

STATE v. TODD MACKELROY

Figure 2

On July 16, 2022, I was dispatched to 125 East Barham Street in response to a violation of a protection order. Upon arrival I spoke with the caller, Josie Beehler. Josie was visibly upset, crying, and yelling when I initially spoke to her. After calming Josie down, I asked her what occurred. She stated that she had just been to a shopping mall when she saw her former fiancé, Todd Mackelroy. She stated that Todd was a criminal investigator assigned to the County Police Department. Todd had been briefly suspended from the police department after being served with a protection order but was recently reinstated. Josie also stated that in 2021 she received a protection order against Todd and that he had been validly served.

Josie told me that earlier in the day, at approximately 1:45 PM, she was shopping in the women's section of Macy's department store when she observed the respondent Todd. She stated that Todd was behind a clothing rack in the nearby men's section and that he was staring at her.

Josie stated that she immediately left the store and didn't report Todd to store personnel because "they wouldn't be able to do anything" and she was fearful for her safety. She said she went right home and called police and waited for me to arrive. She further explained that the respondent did not approach her and did not say anything to her.

I validated the protection order. I then asked Josie whether it was possible that Todd was simply there by coincidence. Josie then began screaming and yelling. She shouted, "I've been through this with you guys so many times! He is playing games and he is playing you. He's been harassing me, and I heard he posted a nude photo of me he had from when we were engaged. He is following me—even on social media—and seems to know everything I am about to do." (When I followed up about the alleged nude photo, Josie admitted she had not actually seen the photo herself).

Josie then launched into complaining about her history with Todd and how the suspect often shows up where she is. She also complained that we, the police department, don't do anything about it.

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