

# INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

INCIDENT DATA	Agency Name <b>Hamburg Township Police</b>			Case# <b>19-00914</b>		
	ORI <b>MI 4745100</b>			Date / Time Reported <b>11/19/2019 15:38 Tue</b>		
	Location of Incident <b>7809 WINANS LAKE RD, Brighton MI 48116</b>			Gang Relat <b>NO</b>	Premise Type <b>Residence/home</b>	Beat/ <b>HT01</b>
				Last Known Secure <b>11/19/2019 15:38 Tue</b>		
			At Found <b>11/19/2019 15:38 Tue</b>			
#1	Crime Incident(s) <b>Arson 20000</b>		(Com)	Weapon / Tools		Activity <b>N</b>
				Entry	Exit	Security
#2	Crime Incident		( )	Weapon / Tools		Activity
				Entry	Exit	Security
#3	Crime Incident		( )	Weapon / Tools		Activity
				Entry	Exit	Security

VICTIM	MO		# of Victims <b>1</b>		Type: <b>BUSINESS</b>		Injury:		
	<b>V1</b>		Victim/Business Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>AMICA MUTUAL INSURANCE</b>			Victim of Crime # <b>1,</b>	DOB <b>Age</b>	Race	Sex
	Home Address <b>PO BOX 9690, Providence, RI 02940-</b>						Home Phone <b>877-412-6422</b>		
	Employer Name/Address						Business Phone		Mobile Phone
	VYR	Make	Model	Style	Color	Lic/Lis	VIN		
	CODES: V- Victim (Denote V2, V3) O = Owner (if other than victim) R = Reporting Person (if other than victim) Type: <b>INDIVIDUAL/ NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT</b> Injury:								

OTHERS	<b>RP</b>		Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>CECE, ANTHONY FRANK II</b>			Victim of Crime #	DOB <b>12/28/1965 Age 53</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>
	Home Address <b>8702 BONAVENTURE DR BRIGHTON, MI 48116</b>						Home Phone <b>810-355-1340</b>		
	Employer Name/Address <b>(RETIRED POLICE)</b>						Business Phone <b>734-347-8198</b>		Mobile Phone
	Type:		Injury:						
	Code	Name (Last, First, Middle)		Victim of Crime #	DOB <b>Age</b>	Race	Sex	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status
	Home Address						Home Phone		
Employer Name/Address						Business Phone		Mobile Phone	

PROPERTY	1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged / Vandalized 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown ("OJ" = Recovered for Other Jurisdiction)									
	VI #	Code	Status Frm/To	Value	OJ	QTY	Property Description	Make/Model	Serial Number	
		26	EVID	\$0.00		1	HOME SECURITY DVR	DEFEWAY/H264		
		22	EVID	\$0.00		1	FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS			
		22	EVID	\$0.00		1	INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS			
		16	EVID	\$0.00		1	SMOKE DETECTOR KITCHEN HALLWAY			
		16	EVID	\$0.00		1	SMOKE DETECTOR BEDROOM OVER GARAGE			
		16	EVID	\$0.00		1	SMOKE DETECTOR SECOND STORY HALLWAY			
		16	EVID	\$0.00		1	SMOKE DETECTOR LIVING ROOM MANTLE			
		16	EVID	\$0.00		1	SMOKE DETECTOR BASEMENT BATHROOM			
		16	EVID	\$0.00		1	LAMP POST AND BASE			
		16	EVID	\$0.00		1	FLOOR SAMPLE #3			
		16	EVID	\$0.00		1	FLOOR SAMPLE #1			
	16	EVID	\$0.00		1	FLOOR SAMPLE #2				

Officer/ID#	<b>FISCHHABER, ADAM (00034)</b>		Supervisor	<b>(0)</b>
Invest ID#	<b>HARPE, GARY (00006)</b>			
Status	Complainant Signature	Case Status <b>Open</b>	Case Disposition:	Page 1
		<b>12/05/2019</b>		

