



Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



2023-0408
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1680 Stringtown Rd., Grove
City 43123 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Chelsea Lynn Pitts (O)
Date of Activity: 02/12/2023
Author: SA James H Gore, #168

Narrative:

On February 12, 2022 at approximately 0144 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore interviewed Chelsea Pitts in front of the Home Depot at 1680 Stringtown Rd., Grove City. This was the site of a critical incident involving several members of the Columbus Division of Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team earlier on the previous evening. Ms. Pitts was identified as the caller who informed Grove City police that an involved subject, BRET ANDREWS, had an arrest warrant from Athens County for sex offenses involving a minor. SA Kyle Douglass was also present for a portion of the interview.

Ms. Pitts explained that BRET ANDREWS was her cousin. More specifically, ANDREWS was her father's nephew. She further disclosed that her mother's best friend, [REDACTED] was one of ANDREWS' former girlfriends. According to Ms. Pitts, ANDREWS allegedly molested [REDACTED] minor daughter for two of the three years he was living with [REDACTED] after he was released from prison. The offenses were reported to the Athens County Sheriff's Office on November 29, 2022, and ANDREWS' warrant was issued in December, 2022. By the time the warrant was issued, Pitts explained, ANDREWS was long gone.

Pitts further explained, after ANDREWS' warrant was issued in December, she devised a plan to locate him so that he could be arrested. Pitts said she sent a text message to ANDREWS' phone, pretending to be a former girlfriend, "Kristi." Pitts said that ANDREWS did not reply to the text message. Ms. Pitts indicated that the former girlfriend's full name was Kristi South. (*Note: SA Gore later determined that "Kristi South" was an alias of Kristina Lynn Roberts, date of birth 12/25/1975, of Columbus.*)

Ms. Pitts stated on the evening of 2/11/2023, she received a text message around 1900 hours from (614)735-9989. The sender of the message identified himself as "Bret," and he asked if it was "Kristi." Pitts deduced that ANDREWS saved her number as "Kristi" from when she previously tried to contact him on his other phone. ANDREWS asked "Kristi" if she had the phone number for "Brittany." Pitts mentioned that Brittany was BRET ANDREWS' daughter, who reportedly lived in Logan. (*Note: "Brittany" was later identified as Brittani Nicole Roberts, date*

