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On the evening of June 28th, Robert Cory Sasser fatally shot Katie Kettles Sasser and John Hall, Jr. at John Hall's residence in McIntosh County. Sasser was pursued by law enforcement back to his residence on Hunters Drive in Glynn County where he then fatally shot himself. At the time of these events, Sasser was under a bond order from Glynn Magistrate Court banishing him from the Brunswick Judicial Circuit, prohibiting him from possessing firearms, prohibiting him from contact with Katie Kettles Sasser, requiring him to seek mental health treatment at the VA clinic in Alabama while staying there with his sister, requiring his bond to be supervised by CSRA probation, and requiring him to notify CSRA prior to entering the circuit.

On June 29, 2018, my office requested the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to open an investigation to determine if anyone assisted Robert Cory Sasser in violating his bond conditions, and to determine if any criminal charges were appropriate for party to the crime of aggravated stalking or murder. A warrant has been issued and served upon Bryce Sasser for one count of Reckless Conduct, a misdemeanor.

My office has reviewed the GBI report and does not anticipate any additional criminal charges at this time. The scope of the investigation was confined to the inquiry of criminal conduct, and does not address the decisions and discretionary actions of law enforcement or the court system. My office is making the GBI file (Case No. 14-0002-25-19), as well as the GBI death investigation of Robert Cory Sasser (Case No. 14-0223-01-18) available under the Georgia Open Records Act. A summary of the relevant findings is set forth below.

Facts

On June 18, 2018 Robert Cory Sasser notified CSRA probation that he would be returning to Glynn County on Monday, June 25 to meet with his attorney, that he would attend a divorce proceeding on Tuesday, and that he would leave Glynn County to attend an appointment at the VA Clinic in Savannah on Wednesday morning.

On Monday, June 25 Sasser met with his attorney and had dinner with friends. On Tuesday, June 26 Sasser was in Glynn Superior Court throughout the day for his

divorce hearing. He returned to his residence around 4:30 p.m. Text messages and internet searches from his cellular telephone indicate that Sasser felt that the divorce hearing did not go well for him.

On Tuesday evening, Sasser was located at his oldest son's (Bryce) residence on Promise Lane in Brunswick for the purpose of identifying firearms that were to be returned to Katie Kettles Sasser pursuant to the divorce hearing. Sasser and Bryce leave from there to go to Moondoggy's restaurant. While at the restaurant, Sasser sees Katie Sasser and John Hall, Jr. sitting together. Sasser makes some type of hand gesture prior to leaving the restaurant. After leaving the restaurant, Bryce telephones Katie and confronts her about seeing her with Hall. At 8:57 p.m. Bryce sent a text message to Katie that her belongings had been placed outside the marital residence.

After returning to her residence on Tuesday evening, Katie Sasser called 911 at 9:27 p.m. to report the incident at Moondoggy's restaurant. Glynn County Police Officers respond to her residence at Promenade Place, and to Moondoggy's restaurant to begin an investigation. Glynn County Police also respond to the marital residence on Hunters Drive and confirm that none of Katie's property has been placed on the street.

Around 9:15 p.m. on Tuesday evening, Sasser contacted the wife of John Hall, Jr. by telephone to notify her that he had seen Hall and Katie together. Beginning at 3:29 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Sasser begins searching and texting about Tolomato Island on his cellular telephone. Sasser was aware at that time that John Hall lived on Tolomato Island in McIntosh County. Sasser left Glynn County around 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning and traveled to Savannah.

On Wednesday morning, Sasser's cellular telephone GPS data indicates he is located near the VA clinic in Savannah, but there is no record that he had an appointment or met with anyone there. Between 9:30 a.m. and 11a.m. Sasser was at Savannah Toyota. He traded his 2016 White Ford F-150 for a Toyota Tacoma Truck. He was seen transferring firearms described as an "AR-15, a Glock and possibly a hunting rifle into the new vehicle." Sasser then traveled South on I-95 back toward Brunswick.

