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Investigation Report for Case #: 2012-0607010

Location: New City, NY

Date: June 16, 2012 **Investigation Timeframe:** 7pm – 11:30pm

Weather Conditions/Cloud Cover: Partially Cloudy

Temperature: (H 84° - L 59°) - 76° avg

Precipitation/Chance: 0%

Lunar Cycle: Waning Crescent



Geomagnetic Field:

STORM!

Solar X-Ray:

ACTIVE

Investigators and others present:

Barbara ☒ Kelly ☒ Jason ☒ Kim ☒ Kevin ☒ Diane ☒ family & friends

The names of the family and friends have been redacted in conjunction with our confidentiality agreement. Additionally all the research or any indentifying information has either been removed or redacted to be in compliance with our agreement.

Contact Information



Preliminary Investigation Information

The preliminary investigation was conducted on June 8, 2012 at the residence with the home owner.

The family have lived in the home for 4 ½ years and were the first residents to live there. During the preliminary the home owner explained that there has always been some activity in the home.

The family has experienced the sound of footsteps, doors opening and closing, apparitions, object movement and being scratched. The activity has increased since January when the home was put up for sale.

The home owner explained that friends and contractors have been frightened and left the home unexpectedly. The home owner is concerned that whatever is at the heart of this behavior will interfere with the sale of the home.

Besides the home owner, there are 2 children ages 18 and 12 living in the home and an exchange student who is there on a part-time basis. There are also 2 dogs in the residence.

Both dogs have been known to react from time to time.

Baseline readings were taken and showed no anomalous readings other than a few high flash emf readings. The temperature was consistent with no variations.

A digital recorder ran throughout the preliminary investigation.

There was nothing notable found at any point during this preliminary investigation.

Property Research

Research removed to protect the family's identity.

Geological Findings

The property sits near a quarry and lake. Both of these have been known to promote paranormal activity. Certain types of stone can be attributed to residual haunting.¹

The property at [REDACTED] is primarily Sandstone with Conglomerate rock from the Upper Triassic era. There is also Palisade Diabase and Diabase from the Early Jurassic period.

Investigation

The investigation was conducted on June 16, 2012. The night was a clear, cloudless night. Present were investigators Barbara, Kelly, Jason, Kimberly, Kevin and Diane. The house is large and we manned base station all night. Also present were the family [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and 2 friends [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

We started the evening off explaining to the family that if they felt something unwanted bothering them that they should ask it to leave them alone. This applied to not only the investigation but when they are in the home on a regular basis.

DVR cameras were placed in the office, master bedroom, hall and basement. A drop camera was placed in the sitting room within the master bedroom. Audio recorder placement was: office, master bedroom, base station, basement, [REDACTED]'s room and [REDACTED]'s room. There was one mobile recorder that went with Jason.

We broke into groups and dispersed to the master bedroom and basement area. The family & friends took part in the investigation. Throughout the evening the group makeup changed and covered the various locations.

There were some KII readings in the basement at the onset of the investigation and at one point [REDACTED] felt ill. He was watched carefully and eventually the group returned upstairs till he felt better.

¹ A Residual haunting is thought by some to be a replayed haunting (a recording) in which no intelligent ghost, spirit, or other entity is directly involved. Much like a video tape, they are playbacks of auditory, visual, olfactory, and other sensory phenomenon which are attributed to a traumatic event, life-altering event, or a common event of a person or place, like an echo of past events.

Throughout the evening many investigators felt cold spots though the temperature readings did not reflect it. Those areas felt significantly warmer when revisited only a few minutes later by the investigator. Some rooms seem to darken at times without any apparent cause. Some rooms felt heavy and gave the feelings of being watched. In the master bedroom there were times that the KII would flash when the team moved about. When one team went to the sitting room and turned on the KII the meter flashed multiple times as if the team had surprised the energy then just as quickly the meter went dead.

During many times throughout the investigation the investigators made a point to put out the intention that it was not acceptable to bother the family. We explained that the home belongs to this family and although the family did not want what was there to leave they did want it to quiet down. We did say that it was not this family that removed their family's farmhouse² and that we were sure that their home had been nice as well. We explained it was not acceptable to scare or touch family members or to try to scare off repair personnel or prospective buyers. We went so far as to say that perhaps they would like future residents.

During the evening there was a notable occurrence with [REDACTED]. He got up to go to the bathroom. This room was on the main level. He approached the door which was partially open. When he tried to open it, he was met with resistance as if someone was on the other side holding it closed. When [REDACTED] approached she was able to open the door. This clearly falls into the category of a personal experience but his yell was immediate and loud and was heard on all the recorders placed about.

