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OFFICER

ORSILLO,J

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DETECTIVE

REVIEW STATUS

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INCIDENT #25037226 DATA

As Of 07/15/2025 05:33:55

BASIC INFORMATION**CASE TITLE**

HURLEY/LAVOIE

LOCATION

ARLINGTON ST & NEWCOMB ST

APT/UNIT #**DATE/TIME REPORTED**

07/14/2025 17:08:11

DATE/TIME OCCURRED

On or about 07/14/2025 17:08

INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)

(94C/32A/F)DRUG, DISTRIBUTE CLASS B, SUBSQ. OFF. c94C S32A(b)

(110)WARRANT ARREST

PERSONS**ROLE**INVOLVED
PARTY**NAME**

MELANSON, KENNETH ALLEN

SEX

MALE

RACE

WHITE

AGE DOB

60

PHONE

(HOME)

ADDRESS:

VEHICLE OWNER MELANSON, JOHN

MALE WHITE 86

(HOME)

ADDRESS:

(CELL) UNKNOWN

OFFENDERS**STATUS**

SUSPECT

NAME

LAVOIE, SUSAN JEAN

SEX

FEMALE

RACE

WHITE

AGE DOB

66

PHONE

(HOME)

ADDRESS: 100 WATER ST [HOMELESS] 315 HAVERHILL, MA

(CELL) :

DEFENDANT HURLEY, JOSEPH MICHAEL MALE WHITE 43

(HOME)

ADDRESS: 69 HARRISON STREET HAVERHILL, MA

(CELL) :

VEHICLES**ROLE**

INVOLVED VEHICLE

TYPE**YEAR**

2023

MAKE

HOND

MODEL

ACCORD

COLOR

BLACK

REG #

4P898

STATE

MA

STOLEN \$**REC CODE****DATE REC****REC \$****REC BY****PROPERTY****CLASS****DESCRIPTION****MAKE MODEL SERIAL # VALUE**

OFFICER REPORT: 25037226 - 1 / ORSILLO,J (138)**DATE/TIME OF REPORT**

07/14/2025 22:49:56

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NARRATIVE

On Friday, July 11th, 2025, at approximately 1824 hours, the Haverhill Police Department received an emergency 911 call for a male party that was behaving erratically on White Street. Responding officers arrived on scene and found Francis Gigliotti Jr (DOB:) behaving in a belligerent manner. During the well-being check, Gigliotti fled the scene on foot and attempted to enter 124 Winter Street (Bradford Seafood). Officers attempted to restrain Gigliotti and the officers and Gigliotti ended up on the ground outside Bradford Seafood in a struggle to restrain Gigliotti. During this encounter, Gigliotti became unresponsive, and first responders attempted lifesaving aid. EMS arrived seconds later and Gigliotti was transported to Holy Family in Haverhill where he was pronounced deceased by Dr. Hopkins at 1921 hours.

Through video surveillance captured by Haverhill city cameras, Gigliotti was observed prior to police interaction. At approximately 1707 hours Gigliotti is observed exiting from 116 White Street and is seen manipulating his cell phone and looking around as if he were looking to meet with someone in the area. Mr. Gigliotti continues on foot to the front of 97 White Street and is observed continuously manipulating his cell phone and rapidly looking around. He then became stationary and is observed looking down White Street, towards Charles Street. At 1709 hours, Gigliotti meets with an individual who is travelling by electric scooter. The male on the scooter is observed wearing a black hat, black "paintball face shield", black long sleeve shirt, black pants and black shoes. The scooter is distinct looking with two apparent silver shocks in front, a reddish colored emblem, a bag mounted on the front frame and wide tires. As the male on the scooter approaches Gigliotti it appears he removes something from his mouth utilizing his right hand. It is known to this Detective through training and experience, that drug dealers and users place illicit narcotics in their mouths in an effort to evade police detection. The male on the scooter gets in close proximity to Gigliotti, lifts his face shield and begins walking the scooter. The male on the scooter hands something to Gigliotti who accepts it in his left hand. The two walk together for a brief period and Gigliotti is seen handing something back to the male on the scooter. They appear to give one another a handshake and part ways; the male on the scooter turns around and Mr. Gigliotti continues back into 116 White Street.