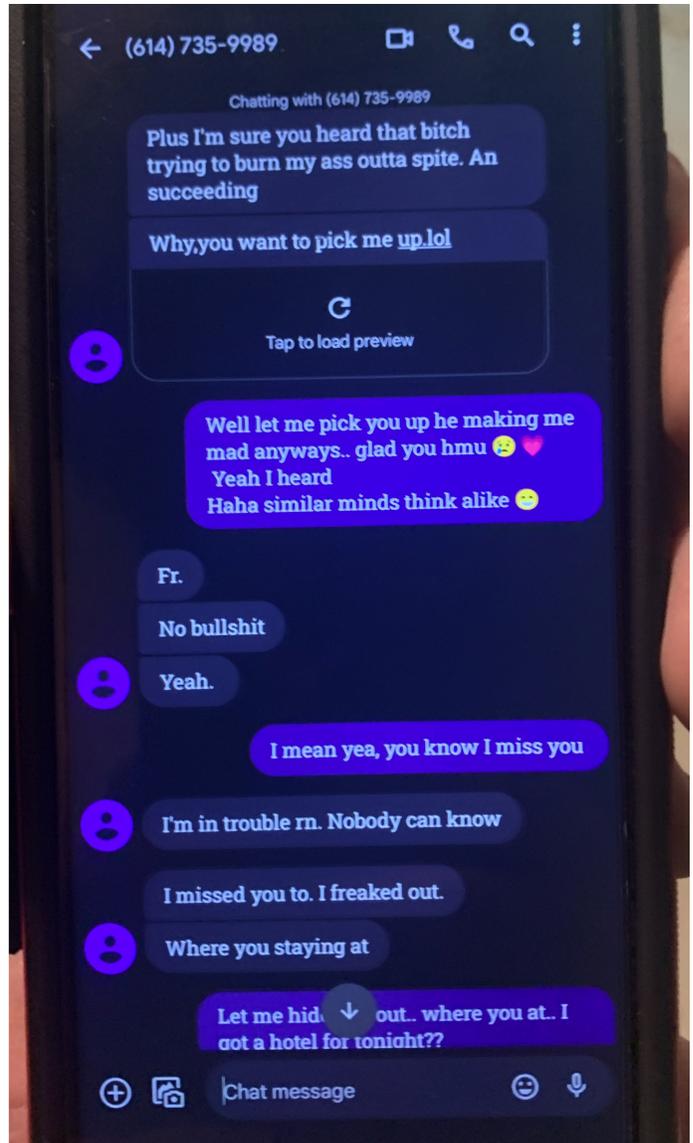
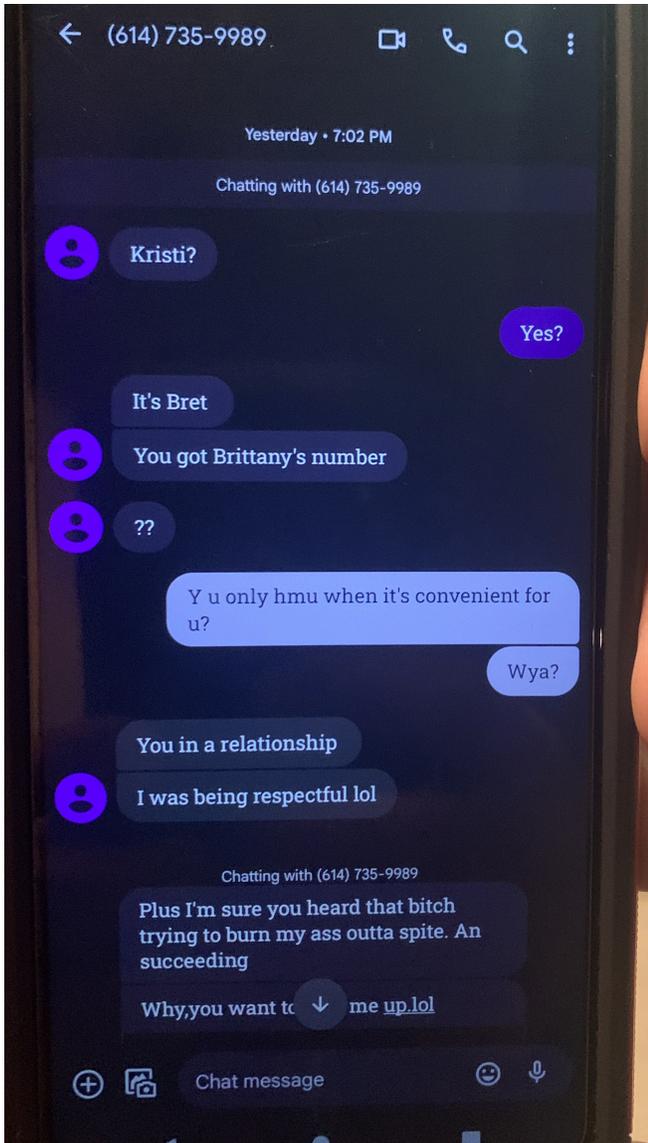
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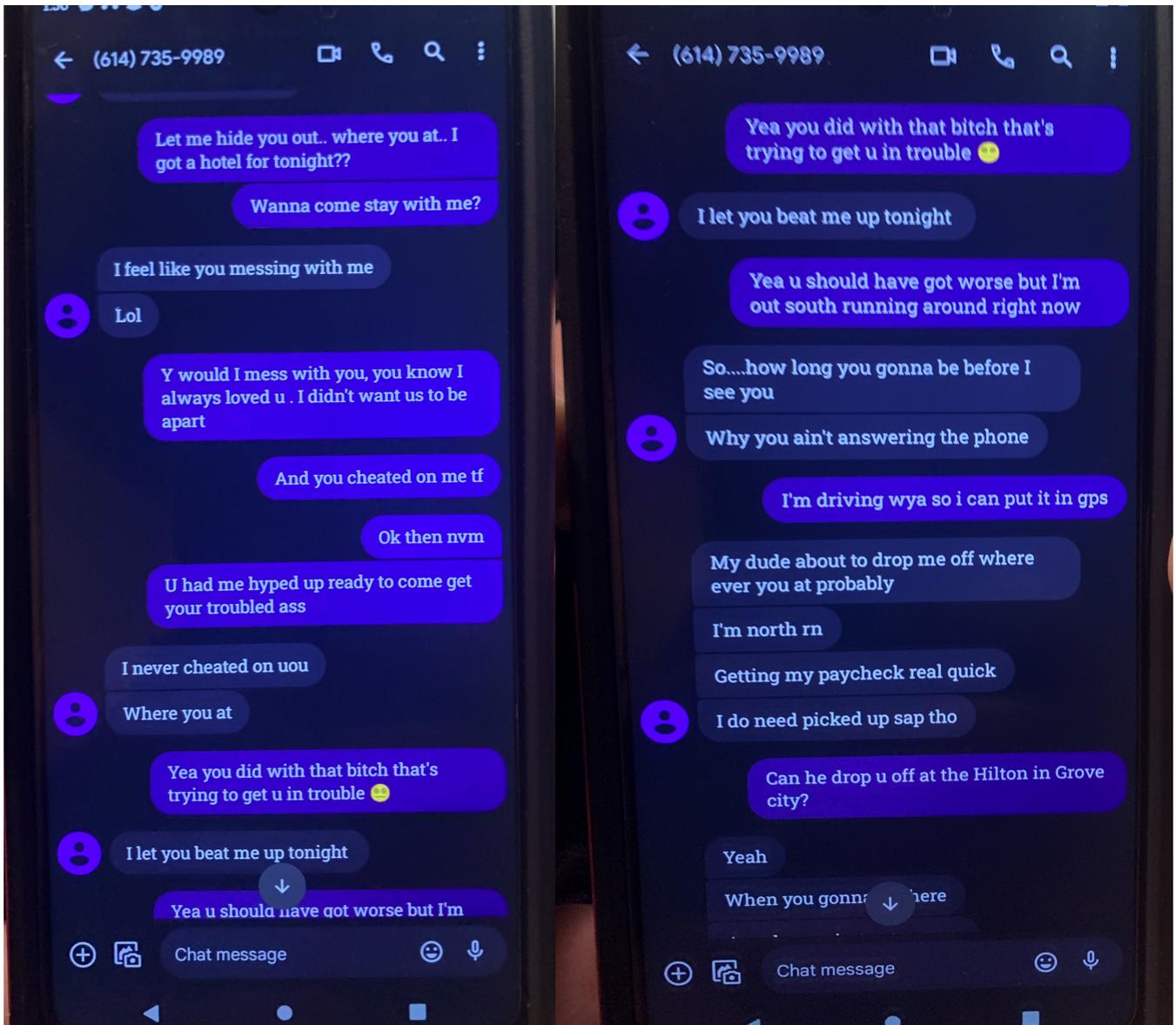
Pitts explained, when ANDREWS fled Athens County, he stole ██████████'s truck. According to Pitts, ██████████'s truck was found abandoned in East Columbus on Livingston Avenue, on or about January 4th. Pitts suspected that ANDREWS has been homeless, or hiding out with friends since he has been on the run. She believed ANDREWS wanted his daughter's number so that she could potentially harbor him too. Ms. Pitts saw ANDREWS' text messages as another opportunity to get him apprehended, so she continued with small talk while impersonating "Kristi."