There is another event that occurred that bears noting. At a few points in the evening the dogs (who were kept isolated) barked in response to something. During the digital audio review on 2 different recorders it was found just prior to this barking that there was a noise or evp³. While not conclusive of anything it is worth noting.

After investigation note: One of the evps that we got where the dogs barked was debunked by the home owner as being a neighbor. Therefore it will not be included as evidence. I will put a note next to the file.

² This was done on the chance that the energy is related to the [REDACTED] family.

³ See the section on evidence review

Evidence Description

EVP:

We ran 7 digital audio recorders the night of the investigation. Their placement were the office, ██████'s room, the master bedroom, ██████'s room, the basement, base station and one unit was mobile with investigator Jason.

We have gone through great lengths to insure that these clips are not sound contamination from outside or elsewhere in the house. It was amazing how well sound traveled throughout the house. As a result we had a lot of sound contamination. If we had any reservations about a clip as to whether it could be a result of sound contamination or some natural reason, we did not use the clip in any way.

The following are descriptions of the evps we've deemed worth showing. The DR# is just our audio gear numbering system; the numbers are the digital display in hours: minutes: seconds; the words following are a short descriptor to identify what we *think* is being said or what the clip is of.

██████'s room was unoccupied all night to honor his request. Most other rooms were unoccupied during most of these clips. Whenever investigators were present it will be noted or self evident.

DR1 – Office- *during some of these clips the office was completely empty and review of video and/or audio could find no explanation for any shuffling, bangs, movement or footsteps.*

- 25_10 – bang
- 43_31 – cry – faint cry
- 51_21 - breath – slight movement and then a breath and groan
- 51_58 – mimic – investigator Barbara was fixing an inline mic and this seems to be mimicking her as she spoke.
- 1_03_12_03 – movement and possible footsteps
- 1_17_09 - knock
- 1_33_33 – a child's voice – sounds like its calling out
- 1_46_57 – long breath or whisper

DR2 – ██████'s room – *This room was unoccupied most of the night. The first 2 clips investigator Kelly is asking questions and seems to get responses*

- 44_46 – answer can you tell us your name – The questions was 'can you tell us your name' and it sounds like it says '██████' a name is heard.8
- 45_08 – noise responds – Kelly asks "Can you make a noise or move something in the room" and there is a bang

- 1_23_13 – ‘get out’ possibly downstairs – room is empty
- 2_48_37 – inhale – sounds like a breath near the mic – room is empty

DR3- Master Bedroom- *Most of these files occurred when no one was in the room. This room was investigated on and off throughout the night. Most of the cold spot experiences occurred in sections of the master bedroom.*

- 1_10_18 – ‘here’ then dog barks – an interesting point of interest here is that on a separate recorder down in the basement we have an evp just before the dog barks. (see H1 47_37) While not the same clip perhaps the dogs sensed something.⁴
- 1_18_39 – weird background noises – there is a lot of various noises and sounds in the background on this clip; however it should be noted that it does not match up in any way with any background noise the team was responsible for.
- 2_28_22 – noise possible ‘yeah’ after comment – the investigators are speaking and what sounds like a ‘yeah’ is heard
- 2_41_49 – knock – there is a knock or tap – you can hear sound contamination in the background
- 3_18_21 – breath inhale near mic – you can hear the investigators in the sitting room when this *inhale/breath* is heard. It actually sounds annoyed.

DR4-Bobby’s room- ████████ *did not want anyone investigating in his room but did allow us to place a recorder in there.*

- 55_57 noise – you can hear some movement and what might be footsteps
- 1_37_44 – whisper – there is a male whisper – what is being said is not clear
- 2_49_48 – inhale – very light

H1-Basement-*During the course of the investigation there were personal experiences in the basement, a few meter interactions and the overall feeling of being watched. An interesting point of interest is at about 2 hours into the investigation Jason was explaining the function of this recorder and at the completion when he indicates that this recorder is extremely sensitive there was a battery drain and the recorder shut off.*

- 27_24 noise heard – during the first group in the basement this noise was heard
- 47_37 knock sets dogs off – the knock is quite loud – While not the same clip as the DR3 1_10_18 perhaps the dogs sensed this.
- 1_04_24 – metallic bang
- 1_19_13 noise we react to – ████████ heard this strange noise

Mobile-*Jason carried this recorder with him throughout the night. There are 2 files. One reflects the basement and the other from when the recorder was in ████████’s room.*

⁴ This is the file that was debunked and while I have left it in the report, I have removed it from the evidence.