While the male on the scooter travels back in the direction he originated, his

face shield is up for a short period of time. The male is Caucasian with what appears to be a short scruffy beard. The male on the scooter lowers the face shield and continues back towards the Franklin Street area, where he goes out of camera view. The encounter between the male on the scooter and Gigliotti is less than 20 seconds and is consistent with a hand to hand, street level drug transaction. Gigliotti continues back into the front door of 116 White Street at 1710 hours. It is important to note that throughout my observations of Gigliotti travelling from the bus station to 116 White Street, to 97 White Street and returning to 116 White Street, he does not appear to be in a crisis, visibly intoxicated or unable to care for himself.

At 1817 hours, Gigliotti is seen falling from the steps of 116 White Street and appears to strike his face/head on the sidewalk, losing his ball cap. He then appears to strike his head against a parked motor vehicle and is clearly in an erratic state of mind. Gigliotti is manic, running back and forth in and out of the roadway, nearly getting struck by several passing motorists. He is seen attempting to gain entry into a random building, and charging at pedestrians as they travel down White Street and Winter Street. Witnesses from inside of 116 White Street confirmed that Gigliotti smoked Crack Cocaine inside of the building during that time frame and began to freak out within seconds of smoking it. Witnesses from this incident also confirmed Gigliotti's level of intoxication seen on city cameras.

Based on this incident, HPD Detectives along with the Massachusetts State Police began to canvass the immediate area of White Street in an attempt identify the male on the scooter. Through the videos, investigators were able to determine the individual riding the scooter appeared to be a Caucasian male with a tattoo on the right side of his neck. It was also believed that the male lived in the immediate area of Franklin Street, Primrose Street, Harrison Street. During the canvass, Det. Sgt. M. Shinnars located a scooter that matched the description of the scooter the male individual was riding on July 11th, 2025 when he sold suspected narcotics to Gigliotti. The scooter was outside of 69 Harrison Street in the driveway. Investigators maintained surveillance at 69 Harrison Street. Investigators discovered that Michael Hurley (DOB: [REDACTED]) had a previous address at 69 Harrison Street. During the investigation of 69 Harrison Street, investigators learned that Michael Hurley had a brother named Joseph Hurley (DOB: [REDACTED]), herein after referred to as Hurley. While looking at prior booking pictures of Joseph Hurley, it was discovered that he had a neck tattoo on the right side of his neck just like the person driving the scooter. Hurley also showed to have longer dark hair which was also seen on the male operating the scooter. Hurley has an extensive history for the distribution of illicit narcotics, specifically Class B Crack Cocaine.

On June 26th, 2025 the Haverhill Police Department observed Hurley walking from the area of Harrison Street towards Lewis Street where he

entered the back seat of a Chevy Equinox bearing Massachusetts Registration Number 5BBJ72. Once Hurley was inside of the Equinox, the vehicle drove for approximately two hundred yards and stopped and let Hurley out. This type of meaningless drive is often seen in the sale of narcotics. Hurley was stopped by members of the Haverhill Police Narcotics Unit near 38 Harrison Street and one hundred (\$100) was located on his person; no narcotics were found. After Hurley was released from the stop, he proceeded back to 69 Harrison Street.