Pitts said she was at her home in Obetz when the text conversation began. She planned to lure ANDREWS to her workplace, which was the Home2 Suites by Hilton hotel in Grove City. Ms. Pitts said she dialed 911 while driving to Grove City, and she informed the dispatcher of the circumstances. Pitts said she parked at the wrong hotel because she feared ANDREWS might recognize her van. She believed that ANDREWS was being dropped off in Grove City by someone who was driving from the north end of Columbus. Pitts said she met with an officer from Grove City while waiting for ANDREWS to arrive, and she relayed the text conversation as it took place.

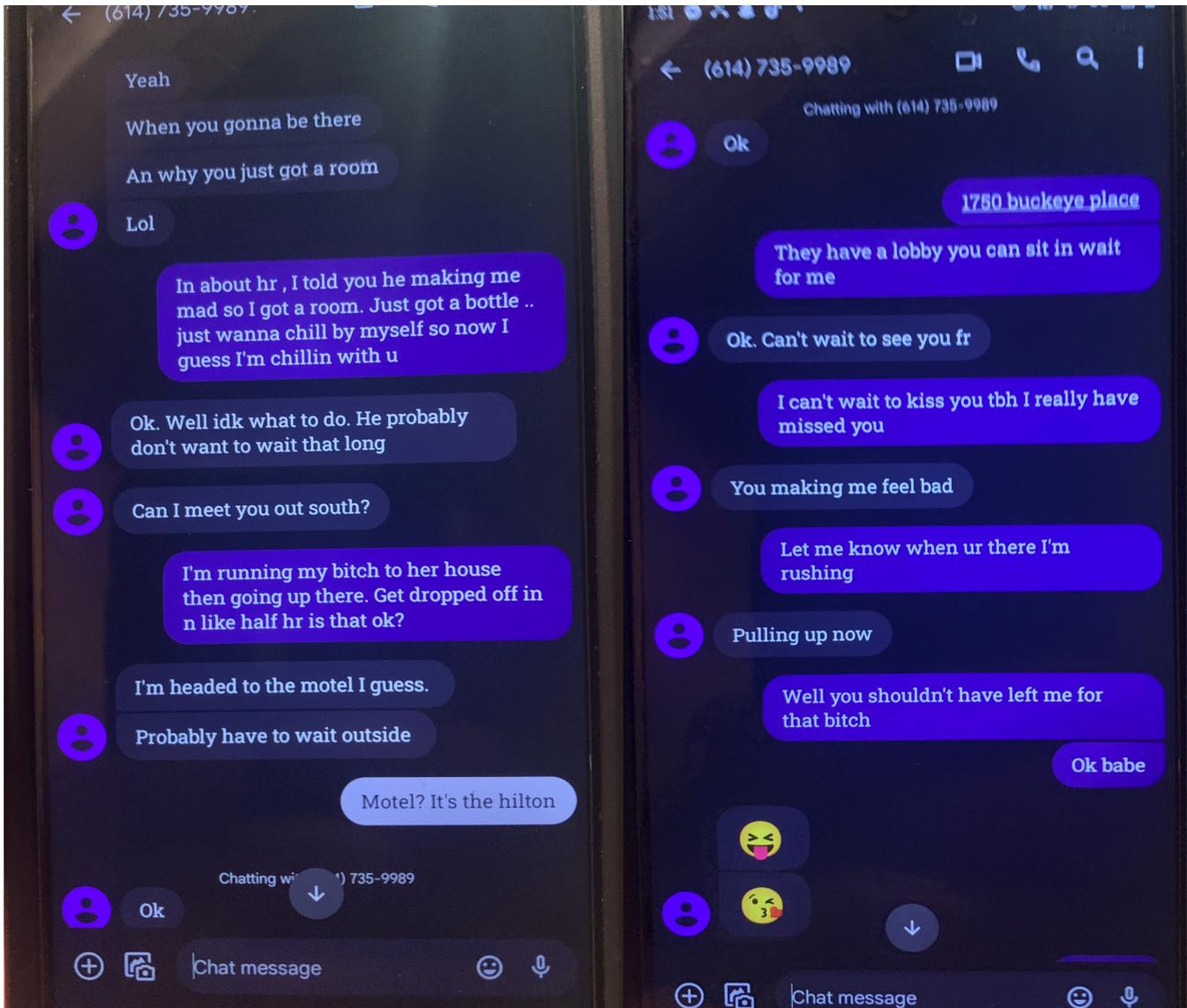
Ms. Pitts permitted SA Gore to take pictures of the text message conversation she had with ANDREWS. The following array of images depicts the conversation:



