



HUNTINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Offense Report for Incident H21-01424

Nature: DRUGS

Address: 2360 COLLEGE AVE;
HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY
ADMIN ANNEX
HUNTINGTON IN 46750

Location: HPD

Offense Codes:

Received By: BLAIR S	How Received: T	Agency: 01
Responding Officers: BLAIR S		
Responsible Officer: BLAIR S	Disposition: CLO 09/29/22	
When Reported: 16:30:00 01/04/21	Occurred Between: 00:00:00 06/01/19 and 00:00:00 10/01/20	

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Complainant:

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Modus Operandi:	Description :	Method :
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Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
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08/17/22	Name	HELMER, REBECCA	NAME MENTIONED
08/17/22	Name	SNYDER, MATTHEW	NAME MENTIONED
08/15/22	Name	DELANEY, RICHARD	NAME MENTIONED
08/15/22	Name	GENTIE, ADRIEN N	INVOLVED
08/15/22	Name	JOHNSON, LAUREN GALE	NAME MENTIONED
08/15/22	Name	DIRR, ASPEN MARIE	INVOLVED
08/15/22	Name	DEGITZ, RUSSELL J	NAME MENTIONED
08/15/22	Name	HENDRYX, AARON M	INVOLVED
08/15/22	Name	CHESTERMAN, ELIJAH	INVOLVED
08/15/22	Name	WILSON, EMMA B	INVOLVED
08/15/22	Name	HINES, CURTIS R	INVOLVED
08/15/22	Name	CHILDS, FREDERICK JOEL	NAME MENTIONED
08/15/22	Name	CULLER, LORI L	NAME MENTIONED
08/15/22	Name	REYES, RALPH	NAME MENTIONED
08/15/22	Name	BURGOS, VICTOR	NAME MENTIONED
02/23/21	Name	JOHNSON, NICHOLAS EDWARD	SUSPECT
02/23/21	Name	STOFFEL, HANNAH LEIGH	INVOLVED
02/23/21	Name	JORDAN, CRAIG A II	WITNESS
02/23/21	Name	WILSON, CHAD A	WITNESS
02/23/21	Name	MANCHESS, ERIN E	INVOLVED
08/15/22	Property	PNK DRUG FLUCONAZOLE TABLET 0	EVIDENCE
08/15/22	Property	WHI DRUG UNKNOWN ROUND PILL 0	EVIDENCE
08/15/22	Property	WHI DRUG UNKNOWN CAPSULE 0	EVIDENCE
02/23/21	Property	WHI DRUG UNKNOWN PILL 0	EVIDENCE
08/15/22	Evidence	PINK CAPSULE	Evidence Incident
08/15/22	Evidence	WHITE ROUND PILL	Evidence Incident
08/15/22	Evidence	WHITE CAPSULE	Evidence Incident
02/23/21	Evidence	WHITE CIRCULAR PILL	Evidence Incident

Narrative

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On January 4, 2021 I contacted Matthew Ditzler reference a voicemail he had previously left requesting to speak with me. Mr. Ditzler stated he requested to speak with me on behalf of Hannah Stoffel. Mr. Ditzler stated Hannah recently brought some concerns to him reference recently terminated Huntington University (HU) cross country coach, Nicholas Johnson (1/07/1987). Mr. Ditzler stated Hannah did not want to be the first one to contact police reference her concerns so Mr. Ditzler volunteered to be the initial contact.

Mr. Ditzler stated he was advised of an experimental study Mr. Johnson conducted at HU during the summer of 2019. Mr. Ditzler stated the experiment involved injections to athletes administered by Mr. Johnson to help with body fat loss. Mr. Ditzler stated the athletes were told by Mr. Johnson the HU athletic director was aware of the study and gave permission for the study to be conducted. Mr. Ditzler stated the athletes had to sign consent forms and a non-disclosure agreement. Mr. Ditzler stated the athletes were told there would be an active trial group and a placebo group; however, the athletes were later told they all received the active treatment. Mr. Ditzler stated the athletes received bi-weekly injections and Mr. Johnson administered all the injections. Mr. Ditzler stated he believed Hannah told him the administered drug was Carnitor, a fat burning supplement. Mr. Ditzler stated after Mr. Johnson was arrested in December of 2020, reference a separate matter, Hannah became concerned this experimental study was conducted under false pretenses which led to Hannah reaching out to Mr. Ditzler. Hannah gave Mr. Ditzler permission to provide me with Hannah's contact information. Mr. Ditzler did not have any direct knowledge of any experimental study that occurred at HU and was made aware of the experimental study by Hannah.

On January 27, 2021 I met with Hannah Stoffel at the Huntington City Police Department (HPD) reference the information I received from Mr. Ditzler. I began the interview by gathering identification information from Ms. Stoffel. During this time, Ms. Stoffel stated she was currently a Division 1 athlete at Indiana University (IU) and participates in cross country and track and field. Ms. Stoffel stated she previously attended HU as a student athlete prior to her recent transfer to IU. Ms. Stoffel stated she knew Mr. Ditzler as he was her prior high school track coach. Ms. Stoffel stated she spoke with Mr. Ditzler about this situation and she wanted something to be done; however, she did not feel like she should be the one to bring it to the attention of law enforcement.

Ms. Stoffel stated her discussion with Mr. Ditzler involved an experiment that occurred at HU during the summer of 2019. Ms. Stoffel stated she is now questioning the legality of the experiment that was conducted. I asked Ms. Stoffel to start at the beginning and walk me through what she wanted to discuss today reference the experiment. Ms. Stoffel stated she and several teammates met in the exercise science lab at the HU Plex facility with Nicholas Johnson. Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson told everyone in this meeting an entity affiliated with Nike wanted to have HU athletes participate in an experiment as a "study group." Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson gave each athlete a waiver form and non-disclosure form and discussed the parameters of the experiment. Ms. Stoffel could not remember if they began the experiment that day or on a later date. Ms. Stoffel named the following athletes as being participants in the experiment: Aaron Hendryx, Elijah Chesterman, Erin Manchess, and Assistant HU Coach Curtis Hines. Ms. Stoffel stated she could not remember if others were involved but knew the individuals she named were involved in the experiment.

Ms. Stoffel went on to explain the premise of the study was to determine if there was a noted difference between taking a supplement orally versus the supplement being injected. Ms. Stoffel stated the study was to look at the difference between the two groups and their group would be receiving injections. Mr. Johnson told everyone it was safe and HU administrators gave permission for this study to proceed. Ms. Stoffel stated she never saw any administrators at any of the meetings and had not spoken with any administrators about whether or not this experiment was sanctioned by HU. Ms. Stoffel stated she asked Mr. Johnson how the NAIA was okay with this as she did not believe, with her experience as a D-1

athlete, the NCAA would be okay with this type of experiment. Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson assured everyone it was okay as they were not in season at that time. I asked Ms. Stoffel more about her concerns. Ms. Stoffel stated the fact the supplements were being administered via needle caused her concern as oral supplements are more readily available to anyone. I asked Ms. Stoffel what they were being injected with and she stated Mr. Johnson told them it was carnitor. Ms. Stoffel stated she has heard of this supplement before and stated it is used for breaking down fat more easily to be used as energy which would be beneficial for distance running. I later asked Ms. Stoffel how much of the supplement she received with each injection and she stated she could not remember. Ms. Stoffel later stated they were informed multiple groups of athletes were participating in this experiment and the dosage amount varied between testing groups.

I asked Ms. Stoffel from her experience, if there was a difference between the NCAA and NAIA when it came to random drug testing. Ms. Stoffel stated she was tested as a NCAA athlete regularly via urine drug screens and she had never been tested by the NAIA. Ms. Stoffel stated she was not aware of any of her peers at HU being tested by the NAIA.

Ms. Stoffel stated as part of the study they had a "bod-pod" test to look at their body fat percentage. Ms. Stoffel stated she believed they did this after the first meeting to get everyone's baseline. Ms. Stoffel stated they would then receive an injection every two weeks with additional "bod-pod" tests. Ms. Stoffel stated she never received any end results of the experiment or the findings. Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson mentioned who was in charge of the experiment but she could not remember other than they were a Nike affiliate.

I asked Ms. Stoffel when she first received an injection. Ms. Stoffel stated it was the summer of 2019 and she did not remember the exact date. Ms. Stoffel stated they would meet in the exercise science lab and there was a section of the room that was curtained off.

Ms. Stoffel stated they were given the option to receive the injection in the arm or upper glute and she believed everyone chose the glute because they were told it would be less painful. Ms. Stoffel stated everyone would show up at once and receive their injection one at a time behind the curtain. Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson administered the injections and there was no one else on staff present other than Mr. Hines who was also receiving an injection. Ms. Stoffel stated she never witnessed Mr. Johnson complete any paperwork or documentation before or after injections were given. I asked Ms. Stoffel about medical/nursing staff at HU. Ms. Stoffel stated there was a nurse "of some sort" at HU but no medical staff was present for the injections. Ms. Stoffel stated she was not aware of any medical degrees or certificates held by Mr. Johnson in reference to providing injections. I asked Ms. Stoffel if anyone could get the supplement they were being injected with or if it was prescription only. Ms. Stoffel stated she did not know but did not believe she could readily get the supplement in liquid form for injections. Ms. Stoffel stated Assistant Coach Lauren Johnson was never present for the injections. Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson kept the liquid supplement in a small cooler that was light blue or gray in color with a handle/strap. Ms. Stoffel stated it was a clear liquid in small vials. Ms. Stoffel could not remember if there was any writing on the vials. Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson would load the syringe from a vial and administer the shot after wiping the area with an alcohol wipe. Ms. Stoffel stated the shot hurt and caused her pain. Ms. Stoffel stated the worst side-effect they were warned about by Mr. Johnson was it could cause their "pee" to smell like fish. Ms. Stoffel stated they could leave immediately after the injection and there was no required observation time.

I asked Ms. Stoffel if she thought it was odd she had to sign a non-disclosure agreement. Ms. Stoffel stated they were told it was due to the significance of the study. I asked Ms. Stoffel if she could have told her mother about the experiment and she responded in the negative. Ms. Stoffel stated her questions were answered so that minimized her concerns at the time. Ms. Stoffel stated she believed HU was aware and the waiver form appeared legitimate so this all calmed any concerns she might have had at that time. Ms. Stoffel stated she was familiar with the supplement being provided as it was discussed in her college courses. This familiarity gave Ms. Stoffel a sense of comfort about the experiment and the supplement they were told they would be receiving. I later asked Ms. Stoffel about any concerns with Mr. Johnson providing the injections and she stated she did not have any at

that time. I asked Ms. Stoffel if any coach at HU or IU had provided her injections in the past and Mr. Johnson was the only coach to do so. Ms. Stoffel stated at IU there was a team doctor and she would expect any injections would be administered by the team doctor.

