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DISTRICT/UNIT: Youth Violence Strike Force/ VK05

TO: Lieutenant James Miller, Commander of Y.V.S.F.

FROM: Police Officer Matthew M. Conley, ID #102955

SUBJECT: Snapchat Intelligence which led to gun arrest of [REDACTED] on 07/03/18

Sir:

I respectfully report my actions and observations on the social media application SnapChat which led to the arrest of [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) on 07/03/18 for unlawful possession of a firearm.

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On 07/02/18, I observed a SnapChat video posted by username "[REDACTED]". In the video, a black male in a white tank top brandishes a firearm. This individual has [REDACTED] as a geocode. Geocodes identify the individual area the user is posting from. Research shows this takes coordinates from a user's phone GPS and can't be altered or fraudulent. The video was 13 minutes old. I recorded and time stamped it at 10:02 p.m. on 07/02/18. Around 12:30 p.m. on 07/03/18, I contacted my partner, Officer Butler, in regards to the previous night's video. Officer Butler informed me that he had successfully identified the male in the video as [REDACTED] a few weeks prior. Officer Butler and Bernazzani had observed [REDACTED] come out of [REDACTED] while conducting a separate investigation in the area. Officers noted [REDACTED] height as well his appearance when IDing him. Officers Butler and Bernazzani also observed him enter a black Mercury Milan sedan. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was arrested and fought with policing during the incident.

Upon looking through CJIS at the license photo of [REDACTED] I confirmed him to be Snapchat username: [REDACTED] I have observed him recording himself hundreds of times on the application, which caused me to believe it was his own, personal username. We also verified that [REDACTED] did not possess a license to carry a firearm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hours later, shortly before 4:00 p.m., Officer Bernazzani and I observed [REDACTED] exit [REDACTED] and enter a black Mercury [REDACTED] We conducted a traffic stop, recovered a firearm, and placed [REDACTED] under arrest for unlawful possession of a firearm.

Respectfully submitted,

Police Officer Matthew M. Conley
ID #102955

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DISTRICT/UNIT: Youth Violence Strike Force/ VK05

TO: Lieutenant James Miller, Commander of Y.V.S.F.

FROM: Police Officer Matthew M. Conley, ID #102955

SUBJECT: Snapchat Information which led to a firearm recovery in the area of 20
[REDACTED] on 05/02/18

Sir:

I respectfully report my observations on the social media application Snapchat which led to the stop of a group of Castlegate gang associates on [REDACTED] in Dorchester. A subsequent frisk of a motor vehicle tied to this group ultimately led to the recovery of a firearm on 05/02/18.

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Shortly after 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 05/02/18, I observed a Snapchat video uploaded by username: [REDACTED] I knew this to be the username of CastleGate Associate [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I have seen [REDACTED] self-recording and uploading videos hundreds of times; furthering my opinion that this was his personal username. On the aforementioned date, [REDACTED] uploads a video describing a video shoot with a large contingency of CastleGate associates, including [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also appears in crutches; presumably recovering from a [REDACTED] incident where he was the victim of a shooting in the area of [REDACTED] Castlegate gang associates have a prolific history of firearm related violence; many resulting from a feud with rival [REDACTED] In the video, [REDACTED] describes having a "lot of active members" while walking on [REDACTED] He further starts naming basketball players, "Lot of Stephons, lot of Lebrons, lot of Klays, lot of Kyries.." Furthermore, [REDACTED] taunts viewers of the video, stating, "I dare a n*** to come through." I believe this terminology refers to having "shooters" with him; and any rival to come through their territory [REDACTED] would be shot. In the video, [REDACTED] can be seen walking with a black North Face backpack on. The recent shooting of [REDACTED] as well as the collective history of these individuals, alarmed officers that any large gathering of these associates in documented gang territory could result in shootings and/or homicides.

