

**ELPD - EAST LANSING
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Case Report**

Case No. 2636400025
Case Status Active
Report Date/Time: 1/5/2026 9:30:00 AM
Reporting Officer: Cotton, Jason

FILE CLASS/OFFENSE:

98007 - Inspections/Investigations - Suspicious Situations

NATURE OF INCIDENT:

9943/SUSPICIOUS SITUATION/ [REDACTED] /ST. THOMAS/COTTON

OCCURRED ON: 1/3/2026 3:00:00 PM

(and Between)

VENUE: 955 Alton Rd East Lansing, MI 48823

CITY/TOWNSHIP: 80 - East Lansing, Ingham

VICTIM: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

VICTIM OF: 9943 - 98007 - Inspections/Investigations - Suspicious Situations

VICTIM TYPE: Other

Alias: DOB: AGE:
RACE: SEX: JUV:
HGT: WGT: HAIR:
EYES: ETH: Circumstances:
SSN: DLN: DL State:

ADDRESS INFORMATION:

S - School: 955 Alton Rd East Lansing, MI 48823

Phone Information: Emails:

H - Home: (517) 351-7215

NOTES:

OTHERS: [REDACTED] ENTITY TYPE Other Person

Alias: ADDRESS INFORMATION:

H - [REDACTED]

Phone Information: Emails:

NOTES:

OTHERS: [REDACTED] ENTITY TYPE Other Entity (Business, Institution, Etc.)

Alias: ADDRESS INFORMATION:

H - Home: [REDACTED]

Phone Information: Emails:

NOTES:

FORCE LEVEL DETAILS

FORCE USED: N - No

HANDGUN USE:
HANDGUN DISPLAY:
PCA USE:
PCA DISPLAY:
PPCT:
OTHER:

RIFLE USE:
RIFLE DISPLAY:
ASP USE:
ASP DISPLAY:

SHOTGUN USE:
SHOTGUN DISPLAY:
TASER USE:
HANDCUFFING:

CANINE USAGE

RECORD NO:

CASE NO:

DATE:
REQUESTING AGENCY:
USAGE TYPE:
LOCATION:

HANDLER:
REQUESTING METHOD:
TIME OF USE:
CITY:

CANINE NAME:
REQUESTING OFFICER:

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NARRATIVE:

PROPERTY:

ITEM NO: STATUS: Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)

PROPERTY TYPE: Recording - Other

RECOVERED BY:

RECOVERED DATE/TIME:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Axon Recording

DRUG QUANTITY/MEASURE: /

COUNT: 1

VALUE:

COLOR:

MANUFACTURER:

MODEL:

SN/VIN:

LICENSE NO:

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION:

NOTES:

PROPERTY:

ITEM NO: STATUS: Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)

PROPERTY TYPE: Recording - Other

RECOVERED BY:

RECOVERED DATE/TIME:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Video Posted To [REDACTED]

DRUG QUANTITY/MEASURE: /

COUNT: 1

VALUE:

COLOR:

MANUFACTURER:

MODEL:

SN/VIN:

LICENSE NO:

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION:

NOTES:

PROPERTY:

ITEM NO: STATUS: Information Only

PROPERTY TYPE: Automobile (not Stolen or Recovered)

RECOVERED BY:

RECOVERED DATE/TIME:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

DRUG QUANTITY/MEASURE: /

COUNT: 1

VALUE:

COLOR:

MANUFACTURER: Nissan

MODEL: [REDACTED]

SN/VIN: [REDACTED]

LICENSE NO: [REDACTED]

VEHICLE COLOR: BLK - Black

VEHICLE YEAR: [REDACTED]

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: Nissan [REDACTED]

NOTES:

PROPERTY:

ITEM NO: STATUS: Information Only

PROPERTY TYPE: Automobile (not Stolen or Recovered)

RECOVERED BY:

RECOVERED DATE/TIME:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

DRUG QUANTITY/MEASURE: /

COUNT: 1

VALUE:

COLOR:

MANUFACTURER: Toyota

MODEL: [REDACTED]

SN/VIN: [REDACTED]

LICENSE NO: [REDACTED]

VEHICLE COLOR: RED - Red

VEHICLE YEAR: [REDACTED]

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: Toyota [REDACTED]

NOTES:

NARRATIVE:

Cotton, Jason - ELPD-192

1/5/2026 10:43:57 AM

INFORMATION:

On January 5th, 2026 at approximately 9:00am I was contacted by a colleague of mine, Detective Lo, at the Ingham County Sheriff Department who stated he got a tip about a possible threat to St. Thomas Aquinas and wanted to make sure the East Lansing Police Department was aware of the situation.