Ms. Stoffel stated the experiment was completed before the first cross country competition of the year. Ms. Stoffel stated she found it odd that the experiment was not followed more strictly and provided the example of Elijah getting two injections closer together than two weeks because he was going to be out of town when he should have received an injection. Ms. Stoffel stated her injections were not exactly two weeks apart either which was odd to her. Ms. Stoffel stated she does not remember being told when the experiment officially ended other than it was going to be done prior to the competitive season beginning. Ms. Stoffel stated in December of 2019 Mr. Johnson called her into the exercise science lab and had her go behind the curtain and Mr. Johnson had an injection ready for her. Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson gave her an injection and she did not question it. Ms. Stoffel stated she was confused because it was only her and Mr. Johnson and she believed the experiment was over as this was nearly six months after the experiment began. Ms. Stoffel stated she was told by Mr. Johnson this was a supplement Lauren Johnson had taken before as a professional runner so Ms. Stoffel didn't question much because she believed Lauren was ethical as a competitor.

Ms. Stoffel stated she conducted some of her own research on carnitor following the experiment and found an article about a professional runner using the supplement in the injectable form and it was considered unethical. Ms. Stoffel stated she checked the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) website and carnitor was not a banned substance.

Ms. Stoffel stated she was fearful that a HU athlete was given carnitor without the athlete's knowledge of what they were being injected with. Ms. Stoffel stated the athlete was receiving a lactic threshold test which is measured in the blood by a finger prick. Ms. Stoffel stated the athlete was told they were being injected with lactic acid prior to the lactic threshold test. Ms. Stoffel stated she had done lactic threshold tests before and she never received an injection prior to a lactic threshold test. Ms. Stoffel stated she did her own research and she found nothing about receiving lactic acid prior to a lactic threshold test. Ms. Stoffel stated the athlete was Emma Wilson and Emma told her about the injection. Ms. Stoffel stated she was concerned it was carnitor because she knew Mr. Johnson still had the supplement at that time.

I asked Ms. Stoffel about any bloodwork during this experiment and she stated she did have bloodwork done to check her iron levels in August of 2019; however, there was no specific test to check for carnitor levels.

I asked Ms. Stoffel if there was anything else she thought I should know and she stated she remembered Mr. Johnson being upset with Erin Manchess because she told her father about the experiment. Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson told her about this and expressed his anger over the situation because Erin's father contacted Mr. Johnson with questions.

I asked Ms. Stoffel about any athletes I was told she mentioned to Mr. Ditzler that she had not yet mentioned to me. Ms. Stoffel stated Adrien Gentie was not at the initial meeting but participated in the experiment. I asked Ms. Stoffel about Aspen Dirr and she stated Aspen was not involved in the experiment but her name came up during a conversation with Ms. Stoffel's ex-boyfriend, Aaron Hendryx. Ms. Stoffel stated after her injection in December she spoke with Aaron about it and he stated the year prior Aspen had received carnitor injections and that is what made her "a savage" during her competitive season. I asked Ms. Stoffel if she noticed a change in her performance following the injections and she could not say one way or another as it was administered during the off-season and not during competition. I asked Ms. Stoffel what would make the injections unethical and she stated the fact it was injectable and not easily accessible to everyone like the oral supplement. I asked Ms. Stoffel what the advantage of injectable carnitor was and she stated it was her understanding it would make fat more available to break down into energy allowing an athlete to maintain a higher performance pace for a longer period of time.

I asked Ms. Stoffel if she knew how Mr. Johnson received the liquid supplement and she stated she was not sure. Ms. Stoffel stated in March/April of 2020 she was in Arizona with Mr. Johnson, Lauren, and Aspen for training during quarantine. Ms. Stoffel stated she

witnessed Lauren upset and telling Mr. Johnson "this stuff could get me banned" and "why is this still happening" based upon a bill from a pharmacy she received. Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson stated it was not his and there was another Nicholas Johnson and the pharmacy continued to mix up the names. Ms. Stoffel stated she was not certain this had to do with carnitor but she had thought about this conversation she witnessed since she began questioning the legitimacy of the experiment.

I asked Ms. Stoffel if there was anything else and she stated Mr. Johnson still had the supplement this past fall (2020) because he offered it to her on two separate occasions. Ms. Stoffel stated she declined both times. This interview was audio and video recorded and a copy has been attached to this case report.

On January 27, 2021 I was contacted by Ralph Reyes with the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) reference Nicholas Johnson. Investigator Reyes advised there was an open investigation with USADA reference Mr. Johnson and his wife Lauren Johnson and he wished to speak with me reference the experimental study at HU. Investigator Reyes asked to be informed of any future interviews with HU athletes and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

On February 16, 2021 I spoke with Craig Jordan via telephone as he was not able to meet in person due to other responsibilities. The telephone conversation was audio recorded and later placed into the digital evidence (ACT) file. Mr. Jordan had previously reached out to the HPD requesting to speak with a detective reference Nicholas Johnson which prompted this conversation. I began the interview by gathering identification information from Mr. Jordan.

While gathering background information from Mr. Jordan he advised he was an Assistant Cross Country and Track Coach at Marian University in Indianapolis. Mr. Jordan stated he has a level 2 endurance coach certification through the United States Track and Field (USATF) governing body.

I asked Mr. Jordan how he knew a Nicholas Johnson. Mr. Jordan stated he has two prior athletes that attend HU and are coached by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Jordan stated he was a high school coach at Green Castle High School prior to his current position. Mr. Jordan stated one of the athletes he previously coached was Emma Wilson who currently attends HU. Mr. Jordan stated this was Emma's first academic year at HU and he has had minimal contact with Mr. Johnson reference Emma adjusting to HU. Mr. Jordan stated it was Mr. Johnson reaching out to him.

During this time in the interview I was advised Mr. Jordan was currently at a practice and he would need a short break in the interview. The interview was stopped for approximately one hour before I was able to speak with Mr. Jordan again via telephone.

I asked Mr. Jordan to discuss the car ride with Mr. Johnson in more detail that he previously mentioned to me when he initially contacted HPD with information regarding Mr. Johnson and injections. Mr. Jordan stated he saw a story in the news reference Mr. Johnson and his arrest in December of 2020. Mr. Jordan stated Emma's father, Chad Wilson, and him have talked before about being uncomfortable with how much time the HU athletes spent at Mr. Johnson's residence. Mr. Jordan stated after the arrest of Mr. Johnson was made public it made him and Mr. Wilson look at all of their prior concerns in a different light. Mr. Jordan stated he was also told about Emma receiving injections in the past and when he asked Mr. Johnson about the testing he was told it was lactic acid testing and there were no injections involved. Mr. Jordan stated he was told differently from Emma who stated she received an injection before the testing. I asked Mr. Jordan how familiar he was with lactic acid or lactate testing and he stated he was not an expert on the matter but he knew "for damn sure there's no injections." Mr. Jordan stated he had witnessed testing before and a finger prick is done for a blood sample but he had never seen or heard about an injection before a lactic acid threshold test. Mr. Jordan stated this caused suspicion for him and Mr. Wilson so they arranged a meeting with Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Jordan stated he and Mr. Wilson drove to Huntington, IN to speak with Mr. Johnson. Mr. Jordan stated Mr. Johnson advised he was not at his residence but was at his parent's farm and they were welcome to meet him there so he could "clear up everything." Mr. Jordan later verified this meeting occurred on December 15, 2020 in the evening. Mr. Jordan stated Mr. Johnson was waiting in a truck and he had Mr. Wilson and Mr. Jordan get into the truck.

Mr. Jordan stated Mr. Johnson had a laptop with him and began looking up Emma's testing information. Mr. Jordan stated Mr. Johnson showed them data from two testing occurrences; however, Emma previously told him this occurred three or four times. Mr. Jordan stated he asked Mr. Johnson about the other times based on this information from Emma and he presented another set of data. Mr. Jordan stated they kept catching Mr. Johnson in lies. Mr. Jordan stated Coach Johnson later emailed him the results of the lactate threshold tests from johnsonrunning@gmail.com on December 15, 2020. Mr. Jordan provided me with a copy of this information and correspondence which was later placed into the digital evidence (ACT) file. Mr. Jordan stated he told Mr. Johnson that Emma stated she received injections prior to the lactate testing and Mr. Johnson stated he injected Emma with L-Carnitine. Mr. Jordan stated he told Mr. Johnson it sounded like some "Alberto Salazar type shit which is illegal" (The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has banned Alberto Salazar, the famed track coach and former marathon champion, for four years. USADA says Salazar trafficked testosterone, infused a prohibited amount of L-carnitine and tried to tamper with doping controls, NPR.org 10-01-2019). Mr. Johnson responded it was only illegal if it was done in large amounts and he only injected Emma with .1 cc of the supplement. Mr. Jordan stated Mr. Johnson continued his explanation and stated he typically only did this with national level athletes and Emma was the only one.

Mr. Jordan stated Emma told him Mr. Johnson did this with several of the athletes and other times he would inject them with saline. I asked Mr. Jordan what the purpose of saline was and he did not have an answer but later stated he remembered Mr. Johnson describing the use of the saline as a placebo. Mr. Jordan stated Mr. Johnson made a point to say he saw other high-level performance teams use this same method and named the United States Army World Class Athlete Program as one of the programs. Mr. Jordan stated Mr. Johnson knew Mr. Jordan's brother was a part of this program and he believes that is why Mr. Johnson named it.

Mr. Jordan stated he checked with his brother and his brother stated they never received injections of L-Carnitine. Mr. Jordan stated Mr. Johnson again lied to him and he believes Mr. Johnson is a "pathological liar."

Mr. Jordan stated he asked Mr. Johnson where the testing was done and he stated it all occurred in his garage at his residence in Huntington, IN. Mr. Jordan stated arrangements were made for them to go to Mr. Johnson's residence that evening to see his garage and to speak with Lauren Johnson. Mr. Jordan stated they asked Lauren about the injections and she stated, "I don't know what Nick gave them." Mr. Jordan stated there was a treadmill in the garage and he did not remember much else about the garage. I asked Mr. Jordan if he knew how

Mr. Johnson was getting the liquid L-Carnitine. Mr. Jordan stated he did not have any information about this other than Mr. Johnson stated it was expensive and that was why only certain athletes (national level) would receive the injections. I asked Mr. Jordan if he knew why someone would give L-Carnitine to an athlete before a lactate test and he stated, "because he's doping her." I asked Mr. Jordan if Emma knew what it was and he responded in the negative. Mr. Jordan stated Mr. Johnson told Emma it was a lactate shot and not L-Carnitine. Mr. Jordan stated Emma stated it was never before a race because it would make no sense to receive a lactate shot before a race because that would not be good for the runner's body.

