



City of Middletown Police Department



Memorandum

Date: 04/26/2018
To: Chief John Ewanciw
From: Lieutenant Jeffry Thoelen
Subject: Off-Duty Domestic Incident—PO Q. Jason Ryer, Shield #1478

Chief Ewanciw:

On March 16, 2018, Officer Jason Ryer was involved in a domestic dispute with his wife, Jamie L Ryer, at their residence which is located at [REDACTED], in the Town of Shawangunk in Ulster County. The dispute between Officer Ryer and his wife was reportedly physical; however, Jamie Ryer was described as the primary aggressor in the police report completed by the responding law enforcement agency, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. At this time, there does not appear to be any wrongdoing or policy violations on the part of Officer Ryer. I have completed an investigation into the incident, and I do not believe any further action is necessary at this time. Please see the following incident narrative and assessment regarding this investigation.

Facts of the Incident:

On March 16, 2018, at approximately 5:10 PM, I was contacted while off-duty at my residence by Officer Jason Ryer regarding a domestic dispute that he had with his wife at their residence, which is located at [REDACTED] in Ulster County. Officer Ryer advised me that he and his wife, Jamie L Ryer, had a verbal argument that turned slightly physical, over some ongoing relationship and childcare issues. Officer Ryer further stated that based on the actions of his wife, he had called 911 and requested police to respond to his residence.

While speaking with Officer Ryer regarding the incident, he advised me that a sheriff's deputy from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office was at his residence completing paperwork. I asked to speak with the deputy, and Officer Ryer promptly provided his phone to the deputy, who identified himself to me as Deputy Christopher Heimink. Deputy Heimink advised that he had responded to Officer Ryer's residence secondary to a 911 call that reported a physical domestic dispute. He confirmed that Officer Ryer was the caller as reported by Ulster County 911. Deputy Heimink stated that he responded to the residence and found Officer Ryer waiting in the driveway outside. Officer Ryer then provided Deputy Heimink with a basic description of the events that took place between him and his wife, stating that his wife had sent their son to daycare without any shoes, and that she had been having unwanted male guests over at the residence while Officer Ryer was at work. The argument turned physical when Jamie Ryer pushed Officer Ryer, and Officer Ryer then grabbed hold of his wife's arms and held her to protect himself from being struck or pushed. He then contacted 911.

Deputy Hemink reported that neither Officer Ryer nor his wife had any injuries or physical marks as a result of the incident. He further stated that Officer Ryer was professional and calm, and fully cooperated with his

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investigation. Jamie Ryer, on the other hand, was reported as being argumentative and irate. Deputy Heimink stated that she continually tried to talk over both Deputy Heimink and Officer Ryer during the investigation and was demanding that Officer Ryer leave the house.

Based upon the information provided by Officer Ryer and Deputy Heimink, it did not appear that Officer Ryer was the primary aggressor in the situation. Deputy Heimink stated that Officer Ryer's wife was going to be listed as the suspect in his New York State Domestic Incident Report due to her actions of pushing Officer Ryer. Officer Ryer expressed to the deputy and to me that he did not wish to pursue a criminal complaint against his wife for the violation of Harassment in the Second Degree.

After completing my phone interview with Deputy Heimink, I asked to speak with Officer Ryer once again. Officer Ryer continued to maintain his composure and was cooperative with all of my questions. I asked Officer Ryer how he wanted to proceed and he stated that he was not sure. Originally, his wife was going to leave for the evening, but she reconsidered and demanded that Officer Ryer leave. I asked Officer Ryer if he had a place where he could go for the evening and he advised that he has a very good relationship with his mother and father-in-law, and that he would make arrangements to stay there. Officer Ryer then gathered his belongings and left the residence. I am unaware of any further interactions or issues between Officer Ryer and his wife that evening.

