



# Burnett Co Sheriff's Office

Incident #: 19-2196

Reporting Officer: Greg Chafer

Report Time: 09/28/2019 21:47:37

## Incident

Incident Nature  
Accident Motor Vehicle

Address  
2101 COUNTY RD G  
Spooner, Wisconsin 54801

Occurred From  
09/28/2019 21:46:07

Occurred To  
09/28/2019 21:48:23

Received By  
Gregory Norman

How Received  
Radio

Contact

Disposition  
Active

Miscellaneous Entry

Disposition Date  
09/28/2019

Cleared

Judicial Status

Cleared Date

Clearance  
Report to Follow

Cargo Theft Related

Responding Officer(s)

Greg Chafer

Caryn Krupa

## Persons

**STAUPE, SUSAN S**  
Other

Address

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

DOB

[REDACTED]

Race

[REDACTED]

Sex

[REDACTED]

Ethnicity

Height

Weight

0

**STAUPE, ROBERT A**  
Suspect

Address [REDACTED]	Phone [REDACTED]	DOB [REDACTED]
Race [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]	Ethnicity
Height [REDACTED]	Weight [REDACTED]	

## Vehicles

### 2016 Chevrolet TAH

### Involved

License [REDACTED]	State Minnesota	Color
VIN [REDACTED]	Owner HENNEPIN COUNTY CMED	License Type Regular Passenger Automobile
Value \$0.00	Amount Recovered \$0.00	

## Narratives

### Original Narrative

**10/01/2019 11:45:01**

Burnett County Sheriff's Department  
521 Deputy Greg Chafer  
Case # 19-2196  
Rusk Township  
Case Summary:

On Saturday, September 28, 2019 at approximately 9:57 pm I, Deputy Chafer was dispatched to Hill Rd for medical call. I was on Cty H north of Cty G in Rusk Township. I turned around, and headed back south towards Cty G. I turned onto Cty G and was approaching Northwinds Bar at 2101 Cty G. When I noticed a black colored SUV in the ditch on the north side of the road across from Northwinds Bar's driveway. The vehicle had MN plate [REDACTED] which came back registered to Hennepin County CMED. The vehicle appeared to come out of the driveway, and went off the opposite side of the road. There were a couple people outside in the parking lot of Northwinds, and they had a white Ford truck. When I turned my emergency lights on the subjects walked back towards the bar and the parked the white Ford truck. I am assuming that they were going to attempt to pull the vehicle out. I yelled to a male subject that was walking away from the white Ford truck and asked if he knew who was driving, and he said no. The subject later said that he was the owner of the bar as he was wearing a red shirt.

I then cleared from the scene, and went to the EMS call that was just down the road. The subject at the EMS call was unsure if his door was locked or unlocked, and the door was unlocked. I then cleared from the EMS call and went back to the vehicle in the ditch.

I opened the door to the vehicle and noticed that there were power head for turning emergency lights on. I had dispatch contact Hennepin County to see who would been driving the vehicle. I then went to the Northwinds Bar, and a male subject wearing a red shirt was outside said he owns the bar. I asked him if he knew who was driving and he said no.

I then went inside the bar, and my body camera was not on. I asked the subjects in the bar who was driving the Hennepin County vehicle, and no one answered me. I then started to walk out, and a female subject advised that I need to give them more than that. I advised the subjects in the bar that they would know if they were driving a Hennepin County vehicle. I then turned around to walk out of the bar and I said then they can explain to their boss why the vehicle got towed. Then a female yelled fucking asshole, who it was I am not sure other then it was a female's voice.

I went outside and the male subject who said he was the owner of the bar told me the driver was cop. I told him that we could have worked this out, but it is too late now. He said that he could get me his card, and I told him it is too late now.

I then went back to the road, and had dispatch call a tow. Dispatch advised that American Towing would

be in route 25 minute ETA. Shortly after I left the bar, a white Dodge Charger left the bar and there appeared to be two females and one male in the vehicle. The vehicle went east from the bar on Cty G, and a few minutes later the vehicle came back and there was only the female driver in the vehicle. Deputy Krupa and Trooper Olsen arrived on scene. Inside the vehicle was a black purse, and a bottle of vodka on the floor. Inside the purse I found a MN D/L with the name Susan Michelle Staupe [REDACTED]. I gave that information to dispatch and had them run it, and the D/L was placed back in the vehicle. I had dispatch check GIS to see if they owned land in the county, and dispatch advised that Robert and Susan Staupe own property at [REDACTED] east of my location.