Mr. Jordan stated he reported his concerns to USADA because he did not believe HU would take appropriate action concerning Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. I asked Mr. Jordan if he as a coach had ever administered an injection to an athlete or witnessed a coach administer an injection and he responded in the negative. Mr. Jordan stated athletes do not receive injections from coaches. Mr. Jordan stated doctors do this, not coaches. Mr. Jordan stated coaches might to finger pricks for blood testing but never anything more than that. I asked Mr. Jordan if he or his current university had ever been involved in an experimental study in which athletes received injections. Mr. Jordan stated, "No, injections don't happen. That's doping. That's wrong." Mr. Jordan stated Mr. Johnson disguised it as lactate threshold testing to administer L-Carnitine. I asked Mr. Jordan if he called Mr. Johnson on any of this and he again recounted how Mr. Johnson justified what he was doing because he was only giving the athletes .1 cc of the L-Carnitine. Mr. Jordan stated this sounded like "micro-doping" in the running community. I asked Mr. Jordan if Mr. Johnson ever mentioned an experimental study at HU and Mr. Jordan replied in the negative and stated none of this

happens at "ethical places" referencing his coaching experience and experience as a prior D-1 athlete. Mr. Jordan later stated Mr. Johnson told him HU funded the L-Carnitine and HU had their own medical team and pharmacist overseeing the program. Mr. Jordan stated none of this made sense to him.

Mr. Jordan referenced electronic communications with Lauren Johnson and Nick Johnson reference Emma. I asked Mr. Jordan to send me a copy of any communications he could locate.

Mr. Jordan later provided email documentation he sent to HU staff and screenshots of text messages. All of this information was later placed into the digital evidence (ACT) file.

Mr. Jordan contacted Dr. Russ Degitz at rdegitz@huntington.edu via email on December 23, 2020 reference a recap of a telephone call they had on this same day. This recap references injections of L-Carnitine and saline to HU athletes and a conversation with HU Coach Joel Childs in which Coach Childs told Mr. Jordan he had no knowledge or speculation of incidents involving Mr. Johnson prior to December of 2020. Mr. Jordan stated he never received a response from Dr. Degitz, Coach Childs or HU Athletic Director Lori Culler. Mr. Jordan stated he had follow-up telephone calls with Dr. Degitz. I asked Mr. Jordan to summarize these conversations. Mr. Jordan stated he was told HU would investigate the allegations he brought forward. Mr. Jordan stated he was fearful they would not follow through with this.

The screenshots of text messages between Mr. Jordan and Emma were dated December 14, 2020 in which Emma discussed receiving injections during the summer of 2020 and how she was injected with lactate. Emma explained how she never received injections before a race because it would not make sense to be given lactate before a competition. There were also screenshots of text messages to Mr. Johnson and responses from Mrs. Johnson on December 14, 2020 and December 15, 2020. Mr. Jordan asked about the testing and lactate shots; however, there was no response reference the shots but rather Mr. Johnson being in court and the difficult time Mrs. Johnson was currently going through.

On February 18, 2021 I met with Chad Wilson, father of Emma Wilson, at the HPD for an interview. I began the interview by gathering identification information from Mr. Wilson. I asked Mr. Wilson if he spoke with Emma this morning as she had an 8:30 AM appointment with me and did not make this appointment. Mr. Wilson stated he had been in conversation with Emma about speaking with me and she knew he was also speaking with me this morning. Mr. Wilson stated Emma did not really want to talk about all of this. Mr. Wilson stated he plans on seeing Emma today after his interview. Mr. Wilson stated he asked Emma if her coach (Lauren Johnson) told her not to go and Emma informed Mr. Wilson the athletes were told they did not have to meet with law enforcement but were not told what to do. Mr. Wilson stated he believes Emma is worried about being in trouble for receiving injections and pills from Nick Johnson and not asking any questions.

Mr. Wilson stated the more he has spoken with Emma following Mr. Johnson's arrest the more he has discovered how many lies his family was told by Mr. Johnson. I explained to Mr. Wilson why I wished to speak with him today and that I wanted to focus on the injections. Mr. Wilson stated Emma told him about a lactate shot she received soon after arriving at HU.

Mr. Wilson explained Emma was a recent transfer (July/August 2020) to HU from Illinois University. Mr. Wilson stated Emma was advised by Mr. Johnson the lactate shot was supposed to make her feel tired like she had already run before she did her testing.

Mr. Wilson stated he ran this scenario by his son who is studying kinesiology and he stated he had never heard of a lactate shot in this scenario. Mr. Wilson stated his son's first response was "steroids." Mr. Wilson dismissed this notion and began researching lactate shots for lactate threshold testing and he could not find anything to support this type of practice. Mr. Wilson stated he later received a call from Emma stating she received a second shot prior to another workout. Mr. Wilson stated Emma told him about two, possibly three, injections. Mr. Wilson stated the injections were always before a treadmill workout and Mr. Johnson was the one who administered the "lactate shot" in her hip. Mr. Wilson stated Emma trusted Mr. Johnson and did not ask questions. Mr. Wilson stated the injections occurred in Mr. Johnson's garage. Mr. Wilson stated no one else witnessed this other than Emma and Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Wilson began discussing his conversations he had with Mr. Johnson. Mr. Wilson stated he kept Craig Jordan up to date of what Emma was telling him about the injections. I asked Mr. Wilson if he spoke with Mr. Johnson about the injections when Emma made him aware of them. Mr. Wilson stated they did not speak about the injections but they did have conversations about Emma having a difficult time transitioning to HU from Illinois. Mr. Wilson stated he would check with Mr. Johnson to see how Emma was doing and he later found out through Emma there were lies being told to him by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Wilson explained Mr. Johnson would tell Emma her father was saying negative things about her and vice versa. Mr. Wilson stated it now seems like Mr. Johnson was attempting to drive a wedge between him and his daughter for some reason. Mr. Wilson stated he and Emma have now sorted out the lies they were told by Mr. Johnson.

I asked Mr. Wilson to tell me about the visit he had with Mr. Johnson and how that came about. Mr. Wilson stated he was speaking with Craig and they were both suspicious based on Mr. Johnson's arrest and the injections they were previously told about by Emma. Mr. Wilson stated Craig organized the visit with Mr. Johnson and Craig drove them both to Mr. Johnson's parent's farm. Mr. Wilson stated when they arrived to the farm Mr. Johnson had him and Craig sit in Mr. Johnson's truck where he was already waiting. Mr. Wilson stated they first asked about any inappropriate acts with Emma and Mr. Johnson denied anything inappropriate with Emma and disclosed three times he was ever alone with Emma and nothing inappropriate ever happened. Mr. Wilson stated Emma never disclosed anything inappropriate and stated she would not have allowed anything like that.

Mr. Wilson stated Craig asked most of the questions about the injections because Mr. Wilson did not know anything about the testing for runners. Mr. Wilson stated Mr. Johnson stated the injections were L-Carnitine and not lactate shots. Mr. Wilson stated Mr. Johnson said the dosage but Mr. Wilson could not remember the exact dosage but explained Mr. Johnson made it sound like a small dose. Mr. Wilson stated Mr. Johnson apologized to them for telling Emma it was a lactate shot even though it was L-Carnitine. Mr. Wilson stated Mr. Johnson gave Emma two shots of the L-Carnitine and one shot of saline as a placebo. Mr. Wilson stated Craig and Mr. Johnson spoke a lot and much of it was over Mr. Wilson's head. Mr. Wilson stated Craig's brother is a professional runner so he knew much more about the testing and how past coaches have been in trouble for using L-Carnitine. Mr. Wilson stated Emma never received any injections while at Illinois University. Mr. Wilson stated there was a discrepancy at first with how many shots Emma received and Mr. Johnson eventually admitted to three. Mr. Wilson stated he originally believed this all took place at HU but after speaking with Mr. Johnson they learned it occurred in Mr. Johnson's garage. Mr. Wilson stated they eventually went to Mr. Johnson's garage that evening to see where the injections took place. Mr. Wilson stated Lauren was at the residence when they arrived. Mr. Wilson stated Lauren advised she was never there and she did not know what Nick did. Mr. Wilson stated they had a refrigerator in the garage with "stuff" in it but Mr. Wilson was not certain of what Lauren had in her possession. Mr. Wilson could not remember seeing any vials of a liquid substance. Mr. Wilson stated Lauren made it sound like what Nick was doing was "perfectly normal" and referenced her drug screens with USADA and how she passed. Mr. Wilson stated this made him believe Lauren was doing the same thing. Mr. Wilson stated Lauren discussed how expensive the injections were and because of this very few athletes received the injections. Mr. Wilson stated it was odd that Lauren knew so much about the practice but stated she knew nothing about what Nick was giving the athletes. Mr. Wilson stated Emma confirmed Lauren was never present when Mr. Johnson administered the injections. Mr. Wilson later stated he and Emma were just inside the garage while Craig was closer to Lauren doing most of the talking. Mr. Wilson clarified at this time Mr. Johnson arranged for them to meet with Lauren at their residence; however, Mr. Johnson remained at the farm. Mr. Wilson stated he and Craig picked up Emma along the way as Lauren would not allow Mr. Wilson and Craig in her residence if Emma was not with them.

I asked Mr. Wilson if I spoke with him and Craig and there were any discrepancies between their two accounts should I give more weight to one of their statements over the other and Mr. Wilson stated probably Craig's reference anything medical. I asked Mr. Wilson

if Emma ever talked about being a part of a large study at HU involving injections and he responded in the negative.

Mr. Wilson stated while in the truck with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Johnson stated he gave Emma prescription strength ibuprofen and she had to stop taking it five days before her final race. Mr. Wilson stated he found this odd with regards to ibuprofen. Mr. Wilson stated they did ask Mr. Johnson where he received all the prescriptions and Mr. Johnson stated they have doctors in town they work with. Mr. Wilson asked Emma if she had any of the pills left and she did not. Mr. Wilson stated he believed this would have been near the end of November of 2020.

I asked Mr. Wilson if Mr. Johnson ever discussed HU being involved with the injections or being aware of the injections. Mr. Wilson stated he could not remember for certain if Mr. Johnson mentioned anyone at HU being aware of the injections or involved with the injections. Mr. Wilson stated he would assume HU would know because where else would Mr. Johnson be getting the L-Carnitine. Mr. Wilson stated Emma was upset when she discovered she was injected with something other than what she was told by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Wilson stated Emma was fearful of being in trouble and what Mr. Johnson injected her with could affect her collegiate running career.

Mr. Wilson spent time discussing several concerning behaviors with Mr. Johnson and how he was extremely manipulative with Emma and other athletes. Mr. Wilson stated he had learned of a prior suspension for Mr. Johnson by HU and Mr. Wilson was concerned why HU never did anything to stop Mr. and Mrs. Johnson from having athletes at their residence when concerns were public with regards to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Wilson stated he had expressed these concerns with HU staff and he was overall disappointed with their handling of everything. This interview was audio and video recorded and a copy has been attached to this case report.

