



UofU Department of Public Safety

Case Report for Incident 18-1861

Nature: Information

Address: [REDACTED]

Location: HRE

Offense Codes: EXBM

Received By: Johnson, J

How Received: T

Agency: UUPD

Responding Officers: Dorsey, K

Responsible Officer: Dallof, K

Disposition: ACT 10/14/18

When Reported: 16:25:56 10/12/18

Occurred Between: 06:00:00 10/13/18 and 09:30:00 10/13/18

Assigned To: Dallof, K

Detail: CINV

Date Assigned: 10/14/18

Status: ACT

Status Date: 10/14/18

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant: 45222

Last: McCluskey

First: Lauren

Mid:

DOB: [REDACTED]

Dr Lic:

Address: [REDACTED]

Race: W

Sex: F

Phone: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

Offense Codes

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: EXBM Extortion or Blackmail

Additional Offense: EXBM Extortion or Blackmail

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Dorsey, K

Unit :

P56

Responsible Officer: Dallof, K

Agency: UUPD

Received By: Johnson, J

Last Radio Log: 20:19:04 10/13/18 CMPLT

How Received: T Telephone

Clearance: INV Under Investigation

When Reported: 16:25:56 10/12/18

Disposition: ACT **Date:** 10/14/18

Judicial Status: CAM

Occurred between: 06:00:00 10/13/18

Misc Entry:

and: 09:30:00 10/13/18

Modus Operandi:

Description :

Method :

Involvements

Date

Type

Description

10/14/18

Name

McCluskey, Lauren

Complainant

10/14/18	Name	McCluskey, Lauren	Victim
10/13/18	Name	ROWLAND, MELVIN SHAWN	Suspect
10/12/18	Name	Rowland, Shawn	Other

Narrative

A student is recieveing concerning text messages from ex-boyfiend's friends

Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date

Supplement

18-1861

10/12/18

K. Dorsey

On 10/12/18 at approximately 1425 a student contacted the University of Utah Police Dispatch to report some concerning text messages that she received from her ex-boyfriend's friends.

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10/12/18

K. Dorsey

On 10/12/18 at approximately 1625 hours a student by the name of Lauren McCluskey (U00999473) contacted the University of Utah Police Dispatch in reference to concerning text messages. I was then dispatched to take a phone report for this incident.

Upon speaking with McCluskey she stated that from 10/11/18 at approximately 1900 until 10/12/18 at approximately 1500 hours she has been receiving concerning text messages from some of her ex-boyfriend's, Shawn Rowland (00099463), friends. McCluskey stated that she had broken up with Rowland on 10/9/18. McCluskey thinks these text messages may be due to Rowland's friends being upset with her for the break-up. McCluskey stated that there have not been any threats made, but they have stated that Rowland died and that it is McCluskey's fault. McCluskey stated that she has heard from Rowland since his friends stated he was dead and he posted a recent picture of himself since then too.

McCluskey said that she doesn't believe that Rowland is dead, but she is concerned that his friends are trying to lure her into a trap for some reason.

I explained that without any threats or anything of a criminal nature that there isn't much we can do, but I told her to contact us if this escalates. I also advised her that she would need to tell them to stop contacting her before it would become harassment. I also advised her to not meet up with the friends if she thinks they want to do something to her.

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MDeras

October 13, 2018

On October 13, 2018, at approximately 0912 hours I was dispatched to follow up with case 18-1861. I contacted the complainant identified as Lauren McCluskey (U0999473 DOB: [REDACTED]) by telephone at [REDACTED]. I asked Lauren what was going on, Lauren stated that she had called yesterday to report that she was receiving concerning text messages from her ex-boyfriend who was later identified by his UT drivers license Melvin Shawn Rowland (DOB: [REDACTED] not affiliated). Lauren stated that he goes by Shawn. I asked Lauren to described Shawn because I found a UT DL through the Utah database, Lauren stated that he was a 37-year-old African American, about 250 pounds, 6'03, and that he may live by downtown Salt Lake City. Shawn matched the description from his Utah Driver's license. Lauren stated that this morning at about 0600 hours she received an e-mail from [REDACTED] stating that if she wanted to protect her image and dignity to contact them. The e-mail also states that if she calls the cops that the pictures will go viral including her family. Lauren stated that at 0815 hours she received a text message from a random number to accept a conversation through Telegram X app. Lauren accepted it and it linked with Shawn's phone number [REDACTED]. The conversation stated that Shawn was asking for 1,000 dollars for him to delete the pictures. Lauren stated that she was scared and did not know what to do because she did not want her pictures to go online. I met Lauren at the Public Safety - University of Utah building to have her fill out a witness statement and to give me more details.

Lauren advised me that she had sent Shawn the 1,000 dollars through the [REDACTED] app at 0926 hours. I asked Lauren to let me see the transaction on her phone. Lauren showed me the receipt and it showed pending. The e-mail address where Lauren sent the payment of 1,000 dollars was [REDACTED] and the user [REDACTED]. I advised Lauren to contact [REDACTED] to try to stop the payment but [REDACTED] Customer Service was not open today. I advised her to contact her bank that her [REDACTED] was linked to, Lauren contacted [REDACTED]. The customer service agent told Lauren that they could not stop the payment because she had sent it voluntarily.

Lauren stated that she met Shawn at the London Bell that's located in downtown Salt Lake City on September 2, 2018, and dated for about a month. Lauren stated that on October 10, 2018, she asked Shawn to come over because she wanted to break up with Shawn. Lauren stated that she wanted to break up with Shawn because she found out that Shawn was a registered sex offender and found out his real age which it was 37 years old. Lauren stated that while waiting for Shawn to come to her dorm room, Lauren saw that Shawn was picking through her dorm window. Lauren stated that scared her, moments later Shawn knocked on her door. Lauren stated that she comforted Shawn about his age, Shawn denied it but admitted to being a sex offender. Shawn was really upset with her because she had ended the relationship. I advised Lauren to stop the communication with Shawn. Lauren also stated that she would like to press charges.

I had Lauren e-mail me the screenshot of the conversation with Shawn, [REDACTED] receipts, and the e-mail she received this morning. I have attached Lauren's witness statement to the case.

Base on the elements of the crime detectives can screen charges for Sexual extortion 76-5b-204.

I ran a criminal history on Melvin Shawn Rowland (DOB: [REDACTED]). The criminal history shows that Shawn has been convicted for Enticing a minor over the Internet and Forcible sex abuse. Shawn's criminal history is attached to the case.

I notified Detective Dallof and the e-mails were sent to Detective Dallof.

No further information. End of report.

Name Involvements:**Suspect :** 25886**Last:** ROWLAND**First:** MELVIN**Mid:** SHAWN**DOB:** [REDACTED]**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** [REDACTED]**Race:** B **Sex:** M**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** [REDACTED]**Victim :** 45222**Last:** McCluskey**First:** Lauren**Mid:****DOB:** [REDACTED]**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W **Sex:** F**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** [REDACTED]**Other :** 45223**Last:** Rowland**First:** Shawn**Mid:****DOB:** **/**/****Dr Lic:****Address:****Race:** U **Sex:** M**Phone:** () -**City:** ,