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06/28/17

0927 Det. Mackey and I are at 304 Tod SW home of Codey Snyder. I did not get an answer at the door so I left a contact card.

1200 Met with Prosecutor Wildman to prepare a search warrant for the duffle bag and back pack.

1345 At Judge Logan's office, search warrant for back pack and duffle bag was signed

1430 On station Det. Mackey and I searched the duffle bag and back pack. Nothing of evidentiary value was located in the bags.

06/29/17

1050 Det. Mackey and I are at 3732 Bruce Dr in Howland Twp. I spoke with Billie Holness who advised she would come in tomorrow at 1300 to give me a statement.

06/30/17

1240 Billie Holness called and had to reschedule the appoint. She advised she would come in Monday at 1300.

1327 Codey Snyder arrived on station and was interviewed in room #2. I asked Codey about the facebook messenger conversation he had with Austin on June 11. He advised he picked Austin up at his house at approximatly 2125 that night. He then drove Austin to 1518 Hyde Shaffer where Codey lives. He stated he did not remember if Austin stayed the night at his house or if he was there in the morning. He stated he lives with his dad Charles Snyder 330-646-4222 and that his dad was home while Austin was there.

07/03/17

1256 I interviewed Billie Holness (██████████ 3732 Bruce Dr), at WPD in room #2. Billie advised that she is close with Josh White. She stated she was on her way back from Canada when Josh texted her and asked if she wanted to hang out. She invited Josh to come to her house to go swimming. Josh asked if it was ok if Brandon came along and she advised that was ok. Josh texted her at 2115 and told her he was at her house. She advised they hung out and swam until about 2300 and they left. Brandon was taking Josh back home to Akron. She stated neither Josh or Brandon mentioned anything about Austin. She also advised that Josh did not use heroin.

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1315 I received a call from Darien Chaplin [REDACTED] Darien advised that he is friends Brittani Merten. He advised that Austin was staying at her house and she really wanted him out. He seen Austin at a graduation party on June 17. Austin told him that he did something but didn't want to tell him what it was. He also stated that Austin told Brittani everything that happened.

07/05/17

1528 I contacted Jackie Loges to make an appointment for her to bring Meredith in for another interview. She advised she will come in tomorrow at 0800.

1546 Called Deidra Keener and left a message for her to call me back.

07/06/17

0800 I interviewed Meredith Loges on station in room #2. Meredith advised she did take the picture and the video of the Austin shooting the gun that was found on her phone. The two were along the bike path near Austin's house when he was shooting the gun. She described the gun as a small silver gun with marble handle. Jackie also handed me a spent casing which she found in the back seat of the car Meredith was using. I returned the laptop to Jackie and advised her that we would be sending the phone to the lab to pull the video and pictures off. She advised that Austin told her that Brandon was an acquaintance of his from DYS.

07/10/17

1300 Met with Prosecutor Becker to prepare a search warrant for the DNA of Austin Burke

1510 Search warrant signed by Judge Logan.

07/12/17

1400 At Trumbull County Jail. Austin was advised of the search warrant for the DNA and Det. Crites took the sample. Austin was also given a copy of the search warrant for the DNA and for his two bags.

07/12/17

1307 I called Barb Merten back. Left a message for her to call me back.

1333 Received a message from Nate Moats in reference to him wanted to clarify something he told me in his statement.

1335 Received a message from Barb Merten to call her back.

1417 Received messages from Michaela Egbert containing the facebook messages between her and Austin.

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1511 I called Barb and Nate back and left a message for both to call back.

1535 Called Deidra Keener and left a message for her to call me back.

1954 I received a call from Det. Mackey. He advised Capt. Massucci was contacted in reference to the Walgreens on Elm Road having developed pictures containing information on the Brandon Sample murder.

2030 I arrived at Walgreens and the clerk gave me a box of pictures. She showed me some of the pictures which contained photos of social media posts about the homicide. I took the photos.

07/13/17

1400 I reviewed the photos of facebook messages of Austin and located a conversation on June 12, 2017 at 0355 am with a male named Geoff Patty. I checked Geoff Patty on Facebook and learned he worked for Dogtropolis Dog Kennel. Located a phone number for Dogtropolis 216-291-0605.