Mr. Wilson later provided me with an email he received from LJ Chesterman, the father of Elijah Chesterman (HU athlete), on March 17, 2021 who identified himself in the email as the HU team Chaplain. A copy of this email was placed in the digital evidence (ACT) file as Mr. Chesterman referenced the injections as being part of a study at HU and how he spoke with someone from Walgreens who stated no prescription was needed for LCL or L-carnitine as they were over-the-counter (OTC) medications. It should be noted I spoke with this same pharmacy and was advised by the on-duty pharmacist they have an OTC L-carnitine tablet option and an OTC levocarnitine oral solution (syrup); however, neither of these substances would be safe to inject. The pharmacist stated any injectable form of L-carnitine would be prescription only.

I also contacted Parkview Huntington Hospital (PHH) Pharmacy Manager Dr. Bryan Hall, PharmD reference carnitor, L-carnitine, and levocarnitine to determine whether or not the substance in liquid form was a legend drug (prescription only). Dr. Hall checked all his available resources and contacted his procurement team and was able to find injectable carnitor via Amerisource Bergen. Dr. Hall stated this product was prescription only and used for patients who have a carnitine deficiency. Dr. Hall also located a pharmacy in the State of Florida advertising injectable L-Carnitine. Dr. Hall stated he contacted the pharmacist at that location and was advised the product was prescription only or for in office use (overseen by medical provider) and not available as OTC.

On February 18, 2021 I had a follow-up telephone call with Mr. Jordan reference by conversation with Mr. Wilson. I informed Mr. Jordan I wanted to clarify a few things with him after speaking with Mr. Wilson. Mr. Jordan verified he and Mr. Wilson never left the farm property where they spoke with Mr. Johnson. Mr. Jordan stated they spoke with Mr. Johnson in Mr. Johnson's truck the entire visit. Mr. Jordan stated they left and went to visit Mrs. Johnson at her residence and Emma was with them when they went to Mrs. Johnson's.

Mr. Jordan confirmed Emma was with him and Mr. Wilson in a vehicle together when they went to Mrs. Johnson's. I asked Mr. Jordan about being in the garage with Mrs. Johnson and if he observed any L-carnitine while in the garage. Mr. Jordan stated Mrs. Johnson acted as if there was nothing to hide and was attempting to reassure them. Mr. Jordan stated Mrs. Johnson never showed him a package of any supplements, specifically L-carnitine. Mr. Jordan

stated Mrs. Johnson never showed him any vials of a liquid substance. I asked Mr. Jordan if Mrs. Johnson ever mentioned L-carnitine specifically and he responded in the negative and again quoted Mrs. Johnson as saying she did not know what "Nick gave them." Mr. Jordan stated Mrs. Johnson was aware of injections but did not comment on the substance in the injections. I asked Mr. Jordan if he ever saw any syringes while in Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's garage. Mr. Jordan could not remember seeing any syringes. Mr. Jordan stated after they left Mrs. Johnson's residence they were contacted by Mr. Johnson asking him and Mr. Wilson to return to the farm so they could talk more. Mr. Jordan stated this was due to him calling Mr. Johnson a liar via text message after speaking with Mrs. Johnson. Mr. Jordan stated he and Mr. Wilson did not go back to Mr. Johnson's farm.

I asked Mr. Jordan about a conversation with HU Coach Childs referenced by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Jordan stated this telephone conversation occurred the same day they met with Mr. Johnson and Coach Childs was on speaker phone so Mr. Jordan and Mr. Wilson could hear. Mr. Jordan stated Coach Childs did not know Mr. Wilson was listening to the conversation. Mr. Jordan stated Coach Childs told him he knew nothing about the injections and acted like he was "clueless." Mr. Jordan stated Mr. Johnson is the only person who has admitted to any knowledge of injections.

I asked Mr. Jordan about an injury Emma had in which Mr. Johnson gave her pills for treatment. Mr. Jordan stated Emma told him about Mr. Johnson giving her prescription grade pills to treat her injury during the summer. Mr. Jordan stated Emma received a bag of pills from Mr. Johnson and she was told to quit taking them five days prior to the next competition. Mr. Jordan did not know what the pills were that Mr. Johnson gave to Emma other than Emma saying Mr. Johnson told her they were prescription grade.

I asked Mr. Jordan if Mrs. Johnson ever admitted to receiving L-carnitine injections and if she stated she was tested by USADA and the substance did not show up on urine screens. Mr. Jordan replied in the negative and stated it was Mr. Johnson who provided him and Mr. Wilson with this information, not Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. Jordan verified he told HU Coach Childs, the HU Athletic Director, and HU Chief Operations Officer (COO) Dr. Russ Degitz about the injections HU athletes were receiving. Mr. Jordan stated he spoke with Dr. Degitz and asked him about Mr. Johnson still having contact with HU athletes after being fired and Mr. Jordan stated Dr. Degitz pointed out how Mr. Jordan was asking very "specific questions." Mr. Jordan stated Dr. Degitz never stated if he knew about the injections but stated HU would look into the matter. This interview was audio recorded and later placed into the digital evidence (ACT) file.

On February 18, 2021 I spoke with Erin Manchess at the Huntington City Police Department. I began the interview by gathering identification information from Ms. Manchess. During this time, Ms. Manchess stated she was a current HU athlete with the cross country and track and field programs.

I asked if she spoke with anyone prior to coming here today and she stated she told her mother about the interview. I informed Ms. Manchess the reason I wished to speak with her today was due to the fact her name was mentioned by someone else as possibly being involved in a study at HU in 2019. When I said this Ms. Manchess lowered her head, closed her eyes, and nodded. Ms. Manchess stated when attempting to figure out why I wished to speak with her Ms. Manchess stated she thought about this situation.

I asked Ms. Manchess how she knew Mr. Johnson and she stated he was her ex-coach and he previously coached cross country and assisted with track and field at HU. Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson was her coach for approximately two and a half years. I asked Ms. Manchess to walk me through how she became involved with an experimental study at HU. Ms. Manchess stated she was included in a group message from Mr. Johnson reference a clinical study and how he would appreciate help from the athletes. Ms. Manchess stated it was not mandatory and those that participated were primarily those who lived near HU during the summer. Ms. Manchess stated not everyone on the team was included in the group message. Ms. Manchess stated those excluded from the group message lived out of state. Ms. Manchess stated the message stated there would be a meeting at HU to discuss the study more in depth. Ms. Manchess stated not everyone who received the text message participated in the

experimental study. Ms. Manchess stated she received this message in either June or July of 2019.

Ms. Manchess stated she attended the meeting that was held at HU in the exercise science room at the HU Plex. Ms. Manchess stated it was a weeknight at 7:00 PM. I asked Ms. Manchess who was present for this meeting. Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson, Hannah Stoffel, Aspen Dirr, Aaron Hendryx, Adrien Gentie, and Elijah Chesterman were all present with her at the meeting. Ms. Manchess believed Coach Curtis Hines was also present and possibly Lauren Johnson. Ms. Manchess stated she was more unsure about Mrs. Johnson being present than Coach Hines. Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson presented the group with a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson stated the study was through the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the study involved an FDA approved supplement with the purpose to determine how well the supplement assisted in burning calories in athletes during workouts. Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson handed out consent forms which everyone signed. Ms. Manchess did not receive a copy of this form. Ms. Manchess stated everyone did a "bod-pod" test, skin-fold test, and basic measurements. Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson told each athlete how much weight they would need to lose to be considered an "elite athlete." Ms. Manchess stated this same night they received their first injection. Ms. Manchess stated there was a privacy medical screen in the room and each person, one at a time, received an injection in their glute administered by Mr. Johnson. Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson used a syringe to administer the dose. Ms. Manchess believed the dose to be less than 5ml. I asked Ms. Manchess if she knew what she was being injected with. Ms. Manchess stated due to the nature of it being a clinical study she did not know if she received the active drug or a placebo.

Ms. Manchess stated she could not remember the name of the drug. Ms. Manchess stated she "Googled" the drug name at that time and it seemed legit based on what she found. I asked Ms. Manchess if there was any emphasis about not speaking with anyone about the study and she responded in the affirmative and stated they were not supposed to speak with anyone about the study while it was taking place. Ms. Manchess later stated Mr. Johnson told the athletes the supplement was completely safe and the only adverse side effect was "fishy breath." Ms. Manchess stated no one from HU administration was at the meeting and the meeting was after normal working hours.

I asked Ms. Manchess if anyone else ever administered the injections and she responded in the negative. Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson used pre-loaded syringes that were kept in a box.

Ms. Manchess stated the box looked like a normal cardboard box for medical supplies. Ms. Manchess stated the box had a divider in the middle and she believed one side would be the placebo injections and the other would be the active supplement. I asked Ms. Manchess if Mr. Johnson completed any paperwork after she received an injection or if she had to complete any paperwork. Ms. Manchess responded in the negative for both. Ms. Manchess stated once she received her injection she left. Ms. Manchess stated one of the injections might have happened at Mr. Johnson's residence but she could not be certain.

I asked Ms. Manchess if HU employed doctors who would treat athletes. Ms. Manchess stated they have trainers and sports doctors but all athletes would go through Parkview Medical Group. Ms. Manchess stated there is a doctor that comes to the training room one time each week to see athletes who need to be seen. Ms. Manchess stated Dr. Mattox is who came this week. I asked Ms. Manchess if any doctors oversaw the study and she stated there were none present nor were any mentioned by Mr. Johnson. Ms. Manchess was not aware of other universities that participated in the study.

Ms. Manchess stated the study was either a four week or eight-week study. Ms. Manchess stated candidates that met a fat loss threshold were able to move on to the second phase of the study. Ms. Manchess stated she did not move past the first phase but believed several other athletes continued into phase two. Ms. Manchess stated she received an injection every week on Monday for four weeks. Ms. Manchess stated the process of the injections was the same each time and the only thing that differed was if she was the only one there or if other athletes were there at the same time receiving injections. Ms. Manchess did not hear of any athletes continuing to receive injections after the completion of the study. Ms. Manchess stated she never received any closure reference the study nor was she told any results. Ms.

Manchess stated she asked Mr. Johnson about the results of the study in October of 2020 and she was told the results were not back yet. Ms. Manchess stated she had reflected on the process of this experimental study over the past couple of weeks and as she sat here today she did not believe it was a legitimate study.

Ms. Manchess stated there were other supplements the athletes would receive from Mr. Johnson.

Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson would give the athletes an "immune tablet" to help minimize their risk of getting sick. Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson would offer this supplement to the "top/elite runners" first. Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson would separate the tablets into small baggies and give them to the athletes. Ms. Manchess stated they were instructed to take one tablet each day. Ms. Manchess stated there would typically be ten tablets in a baggie. Ms. Manchess stated they would typically receive tablets a week or so before a big race like nationals or conference. Ms. Manchess described them as little white pills and she believed she still had some in her possession. Ms. Manchess agreed to bring in a tablet/pill if she still had any at her residence. This interview was audio and video recorded and a copy has been attached to this case report.

On February 19, 2021 out of the Circuit Court of Huntington County the Honorable Davin Smith issued a search warrant to search and seize the email account johnsonrunning@gmail.com from May 1, 2019 through December 15, 2020. This search warrant was sent to Google for execution and resulted in a return from Google on March 4, 2021. The following terms were searched across all emails included in the Google return: carnitor, carnitine, clinical, consent, disclosure, experiment, injection, lactate, lactic, pharmacy, prescription, study, syringe, test, threshold, and waiver. No emails were discovered in which a study involving injections of carnitine was discussed. The emails sent from this account to Mr. Jordan on December 14, 2020 were included in the Google return.

Internet search activity was included in the Google return and can be located in the digital evidence (ACT) file in the "Google Return-johnsonrunning Email Account" folder using the following file path: Google Return-johnsonrunning Email Account, johnsonrunning@gmail.com.139957476226.MyActivity.MyActivity_001, My Activity, Search, My Activity. Below are searched terms and visited websites by this Google account:

* "side effects of levocarnitine" was searched on July 12, 2019 at 2:07 AM (UTC).

* <https://www.rxlist.com/carnitor-side-effects-drug-center.htm> was visited on July 12, 2019 at 2:08 AM (UTC).

* "levocarnitine pharmacokinetics" was searched on July 12, 2019 at 2:09 AM (UTC)

* <https://go.drugbank.com/drugs/DB00583> was visited on July 12, 2019 at 2:09 AM (UTC).

* "prednisone pharmacokinetics" was searched on July 18, 2019 at 12:48 AM (UTC).

* "l carnitine Oregon project" was searched on August 29, 2019 at 4:36 PM (UTC).

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<https://www.flotrack.org/articles/5065588-nyt-report-on-oregon-project-and-salazar-adds-details-about-l-carnitine-use> was visited on August 29, 2019 at 4:36 PM (UTC).

* "usada infusions" was searched on August 29, 2019 at 4:45 PM (UTC).

* <https://www.usada.org/athlete-advisory/iv-infusions-explanatory-note/> was visited on August 29, 2019 at 4:45 PM (UTC).

* "carnitor tablet dosage" was searched on July 9, 2020 at 2:52 AM (UTC).

* <https://www.rxlist.com/carnitor-drug.htm> was visited on July 9, 2020 at 2:54 AM (UTC).

* <https://www.cvs.com/drug/carnitor/solution-for-injection/200mg> was visited on July 9, 2020 at 4:03 PM (UTC). This website states carnitor 1g/5mL solution for injection is prescription only.

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<https://www.healthgrades.com/drugs/fda/carnitor-levocarnitine-injection-solution/pictures> was visited on July 9, 2020 at 4:0 PM (UTC). This website states carnitor (levocarnitine) 1g/5mL [200 mg/mL] solution for injection is prescription only.

* "does L-Carnitine buffer blood lactate" was searched on December 14, 2020 at 5:37 PM (UTC).

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https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Hamid-Arazi/publication/332885268_Effect_of_Acute_L-

Carnitine_Supplementation_on_Blood_Lactate_Glucose_Aerobic_and_Anaerobic_Performance_in_Elite_Male_Artistic_Gymnasts/links/5f28610fa6fdcccc43a881f4/Effect-of-Acute-L-Carnitine-Supplementation-on-Blood-Lactate-Glucose-Aerobic-and-Aerobic-Performance-in-Elite-Male-Artistic-Gymnasts.pdf was visited on December 14, 2020 at 5:37 PM (UTC).

Internet shopping activity was included in the Google return and can be located in the digital evidence (ACT) file in the "Google Return-johnsonrunning Email Account" folder using the following file path: Google Return-johnsonrunning Email Account, johnsonrunning@gmail.com.139957476226.MyActivity.MyActivity_001, My Activity, Shopping, My Activity. On June 30, 2019 at 4:00 AM (UTC) "allergy syringes" was searched under "shopping" on this Google account.

On February 23, 2021 Ms. Manchess came to the Huntington City Police Department reference evidence in this matter. Ms. Manchess provided a small plastic bag containing a small white circular pill (Item 1). Ms. Manchess stated Mr. Johnson provided her with this baggie and it had approximately ten pills in the baggie when she received it from Mr. Johnson. Ms. Manchess stated she began receiving the baggies in the fall of 2019 and received approximately three or four of these baggies since that time. Ms. Manchess again stated she was told it was for immune support and she received them leading up to a big competition and was instructed to take one a day until they were gone. Item 1, a white round tablet marked with a score mark on one side and no markings on the reverse side, was submitted to the Indiana State Police (ISP) Laboratory Division on March 16, 2021 for analysis. On December 22, 2021 a certificate of analysis was received from the ISP Laboratory Division reference Item 1. It was determined Item 1 was not a controlled substance and had a net weight of .19 gram.

On February 26, 2021 I met with Lauren Johnson and her attorney, Robert Gevers, at the Huntington City Police Department. Huntington County Prosecutor's Investigator Diane Betz was also present for this interview. I informed Mrs. Johnson of my communication with Investigator Reyes with USADA and advised I would continue to be in contact with him reference this matter. I verified identification information with Mrs. Johnson before making her aware of why I wished to speak with her today.

I informed Mrs. Johnson the HPD was made aware of a clinical/experimental study involving HU athletes during the summer of 2019. Mrs. Johnson stated she was aware of something like this that occurred and stated calling it "clinical" may be misleading because that would imply it was something official. Mrs. Johnson stated it was not an official study. Mrs. Johnson stated she was aware Nicholas Johnson was doing L-carnitine injections; however, she was not involved. Mrs. Johnson stated L-carnitine is not a banned substance and injections are not a banned method. I asked Mrs. Johnson when this would have started and she stated the summer of 2019 beginning in June and she was not aware of an end date. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she was involved in any conversation reference the L-carnitine trial. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick told her he was doing the trial but nothing more. Mrs. Johnson stated she did not ask questions and she was not present for any of the injections. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she knew where the injections took place and she believed it occurred at HU.

I asked Mrs. Johnson how Nick referred to the trial. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick was looking into L-carnitine as it was a new issue in the sport of running and what it could be used for. Mrs. Johnson stated there was research at that time that L-carnitine could be used for lactate buffering and to help use non-essential body fat for fuel. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she was aware of any difference between L-carnitine in pill form versus in liquid injectable form. Mrs. Johnson asked me to explain what I meant by a difference and I asked if I could go to a vitamin supply store and buy liquid L-carnitine and she stated she was "not sure." I asked Mrs. Johnson if she knew where Nick got the L-carnitine and she responded in the negative. I asked Mrs. Johnson where Nick kept the L-carnitine and she stated Nick kept it at his parent's house and that it had to be refrigerated. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she ever saw the L-carnitine Nick used and she stated she did not believe so. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she had ever seen L-carnitine in her career and she did not believe she had. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she was at all concerned with Nick conducting this experiment.

Mrs. Johnson stated not from the standpoint that anything illegal was happening but rather from the current situation she now finds herself in that someone thought something illegal was happening.

I asked Mrs. Johnson what the automatic assumption was in the running world when a coach gives an athlete an injection and she stated, "That they're doping." I asked Mrs. Johnson if it was common for coaches to give athletes injections and Mrs. Johnson stated she personally had never received an injection from a coach. Mrs. Johnson stated it would not surprise her if it was a common practice. I asked Mrs. Johnson if there was anything with HU or with the sports world in general about whether or not a coach should give a needle injection to an athlete. Mrs. Johnson stated it only depended on the substance being injected. I asked Mrs. Johnson if Nick had ever been licensed to practice medicine and she stated Nick was not a doctor. I asked about any nursing licenses and Mrs. Johnson responded in the negative. I asked Mrs. Johnson if there was an endorsement or certificate through the USATF that would allow a coach to provide injections. Mrs. Johnson stated she did not believe they had anything for or against coaches administering injections.

I asked Mrs. Johnson if she knew who was involved in the trial Nick was conducting. Mrs. Johnson stated HU Assistant Coach Hines, Aaron Hendryx, Erin Manchess, Hannah Stoffel, Elijah Chesterman, and Adrien Gentie were involved with receiving injections. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she was aware of the parameters of the experiment and how often injections were administered. Mrs. Johnson responded in the negative and stated she was often gone for races during this time. Mrs. Johnson stated it was not until the fall of 2020 she was at HU on a more regular basis.

I discussed with Mrs. Johnson what I found during my own research reference L-carnitine and how it was not a banned substance if it remained below a certain threshold. Mrs. Johnson added there were limits to a legal substance over a certain time period and she believed it had to do with intravenous infusions only. Mrs. Johnson stated the HU athletes never received any infusions rather only injections from what she was told my Nick. I told Mrs. Johnson from my research I learned in the United States injectable liquid L-carnitine was prescription only. I asked Mrs. Johnson if liquid L-carnitine is prescription only how Nick was receiving the supplement. Mrs. Johnson stated she was not aware liquid L-carnitine required a prescription. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she was aware liquid L-carnitine required a prescription would that have changed her thoughts on the trial Nick was conducting with HU athletes. Mrs. Johnson asked what I meant by this so I explained how I was asking for her thoughts about Nick giving a prescription only drug to several HU athletes. Mrs. Johnson agreed this would cause her more concern if liquid L-carnitine was a prescription only drug.

I asked Mrs. Johnson if she ever received any pharmacy bills regarding L-carnitine. Mrs. Johnson responded in the negative and stated USADA recently asked her to look for receipts and bank statements reference L-carnitine. Mrs. Johnson stated she had not found anything yet reference any purchases of L-carnitine by Nick. I asked Mrs. Johnson if USADA informed her L-carnitine was prescription only and she responded in the negative. I asked Mrs. Johnson if Nick had a family doctor and Mrs. Johnson stated he visits Cardinal Family Medicine if a medical need arises.

I asked Mrs. Johnson if anyone at HU would have given approval for Nick to conduct this experiment and Mrs. Johnson stated she was not aware if HU was aware at the time of the experiment but stated they are aware now. Mrs. Johnson stated she had not asked HU administration if they were aware of the experiment in 2019. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick did not tell her either way if HU approved of this experiment. I asked Mrs. Johnson if there was any evidence to suggest this was a legitimate study sanctioned by a governing body. Mrs. Johnson stated the only thing she could think of was the participants had to sign a waiver. Mrs. Johnson stated she never saw a copy of the waiver. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she would provide me with a copy of this waiver if she were to come across one and she stated she would do this. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she had any conversations with Nick about this investigation and she responded in the negative.