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	16	EVID	\$0.00		1	GRAIN ALCOHOL JUG		
	16	EVID	\$0.00		1	INCENDIARY DEVICE		
15	29	2	\$0.00		1	SINGLE OCCUPANCY		
	07	EVID	\$0.00		1	PHILIP NEUMEIER INTERVIEW-DVD		
	07	EVID	\$0.00		1	OFC FISHCHABER BODY CAM-DVD		
	07	EVID	\$0.00		1	OFC FLAVIN BODY CAM-DVD		
	07	EVID	\$0.00		1	OFC HOGAN BODY CAM-DVD		
20	07	EVID	\$0.00		1	FIRE DEPT PHOTOS ON USB		
	07	EVID	\$0.00		1	EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE WITH HOME VIDEO		

# Incident Report Additional Name List

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## Additional Name List

Name Code/#	Name (Last, First, Middle)	Victim of Crime #	DOB	Age	Race	Sex
1) WI 1	BERARD, JEREMY ROBERT		10/14/1977		W	M
	Address 1975 THOMAS AVE, BERKLEY, MI 48072-		H: - -			
	Empl/Addr Herndon And Associates, 36135 Schoolcraft Livonia, Mi 48150		B: 800-961-2909			
			Mobile #: - -			
2) WI 2	HERRICK, JAY				W	M
	Address PO BOX 930415, WIXOM, MI 48393-		H: - -			
	Empl/Addr Fire Forensics, Po Box 930415		B: 248-356-2991			
			Mobile #: 248-701-1879			

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	IBR	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type	
D R U G S						

Assisting Officers

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated:

NARRATIVE

# REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

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Victim	Offense	Date / Time Reported
AMICA MUTUAL INSURANCE	ARSON	Tue 11/19/2019 15:38

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## Information:

On 11/19/2019 I was dispatched to a structure fire. It was reported that heavy smoke was coming from a residence.

I arrived first and found a fire in the garage of the residence. Smoke could be seen from the windows and eaves of the upper level. There were no vehicles in the driveway. I walked to a slider on what would be considered the main level of the residence and found it unlocked. Thick black smoke billowed from the door when I cracked it. It was dark and smoke filled inside. I closed the door. At about this time, Chief Miller arrived.

## Contact with CECE:

CECE told me that he noticed the smoke was he was driving and called 911. He knocked on the doors and did not get a response from anyone inside.

## Home Owner Information:

Shortly after Chief Miller arrived I over heard someone the radio state that the owner had arrived and the home was unoccupied.

Officer Hogan made contact with the homeowners and got their information.

## Status:

Information only.

## Reporting:

Fischahber #724

# Incident Report Suspect List

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<b>1</b>	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>NEUMEIER, PHILIP GERHARD</i>					Also Known As				Home Address <i>11834 ALGONQUIN DR PINCKNEY, MI 48169</i>	
	Business Address										
	DOB <i>06/24/1985</i>	Age <i>34</i>	Race <i>W</i>	Sex <i>M</i>	Eth	Hgt <i>600</i>	Wgt <i>193</i>	Hair <i>BRO</i>	Eye <i>BRO</i>	Skin	Driver's License / State. <i>N560683275482 MI</i>
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, or other distinguishing features											

Reported Suspect Detail	Suspect Age	Race	Sex	Eth	Height	Weight	SSN
Weapon, Type	Feature	Make	Model		Color	Caliber	Dir of Travel Mode of Travel
Veh Yr/Make/Model	Drs	Style	Color		Lic/St	VIN	

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1 Property Description <b>HOME SECURITY DVR</b>		Make <b>DEFEWAY</b>		Model <b>H264</b>		Caliber	
Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>		
Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #	State #	Local #	OAN		
Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>			DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>	Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	

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2 Property Description <b>FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS</b>		Make		Model		Caliber	
Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>		
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3 Property Description <b>INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS</b>		Make		Model		Caliber	
Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>		
Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #	State #	Local #	OAN		
Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>			DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>	Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	

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4 Property Description <b>SMOKE DETECTOR KITCHEN HALLWAY</b>		Make		Model		Caliber	
Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>		
Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #	State #	Local #	OAN		
Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>			DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>	Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	

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<b>5</b> Property Description <b>SMOKE DETECTOR BEDROOM OVER GARAGE</b>		Make		Model		Caliber	
Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>		
Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #	State #	Local #	OAN		
Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>			DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>	Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	

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<b>6</b> Property Description <b>SMOKE DETECTOR SECOND STORY HALLWAY</b>		Make		Model		Caliber	
Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>		
Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #	State #	Local #	OAN		
Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>			DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>	Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	

