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**INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**July 10, 2018**

**Case No.: WCI 18F001-4    Court File No.: 15F05464**

**To: Ted Somers, Defense Counsel.  
From: Don Luster, Investigator.**

**Re: People v. Robert Gibbs.**

**Witnesses interviewed:  
Candy Hoover, 8/27/63.**

On the above date I met with Witness, Candy Hoover, and spoke with her about this case.

Ms. Hoover explained to me that she became acquainted with "Robert" (Gibbs) a few years ago through "Cheri Dubuque", who was the daughter of a close friend. Ms. Hoover said about a year before Robert was last arrested she allowed Cheri and Robert to stay at her residence. Ms. Hoover said that they lived with her for about four months. During that time she became aware that Robert suffered from some form of mental disability. She said that Robert would frequently go into emotional rants about law enforcement and how he was being mistreated by them.

Ms. Hoover said that she became aware that Robert had had some recent run-ins with law enforcement and he was upset about it. Even though Robert would have verbal emotional outbursts she never witnessed him become physically violent.

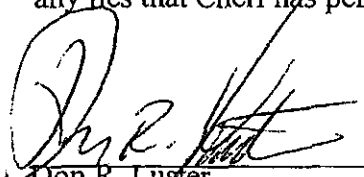
Ms. Hoover said that when Cheri, and her baby, moved with Robert onto Robert's remote property she became concerned for Cheri's and the baby's safety. Cheri had told her on occasion, when they would meet, that Robert's behavior was causing her to be fearful of him. Cheri told her that Robert was verbally and physically abusive with her at times.

Ms. Hoover said that there was an eventual separation that occurred between Cheri and Robert that caused Robert to come to her home to speak with her. She said that for approximately "nine hours straight" Robert ranted and raved how upset he was about Cheri and the baby leaving him. How his legal issues were affecting his emotional state and how he was contemplating committing "suicide by cop". Ms. Hoover said that she did her best to offer advise to Robert and he eventually left and she hasn't seen him since that time. She learned not long after that Robert had been arrested on a multitude of charges.

I asked Ms. Hoover if Robert ever spoke about any physical altercations that occurred between he and Cheri. Ms. Hoover said that from her last conversation with Robert that day he related that there was an incident between he and Cheri and that was part of the reason for her leaving him.

I asked Ms. Hoover if at any time did Robert tell and or show her any injuries he received as a result of the incident in question. Ms. Hoover said that Robert did in deed show her his chest which had some deep bruising in the right pectoral area. It appeared to her that the bruising was caused by someone's hand(s) grabbing and squeezing with a fair amount of force. She remembers that Robert told her that Cheri had caused the injury by her grabbing him with her hands.

I asked Ms. Hoover if she felt Cheri was an honest person. She said that she is aware that Cheri has had a troubled past, but her opinion of Cheri is that she is a honest person and she cannot think of any lies that Cheri has personally told to her.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don R. Luster', written over a horizontal line.

Don R. Luster  
Investigator, WCIS.

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