1619 Called Dogtropolis and left a message for someone to call me back.

07/14/17

0921 Received a message from Connie at Dogtropolis.

0925 Called Connie and back. She advised that Geoff still works there and that she would give him a message to call me.

0944 I received a message from Geoff Patty asking me to return his call.

1041 I spoke with Geoff Patty over the phone. Geoff did remember the facebook exchange with Austin but the two did not meet up that night. Geoff advised he met Austin in DYS but has not seen him face to face since then.

1310 Received a message from Barbara Merten. I called her back and she agreed to bring her son Nate back in as well as her daughter Brittani Merten on Monday after 3pm.

07/17/17

1523 I interviewed Nathan Moats on station in room #2. Nathan advised that the night Austin came back to Ricky's house Austin did tell him that he shot Brandon. He was afraid to tell me that information in his first interview.

1529 I then interviewed Brittani Merten. I received a tip that Austin told Brittani everything he did to Brandon. I advised Brittani that I received that tip but she denied that happened. She stated that she never asked Austin anything about it. She did ask Ricky about it on facebook and he told her that him and Austin just got done blowing someones head back. She also advised that anytime that Rickey or Austin would talk about Brandon they would start laughing

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1144 I interviewed Deidre Keener 2992 Mayfield Ave McDonald, Ohio [REDACTED] She stated last Sunday Austin was at Pam Roupe's house at 713 Mason in Niles at 1800. Austin left after midnight but before 0100. He came back at approximately 0400 in a white car. She stated that she knew it was Brandon that was driving the car because she later seen his picture on facebook. She stated Austin came into the kitchen and told her he was going to take Brandon to Hatchet Man and rob him. She advised Austin told her he had six pounds of heroin in his trunk and that he was going to take it. She tried to talk him out of it. Deidre stated she stayed the night there and left about 0700 and Austin was not there.

I then interviewed Jessica Simms 322 Sheridan Jessica stated that early Sunday morning Austin said he was going to rob this kid who used to be a CO at DYS and he was the reason he had to stay until he was 18. She went on to say that on Monday Austin was at Pam Roupes house on Mason street and that he was playing with a gun and talking about leaving a car in the woods. She then went to Niles PD to file a report of the incident.

Det. Crites showed all three witnesses photo lineups containing pictures of Austin Burke. All were able to ID Austin Burke as the suspect they gave statements about.

06/20/17

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1030 At Pam Roupes house. We did not get an answer at the door. I called Hayle back and she said they should be there. She will check and let me know.

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1330 Det. Mackey and I are at Newton Falls Muni. We filed the murder warrant for Austin.

1515 At 713 Mason Niles, Ohio. We spoke with Pam Roupe. Pam showed us Austin's bag was on the porch. She advised she did not want the bag there. The statement was recorded on audio. We took the bag and brought it back to WPD.

1545 Called dispatch and requested that they ping Austin's phone. They advised they would and would update me.

1755 Det. Mackey and I made several attempts to locate Austin by following the pings. We were not able to do so.

2252 I was advised by dispatch that Austin phone was pinging across the street from Pizza Joes and that Pizza Joes was just robbed at gunpoint. Dispatch advised that the suspect was giving them a false name. I received a picture of the suspect they had and I was able to

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Case Notes: 17-14162
Det. John P. Greaver

All Dates and Times are Approximate.

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1020 Assigned case number 17-14162. The missing person's vehicle was found in Niles on the bike path near Dinesol plastics.

1036 Called the complainant Stephanie Sample. She stated She has not heard from her son Brandon Sample since early monday morning. Brandon last texted his dad at 0430 Monday morning stating he was on his way home. Stephanie advised Brandon is an addict and also has Aspbergers but is highly funtionable. Brandon mowed his grandmother's grass on sunday and then was hanging out with a friend Josh. She thinks he was also hanging out with a male named Austin Burke whom he met at DYS wher Brandon was a CO for short period.

1040 I called local hospitals and Brandon is not registered at either.

1052 Called dispatch and had Brandon's cell phone pinged. Last time the phone was used was at 0436 on Monday morning and was in the area of Bristolville.

