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On 10/12/15 at approximately 1809 hrs., writer was dispatched to the area of the IR 90 westbound off ramp at Nagel Road for a report of a reckless white Nissan travelling at a high rate of speed. The caller, Ms. Jackie Clark, advised that the vehicle was now exiting at the Nagel Road off ramp and believed a white female front seat passenger was trying to open the car door to exit. She described that the white male driver was trying to pull her back inside. While responding to the area, an additional call came in from Mr. Thomas "TJ" Hill, resident of 2256 Nagel Road, which is approximately a quarter mile south of the IR 90/Nagel Road interchange. He advised that a white Nissan had pulled across the street from his residence and the occupants were arguing.

Upon arrival to the area, writer observed a white Nissan GTR, bearing OH RP, GHX2411, pulled off into a make shift gravel driveway on the east side of Nagel Road, north of SR 254. The vehicle was pulled in so that it was facing to the east. Writer also observed a black SUV, with it's hazard lights activated, facing northbound on Nagel just north of where the white Nissan was parked. As writer approached, a white female, wearing a dark colored top and green pants, was sitting in the ditch of Nagel Road with her back to passing traffic. A second white female, wearing a white shirt with a red sweater over it, was standing next to her and was talking on a cell phone. Directly in front of the two females was a white male, who was wearing a green shirt, khaki pants and a white baseball cap. As writer activated the cruiser's overhead lighting the male began walking back to the white Nissan.

Writer pulled to the south of the vehicles, facing southbound, in order to protect the scene. Upon exiting the patrol vehicle, writer made contact with the male, later identified as Johnathan Manziel. Not knowing the details of the incident, Mr. Manziel was instructed to turn around, so that a protective pat down for weapons of his person could be conducted. The male complied and asked if he was being arrested. Writer informed him no and conducted the pat down, which did not reveal any weapons. Writer informed the male of the calls the Avon Police Department received; concerning a female being pulled into a car after an argument. At this point, Mr. Manziel briefly explained that he and the female passenger, later identified as his girlfriend, Ms. Colleen Elizabeth Crowley, were coming back from downtown Cleveland and were arguing. Mr. Manziel was asked if he was injured during the argument, in which he stated he was not. Writer then went to check on the welfare of Ms. Crowley.

Writer made contact with Ms. Crowley and asked her if she was 'OK' or if she was physically injured. Ms. Crowley responded that she was 'OK' and that she was fine. The female standing next to Ms. Crowley, later identified as Ms. Lauren Clarke, advised that she was a witness and would be standing by in her black SUV to speak to an officer. At this point another unknown vehicle pulled up in front of writer's patrol car and Mr. Paul Kruger, a coworker of Mr. Manziel's, exited his vehicle. He was advised to return to his vehicle until officers had a chance to speak to all parties involved. Upon seeing Mr. Kruger, Ms. Crowley became more upset, stating, "he doesn't need to be here!"

Mr. Kruger, who was now speaking with Mr. Manziel, was advised that he needed to return to his vehicle, so that writer could speak to all parties involved. He was later asked and advised that he did not witness anything that occurred, but was just driving from his residence to Pettitis Garden Center when he saw Mr. Manziel's vehicle pulled over. Mr. Kruger then returned to his vehicle and waited

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with his wife.

Ptl. Layne arrived on scene and began speaking with Ms. Crowley, allowing writer to speak to Mr. Manziel. In his verbal statement, Mr. Manziel advised that he and Ms. Crowley were in downtown Cleveland drinking earlier in the day, around 2 o'clock, and had plans to go see a movie together. When he decided he wanted to go pick up a friend also, this upset Ms. Crowley. At this point, Mr. Manziel explained his relationship to Ms. Crowley. He advised that they were dating and have been living together for the past two months, but have no children.

Upset with the change in plans, Ms. Crowley wanted to head back to Avon. Mr. Manziel stated that he began heading home and while on IR 90, he had Ms. Crowley's cell phone on his lap and was using it to control the music. During the ride, Ms. Crowley began accusing him of "driving bad". He then stated that Ms. Crowley grabbed his wallet, which was in the center divider and threw it out of the window. Mr. Manziel then stopped his vehicle and turned around in order to look for the wallet. After parking, he stated that "She did try to get out of the car." He then admitted to "trying to grab her arm to keep her from 'riding' out of the car". He was asked if at any point there was any striking, punching or pulling of hair, in which Mr. Manziel responded, "NO."

While speaking with Mr. Manziel, writer smelled the slight odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person. Writer looked for but did not observe any signs of impairment to include; slurred speech, glassy bloodshot eyes, difficulty multitasking or trouble keeping his equilibrium. It was writer's opinion that Mr. Manziel was not intoxicated and that he had consumed only two alcoholic drinks several hours prior.

