



Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department

Officer Report for Incident 23-006566

Nature: Citizen Assist

Address:



Location: TO

Topsham ME 04086

Offense Codes: CITA

Received By: Sandy Carleton

How Received: R

Agency: 1200

Responding Officers: Chad Carleton

Responsible Officer: Chad Carleton

Disposition: CLO 05/03/23

When Reported: 10:37:34 05/03/23

Occurred Between: 10:37:34 05/03/23 and 10:38:11 05/03/23

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant: SAG SO

Last: Sagadahoc SO

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address: 752 HIGH ST

Race:

Sex:

Phone: (207)443-8529

City: Bath, ME 04530

Offense Codes

Reported: CITA Citizen Assist

Observed:

Additional Offense: CITA Citizen Assist

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Chad Carleton

110

Responsible Officer: Chad Carleton

Agency: 1200

Received By: Sandy Carleton

Last Radio Log: 11:36:10 05/03/23 CMPLT

How Received: R Radio

Clearance: CRO Cleared by Responding Officer

When Reported: 10:37:34 05/03/23

Disposition: CLO **Date:** 05/03/23

Judicial Status: APP

Occurred between: 10:37:34 05/03/23

Misc Entry: 107

and: 10:38:11 05/03/23

Modus Operandi:

Description :

Method :

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
05/03/23	Name	Card, Robert R II	Suspect
05/03/23	Name	Sagadahoc SO,	Complainant

Narrative

SAGADAHOC PATROL PLEASE READ - USE CAUTION IF RESPONDING TO [REDACTED] - ROBERT CARD'S RESIDENCE - PARANOID BEHAVIOR AND HAS 10-15 FIREARMS IN HOUSE AND/OR TRUCK - ANSWERED THE DOOR WITH A GUN ON 5/4/23 WHEN FAMILY VISITED

THE ACTUAL RESIDENCE IS JUST NORTH OF THE HOUSE MARKED 1007, AND IS THE SECOND RIGHT JUST NORTH OF WOOD SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD. IT IS A WHITE SINGLE WIDE TRAILER WITH BLACK SHUTTERS AND A DETACHED BLUE METAL GARAGE.

I was asked to call in and speak with Topsham SRO Mathieu. On the phone, I learned that Cara Card [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in SRO Mathieu's office and had some concerns they would like to discuss reference [REDACTED] father, Robert Card (4/4/83), who resides in Bowdoin.

I traveled to Mt. Ararat and we met in SRO Mathieu's office. After introductions, I learned from [REDACTED] that his father's mental health is in question. [REDACTED] told me that back around January, he noticed his father was starting to claim that people were saying things about him, while out in public. [REDACTED] described how he and his father would be in public places, and Robert would start to claim that people around them, were talking about Robert. [REDACTED] said these would be people not even close to them and that nothing was being said in his father's direction. [REDACTED] came to the conclusion that Robert was likely hearing voices or starting to experience paranoia. [REDACTED] described the re-occurring theme as Robert claiming people were saying derogatory things about him, such as calling him a pedophile. [REDACTED] said about 2-3 weeks ago, he stopped to visit Robert at home and Robert became very angry, accusing [REDACTED] of saying things about him behind his back. [REDACTED] described it as the latest example of Robert acting angry and paranoid.

As I talked to [REDACTED] and Cara, who is Robert's ex-wife, I learned a bit about Robert's life. Robert is currently an Army Reservist assigned to a training unit in Saco and has historically instructed soldier's on the use of hand grenades. In the civilian world, Robert recently stated driving a truck for Maine Recycling in Lisbon and lives at [REDACTED] in Bowdoin. Cara said she is very worried about [REDACTED] spending time with Robert, considering what may be a deteriorating mental health condition. Cara also told me that Robert had recently picked up 10-15 handguns/rifles that had previously been stored at his brother Ryan Card's house. [REDACTED] said the majority of the guns are locked up in Robert's bedroom but added he may have one in his truck. [REDACTED] denied that Robert has done anything threatening with the guns, but is concerned that his father has them.

Cara and [REDACTED] both said that the Card family is aware of Robert's deteriorating mental health, but their efforts have been in vain as Robert is in denial. Cara and [REDACTED] both don't want Robert to know they are bringing this information forward to law enforcement, for fear it will aggravate the situation. For now, Cara said they were simply going to try and avoid contact.

We talked about various ideas in approaching Robert, with the thought Cara and [REDACTED] would like to remain anonymous, and that Robert has been historically resistant to admitting anything is wrong. The idea of contacting Robert's command in the reserves came up and everyone agreed this may be the best avenue of getting Robert some help. I agreed to reach out to Robert's commanding officer in hopes of getting them involved. Cara agreed to reach out to Robert's sister-in-law, who is a nurse and trusted friend. I provided my card with cell phone number to both Cara and [REDACTED] and we agreed that Cara would be the primary point of contact.