Beginning around 12:20 p.m. and continuing until around 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sasser is located in McIntosh County, specifically in the area of Tolomato Island. Sasser contacts the McIntosh 911 Director on her cell number while she is at work and requests her to perform a search for an address. She refuses and Sasser never provides the name or address he wants. Sasser told her he was lost in the area of Old Cane Mill, on Tolomato Island. While located in this area, Sasser searches the internet for "john hall jr tolomato" and "husband kills man who wife cheats with." He texts John Hall's wife "Did he deny it." She responded, "Said she came in with her mom. There

was a group of them playing trivia” and “So no.” Sasser texts “Where is he now.” She texts back “why?”

Sasser returns to the interstate and travels South, traveling through Woodbine around 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday and continuing West on I-10. While traveling toward Alabama, Sasser had several telephone conversations with friends discussing his divorce hearing and the incident at Moondoggy’s. Around 7:15 p.m. Sasser spoke with his attorney regarding his divorce hearing, stating that he only got two hours visitation with his son, River, yet was banished from Glynn County. He also described seeing Katie at Moondoggy’s, but denied making a shooting gesture with his hand. On the evening of Wednesday June 27th, Sasser returned to his sister’s residence in Alabama and spent the night according to interviews and his cellular telephone GPS data.

On Thursday, June 28th, Sasser left his sister’s residence in Alabama indicating that he was going to Biloxi. His cellular telephone GPS data indicates that he travels west on I-10 toward Biloxi for a period of time. Around 9:30 a.m. Sasser turns around and drives east on I-10. At 9:46 a.m. he again texts John Hall, Jr.’s wife, “I’m sure you know why, PRINCIPAL.” He then searches “principles” on the internet on his cellular telephone. At 10:48 a.m. he visits the Benelli USA web page on his cellular telephone.

At 12:48 p.m. on Thursday, Sasser calls Brunswick Memorial Park Cemetery and Funeral Home. He pays for his cremation and funeral, stating that he would be taking a job overseas. At 1:23 p.m. Sasser speaks with his mother for 53 minutes. Sasser continues to speak with family and friends throughout the day, creating an impression in all the conversations that he is in Biloxi.

Thursday afternoon at 3:28 p.m. Sasser searched “gun shop Valdosta.” Sasser purchased a Benelli shotgun and ammunition in Valdosta at 4:03 p.m. In purchasing the shotgun, Sasser lied on the forms. No background check was required because he possessed a Georgia Weapons Carry Permit. Sasser then traveled east on Highway 82 to the Glynn County line, cut around to 341, drove north to Jesup, drove back south on 341 toward Brunswick, and then is located in Glynn and McIntosh counties for the remainder on the evening. He continues to text and speak with friends and family, but no one is aware he is in the area.

At 9:39 p.m. the first call to McIntosh 911 is made regarding shots fired on Tolomato Island. Neighbors reported that John Hall was shot in front of his residence several times, another shot was heard from inside the residence, and a male exited with a long gun stating “that is what happens when you sleep with another man’s wife.”

At 9:44 p.m. Sasser called his son, Bryce and state he had “killed them both.” At 9:52 Sasser’s sister called and spoke to him for 18 minutes, pleading with him not to harm

himself. At 10:11 p.m. Sasser called the McIntosh 911 Director on her cell number and indicated he was at the McIntosh jail to turn himself in, but it was confirmed that he was not. The 911 Director initiated a three-way call with her husband, a Glynn County Police Officer who was involved in the pursuit of Sasser. During the call several attempts were made to get Sasser to pull over and turn himself in. Sasser was pursued by law enforcement to his residence in Glynn County. Sasser said during the call that "It was the principle of things" and ended the conversation with "it's over" just prior to reaching his residence. Sasser shot himself in the chest with a .40 caliber handgun at some point after entering his driveway. After several hours of law enforcement attempting to get Sasser to come out of his vehicle, Sasser was found to be deceased.

Conclusions

Records of CSRA probation and the transcript of the divorce proceeding on June 26th indicate that Sasser was allowed to be in the Glynn County after his divorce hearing Tuesday until the morning of Wednesday 27th. After seeing Katie Sasser and John Hall, Jr. together at Moondoggy's restaurant on Tuesday evening, Sasser remained awake through the night and formed an intention to locate and likely to harm John Hall, Jr.

Beginning on Wednesday morning and continuing until the murders on Thursday evening, Sasser made several attempts to gain information about John Hall, Jr., his location and his address.