Detective Lo stated the FBI was already actively looking into the concern/threat, which consisted of a [REDACTED] [REDACTED], "Allahuakbar" at the bottom of the [REDACTED] video.

This information was new to me and I immediately went to St. Thomas Aquinas, where I made contact with Teachout Security Solutions Branch Operations Manager, [REDACTED]

CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] BRANCH MANAGER, [REDACTED]:
[REDACTED] stated they had already contacted the East Lansing Police Department and the FBI on the previous day.

He forwarded a video to me, which was posted on [REDACTED] by the suspect [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

THREATENING/CONCERNING [REDACTED] VIDEO:

The video, which is 44 seconds in length begins with what appears is some type of [REDACTED] being filmed from a window, that appears to be from out of the United States. The video then splices to a selfie video of the suspect: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At the bottom of the video it says "ALLAHUAKBAR". He then flips the cameras view to forward facing and pans down the steering wheel of his vehicle, showing the make as a Nissan. Dangling from the mirror are blue and yellow cords along with what appears to be an elephant air freshener. He continues to pan the video until the outside of the Eastern portion of the St. Thomas church wall and nativity scene are filmed, with the words "Allahuakbar" at the bottom. The subject is casually smoking and has what I would describe as a "thousand yard stare".

The video was attached to Evidence.com.

CONTACT WITH ST. THOMAS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised she was already in contact with FBI Agent [REDACTED] and provided me his phone number, as she was speaking to him on the phone as I entered her office. I advised her we would have patrols through the area all day.

CONTACT WITH ST. THOMAS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised they did not have any exterior cameras but would go through the footage to see if they saw anything suspicious. [REDACTED] stated in the last few days she received a suspicious phone call, as they were asking if St. Thomas was open and also if St. John (also in East Lansing) was open. She stated it was very odd because anyone Catholic would know they're open. [REDACTED] also stated a couple weeks ago a [REDACTED] male came in asking for money and also seemed suspicious.

[REDACTED] was provided my email and I asked any relevant video be forwarded to me immediately.

CONTACT WITH FBI AGENT [REDACTED]
I made contact with Agent [REDACTED] He stated the [REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED]

Agent [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED]. At the time of this report, the FBI stated [REDACTED] (). Agent [REDACTED] advised he would request East Lansing Police officers to accompany them when they go to interview him.

CONTACT WITH THE EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL:

On January 5th, 2026 at approximately 10:30am I notified the East Lansing High School principle of the situation at St. Thomas. She advised she would forward the information to the superintendent.

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RED TOYOTA [REDACTED] MICHIGAN REG: [REDACTED]
On January 5th, 2026 at approximately 2:00pm I observed a red [REDACTED] Toyota [REDACTED] traveling South bound on Alton past St. Thomas. I recognized the plate ([REDACTED]) as being registered to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] While following the vehicle [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DISPOSITION:

Detective Lieutenant Ojerio was advised of the situation and given contact information for FBI Agent [REDACTED] Special Attention and Officer Safety notices went out to the East Lansing Police Department.

STATUS:

TOT DB & FBI.

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NARRATIVE:

Washington, Giovanni - ELPD-221

1/6/2026 6:14:43 PM

INFORMATION

On 01/06/2026, Officer Robison and I conducted follow-up related to this incident with FBI Special Agent [REDACTED]

FOLLOW-UP – ADDRESS CHECKS:

Officer Robison, Agent [REDACTED] and I first attempted contact at [REDACTED] There was no answer at the residence; however, I observed a red Toyota [REDACTED] bearing Michigan plate [REDACTED] parked in front of the residence. We then proceeded to [REDACTED] where we again received no answer at the door. Third, we responded to [REDACTED] While at that location, I observed a black Nissan [REDACTED] parked in the driveway bearing Michigan plate [REDACTED] Similar to the previous locations, there was no answer at the door.

CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] (TX):

Officer Robison, Agent [REDACTED] and I made contact with [REDACTED] via TX. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] became verbally upset that I contacted him more than once. At the direction of the FBI, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I asked [REDACTED] if he would be willing to meet with us so I could explain certain matters; however, he declined.

During the conversation, [REDACTED] mentioned an incident from approximately two years ago involving [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This incident was unrelated to the current investigation, and [REDACTED] would not provide additional details. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED].

FOLLOW-UP CONTACT WITH FBI:

Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted me on 01/06/2026 at approximately 1500 hours and advised that he had made contact with [REDACTED] via TX. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]

Agent [REDACTED] also questioned [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED]

Agent [REDACTED] advised that while the situation appeared suspicious, the FBI would be closing their involvement due to no criminal activity or evidence of a crime.

DISPOSITION:

Refer to primary.