1101 Called Niles PD and confirmed the car recovered was brandon's. Niles PD advised there was nothing in the car and that it was towed to their impound lot.

1105 Spoke with David from TC 911. He advised the last location the phone was pinged was in Bristol at 0438 Monday morning.

1150 Out with Niles PD at the location where the car was recovered. Checked the area for evidence nothing was found.

1210 Spoke with Stephanie again. She advised her daughter heard from Brandon's friend Josh that they should check the wooded area behind Josh's grandmothers house.

1230 Det. Mackey and are at 5040 St Rt 45 Bristolville which is where Brandon's grandmother lives. We spoke briefly with her and then walked to the back yard. The woods behind her house are very thick. We saw no evidence that anyone would have entered into those woods.

1256 We are at 5106 Miller South Road home of Austin Burke. We got no answer at the door left a contact card.

1437 We received a call from Det. Ron Wright from Niles PD. He advised that a female called him with information about Brandon and that she was going to come to Niles PD to talk to him.

1500 Det Mackey and I are at Niles PD. We along with Niles Detectives Wright and Aurillio spoke with Michaela Egbert. She stated that she thinks Austin may have killed Brandon. She advised that Austin has been staying with her grand mother Pamela Roupe at 713 Mason St in Niles. She received a call from her cousing Hayle's girlfriend Jess that stated Austin killed

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someone last night. She then started checking and found the posts about Brandon being missing on facebook. She stated that she was also told that Austin came to her grandmothers that night covered in blood and told her cousin Rickey that he just set some dudes head on fire.

1537 Det. Mackey and I are at 713 Mason St in Niles. We spoke with Pam Roupe. She advised that Austin was there sunday and that he stayed the night and left monday morning.

1635 I received an email from Ken Sample containing Brandon's cell phone history calls and text messages.

1846 I received a call from Michaela Egbert. She advised she heard through a friend that Austin dumped Brandon's body on Hatchet Man Road she thinks in Farmington Twp. She did not know the actual name of the road but thought it was Stroup Hickox.

1913 I spoke with Det. Marcello from TCSO and advised her what I had been told. She did not know where Hatchet Man Road was.

1928 I spoke with Rick Tackett (retired Deputy) about where Hatchet Man Road was. He advised he would make some calls and see what he could find out.

1946 Rick called me back and advised me Hatchet Man road was at t he end of Hyde Oakville and that the house is way back in the woods and stands on stilts.

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0954 I called the number for Austin Burke. I did not get and answer and was not able to leave a message because the voicemail was not set up.

0955 Austin called me back and agreed to meet me at his mothers house at 5106 Miller South Road in Bristolville.

1030 Det. Mackey at at 5106 Miller South and were met by Austin. Austin stated he knows Brandon because he was a CO at DYS when he was an inmate there. Austin went on to say that he just left Willow Lake Sunday at about 1930 when Brandon drove by and picked him up in front of Willow Lake. He stated that there was another guy in the car either Tyler or Josh he couldn't remember the name but stated he had a beard. He stated Brandon gave him a ride back to his house and then left to take his other friend back home to Akron. He thought they both had heroine in the car and looked like there using heroin.

1100 Det. Mackey are at the dead of Hyde Oakville Road. We walked that area but were unable to locate the house on stilts.

1130 I called ODNR and left a message for them to call me back.

1141 I received a call from Ron Ferencak of ODNR. He advised he is the supervisor for the Grand River area. After describing Hatchet Man Road and the house to him he advised he knew right where it was. We arranged to meet at Rt 45 and 88 tomorrow at 0900 and he will

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take us to the house.

1300 I spoke with Michaela Egbert and asked her to come in for an official statement. She advised she would and an appointment was set up for her to come in at 1000 tomorrow.

1525 I spoke with Shawn Andrews of DYS. He confirmed that Brandon did work there during the time Austin was incarcerated. He was not able to confirm any problems between the two during Brandon's employment as a CO.

06/15/17

0800 Received information that two females made a statement to Niles PD in reference to Austin Burke admitting to robbing Brandon and dumping his car on the bike path in Niles.

