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"IN A BLK YOUKON DENALI", "SPEAKING WITH ROBERT MILLER NOW HE SAYING THAT MICHAEL COPELAND IS THE ONE CAUSING PROBLEMS", "SAID THAT MICHAEL IS DEMANDING THE KEYS TO THE SISTERS HOUSE AND THEY COULD SMELL ALCHOL ON HER PRETTY STRONG".

Burke County Dispatchers also added the tag number from the GMC into the notes of the call as South Carolina issued #P429123

I sent BCSO Deputy, Clinton Patton, a message via MDT and he stated that Copeland was in the black GMC Denali and that she was not driving when he arrived on scene nor cleared the call and left the scene. I parked my patrol car on NC HWY 18 South (S Sterling Street) near Drexel Road. I checked Michael Copeland's address on her driver's license through DCI. The DCI search revealed that Copeland had not notified the DMV of her address change within 60 days of doing so. Due to having multiple encounters with Copeland in the past, I was aware of the fact that she was no longer living at the address on her driver's license (223 1/2 West Park Drive, Morganton). I was also familiar with the fact that the house was unoccupied and under contract to be sold to a different individual that was not Copeland.

I positioned my patrol car to where I could see on-coming traffic coming into the city. My radar was calibrated and tested for accuracy while sitting on the side of the road. I began to run stationary radar on Hwy 18 South when a black GMC Denali approached me traveling at 50 mph. I formed my opinion of the vehicles speed at 50 mph and confirmed it with my radar instrument. The area in which the GMC was traveling was a two (2) lane highway (one lane in each direction) and also consisted of multiple construction warnings on the right side of the roadway coming into the city along with very low light conditions (no street lights). The weather conditions at the time I saw the GMC were rain and patches of fog on the roadway. The weather on this date had been scattered rain storms through out the large majority of the day/night and I had observed areas of Hwy 18 South that had large puddles of water gathering in the roadway. This existing condition could lead to a vehicle hydroplaning if traveling at a speed such at what I clocked the GMC at. Hydroplaning is a situation that occurs when a vehicle's tires lose traction on a wet road. This event can cause loss of control of a vehicle which may lead to minor to severe traffic accidents.

Once the GMC passed me, I turned around and began to follow it. The GMC continued at this speed into the city limits of Morganton. There is a warning sign before Drexel Road that alerts the speed limit changes to 45 mph once inside the city limits. There is an additional posted speed limit sign for 45 mph at the city limits. I did not notice the GMC's brake lights illuminate once traveling past the posted 45 mph zone all the way until the intersection of Interstate 40 and S Sterling Street. The roadway is at a grade in which the GMC was going down hill coming into the city which supported my opinion that the GMC was still traveling at a speed of 50 mph in a posted 45 mph zone. Once passing under the Interstate 40 bridge, the GMC touched the solid double yellow line and then crossed over it while passing the off ramp. There were no vehicles on the off ramp at this time. The GMC then activated its right turn signal to alert that it was going to make a right turn onto Bush Drive. I noted that the registration plate of the GMC was South Carolina issued # P429123 and the brake lights were in working order.

Based on the totality of circumstances involving Copeland and the GMC, it was at this time I decided to initiate a traffic stop on the GMC. I turned on my emergency equipment and the GMC stopped in the middle of the roadway on Bush Drive. There is a Mcdonalds PVA less that 200 feet from where the vehicle stopped. Bush drive is a public street at where Copeland stopped, not a private driveway.

As I approached the driver of the vehicle, I noticed that it was a white female driver and she appeared to be very upset. I made contact with the driver and explained why I had stopped her. I noticed the driver's eyes were bloodshot and glassy. The driver stated "I'm so sorry, I'm so mad". I asked the driver for her name and she responded "Michael Copeland". Copeland began to tell me she was on her way to see Magistrate Whitesides for an incident that happened out in the County with her husband. Copeland was looking through her pocketbook for an unknown piece of paper, when asked if she was trying to locate her drivers license, she stated no. I had not asked Copeland for any documentation at this time. I observed at least 4 medicine bottles, 3 in Copeland's purse and 1 in the floor board of the GMC. When asked what kind of medication it was, Copeland stated Suboxone. According to drugs.com, "Suboxone contains a combination of buprenorphine and naloxone. Buprenorphine is an opioid medication. An opioid is sometimes called a narcotic." There was also a