Around 10:11 p.m., as a result of the video, officers arrived on [REDACTED] and stopped a large contingency of CastleGate Associates, including [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Officers noted that [REDACTED] no longer had a backpack on. Officers observed a white Dodge [REDACTED] illegally parked within ten feet of a hydrant around [REDACTED] One of the men on scene, [REDACTED] stated that the vehicle was his father's. I observed a black North Face backpack being on the front passenger seat. This vehicle was unlocked, and I conducted a frisk of the backpack and immediately felt a hard object I believed to be a firearm. I looked inside the backpack and observed the firearm.

Respectfully submitted,

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DISTRICT/UNIT: Youth Violence Strike Force/ VK05

TO: Lieutenant James Miller, Commander of Y.V.S.F.

FROM: Police Officer Matthew M. Conley, ID #102955

SUBJECT: Snapchat Intelligence which led to firearm arrest of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on 06/06/18

Sir:

I respectfully report my actions and observations on the social media application SnapChat which led to the arrest of H-Block Associate [REDACTED] for unlawful possession of a firearm.

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Around 1:28 p.m. on Saturday, 05/19/18, I observed a video posted by username [REDACTED]. I knew this to be the username of H-Block associate [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I had observed dozens of videos uploaded from this page; many featured [REDACTED] filming in a self-recording mode. This led me to believe that this was the personal page of [REDACTED]. Furthermore, from my personal knowledge and experience, the "44" moniker is indicative of the "H-Block" gang. In this video uploaded on 05/19/18, a green Glock firearm, with a black slide and extended magazine, was shown. This video was uploaded to [REDACTED] "My Story" and was labeled as 7 hours old. I was aware that [REDACTED] had a "guilty" conviction out of Worcester Superior Court for "Possession of Firearm/Large Capacity without a Permit" on [REDACTED]. This charge, for which [REDACTED] was on Probation until [REDACTED], prohibited from possessing a License to Carry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On this date, we were unsuccessful in locating [REDACTED].

Around 3:37 p.m. on Saturday, 05/26/18, I observed a video [REDACTED] posted onto his Snapchat page depicting the same green Glock, equipped with an extended magazine. This video was uploaded to [REDACTED] "My Story" and was labeled as 12 hours old. This video shows the same green Glock firearm. Around 3:22 p.m. on 05/31/18, I observed a video [REDACTED] uploaded onto his Snapchat page with the "Boston" geocode. This geocode cannot be altered and is taken from the GPS location of the user's phone. Furthermore, this video appeared to be recorded in the [REDACTED] area of Boston. In the video, [REDACTED] is brandishing the Glock gun inside what appears to be a silver [REDACTED] Honda [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also recorded himself in this video, sitting in the driver's seat. This video was labeled as 6 hours old. Officers Conley, Butler, and Bernazzani were able to deduce that [REDACTED] resided inside [REDACTED]. Officers also discovered that [REDACTED] had a silver Honda [REDACTED] registered to herself; under the residential address of [REDACTED]. Officers believed this to be the vehicle [REDACTED] was inside during the recordings. Officers were also aware that Clark's Massachusetts Driver's License status was suspended. Despite being unable to locate [REDACTED] on the aforementioned dates, officers continued their investigation.

On Tuesday, 06/05/18, around 8:13 p.m., I observed a video [REDACTED] uploaded onto his Snapchat page with the "Back Bay" geocode. [REDACTED] appears to be driving with the green

Glock firearm at his feet. With [REDACTED] violent history, coupled with his active possession of an unlicensed firearm, Officers from the Y.V.S.F. set up surveillance in the area of [REDACTED] on 06/06/18. Around 9:08 p.m. on the aforementioned date, officers observed the silver Honda [REDACTED]. This vehicle's registration came back to a [REDACTED] BMW, not a Honda Pilot. Officers conducted a stop of the vehicle at the intersection of [REDACTED] and observed [REDACTED] in the driver's seat with the green Glock in his lap. Officers successfully placed [REDACTED] under arrest without incident.