I asked Mrs. Johnson if she had ever heard of or been a part of a clinical study as described in this investigation during her time at HU or as a professional athlete and she responded in the negative.

I asked Mrs. Johnson about an incident while she was in Arizona when she became upset about a prescription or pharmacy bill. Mrs. Johnson asked when this would have been and I advised around March of 2020. Mrs. Johnson responded in the affirmative and stated she did remember an incident as I described. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick had received a bill for erythropoietin (EPO). Mrs. Johnson stated this drug helps with red blood cell development. Mrs. Johnson stated this is a banned substance in athletics. Mrs. Johnson stated the increased red blood cell production increases oxygenation in the blood which would benefit an athlete's performance. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick received this bill from a local pharmacy and Mrs. Johnson could not remember which pharmacy. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick first told her it was a mistake and he should not have received the bill. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick later admitted he had a prescription for it and he was worried she would be upset due to it being a banned substance. I asked Mrs. Johnson why Nick would need this prescription. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick only has one functioning kidney as a result of a traffic accident. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick would have received this prescription from Cardinal Family Medicine in Huntington, IN from Dr. Matt Pflieger. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she was aware of any additional medications Nick had a prescription for. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick had a prescription for testosterone cream due to experiencing fatigue. Mrs. Johnson stated this too was a banned substance by USADA. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick would not have used this on any athletes. I asked Mrs. Johnson how she could be sure of this and she stated she could not be one hundred percent certain he did not use this on athletes but stated there were more sophisticated ways to dope an athlete than this.

I asked Mrs. Johnson if Nick were to receive approval from HU to conduct this experiment who would he need approval from. Mrs. Johnson again made it clear she did not believe this was anything official that HU would have approved but did provide the appropriate chain of command Nick would have had to go through. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick would report to the Athletic Director who would report to the Chief Operations Officer who would report to the HU President. Mrs. Johnson stated she spoke with the AD about the injections because she knew athletes were being contacted reference this investigation. Mrs. Johnson stated the AD did not say whether or not she was previously aware of the injections.

I asked Mrs. Johnson if she was aware of Nick using L-carnitine injections for anything other than the previously discussed experiment. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick used them during lactate threshold testing reference lactic acid buffering. I asked Mrs. Johnson to explain this process. Mrs. Johnson stated lactate testing is done at different paces to assist coaches in training methods based upon each athlete's lactate threshold. Mrs. Johnson stated this is determined through a finger prick and meter that reads the lactate level in the blood. I asked Mrs. Johnson why someone would receive an injection of L-carnitine during this process and she stated she believed it was to determine whether or not the injection would have an effect on the lactate levels. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she has had lactate tests done before and she responded in the affirmative with her last being in 2018. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she was ever injected with L-carnitine prior to a lactate threshold test and she responded in the negative. I asked Mrs. Johnson why this was done at HU. Mrs. Johnson did not directly answer the questions but stated she did not believe the positive effects of L-carnitine was widely known when she last had a lactate test performed. I asked Mrs. Johnson if it was now a common practice to receive a L-carnitine injection prior to a lactate test and Mrs. Johnson stated she did not know because she has not had a recent lactate threshold test. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she has read or heard of any recent research, as a coach, reference this now being a common practice and Mrs. Johnson stated she had not researched this topic.

I asked Mrs. Johnson if I were being told by athletes they received an injection prior to a lactate threshold test would that be accurate information and Mrs. Johnson responded in the affirmative. I asked Mrs. Johnson if she ever gave an injection or witnessed an injection and she responded in the negative for both. I asked Mrs. Johnson where the lactate testing would have taken place. Mrs. Johnson stated she helped with one lactate test in 2019 and that was conducted on a treadmill at HU. Mrs. Johnson stated during the summer of 2020 they could not use HU facilities so some of the testing was done on the treadmill at

their residence. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick oversaw all the testing. I asked Mrs. Johnson if the athletes would have been told they were receiving L-carnitine prior to the lactate testing and Mrs. Johnson stated she believed they were told. I asked Mrs. Johnson if they would have ever received anything else, such as saline. Mrs. Johnson stated this was mentioned by someone who confronted her. Mrs. Johnson stated she does not know if Nick injected saline. Mrs. Johnson stated she heard from one athlete, Emma Wilson, that Nick injected her with L-carnitine prior to a lactate threshold test. I asked Mrs. Johnson if there was any reason why an athlete would receive an injection of lactate or lactic acid prior to a lactate threshold test. Mrs. Johnson responded in the negative and stated she would attribute that to the "kids" not knowing what they are talking about due to a lack of medical knowledge. Mrs. Johnson later verified she was not present when Emma received an injection prior to a lactate threshold test so she was not aware of what Nick told Emma about the injection.

I asked Mrs. Johnson about the scenario of an athlete receiving an injection of lactate prior to a lactate threshold test and the athlete being told they would feel like they just got done running and the test was to see how they performed after already being tired. Mrs. Johnson stated she has not heard of this scenario taking place and from a coaching standpoint she could see how this might test the mental aspect of a runner as much of running is mental. I asked Mrs. Johnson if Nick ever talked about giving placebo injections to athletes. Mrs. Johnson stated she was not sure she heard this directly from Nick but stated that was what Craig Jordan confronted her about. Mrs. Johnson stated from a coaching/testing standpoint it was not out of the realm of possibility to give a placebo during a normal clinical practice/trial.

I asked Mrs. Johnson about her meeting with Mr. Jordan. Mrs. Johnson stated she had no respect for Craig and described him as a domineering and threatening person. Mrs. Johnson stated Craig threatened her about things she was not involved with and discussed issues with Nick that did not pertain to Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson stated Craig controls Emma and was previously fired twice from the high school Emma attended due to allegations involving a relationship between Craig and Emma. Mrs. Johnson stated she would not believe a thing Craig had to say. I asked Mrs. Johnson how Craig ended up at her residence. Mrs. Johnson stated she was on a phone call with Nick with Craig and Chad Wilson also on the call which led to them coming to her residence.

I asked Mrs. Johnson about a bag of pills Nick would give athletes prior to competitions and Mrs. Johnson stated the pills were "B vitamins." Mrs. Johnson described them as "little white, B vitamin pills." Mrs. Johnson stated it was only before big competitions so only conference or national athletes would have received them. I asked Mrs. Johnson about an injury Emma suffered prior to a meet. Mrs. Johnson stated it was an injury that occurred over time but she was aware of an injury. I asked Mrs. Johnson if Emma was ever given any medication to treat this injury. Mrs. Johnson stated she might have given Emma voltaren and stated this was an OTC anti-inflammatory cream. I asked Mrs. Johnson if Emma ever received any pills for this injury and Mrs. Johnson stated she was not aware of any. I asked Mrs. Johnson if it was possible Nick gave Emma pills without Mrs. Johnson knowing and she stated it was possible. Mrs. Johnson stated Nick never told her about giving Emma any pills to treat her injury. This interview was audio and video recorded and a copy has been attached to this case report.

On March 18, 2021 I met with Emma Wilson at the Huntington City Police Department. Huntington County Prosecutor Investigator Dian Betz was present for this interview. I began the interview by gathering identification information from Ms. Wilson. While gathering identification information, Ms. Wilson stated she was a current athlete at HU with the cross country and track and field programs. Ms. Wilson also stated she lived with Nicholas and Lauren Johnson for approximately two weeks after transferring to HU. Ms. Wilson stated Hannah Stoffel would also stay overnight at the Johnson's residence at times.

I told Ms. Wilson I wished to speak with her today because her name was mentioned as being one of many athletes to have received injections from Nicholas Johnson. I asked Ms. Wilson if this was true and she responded in the affirmative. I asked Ms. Wilson to tell me

when it first happened and what that process looked like. Ms. Wilson stated the first time was during the summer of 2020. Ms. Wilson stated Nick told her he was giving her a lactate shot as part of a lactate test. Ms. Wilson stated the shot was supposed to make her lactate spike faster during the testing. Ms. Wilson stated this was approximately one month after transferring to HU. Ms. Wilson stated this was the first time she ever had a lactate threshold test. Ms. Wilson stated this test occurred at Nick's residence, in the garage, because the HU Plex was closed. Ms. Wilson stated no one else was present during the testing. Ms. Wilson stated the injection was prior to the lactate threshold test. Ms. Wilson stated Nick administered the injection in her hip. Ms. Wilson stated Nick used an alcohol wipe on her skin before injecting her with the substance. Ms. Wilson stated Nick told her he was injecting her with "lactate." Ms. Wilson described it as a clear liquid. Ms. Wilson did not know how much of the substance she was injected with. Ms. Wilson stated she ran on a treadmill in Nick's garage approximately fifteen minutes after receiving the injection and would have a finger prick at one-mile intervals during the testing to test the amount of lactate in her blood. Ms. Wilson stated Nick recorded the results and she saw them at a later date and time.

Ms. Wilson stated she received injections from Nick on two other occasions. Ms. Wilson stated the second time was also prior to a lactate threshold test. Ms. Wilson stated everything was the same about the process except the workout was at the HU Plex. Ms. Wilson stated she received the injection prior to her workout in an upstairs office at the HU Plex. Ms. Wilson stated no one else was around when Nick administered the injection. Ms. Wilson stated she was again told by Nick that she was given an injection of lactate. Ms. Wilson stated her blood was checked via finger-prick at intervals and Nick recorded the results.

Ms. Wilson stated Nick told her the third injection was in preparation for a 4K. Ms. Wilson stated it was late October or early November 2020. Ms. Wilson stated they were in a lab room at the HU Plex when Nick administered the injection. Ms. Wilson stated no one else was in the room when this occurred. Ms. Wilson stated Nick used an alcohol swab to clean the area before administering the injection. Ms. Wilson stated Nick told her the injection was a lactate injection. Ms. Wilson stated there was no waiting time and she ran 10 x 1K on the outdoor HU track. Ms. Wilson stated Nick told her if she could keep up her pace after receiving the lactate shot then she should be okay for the upcoming 10K. I asked Ms. Wilson if she felt any different after receiving the injections and she responded in the negative.

Ms. Wilson stated she only received injections from Nick Johnson. Ms. Wilson stated no one ever witnessed the injections as they were always alone. Ms. Wilson stated she was always told by Nick that she was receiving an injection of lactate. Ms. Wilson stated she had never received an injection before as part of her athletic career prior to Nick administering injections. Ms. Wilson stated she heard of lactate threshold testing before but was never aware of the procedure. Ms. Wilson stated she thought the injections were part of the process of a lactate threshold test. Ms. Wilson stated Nick never told her not to mention the injections to anyone.