I researched the Army Reserve Center in Saco and ultimately got in touch with an Administrator Getchell for the Third Battalion 304 Training Group. Administrator Getchell provided me with First Sgt. Mote's cell phone number [REDACTED] and told me Sgt. Mote is a police officer in Maine. He also told me the company commander, Captain Reemer, is also a police officer from New Hampshire. While on the phone with Administrator Getchell, he told me there has recently been considerable concern for Robert. It sounded like they may be aware of his recent mental health decline. I have left a message with First Sgt. Mote and am waiting a call back.

I called Cara back to update her on my findings. Cara told me that she had spoken with Ryan's brother, who apparently didn't realize Robert was becoming this paranoid or hearing voices. Ryan allegedly made reference to Robert's heavy drinking, during which he has made angry rants about having to shoot someone. Ryan was allegedly going to check in with Robert later today and was much in favor of involving Robert's commanding officer to seek help.

I got a call back from First Sgt. Kelvin Mote who is also an Ellsworth Police Officer. We talked at length about the situation with Robert. First Sgt. Mote told me that Robert had been accusing other soldiers of calling him a sex offender which seems to coincide with some of the behavior [REDACTED] has witnessed. First Sgt. Mote said he had no idea the problem is perhaps as bad as [REDACTED] is now describing. He thanked me for the notification because they are scheduled for an upcoming training exercise involving crew served weapons and grenades. First Sgt. Mote said he was going to call Captain Reemer immediately and start to figure out options to get Robert help. We agreed to keep each other updated on any changes.

I got a message from SRO Mathieu asking for me to call Ryan Card at [REDACTED]. On the phone with Ryan, we also talked at length about the situation with his brother. Ryan was not aware Robert had picked up his guns and was concerned over this. Ryan noted that all of Robert's paranoia/anger started around the same time he got hearing aids (for the first time) in February. I thought this was an odd coincidence and did some online research. I found that hearing loss induced mental illness is a documented condition that can project itself in paranoid behavior. This may be coincidence or not. I told Ryan that I had notified Robert's command in the reserves and we discussed strategy on approaching Robert on seeking help. Ryan said just today, Robert was texting him on getting a lawyer to deal with the people accusing him of being a pedophile. Ryan told me he was going to call his father, Robert Sr., and seek some advice. I offered to go with Ryan to speak with Robert if he would like. Ryan thought the presence of a police officer may exacerbate the conversation. Ryan said he would keep me posted on any developments. I told Ryan that if he meets with Robert and believes he is a danger to himself or others, to please call us immediately.

I have left a message back with First Sgt. Mote about the hearing aid/behavior change coincidence.

On 5/4/23, I called Cara to see if she had an update. On the phone, Cara told me that Ryan and his sister Nicole Card visited Ryan last night for about an hour and half. Robert allegedly answered the door with a gun was talking about people outside casing his house. Cara said, according to Ryan, the conversation with Robert went very well and he has agreed to go see a doctor about the paranoia and voices he is hearing. Cara said Nicole, who is a Nurse, had also done some research on the hearing loss/mental illness connection and believes

there is likely a connection. Cara asked if I could call Robert's Army command back and provide an update. She also asked if I could relay the family's request that they approach Robert in such a way, that the family be left out of it. Cara said the family would like to avoid Robert knowing the initial phone call had come from them/me. I told Cara that I would relay the concern and asked her to keep me updated on any changes. Cara assured me that Ryan and Nicole Card were going to make sure Robert got to the doctor.

I called First Sgt. Mote and left a message detailing the above and providing Ryan Card's cell phone as a contact if needed.

Later in the afternoon, First Sgt. Mote called me back and I filled him in with everything I had learned. First Sgt. Mote told me that their plan was to sit down with Robert in the near future and see if they could get him to open up about what has been going on. I specifically warned about the fact Robert had allegedly answered the door with a gun yesterday.

Chad Carleton

Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date

Name Involvements:**Suspect :** 77148**Last:** Card**First:** Robert**Mid:** R**DOB:** 04/04/83**Dr Lic:** 7365257**Address:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W **Sex:** M**Phone:** () -**City:** Bowdoin, ME 04287**Complainant :** SAG SO**Last:** Sagadahoc SO**First:****Mid:****DOB:** **/**/****Dr Lic:****Address:** 752 HIGH ST**Race:** **Sex:****Phone:** (207)443-8529**City:** Bath, ME 04530