0900 Det. Mackey and I are at Routes 45 and 88 to meet with ODNR personnel. On scene was ODNR Grand River area supervisor Ron Ferencak, Wildlife Officer Martin Cisine and Wildlife Investigator Brian Keyser. We followed them to Hatchet Man Road which is the west end of Peck Leech Road. We drove for approximately 10 minutes to the west dead end of Peck Leech. ODNR personnel walked us several hundred yards back to the Hatchet Man house. We all checked the area and saw no signs of Brandon or any signs that he was there. When we arrived back to the area where we parked, we could smell something decaying. Det. Mackey checked over a small embankment and observed a deceased body on the ground. At that time I contacted Sheriff Monroe he stated he would be on his way to the scene. Approximately 25 minutes later the Sheriff along with Major Palmer and Major Mason arrived on scene. After discussing the matter with the Sheriff and Capt. Massucci the decision was made that Det. Mackey and I would continue to work the case for the Trumbull County Homicide Squad. Davis Morris arrived on scene to process evidence. Officer Morris handed me an evidence bag containing a blue cloth shoe which was recovered next to the body.

1300 Det. Mackey and I are at 5040 St Rt 45 Bristolville to speak with Brandon's parents. I advised them that we found a body and based on information that we received we were pretty certain it was Brandon. We advised them that the coroner would have to make the positive identification. While there a family relative Christopher Whitmore advised me that he observed Austin and a black male along the side of the road on Bristol Champion Twn Line road. They were putting gas into a white cadillac.

1330 Det. Mackey and I are 5106 Miller South to speak with Austin again. He was not there but we spoke with his mother and brother. They advised the only black male that Austin hangs out with is Malik Seifullah.

1418 I called Jessica Simms and left a message for her to call me back.

1640 I interviewed Josh White on station in room #2. Interview was recorded. Josh stated he and Brandon have been best friends for 13 years. On Sunday Brandon picked him up at approximately 1730 hours at 1621 Morris Place in Niles. They then drove to Brandon's grandmother's house to mow her grass and arrived between 1730 and 1800. Josh thinks they mowed the grass until approximately 2030 and then drove to 3732 Bruce Drive SE to swim with Bille Holness. They then drove to Josh's grandmother's house at 974 Glenwood NE Warren,

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06/21/17

0839 Det. Mackey and I are at Trumbull County Jail to speak to Austin. I read Austin his Miranda rights and he acknowledged that he understood and signed the rights form. Austin advised he was walking in front of Will Lake at about 1930. Brandon picked him up and drove him to his house at 5106 Miller South Road. Brandon had a male from Akron in the car. Austin described the suspect as a white male having a beard. He went on to say that after Brandon dropped him off that Brandon was going to take his friend back to Akron. He got a text from him later that evening that he was going to the east side to get drugs. I asked Austin to give us consent to search his duffle bag and he refused. I advised Austin of the murder warrant and he advised me he wanted to talk to a lawyer and the interview was stopped.

1018 Det. Mackey and I are at 241 Main St Apt A in Cortland where Austin was arrested last night. We did not get an answer at the door but we were able to get the renter Melanie Engle's phone number from a neighbor. We checked the area with Cortland PD for the gun that was used in the robbery but we were unable to locate it.

1100 I received a message from dispatch to contact Austin's brother Gage Sell in reference to the case. I called Gage back. He advised that Austin could not have done this because he was home all night. He also stated that Austin was dropped off by Brandon an hour before the car was found. I asked him to come in to station to give me an official statement tomorrow morning he advised he would have to check on getting a ride and he would call me back. I provided Gage with my cell phone number.

1120 I received a second call from Austin's brother Gage. He advised he wanted to know what evidence I had on Austin before he came in and gave a statement. I advised him I was not going to tell him that. I also advised him if he had information that could help Austin he needed to come in and give me a statement. He advised that he would let me know.

1138 I received a text from Meredith Loges mother Jackie. She sent me a video of Austin shooting a silver hand gun and holding a silver hand gun with what appeared to have a marbled handle. I advised her we would be on our way to her place of employment to get Meredith's phone.

