

# BOROUGH OF STRATFORD BUREAU OF POLICE

## Supplementary Investigation Report

CASE No. 13-10-77

1 CRIME Driving While Intoxicated		7 DATE OF CRIME 10/26/13		3 VICTIM NEW ADDRESS			
1A NEW CRIME IF CHANGED		7A NJIS 39:4-50 39:4-97		38 STATUS CRIME Cleared By Arrest		40 STATUS CASE Pending Court	
				37A ADD'L STOLEN PROP. VAL		38A ADD'L REC. PROP. VAL	
ADDITIONAL VALUE STOLEN PROPERTY	31A CURRENCY	32A JEWELRY	33A FURS	34A CLOTHING	35A AUTO	36A MISCELLANEOUS	

LIST NAME ONLY OF PREVIOUS ACCUSED — COMPLETE INFORMATION ON NEW ACCUSED — INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PERPETRATORS — SUSPECTS — RECORD ALL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST REPORT — EXPLAIN ANY CRIME CHANGE — LIST ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS OF VICTIMS — PERSONS CONTACTED — WITNESSES — EVIDENCE — TECHNICAL SERVICES — STOLEN PROPERTY — RECOVERED PROPERTY — COURT ACTION

ACCUSED 43 NUMBER ACCUSED 43A NEW ACCUSED 44A ADULT 45A JUVENILE 46A RACE 47A SEX 48A DATE OF BIRTH  
 Michael L Harper Jr. [REDACTED] Ellis Avenue, Lawnside, NJ 08045 Adult Black Male [REDACTED]

On 10/26/2013 at approximately 0529 hours, I was traveling south on Laurel Road approaching Warwick Road. At that time I observed a motor vehicle crash blocking the south bound lane of Laurel Road approximately 100 feet south of Warwick Road. As I pulled up behind the vehicles, I observed one male to be out of his vehicle, and a second male to be exiting from the other vehicle involved. I escorted both subjects out of harms way and onto the sidewalk and asked both males if they were injured. The first male, later identified as Matthew Campbell, stated he was not injured and did not want to have an ambulance dispatched. The second male, later identified as Michael L Harper Jr. also stated he was not inured and did not wish to have an ambulance dispatched. Mr. Harper then stated to me that he was a Camden Metro Police Officer and that his firearm was in his vehicle. I asked Mr. Harper where in the vehicle his firearm was located where he advised me that it was under his front seat. Mr. Harper further advised that he did not have any other weapons on his person or in the vehicle. I asked Mr. Harper if he would allow me to retrieve his firearm and secure it in my patrol vehicle for safety where he agreed. I went to Mr. Harper's vehicle and observed a black semi-auto hand gun under the driver's seat. I retrieved said weapon and made the weapon safe by ejecting the magazine and locking the slide to the rear. Upon doing so I observed the magazine to contain 14 round of ammunition and there to be one round in the chamber. I secured said weapon in the trunk of my patrol vehicle and continued my investigation. I then spoke with Mr. Campbell as to what took place. Mr. Campbell stated that he was traveling north on Laurel Road approaching Warwick Road. He continued that he moved into the left turn lane to make a left turn onto Warwick Road and observed a vehicle traveling south in his lane. He then swerved to the left to avoid a collision and was stuck by the southbound vehicle. I asked Mr. Campbell how much time had passed from the time of the collision till the time he observed me to arrive at the location where he stated it was "almost right away, only a few seconds." I again asked Mr. Campbell if he was injured where he again stated he was not injured and did not need an ambulance dispatched. I then spoke with Mr. Harper as to the events. Mr. Harper stated he was on his way to work and was traveling south on Laurel Road. He continued that after crossing Warwick Road he observed a vehicle in front of him where he braked heavily and struck the vehicle. I asked Mr. Harper how much time elapsed form the time of the collision till my arrival where he stated "only 20-30 seconds." While speaking with Mr. Harper his speech was slow and slurred, his eyes were red and watery, he stood with his feet wide for support, he swayed from front to back, and I detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath.