Several days later, I received copies of all of the documentation associated with this domestic incident as completed by Deputy Heimink. This documentation appears to corroborate all of the details provided by Officer Ryer and Deputy Heimink. No further action was taken regarding the incident

Analysis and Assessment:

After reviewing this incident, I do not believe that there are any policy violations or legal issues associated with the domestic dispute between Officer Ryer and his wife. It appears that Officer Ryer conducted himself appropriately, and in accordance with the high standards expected of him by our agency. Domestic violence is undoubtedly a serious issue, which impacts individuals from all walks of life, even police officers. Officer Ryer is acutely aware of the legal issues that surround domestic violence and appears to have done everything correctly to deescalate the situation between him and his wife and document the situation. Disagreements occur between partners on a regular basis, but when the disagreements turn physical, the results can be dangerous. Officer Ryer took appropriate action by contacting 911 and reporting the incident directly to me, immediately after it occurred. This was the correct procedure, as outlined in our department policy in OGO-011-16, Domestic Incidents.

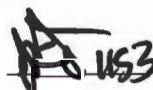
I have now completed my review of this incident and do not believe that any additional action is necessary. As previously stated, Officer Ryer is aware of his responsibilities when faced with a domestic dispute, and followed all policies and procedures to the best of his ability. I would now recommend that this incident be officially considered "CLOSED."

Respectfully submitted,



Lieutenant Jeffrey R. Thoelen



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Pistol Permits	340-3839
Crime Tips Hotline	340-3599
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CASE REPORT

Date 04/30/2018
Time 10:17:30

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Case Number : 2018-00003400
Description : Domestic

ORI # : NY0550000 UCSO ROAD

Case Details :

Location . . . : [REDACTED] Reported . . . : 03/16/2018 17:05
 Occurred From: 03/16/2018 16:40
 Area/Section : Shawangk T / WALLKILL Grid : Occurred Thru: 03/16/2018 17:06
 Reporting Officer : 152 - HEIMINK,CHRISTOPHER Scene Processed by: 152 - HEIMINK,CHRISTOPHER
 Assigned Bureau : Patrol Significant Event : No
 Case Status . . . : Pros Decl 03/16/2018 Disposition . . . : C ProsDecl 03/16/2018
 No. of Offenses . . : 1 No. of Offenders : 1 No. of Victims . . : 1

Offenses :

NO.	Group	ORI	Statute	Crime Code	Stat Type	Atmpt/Commit	Counts
1	State	PL 240.26	01 OV2	0013B	Penal Law	Committed	001
HARRASSMENT 2ND- PHY CONTACT							Offense Date : 03/16/2018

Location Type : SingleHome Location Type 2 : Arson Type . . . :
 Gang Related : Domestic . . . : Domestic Hate Crime . . . :
 Property Damage: Aband Structure: NO Sub-Code . . . :
 Weapon Code : Persol Wpn Weapon Feature : Adults Present : 1
 H/A Assault Cir: Argument H/A Asslt Cir 2: Aiding/Abetting:

Subjects : (Current Information)

Subject Type	No.	Subject Name	Primary	Phone Number	D.O.B.	Age
Suspect	1	RYER, JAMIE, L,	YES	Home [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	39
						At Occur : 39

Race : White Sex : Female Ethnicity . . . : Non Hisp
 Height : 5'04" Weight : 175 Build :
 Hair : Brown Eyes : Brown Complexion . . . :

Resident Type : Sinfam Resident Status: Resident Statement Type : Taped
 Disposition : Condition . . : Normal

Related Offenses :

No.	Group/ORI	Statute	Description
1	State	PL 240.26 01 OV2	HARRASSMENT 2ND- PHY CONTACT

Aliases :

Type	Name	Race	Sex	D.O.B.
Regular:	RYER, JAMIE, LYNNMARIE,			[REDACTED]

Victim	No.	Subject Name	Primary	Phone Number	D.O.B.	Age
	1	RYER, QUANTE, J,	YES	Home [REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED] Work [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	33
						At Occur : 33

Race : Black Sex : Male Ethnicity . . . : Non Hisp
 Height : 6'01" Weight : 205 Build :
 Hair : Black Eyes : Brown Complexion . . . :