1215 Det. Mackey and I are at 965 Windham Court Suite 2 Boardman, Ohio. We spoke with Meredith's mother Jackie Loges. She gave us consent to take and go through Meredith's phone and computer.

1305 I received a call from Melanie Engle who lives in the apartment in Cortland where Austin was arrested. She advised she would be home at 1400 and that we could meet her there.

1400 Det. Mackey and I are at 241 Main Ave Cortland Apt A. Melanie signed a consent form for us to search her apartment for the gun. Det. Mackey and I along with Cortland PD officers checked the apartment and the outside again. We did not locate the gun.

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1548 I received a message from Dave Morris Cortland PD that the recovered the gun and it is the same gun that Austin has in the video and picture found on Meredith's phone.

1604 I received a message from Josh White containing a facebook post from Rickey Roupe stating that he knew all of it he was with him the night he did it there's more than what u people think. Rickey then made another post stating he felt better when Brandon got his head blew back.

06/22/17

0900 Det. Mackey received a call from OSHP in reference to a letter that was intercepted by a staff at the supermax prison that mentioned the Austin Burke case.

0911 I called the supermax prison and spoke with the labor relations office. They advised me they had the letter and that I could come and get it.

0945 Det. Mackey and I are back at the scene, the west end of Peck Leech Road (Hatchet Man Road). We checked the area for a shell casing that would be the same as the gun Austin was seen holding in the video. We were not able to locate any evidence.

1050 Det Mackey and I are at Supermax where I was given a photo copy of the letter. The letter was written by Pam Roupe to her son Lawrence Roupe. In the letter Pam describes Austin as being a bad guy and talks about the case to her son.

1400 At Grand Jury

06/23/17

1000 On station I reviewed Austin's Facebook messenger which was logged in under Meredith's Loges account on her phone. I read an exchange of messages between Austin and Corey Snyder. Austin made arrangements with Corey to pick him up somewhere around 2120 hours on the night of June 11, 2017.

1036 I interviewed Melanie Engle 241 West Main St Cortland, Ohio [REDACTED] at WPD in room #2. Melanie stated on Tuesday she was at Willow Lake with freinds at about 1730. She stated Austin was introduced to her as Nathan and he said you can call me Nate. They all agreed they were going to hang out. They all left Willow Lake and drove to Austin's house to pick up snacks. They went to her apartment at approximately 2100 hours. Melanie then had to leave her apartment at approximately 2158 hours to pick up her friend Nick and take him home from work. While she was gone she received a text from her mother about the robbery that just occurred at Pizza Joes which across the street from her apartment. Between 2235 and 2240 hours she arrived back at the apartment and police were there.

1302 I spoke with Hayle Roupe over the phone. She advised the Rickey knew who Corey Snyder was. She also stated she was at her grandmother's house with Rickey. I advised her Det. Mackey and I were on our way.

1330 Det. Mackey and I are at 713 Mason St to talk to Rickey Roupe. The interview was
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recorded on audio. Rickey stated on Sunday 6/11 Austin arrived at his house (713 Mason), between 6pm and 8pm. Austin along with Nate Moats who was also at Rickey's house, left between 1200 and 1230.

06/25/17

1504 Received a message from Jackie Loges. She advised she found Austin's bag in the trunk of Meredith's car. She asked if we wanted it and I advised that I do.

06/26/17

0950 Det. Mackey and I are at 303 Newton Dr Apt A in Newton Falls. This is the home of Nate Moats. I did not get an answer at the door I left a contact card.

1030 At 2520 Eastpoint Heights DR in Howland home of Jackie Loges. She gave me the blue back pack and it was taken to WPD.

1213 I returned a call to Jamie Sell (Austin's mom). Jamie asked me several questions about the case that I could not answer. She told me that Austin's brother stated he was home that night. I told her that I asked Gage to come in and give me a statement and she stated you can't ask him to come in I'm his mom. I then told her if they had information that could help Austin her and Gage needed to come in and give me a statement. She did not agree to come in.