Basement

- :13 – bang heard during set up – Jason and Kevin react
- 1_08_20 Jason asks for a noise and he received a response
- 1_08_50 – first part is a reaction to previous noise and again Jason asks to confirm and he gets a response
- 1_10_44 – Jason, [REDACTED] and Kevin continued to trouble shoot and asks for 3 knocks and gets a response
- 1_13_35 – [REDACTED] asks a question and there is a response that he hears

[REDACTED]'s Room

- :6_23 tap heard – Jason and Kevin hear the tap while investigating

Base Station- *this recorder ran the entire investigation. We always run a base recorder since our experience has shown that regardless of the activity at base we usually get something.*

- :14_54 - whisper – possibly ‘I need to know’ very light
- :15_27 – whisper – possibly ‘Is it?’ or ‘Fix it’

Photographic:

There was no photographic evidence obtained.

Full Spectrum: It should be noted that during full spectrum still shots there were some anomalous variations in the images but none could be attributed to anything paranormal.

Video:

DVR review yielded no observations.

Hard drive drop camera review yielded no observations.

Full spectrum review yielded no observations.

Additional Information:

Throughout the evening there were many knocks and bangs heard and picked up on digital audio. We have included only a sampling of those knocks and bangs on our evidence disk.

There were many things experienced by investigators during the evening that there was no evidence to support and have been classified as personal experiences. Below are a few of those items.

Shadows were seen by investigation teams; however none were caught on video.

Cold spots and sensations were felt by many investigators however no temperature variations were noted on any equipment.

It was a warm evening and one possible explanation is that the variations felt were the body's natural response to perspiring and experiencing a breeze from a window. (There were a few windows open in some select areas)

This would not account for any temperature changes experienced in the basement since no window down there was open.

Conclusion

The investigation went smoothly and there were no major incidents during the evening. At no point during the investigation did any investigator feel anything negative or threatening. Down in the 'game' room there were feelings of being watched and sounds of movement or shadows in the small room near the 'bar' but none of these could be classified as negative.

The family and friends was a tremendous asset to the investigative team. They asked smart, insightful and thoughtful questions when they participated in sessions.

While we did not receive answers to the questions we put out, we did receive responses and interactions to many of our requests.

It is the opinion of this investigator that there is a combination of residual and intelligent haunting occurring in the residence. This is based on the following facts:

Many of the evps occurred in rooms that were unoccupied and without any interaction. They seem random, unsolicited and not connected to an investigator or family initiative. This sort of energy behavior is consistent with residual haunting but in no way is it conclusive of that.

On several occasions we did receive knocks in response to requests. These responses were to different combination requests. This sort of response and interaction is more consistent with an intelligent style haunting.

Additionally we have the incident with [REDACTED] and the bathroom. This sort of interaction would be consistent with an intelligent haunting.

The geological makeup of the area would support the possibility of both types.

We believe whatever is in the residence means no harm to the family and may be reacting to the fact the family is planning on moving. Perhaps they feel protective or just like the family members being there after years of no home on the property.

If the energies on the property are related to the [REDACTED] family then perhaps they are confused by the home's presence and area development. After more than 100 years of the farm property being in the [REDACTED] family they may have a strong attachment to the location or reaction to the development.

According to records Julia [REDACTED] passed away at approximately 7 years of age. Where she was laid to rest is unknown. There is no obvious grave in either the [REDACTED] Family cemeteries. Perhaps it is she who is most attached to the

family property. It is possible the scratching interaction with the family member was simply child's play and nothing sinister was intended. Given the scratched lettering of 'Lia' on [REDACTED]'s room floor this is a very strong possibility.

Regardless of what type of energy resides in the home the family should be committed to reminding what is there that this is their home. They should be polite but firm when asking the energy to leave them alone. It is important to stay calm, focused and unafraid when putting out their intentions. They need to remind the energy that it is not acceptable to scare them, their friends, contractors or potential residents. This is their home. They live there now and that they were not responsible for developing the land and destroying their farmland or home.

Based on follow up information where a recent party seemed to cause an increase of activity within the home on that particular night, perhaps an additional approach is to inform the energies on what is transpiring with any new activities.

This can be in the form of a party in the home, a sleep over or with the sale of the home. They could ask that the energies embrace any new residents and be open to share the home with any new family that lives there.

It is possible that the energy in the home is very connected to the family and anything that disrupts the normal routine is considered an intrusion.

Regardless of the approach, the family needs to maintain control of their home. They should ask the energies to respect them and not disrupt the events.

Post investigation note: The family has indicated that they are resting better in the home and that the activity has been reduced. The children are more confident and feel more in control with the guidance we provided.

We did discover during the reveal that a family friend had played with an Ouija board after our investigation and had some negative results. We cautioned both the family and friends that this sort of activity is not only dangerous as it is uncontrolled channeling but it also sends contradictory messages to the spirits present. The fact that they had a frightening interaction should serve as a warning to be careful what you wish for. All promised that no encouraging contact or use of Ouija or any other metaphysical items will be conducted.

The home owner has saged the home and is looking into having the home blessed.