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<b>7</b> Property Description <b>SMOKE DETECTOR LIVING ROOM MANTLE</b>		Make		Model		Caliber	
Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>		
Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #	State #	Local #	OAN		
Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>			DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>	Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	

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<b>8</b> Property Description <b>SMOKE DETECTOR BASEMENT BATHROOM</b>		Make		Model		Caliber	
Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>		
Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #	State #	Local #	OAN		
Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>			DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>	Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	

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<b>9</b>	Property Description <b>LAMP POST AND BASE</b>			Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>			
	Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #	State #	Local #		OAN		
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>			DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>	Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>		

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<b>10</b>	Property Description <b>FLOOR SAMPLE #3</b>			Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>			
	Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #	State #	Local #		OAN		
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>			DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>	Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>		

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<b>11</b>	Property Description <b>FLOOR SAMPLE #1</b>			Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>			
	Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #	State #	Local #		OAN		
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>			DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>	Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>		

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<b>12</b>	Property Description <b>FLOOR SAMPLE #2</b>			Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>			
	Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #	State #	Local #		OAN		
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>			DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>	Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>		

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<b>13</b>	Property Description <b>GRAIN ALCOHOL JUG</b>				Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.		Value <b>\$0.00</b>		Qty <b>1.000</b>		Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>	
	Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN	
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>				DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>		Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	

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<b>14</b>	Property Description <b>INCENDIARY DEVICE</b>				Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.		Value <b>\$0.00</b>		Qty <b>1.000</b>		Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>	
	Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN	
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>Neumeier, Philip Gerhard</b>				DOB <b>06/24/1985</b>		Age <b>34</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	

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<b>15</b>	Property Description <b>SINGLE OCCUPANCY</b>				Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.		Value <b>\$0.00</b>		Qty <b>1.000</b>		Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>	
	Status <b>Burned</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN	
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>* No name *</b>				DOB		Age	Race	Sex	

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<b>16</b>	Property Description <b>PHILIP NEUMEIER INTERVIEW-DVD</b>				Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.		Value <b>\$0.00</b>		Qty <b>1.000</b>		Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>	
	Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN	
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>* No name *</b>				DOB		Age	Race	Sex	

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<b>17</b>	Property Description <b>OFC FISHCHABER BODY CAM-DVD</b>				Make		Model		Caliber	
Color		Serial No.		Value <b>\$0.00</b>		Qty <b>1.000</b>		Unit		Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>
Status <b>Evidence</b>		Date <b>11/19/2019</b>		NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN
Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>* No name *</b>						DOB		Age	Race	Sex

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<b>18</b>	Property Description <b>OFC. FLAVIN BODY CAM-DVD</b>				Make		Model		Caliber	
Color		Serial No.		Value <b>\$0.00</b>		Qty <b>1.000</b>		Unit		Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>
Status <b>Evidence</b>		Date <b>11/19/2019</b>		NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN
Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>* No name *</b>						DOB		Age	Race	Sex

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<b>19</b>	Property Description <b>OFC HOGAN BODY CAM-DVD</b>				Make		Model		Caliber	
Color		Serial No.		Value <b>\$0.00</b>		Qty <b>1.000</b>		Unit		Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>
Status <b>Evidence</b>		Date <b>11/19/2019</b>		NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN
Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>* No name *</b>						DOB		Age	Race	Sex

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<b>20</b>	Property Description <b>FIRE DEPT PHOTOS ON USB</b>				Make		Model		Caliber	
Color		Serial No.		Value <b>\$0.00</b>		Qty <b>1.000</b>		Unit		Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>
Status <b>Evidence</b>		Date <b>11/19/2019</b>		NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN
Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>* No name *</b>						DOB		Age	Race	Sex

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<b>21</b>	Property Description <b>EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE WITH HOME VIDEO</b>			Make		Model		Caliber	
	Color	Serial No.		Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>	Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>		
	Status <b>Evidence</b>	Date <b>11/19/2019</b>	NIC #		State #		Local #		OAN
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>* No name *</b>				DOB		Age	Race	Sex

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Case Status: OPEN

Case Mng Status: OPEN/ACTIVE - ASSIGNED

Occurred: 11/19/2019

Offense: ARSON

Investigator: FLAVIN, SPENCER (00038)

Date / Time: 11/19/2019 17:30:00, Tuesday

Supervisor: GARBACIK, ALYSHA (00011)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 06/05/2020 08:16:17, Friday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

FIRE INVESTIGATION:

On the above date and approximate time, I was contacted by HTFD Chief Miller to assist FM Zernick in the investigation of a structure fire at a residence in Hamburg Township.