1530 I received a call from a Miss Merten who advised she found my card on her door. I asked her if she was Nate Moats' mother and she advised she was. I asked her if she would bring Nate in to give me a statement on the Brandon Sample case. She advised she would bring him in tomorrow. She gets off work at 1430 and would pick him up and bring him in.

06/27/17

1015 I interviewed Taylor Dunn on station in room #2. Taylor advised she was Brandon's girlfriend. On Sunday 6/11 she did have a text message conversation with Brandon but he did not say anything about Austin or what he was doing. At 1149 PM he told her he was sorry for taking forever to reply to her because he was swimming.

1330 On station I was listening to Austin Burkes jail calls. On a call that was placed today at 1225 he was talking to his mother Jamie Sell. She asked Austin if the gun was registered to anyone. He replied no I don't think it was. Mom then asked him if his prints are on the gun. Austin replied I don't know what the gun is mom you're saying too much. Mom then says I love you but if you did this crime that makes me scared to have someone like that in my home.

1418 I called Jamie Sell to advised her the gun that was found by Cortland PD was registered to her. She stated she did own several guns. She had a gun safe that her ex-husband took but she later got back after the divorce but she is unable to open the safe. She was not aware of the gun being stolen. She also advised she would not let Austin take the gun.

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1501 Nathan Moats arrived on station and was interviewed in room #2. He advised he was at Rickey Roupes house on Mason St in Niles. Austin called Rickey and asked him if he could come over. Austin arrived at Rickey's house with Brandon in the white car. Brandon was driving the car. Nathan also advised the he seen Brandon snort heroin and then him and Austin left between 0330 and 0400. Brandon was going to drop Austin off in warren and then he was going home. Nathan remembers Austin saying something to Rickey about robbing and dropping someone off somewhere and thought it sounded bad. He has seen Austin with a gun when he first met him about a month ago. He described it as a silver gun and the handle had a marble look to it.

06/28/17

0927 Det. Mackey and I are at 304 Tod SW home of Codey Snyder. I did not get an answer at the door so I left a contact card.

1200 Met with Prosecutor Wildman to prepare a search warrant for the duffle bag and back pack.

1345 At Judge Logan's office, search warrant for back pack and duffle bag was signed

1430 On station Det. Mackey and I searched the duffle bag and back pack. Nothing of evidentiary value was located in the bags.

06/29/17

1050 Det. Mackey and I are at 3732 Bruce Dr in Howland Twp. I spoke with Billie Holness who advised she would come in tomorrow at 1300 to give me a statement.

06/30/17

1240 Billie Holness called and had to reschedule the appoint. She advised she would come in Monday at 1300.

1327 Codey Snyder arrived on station and was interviewed in room #2. I asked Codey about the facebook messenger conversation he had with Austin on June 11. He advised he picked Austin up at his house at approximately 2125 that night. He then drove Austin to 1518 Hyde Shaffer where Codey lives. He stated he did not remember if Austin stayed the night at his house or if he was there in the morning. He stated he lives with his dad Charles Snyder 330-646-4222 and that his dad was home while Austin was there.

07/03/17

1256 I interviewed Billie Holness (REDACTED, 3732 Bruce Dr), at WPD in room #2. Billie advised that she is close with Josh White. She stated she was on her way back from Canada when Josh texted her and asked if she wanted to hang out. She invited Josh to come to her house to go swimming. Josh asked if it was ok if Brandon came along and she advised that was ok. Josh texted her at 2115 and told her he was at her house. She advised they hung out and swam until about 2300 and they left. Brandon was taking Josh back home to Akron. She

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stated neither Josh or Brandon mentioned anything about Austin. She also advised that Josh did not use heroin.

1315 I received a call from Darien Chaplin [REDACTED]. Darien advised that he is friends Brittani Merten. He advised that Austin was staying at her house and she really wanted him out. He seen Austin at a graduation party on June 17. Austin told him that he did something but didn't want to tell him what it was. He also stated that Austin told Brittani everything that happened.

07/05/17

1528 I contacted Jackie Loges to make an appointment for her to bring Meredith in for another interview. She advised she will come in tomorrow at 0800.

