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Incident 11-80-003047 Contacts

| <u>General Information</u> | <u>Physical Characteristics</u> |
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| SSN: Last Name: Peavler First Name: Kenneth Middle Name: Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Contact Class: Witness Position: | Race: White Gender: Male Height: Weight: Hair Color: Distinguishing Marks: |

| <u>Contact Information</u> | | | | | | | | |
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| Address | Apt | Building City | State | Zip | Date | Number | Phone Type | Date |
| 10900 Broad Run Road | | Louisville | Kentucky | 40299 | 07-Dec-11 | [REDACTED] | Cell | 07-Dec-11 |
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| <u>General Information</u> | <u>Physical Characteristics</u> |
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| SSN: Last Name: Sumner First Name: Steve Middle Name: Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Contact Class: Witness Position: | Race: White Gender: Male Height: Weight: Hair Color: Distinguishing Marks: |

| <u>Contact Information</u> | | | | | | | | |
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| 690 Bo Ritchey Lane | | West Point | Kentucky | 40177 | 07-Dec-11 | [REDACTED] | Cell | 07-Dec-11 |
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Subject Interviewed: Kenneth Peavler

Subject Class: Witness

Location: Scene

Date: 06-Dec-11

Time: 10:00

Investigator: Sergeant Jason Sanders

Interview Attended By:

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| Chris Jenkins |
| Keith McBride |

Statement:

Peavler advised that he is a gas trouble technician for LG&E. He has worked at LG&E for 34 years. His job duties include being a first responded to gas leaks, carbon monoxide checks, etc. He was working the 11pm to 7am shift last night. He received a text message at 0416 hours advising him to check the computer for an incident. He did not see the incident showing up on the computer, so he called the electric trouble dispatch number. He was given an address of a gas smell at 5202 River Trail Place. He responded to the scene from Jeffersontown by himself. He said the incident finally showed up on his computer in his truck actually showing up twice. He called the customer on his way to the scene. She advised that she smelled an odor of gas in front of her house at 5202 River Trail Place. He arrived at the scene at approximately 0445 hours and advised dispatch when he arrived. He parked in front of the house located at 5133 Queens Castle Road.

Peavler advised that when he arrived on the scene that he checked the gas meter at 5202 River Trail Place. He did not get a reading from the gas meter at 5202 River Trail Place. He initially didn't smell an odor of gas when he arrived, but when he walked from the meter at 5202 River Trail Place to the front of her house he smelled gas. He then checked several homes in the neighborhood on both side of the street. He did not get a reading from any of these meters. His initial thought was that there was a problem at the service head adaptor. Peavler then noticed a stronger smell of the gas at the intersection of River Trail Place and Queens Castle Road.

At that point he was getting a strong gas reading out of the storm drains at the intersection. He got an approximately 45% gas reading at the storm drain in front of the house at 5210 River Trail Place. He said the reading at the storm drain in the area of the explosion was approximately 22%. He was not getting as strong of a reading at the manholes in this area. At this time, he went to his truck to pull up a map to see where the gas lines and main were located. He advised that there was a "T" near the storm drain and the main line loops around River Trail Place. He said there were not any service lines in the area. He then did a second gas reading around the houses and was getting a reading, but the highest reading was still around the two storm drains. Peavler then determined that the leak was on the main gas line.

He called the on-call supervisor, Paul Stratman, and advised him that he needed a construction crew. He also notified "BUD" (Before You Dig). He called "BUD" at 0533

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hours. He then updated the comment section of the incident in the computer system. The construction crew arrived on the scene at 0652 hours. He updated the crew on what he found regarding the gas readings in the area. He went back to the truck to find out where the "fittings" were on the gas lines. The construction crew had not done any digging because they were waiting on "BUD" to arrive on the scene.

He said the construction crew was on the scene approximately 10 minutes before the explosion. Peavler said he was in his truck when the explosion happened. He said he called his supervisor after the explosion. He isn't sure who called 911. He said there was a garbage truck on the street that may have called 911. He thinks the initial explosion was in the garage. He said the man that lived in the house came outside possibly out the front door. He never saw the wife and the child come out of the house.

Peavler said he saw Steve from the construction crew run towards the car that was inside the garage after the explosion. He said no one was in the car at the time of the explosion. After the explosion that he saw a small flame on the ground next to the right corner of the garage and within three to four minutes the flames in the house were 15 to 20 feet high. He said the construction crew told him that they heard people screaming inside the house after the explosion.