American Towing arrived on scene, and started towing the vehicle out of the ditch. Then Jocks Towing out of Spooner arrived on scene, and advised that they were called by the owner to tow the vehicle. I asked them if they have a phone number for the owner, and they provided me [REDACTED]. A female answered the phone when I called, and I asked if this was Susan, and she said yes.

Susan's speech was slurred, and during the conversation, she was argumentative. Susan asked why we were towing the vehicle since they called someone. I advised her that it was not reported to the sheriff's office, and we called one. Susan kept asking why, and I told that we were not notified.

Susan then said that she knows [REDACTED] and they are good friends.

I asked her if she works for Hennepin County, and she said her husband works for them. I asked her what he does, and she said that he is a Major.

I asked Susan who was driving the vehicle, and she said the bar owner's wife was driving.

I asked her why they did not stop when they seen me, and she said that they told me they called for a tow. I told no they did not. Susan said that they were not there, and I asked her how they got home, and she said the bar owner's wife. I asked her if they were in a white Charger, and she said yes. I advised her that they could have stopped as they drove by me. I provided her the number to American Towing, and ended my phone conversation with her.

I then called Chief Deputy Wiltrout to see if the vehicle should be towed to impound or let American Towing take it. I was advised that the vehicle needs to go to impound, and I followed the vehicle there. I filled out vehicle impound inventory sheet. I left a copy of it in the vehicle, and locked the door. It should be noted that there were no keys in the vehicle. The doors were locked due to fact there was a gun locker that was locked in the rear of the vehicle. I took pictures of the outside of the vehicle, and everything on the inside. My body camera was on while taking the pictures, and doing the inventory of the vehicle.

In the vehicle was a bottle of Tito handmade Vodka, pizza box, McDonald bag, orange backpack, black purse, Hennepin County Jacket, bag of Hennepin Sheriff's stars, and in the far back a weed whip, the gun locker safe was locked.

Dispatch advised that they spoke to Hennepin County and that I could expect a phone call later as they were busy on a call. I did receive a call from Lieutenant and explained what had happened and that the vehicle was taken to our impound lot.

This is all the information I have at this time.

## Supplemental Narrative

**09/29/2019 10:25:29 Travis Thiex**

On 09/29/2019, I was working from 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM for the Burnett County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 6:00 AM; I received a call from Deputy Greg Chafer, in reference to a vehicle that was found in the ditch.

Deputy Chafer informed me that there was a Hennepin County Squad Car found in the ditch last night and filled me in on the details in case because I would probably be dealing with it today.

At approximately 8:30 AM, dispatch informed me that they received a call from Robert Staupe asking about getting his Tahoe out of impound. I spoke to Robert on the phone. Robert told me that he was driving the Tahoe last night. Robert said that I probably heard something different last night. Robert asked me if I was on the scene last night and I told him that I was not. I asked Robert if he had been drinking. Robert said he had been drinking before he put the vehicle in the ditch but that it was not that much. Robert said that he had been drinking after he got home (after he put the vehicle in the ditch). Robert wanted to get the vehicle. I informed Robert that I would have to do some checking.

I called Chief Deputy Jameson Wiltrout and did not get an answer so I left a voice mail. I called Sheriff Tracy Finch and informed her on why I was calling. Sheriff Finch told me to check with Hennepin County to see if they wanted him to get the vehicle.

I called Hennepin County and asked to speak to road supervisor from the county. Sgt. Christian Jung called me back a few minutes later. I informed Sgt. Jung what happened and why I was calling. Sgt.

Jung was going to call a Lieutenant and call me back. Sgt. Jung called me back and asked me to fax a copy of the initial report to their office. I faxed the report to the fax number that Sgt. Jung gave me. Robert had left me a voicemail so I called him back at approximately 10:10 AM. I made contact with Robert and he said that we were not releasing the vehicle. I informed Robert that I was waiting to hear back from someone from Hennepin County to tell me if they wanted me to release the vehicle to him. Robert said that they were going to come get it or have it towed. As I was speaking with Robert, my work cell phone was ringing. I told Robert that it was probably someone from Hennepin County. I answered my cell phone and spoke to Major Jeff Storms. Major Storms informed me that someone would be coming up either later today or tomorrow to get the vehicle. Major Storms asked me if it would be an issue if it waited until tomorrow and I said that it would not. Major Storms informed me that it would probably be tomorrow.

This is all the information that I have.

Deputy Travis Thiex/511