

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

On January 16, 2019, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Office of Executive Investigations (OEI) received a complaint from Deanna Williams against Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno. Williams alleged Marceno threatened her when she revealed to him that she was pregnant.

On January 23, 2019, FDLE OEI Inspector Meschelle Pittman and Inspector Troy Cope interviewed Williams regarding the allegations against Marceno. Williams provided the following in summary:

Initial Interaction

In July 2018, she and Marceno met when the Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Economic Crimes Unit investigated her complaint against an attorney who fraudulently obtained money that was supposed to have been awarded to her from a civil case. According to Williams, she and Marceno were friends on Facebook. After making comments about the individual who was working on her case from the LCSO Economic Crimes Unit, Marceno inboxed her his cellular number and asked for her number, which she provided. Marceno called her and during the telephone conversation they agreed to meet on the following Monday at the LCSO to discuss her complaint. She met with Marceno and an attorney from LCSO on that following Monday.

The Friday after their meeting, Williams agreed to go for a ride with Marceno and ended up at a bar where they both had drinks. According to Williams, although she told Marceno that she was not much of a drinker and only occasionally drank dirty martinis, he ordered her a dirty martini anyway. She advised she drank the beverage because she did not want to be rude and ultimately wanted his assistance with her complaint. When asked if Marceno forced her to go with him to the bar and drink the martini, Williams advised he did not.

Relationship and Pregnancy

According to Williams, she and Marceno were in a consensual relationship from July 2018 to September 2018. The relationship ended when she told him she was pregnant. Up until she told him she was pregnant, he had always spoken to her kindly. However, after telling him, he began to speak to her in an aggressive, serious and loud tone. She described his tone as "chilling". Marceno told her she had to have an abortion and that there was no other option. Williams advised that she was in Indiana with her family at the time she disclosed this to

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Marceno. Some family members overheard parts of the conversation with Marceno, specifically, him yelling at her and telling her to have the abortion.

Williams advised that Marceno repeatedly told her she was not giving birth to this child under any circumstances, no matter what. Further, he told her there were a lot of ways a pregnancy could end other than abortions. Williams advised she took these type of comments as threats from Marceno.

She felt Marceno made comments to her about the violence that his father committed in effort to let her know he had resources. Williams alleged Marceno told her, "you have no fucking clue the kind of resources I have". When asked if Marceno ever told her specifically who he would have do something to her or what, Williams said no and that he was too smart to do something like that. Williams stated she believed Marceno would have someone assault her to cause her to have a miscarriage.

Williams advised she has not had any communication with Marceno since late September or early October. She has since filed a paternity suit against Marceno. According to Williams, Marceno told her he nor his family would ever have anything to do with the child. However, he has since filed a motion for shared custody. Williams explained that because Marceno has expressed to her repeatedly that he did not want this child and would not pay child support, it would be relevant when the determination is made regarding shared custody.

Threats

Williams advised when someone told her on LEO Affairs (blog) information about her son's school schedule, she believed that Marceno revealed where her son attended school because no one else knew. Further, she said her son received death threats via telephone calls and text messages. She advised that although the telephone number that called was an internet based number, she believed Marceno was behind it as well. She too had received calls from people with untraceable numbers. On one of the calls, an unknown female told her she needed to have her "throat slit and face slashed."

Williams advised that communication between Marceno and herself stopped in October 2018 and both obtained lawyers. She wanted Marceno to take back the threats and understand that she was not having an abortion so she could have some kind of peace.

Williams indicated she spoke with Marceno's mother who told her that Marceno thought the right thing for her to do was to have an abortion and that it was wrong for her to have the child because they were not married.

According to Williams, at times Marceno seemed worried and would beg her not to have the child. He told her if she did what he thought was right, he'd make the arrangements and would be there for her. Other times he would tell her she was not giving birth to the child under any circumstances and would reiterate that she had no idea the kind of resources he had and he had people who would do absolutely anything he asked.

When asked if Williams felt she was in imminent danger, she replied the threats were always general in nature. She advised she thought he was behind people following her and being

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behind her house late at night. When Marceno's father posted a sarcastic comment on her Facebook page, she was scared because of the things Marceno told her about his father's history of being violent.

Video and Pictures

Williams advised that although she noticed the security camera in Marceno's living room area, it did not occur to her until later that she could have been recorded. "In gest", Marceno told her there were cameras all over and he had video recordings.

She recalled one night when she and Marceno's grandmother were at his house. The three of them were sitting on the couch with Williams in the middle. Williams had fallen asleep and woke up to seeing Marceno looking through pictures on his cellular telephone. She saw pictures of herself that had been taken while she was sleeping and his grandmother sitting next to her. She also noticed other pictures of his parents and her from the day before that she was not aware he had taken.

