11/23/20 Kayla Pierce was last seen alive

11/28/20 Missing report filed by Belinda Pierce (mother) with Dep Fairbanks / Kayla entered into LEIN

11/28/20 DPD stops Kayla’s vehicle / Dowan Knighten arrested for F/W / Secured vehicle at scene

12/3/20 Detective Johns from DPD contacts LCSO about the vehicle (Kretzschmer)

12/3/20 D/Sgt. Childers contacts Det. Johns from DPD about processing the vehicle

12/4/20 D/Sgt. Childers interviews **XXXXXXX** friend of Pierce for information

12/4/20 At LCSO request the vehicle impounded from Knighten’s residence / D/Sgt. Childers contacts Knighten via TX

12/4/20 D/Sgt. Childers interviews inmate **XXXXXXX**, Confirm ICS Phone call w/Pierce from the 23rd / files exigency request with T-Mobile and contacted Lake Trust

12/7/20 Det. Young obtains Verizon exigency records / Files a SW & exigency request with Facebook

12/8/20 D/Sgt. Childers & Det. Novara searched Pierce’s hotel / Request video from Speedway

12/8/20 Det. Young contacts Det. Johns from DPD advising last known location of phone was 7 Mile Rd in Detroit

12/8/20 Det. Young & Thompson responded to DPD Impound Yard to search Kayla’s vehicle / find possible blood within the trunk / Lt. Donovan DPD releases vehicle into the custody of LCSO / transported back to LCSO for further processing

12/10/20 MSP cadaver dog indicates on backseat / trunk of Pierces vehicle / Contact is made with LC Prosecutor’s Office over venue / Determined Detroit is the appropriate venue

12/10/20 Emailed DPD on the cadaver dog hit and that LCSO will forward trunk liner to MSP lab for DNA testing. Requested that DPD take over investigation. DPD asked for a timeline

12/10/20 Det. Young interviewed **XXXXXXX** who confirmed that Pierce was going to buy drugs in Detroit on 11/23/20

12/11/20 Timeline was provided to Sgt. Jones from DPD. Sgt. Jones responded and requested Cell Site information for Dowan Knighten. Sgt. Jones indicated that she was sending DPD to LCSO to extracted the infotainment system from Pierce’s vehicle

12/14/20 LCSO issues press release on Kayla Pierce. Cleared by Sgt. Jones of DPD

12/15/20 DPD responds to LCSO to attempt extraction on Pierce’s vehicle. Sgt. Jones request Kayla’s cell records

12/17/20 Det. Young serves SW on Google, Yahoo, Apple and T-Mobile

12/21/20 LCSO obtains CCTV from Speedway. Confirms Pierce alone in vehicle

12/23/20 LCSO request FBI to plot map victims/ suspects phone records

12/28/20 Det. Young contacts Sgt. Jones from DPD to check on any Jane Doe’s at Wayne Co. morgue. Jones advises that she would pin down area for search

12/28/20 Det. Young contacted Sgt. Jones to discuss interviewing Dowan Knighten. Det. Young and Sgt. Jones agreed to wait for DNA results on blood sample from the trunk

12/29/20 Suspect’s phone records were received and shared with DPD

1/8/21 Initial lab results were received from MSP. Results came back as positive for blood but inconclusive for human blood. Lab requested that the trunk liner be submitted for further testing. Lab results shared with DPD

1/15/21 Det. Young emailed Sgt. Jones for an update on the case

1/20/21 DPD advised that they were searching vacant homes in the area of last known call from victim

1/26/21 Det. Young emailed Sgt. Jones requesting if she was available to pick up Knighten for an interview. Sgt. Jones replied that she was not available that week.

2/8/21 Sgt. Jones emailed Det. Young to lock in a date for the interview of Knighten

2/11/21 LCSO receives an anonymous tip who reports that Dewon Knighten dragged a body into his backyard wrapped in a tarp. Information is shared with DPD and the Livingston County Prosecutors Office. LCPO advises that LCSO would not have jurisdiction for any charges. DPD writes and executes a SW with the assistance of Det. Young. Kayla Pierce body is found at Knighten residence. Knighten is arrested and interviewed by DPD.