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bottles of Trazadone and Lexapro which are anti-depressants. A bottle of Ibuprofen was located in the floor board. Copeland began to open her door to look for her drivers license under the driver seat. As Copeland opened the door, I immediately detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle. I began to ask Copeland what the medications were used for. As Copeland explained these to me, I was able to determine the odor of the alcoholic beverage was coming directly from Copeland's breath. I asked Copeland if there was ANY alcohol in the vehicle or if she had spilled some earlier and she stated no. When asked about where she was living, Copeland stated she was living with her father in Charleston for the past 4 months, but was also staying at the Hampton Inn on Bush Drive which is where she said she was heading. This contradicted her previous comment about going to see Magistrate Whitesides. When asked about why she had not changed her drivers license, Copeland said that South Carolina would not issue her a license without having a valid North Carolina license. This was also a contradiction from a previous statement due to Copeland's license being active and not having any type of hold on them. I asked Copeland about this and she then recanted and stated "no, i`m sure they are effective". After looking through multiple documents, Copeland was able to retrieve the vehicles registration paperwork and hand it to me. At this time I asked Copeland if she would mind to step out and perform some tests. Copeland acknowledged this and stepped out of the vehicle in a cooperative

I performed a battery of standardized field sobriety tests (SFSTs) on Copeland. The first (SFST) test I administered to Copeland was the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN) test. During this test, Copeland had a lack of smooth pursuit in both eyes as well as distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation in both eyes.

The second (SFST) test I administered to Copeland was the walk and turn test. During this test, Copeland started too soon after being told not to and preformed an improper turn using both feet to pivot on. Copeland also stepped off the line on step 3 (Second set of 9).

The third (SFST) test I administered to Copeland was the one leg stand test. During this test, Copeland raised her right foot and used her arms to balance. Copeland also swayed while balancing and put her foot down twice during this test. During this test, Copeland lost her balance and pushed off my patrol car to regain it.

- I asked Copeland how much she had to drink. Copeland replied that she had only had Nyquil.
- I asked Copeland to perform the alphabet test starting at the letter "G" and ending on the letter "R". Copeland was able to perform this test. I asked Copeland to perform the finger count test. Copeland was able to perform this test as well. These tests are not considered standardized.
- I asked Copeland to submit to a roadside portable breath test (PBT). Copeland consented and showed a positive reading for alcohol (.14BAC and .13BAC).

While administering the SFST's to Copeland, PSO Huffman and her K9 Partner Shrek performed an exterior sniff of Copeland's vehicle. K9 Shrek alerted on the driver side door of the GMC. While I continued to administered the SFST's to Copeland, PSO Huffman and PSO Storie performed a probable cause search of the GMC due to the K9 alert. Copeland stated there was a bottle of unopened Whiskey in one of the many bags in the rear of the vehicle. This was a discrepancy in the previous statement from Copeland who said there was NO alcohol in the vehicle. PSO Huffman and PSO Storie did not locate any alcohol in the vehicle.

At this time based on the totality of the circumstances, I formed the opinion that Copeland had consumed a sufficient quantity of an impairing substance such that her mental and physical faculties were appreciably impaired. I transported Copeland to Burke Catawba for a chemical analysis of her breath. I read Copeland her breath test rights and asked her if she understood them. Copeland said yes and signed the test rights sheet. Copeland asked to make phone calls during the observation phase. I retrieved Copeland's cell phone with her contacts listed inside so she could locate phone numbers of people to call to witness the testing procedures. Copeland made 3 phone calls on the phone in the Intoximeter room and Burke Catawba. One (1) to her father, and two (2) to bondsman. I waited 31 minutes before beginning the testing procedures. At 0219 hours, I requested Copeland to submit to a chemical analysis of her breath. Copeland consented to the test. Copeland's results were a .13BAC.

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I transported Copeland to MDPS HQ to finish her citations for the offenses she committed on S Sterling Street. I transported Copeland to the Magistrates office where she was charged with the following:

- Driving while Impaired
- Left of Center
- Exceeding a safe speed
- Failure to notify DMV of address change

Copeland received a \$4,000 secured bond and a court date of 09/03/2014. I transported Copeland to Burke Catawba where she was confined.

# ARREST REPORT (Additional Charges)

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Charge	Fel/Misd	Counts	DCI Code	(if not arresting agency) Offense Jurisdiction	Statute #	Warr. Date
4) License-fail To Change Address Or Notify Dmv	M	1	4010		20-7.1	08/02/2014

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