



OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

415 SOUTH PINE STREET
WALHALLA, SC 29691

Mike Crenshaw, Sheriff

Case O2022-05219

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Status	Approved
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Matthew Reese
Investigator	Matthew Reese
Reported At	10/28/22 20:29
Incident Date	10/13/22 17:30 - 10/28/22 20:00
Incident Code	C39 : Harassment
Location	286 MARKET ST, SENECA
Court	None
Ereferral County	None
Disposition	Closed - Resolved
Disposition Date/Time	11/03/22 07:48
Review for Gang Activity	None
Status Indicator	Administratively Closed
Status Change Date	11/3/22

Offense Information

Offense	HARASSMENT 2ND DEGREE
Statute	16-03-1710(A)
SCIBRS Code	753 - Harassing/Obscene Telephone Calls
Counts	1
Date	10/29/22
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	None (no bias)
Location	Restaurant
Entry Forced	No

Complainant

MANN, JAMES AUTHOR - Age 55 - Sex Male 16-03-1710(A) - HARASSMENT 2ND DEGREE

Offender

SMITH, MATTHEW PERRY - Age 52 - Sex Male 16-03-1710(A) - HARASSMENT 2ND DEGREE

Suspect

SMITH, MATTHEW PERRY - Age 52 - Sex Male 16-03-1710(A) - HARASSMENT 2ND DEGREE

Victim

LANCASTER, INDIA SIVIERO - Age 50 - Sex Female 16-03-1710(A) - HARASSMENT 2ND DEGREE

MANN, JAMES AUTHOR - Age 55 - Sex Male 16-03-1710(A) - HARASSMENT 2ND DEGREE

Primary Narrative By Matthew Reese, 10/29/22 02:29

Primary

On 10/28/2022 I, Deputy Reese, received a call that someone was at the Oconee County Sheriff's Office that wanted to speak about some harassment that was going on. When I arrived at the Sheriff's Office I spoke with James Mann and his wife India Lancaster (victim in case #2022-05220). James stated that Matthew Smith has been harassing him and his wife for a while now.

James stated that he and his wife had went to dinner at Pub Blue which is located at 286 Market St, Seneca. This is within the Jurisdiction of Oconee County, SC. James stated that he and his friend Anthony Smith had arrived around 5 minutes before their wives did. India arrived with Jennifer Smith. James stated that they had all walked in and went to the bar. James stated that while at the bar Matthew walked up beside his wife extremely close to where his should was touching India's shoulder. James stated that India had asked Matthew if he was going to be at the election party, since James was running as the Republican and Matthew was running as an independent. India also stated that she asked what color shirt Matthew would be wearing since he was an independent. James stated that Matthew then turned to India and called her a "bitch". James stated that Matthew then turned to him and asked " how does it feel to be married to a bitch?".

James stated that he, India and their friends found a table to eat at. James stated that while sitting at the table Matthew walked by and continued to cuss and attempt to argue with him. James stated that Matthew sat at the table directly behind them so that he and James were back to back. India had taken a video of a part of the incident where Matthew continued to loudly curse at James and India. James stated that Matthew had stated to him multiple times "you aren't going to do anything little boy" and "you ain't man enough to do anything". James stated that Matthew was continuously drinking while in the bar and was open carrying a weapon. James stated that it felt as if Matthew was threatening him and was trying to fight him. In the video that was shown to me Matthew was openly carrying a pistol inside the restaurant and was loudly yelling at James and India. Also in the video I could see that there was no one else inside the restaurant with many other open tables.

James stated that he and his party moved over to the pool tables to move away from Matthew. James stated that Matthew began taking photos of them and continued to say things to them after he was asked to stop. James stated that Matthew then posted the photos on social media. James stated that this was not the first time that they had problems with Matthew. James stated that he had already reported Matthew harassing him at the beginning of the month because Matthew had went to James residence.

I spoke with Matthew over the phone and advised him to try and not make contact with James or India. Matthew did not like what I had stated. Matthew stated that he would not accept what I had told him. Matthew stated that I should not be harassing him for James and India.

I will be going to Pub Blue tomorrow to speak with the owner to get the video footage from the restaurant. I will also be attempting to contact Anthony and Jennifer Smith about the incident. India stated that she would also send the screen shots of the Facebook post to my email.

This incident was recorded on my body worn axon camera. The victims form and voluntary statement are attached to this case. This case is under investigation nothing further at this time.

Supporting Narrative By Matthew Reese, 11/02/22 20:19

Supplemental

On 11/2/2022 I spoke with Matthew over the phone about the incident. Matthew stated that he would be willing to meet with me and speak about the incident in person. I met with Matthew at the Oconee County Sheriff's Office. Matthew stated that he would be willing to write a voluntary statement about what had happened. Matthew completed a voluntary statement. Matthew also stated that he did have a pistol on him at Pub Blue the night of the incident. Matthew stated that he did not have anything to drink while he had the pistol on him. Matthew stated that he had taken the pistol back to his vehicle when he realized and wanted to have a drink. Which is seen on the video that was recovered from Pub Blue on 10/29/2022. I spoke with the owner who stated that Matthew had been coming to there for around 2 years and sat in the same spot.

Supporting Narrative By Matthew Reese, 11/03/22 07:48

On 11/3/2022 I spoke with judge Norton. He found no probable cause for harassment or unlawful carry. This case is closed nothing further.