



El Paso County Sheriff's Office

Summary

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Case

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Location: 4320 FORD DR
BLACK FOREST, CO 80908
Reporting Officer ID: P04005 - Harmon

Incident Type: EPSO Other
Occurred From: 07/01/2023 08:00
Occurred Thru: 07/01/2023 08:00
Disposition: Open
Disposition Date: 05/14/2026
Reported Date: 02/17/2026 06:39 Tuesday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	CO0210000	64B	18-3-503	Human trafficking for involuntary servitude - human trafficking of a minor for involuntary servitude	1

Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Other	1	Marx, Victor Vaughn	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Male	[REDACTED] 60
Other	2	Marx, Eileen	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Female	[REDACTED] 62
Other	3	KENNEDY, VAUGHN	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Unknown	Unknown	[REDACTED]
Other	4	[REDACTED] ANASTASIA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Unknown	Unknown	[REDACTED]
Other	5	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Unknown	Unknown	[REDACTED]
Other	6	Arndt, Jennifer	27 E VERMIJO AVE COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903	(719)520-7100	White	Female	[REDACTED]
Other	7	Peak, Evelyn	27 E VERMIJO AVE COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903	(719)520-7100	White	Female	[REDACTED]
Other	8	Falgoust, Brett	27 E VERMIJO AVE COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903	(719)520-7100	Unknown	Male	[REDACTED]
Other	9	LIVERSIDGE, JEREMY	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Unknown	Unknown	[REDACTED]
Reporting Party	1	WARD, LESLIE	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Unknown	Unknown	[REDACTED] 56
Suspect	1	2026-00001987, Unknown	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Unknown	Unknown	[REDACTED]
Victim	1	Chalmers, Hollyanne Marie	UNKNOWN CO	[REDACTED]	White	Female	[REDACTED] 21

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Case Number: 2026-00001987

Related CFS: Case #2023-11660 / CFS #2023-00181250

Reporting Deputy: Sergeant Jared B. Harmon (EID 04005)

Date: 02/16/2026

On February 16, 2026, at approximately 1445 hours, I, Sergeant Jared Harmon (EID 04005), self-assigned to a Follow-Up call for service. The address provided for this call was 4320 Ford Dr., located within the County of El Paso and State of Colorado.

Due to the reporting party, identified as Holly Marie Chalmers, DOB [REDACTED], currently residing in British Columbia, Canada, the call was handled by telephone. I contacted Chalmers at [REDACTED]. After making contact, I identified myself and asked her to explain what was occurring.

While speaking with Chalmers by phone, I could hear an adult male voice in the background speaking over her at various times. When asked who the male was, Chalmers stated it was her boyfriend, Leslie "Les" Ward, DOB [REDACTED]. Throughout the conversation, Ward could be heard interjecting information regarding the prior 2023 incident. On multiple occasions, Ward would make statements or provide details, and Chalmers would then repeat that same information back to me.

During the call, Chalmers stated that in July 2023 she had been trafficked from Canada into the United States. She alleged she was transported across the international border without a passport and taken to Colorado and later to Texas. She identified Victor Vaughn Marx, Eileen Marx, and Vaughn Kennedy as being involved. She stated that during that time her communications were restricted and that she did not have control over her movements.

Chalmers further stated that Victor and Eileen Marx had defamed Ward's character by referencing his prior Sexual Assault conviction and describing him as abusive toward her.

When asked why she was reporting the alleged trafficking in 2026 rather than in 2023 or 2024, Chalmers stated that "people are starting to listen." When asked what she meant by that statement, she explained that Victor Marx is running for Governor of Colorado and that now lawyers and law enforcement are listening to her.

While speaking with Chalmers, I reviewed prior related calls for service and investigative documentation.

On October 4, 2023, EPSO responded to CFS 2023-11660 after Leslie Ward (DOB [REDACTED]) reported Chalmers as a missing person. Ward stated he and Chalmers had been in an intimate relationship for approximately two years. Based on Chalmers' date of birth ([REDACTED]), this would place the beginning of that relationship when she was approximately 17 years old. Ward also disclosed he had a prior Sexual Assault conviction from years earlier.

Ward reported to Deputy Falgoust that two acquaintances, Anastasia Cash and West Cash, had learned of his prior Sexual Assault conviction and spoke with Chalmers about it. According to Ward's statement in the 2023 report, Anastasia and West Cash encouraged Chalmers to seek

assistance and counseling through All Things Possible Ministries in Colorado Springs. Ward indicated that following those discussions, Chalmers left British Columbia on July 21, 2023 with Victor Vaughn Marx and traveled to Colorado.

Digital evidence collected in 2023 included text message exchanges between Ward and Chalmers. Those messages reflected an ongoing intimate relationship and future planning. The communications included expressions of love, discussion of marriage, sexual content, and discussion of having children together. Chalmers referenced returning home and stated she was not staying in the United States permanently, indicating she was receiving counseling and would come back.

The messages also included statements from Chalmers expressing frustration, including:

- “they got me across the border without a pass”
- “this is bullshit they limit my godamn time”
- “there not letting me talk to you”
- “I seriously have no control I dont have a phone”
- “they said I can only use the computer for an hour”
- “im in Texas now”
- “and yeah this was complete manipulation, im pissed”

In response to Ward telling her she could leave, Chalmers replied, “well they are.”

In another message, Chalmers stated, “I dont wanna cause shit rn I will be home I promise, I do trust them but they need to butt out of my relationship.” In that same communication thread, she referenced Eileen being with her, indicating that during the timeframe in question she expressed trust in Eileen Marx.