1546 Called Deidra Keener and left a message for her to call me back.

07/06/17

0800 I interviewed Meredith Loges on station in room #2. Meredith advised she did take the picture and the video of the Austin shooting the gun that was found on her phone. The two were along the bike path near Austin's house when he was shooting the gun. She described the gun as a small silver gun with marble handle. Jackie also handed me a spent casing which she found in the back seat of the car Meredith was using. I returned the laptop to Jackie and advised her that we would be sending the phone to the lab to pull the video and pictures off. She advised that Austin told her that Brandon was an acquaintance of his from DYS.

07/10/17

1300 Met with Prosecutor Becker to prepare a search warrant for the DNA of Austin Burke

1510 Search warrant signed by Judge Logan.

07/12/17

1400 At Trumbull County Jail. Austin was advised of the search warrant for the DNA and Det. Crites took the sample. Austin was also given a copy of the search warrant for the DNA and for his two bags.

07/12/17

1307 I called Barb Merten back. Left a message for her to call me back.

1333 Received a message from Nate Moats in reference to him wanted to clarify something he told me in his statement.

1335 Received a message from Barb Merten to call her back.

1417 Received messages from Michaela Egbert containing the facebook messages between her

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and Austin.

1511 I called Barb and Nate back and left a message for both to call back.

1535 Called Deidra Keener and left a message for her to call me back.

1954 I received a call from Det. Mackey. He advised Capt. Massucci was contacted in reference to the Walgreens on Elm Road having developed pictures containing information on the Brandon Sample murder.

2030 I arrived at Walgreens and the clerk gave me a box of pictures. She showed me some of the pictures which contained photos of social media posts about the homicide. I took the photos.

07/13/17

1400 I reviewed the photos of facebook messages of Austin and located a conversation on June 12, 2017 at 0355 am with a male named Geoff Patty. I checked Geoff Patty on Facebook and learned he worked for Dogtropolis Dog Kennel. Located a phone number for Dogtropolis 216-291-0605.

1619 Called Dogtropolis and left a message for someone to call me back.

07/14/17

0921 Received a message from Connie at Dogtropolis.

0925 Called Connie and back. She advised that Geoff still works there and that she would give him a message to call me.

0944 I received a message from Geoff Patty asking me to return his call.

1041 I spoke with Geoff Patty over the phone. Geoff did remember the facebook exchange with Austin but the two did not meet up that night. Geoff advised he met Austin in DYS but has not seen him face to face since then.

1310 Received a message from Barbara Merten. I called her back and she agreed to bring her son Nate back in as well as her daughter Brittani Merten on Monday after 3pm.

07/17/17

1523 I interviewed Nathan Moats on station in room #2. Nathan advised that the night Austin came back to Ricky's house Austin did tell him that he shot Brandon. He was afraid to tell me that information in his first interview.

1529 I then interviewed Brittani Merten. I received a tip that Austin told Brittani everything he did to Brandon. I advised Brittani that I received that tip but she denied that happened. She stated that she never asked Austin anything about it. She did ask Ricky about it on facebook

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and he told her that him and Austin just got done blowing someones head back. She aslo also advised that anytime that Rickey or Austin would talk about Brandon they would start laughing and she would leave the room.

07/24/17

1130 Prosecutor Becker and I met with Judge Logan in reference to obtaining a search warrant for Austin Burke's cell phone. Search warrant was granted.

1345 at TCJ I left a copy of the search warrant for Burke with the C.O. on duty on the third floor.

11/01/17

1330 I spoke with John Glosco with Ohio High Intentsity Drug Trafficking Area. He advised he would check to see if he would be able to help with the GPS history on the phones. He stated he would call me back.

12/01/17

0900 Received the report on Austin and Meredith's phones from Det. Laprocina

1400 Spoke with William Maskal from BCI and set up an appointment to meet with him at BCI on Wednesday 12/5/17 at 1000.

12/05/17

1000 At BCI Richfield office. Gave Bill the information from the phone. He advised he aslo needed the tower history in electronic form. I advised him I will email it to him when I get back to my office.

1445 I forwarded Bill the email I received from the phone company containing Burke's tower history.