Respectfully submitted,

Police Officer Matthew M. Conley
ID #102955

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TO: Lieutenant James Miller, Commander of Y.V.S.F.

FROM: Police Officer Matthew M. Conley, ID #102955

SUBJECT: Snapchat Intelligence which led to the arrest of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on 05/29/18 for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm

Sir:

I respectfully report my actions and observations on the social media application SnapChat which led to the arrest of [REDACTED] on 05/29/18 for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

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Around 1:56 a.m. on 05/27/18, I observed a video posted by the Snapchat username [REDACTED]. I knew this to be the personal Snapchat page of Stockton Street Blood [REDACTED]. I have seen over one hundred videos posted from this username; many of which feature [REDACTED] self-recording himself. This led me to believe that this was his own page. On the aforementioned date and time, I observed a video posted by [REDACTED] which featured him and a close associate of his [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] like [REDACTED] is a Stockton Street Blood. I have extensive knowledge of this gang and the mentioned individuals, including a June 2016 arrest of [REDACTED] for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the area of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. In this Snapchat video, which was uploaded to [REDACTED] "My Story" page and was listed as being posted "8 H(hours) ago," [REDACTED] is brandishing what appears to be a black Glock firearm. I knew [REDACTED] did not possess a License to Carry a Firearm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through multiple arrests of Stockton Street associates, I knew members of this gang had a propensity to possess illegal firearms.

During a separate investigation into the Stockton Street Bloods, which resulted in the on-sighting of Shots Fired at [REDACTED] around 10:37 p.m. on 05/28/18 and the subsequent arrest of an individual for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm; sometime between 11:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. on 05/28/18-05/29/18, Officers Conley and Paradis (while in a Boston Police Surveillance Car), observed a black male wearing a Jurassic Park T-shirt standing in front of [REDACTED]. This house is a known hang out spot for Stockton Street Bloods. Around 12:30 a.m., officers drove back around and observed Bailey Street Associate [REDACTED] outside his personal vehicle Pontiac sedan (MA [REDACTED]). Knowing the high-ranking stature that [REDACTED] had obtained within the Stockton St Blood/Bailey St gang hierarchy, coupled with the fact that officers just on-sited shots fired from this gang and made a firearm arrest, I requested Officers Johnson, Wosney, and Connolly (VK22) to contact [REDACTED] to ascertain his possible involvement (if any) in the recent shots. Officers then observed [REDACTED] to be a passenger in the front seat of [REDACTED] Pontiac. A frisk of both parties was conducted (to no avail). It should be noted [REDACTED] was wearing a Jurassic Park T-shirt and appeared to be the man viewed earlier. While inspecting the outer perimeter of [REDACTED] Officer Johnson observed a black Glock firearm. Due to this being the area

officers observed [REDACTED] standing, coupled with the recent video of him holding a Glock, he was charged for unlawful possession of a firearm.

Respectfully submitted,

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ID #102955

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DISTRICT/UNIT: Youth Violence Strike Force/ VK05

TO: Lieutenant James Miller, Commander of Y.V.S.F.

FROM: Police Officer Matthew M. Conley, ID #102955

SUBJECT: Snapchat Intelligence which led to Recovery of 3 Firearms at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on 05/26/18

Sir:

I respectfully report my actions and observations on the social media application SnapChat which initiated an investigation on 05/26/18 in the area of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which ultimately led to the arrest of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and the recovery of 3 firearms at [REDACTED]

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The [REDACTED] has been historically occupied by members of the Columbia/Intervale Street gang. This was a result of a two influential gang members being residents of this distinct block: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who was shot and killed on December of 2016; and [REDACTED]. I have intimate knowledge and experience of this gang, including a [REDACTED] arrest of [REDACTED] for unlawful possession of a firearm. Through my experience of working in the Youth Violence Strike Force (June 2014- present day), I have responded to this specific block of [REDACTED] for multiple calls of shots fired, person(s) shot, and other incidents of violence presumably related to the indentified gang territory inhabited in this city block.

