VI. E-911 Calls

On July 19, 2021, Rhode Island State Police Detective Stephen Vinton requested all related telephone records and recordings from Nancy Duffy, Keeper of the Records for the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety E-911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System. Ms. Nancy Duffy advised that Rhode Island E-911 received ten (10) telephone calls related to Assault with a Dangerous Weapon incidents that had occurred throughout the City of Providence. Please reference Appendix XX for the E911 Records. The following is a summary of the E911 telephone call recordings:

A. 401-____(Caller #1)

On Thursday, July 8, 2021, at approximately 8:16 PM, telephone number 401-_____ contacted Rhode Island E-911. The E911 recording of this call was approximately three minutes and forty-four seconds (3:44) in length. A male caller identified as “Brian” stated that he was riding a bicycle on Whipple Street when a black sport utility vehicle bearing Rhode Island registration approached his location. “Brian” advised that an occupant put the window down and shot him in the head with what he believed was a BB gun.

“Brian” stated that he did not require medical attention and he observed the vehicle traveling outbound on Douglas Avenue.

B. 401-____(Caller #2)

On Thursday, July 8, 2021, at approximately 8:26 PM, telephone number 401-_____ contacted Rhode Island E-911. The E911 recording of this call was approximately three minutes and fourteen seconds (3:14) in length. The female caller identified as stated that an occupant of a cranberry colored sport utility vehicle, threw an unidentified object at the windshield of her vehicle, causing it to shatter. The complainant reported that the incident occurred on Carleton Street at Roanoke Street and observed the suspect vehicle operating recklessly, at a high rate of speed.
The unidentified female passenger inside the complainant’s vehicle, stated that she believed she heard a “gunshot” just prior to the windshield breaking.

C. [Redacted] (Caller #3)

On Thursday, July 8, 2021, at approximately 8:29 PM, telephone number [Redacted] contacted Rhode Island E-911. The E911 recording of this call was approximately two minutes and thirty-one seconds (2:31) in length. The unidentified male caller reported that he was located at 33 Dearborn Street and that there were at least two (2) subjects present who are shooting at him and his co-workers with possibly pellet guns or shotguns. The complainant stated that the subjects arrived in a black sport utility vehicle and subsequently began to chase the workers around the yard of this commercial area, while shooting at them.

When asked if the suspect vehicle was still on scene, the unidentified male caller advised that he was unsure because he was hiding. Shortly thereafter, the unidentified caller stated he was informed that the vehicle had fled the area and turned left onto Manton Avenue.

D. [Redacted] (Caller #4)

On Thursday, July 8, 2021, at approximately 8:30 PM, telephone number [Redacted] contacted Rhode Island E-911. The E911 recording of this call was approximately one minute and forty-six seconds (1:46) in length. The male caller identified as “Eric” reported that he was located at 33 Dearborn Street (Narragansett Creamery) and two (2) male subjects arrived at that location in a dark colored sport utility vehicle. The male subjects subsequently exited the vehicle and began shooting projectiles toward him and several other people on scene with what he believed to be long rifle BB guns. “Eric” stated that the suspects were chasing the individuals around trucks and chasing individuals inside the building. “Eric” stated that he was hiding in the milk room with another employee.
C. [Redacted] (Caller #5)

On Thursday, July 8, 2021, at approximately 8:30 PM, telephone number [Redacted] contacted Rhode Island E-911. The E911 recording of this call was approximately one minute and fifty-eight seconds (1:58) in length. The unidentified male caller reported that he was located at 33 Dearborn Street (Narragansett Creamery) in a work vehicle, when a suspect vehicle arrived on scene and a male subject exited the vehicle. The male subject shot projectiles toward him, which struck him in the head and shot a window of his vehicle out.

The unidentified male caller stated that he was bleeding but refused medical attention. The unidentified male caller advised that he needed a report because he had to explain it to his boss.

D. [Redacted] (Caller #6)

On Thursday, July 8, 2021, at approximately 8:45 PM, telephone number [Redacted] contacted Rhode Island E-911. The E911 recording of this call was approximately two minutes and forty-one seconds (2:41) in length. The female caller was identified as [Redacted] stated that she had remained on Carleton Street and police have not responded to her location. Shortly thereafter, [Redacted] advised that a Providence Police Officer was on scene with her.

G. [Redacted] (Caller #7)

On Thursday, July 8, 2021, at approximately 10:43 PM, telephone number [Redacted] contacted Rhode Island E-911. The E911 recording of this call was approximately two minutes and five seconds (2:05) in length. The unidentified male caller reported that he had just been attacked by a group of kids in Kennedy Plaza and they were chasing him. The unidentified male caller stated that he was able to run away in the direction of the Garrahy Courthouse and did not believe the subjects were chasing any longer. The unidentified male caller refused police and medical attention.
H. [redacted] (Caller #8)

On Friday, July 9, 2021, at approximately 12:48 AM, telephone number [redacted] contacted Rhode Island E-911. The E911 recording of this call was approximately four minutes and forty-two seconds (4:42) in length. The female caller identified as "Mariella" reported that a vehicle was driving around in the area of Manton Avenue and Steuben Street with a rifle style weapon, possibly a BB gun. The occupants were pointing the rifle at individuals and shooting projectiles from the vehicle.

"Mariella" further stated, "it's a rifle!" and advised the suspect vehicle was a two (2) door blue BMW 3 series with tinted windows. "Mariella" advised that the operator was wearing a white shirt and that he was holding a rifle. She could not provide a description of the passenger but stated that the vehicle was traveling back and forth in the area of Manton Avenue. She stated that in the past approximately twenty (20) minutes, the suspect vehicle had passed by her location on two (2) separate occasions, stopped in the middle of the roadway and pointed the rifle from the vehicle at individuals.

I. [redacted] (Caller #9)

On Friday, July 9, 2021, at approximately 1:03 AM, telephone number [redacted] contacted Rhode Island E-911. The E911 recording of this call was approximately three minutes and thirty-one seconds (3:31) in length. The unidentified male caller reported that he was located at Kennedy Plaza, when a black BMW convertible arrived at the location with three (3) occupants, two (2) "kids" were in possession of possibly BB guns. The unidentified male caller stated that he had been shot by a projectile and that he was actively running away from the subjects.

The unidentified male caller stated that one (1) of the subjects was wearing black shorts, a white tank-top and all of the individuals have their faces covered. The unidentified male caller further advised that he was on scene with another male subject who had been shot in the face with a projectile. The unidentified male caller refused medical attention and advised that the suspect vehicle fled onto Exchange Street.
On Friday, July 9, 2021, at approximately 1:18 AM, telephone number [redacted] contacted Rhode Island E-911. The E911 recording of this call was approximately two minutes and fifty seconds (2:50) in length. The unidentified female caller reported that a vehicle with several young male occupants were driving around, while shooting possibly a pellet gun at individuals. The unidentified female caller stated that she was struck in the face by a projectile and provided her location as the playground behind Hope High School on Brown Street and Olney Street. The unidentified female caller refused medical attention and provided the plate on the suspect vehicle as Wyoming registration [redacted]. The suspect vehicle fled on Brown Street toward Olney Street.