



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incident Report for 21-01734

Nature: SUSPICIOUS
Location: NE

Address: N4961 LAKE DR
HUSTISFORD WI 53034

Offense Codes:

Received By: SCHAEFER V **How Received:** T **Agency:** DOSO
Responding Officers: WEINFURTER R, CROWELL T
Responsible Officer: WEINFURTER R **Disposition:** ADM 01/18/21
When Reported: 14:20:58 01/16/21 **Occurred Between:** 14:20:58 01/16/21 and 14:26:06 01/16/21

Assigned To: **Detail:** **Date Assigned:** **/**/**
Status: **Status Date:** **/**/** **Due Date:** **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: **First:** **Mid:**
DOB: **/**/** **Dr Lic:** **Address:**
Race: **Sex:** **Phone:** **City:** ,

Offense Codes

Reported: **Observed:**

Circumstances

NE NORTHEAST SECTOR

Responding Officers: **Unit :**
WEINFURTER R 106
CROWELL T 217

Responsible Officer: WEINFURTER R **Agency:** DOSO
Received By: SCHAEFER V **Last Radio Log:** **:**. **/**/**
How Received: T TELEPHONE **Clearance:** RPT REPORT TAKEN
When Reported: 14:20:58 01/16/21 **Disposition:** ADM **Date:** 01/18/21
Judicial Status: **Occurred between:** 14:20:58 01/16/21
Misc Entry: **and:** 14:26:06 01/16/21

Modus Operandi: **Description :** **Method :**

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
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01/16/21	Name	STERN, ELROY REINHARD	MENTIONED
01/16/21	Cad Call	14:20:58 01/16/21 SUSPICIOUS	Initiating Call

Narrative

ORIGINAL NARRATIVE BY LIEUTENANT ROBBIE WEINFURTER #106/KMA

SUMMARY

I received an anonymous complaint of someone wanting to encrypt their cell phone that had plans to be in Madison the day of the Presidential Inauguration. The anonymous person identified Elroy Stern as the person they were concerned with and said Elroy Stern lived in the Hustisford area. Dispatch located information for Elroy Reinhard Stern (M/W, and I spoke to him and there was no reason to believe he was a threat to anyone.

INITIAL INFORMATION

On Saturday, January 16, 2021, I, Lt. Weinfurter, was on patrol dressed in full patrol uniform and operating unmarked squad #106. At approximately 2:24 PM, I was contacted by dispatch regarding an anonymous complainant wanting to provide information about someone wanting to encrypt their cell phone that planned on being at the State Capitol for the Presidential Inauguration. The information obtained by the caller was provided to them by another anonymous person.

PHONE CONTACT WITH ANONYMOUS CALLER

I spoke to a party that confirmed they wanted to remain anonymous. They told me they received information that Elroy Stern was trying to encrypt his phone and was planning on attending the Presidential Inauguration at the Wisconsin State Capitol with two other people. The caller felt this was very disturbing and thought Elroy Stern was wanting to cause problems. When I asked if there were any specifics the caller said no. The caller also said Elroy Stern was at the protests in spring in Madison and was open carrying a sidearm at that time. The caller also was not aware of Elroy Stern getting involved in anything illegal during his time in Madison in the spring. The caller provided two additional names of the people he thought Elroy Stern was trying to communicate with as John Stern and Robert Lawton. He believed John Stern lived on W. Lake Drive in the Town of West Bend and was Elroy Stern's cousin and Robert Lawton lived in the City of West Bend. The caller did not have any other information regarding this complaint.

CONTACT WITH ELROY STERN

I made contact with Elroy Stern at his residence, N4961 Lake Drive in the Township of Hustisford, Dodge County WI at approximately 3:05 PM on January 16, 2021. He was identified by a Wisconsin photo driver's license. I explained why I was there and Elroy Stern said he figured it was a "false flag operation". He talked about wanting to meet someone he met online face to face because he did not want to get mixed up with a bunch of "goofs". Elroy Stern explained he had been to Madison on January 6th and prior to that for a march lead by David Clarke the former Milwaukee County Sheriff in October or November. Elroy Stern also explained his stance that the violence at the National Capitol was not conservatives but ANTIFA. Elroy Stern said when he was in Madison on January 6th everyone was peacefully assembling. I asked Elroy Stern if he was planning anything violent and he said he was not. He said he felt that it was a setup in Madison and was not going to be there for the inauguration.

I asked Elroy Stern if he knew Robert Lawton and John Stern and he said he did. When asked if he had any knowledge of them taking part in anything he said he did not believe they were. Elroy Stern again talked about wanting to meet the guy he met online in person because he did not know who he was. He said all contact had been taking place by email and he mentioned encrypting phones. I asked him what the need for that would be and he claimed he was not sure but was trying to find out. He said he had requested to meet this other person several times but still has not been able to. He also said he did not think anything being planned

would be violent and felt it would be peaceful. He said he drafted a letter of redress of grievances that he wanted to send to the governor and showed me a copy. He said he wanted to give a copy to whoever wanted one so they could send it to their representatives. The letter voiced concerns about the Presidential election and the legalities surrounding it. There was not anything threatening in the letter. Elroy Stern also mentioned being in contact with Representative (Mark) Born throughout the summer trying to get something done. Elroy Stern made a comment that if the Representatives did not take action it was up to people. He followed that up by saying we need to have a civil society and is not anti-government. I encouraged Elroy Stern to remain peaceful if he attended anything. He said he had previously taken part in TEA party rallies and everything was peaceful. He again said he would not be attending feeling it was a setup and would be trouble.

I confirmed that John Stern and Robert Lawton were from the Washington County area. I explained I would pass that information along to Washington County and they might be contacted as well. When I asked about the identity of the person he was talking to online he said he only knew him as "Captain Hook".

DISPOSITION

I was unable to identify any kind of credible threat regarding this complaint. Elroy Stern said he was not going to attend any events in Madison the day of the Inauguration. The information I had was passed along to the Washington County Sheriff's Office and West Bend Police Department for possible follow up with Robert Lawton and John Stern.

Name Involvements:

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Last: STERN	First: ELROY	Mid: REINHARD
DOB:	Dr Lic:	Address: N4961 LAKE DR
Race: W	Sex: M	Phone:
		City: HUSTISFORD, WI 53034