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IA Investigation	Agent in Charge Ralph Gagliardi	IIA-2021-004	December 13, 2021

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Agent Cahill explained the sources of his stress:

Army Reserve deployment schedule

- He was set to travel to the Philippines in January of 2021 but that fell through. Then he was set for and attended military school from March through May of 2021.

The Morphew Investigation – Arrest made of suspect

- Agent Cahill thought the arrest of the suspect in this investigation was premature. He said he spent a “year of his life” putting the case together. He said this came about while he was attending his military school (March through May 2021). He saw...“An erosion of framework that myself and Dereck Graham put together.” (Graham is a CBI Agent working along with Cahill on the Morphew investigation).
- Agent Cahill said there was nothing he could do about the arrest and a lack of continuity happening right when he was about to graduate from his Military school. He described the arrest of the suspect as the worst decision that could have been made. He felt that he owed it to the investigation to ensure the best case possible was put together and this was now not happening with a hasty arrest.

District Attorney complaint of Agent Cahill

- District Attorneys on the Morphew case complained to CBI administration about Agent Cahill’s testimony from an August 2021 hearing. Agent Cahill said before his testimony, he received a phone call from the Defense attorney on the night of August 23, wanting him to appear at the preliminary hearing. Cahill said he showed up to the hearing unprepared and had almost no communication with the sheriff’s office or the district attorney’s office before the hearing. Agent Cahill said the District Attorney’s complaint specifically asked that he no longer works on the case.

Agent Cahill transferred to CBI’s Marijuana Unit

- The week after the District Attorney complaint to CBI, Agent Cahill says he was notified about his transfer to the CBI’s Marijuana Unit (from his Major Crimes position). He said he knows the transfer was not retaliatory but he feels disappointed with his (work) product and that he disappointed the District Attorney, the sheriff’s office and CBI.

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Letter of Intent to Sue

- Agent Cahill learned he was subject of an intent to sue by the defendants' attorney on the Morphew case. He has never been sued before so this added to his stress.

Zoom Call Agent Cahill had with the Defense.

- Agent Cahill took part in a virtual (Zoom) call with the Morphew Defense. He said this caused persons in his chain of command to be unhappy about his performance in this meeting/call.

I asked Agent Cahill if he has been offered outlets to talk with professionals (counseling etc..) as this stress was taking a toll on him. Cahill said he was ordered by Deputy Director Chris Schaefer to see Dr. Nicoletti. Cahill said he would be accepting of that but his tone and demeanor in the interview indicated otherwise. I did follow up with Cahill on this same topic later in the interview where he assured me he was committed to speaking with counselors.

Agent Cahill told me he did not realize... “How distracted I was until the 19th.” Cahill said the morning he shot his hand, he had worked out and felt good. He had a motorcycle ride planned with a friend. Cahill said he rarely takes time off for himself and has not taken annual leave since 2019. Cahill said he was also looking forward to the following week as his father was coming to Colorado Springs for Thanksgiving.

Agent Cahill talked more about his transfer to the Marijuana Unit. Cahill said he spoke to various persons and that he needed to find the positives in this new assignment. Cahill said he recently began to learn about the distillation process related to Marijuana. He also enjoyed working with several of the Marijuana team members. He said a “silver lining” was coming to light with this new assignment as he was learning new things. He said this was an opportunity for him to learn the narcotics side of law enforcement and diversify himself. He thought this transfer started to make sense. Cahill said he should not have internalized the transfer as much as he did because he thought that he had “fucked up”.

I asked Agent Cahill about his relationship with his wife. He said they are not legally married but they have been together off and on for a long time. He said they have had a back and forth relationship. She does not like him being both in the Army and CBI. Cahill said staying in the Army was for the extended health care the Army can provide. He also said he enjoys the friendships he has in the Army. He thought his relationship with his wife is good. He said with this recent injury, she is a nurse, she has been in full-on nurse mode helping him. He said ever since he has known her she has been a solid friend. The shooting on the 19th scared her but she has been 150 percent supportive.