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**NARRATIVE**

On 7/22/24 I was working an assigned post, High at Pearl/Old River, for a post-trial hearing for the Karen Read case at Norfolk County Superior Court.

When I arrived on scene, I was informed of an earlier interaction between Aidan Kearney and Katherine Peter. Currently, Kearney has an active harassment prevention order against Peter (2461RO0081) in which the parties must stay at least 10 yards apart.

Peter and an unidentified woman were standing on the sidewalk near the crosswalk at 644 High St. I asked Peter what had occurred today prior to my arrival. Peter stated she was standing in front of Superior Court with the group of John O'Keefe supporters when Kearney showed up and joined his group of Karen Read supporters, who were also in front of the courthouse. Peter stated she was told by a state trooper that she could stand the next block down away from Kearney.

Peter went on to say that she was concerned about Kearney and his behavior. Peter stated she is worried Kearney will approach her and claim she violated the order. I instructed Peter she should stay where she was for the remainder of today's hearing and avoid Kearney as much as possible. I asked Peter how far away from Kearney she had to stay. Peter stated she had to be 10 yards away.

Peter went on to say that Kearney has been harassing her and there was another incident in Dedham recently between the two of them. I told Peter I hadn't heard about that incident and again told her she should be ok standing where she is for the day. Peter again said she was concerned about Kearney walking around and approaching her today.

A short time later, I observed Kearney walking away from his group in front of the Norfolk Superior Court and start to walk down High St. in the direction of Peter.

As Kearney approached, I could see he was holding his phone out videoing and continued to video Peter as he crossed High St towards Old River Pl. No words were exchanged between the parties. Kearney did not seem concerned about Peter standing there and did not approach me voicing any safety concerns he had for himself.

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After Kearney crossed the street, Peter did state her concern to me about Kearney's behavior. I told Peter I had seen him. Several minutes later Kearney returned and again videoed Peter as he crossed the street. Again, Kearney did not approach me about any safety concerns he had for himself. It did appear that he was trying to bait Peter into saying something to him, violating the order.

Several minutes later, I observed Kearney again walk away from his group down High St. in the direction of Peter. Kearney was again videoing Peter as he walked by her and appeared to be looking at her trying to antagonize her into violating the order. No words were exchanged between the parties.

For the third time Kearney did not approach me or voice any concerns he had for his safety. As Kearney crossed the street, I continued to watch him walk down Old River Place. taking a pointless walk to nowhere along the side of Dedham District Court and immediately turning around and walk back up Old River Place.

Kearney then crossed the street and approached me saying he had an order against Peter. Kearney went on to say that he was going to be walking by this area a lot and he felt unsafe.

After a quick back and forth conversation with Kearney, he left the area and walked towards Dedham Square.

I was notified by Sgt. Feeley that Kearney was in the station filing a report about the incident that just occurred.

Several minutes after receiving the phone call Kearney was back stating that an officer at the station said that Peter had to move. I again had a quick conversation with Kearney and offered to escort him to his group or help him cross High St. if he felt unsafe. Kearney denied my assistance and walked across High St. towards the group of Karen Read supporters.

It should be noted a no time did Peter leave the area she was standing in or direct any acts towards Kearney that intended to cause fear, abuse, harassment or damage Kearney in any way. Peter did not approach Kearney and the only time the 10 yards may have been broken was when Kearney approached Peter.

During this incident, at no time did Kearney display any typical characteristics of someone who was in fear for their safety. There was no shakiness in his voice when he spoke with me, he didn't try to avoid Peter. In fact, both parties acted in ways that the roles would be reversed. Peter avoided Kearney and voiced her concern about his behavior to law enforcement and Kearney appeared to try

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to intimidate, harass and antagonize Peter.

During this incident, Kearney appeared to be attempting to weaponize the protection order process by antagonizing Peter into a violation.

Peter asked for today's incident to be put on record, and she was going to want a copy of the police report for her attorney. I told Peter I would document today's incident and she could request a copy of the report through the department's record request process.

I also suggested to Peter she should leave the area before the rest of the group to avoid any contact with Kearney or any other Read supporters.

At the conclusion of the hearing Peter and her friend did leave the area early but did return for several minutes and left without any further interactions with Kearney.

At this time no charges will be filed against Peters.

Sgt. Cawley #213

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