



**EDGARTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
EDGARTOWN, MA**

INCIDENT # / REPORT #

2023003880 / 1

OFFICER

BISHOP, W

RANK

SGT

REVIEW STATUS

APPROVED

INCIDENT #2023003880 DATA

As Of 07/24/2023 19:09:13

BASIC INFORMATION

CASE TITLE

LOCATION

APT/UNIT #

130 WILSONS LNDG

DATE/TIME REPORTED

07/23/2023 19:46:30

DATE/TIME OCCURRED

On or about 07/23/2023 19:46

INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)

(AAAG)ASSIST AGENCY: GENERAL

PERSONS

ROLE

NAME

SEX

RACE

AGE

DOB

PHONE

VICTIM

CAMPBELL, TAFARI

44

10/02/1978

(HOME)

ADDRESS: DUMFRIES, VA

(CELL) [REDACTED]

WITNESS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(HOME)

ADDRESS: ,

(CELL) [REDACTED]

[NO OFFENDERS]

[NO VEHICLES]

[NO PROPERTY]

OFFICER REPORT: 2023003880 - 1 / BISHOP, W ()

DATE/TIME OF REPORT

07/24/2023 00:05:12

TYPE OF REPORT

INCIDENT

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NARRATIVE

On the above date and time Edgartown Fire and Police were dispatched to 79 Turkeyland Cove Road for a report of a possible drowning. When arriving on location responders were advised of one party in the water, described as approximately 40 year old male, wearing all black. He would later be identified as Tafari Campbell (10/2/78). I made contact with EFD

Chief Schaeffer and we both agreed that due to the last known location, and ability to launch search boats, we would move our command operations to Wilson's Landing.

Once on location we established a command post. I requested through MSP a search helicopter, and Chief Schaeffer requested a USCG helicopter as well. Search & Dive teams from Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury responded via mutual aid. An extensive search began for several hours. A last known location was established, and Trooper Shaw of MSP also assisted with operations.

I instructed Officer Guest and Officer Dacey to commence a shoreline search effort starting from the closest house and working outward. Both Officers checked every house with waterfront access in the search area. Unfortunately the search did not yield any results.

Both air wings conducted a search until their fuel supply forced a return to base.

At or about 11PM the dive and land search was suspended. Edgartown and Oak Bluffs Fire planned to continue a grid search by boat for the remainder of the night. At first light, dive team operations will continue. During the duration of this incident the entrance to Wilson's Landing was closed as to give responders room to work.

The next morning the dive team search continued and a deceased Mr. Campbell was located using sonar. The investigation will now be handled by Massachusetts State Police and The Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office. No further action.

OFFICER SIGNATURES

Reporting Officer: _____ Date: _____
BISHOP, W

Approving Officer: _____ Date: _____
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