Peavler advised that they did not do any work after the explosion.

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General Information

SSN:
Last Name: Allen
First Name: Roderick
Middle Name:
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Contact Class: Witness
Position:

Physical Characteristics

Race: Black
Gender: Male
Height:
Weight:
Hair Color:
Distinguishing Marks:

Contact Information

| Address | Apt | Building | City | State | Zip | Date | Number | Phone Type | Date |
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| 4820 Simpson Drive | | | Louisville | Kentucky | 40218 | 07-Dec-11 | [REDACTED] | Cell | 07-Dec-11 |

Email:

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General Information

SSN:
Last Name: Whitfield
First Name: Carol
Middle Name:
Date of Birth:
Contact Class: Witness
Position:

Physical Characteristics

Race: White
Gender: Female
Height:
Weight:
Hair Color:
Distinguishing Marks:

Contact Information

| Address | Apt | Building | City | State | Zip | Date | Number | Phone Type | Date |
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| 5200 River Trail Place | | | Louisville | Kentucky | | 09-Dec-11 | [REDACTED] | Home | 09-Dec-11 |

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Subject Interviewed: Roderick Allen

Subject Class: Witness

Location: Scene

Date: 06-Dec-11

Time: 10:45

Investigator: Sergeant Jason Sanders

Interview Attended By:

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| Chris Jenkins |
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| Keith McBride |
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Statement:

Allen advised that he has worked at LG&E for nine years. He is a mechanic "A" who assists the construction crew leader. He received a phone call this morning from the on-call supervisor, Paul Stratman advising him that he needs to respond to an incident. Allen said he met Steve Sumner at the Auburndale office. He said they drove the flat bed truck with the backhoe on it to the incident. He said they arrived at the incident around 615am or 630am. He said when they arrived that they talked to the gas trouble technician. The technician advised that he could not pin point the location of the leak. He said there was an approximately 20% gas reading coming from the storm drain where the fire was coming out of it. He said the technician called "BUD" to have them report to the scene.

Allen said he heard gas by the water meter in front of the house at 5133 Queens Castle Road.

Allen said he put up a barricade with cones in the area of storm drain in the area of the involved house. He put up the barricade because he saw some kids walking up the street for school and didn't want any kids to be in the area of the high gas reading.

Allen then said he walked to the truck. He said about 10 minutes after he was in the truck that he heard the explosion. After he heard the explosion, he saw debris flying everywhere. He then heard a lady screaming in the house where the explosion occurred. He ran to the car in the garage to see if anybody was inside it. He saw a small flame on the front porch. He saw all three of the occupants walk out the front door. At the same time he saw Rumpke picking up the garbage on the street and he yelled at them to call 911. He went to the truck to get the fire extinguisher, but when he got back to the truck the entire house was on fire.

He said they parked the truck in front of the house at 5210 River Trail Place.

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Subject Interviewed: Steve Sumner

Subject Class: Witness

Location: Scene

Date: 06-Dec-11

Time: 10:30

Investigator: Sergeant Jason Sanders

Interview Attended By:

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| Chris Jenkins |
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| Keith McBride |
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Statement:

Sumner advised that he is a construction crew leader for LG&E. His duties include; gas distribution, installation, and maintenance. He received a phone call from the on-call supervisor, Paul Stratman, at approximately 520am. Sumner is on the on-call crew this week. He reported to the Auburndale office located at 6900 Enterprise Drive. He met Roderick Allen, who is a part of his crew at the office. He said they drove the flat bed truck with the backhoe on it to 5202 River Trail Place. He thinks they arrived on the scene at approximately 630am, but the exact time of their arrival can be confirmed on the computer. Upon arrival to the scene, he met with the gas trouble man (Kenneth Peavler). Peavler advised him that the highest gas reading was coming from the storm drains. Sumner said there was a gas meter located at 5133 Queens Castle Road where he could hear gas. He then went to his truck to get a measurement and look for a fitting. He was also trying to get a location on the main gas line. He stayed in the truck while they were waiting on "BUD" to arrive before they could start digging. He was getting an initial plan of what they were going to do while they waited on "BUD."

