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CASE # CT13-44545  
REPORT BY: Investigator Kristin McCauley  
CASE TYPE: Homicide  
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ACTION: Follow-up

On 01/21/13, at approximately 1530 hours, District Attorney George Brauchler, Mark Hurlbert, Investigator Jeff Himes and myself met with the superintendent of Littleton School District Scott Murphy in regards to possible information not received during the search warrant for the school records. With Scott Murphy was the lawyer for the school district Stephen Everall.

During the meeting Stephen Everall stated that Karl's file was taken out of Kevin Kolasa's office by another person and placed in Darrell Meredith's office. I explained to Stephen Everall that the file was found to be with Darrell Farrington, his law partner. Stephen started to state again that Darrell Farrington was never in possession of Karl's file and we were mistaken it was with Darrell Meredith. I explained to Stephen that the file was found to be at the school district office not Darrell Meredith's office at the high school. I also explained to Stephen that the file was incomplete when Sgt. Hoffman arrived at the school district office. I informed Stephen that eventually the threat assessment was found to be with Darrell Farrington not with Darrell Meredith.

Scott Murphy and Stephen Everall were provided with a list of items we thought could be missing from the records we requested. The following is the list provided to the school district:

1. The files we did receive Littleton School District indicate that there was a meeting between Karl and his school counselor, Astrid Thurnau, on 09/26/13 but there was no report from Astrid Thurnau or any notes regarding the meeting. The meeting was a follow-up to the incident where Karl threatened Tracy Murphy. My understanding is that the meeting was between Karl, Ms. Thurnau, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kolasa and possibly Karl's parents therefore that would not be considered privileged information.
2. There was also a contact noted on 11/28/2011 regarding an incident in a class where Karl told a student to "gut himself" and the teacher sent an email to Kelly. There is no other documentation in the file regarding Karl's comments to the other student. The contact log states there was an email from a Ms. Price regarding the incident but there is no documentation in the file from Ms. Price or the original email from Ms. Price or any notes regarding the incident.
3. We received Karl's suspension paperwork from the incident in March, but there is no written documentation of what occurred.
4. The school was unable to locate Tracy Murphy's Summative Evaluation reports for the school years ending in 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2013. I am aware that the school is supposed to do evaluations yearly on all faculty members.
5. On 12/18/13, I also spoke with Trigonometry teacher Michelle Crookham, who advised that she spoke with Kevin regarding an incident with Karl that occurred after Karl failed a math test. Karl wrote on the top of a test he failed the letters KMFDM. Michelle Googled the term and learned that it is a German music band and KMFDM translates to "No pity for the Majority". Michelle took the test and the information to Kevin, and Kevin told her it was probably nothing. When Karl was questioned about the letters he stated that it was a

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- Gernan band and he thought Michelle would like the music. There was no documentation in KARL'S file as to Michelle's concerns.
6. On 12/18/13, I spoke with Vicki, who advised when she was telling Kevin about what occurred in class that caused her to kick Karl out, Kevin advised her that he was not ignoring her but he was taking notes as to what occurred on his phone. Vicki also advised that she told Kevin at least two times that Karl scared her. When Kevin was questioned about Vicki's statements Kevin stated he did not recall Vicki stating that Karl scared her. There were no notes in the file.
  7. On 12/18/13, I asked Assistant Principle Kevin if he had Karl's file and was informed that the file was taken out of his office by the Attorney. Kevin advised that he did have Karl's written statement from the incident that occurred on 12/11/13 of when he got kicked out of Spanish class by Vicki. Kevin advised that there were no other files for Karl in the school, to include the school vault. On 01/07/14, at approximately 0643 hours, I spoke with Arapahoe County Sheriff's Deputy James Englert and learned that he had a meeting with Kevin Kolasa and Darrell Meredith on Thursday, 01/02/14, and while he was in the meeting he noticed that Kevin had in his leather brief case a file labeled Karl Pierson.
  8. The suspension paperwork from the incident in March of 2013 is in the file, but no other documentation to include the notes or the teachers documentation of what occurred to get KARL suspended.
  9. The threat assessment was included in the file, but nothing else, to include Ms. Song's documentation which would also not be privileged information due to that fact that Kolasa, Karl and his parents were present during the meeting that occurred on 09/06/13, when Karl returned to school. There was also no documentation from Kolsa regarding the meeting on 09/06/13.

My understanding is that when a teacher has a concern regarding a student that they do a referral on the student. Ms. Crookham apparently did a referral on Karl but there is not any documentation of the referral or any other referral's from Karl's teachers, however he have been informed by several people that there were several referrals done on Karl, due to his behavior, by his teachers.

From my training and experience of working with school districts, to include Littleton Public Schools, that when we receive reports regarding possible criminal behavior Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office generally receives all documentation from the school to include written notes on what occurred along with the teacher or administration personnel as to what occurred.

During the meeting we went through each item. For the first item I was told that Astrid Thurnau did not have any notes and any information regarding the meeting was noted in the contact log. Stephen stated that he had spoken with Astrid early on and she stated she did not have any notes and everything was in the contact log.

For item 2, Scott Murphy advised that he would ask if the email was still available even though it was past the two retention time frame. Stephen stated that I could talk to Kelly Talon in regards to any information that she may have, however he wanted to call her first

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and let her know that we would be calling her. Stephen also advised that the information was not brought to the attention of the administration so there was not any documentation on it.

For item 3, Stephen provided me with a statement that Karl completed from the incident in March that got him suspended. Stephen stated that there may not be any more paperwork regarding the suspension. He stated the reason why there may not be any more paperwork is because the teacher may be lazy, but he could not say for sure.

For Item 4, Scott Murphy advised until this year they were only required to do evaluation on staff every three years if they were not on probation. Tracy's evaluations were done in 2009 and 2012.

For Item 5, Stephen advised that he spoke with Kevin and there is not documentation on the incident. Kevin did tell Stephen that he spoke with Karl in the hallway and he told him the same thing that Karl told Michelle, that he thought she might like the band.

For Item 6, Stephen advised that he spoke with Kevin, who stated that Vicki never told him that she was scared of Karl. Kevin also stated that he does not have any other documentation on the incident.

For Item 7, Stephen advised that Kevin did have a file labeled Karl Pierson and he started it after the shooting. Stephen did not know what was in the file but stated that he would get it what was in it.

For Item 9, Stephen advised that the only documentation on the meeting was what was in the contact log, but he would double check.

Both Stephen and Scott requested that they get some advanced notice of when the case would be closed so that they could do a records request.

Earlier in the day I was contacted by Deputy Englert, who advised me that Kevin came up to him and was questioning him about telling investigators about the file he saw. Kevin wanted to know if Deputy Englert was interviewed again regarding the shooting. Kevin was concerned that Deputy Englert provided information to me. Deputy Englert informed Kevin that any information regarding the investigation would be forwarded to the investigator. During the meeting with the school district I informed them of Kevin's concerns.

Nothing further at this time.