



Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department

Deputy Report for Incident 23-015694

Nature: Welfare Check
Location: BO

Address: 1007 West Rd
 Bowdoin ME 04287

Offense Codes: WELF, INFO
Received By: Amanda Fowler
Responding Officers: Aaron Skolfield
Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield
When Reported: 14:47:31 09/15/23

How Received: 5
Disposition: CLO 10/01/23
Occurred Between: 14:47:15 09/15/23 and 14:47:15 09/15/23

Agency: 1200

Assigned To: _____
Status: _____

Detail: _____
Status Date: **/**/**

Date Assigned: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant: 128083
Last: Maine National Guard
DOB: **/**/**
Race: _____ **Sex:** _____

First: _____ **Mid:** _____
Dr Lic: _____ **Address:** 179 Western Ave
Phone: (207)430-5708 **City:** Augusta, ME 04330

Offense Codes

Reported: WELF Welfare Check
Additional Offense: WELF Welfare Check
Additional Offense: INFO Information

Observed: WELF Welfare Check

Circumstances

MH Mental Health

Responding Officers: Aaron Skolfield
Unit : 104

Responsible Officer: Aaron Skolfield
Received By: Amanda Fowler
How Received: 5 LAW Bus Line

When Reported: 14:47:31 09/15/23
Judicial Status: _____
Misc Entry: _____

Agency: 1200
Last Radio Log: 15:39:25 09/15/23 CMPLT
Clearance: CRO Cleared by Responding Officer
Disposition: CLO **Date:** 10/01/23
Occurred between: 14:47:15 09/15/23
and: 14:47:15 09/15/23

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

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
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Narrative

I received a complaint from the Maine National Guard asking me to perform a welfare check on Robert Card 4/4/83. His in house record shows he lives at 1007 West Road in Bowdoin, however this is incorrect. He used to live there. The new residents state that they think he lives next door on the same side of the road directly to the north, a white mobile home with a rather large detached garage.

As of recent it has come to the Guards attention that Card is having psychotic episodes where he is hearing voices that are insulting him calling him a pedophile. Card is also making threats to shoot up the Saco National Guard facility. He had been committed over the summer for a couple of weeks due to his altered mental state but has been since released.

I have been asked by the National Guard to identify any specific individuals who were concerned for Card whereas he may focus his altered aggression toward them as he has already demonstrated.

It should be noted that Card is a firearms instructor with the Guard so utmost caution must be utilized.

Upon going to Card's residence, the white trailer above, I did not find anyone home. I did not see any vehicle's in the driveway as well. Under the overhang to the garage I did find a motorcycle with a plate of 82MW which did come back to being registered to Card but at a 941 Meadow Rd Bowdoin address. The same goes for a jet ski in the yard. This leads me to believe Card does in fact live here.

I was not able to locate Card but will ask the evening shift to check on him. A file 6 was also sent out at my request.

A letter from the Guard is cut and pasted below:

Good afternoon,

I received the attached text this morning from SSG Hodgson in reference to Sergeant First Class Robert Card DOB 04-04-83. Card is one of my senior firearms instructors in Bravo Company 3/304 in Saco. Card has been hearing voices calling him a pedophile, saying he has a small dick, and other insults. This hearing voices started in the spring and has only gotten worse. On July 15 2023 while at West Point Card was hanging out with several other soldiers at the hotel they were staying at. They had gone to a convenience store to get some beer. In the parking lot Card accused three of them of calling him a pedophile and said he would take care of it. One of the soldiers who has been friends with Card for a long time was there. Card got in his face, shoved him, and told him to stop calling him a pedophile. They got their beer, calmed Card down a little, and made their way back to the hotel. Several times on the ride back Card said he would take care of it. When pressed about what he meant by that Card didn't respond. Present during this was Oxford County Sheriff Christopher Wainwright and Androscoggin County Deputy Matthew Noyes, both are in my unit as well. Once they got back to the motel, Card locked himself in his room and would not answer the door when they tried to make contact.