I asked Ms. Wilson if she ever told anyone about this. Ms. Wilson stated she told her parents about the injections. I asked Ms. Wilson what her parents thought of this and she stated they did not really have a response. Ms. Wilson stated her father, Chad Wilson, later had a conversation with Nick about the injections and Nick told Mr. Wilson it was not lactate he administered to Ms. Wilson. I asked Ms. Wilson to tell me about this conversation. Ms. Wilson stated she was not present for this conversation but was told by her dad that Nick told him it was not lactate she was injected with. Ms. Wilson stated Nick told Mr. Wilson he injected her with L-carnitine and not lactate. Ms. Wilson stated she did not know what L-carnitine was until she did her own research after her dad gave her this information. Ms. Wilson stated this conversation with her dad was in-person and the same day Mr. Wilson heard this information from Nick. Ms. Wilson stated her high school coach, Craig, was also present for this conversation. Ms. Wilson stated this conversation occurred at her apartment. Ms. Wilson stated that night "was a lot to take in" and difficult to remember. Ms. Wilson stated it was hard to believe Nick lied to her and told her one thing but she was injected with something else. I later asked Ms. Wilson if she believed Nick should be in trouble for telling her he was giving her one thing but injected her with

something else. Ms. Wilson stated she believed Nick should be in trouble for not telling the truth.

Ms. Wilson stated after learning this information from her dad and Craig, they went to the residence of Nick and Lauren Johnson's. Ms. Wilson stated Craig wanted to see where the lactate testing took place. Ms. Wilson again stated only one of the three tests took place at the Johnson's residence. Ms. Wilson stated Lauren explained to them the lactate test procedure and showed them the treadmill and the meter that read the lactate in the blood. I asked Ms. Wilson if Lauren ever mentioned an injection prior to lactate testing and Ms. Wilson could not remember. I asked Ms. Wilson if they were ever shown syringes or vials during this time and she responded in the negative. Ms. Wilson stated they were in the garage during the entire visit. I asked Ms. Wilson if she could hear everything being discussed and she responded in the affirmative. I asked Ms. Wilson if she heard anything that stood out to her and she could not remember anything. Ms. Wilson stated Lauren was never around when she received an injection so Lauren could not comment on the injections (what or how much Ms. Wilson received).

I asked Ms. Wilson if there were other times she received any sort of medical treatment, not just injections, from Nick. Ms. Wilson stated Nick gave her ibuprofen or something similar to ibuprofen. Ms. Wilson stated her knee had been hurting so Nick gave her an anti-inflammatory to help with that issue. I asked Ms. Wilson if the pills she received looked like ibuprofen pills to her that she had previously taken and she responded in the affirmative. Ms. Wilson stated this would have been around November 2020. Ms. Wilson stated Nick gave her a small plastic bag containing approximately ten anti-inflammatory pills. Ms. Wilson stated Nick instructed her to take one pill in the morning and one pill in the evening. Ms. Wilson stated she took all the pills Nick provided. Ms. Wilson stated Nick also gave her a "little stronger" anti-inflammatory pill around this same time. Ms. Wilson stated these were circular and white in color while the other pills (ibuprofen) were oval and white in color. Ms. Wilson stated she received the pills from Nick in a small plastic bag. Ms. Wilson stated she did not believe the "stronger" pills were something she could purchase on her own. Investigator Betz asked Ms. Wilson why she thought she could not buy them in a store and Ms. Wilson stated Nick told her they were "stronger than OTC." Ms. Wilson stated she did not use all of these pills and threw away what was left.

Investigator Betz asked about any massages in which a cream was used. Ms. Wilson stated Nick would give her massages and he would use a cocoa butter cream. Ms. Wilson stated there were times it was just her and Nick in his garage but typically other athletes were there. Ms. Wilson stated there were also times she received massages at HU when it was just her and Nick. I asked Ms. Wilson if the cocoa butter cream smelled like cocoa butter and she responded in the affirmative. This interview was audio and video recorded and a copy has been attached to this case report.

On October 8, 2021 I was contacted by Rebecca Helmer who identified herself as a friend of Ms. Stoffel. Ms. Helmer stated she received a lengthy document from Ms. Stoffel detailing events she believed to be criminal in nature. Ms. Helmer encouraged Ms. Stoffel to provide me with this information and Ms. Stoffel did so by having Ms. Helmer forward me the document. I later contacted Ms. Stoffel to schedule an interview based upon information I read in this document that we did not discuss during our first interview.

On November 2, 2021 I met with Ms. Stoffel at the Fisher's Police Department in an interview room. I collected identification information from Ms. Stoffel before beginning the interview. I provided Ms. Stoffel a copy of the document I received from Ms. Helmer. I asked Ms. Stoffel to review the document and advise if this was the same document she sent to Ms. Helmer to then be passed along to me. Ms. Stoffel reviewed the document and advised it was the same document. I asked Ms. Stoffel to sign and date the form indicating it was an accurate representation of the document she created and sent to Ms. Helmer. The signed document was later placed into the digital evidence (ACT) file. I asked Ms. Stoffel to tell me about the incident I read about in her document involving poison ivy and how that tied into the injections we previously discussed. Ms. Stoffel stated

she had poison ivy which Mr. Johnson believed caused an inflammation response in her Achilles tendon making it difficult for her injury to heal. Ms. Stoffel stated since her Achilles tendon injury was not healing quickly Mr. Johnson took it upon himself to contact his brother to get something to treat the injury. Ms. Stoffel did not know the name of the brother but stated Mr. Johnson had several siblings from a blended family. Ms. Stoffel did not know what this brother did as an occupation. Ms. Stoffel stated this brother provided Mr. Johnson a liquid substance in a needle. Ms. Stoffel stated she was at the HU plex when she had this discussion with Mr. Johnson. I asked Ms. Stoffel if she knew when this was and she stated it was on October 4, 2020 and she knew this date because she had a really good workout on that day and she posted an image following that workout.

Ms. Stoffel stated following this workout she was told by Mr. Johnson to meet him upstairs in the staff lounge at the HU Plex. Ms. Stoffel stated when she walked into the room she did not know what to expect. Ms. Stoffel stated this was when Mr. Johnson told her about the "shots" he received from his brother and it was for her inflammation. Ms. Stoffel stated when she first walked into the room she did not notice the shots. I clarified with Ms. Stoffel that what she called a shot was a syringe. Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson carried the syringes in something but she could not recall what this package or case looked like. Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson told her she had to take the injections or her Achilles would not heal. Ms. Stoffel stated she did not want the injections and she wanted her body to heal naturally but Mr. Johnson would not listen to her. Ms. Stoffel stated she told Mr. Johnson several times she did not want the injections. Ms. Stoffel stated she attempted to leave the room but Mr. Johnson physically stopped her by putting his hands around her waist. Ms. Stoffel stated she attempted to move away but Mr. Johnson would not let go of her and told her to be quiet. Ms. Stoffel stated she eventually stopped resisting knowing Mr. Johnson was going to do what he wanted so she put her earbuds in and listened to her music while Mr. Johnson gave her four injections. Ms. Stoffel began to cry when recalling this information.

Ms. Stoffel stated Mr. Johnson administered two injections to her stomach and two injections to her lower back/upper glute. Ms. Stoffel stated she had never received an injection in her stomach before and she was fearful Mr. Johnson might hit something in her stomach with the syringe if she continued to resist. I asked Ms. Stoffel about yelling for help and she stated she was afraid if someone walked into the room and saw the syringes they might think she was doping. Ms. Stoffel stated doping allegations would ruin her athletic season, career, and integrity. Ms. Stoffel stated after the injections she left the staff lounge and does not even remember where she went after that. Ms. Stoffel stated the door to the room was shut because when she left she had to open the door.

I asked Ms. Stoffel about a conversation she had with Mr. Johnson reference prednisone, a legend drug. Ms. Stoffel stated this was before she got poison ivy and during the early stages of her Achilles injury. Ms. Stoffel stated she did not even know it was prednisone at first when Mr. Johnson gave it to her and he only described it as a more powerful anti-inflammatory than ibuprofen. Ms. Stoffel stated she was instructed by Mr. Johnson to take one each evening and each night but she quit taking them because she could not sleep when taking the medication. Ms. Stoffel stated she took approximately 4-6 tablets before stopping. Ms. Stoffel stated the pills were white or pink and circular in shape. I asked Ms. Stoffel when she found out it was prednisone. Ms. Stoffel stated it was after she met with the athletic trainer and she was told they could get her an appointment with a doctor who would prescribe her prednisone for the inflammation. This information was relayed to Mr. Johnson who told Ms. Stoffel that should give her comfort that the doctor recommended this treatment. Ms. Stoffel took this as meaning she should be comforted because that was what he already gave her. Ms. Stoffel stated she eventually did see Dr. Matthew Snyder with Fort Wayne Orthopedics about her inflammation and Dr. Snyder asked about past treatments and without thinking she mentioned prednisone. Ms. Stoffel stated Dr. Snyder asked who prescribed this and Ms. Stoffel said HU had team doctors that could prescribe medication. Ms. Stoffel provided me with screenshots of text messages between her and Mr. Johnson from October 7, 2020 in which Mr. Johnson wrote, "1 x prednisone 3 x's/day for the next 7 days (I'll get you more)." This was later placed into the digital evidence (ACT) file.

During the interview, Ms. Stoffel provided me with a clear plastic bag containing five single packaged Fluconazole Tablets USP 150 mg tablets with marking "Rx Only" (Item 2), a clear plastic bag with marking "Zertec D 1/6-12 hrs" containing four round white pills with a single line imprint on one side and no markings on the other (Item 3), and a clear plastic bag with marking "Excedrine Migraine 1/4-6 hrs." containing four white capsules with imprint "L374" on one side and no markings on the other (Item 4). Using drugs.com I was able to find information for Items 2 and 4 which has been attached to this case report. Item 2 is prescription only while Item 4 is OTC. Ms. Stoffel stated she received all of the medications from Mr. Johnson, she did not know what they were, and she did not take any of them. Ms. Stoffel stated she had told Mr. Johnson about having a headache and the following day he provided her with the medication. Ms. Stoffel stated this would have been during the fall of 2020. Ms. Stoffel stated all the medication was supposed to be for headaches even though Item 2 was clearly labeled to be used for vaginal yeast infections. Two of the items had handwriting on the plastic bags and Ms. Stoffel stated it was Mr. Johnson's handwriting. This interview was audio and video recorded and a digital copy was later placed into the digital evidence (ACT) file.