Although some messages reference limited computer time, the volume and frequency of the communications demonstrate that Chalmers had repeated access to electronic communication. She was able to maintain ongoing, detailed conversations with Ward. Additionally, on October 11, 2023, she independently contacted Ward from George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas, stating she was not allowed through customs due to not having a passport. Later that same morning, she contacted Deputy Evelyn Peak directly from a borrowed phone number (██████████).

The documented communications reflect that Chalmers had the ability to contact Ward and law enforcement. The communications do not reflect complete isolation from outside contact during the timeframe she now describes as trafficking.

On October 12, 2023, Detective Jennifer Arndt confirmed through Texas Constable Jeremy Liversidge that Chalmers had been positively identified and was safe. She was removed from NCIC/CCIC as a missing person and the case was closed as non-criminal. At the time of the 2023 investigation, law enforcement confirmed Chalmers was safe and in contact with authorities. No criminal charges were filed.

During the February 16, 2026, call, Chalmers reframed the July 2023 events as human trafficking. Her current allegation contrasts with contemporaneous digital communications from 2023, which reflect voluntary travel from Canada following discussions with acquaintances

about Ward's criminal history, an ongoing intimate relationship with Ward beginning when she was approximately 17 years old, statements expressing trust in Eileen Marx, and demonstrated access to communication sufficient to contact Ward and law enforcement.

Based on the totality of the information available at this time, there is insufficient evidence to establish probable cause that a violation of the Colorado Revised Statutes occurred.

Human trafficking under CRS 18-3-503 and 18-3-504 requires evidence that a person knowingly recruited, transported, harbored, or obtained another person for purposes of involuntary servitude through force, fraud, or coercion. The documented evidence from 2023 reflects voluntary travel, ongoing communication, and later confirmation by law enforcement that Chalmers was safe. There is no independent evidence of force, threats, confinement, compelled labor, or sexual exploitation.

The available information likewise does not establish the statutory elements required for kidnapping (CRS 18-3-302), false imprisonment (CRS 18-3-303), or any other applicable Colorado criminal offense. The communications reviewed do not demonstrate non-consensual restraint, unlawful confinement, or compelled movement.

Accordingly, based on the information presently available, probable cause does not exist to support criminal charges related to human trafficking or any other criminal violation under Colorado law.

Due to Chalmers' allegation that she was transported across an international border without proper documentation, I will re-contact Chalmers and advise her to contact the appropriate Federal Immigration Agency to explore any available options or remedies through federal authorities regarding that aspect of her claim.

This matter is documented for record purposes and may be forwarded to the Investigations Division for review should additional evidence become available.

I have nothing further.

Case Status: Open/Active

Supplemental Narrative

On February 17, 2026, as follow-up to Chalmers' renewed allegation, I contacted Victor Marx via telephone. Marx confirmed he knew Chalmers and stated he had become involved in her case after being contacted by individuals he described as family members and friends who expressed concern for her well-being and relationship with Ward.

Marx stated he was informed Chalmers began a relationship with Ward while she was a minor. Marx stated that Anastasia Cash confronted Ward regarding Ward's criminal history, after which efforts were made to encourage Chalmers to separate from Ward.

Marx stated he traveled to Canada to assist Chalmers and denied any unlawful conduct. He denied transporting her illegally across the international border and stated the Department of Homeland Security was aware of the situation. Marx identified a Homeland Security Investigations agent, Wesley Harlan, as having assisted with facilitating Chalmers' lawful entry into the United States.

Marx stated Chalmers was transported to Colorado Springs by private aircraft, where she remained approximately one month. He stated she was later transported to Texas for rehabilitation and support services. Marx stated that while in Texas, Chalmers maintained the ability to communicate with Ward and that her continued contact with Ward contributed to her desire to return home.

Marx stated that he communicated with Chalmers' father, Richard, regarding arrangements for her return to British Columbia. He stated he was willing to arrange travel back to British Columbia but was not willing to transport her directly to Ward. Marx stated the message thread verified the airport in British Columbia where she would arrive.

Marx provided two video recordings. One video depicts Chalmers verbally expressing appreciation for assistance provided to her. A second video depicts Chalmers walking unassisted toward a private aircraft at an unknown location.

I have attempted to contact the Homeland Security Investigations agent identified by Marx to confirm federal involvement in the border entry. As of this report, I have not received a return call.

The February 17, 2026, follow-up statements and materials provided by Marx correlate with portions of the 2023 documentation indicating Chalmers traveled voluntarily from Canada, maintained ongoing electronic communication, and was later confirmed safe by law enforcement. Currently, there remains insufficient evidence to establish probable cause for Human Trafficking (CRS 18-3-503 / 18-3-504), Kidnapping (CRS 18-3-302), False Imprisonment (CRS 18-3-303), or other Colorado criminal violations.

All evidentiary items provided to me by Marx have been entered into SHR_Digital.

I have nothing further.

Case Status: Open/Active

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Supplemental Report - EPSO Case #26-1987

On May 14, 2026, at approximately 0530 hours, I, Sergeant Jared Harmon (EID 04005), reviewed my open/active cases, to include EPSO case number 26-1987. During this review, I examined all available information and evidence associated with this case.

Based on the totality of the information available, the evidence obtained does not support the elements of any criminal offense. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to establish probable cause.

Due to the lack of new leads or evidentiary developments, this case will be designated as inactive pending any future information that may arise.

Case Status: Inactive