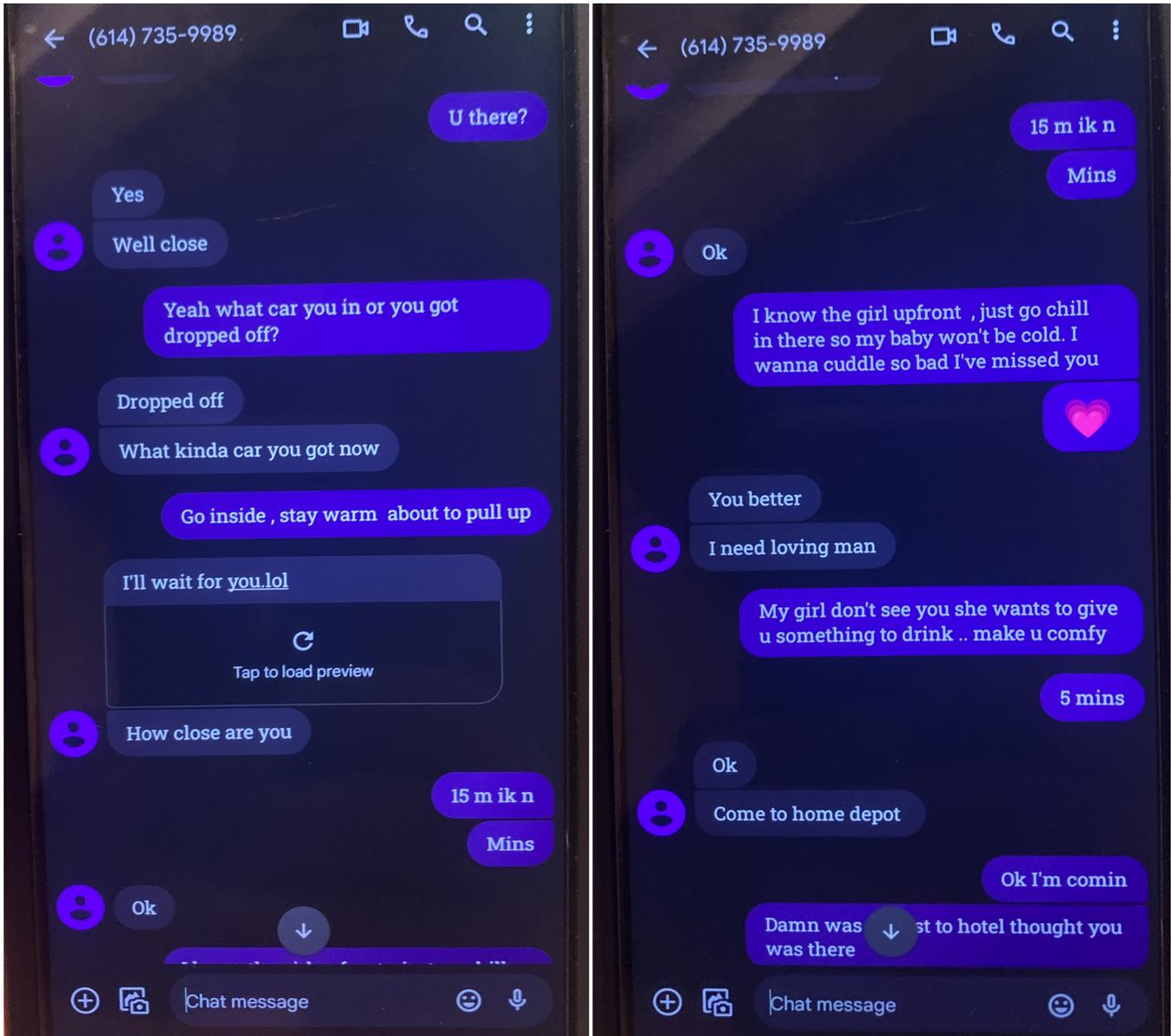
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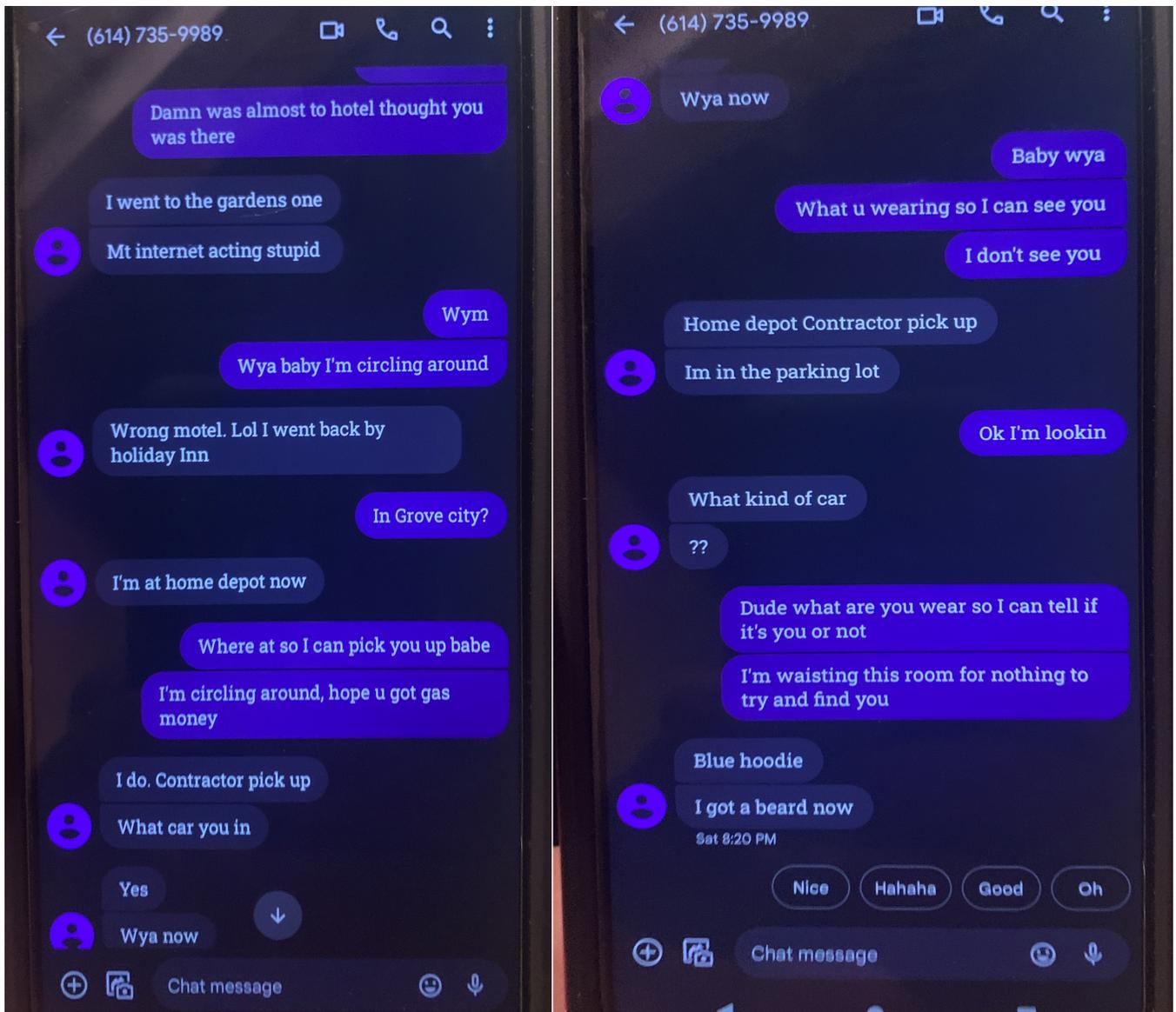
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The text conversation began at 1902 hours and concluded at 2020 hours. Pitts stated that ANDREWS tried to call her phone several times during that period, but she did not answer.