An Indiana Scheduled Prescription Electronic Collection and Tracking Program (INSPECT) report was processed using Nicholas Johnson's name and date of birth for the date range of January 29, 2018 to January 28, 2021. The results provided an address for Mr. Johnson at 4665 W 800 N, Huntington, IN which is the address of Mr. Johnson's parents. This report contained several prescriptions for Testosterone 50 Mg/5 Gram Gel between August 30, 2018 and August 11, 2020. Every prescription was a thirty-day supply. The prescribing physicians were Janelle Maxwell Pflieger, DO and Matthew Aaron Pflieger, DO. A copy of this INSPECT report has been attached to this case report.

During the course of this investigation I attempted to schedule witness interviews with the following individuals: Aspen Dirr, Aaron Hendryx, Elijah Chesterman, Curtis Hines, and Adrien Gentie. I was advised by each individual they would not speak with me reference this investigation without being served a subpoena compelling their testimony.

During the course of this investigation I attempted on multiple occasions to schedule witness interviews with HU staff including Joel Childs, Lori Culler, and Russ Degitz. All correspondence went through HU attorney Rick Delaney. Mr. Delaney stated HU would not answer questions reference this investigation in person; however, "the University has always been willing to, and still remains willing to, review and consider specific questions you may wish to submit in writing to the University through me. Please forward me at your convenience, the questions that you have concerning this matter."

During the course of this investigation I contacted Mr. Johnson and requested an interview. Mr. Johnson referred me to his attorney and no further discussion took place. I was later contacted by Mr. Johnson's attorney and advised his client would not participate in any interviews reference this matter.

All interview narratives included in this case report are in summary format and should not be considered a transcript. For a complete narrative of each interview, please refer to any attached copies and/or digital recordings placed into the digital evidence (ACT) file.

At this time, I am forwarding this case to the Huntington County Prosecutor's Office for review for possible criminal charges against Mr. Johnson reference fraud, dealing in a legend drug, and/or battery.

On September 29, 2022 I was contacted by Huntington County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Theresa Searles advising there would be no charges filed in this matter. The following explanation was provided: I've had the opportunity to review the case report and supplemental information you submitted for Nicholas Johnson. After reviewing all of the information and staffing this with Prosecutor Nix, I don't believe we will be able to file criminal charges in this matter. It appears from numerous individuals that Mr. Johnson was injecting them with some type of substance. Ms. Wilson indicated that she believed it was a lactate shot, but later

believed it may have been L-Carnitine. Ms. Stoffel believed that she was injected with Carnitor (L-Carnitine). Ms. Manchess also mentioned being involved with the study, but only stated it was for an FDA approved supplement and did not know if she received the active drug or placebo. The runners are speculating that it was L-Carnitine because that is what Mr. Johnson told them and/or others, but Mr. Johnson also stated that some of the shots were placebos (saline) and/or lactate shots. In addition, we were not able to obtain the actual drug that was injected or any documentation as to whether Mr. Johnson had access to or a prescription for the injectable L-Carnitine. As a result, I believe it will be nearly impossible to prove that the substance he injected into the runners was L-Carnitine.

The same rationale applies for the prednisone. Again, we don't have any information that he had access to the drug or a prescription for it in order to pass along to Ms. Stoffel. Also, we were not able to obtain any of the prednisone pills that he gave to Ms. Stoffel. The pills that Ms. Stoffel brought in were tested at the lab and were found not to be a controlled substance.

Regarding the battery, I think it will be extremely difficult to prove because it will be Ms. Stoffel's statement against Mr. Johnson's with little to no other corroboration. Ms. Stoffel has already discussed willingly accepting injections from Mr. Johnson in the past. In addition, it appears that Ms. Stoffel vacillated back and forth on her willingness and non-willingness to receive substances from Mr. Johnson.

At this time this case will be closed.

Detective Sergeant Shane Blair
Huntington City Police Department
Unit 116

Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date

Property

Property Number: 11660
Item: DRUG

Owner Applied Nmbr:

Brand: FLUCONAZOLE

Model: TABLET

Year: 0

Quantity: 5

Meas:

Serial Nmbr:

Total Value: \$0.00

Color: PNK

Owner: STOFFEL HANNAH LEIGH 23471

Tag Number: ITEM 2

Agency: 01 HUNTINGTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT

Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00

Officer: BLAIR S

UCR: DNU DRUG/NARC, UNKNOWN
DRUG TYPE

UCR Status:

Local Status:

Storage Location: DET.
EVIDENCE

Crime Lab Number:

Status Date: 11/02/21

Date Released: **/**/**

Date Recov/Rcvd: 11/02/21

Released By:

Amt Recovered: \$0.00

Released To:

Custody: 10:18:00 11/02/21

Reason: COLLECTED AS EVIDENCE

Comments: One (1) sealed clear plastic bag containing a clear plastic bag containing five (5) single packaged Fluconazole Tablets USP 150 mg tablets with marking "Rx Only"

Property Number: 11661

Item: DRUG

Owner Applied Nmbr:

Brand: UNKNOWN

Model: ROUND PILL

Year: 0

Quantity: 4

Meas:

Serial Nmbr:

Total Value: \$0.00

Color: WHI

Owner: STOFFEL HANNAH LEIGH 23471

Tag Number: ITEM 3

Agency: 01 HUNTINGTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT

Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00

Officer: BLAIR S

UCR: DNU DRUG/NARC, UNKNOWN
DRUG TYPE

UCR Status:

Local Status:

Storage Location: DET.
EVIDENCE

Crime Lab Number:

Status Date: 11/02/21

Date Released: **/**/**

Date Recov/Rcvd: 11/02/21

Released By:

Amt Recovered: \$0.00

Released To:	Custody: 10:18:00 11/02/21
Reason: COLLECTED AS EVIDENCE	
Comments: One (1) sealed clear plastic bag containing a clear plastic bag with marking "Zertec D 1/6-12 hrs" containing four (4) round white pills with a single line imprint on one side and no markings on the other.	
Property Number: 11662	
Item: DRUG	Owner Applied Nmbr:
Brand: UNKNOWN	Model: CAPSULE
Year: 0	Quantity: 4
Meas:	Serial Nmbr:
Total Value: \$0.00	Color: WHI
Owner: STOFFEL HANNAH LEIGH 23471	
Agency: 01 HUNTINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT	Tag Number: ITEM 4
Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00	Officer: BLAIR S
UCR: DNU DRUG/NARC, UNKNOWN DRUG TYPE	UCR Status:
Local Status:	Storage Location: DET. EVIDENCE
Crime Lab Number:	Status Date: 11/02/21
Date Released: **/**/**	Date Recov/Rcvd: 11/02/21
Released By:	Amt Recovered: \$0.00
Released To:	Custody: 10:18:00 11/02/21
Reason: COLLECTED AS EVIDENCE	
Comments: One (1) sealed clear plastic bag containing a clear plastic bag with marking "Excedrine Migraine 1/4-6 hrs." containing four (4) white capsules with imprint "L374" on one side and no markings on the other.	
Property Number: 7800	
Item: DRUG	Owner Applied Nmbr:
Brand: UNKNOWN	Model: PILL
Year: 0	Quantity: 1
Meas:	Serial Nmbr:
Total Value: \$0.00	Color: WHI
Owner: MANCHESS ERIN E 23952	
Agency: 01 HUNTINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT	Tag Number:
Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00	Officer: BLAIR S
UCR: DNU DRUG/NARC, UNKNOWN DRUG TYPE	UCR Status:
Local Status:	Storage Location: DET. LOCKER

Crime Lab Number:

Status Date: 02/23/21

Date Released: **/**/**

Date Recov/Rcvd: 02/23/21

Released By:

Amt Recovered: \$0.00

Released To:

Custody: 15:04:00 02/23/21

Reason: SEIZED AS EVIDENCE

Comments: One (1) sealed clear plastic bag containing a clear plastic bag containing a white circular pill with a single imprinted line on one side with no other markings.

Name Involvements:

SUSPECT : 5785

Last: JOHNSON	First: NICHOLAS	Mid: EDWARD
DOB: 01/07/87	Dr Lic:	Address:
Race: W	Sex: M	Phone:
		City:

NAME23469

MENTIONED :

Last: JOHNSON	First: LAUREN	Mid: GALE
DOB: 05/04/87	Dr Lic:	Address:
Race: W	Sex: F	Phone:
		City:

INVOLVED : 23952

Last: MANCHESS	First: ERIN	Mid: E
DOB: 06/04/99	Dr Lic:	Address:
Race: W	Sex: F	Phone:
		City:

NAME32378

MENTIONED :

Last: CULLER	First: LORI	Mid: L
DOB: 08/13/63	Dr Lic:	Address:
Race: W	Sex: F	Phone:
		City:

NAME32401

MENTIONED :

Last: HELMER	First: REBECCA	Mid:
DOB: **/**/**	Dr Lic:	Address:
Race:	Sex: F	Phone:
		City:

INVOLVED : 23471

Last: STOFFEL	First: HANNAH	Mid: LEIGH
DOB: 03/26/98	Dr Lic:	Address:
Race: W	Sex: F	Phone:
		City:

WITNESS : 23951

Last: WILSON	First: CHAD	Mid: A
DOB: 09/05/72	Dr Lic:	Address:
Race: W	Sex: M	Phone:
		City:

INVOLVED : 32373

Last: HENDRYX	First: AARON	Mid: M
DOB: 01/30/00	Dr Lic:	Address:

Race: W Sex: M Phone: City:

NAME32377

MENTIONED :

Last: CHILDS First: FREDERICK Mid: JOEL

DOB: 03/27/85 Dr Lic: Address:

Race: W Sex: M Phone: City:

INVOLVED : 23470

Last: DIRR First: ASPEN Mid: MARIE

DOB: 02/14/97 Dr Lic: Address:

Race: W Sex: F Phone: City:

NAME32379

MENTIONED :

Last: REYES First: RALPH Mid:

DOB: **/**/** Dr Lic: Address:

Race: Sex: M Phone: City:

NAME6439

MENTIONED :

Last: DELANEY First: RICHARD Mid:

DOB: 08/09/53 Dr Lic: Address:

Race: W Sex: M Phone: () - City:

NAME23485

MENTIONED :

Last: DEGITZ First: RUSSELL Mid: J

DOB: 02/28/80 Dr Lic: Address:

Race: W Sex: M Phone: City:

INVOLVED : 32374

Last: CHESTERMAN First: ELIJAH Mid:

DOB: 12/21/97 Dr Lic: Address:

Race: B Sex: M Phone: City:

WITNESS : 23950

Last: JORDAN First: CRAIG Mid: A

DOB: 06/08/90 Dr Lic: Address:

Race: B Sex: M Phone: City:

INVOLVED : 7827

Last: GENTIE **First:** ADRIEN **Mid:** N
DOB: 05/05/99 **Dr Lic:** **Address:**

Race: W **Sex:** M **Phone:** **City:**

INVOLVED : 32375

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