NARRATIVE:

Saylor, Jack - ELPD-213

1/8/2026 9:46:32 PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On 1/8/2025 at around 2000 hours, I made contact with [REDACTED] via Tx. [REDACTED] requested an ELPD officer contact her referencing a suspicious situation from earlier in the day.

CONTACT WITH

I made contact with [REDACTED] who advised that on 1/8/2025 at around 0700 hours, she observed [REDACTED]

advised that the

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then advised that ELPD officers were called to St. Thomas Aquinas earlier that day at around 1600 hours for a separate subject that she thought may be the same individual she observed earlier in the day.

CAD NOTES:

The following are the CAD notes from 1/8/2025 at 1600 hours referencing the subject that [REDACTED] believes may have been the same individual she observed earlier at 0700 hours:

A high-contrast, black and white image showing a large, irregular white shape on a black background. The white shape has a jagged, stepped top edge and a solid black base. A thin white horizontal bar is visible near the bottom center.

The individual identified on 1/8/2025 is not the accused [REDACTED] from the original report and, based off of the CAD notes, does not appear to be related to that incident.

STATUS:

See original. For information only.

NARRATIVE:

Ojerio, Adrian - ELPD-149

1/12/2026 12:07:51 PM

Initial Information:

On 01/05/2026 I was informed by Sgt. Cotton of the above complaint. Cotton informed me that the complaint was initially looked at by ELPD on 01/03/2026, at the local level and determined that it was not a crime (no report, CAD notes 26-0001513).

Sgt. Cotton explained, in his report, that this complaint had been reported to the FBI and that at their level they were looking further into the complaint. When Sgt. Cotton was informed of this information, he generated a complaint for a suspicious situation to supplement the FBI investigation.

Follow up:

During the next few days Officers from ELPD assisted the FBI with their closer examination of the complaint (see their supplemental reports). While examining the social media video described by Sgt. Cotton, I noticed that it is multiple videos spliced together by the algorithm of the social media site. This algorithm does not always link related videos from a person's feed. The video of the explosions is from the US media from the US action in Venezuela.

I met with the Principal and Father [REDACTED] and provided a very basic update on the status of the case on the morning on 01/06/2026, I also scheduled a debrief meeting with them for Monday morning (01/12/2026). I was informed verbally by the FBI in the late afternoon of 01/06/2026 that their investigation did not reveal any threats. They advised there was still a few things that they would look into on their end, but again there was no threat and nothing at all about the school in their investigation.

Parrish/School information release:

After speaking with the FBI I produced an information release and provided it to the Father and Principal on 01/06/2026 to share as they saw fit.

Debrief:

On 01/12/2026, again the FBI confirmed that their investigation did not produce any further information that would be deemed a threat. They confirmed that at this time, there is no threat, no crime.

NON-RELATED incidents:

It should be noted that on 01/08/2026 there were two coincidental unrelated incidents, one at the School and one at the Church.

1. Is report number 2536400057 and the School. A white male subject, not matching the description of this report, tried to enter the school during school hours. When he found the doors locked he left.
2. A subject known to the church, came into the Parrish and was pan handling. This subject was ID'd in Ofc. Saylor's supplemental report and is not the subject who posted the social media posts.

Status:

Closed.



EAST LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Quality Services for a Quality Community

MEMORANDUM

TO: Father [REDACTED] & Principal [REDACTED]

FROM: Lt. Adrian Ojerio

DATE: 01/06/2025

SUBJECT: Information about social media posts

City of East Lansing
POLICE DEPARTMENT
410 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

(517) 319-6927
www.cityofeastlansing.com

To whom it may concern,

The East Lansing Police Department is sharing an update on an investigation that the ELPD collaborated on with other law enforcement partners.

On 01/03/2026, a person on social media observed an image of the St. Thomas Church and what they believed to be concerning statements. Thankfully, this person contacted law enforcement to look further into this.

The East Lansing Police Department and its law enforcement partners have worked in cooperation with the parish, and out of an overabundance of caution, the school as well. It should be noted that the school was never mentioned anywhere in this investigation.

The investigation has determined that there is no threat. We would like to highlight the collaborative efforts of Father [REDACTED] his staff, and Principal [REDACTED]. We also would like to highlight the "If you see something, say something" campaign, which flagged this concern so that we could investigate it.

We want to remind everyone that again, there was never any mention of the school. However, ELPD will continue to pay special attention to the parish and the school for the next several weeks. Again, if you see something, please say something and call 911.

Thank you for your time and cooperation,

Lt. Adrian Ojerio #149
East Lansing Police Department
aojerio@cityofeastlansing.com

This information is to be shared at the discretion of Father [REDACTED] and Principal [REDACTED]