CONTACT WITH RESPONDING OFFICER:

When I arrived on scene, overhaul was still being conducted by the responding fire departments. I made contact with HTPD Officer Hogan who was on a traffic point on Winans Lake Rd, just East of Hamburg Rd. Officer Hogan advised that he had contact with the homeowner earlier while he was blocking the road in the same position. The homeowner told Officer Hogan that his residence was on fire. Officer Hogan explained to me at the time of his conversation with the homeowner it was still light outside. At that time, Officer Hogan stated that from the position he and the homeowner were standing in, he (Officer Hogan) could not actually see the residence at that time. Officer Hogan stated that it seemed suspicious that the homeowner knew his house was on fire from that vantage point. At the time of my conversation with Officer Hogan, it was dark outside, and the scene lights from the fire apparatus at the scene made it very easy to see the residence from Winans Lake Rd.

While speaking with Officer Hogan, I observed a Chevrolet SUV parked on the shoulder of Winans Lake Rd, beyond where Officer Hogan was blocking normal traffic. Hogan stated that the vehicle belongs to the homeowner's roommate. He also advised that both males had left to go to a bar. A query of the SUV's registration in LEIN showed that the vehicle was registered to a Joseph Robert Stinson (DOB 05/31/1991) out of Fenton, MI.

FIRE SCENE:

Once at the scene of the structure fire, I made contact with Fire Marshal Zernick. FM Zernick advised that there was fire damage in the basement of the residence, and smoke damage throughout the other floors. As I approached the residence, I observed that the garage overhead door was located on the north side of the residence, on the northeast corner. The garage overhead door was open, and above it I observed that the siding of the house had begun to melt from heat exposure. I entered the residence through the entry door from the garage to the basement. Once inside the basement, I observed heavy fire damage in the ceiling just inside the doorway. There was no drywall present and charring could be seen on multiple floor joists. In the center of the room was a pool table. The table had charring on the wood edges, and the playing surface that appeared to be made of some sort of stone had indications that it sustained high temperatures as well. There was also heavy fire damage under the stairwell leading to the first floor of the residence. Under the stairs I observed the remains of what appeared to be a mattress. There was a large quantity of

Investigator Signature

Supervisor Signature

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Occurred: 11/19/2019

Offense: ARSON

Investigator: FLAVIN, SPENCER (00038)

Date / Time: 11/19/2019 17:30:00, Tuesday

Supervisor: GARBACIK, ALYSHA (00011)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 06/05/2020 08:16:17, Friday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

magazines, and some plastic items that did not appear to be damaged by fire. FM Zernick advised that the large quantity of items that had not been damaged by fire were stacked up against the stairs before the fire. The items had been pulled away from the stairs by firefighters during suppression and overhaul.

CONTACT WITH PHILIP NEUMEIER AND JOSEPH STINSON 11/19/2019:

FM Zernick advised me that he had spoken with the homeowner briefly on scene, before the homeowner left to go to the bar. While I was at the scene with FM Zernick, the homeowner and his friend arrived and walked up to the residence. We made contact with them in the driveway.

The homeowner was later identified as Philip Gerhard Neumeier (DOB 06/24/1985), and the male with him as Joseph Robert Stinson (DOB 05/31/1991). Philip immediately asked if we had determined what caused the fire yet. FM Zernick advised him that the house will be secured for the night and the investigation will start the next day. Philip again asked if we could tell him what caused the fire and we informed him that we had not determined that yet.

Philip stated that Joseph was his "Business partner," and that he stayed at the residence occasionally but did not live there. Philip indicated that when Joseph did stay at the residence, he slept in the bedroom located directly above the garage.

