

# West Manchester Township

## Police Department



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### **Police Chief's Report for February 2023**

February 23rd, 2023

Dear Board of Supervisors, Manager and staff,

For the month of January, the officers handled 368 incidents as well as 64 vehicle crashes. Officers conducted over 331 traffic stops and issues 97 traffic citations. The department made 10 felony arrests, 19 misdemeanor arrests, 21 summary non-traffic arrest and 7 juvenile petitions were also filed.

The department's newest officer, Laron Woody, is currently in field training and is doing well. Laron is currently working through his phases of field training and will be finished in the next few months.

The department investigated a tragic incident in Shiloh this month where an entire family died by a murder suicide agreement between the family members. I must commend the officers who responded and the manner in which they handled themselves was extremely professional. The quality of that investigation speaks for itself. The investigation included the assistance of the York County Forensics Team as well as the York County Coroner's Office and several others. Detective Tim Fink was the primary investigator on this case and Detective Fink handled the entire matter extremely well and presented several news interviews throughout the course of the investigation.

Training:

01/2-6	Ofc. Brad Craig	Basic SRO
01/12-13	Ofc Jason Gracey	Benchmark Moving up to supervision
01/16	Ofc. Jason Gracey	OIS –Tripwire
01/19	Sgt. Sefchick	LTAP Intro to Traffic Studies
01/19	Ofc. Buchkoski	LTAP Intro to Traffic Studies
01/19	Ofc. Janney	LTAP Intro to Traffic Studies
01/19	Ofc. Esteves	LTAP Intro to Traffic Studies

Respectfully Submitted,



Chief John C. Snyder

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 West Manchester Township Statistics  
 January 2023

	Quantity
Part I & II Offenses	100
Incidents (excluding crashes)	268
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>368</b>
Felony Arrests	10
Misdemeanor Arrests	19
Juvenile Arrests	7
Summary Arrests	21
Traffic Citations	97
Warning / PT-10's	234
Parking Tickets	1
Reportable Crashes	13
Non-Reportable Crashes	51
<b>TOTAL CRASHES</b>	<b>64</b>
Injury Crashes	7
Total Injuries	7

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### **Daub Family Death Investigation**

Det Timothy Fink, West Manchester Township Police Department, was assigned as the lead investigator in this case. He offers the following information as the department's formal press release.

According to a written document left behind by Deborah Daub she speaks of a joint decision by she and Morgan to end their lives. She also speaks about the evil that has mounted against Morgan and the family but does not detail to what she is referring. The rest of the letter seems to be directed to or about God and to her husband, James Daub. The letter reads as if she expects James to survive them after their passing. The letter from Deborah Daub was signed and dated 1/19/2023. This letter also references a similar letter written approximately 9 months earlier. Additional written documents from Deborah state "Samuel 1:24-28 Morgan chose the date! I believe I have to be with her!".

Written documents left behind by Morgan Daub were also discovered. There was an extensive list or checklist, consisting of multiple pages, which appears to contain preparatory steps before ending her life. These listed steps included speak to dad, clipping the dog's nails, letters to family, etc.

The recovered written document from James Daub, which was not dated, opens by saying that he was crushed when Morgan told "us" that she must end her life. The letter indicates that that he is aware that both Morgan and Deborah can't go on and wish to end their lives. In the early parts of the letter James says that he is not ready to end his life but by the end of the letter it is evident that he had then decided to do so.

Suicide letters were also found. There were two letters, one signed by James and one signed by Deborah. The note from James says that he took his life of his own free will. It continues saying "with only 2 guns & me being shaky, my wife Debbie pulled the trigger for me." The note from Deborah says that she took her life by her free will. It continues saying "I was too shaky, so my daughter pulled the trigger for me. Each note was dated 1-24-2023.

The written documents were compared to other written documents found within the home and on social media. The writing and signatures appear to be consistent between the samples. Other written documents found at the scene consisted of multiple copies of a Living Will, a Last Will, detailed instructions for the disposition of assets, location of documents and keys, and instructions for the disposition of the family dog.

The county forensic unit processed the scene in the backyard and the following things were noted. The bodies were arranged in a straight line starting just a few feet from the porch and extending south. Morgan Daub was closest to the porch. She was laying on her back with her head closest to the porch. Deborah Daub was next, laying face up with her head closest to the porch and legs extending to the south. The final victim was James Daub, laying on his stomach with his legs closest to the porch and his head pointed to the south. Morgan Daub had a black pistol holster on her right hip and was found to be wearing ear protection ( earmuff style) on her head and over her ears. The holster was empty. Two shell casings were found near Morgan Daub's body to the left (west) of the body. One of the handguns was found next to Morgan Daub's body to the right (east). Deborah Daub was found to have a brown leather pistol holster on her right hip. A shell casing was found to the left (west) of her body. The other pistol was also recovered to the left (west) of the body. Two pair or earmuff style hearing protection were found lying on the ground between the bodies of Deborah and James Daub. The coroner examined the bodies and determined that each had suffered a gunshot wound to the back of the head. The coroner's office determined that autopsies would not be performed as the manner of death appeared to be consistent with the already available evidence.

The county forensic unit also processed the interior of the home. It should be noted that no signs of forced entry were found. There also were no signs of a struggle or indications of anyone other than the victims being present during their deaths.

The positioning of the bodies, pistols, and shell casings, as well as the presence of the hearing protection, support the account put forward by the written documents left behind by the family. That account being that all three family members decided to end their lives on 1/24/2023. James Daub was shot in the head and killed by Deborah Daub. Deborah Daub was shot in the head and killed by Morgan Daub. Morgan Daub committed suicide by then shooting herself in the head.

This department received a call from a resident in the immediate vicinity of the crime scene on 1/25/2023. He reported that he heard three gunshots during the late evening hours on 1/24/2023. He believed that it occurred just before midnight. He said that the first two gunshots were muffled, and the last gunshot could be heard much more clearly. He also told us that there was only a short amount of time between each shot, approximately 10-15 seconds.

The investigation has now been closed.

**This account contains all available information which has been approved for release. No additional information or press releases will be made available.**

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### CI Division Report for February 2023 Board Meeting

1/19/2023 through 2/17/2023

Since January 19, 2023, WMTPD Criminal Investigations has taken on 7 new case assignments: 1 PICS case, a rape/sexual assault report involving an adult victim, 3 ChildLine Referrals for physical or sexual abuse of children, a theft of a firearm from a residence, and most notably a double murder-suicide.

During the same time frame, our office has formally closed out 5 investigations. The closed cases include: a sexual assault with an adult victim, 2 check fraud cases, a physical child abuse allegation, and an investigation into sexual exploitation of a minor.

Additionally, Investigative Grand Jury proceedings continue for the May 2022 homicide (shooting) at the York Auto Spa car wash and trial preparations continue for the December 2019 homicide (shooting) at Regal Cinemas.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Conway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Det Sgt Sean J. Conway