Sasser had previously obtained a physical address for John Hall, Jr. when he first encountered Hall at Katie Sasser's residence on Promenade Place on the May 13th incident. That night Sasser ran John Hall, Jr.'s vehicle license plate through Glynn County dispatch and through the GCIC (the G.B.I. Georgia Crime Information Center) database using his Glynn County issued terminal. Sasser was subsequently arrested and placed on leave by the department. Sasser did not have access to GCIC or Spillman (the Glynn County Police database) after his vehicle and equipment were taken by the department on May 17th. An audit by the GBI and Glynn I.T. confirms that there were no attempts to access information relating to John Hall, Jr. or his wife subsequent to Sasser's unauthorized access on May 13th.

There is no evidence that anyone provided Sasser information about the location of John Hall, Jr. or Katie Sasser prior to their murders. Sasser made several attempts to gain information about John Hall, Jr. from several individuals, including law enforcement in Glynn and McIntosh counties, on Wednesday and Thursday. No one provided Sasser an address, location data, or other personal identification data on Hall. Witness interviews, Sasser's internet searches, and texts indicate he was aware that Hall lived

on Tolomato Island, and this knowledge likely came from Sasser obtaining a physical address for Hall during the May 13th incident. However, Sasser no longer had access to Glynn County or GCIC databases after May 17th, and it is likely he did not remember the specific address.

There is no evidence that anyone provided Sasser with information that Katie Sasser and John Hall, Jr. would be located together at Hall's residence on the Thursday evening of the murders. Sasser had contacted Hall's wife after the incident at Moondoggy's restaurant on Tuesday evening, and was aware that she was out of town. Sasser was also aware that his son River was with Katie's mother for a planned trip for the weekend. Witness interviews with neighbors of John Hall, Jr. suggest that Sasser had been surveilling the area and the residence on Thursday evening prior to the murders.

There is no evidence that anyone knew Sasser had returned to the Glynn county area on Thursday until after the murders had occurred. In multiple telephone conversations and text messages with friends and family on Thursday, Sasser indicates that he is in Biloxi. Bryce Sasser found a large quantity of cash and Sasser's watch had been left at the Hunters Drive residence around 9:30 p.m. Thursday, and immediately began trying to contact and locate his father. Bryce does not speak with Sasser until after the murders at 9:44 p.m.

There is no evidence that anyone provided information to Sasser that Katie Sasser and John Hall, Jr. would be located at Moondoggy's restaurant on the evening of Tuesday, June 26th. Moondoggy's restaurant is located near the residence of Sasser's son, Bryce, and is frequented by law enforcement. It is possible that Sasser recognized either Katie Sasser's or John Hall's vehicle there. However, witness interviews and statements made by Sasser suggest that the encounter was not planned. Sasser admittedly made a hand gesture while at Moondoggy's, but it is unclear as to whether it was a shooting gesture and whether it was directed at either Hall or Katie.

Four guns were recovered from Sasser's vehicle. Three of the guns, including the .40 caliber handgun used by Sasser to shoot himself, had been lawfully purchased and owned by Sasser for several years according the ATF trace. The Benilli shotgun that was used to shoot John Hall, Jr. and Katie Sasser was purchased by Sasser the day of the murders in Valdosta. No Glynn County Police weapon, radio, or other equipment was in Sasser's possession. Equipment issued to Sasser in his capacity as a Glynn County Police Officer was removed from him on May 17th when he was placed on leave by the department.

Robert Cory Sasser formed an intention to find and harm John Hall, Jr. in the early morning hours of Wednesday, June 27th and engaged in a series of actions over the

following 48 hours to that end. Sasser continued to interact with friends and family, made plans with them for future events, and concealed his location and actions. He continued to speak with his attorneys, specifically negotiating to have telephone contact with his son River who was to be away for the weekend with his Grandmother. He surveilled John Hall Jr.'s neighborhood until he located what he believed to be Hall's residence. He then surveilled Hall's residence for activity, before luring Hall outside to kill him and entering the residence to kill Katie. No one knew of Sasser's intentions, or knowingly assisted him in planning and carrying out the murders of two people for which he alone is responsible.

Attached hereto is a timeline of relevant events prepared by the GBI in case number 14-0002-25-19 and a copy of the arrest warrant for Robert Bryce Sasser. The timeline has been redacted because of the pending criminal charge pursuant to OCGA §50-18-72(a)(4).

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