Williams also recalled an incident where she suspected Marceno taking a picture of her performing a sexual act on him while he was driving. When she asked him if he had taken a picture, he said no he was changing the radio station with his bluetooth. Williams advised she did not make a big deal out of it because she had been drinking.

According to Williams, Marceno jokingly said to her, he had pictures of her but recanted by saying he would never do that to her.

Abuse of Position

Williams advised that Marceno seemed to be an exhibitionist because he always wanted to have sex in public and in his official vehicle. They often went on dates in his official vehicle. She did not know whether he was on or off duty.

Williams advised she did not have solid proof of a lot of the things alleged against Marceno. She was contacted by women who Marceno has either had sex with or made sexual advances towards after their dealings with law enforcement due to drug or alcohol related incidents. Williams explained she believed Marceno chose these women because of their lack of credibility. With this, she believed he would get away with things because he was smart and slick.

Initially, after speaking with Marceno about her case, he told her to call him anytime she needed anything about her complaint. This was upsetting to her because she trusted him. Williams advised she would have never been interested in him had she not been drinking on their first outing at a local bar. She has multiple sclerosis and drinking makes her vulnerable and unsteady. Marceno had his hands on her waist and she knew if it had not been for the alcohol, she would have been very uncomfortable with him touching her. He assured her no boundaries would be crossed and he understood they were just friends. However, while at the bar, she was turned away laughing at a situation and when she turned around Marceno kissed her. Williams said this "pissed" her off and she told him to stop. She felt she was in a horrible position because she did not want to upset him and not get justice in her case. Although he did

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not force her to go out with him and he did not force her to drink, she went out with him under false pretense, as friends only going on a drive. Everything he told her he would not do was done when she started drinking. Williams stated that although it was "not sexual assault or rape", she did not consent to him kissing her.

Williams said she felt Marceno chose her because he knew what she had been through. He also knew she had been celibate for a long time and wanted to be the one to break that streak. Williams advised she was warned by others that he used his position to get women. This bothered her because she felt that was exactly what he had done. Further, nothing was ever done with her complaint because he told her he could not be associated with the case and that no one could ever know how they met. He told her to tell people they met through Facebook.

During the interview, Williams played a voicemail recording she allegedly received from Marceno on the Monday night after she met with him and the LCSO attorney that proved he told her if she needed anything to contact him. In summary the voicemail message played by Williams was of a male (assumably Marceno) who advised he had just landed at the airport. The caller apologized for the lost documents and advised he would return tomorrow and would find out what was going on. He thanked Williams for her patience and advised to let him know if he can help.

****The full audio recording of Williams' interview will be attached to this Investigative Report as a Related Item and can be reviewed for further details.**

Text Messages

During the interview, Williams referenced text messages she forwarded to FDLE OEI Inspector Jonathan Feltgen in December 2018. Williams advised the text messages showed the desperation of Marceno for her to have an abortion. A review of the text messages revealed, in part, a lengthy discussion about Williams being pregnant. Marceno repeatedly expressed not wanting to have a child and Williams repeatedly expressed her unwillingness to have an abortion and the possible ramifications of having one.

Some of the quotes from Marceno regarding this discussion were:

"I BEG you to please not have this child. Beg is an understatement. A child deserves two parents."

"Especially not at this stage of my life."

"Please do not ruin my life. I beg you please."

"I am so sorry...I truly am."

"It's not right for us to have a child...I truly believe is not right."

"I didn't want one with my wife years ago and certainly not at this time of my life."

"The best option is to not have it. I do not want a child."

"I don't mean to be mean. I just am telling you what I feel."

"I'm not trying to talk you into having an abortion but trying to say why I believe not having the child is best."

Some of the quotes from Williams regarding this discussion were:

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"You're asking me to have our living child scraped from my body with sharp instruments in a bloody horrible procedure in an abortion clinic."

"The worst thing that's happened here is your reaction."

"I have been and continue to be willing to approach this in the least damaging way possible. You just make harsh demands that I put myself in harm's way to benefit you."

"How does this not break down into a legal battle? If we can't figure out how to work together and be adults it would be awful all around."

"My friends and family are concerned about my safety in Fort Myers. I've made it clear that your reaction was harsh but you didn't threaten."

****The text messages in their entirety will be attached to this Investigative Report as a Related Item and can be reviewed for further details.**

Based on a review of the above interview, text messages, information forwarded to the FDLE OEI by the Executive Office of the Governor, Florida Attorney General's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigations regarding allegations against Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno and consultation with the FDLE's Office of General Counsel, it was determined the information provided did not constitute a criminal predicate that would warrant a criminal investigation by FDLE at this time.

A copy of the audio recording, text messages, information forwarded by other agencies and the FDLE OEI response to Williams will be maintained in the Related Items Section of this Investigative Report.