Pitts said that instead of meeting at the hotel, ANDREWS was dropped off at the Home Depot. She mentioned that soon after this was relayed, the Grove City officer who was with her left for Home Depot. Ms. Pitts said she also decided to drive to Home Depot to see what was going on.

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Ms. Pitts explained that when she arrived at Home Depot, she observed a lot of police cars and ambulances. She could see that police had surrounded a white car, and the car had all of its doors open. She did not see BRET ANDREWS in the area. Pitts said she approached some officers, but was told they could not tell her anything about the situation.

An audio copy of Chelsea Pitts' interview was among the items attached to this report for reference.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-0212-01-48-53 Chelsea Pitts Interview – SA Gore

Attachment # 02: Text Message Conversation between Chelsea Pitts and Bret Andrews
2-11-2023

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Yesterday • 7:02 PM

Chatting with (614) 735-9989

👤 Kristi?

Yes?

It's Bret

👤 You got Brittany's number

👤 ??

Y u only hmu when it's convenient for u?

Wya?

You in a relationship

👤 I was being respectful lol

Chatting with (614) 735-9989

Plus I'm sure you heard that bitch trying to burn my ass outta spite. An succeeding

Why,you want to ↓ me up.lol

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Plus I'm sure you heard that bitch trying to burn my ass outta spite. An succeeding

Why,you want to pick me up.lol

🔄 Tap to load preview

👤

Well let me pick you up he making me mad anyways.. glad you hmu 😞❤
Yeah I heard
Haha similar minds think alike 😊

Fr.

No bullshit

👤 Yeah.

I mean yea, you know I miss you

👤 I'm in trouble rn. Nobody can know

I missed you to. I freaked out.

👤 Where you staying at

Let me hide ↓ out.. where you at.. I got a hotel for tonight??

Let me hide you out.. where you at.. I got a hotel for tonight??

Wanna come stay with me?

I feel like you messing with me

Lol

Y would I mess with you, you know I always loved u . I didn't want us to be apart

And you cheated on me tf

Ok then nvm

U had me hyped up ready to come get your troubled ass

I never cheated on uou

Where you at

Yea you did with that bitch that's trying to get u in trouble 🤔

I let you beat me up tonight

Yea u should have got worse but I'm

Yea you did with that bitch that's trying to get u in trouble 🤔

I let you beat me up tonight

Yea u should have got worse but I'm out south running around right now

So....how long you gonna be before I see you

Why you ain't answering the phone

I'm driving wya so i can put it in gps

My dude about to drop me off where ever you at probably

I'm north rn

Getting my paycheck real quick

I do need picked up sap tho

Can he drop u off at the Hilton in Grove city?

Yeah

When you gonna be here

Yeah

When you gonna be there

An why you just got a room

Lol

In about hr , I told you he making me mad so I got a room. Just got a bottle .. just wanna chill by myself so now I guess I'm chillin with u

Ok. Well idk what to do. He probably don't want to wait that long

Can I meet you out south?

I'm running my bitch to her house then going up there. Get dropped off in n like half hr is that ok?

I'm headed to the motel I guess.

Probably have to wait outside

Motel? It's the hilton

Chatting with (614) 735-9989

Ok

Chatting with (614) 735-9989

Ok

1750 buckeye place

They have a lobby you can sit in wait for me

Ok. Can't wait to see you fr

I can't wait to kiss you tbh I really have missed you

You making me feel bad

Let me know when ur there I'm rushing

Pulling up now

Well you shouldn't have left me for that bitch

Ok babe

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U there?

Yes

Well close

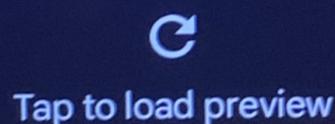
Yeah what car you in or you got dropped off?

Dropped off

What kinda car you got now

Go inside , stay warm about to pull up

I'll wait for you.lol



How close are you

15 m ik n

Mins

Ok

15 m ik n

Mins

Ok

I know the girl upfront , just go chill in there so my baby won't be cold. I wanna cuddle so bad I've missed you



You better

I need loving man

My girl don't see you she wants to give u something to drink .. make u comfy

5 mins

Ok

Come to home depot

Ok I'm comin

Damn was  st to hotel thought you was there

Damn was almost to hotel thought you was there

I went to the gardens one

Mt internet acting stupid

Wym

Wya baby I'm circling around

Wrong motel. Lol I went back by holiday Inn

In Grove city?

I'm at home depot now

Where at so I can pick you up babe

I'm circling around, hope u got gas money

I do. Contractor pick up

What car you in

Yes

Wya now

Wya now

Baby wya

What u wearing so I can see you

I don't see you

Home depot Contractor pick up

Im in the parking lot

Ok I'm lookin

What kind of car

??

Dude what are you wear so I can tell if it's you or not

I'm waisting this room for nothing to try and find you

Blue hoodie

I got a beard now

Sat 8:20 PM

Nice

Hahaha

Good

Oh