FM Zernick motioned towards the generator (located at the northeast corner of the garage) and asked if it was in the condition that Philip left it in. Philip confirmed that it was (the access cover was open) and that he had turned off the gas and the electric breaker. Philip stated that he put oil in the generator, but did not have the wrench needed to remove the oil filter. He stated that he went to "Ace" to get one. When he returned, emergency crews were on scene. FM Zernick repeated what Philip had said to be sure that he understood correctly. Philip then stated that he put new oil into the generator, and it started to drain out the bottom of the generator. He stated that he put the drain "Hole" back on, and put the oil inside (He motioned towards the residence) because he didn't know if it was a "Special" oil. Philip then explained that the generator takes "10w30, which is normal." Philip added that he purchased the oil earlier in the day at O'Reilly's, but at the time he forgot to purchase the oil filter wrench. He stated that he went to "Ace" to get that wrench. FM Zernick confirmed that Philip drove to the Ace Hardware on M36 near Island Shore Dr. Philip stated that he went to the hardware store next to Dairy Queen, which he believed was called Ace Hardware. Through further discussion, we determined that Philip went to Peter's True Value hardware on M36 near Merrill Rd.

As FM Zernick was explaining to Philip that the residence will be boarded up and secured with a lock, Philip asked if his computer was salvageable. Philip described the location of the computer, and FM Zernick went to look for it.

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Joseph stated that he stays in the bedroom located above the garage. He clarified that he does not live at the house, but is there a lot. I asked Joseph if he and Philip were at the house earlier in the day, and Joseph stated "I was not here today, no." He went on to say that he was coming back when Philip called him and said that the house was on fire.

As we were standing in front of the garage, looking at the contents, Officer Fischhaber asked Philip what the objects in the garage were. Philip said that they were a tanning salon that he purchased and was storing here at the residence. The objects appeared to be metal frames and interior doors, so many of them that they filled nearly the entire garage.

Fire Marshal Zernick returned from inside the residence with Philip's desktop computer tower and gave it to Philip. Philip advised that there was "\$150,000 in bitcoin" on the computer.

Joseph asked about the items in his room, and if they were all destroyed. As I was copying Joseph's driver's license information, I asked him how long he had been working with Philip, and he said since 2014. Joseph stated that he had clothes and a laptop in the room above the garage, but that he still lives at the address on his license in Fenton.

During our conversation, Philip stated that he has owned the residence since 2016, and that he had done extensive improvements to it, including having new siding installed. Philip asked about the condition of the fish tank in the basement, and wanted to know if it was destroyed. I told him that it most likely was destroyed, and asked if it was still in use. He advised that it was, and there was a lot of fish in the tank.

Fire Marshal Zernick advised Philip that he would contact him the next day to work out a time to meet. Philip advised that he had his 2 year old son the next day, and asked that FM Zernick contact him after 14:00 hours because Philip stated that he has "Delayed onset insomnia." Philip later discussed his plan to eventually put an addition onto the residence and use the tanning salon equipment he purchased to create a "Dojo." Philip also said that he owns multiple properties. When asked what he does for a living, Philip stated that he was retired, and that he "Helps small businesses out." Philip said that he works with a company called Detroit Mushroom farm in South Lyon, and does extracts for a company called Sphygerix. Philip also stated that he owns a commercial property in Brighton (formerly Coney Joe's restaurant) and that he currently uses that building to perform the extracts. Philip advised that he used to perform the extracts in his residence, but has since moved that equipment to the commercial property in Brighton. Philip also said that he produces a product called "Neuropathy foot oil."

Philip advised that he has security cameras at the house, and that we could take the DVR and look at the footage if we wanted to. FM Zernick and I collected the DVR from the laundry room.

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RESIDENCE SECURED:

FM Zernick and I remained on scene until the residence was secured by the property restoration company.

-INVESTIGATION 11/20/2019-

While investigators were on scene, Philip showed up asking if we had determined the cause of the fire, and also provided FM Zernick with a timeline of his activities on the day of the fire.

ACCELERANT CANINE:

While investigators were in the basement of the residence, an irregular discoloration was observed on the basement floor. An accelerant detecting canine unit was requested from MSP Operations. Trooper Service and his canine Baki arrived on scene and searched the residence. Trooper Service advised that the canine showed interest around the pool table in the basement, but did not have a confirmed hit in any location. Trooper Service and his canine searched the entire residence.

SEARCH OF RESIDENCE:

While searching the residence, a pill bottle was located on the counter of the master bathroom, next to the sink. This pill bottle contained a powdered substance. A syringe was located in the garbage can in the kitchen at the end of the island. The pill bottle and syringe were collected and transported to HTPD where they were placed into evidence.