Writer next made contact with Ms. Crowley for a detailed interview. Writer observed that she was crying, was upset and had the odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person. Ms. Crowley was instructed to get out of the road and to walk back to writer's patrol vehicle. Ms. Crowley was led to the side of the road and declined to have a seat in writer's patrol vehicle. Here writer observed that Ms. Crowley did have blood shot eyes, slurred speech and was having difficulty focusing on what was asked of her by officers. It was officers opinion that Ms. Crowley was intoxicated, confirmed by her later statement that she had consumed at least "3 Crown and Cokes". At this point, writer observed a small fresh abrasion to Ms. Crowley's left arm. The mark was on the top side of her wrist and appeared to be a friction burn with no blood seen. Ms. Crowley then began asking for her purse and cell phone.

As officers asked Mr. Manziel for Ms. Crowley's effects, she began walking towards officers stating, "I didn't do shit and fuck this!" Ms. Crowley began walking on the side of the road, stating "I didn't do anything wrong and my dad's a lawyer." Ms. Crowley continued to mumble under her breath, swearing and was ordered to have a seat in writer's patrol vehicle or she would be arrested for disorderly conduct. Writer then tried to speak with Ms. Crowley but she continued to have difficulty in focusing and exhibited mood swings; ranging from argumentative to cooperative.

During the on scene interview, Ms. Crowley confirmed that she and Mr. Manziel stay together. The living arrangements were further expanded upon when she advised that she still resides in Texas and attends TCU. She has only been staying with Mr. Manziel for the past two months, before heading back to TCU for her senior year.

The argument in Avon progressed when she asked for her cell phone and when Mr. Manziel wouldn't give it back to her, she threw his wallet out of the window. She stated she wanted her cell phone back so that she could call her parents for help. When asked to clarify what type of help, she stated to get

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her back to Texas.

During the ride back, she did state that Mr. Manziel pushed her head against the glass of the car 5 minutes prior to getting into Avon and in an interview with Ptl. Layne she stated that Mr. Manziel did hit her a couple times in the car. Ms. Crowley was asked if she was fearful of Mr. Manziel's actions and did she think he could cause her physical harm. Ms. Crowley responded "no he was fine".

It should be noted that no other signs of physical injury, beside the left wrist area, were noticed on Ms. Crowley. She was adamant that she did not want to pursue charges or want anything 'pressed'. She kept stating that she just wanted her phone and to return to Texas.

In Ms. Clarke's statement to Ptl. Barton she advised the following. She was travelling northbound on Nagel Road, when she observed the white Nissan pulled over. As she neared, she observed the female passenger try to exit the vehicle with the driver pulling on her wrist. Believing that the female needed help, Ms. Clarke pulled over and began calling 911. Ms. Clarke stated that after Ms. Crowley exited the car and approached her, she noticed that Ms. Crowley was "intoxicated" and seemed upset. She was told that she (Ms. Crowley) had thrown his wallet out and also stated that he (Mr. Manziel) was beating her. Ms. Clarke was asked if she observed any of the contact, in which she advised "only the pulling on her wrist." Ms. Crowley further advised Ms. Clarke that she just wanted to get her stuff and leave. Writer then showed up, ending Ms. Clarke's interactions with either party. Ms. Clarke's verbal statements were recorded by Ptl. Barton's dashcam audio.

It is believed that the friction burn caused to Ms. Crowley's left wrist was from the actions of Mr. Manziel grabbing it to keep Ms. Crowley in the car. The intent of these actions is unknown; whether it was to knowingly cause physical harm to her or if it was from Mr. Manziel trying to keep Ms. Crowley safe from exiting the vehicle. No primary physical aggressor can be determined. Based upon the statements of Mr. Manziel and Ms. Crowley, their relationship status, the lack of physical evidence; with the exception to Ms. Crowley's left wrist, Ms. Crowley's level of intoxication, the inconsistencies of Ms. Crowley's statements ranging from whether Mr. Manziel was physically abusive towards her or not, and neither party wishing to pursue charges, no arrest was made.

Both parties were advised that they were free to leave. Ms. Crowley was offered the opportunity for a ride to another location, but she declined. She asked if she could walk from the scene, in which she was advised she could not due to her level of intoxication. Ms. Crowley stated that she felt fine leaving with Mr. Manziel and the two drove away.

It should be noted that after clearing the scene, writer had the opportunity to speak with the initial caller, Ms. Jackie Clark to obtain detailed information. She advised that she was travelling in the high speed lane of westbound IR 90, east of Nagel Road, believed to be in the City of Westlake. Suddenly a white Nissan passed her on her left side, utilizing the left hand berm, at what she thought was around 90 MPH. As they entered into the City of Avon, the vehicle cut over several lanes of travel and began to exit at Nagel Road. As Ms. Clark was passing the slowing Nissan, she observed what appeared to be a white female passenger trying to open her door, with the white male driver holding her back. She described it appeared the driver's arm and elbow were around the neck of the female, pulling her inside the car. Ms. Clark was asked if she viewed the actions as aggressive by the male in attempts to harm the female or if they were actions used to keep the occupant from exiting a moving car. Ms. Clark was not sure, but did state the male's actions kept the female from exiting the moving car.

Field interviews were documented on AVON PD dashcam's 264, 265 and K9.