He then called his supervisor, Eric Miller, to update him. While he was on the phone with Miller he heard the explosion. He told Miller to call 911. He then ran into the garage of the house that exploded. He thought someone was inside the car in the garage. No one was inside the car. He said the garage door had been "blown out." He said the rest of the house was still intact at that point. He heard someone screaming and then saw all three of the occupants come out the front door. He saw a small fire on the ground on the right corner of the garage. He said some kind of material from the house was burning.

Sumner then ran to his truck to get a fire extinguisher. By the time he got the fire extinguisher the fire was too big.

Sumner advised that his phone number to his LG&E phone is [REDACTED]. He said Eric Miller's phone number is [REDACTED].

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General Information

SSN:
Last Name: Chestnut
First Name: Sheree
Middle Name:
Date of Birth:
Contact Class: Witness
Position:

Physical Characteristics

Race: Black
Gender: Male
Height:
Weight:
Hair Color:
Distinguishing Marks:

Contact Information

| Address | Apt | Building | City | State | Zip | Date | Number | Phone Type | Date |
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| 5202 River Trail Place | | | Louisville | Kentucky | 40229 | 09-Dec-11 | | Cell | 09-Dec-11 |

Email:

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General Information

SSN:
Last Name: Ritter
First Name: Bryce
Middle Name:
Date of Birth:
Contact Class: Owner
Position:

Physical Characteristics

Race: White
Gender: Male
Height:
Weight:
Hair Color:
Distinguishing Marks:

Contact Information

| Address | Apt | Building | City | State | Zip | Date | Number | Phone Type | Date |
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| 9506 Drayton Circle | | | Glen Allen | Virginia | 23060 | 12-Dec-11 | | Cell | 12-Dec-11 |

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Subject Interviewed: Carol Whitfield

Subject Class: Witness

Location: Telephone

Date: 09-Dec-11

Time: 9:00

Investigator: Sergeant Jason Sanders

Statement:

Whitfield advised that she and her son heard an explosion. She went outside and saw the house up the street on fire. She yelled for her son, Chris, to call 911. She said nobody in her house smelled gas the morning of the explosion. She has not ever smelled gas in the neighborhood and has never called LG&E regarding this. She talked to a lady that lives across the street from the involved house. The lady said her mother woke up around 5am and asked what was on fire. She thought something was on fire because she smelled gas. The lady said when her mother realized nothing was on fire she went back to sleep.

Subject Interviewed: Sheree Chestnut

Subject Class: Witness

Location: Telephone

Date: 09-Dec-11

Time: 14:00

Investigator: Sergeant Jason Sanders

Statement:

Chestnut advised that she owns a cleaning service and got home around 3am on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. She could smell gas while she was in her car. She said the smell of the gas was very strong outside of her car. She went inside and asked her fiancée if he could smell the gas. He told her that he could not smell it. She did not smell the gas inside her house. She called LG&E around 330am or 4am to report the smell of gas. She said the technician arrived on the scene at 520am. She knows he arrived at this time because he called her on the phone. She said the technician told her that there was not an odor at her house. He did advise that there was an odor outside. She saw the technician walking house to house. The technician told her that he was going to call a crew to come out and find the problem. She and her fiancée went back to bed and woke up around 7am when the explosion occurred.

She said this is the only time she has called LG&E to report an odor of gas. She said about a month ago when the weather got cold that she smelled gas in the neighborhood, but did not call LG&E. She said the odor was not very strong this time.

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Subject Interviewed: Bryce Ritter

Subject Class: Owner

Location: Scene

Date: 01-Dec-11

Time: 15:30

Investigator: Captain Chris Jenkins

Statement:

Ritter advised he purchased the dwelling in 2001 and moved out in 2006. He started to rent the house out at this time. The first set of occupants stayed a little over a year and not not complain about any issues. The current renters were his second set, and they moved in in 2008. In 2006, a crew for AT&T worked in the area advising there were too many homes for the current line set, and they bored under the dirveways and trenched through the yards. They dug a large trench in the area at the corner which is the area where the gas leak was located. During this time, the crew cut his underground electric line which was fixed the same day. Ritter provided pictures of this activity by e-mail. These photos will be added to the investigative photo files. They also turned his water meter when they were removing the trenching equipment. Ritter was not aware of any issues regarding the water supply or the natural gas. The dwelling is insured through State Farm Insurance Cpmpany.