Prior to the date of this investigation, officers were aware of a recent uptick of firearm related violence in the area of [REDACTED]. On 05/14/18, Thetford/Columbia Rd associate [REDACTED] was shot in the head outside [REDACTED]. Officers were familiar with this location as being the residence of Columbia Rd Associate [REDACTED]. On 05/24/18, a firearm was recovered in the area of [REDACTED] by a landscaper. On 05/25/18, officers were notified via email by the Boston Police Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) to be aware of the gang violence that often accompanies Memorial Day weekend in the City of Boston. Specifically mentioned was the 2011 homicide anniversary of Thetford Associate [REDACTED] brother of Columbia Rd Associates [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the latter of which was shot and killed on [REDACTED]. Additionally, on 05/26/18, around 5:45 p.m., I observed a Snapchat video posted by username: [REDACTED]. I knew this to be the personal page of Thetford/Columbia Rd gang associates [REDACTED] a.k.a. "[REDACTED]". In the video, which was posted 14 hours earlier, [REDACTED] is brandishing an object in the pouch of his sweatshirt in the distinct shape of a firearm. I know [REDACTED] to have a history of firearms; and observed him hours earlier in the identical clothing. Additionally, Officer Merner from the Citywide Drug Control Unit had also received information (on 05/26/18) that Columbia Road associates, including [REDACTED], had access to two firearms while in the area of [REDACTED].

Due to these individuals' gang affiliations and history of firearm related violence, we conducted an operation to stop this group of Columbia Rd and Thetford Rd associates congregating on [REDACTED] on 05/26/18. Utilizing this collaborative information, we stopped these gang associates around 7:22 p.m. on the aforementioned date, recovered three firearms, and arrested both [REDACTED]

Respectfully submitted,

Police Officer Matthew M. Conley
ID #102955

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DEPARTMENT

Youth Violence Strike Force

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Date: 05/26/18
Incident#: 182039780

TO: Lieutenant James Miller, Commander Youth Violence Strike Force

FROM: PO Joseph Connolly, ID #99771

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Firearm Arrest

Sir,

I respectfully report that on May 24, 2018 while assigned to the VK15 unit, we arrested [REDACTED] for possession of a firearm at [REDACTED] Dorchester.

At about 1100 hours on 5/24/18, while working with my partners Brian Delahanty and John Burrows, I observed a Snapchat video posted by Snapchat user account [REDACTED] I believed this account to belong to [REDACTED] based on previous posted videos where [REDACTED] is observed recording himself. I was familiar with [REDACTED] based on past interactions and was aware of his involvement in incidents involving firearms. The video was preserved at the time of viewing.

In this video, which was viewed 54 minutes after it was posted, [REDACTED] is observed holding what appears to be a black semi-automatic handgun and pointing it at the camera. Vickers appears to be wearing a dark colored hoodie in the video that also states "Harbor Point" in a graphic overlay. Officers were also aware that [REDACTED] had an outstanding DYS parole violation warrant since [REDACTED] and had been working closely with DYS in an attempt arrest [REDACTED]

Based on this information, members of the Youth Violence Strike Force began surveillance in the area of the [REDACTED] housing development. Approximately an hour later, I observed, through the use of binoculars, [REDACTED] and another person walking to the store at [REDACTED] and then Detective Bowden observed the two of them return to the rear of 14 Island View Place. [REDACTED] was wearing a blue hoodie and black sweatpants with a white stripe on the sides.

Officers continued to conduct surveillance of the area and observed [REDACTED] and two other individuals (later identified as [REDACTED]) exit the front door of [REDACTED] and walk to the same store as earlier.

This information was relayed to additional YVSF units who ultimately arrested [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] after recovering two firearms in the store.



Youth Violence Strike Force

Respectfully submitted,

PO Joseph Connolly, ID#99771