While in the master bedroom, a pistol was located in a lockbox next to the bed. A check of the serial number indicated that the pistol was registered to the homeowner, Philip Gerhard Neumeier.

The master bedroom closet appeared to be very bare, as there were no shoes present, and very little clothing. There were phone chargers located at either side of the bed. In the child's room on the second floor there was a mattress, but no mattress frame. We also observed multiple gallon containers of water in the second floor hallway bathroom. Outside, next to the driveway we located the well pump. It had been removed and was sitting on the ground next to the pipe.

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CRIMINAL HISTORY:

A criminal history check of Philip Neumeier and Joseph Stinson returned with no results.

SECURITY CAMERA FOOTAGE:

While watching security camera footage from the residence, we observed Philip entering and exiting the residence multiple times on the day of the fire. The last time Philip is observed leaving the residence, there is smoke visible on the exterior security cameras 2 minutes after his departure.

-INVESTIGATION 11/22/2019-

FM Zernick and I located documents on the first floor of the residence, on a coffee table. Documents indicated that Philip had multiple outstanding financial debts, one of which was for unpaid taxes to the State of Michigan. The documents were placed into evidence at HTPD.

-INVESTIGATION 12/16/2019-

On 12/16/2019, FM Zernick, Sergeant Harpe, ATF Special Agent Stassi and I were on scene performing further investigation. We removed debris from the basement floor and again observed unusual patterns in the flooring.

We collected three floor samples from the basement.

Sample #1 was taken from the floor between the pool table and the garage wall.

Sample #2 was collected from underneath Sample 1, in the area under the flooring.

Sample #3 was taken between the pool table and the exterior (South) wall.

Sergeant Harpe and FM Zernick observed a smoke detector in the basement bathroom garbage can, which was collected and taken for examination.

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All three samples were transported to HTPD where they were placed into evidence.

INVESTIGATED/SUBMITTED BY:

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**Case Summary**

**Initial Notification and Observations:**

On November 19th, 2019 I was contacted to assist the Hamburg Township Fire Department with a cause and origin investigation for a suspicious residential structure fire located at 7809 Winans Lake Rd. According to Fire Marshall Zernick, he believed there could be two points of origin which may be indicative of an intentionally set fire. Fire Marshall Zernick had already obtained a signed consent to search form from the homeowner, Philip Neumeier. This form was provided to me which I have attached it to this report. Prior to my involvement, the Fire Department at Neumeier's request, released his computer to him which was found undamaged in the home. The residence had a home surveillance system which held data on a stand alone DVR which the Fire Department had taken to review. This video would provide beneficial in providing perspective along with helping to determine the cause and origin of the fire.

On November 20th, 2020, Ofc. Flavin and I met the Fire Department at the residence to view the damage during the light of day. The fire originated in the bottom level (basement) of the home. Two separate and independent burn patterns were found. The first was located by the east side of the basement near the garage exterior door. The overhead floor joists had significant charring. The second point of origin contained significant char and was located on the underside of the staircase of the basement level. These burn patterns were independent of each other and did not link which shows two separate fires occurring within the home. Photos of these patterns were taken. This information is provided in greater detail in Fire Marshall Zernick's report, Jeremy Berard's Report, and Agent Mike Stassi's report.

**Incendiary Device:**

During the subsequent fire investigation and dig through of the home debris, Fire Marshall Zernick had taken Jeremy Berard, who is an expert in the field of fire investigation, to the home. Jeremy works for Herndon & Associates which was retained by Amica Mutual Insurance Company. Amica was conducting their own independent cause and origin investigation. Also present at that time was Jay Herrick, who is an Electrical Engineer, and is employed at Fire & Failure Forensics LLC. Amica Mutual had retained an Electrical Engineer to conduct an electrical investigation at the residence. During that investigation at one of the points of origin, an incendiary device was located beneath the basement staircase. Fire Marshall Zernick contacted me to advise me of their find and I headed to the fire scene to secure the evidence.