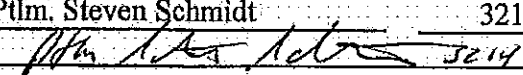

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I asked Mr. Harper if he had consumed any alcoholic beverages this evening prior to driving where he stated he had 3 shots earlier this evening. I then retrieved my Portable Breath Test unit from my patrol vehicle, explained, demonstrated, and asked Mr. Harper if he would provide a breath sample. Mr. Harper agreed to do so and did provide a breath sample resulting in a positive indication for the presence of alcohol on his breath. I contacted Patrolman Farrell, who was the on call Crash Team Member in accordance with policy, and advised him of the situation. Patrolman Farrell advised me that he would make proper notifications, not to move any vehicles or debris, and would call me back to notify me if he would be responding to investigate the crash. While speaking with Patrolman Farrell, I asked Mr. Harper if he wished to voluntarily sit in the rear of my patrol vehicle to keep warm as it was cold and he was only wearing a t-shirt, sweat pants, socks, and sandals. Mr. Harper did voluntarily take a seat in the rear of my patrol vehicle. After I concluded my phone call with Patrolman Farrell, I requested Mr. Harper to exit my vehicle to attempt balance tests. I escorted Mr. Harper to an adjacent drive way and observed his walk to be unsteady. Once at said location I observed the area to be level and clear of debris and asked Mr. Harper if he had any injuries that would prevent him from attempting balance tests. Mr. Harper stated he did not. While speaking with Mr. Harper I observed him to stand with his feet wide for support and he swayed from front to back. I requested Mr. Harper to remove his glasses and conducted HGN Testing and observed all six clues of intoxication. I afforded Mr. Harper the opportunity to remove his sandals for the remaining tests where he removed his sandals and attempted the balance tests in his socks. I explained, demonstrated, and asked Mr. Harper if he understood the Walk and Turn Test. Mr. Harper stated he understood and attempted the test. I explained, demonstrated, and asked Mr. Harper if he understood the One Leg Stand Test. Mr. Harper stated he understood and attempted the test. After observing Mr. Harper's red watery eyes, slow slurred speech, the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath, his poor balance while standing and walking, and his poor attempts at the balance tests, I believed Mr. Harper to be intoxicated. After the conclusion of the balance tests Patrolman Farrell called me back. I asked Mr. Harper if he wished to sit in my patrol vehicle once again and he did so. Patrolman Farrell advised me that since there were no injuries, the scene was released to me. I advised Patrolman Farrell that pursuant to my investigation that Mr. Harper will be placed under arrest for DWI. I then advised Mr. Harper that he was under arrest for DWI and transported him to headquarters. During transport the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage consumed the interior of my patrol vehicle. Once at headquarters I advised Mr. Harper of his Miranda Warnings as well as his rights under the Implied Consent Law. When asked if he would provide samples of his breath for testing Mr. Harper stated "yes." After more than 20 minutes of continuous observation I performed the Alcotest. Mr. Harper provided two proper breath samples reporting his BAC to be a .09%. As I continued to process Mr. Harper Patrolman Farrell arrived for duty. Patrolman Farrell advised me that he received a phone call from Camden Metro Police Internal Affairs in regards to Mr. Harper's weapon.

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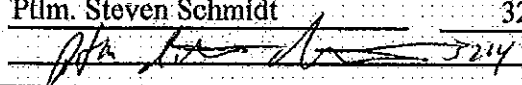
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Patrolman Farrell advised me to secure Mr. Harper's weapon and that someone from Camden Metro IA was responding to claim the weapon. At that time Mr. Harper was released to a friend pending court. At approximately 0800 hours, William R. Reese of the Camden County Police Department arrived at headquarters, was apprised of the situation, and took custody of said weapon.

**Charges:**      39:4-50    Driving While Intoxicated  
                  39:4-97    Careless Driving

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