

STATEMENT

I am Detective Sgt. Patrick McCardle, shield 3111, Bloomington Police Department. I was CI (chief investigator) and the officer in charge of the Nicholas Townsley shooting at the Meadow Park Apartments on Smith Road, July 6, YR-1. I have been a detective since YR-5 and been on the police force since YR-12. This is approximately the 150th major felony I have investigated. I went to Indiana University where I majored in Criminal Justice and was a cadet in the I.U. police department. I served six years in the Army military police and then joined the Bloomington department.

I received a call that there had been a shooting at the Meadow Park Apartments at approximately 7:35 pm on July 6, YR-1, from patrol officer Tracy Essing who was on the scene. I proceeded to the location, arriving at the parking lot in front of Unit C at approximately 7:45 pm. Bloomington EMTs were present. The victim was identified by witnesses as Nicholas Townsley. He was taken by EMT to Bloomington hospital accompanied by Ofc. Essing. I recovered a .32 Harrington & Richardson 6-shot revolver containing 6 spent shell casings. By the smell I determined that the revolver had recently been fired. There was a blood stain approx. 3 feet southeast of a Pontiac Grand Am belonging to Tina D. Moran, address unknown, and positioned in the middle of the parking lot. Moran said the blood was from the victim. I photographed it. Moran and a second witness named James Lane, apartment 3-C, identified the suspect Barbara Townsley as the victim's wife and the shooter

After a brief search of the Grand Am, which revealed nothing related to the shooting, I asked Moran to move it. She was unable to do so because she did not have the keys. She was able to produce a drivers license and registration that showed she owned the vehicle. She said that Nicholas had the keys because he had been driving. With the assistance of a bystander, we pushed it out of the way. I questioned Moran about the incident. She said that she had witnessed the shooting. She said the suspect shot Nicholas without warning when they were about 10 feet apart. She said they were facing each other and arguing. As background, she said that the Townsleys were separated, that Nicholas was seeing Moran, that the suspect was angry and jealous and had previously threatened her and Nicholas. I asked Moran to come to the police station next day to give a statement, but she did not.

The suspect was sitting on the curb in front of unit C. She had been handcuffed by Ofc. Essing. She appeared normally dressed, not intoxicated, but in a state of shock. She was taken into custody without incident. After being given her warnings, she waived counsel and was questioned. She admitted shooting Nicholas Townsley during a domestic altercation and was placed under arrest. That statement is attached. I ran a state criminal record check on the suspect and found no prior arrest record. My incident report is attached.

I requested a transcript of any 9-1-1 call concerning the incident and one such transcript was provided by Monroe County Joint Dispatch for a call placed by witness James Lane.. I contacted Lane and asked him to come to the police station to make a statement. He refused, saying he did not want to be involved because he had previously been threatened by Nicholas Townsley and was afraid of him.

I returned to the Meadow Park Apartments July 7. Moran's Grand Am was gone. I conferred with the apartment manager and then conducted a door-to-door inquiry for witnesses. I interviewed only residents of units B and C, having determined that those were the only two units close enough to the scene of the shooting. The report is attached. I also looked for the frying pan mentioned in the suspect's statement but did not find it.

I contacted Indiana Homeland Security and obtained the firearm registration and carry permit taken out by the suspect for the gun I recovered. It is attached.

I did not personally speak to the victim, Nicholas Townsley. He was unable to make a statement for several days and the case was turned over to the Prosecutor's Office.

Signed: **D/S Patrick McCardle, #3111**