY 24, 2016, AT APPROXIMATELY 1830 HOURS I MET WITH TED BERNSTEIN (WHITE MALE, 08/27/1959) WHO PROVIDED ME WITH A STATEMENT. THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF TED'S STATEMENT. TED STATED THAT ON THE DAY OF MITCH'S DEATH HE TEXTED MITCH SOMETIME BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 9:00 A.M. IN REFERENCE TO SCHEDULING A MEETING; HOWEVER, MITCH DID NOT RESPOND. TED STATED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 3:30 P.M. HE GOT A CALL FROM DEBORAH AND SHE SOUNDED PANICKED. TED STATED THAT DEBORAH MENTIONED THAT MITCH'S STUFF WAS HERE AND SHE HASN'T HEARD FROM HIM. TED STATED THAT DEBORAH ASKED IF HE AND MITCH HAD MET, OR IF TED KNEW OF ANY MEETINGS AND TED RESPONDED NO.

TED STATED THAT A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER, PBSO CALLED AND ASKED HIM TO COME TO THE HOUSE. TED STATED THAT HE ARRIVED AT THE HOUSE AND LEARNED OF MITCH'S DEATH. TED STATED THAT DEBORAH SENT HIM A MESSAGE ASKING HIM TO STAY AND HE WAITED FOR ABOUT 40 MINUTES BEFORE LEAVING. TED STATED THAT SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING HOME DEBORAH CALLED HIM AND HE RETURNED TO THE SCENE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE. TED STATED THAT HE DROVE DEBORAH TO HIS HOUSE WHERE SHE SPENT THE NIGHT.

TED DESCRIBES DEBORAH AS BEING IN SHOCK AND BEING CONCERNED ABOUT MITCH'S LEGACY. TED STATED THAT DEBORAH DIDN'T WANT PEOPLE THAT KNEW HIM TO FIND OUT THAT MITCH TOOK HIS OWN LIFE. TED STATED THAT DEBORAH MENTIONED RECENTLY HAVING A FACIAL LASER PEEL DONE WHICH HE BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUSED AN EXTREME REACTION ON HER FACE. TED DESCRIBED IT AS LOOKING PAINFUL AND THAT THAT WAS THE ONLY MARKS THAT HE NOTICED ON DEBORAH. TED STATED THAT DEBORAH STAYED AT HIS HOME 3-4 DAYS AND DURING THAT TIME HE BRIEFLY MET ONE OF MITCH'S SISTERS, A BROTHER-IN-LAW AND DEBORAH'S SON. TED STATED THAT HE

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TRIED TO GIVE THEM PRIVACY AND STAY OUT OF THE WAY SO HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY WERE ARGUING OR THE TOPICS OF THEIR CONVERSATIONS.

TED STATED THAT PRIOR TO THIS INCIDENT THE LAST TIME HE SPOKE TO DEBORAH WAS AROUND THE HOLIDAYS. TED STATED THAT PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT HE SPOKE WITH MITCH ON THE MONDAY OR TUESDAY BEFORE AND THAT THEY TALKED ABOUT THE HOUSE REMODEL, THE MOLD AND INSURANCE ADJUSTERS. TED STATED THAT THEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT MITCH NOT WANTING TO BE INCLUDED IN ONLINE BLOGS AND MITCH OFFERED TO HELP TED'S ONLINE IMAGE.

TED STATED THAT HE HAS KNOWN MITCH SINCE AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER THROUGH EMAILS ABOUT THE HOUSE; HOWEVER, THEY DIDN'T MEET UNTIL OCTOBER. TED STATED THAT ALL OF THE CONVERSATIONS WERE IN REFERENCE TO THE HOUSE. TED STATED THAT HE DID NOT NOTICE ANY SIGNS OF MENTAL ILLNESS BUT THAT HE DID NOT KNOW MITCH WELL ENOUGH TO NOTICE. TED STATED THAT THEY DID DEVELOP A FRIENDSHIP, AND THAT HE REMEMBERS BEING IMPRESSED THAT MITCH DID NOT BLAME HIM FOR THE EXTENSIVE PROBLEMS WITH THE HOUSE. TED STATED THAT MITCH AND HE WOULD TALK 2-3 TIMES A WEEK.

TED STATED THAT HE DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT HIS BROTHER ELLIOT KNEW MITCH'S IDENTITY UNTIL AFTER THE DEATH AND THAT UP TO THIS POINT MITCH HAD NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN ELLIOT'S BLOG AND MITCH WANTED TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. TED STATED THAT THIS IS THE REASON THE LAND TRUST WAS USED TO PURCHASE THE HOME.

TED STATED THAT HIS PARENTS LEFT ASSETS TO THEIR GRANDCHILDREN AND THAT HE DIDN'T STAND TO BENEFIT ANYTHING FROM THE PURCHASE. TED STATED THAT BECAUSE OF HIS BROTHER ELLIOT, TED USES A LAWYER FOR EVERYTHING IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIMSELF.

TED STATED THAT HE AND MITCH GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND THAT MITCH WANTED TO HELP HIS REPUTATION. TED STATED THAT MITCH THOUGHT GOING INTO BUSINESS TOGETHER WOULD HELP BUT THAT THEY NEVER SPOKE OF MONEY AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE HOUSE.

TED STATED THAT MITCH DID NOT REACH OUT TO TED FOR HELP AND THAT MITCH DID NOT APPEAR TO BE DEPRESSED. TED DESCRIBED MITCH TO BE UPBEAT AND HE WAS NO DIFFERENT TWO DAYS BEFORE.

THIS CONCLUDED TED'S STATEMENT.

ON MAY 25TH AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 HOURS I MET WITH MICHAEL ALTSHULER (WHITE MALE, 10/11/1956). MICHAEL PROVIDED ME WITH A SWORN STATEMENT WHICH WAS MEMORIALIZED ON A DIGITAL RECORDING DEVICE. THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF MICHAEL'S STATEMENT, FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS PLEASE REFER TO THE CD LOCATED IN PBSO EVIDENCE. MICHAEL STATED THAT ON THE DAY OF MITCH'S DEATH HE WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH MITCH AT THE GYM INSIDE OF MITCH'S DEVELOPMENT. MICHAEL STATED THAT HE ARRIVED AT THE COMMUNITY GYM AROUND 7:00 P.M. AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN PLANNED SEVERAL DAYS IN ADVANCE. MICHAEL STATED THAT HE MET MITCH AT A SEMINAR AND THAT THEY HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR 3-4 MONTHS.

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