On Monday, July 14th, 2025 at approximately 1652 hours, while maintaining surveillance on 69 Harrison Street I observed a black Honda Accord bearing NH REG 4P898 park in front of 69 Harrison Street. Within seconds of pulling up, I observed a white male exit from 69 Harrison Street and get into the front passenger seat of the Honda Accord. The vehicle was followed from Harrison Street to 2 Water Street (Market Basket). Sgt. M. Shinnars observed the Honda Accord park and saw both the operator and passenger exit the vehicle and walk into the store. The passenger was wearing a light blue t-shirt, black pants, a black hat. A tattoo on the right side of the passenger's neck was also observed as he was walking, and saw a black hat similar to the individual riding the scooter on July 11th, 2025. MSP Trooper J. Donaldson and Det. Sgt. Shinnars identified this individual as Joseph Hurley (DOB: [redacted]). Trooper Donaldson also noticed that Hurley's left arm was covered in tattoos. Within a couple seconds of Hurley entering Market Basket, Sgt. Shinnars saw him leave the store without making a purchase and walk across the street to 100 Water Street (Merrivista) where he entered through a back door. The operator of the Honda Accord exited the store shortly after with a drink in hand, the male operator looking around and went back to the Honda Accord and left the parking lot. These observations were consistent with a meaningless ride. Meaningless rides are commonly used by drug dealers and users in order to conduct business and evade detection. The vehicle began travelling in excess of 45 MPH on Newcomb Street (30 MPH zone). Sgt. Shinnars conducted a motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Newcomb Street and Arlington Street. Sgt. Shinnars identified the operator as Kenneth Melanson (DOB: 06/18/1965), herein after referred to as Melanson. As Sgt. Shinnars approached the Honda Accord, Melanson was on the telephone with "Joe Hurley" which was observed on the screen of his phone. Sgt. Shinnars read Melanson his Miranda Rights and he said he understood. Melanson admitted to Sgt. Shinnars that he had just purchased two bags of crack cocaine from Hurley and provided Hurley's phone number as (978) 697-2217. Melanson provided Det. Sgt. Shinnars with the suspected Crack Cocaine that was in his center console. The suspected Crack Cocaine was packaged in two separate clear plastic twist bags with white powder and off white dull color hard rock substance. The white powder was presumptively identified as cocaine by Sgt. Shinnars training and experience. The off white dull hard rock substance was presumptively identified as crack cocaine

through Sgt. Shinners training and experience. Melanson explained to Sgt. Shinners that Hurley was asking questions about the motor vehicle stop. The suspected Crack Cocaine was seized from Melanson and secured with Det. Sgt. Shinners and returned to the Haverhill Police Station and placed into evidence.

Members from HPD and MSP maintained surveillance on 69 Harrison Street as well as 100 Water Street. It is important to note that the Merrivista is an assisted living facility for seniors. Members from HPD in plain clothes also walked the hallways of the living facility in an attempt to locate Hurley. We maintained constant surveillance on both locations. At approximately 2240 hours, the resident of 315 advised that the individual we were looking for was inside of her apartment. She allowed members to search her apartment. Located inside of her apartment was Hurley (DEF) and Susan Lavoie (DEF), aunt of Hurley. Hurley was advised that he was under arrest for the distribution of Crack Cocaine. Lavoie was checked for warrants, showing to have an active arrest warrant out of Haverhill DC (DKT:2438CR001097). Both parties were placed into handcuffs (DL) behind their backs and transported to the police station in separate marked cruisers. At the station, both were introduced to OIC J. Landry and advised of their rights, charges and right to use the telephone. Both were booked in the normal fashion and placed into holding cells to await bail.

Hurley showed to have a prior conviction for possession to distribute Class B narcotics (DKT#: 0018CR8127B). The suspected Crack Cocaine that was seized will be sent to the MSP Drug Lab for verification. When Hurley was taken into custody, he had in his possession an Apple Iphone which was also seized and placed into evidence along with the Nike hat being worn.

Susan Lavoie was arrested on the active warrant and Joseph Hurley was arrested on the following charge:

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Throughout the course of this investigation, Joseph Hurley (DOB:) has been identified as the person who sold suspected narcotics to Gigliotti on July 11th, 2025, approximately one hour before Gigliotti's death. MSP is continuing the investigation...

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