

INCIDENT NARRATIVE AND PAYMENT SUMMARY

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Incident date: September 1, 2026

PUBLIC VERSION: direct personal identifiers, account handles, exact addresses, workplace identifiers, and reservation/account identifiers have been removed or generalized. Dates, amounts, chronology, and substantive incident facts are retained.

REPORTING PARTY INFORMATION

Name	REDACTED FOR PUBLIC COPY
Date of Birth	REDACTED FOR PUBLIC COPY
Home Address	REDACTED FOR PUBLIC COPY
Phone	REDACTED FOR PUBLIC COPY

INCIDENT NARRATIVE

The other party and I had known each other as friends, and there had also previously been a romantic interest between us. Our relationship existed before the rental-car arrangement, and we had helped one another at different points. At the time of this incident, the other party worked in Illinois.

At the time of the incident, I had been on medical leave from my employment. My regular employment income had already been disrupted beginning in early June due to a workplace payment dispute, which significantly reduced my available financial resources. I was terminated from my employment on July 16, 2026. I had been trying to regain financial stability and get back on my feet.

The original documented rental arrangement began on May 27, 2026. The vehicle was reserved through Enterprise Rent-A-Car in the other party's name at an Illinois location. The reservation showed a scheduled pickup on May 27, 2026 at 4:45 p.m. and an original scheduled drop-off on June 3, 2026 at 4:45 p.m. The reservation was for a midsize vehicle identified as a Toyota Corolla or similar. Reservation, itinerary, location, and contact identifiers have been removed from this public copy.

The vehicle was rented in the other party's name because my credit and rental history had significantly limited the ordinary rental-car options available to me. The arrangement was that the other party would be the named renter while I paid the costs associated with the vehicle. I paid the weekly rental charges, deposits, and renewal amounts associated with the rental. Approximately \$300 was associated with the deposit. The other party's primary role in the arrangement was that the rental contract was in that person's name because my own available rental options were limited.

I have presently documented at least \$3,785 in electronic payments associated with the period of the rental arrangement, consisting of \$3,290 through Venmo and \$495 through Cash App. Personal names and payment-account handles have been removed from this public copy. This does not include additional payments I made in cash.

The Venmo payments presently documented are \$600 on May 27, 2026; \$277 on June 2; \$277 on June 10; \$170 on June 19; \$108 on June 20; \$278 on June 24; \$277 and \$65 as separate transactions on July 8; \$8 on July 9; \$275 on July 30; \$360 on August 7; and \$595 on August 14. These Venmo payments total \$3,290.

The Cash App payments presently documented are \$235 on July 8, 2026 and \$260 on July 21, totaling \$495. The separate electronic payments on July 8 totaled \$577. I also made additional payments in cash during the rental arrangement or toward portions of rental-related costs. I have not reconstructed a complete cash accounting, so the \$3,785 represents the presently documented electronic amount and not necessarily the total amount I paid.

By September 1, 2026, the vehicle was approximately three to four days late. I understood that the vehicle needed to be returned, and I intended to return it. At the time, I was in a very vulnerable financial position and was trying to complete the return without exhausting the small amount of financial margin I had remaining. This employment and income disruption was part of the financial vulnerability I was referring to when I explained to the other party that I was trying to return the rental vehicle without exhausting the limited financial resources I had remaining.

My cellular phone service was cut off, which I had communicated to the other party several times before the incident. Returning the vehicle also required me to determine how I would get back home afterward, remove my personal belongings from the vehicle, separate my personal keys and cards from the rental-car keychain, and preserve enough money to continue functioning after the return.

At approximately 2:00 a.m. on September 1, 2026, I was asleep inside my residence when I was awakened by very loud, forceful banging at or near my door. I then heard someone loudly yell, "Police, open up." Both the banging and the statement were very loud. I estimate that approximately 15 to 20 seconds passed from the time I woke up until the door gave way and was damaged. The door had been intact before the incident. I did not clearly observe the precise manner in which the door was damaged.

The other party was present with an adult male whom I did not know. I estimate that the man was approximately 6'4" to 6'5" tall. The lights in my kitchen were out, so visibility was poor and I could not clearly see his face. He appeared to be clean-shaven and was wearing predominantly dark clothing.

During the confrontation, the man repeatedly told me, "shut the fuck up." I perceived his demeanor as threatening, and I felt scared during the encounter. He remained positioned in the doorway and blocked my access while I was attempting to get my belongings from the vehicle.

At no point during the confrontation did I threaten the other party or the accompanying man. I did not become physically provocative toward either of them. I maintained my space and did not attempt to force my way through or around the man who was blocking the doorway.

I did not believe escalating the confrontation was worth it. My focus was on rebuilding and maintaining stability in my life and on being a good father to my children. I did not want a confrontation over a vehicle or property to jeopardize those priorities.