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I was informed that they had located an aluminum pan underneath the charred stairwell. The pan contained some fire debris, but beneath that debris was a lamp, with a light bulb that had been wrapped in fabric. The lamp and light bulb had been partially submerged in a pool of oil. The cord to the lamp was traced back to an outlet in the bathroom and was plugged in. This pan had been placed underneath the stairwell next to a mattress and other flammable boxes that contained paper products, clothing, and camping equipment. According to the home surveillance video the aluminum pan appeared to be the same pan of oil that Neumeier had taken from the generator and placed inside. The pan and its contents appeared to be an incendiary device that was located within an incendiary pile.

All of this information is further documented in Fire Marshall Zernik's report, Jeremy Berard's (Amica Mutual) report., and Jay Herrick's report (Fire & Failure Forensics).

**Home Surveillance Video Review:**

The home surveillance DVR that was recovered within the home was reviewed. It showed that on the day of the fire, Philip Neumeier returned home and was attempting to change the oil for his exterior backdrop generator. He can be seen taking the aluminum tray of oil into his home through the second story sliding glass door. Neumeier had to carry that tray of oil through his home and down a staircase where he placed it on the basement floor beneath the stairwell. He left the home with Joey Stinson to drop him off at a meeting in Brighton. When Philip returned home he backed into his driveway which was not consistent with how he would normally park according to the many months of video footage stored on the DVR.

The video shows that Neumeier entered his home for a few moments and exited out of the second story sliding glass door. According to Neumeier's statements this is when he left to go purchase a wrench at a local hardware so that he could remove the oil filter on his generator. The video shows that after he left through the sliding glass door, two minutes after smoke could be seen emanating from around that door (Camera #4 at 4:36). This is significant in that the fire was contained to the basement level of the residence which means that in order for the smoke to be expelled from the interior, the three story home would have to fill with smoke and positively pressurize. As the interior would fill with smoke the internal positive pressure would force the smoke outward toward negative pressure. This pressurization would take time which would indicate that the house was on fire while Neumeier was inside. Five smoke alarms were located in the home. There was at least one smoke alarm on every level of the residence. According to Neumeier's own statements the smoke alarms were functioning. This would indicate that the smoke alarms would be alerting while Neumeier was in the home.

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From the video review Neumeier can be seen removing furniture and property from his home on the day prior to the fire. From my training and experience I know that people may remove items of value prior to committing an arson. On November 18th, 2019 the day before the fire, Neumeier can be seen on video removing a child's mattress and bed frame from the home along with other property. This would indicate Neumeier was untruthful during his interview when he claimed to have previously set up a bedroom for his son at his office in Brighton so that his son could sleep while he worked. Neumeier claimed that he had been moving items over for the last six months. Neumeier stated in his interview that he had already removed his own clothing from the home and moved them to his office. This is significant in that it would indicate Neumeier had planned, prior to the fire, to move items from his home over to his office.

It is important to note that the home surveillance video was reviewed and it was apparent that Neumeier was the only person at the home at the time of ignition. No other subjects are seen arriving or leaving the home immediately prior or after the fire.

Request for ATF assistance:

I contacted and spoke with Agent Mike Stassi of the ATF. Jeremy Berard, although an expert in the field of Fire Investigation, was hired by Amica Insurance. I wanted an independent third party expert to review the scene and evidence to provide their opinion. Agent Stassi conducted his own on scene investigation and during the excavation of the fire debris we located a large irregular burn pattern on the floor of the basement located at one of the points of origin. This burn pattern was indicative of a flammable liquid. Samples of the flooring were taken and sent to the MSP lab for analysis. The results indicated that one of the samples contained an ignitable liquid or residues of an ignitable liquid. This information is documented in greater detail in the attached MSP Laboratory Report. Jeremy Berard, during his investigation, had also taken samples from the fire scene and sent them to a private laboratory (Great Lakes Analytical). As per my request, I was provided that report which also found a flammable liquid in one of their samples. The Great Lakes Analytical report provides this information in greater detail and has been attached.

It is important to note that on January 9th, 2020 Fire Marshall Zernick and I met with Neumeier and his Attorney Jim Metz at the fire scene. This meeting was audio recorded which has been attached to this report. We requested that Neumeier take a look at the scene to answer some questions about where items were located within his home prior to the fire. At that time, I asked Neumeier if he stored anything flammable located at the point of origin nearest the garage and he informed me there were no flammables located there. He did indicate that there may have been flammables stored at the second point of origin underneath the stairwell. This is relevant because Neumeier's stated there were no

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