I was informed about this incident early the next morning. I met them at the motel along with a couple other soldiers and we were able to get the key to the room and make contact. Card said he wanted people to stop talking about him. I told him no one was talking about him and everyone here was his friend. Card told me to leave him alone and tried to slam the door in my face. One of the soldiers stopped the door from closing with his foot. I decided, after talking with my commander, that Card needed to be evaluated. We took him to the base hospital where he was seen by a psychologist there and determined to need further treatment. Card was taken to Four Winds Psychiatric Hospital in Katonah NY for treatment and evaluation. During the four hours I was with Card he never spoke, just stared through me without blinking. He spent 14 days at Four Winds then was released. To my knowledge he has not sought any more treatment since being released.

Night before last, at approximately 0230, another soldier that is friends with Card called to tell me that Card had assaulted him. They were driving home from the casino when Card started talking about people calling him a pedophile again. When Hodgson told him to knock it off because he was going to get into trouble talking about shooting up places and people, Card punched him. Hodgson was able to get out of the car and made his own way home. According to Hodgson, Card said he has guns and is going to shoot up the drill center at Saco and other places. He also said he was going to get "them". Since the commander and I are the ones who had him committed we are the "them". He also said I was the reason he can't buy guns anymore because of the commitment. Hodgson is concerned that Card is going to snap and commit a mass shooting. (see text message attached)

Captain Reamer, 3/304th commander, asked that I have Sagadahoc County conduct a well-being check on Card at his residence, 941 Meadow Road in Bowdoin Maine, to gauge his mental health and determine if he is a threat to himself and/or others. I relayed this to Deputy Chief Troy Bires and he advised to have a detective make the request to the SCSO to conduct the well-being check. I have attached the text message and current photograph of Robert Card to this email. The Saco PD has been given a heads up about this and the battalion commander has been briefed as to the threat to the unit in Saco. I would rather err on the side of caution with regards to Card since he is a capable marksman and, if he should set his mind to carry out the threats made to Hodgson, he would be able to do it.

On 9/16/23 at about 0845 hours I went and checked to see if Card's vehicle, a white Subaru Outback was in his yard on West Road. It was there. Upon making this observation I opted to have another unit back me up. Kennebec County Deputy Stefanizzi, arrived about 45 minutes later and we attempted contact with Card without success. Card could be heard moving around inside the trailer but would not answer the door. Due to being in a very disadvantageous position we decided to back away.

Deputy Stefanizzi cleared as I began to make some phone calls. I was eventually able to reach the Saco Reserve unit commander, Captain Jeremy Reamer. We spoke at length about Card's mental health status. I was told that Card no longer had any weapons from the Reserve Unit. They had also made arrangements with Card's brother Ryan Card who retrieved the personal weapons belonging to Card.

I explained to Capt. Reamer that I tried to make contact with Card and he would not answer the door. Capt. Reamer advised this is something that Card has done in the past. After he keeps to himself for a while he will come back out. I was further advised that the Guard is in the process of trying to get Card to retire from the Guard with conditions that he get some mental health treatment. Capt. Reamer (who is also a law enforcement officer in NH) was of the opinion that forcing a contact with Card was necessary or advantageous. He thought it best to let Card have time to himself for a bit.

On 9/17/23 I again tried to make contact with Ryan Card and eventually did. I was able to confirm that he was able to get his brothers guns however they were in gun safe that the family has access to at the Card farm. Ryan said he would work with his dad to get the guns moved somewhere else. Ryan also stated that he would try and work with Robert to make sure he does not have any other firearms.

I expressed to Ryan that it was our intention to make sure Robert does not do anything to hurt himself or others. If and when Ryan does communicate with his brother to make his own judgement as to whether Robert needs an evaluation. If he thought that Robert did to call us back and we would work with him to help facilitate that.

It should also be known that Ryan told me when Robert answers the door at his trailer, in the past he usually does so with a handgun in hand out of view from the person outside.

I was later contacted by Ryan he told me that between him and his father they would work to ensure that Robert does not have access to any firearms. They have a way to secure his weapons.

Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date