

Interview of [REDACTED]

On Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 4:42pm, I conducted an in-person interview with [REDACTED] a resident of 175 Bristol Drive. (see attached drawing) I asked Mr. [REDACTED] if he noticed anything unusual in the days and months prior to the house fire at 185 Bristol Dr. He asked me "What is it you want to know?". Before I could answer, he said he had been smelling gas for about 3 months. He smelled it outside, on the north side of his property. He stated that he didn't have natural gas at his house. He also said he didn't call the gas company because he didn't have gas, but he told Mr. [REDACTED] multiple times that he smelled gas. Mr. [REDACTED] said that Mr. [REDACTED] always said that the gas company knew about it.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was having some trees cut on his property a few months ago (he was unsure of exact dates), and the tree cutters [REDACTED] smelled gas and told Mr. [REDACTED] They were concerned with operating equipment in that environment. Mr. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] called the gas company, and they came out to check. He said he saw them moving around with their instruments.

End of interview.

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