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Victim Type . : Individual	Resident Type : Sinfam	Resident Status: Resident	Statement Type : Taped
Disposition . :	Injury Type 1 : None	Condition . . : Normal	Vic Inf Rights : Yes
Extent Injury : Not Injurd	Injury Type 2 :	Transported To :	Injury Type 3 :

Related Offenses :

No.	Group/ORI	Statute	Description
1	State	PL 240.26 01 OV2	HARRASSMENT 2ND- PHY CONTACT

Victim Offender Relationship :

No.	Off Type	Name	Relationship
1	Suspect	RYER, JAMIE, L,	Wife

Arrests :

Suspect Vehicles :

Property :

Incident Narrative :

Dispatch Narrative

FEMALE IS REPORTED TO BE THE AGGRESSOR	17:05:42
HE IS AN OFFICER FROM THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN	17:05:59
FEMALE COULD BE HEARD YELLING IN THE BACKGROUND	17:06:11
123 SECURE CANCEL OTHER UNITS	17:16:21

CAD System Narrative

Last Latitude for incident: 41.6119410
Last Longitude for incident: - 74.1858000

Case Narrative :

(CHRI) Incident Narrative

On March 16, 2018, I responded to [REDACTED], Town of Shawangunk, for a report of a domestic dispute.

While enroute, Ulster County 911 advised the domestic dispute was between a husband and wife. Ulster County 911 further advised the dispute was physical but that the two had separated.

Upon my arrival, I noticed a male, identified as QUANTE J. RYER [REDACTED]), outside in the driveway. I approached Mr. Ryer and questioned him on the events of the day. Mr. Ryer advised he and his wife, later identified as JAMIE L. RYER [REDACTED]), had a dispute. Mr. Ryer and I then entered the residence and immediately Ms. Ryer began to yell, scream, attempt to talk over me. I advised Ms. Ryer I would speak to her momentarily and that I was currently speaking to her husband. I then continued my interview with Mr. Ryer. Mr. Ryer

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went on to state that upon returning home from work he had discovered that his son had went to preschool without shoes. Mr. Ryer further claimed Ms. Ryer was having other people, whom he did not approve of, in his house. Mr. Ryer advised he was upset and upon speaking to his wife about the aforesaid topics a verbal argument ensued. Mr. Ryer advised his wife had told him to leave, then approached him, and pushed him. Mr. Ryer advised he grabbed his wife's hands to prevent her from pushing him or striking him.

I then interviewed Ms. Ryer. Ms. Ryer advised her husband was upset because their son had gone to preschool without shoes on. Ms. Ryer explained before leaving for preschool her son was giving her a hard time and that he had taken his shoes off before leaving the house. Ms. Ryer explained that upon arriving at the preschool she had noticed her son did not have shoes. Ms. Ryer advised that Mr. Ryer had come home angry and confronted her about the missing shoes. Ms. Ryer stated she got angry, told her husband to leave, and then pushed him. Ms. Ryer advised her husband then grabbed her by the arms and pushed her away onto the bed. I questioned Ms. Ryer about the people she was having in her house to which Ms. Ryer became extremely angry, irate, and began to yell that her sister had driven her home the other night because she was intoxicated. Ms. Ryer continued to yell that her sister's boyfriend, whom Mr. Ryer does not approve of, came and picked up her sister. Ms. Ryer then continued to yell that she pays the mortgage and that she can have whomever she wants in her house including her boyfriend.

After interviewing both parties, I returned to my patrol vehicle and retrieved my domestic incident report (DIR). I completed a DIR and requested Mr. Ryer to write a deposition to which he declined. I provided a copy of the DIR and the victim's rights to Mr. Ryer. After completing the DIR, it was determined Ms. Ryer would leave for the evening.

I did not take any further action. I cleared without incident.

Deputy C. Heimink #62
March 16, 2018**(JRIL) Sgt. Review Paperwork & Narrative**

DIR received, reviewed, and submitted for filing.

Sgt James Riley #019

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