During the encounter, the other party told me that police were "charging her" and indicated that this was why she was there.

I told the other party that I was returning the vehicle. I explained that I was in a very vulnerable financial position and was trying not to lose the remainder of the limited financial margin I had available. I specifically told her that I still had to figure out how I would get home after returning the vehicle. I also told her again that my phone service was cut off, which was something I had communicated to her previously.

I asked to get my personal belongings out of the vehicle. The accompanying man remained positioned in the doorway and blocked my access. When I asked about getting my property out of the vehicle, he told me, "We'll throw your shit on the ground."

I needed to remove my personal keys and cards from the rental-car keychain before they left with the vehicle. While I was attempting to remove those items from the rental-car keychain, the other party tried to snatch the keychain out of my hand. I maintained possession of the keychain long enough to remove my personal keys, my library card, and my free seven-day gym pass.

After I removed those items, the other party and the accompanying man left with the rental vehicle.

Following their departure, my belongings were on the ground outside. Clothing and laundry that I had recently taken to the laundromat were on the ground. A television that had been inside the vehicle was on the ground. My dry-erase command panel board was also on the ground and was damaged. Other personal property was also on the ground.

Documents containing my personal information remained inside the center console of the rental vehicle.

My gym bag was no longer in my possession. The gym bag contained hundreds of dollars of training equipment. My basketball also remained with the vehicle when the other party and the accompanying man left.

After they left, I could not immediately locate my cat. Because the doorway had been compromised, I was concerned that she may have gotten outside during the incident. I searched for her and eventually found her inside the residence. She appeared frightened but was safe.

After locating my cat, I began gathering my belongings and assessing the condition of my residence and property. The damage to the entrance created an immediate security problem because the door would no longer secure the residence normally.

I disassembled portions of the bench I use for bench pressing and wedged pieces of the bench into the doorway to create leverage and temporarily reinforce the entrance so that I could keep my residence secured.

I then began documenting the damaged doorway, the damaged dry-erase panel board, the television, the laundry and other belongings on the ground, and the condition of the residence following the incident. Photographs of the damaged door have been preserved and are available if needed. The damaged entrance and door remain primary physical evidence of the incident.

After the other party left, I did not initiate contact with her. I did not block her, unfriend her, or otherwise change my social-media connection with her.

At approximately 10:00 a.m. later that morning, I received an unsolicited message from the other party containing only the figure "\$377." There was no explanation accompanying the number.

I knew that approximately \$300 in deposit money was associated with the rental arrangement and that the vehicle had been approximately three to four days late. I did not receive a receipt, invoice, rental-company statement, accounting ledger, deposit breakdown, late-fee calculation, or other itemized documentation explaining how the \$377 amount had been calculated or what it represented.

Given what had occurred earlier that morning, I have an ongoing concern for my safety and the security of my residence. My door had already been breached and damaged during the confrontation, leaving me in a position where I had to reinforce the entrance myself in order to secure my home. When I later received the unexplained message containing only "\$377," I perceived the message as potentially threatening in the context of what had occurred only hours earlier.

Because the other party and the accompanying man had already come to my residence during the night, my door had been compromised during that encounter, and the entrance was no longer securing normally afterward, I am concerned about the possibility of them returning to my residence.

The detailed Venmo and Cash App records, additional photographs, messages, rental documentation, and other supporting records are preserved and can be provided for additional review or investigative follow-up if needed. Personal names, exact account handles, direct contact information, exact addresses, workplace identifiers, and reservation/account identifiers have been removed from this public copy.

DOCUMENTED PAYMENT SUMMARY

The following table summarizes the electronic payments presently documented during the rental arrangement. Personal names and account handles have been removed; dates, amounts, and totals are retained.

Payment Method	Date	Amount
Venmo	May 27, 2026	\$600.00
Venmo	June 2, 2026	\$277.00
Venmo	June 10, 2026	\$277.00
Venmo	June 19, 2026	\$170.00
Venmo	June 20, 2026	\$108.00
Venmo	June 24, 2026	\$278.00
Venmo	July 8, 2026	\$277.00
Venmo	July 8, 2026	\$65.00
Venmo	July 9, 2026	\$8.00
Venmo	July 30, 2026	\$275.00
Venmo	August 7, 2026	\$360.00
Venmo	August 14, 2026	\$595.00
Cash App	July 8, 2026	\$235.00
Cash App	July 21, 2026	\$260.00
Venmo Total		\$3,290.00
Cash App Total		\$495.00
Combined Electronic Total		\$3,785.00

Additional payment note: I also made payments in cash at times when I was unable to make payments through Venmo or Cash App. Those cash payments are not included in the \$3,785 documented electronic total. Therefore, \$3,785 represents the minimum amount presently documented through these two electronic payment platforms, not the complete amount I paid during the rental arrangement.