



MEMORANDUM

SACRAMENTO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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DATE: July 27, 2020
TO: Supervising Deputy District Attorney Charles Gonzalez
FROM: Criminal Investigators Steve McCarthy and Derek Stigerts
SUBJECT: Officer Involved Shooting Incident (SPD #20-218432)
Jeremy Michael Southern, DOB: 07/24/1997 (XREF #4943402)

NOTIFICATION:

On July 21, 2020, at 15:30 hours (Tuesday): Investigators Steve McCarthy and Derek Stigerts were notified of an officer involved shooting that occurred at 2920 Ramona Avenue within the City and County of Sacramento. Investigator Stigerts and I (Steve McCarthy) responded to the shooting scene and monitored the police department's investigation. We arrived at approximately 16:00 hours.

BRIEFING:

At 17:14 hours, the initial briefing was given by Sergeant Vincent Porter #3138. Sergeant Porter gave a brief overview of the incident and identified the involved Sacramento Police Officers as Eric Nedeljkovic #370 (Gang 56), Derek Calabrese #1005 (Gang 59), Stephen Colombo #321 (2B68) and Drake Walker #835 (2B68). Officer Walker was the only Sacramento Police Officer that discharged his weapon.

The subject being investigated was identified as JEREMY MICHAEL SOUTHERN, DOB: 07/24/1997 (XREF #4943402). SOUTHERN had been transported to UCD Medical Center and pronounced deceased by medical staff at 15:45 hours. At the time of the shooting, SOUTHERN was walking with a female identified as [REDACTED] (No XREF).

Sergeant Porter advised on July 15, 2020 at 2121 hours (Event #20-212472), Officers Nedeljkovic and Calabrese had responded to The Crossing's apartment complex after "Shot-Spotter" indicated shots had been fired at the location. During their initial investigation, they located two spent shell casings and spoke with a female that requested to remain anonymous. The female advised she had been arguing with an unidentified male when he fired two (2) shots above her head. She did not identify the male but provided his Instagram username and described him as having a large "HB" tattoo on his neck.

Officers Nedeljkovic and Calabrese conducted further investigation and believed the male was possibly JEREMY MICHAEL SOUTHERN. This was after checking the Instagram account and observing pictures of a male matching SOUTHERN's description. A subsequent record's check also showed JEREMY SOUTHERN to have active warrant for violation of parole.

Today, July 21, 2020 Officers Nedeljkovic and Calabrese returned to the apartment complex to obtain surveillance video of the incident from July 15, 2020 and observed a male they believed to be JEREMY MICHAEL SOUTHERN walking through the apartment complex.

Interviews for Officer Stephen Colombo and Officer Drake Walker were conducted at approximately 23:00 hours at the Sacramento Police Department's Hall of Justice Building. Interviews for Officer Eric Nedeljkovic and Officer Derek Calabrese were conducted the next day on July 22, 2020 at 13:00 hours at the Sacramento Police Department's Hall of Justice Building.

SCENE:

The location of occurrence was The Crossing's apartment complex located at 2920 Ramona Avenue, Sacramento, California. This complex is comprised of three individual apartment buildings that each have a cement courtyard in the center of each building. The shooting occurred in the courtyard area of building #1. The distance between Officer Drake and JEREMY SOUTHERN was 89.9 feet. (Refer to the attached map of the complex).



OFFICER STATEMENTS:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were unable to personally monitor the officer interviews. However, Investigator Stigerts and I were immediately briefed by a Sacramento Police Detective Sergeant and/or Detective after each interview.

On July 21, 2020, at 23:45 hours, I Criminal Investigator Steve McCarthy spoke with Sacramento Police Detective Brian Muraski who summarized Officer Stephen Colombo's statement.

Officer Stephen Colombo, Badge #321

Officer Colombo had been working patrol and partnered with Officer Walker. While in the area of Power Inn and Fruitridge Roads, he heard a request for code-3 cover at 2920 Ramona Avenue. They parked their patrol vehicle at the east end of apartment complex and retrieved their department issued rifles. Both he Walker then ran from the area of the basketball courts to Officers Nedeljkovic and Calabrese who were both positioned at the edge of a cement breezeway at the south side of building #1.

Both Officers Colombo and Walker initially took a position behind Officer Nedeljkovic who was at the eastern edge of the breezeway. Officer Colombo then decided to move from the east to the western edge of the breezeway to better assist Officer Calabrese. When transitioning across the breezeway, Officer Colombo observed a black male standing in a bladed position in the middle of the quad area pointing a gun at his direction. Officer Colombo explained he initially got behind Officer Calabrese and was in the process of moving to the front when he heard Officer Walker say; "I have a shot." Then, the sound of Officer Walker discharging his rifle. Officer Colombo then heard Office Walker discharge a second shot. Officer Colombo then remained at his position until additional officers carrying ballistic shields arrived. Officer Colombo along with a group of other officers then approached SOUTHERN. He then assisted with helping to remove [REDACTED] from the area.

End of Statement

On July 22, 2020, at 0120 hours, I, Criminal Investigator Derek Stigerts spoke with Sacramento Police Detective Sergeant Scott Maclafferty who summarized Officer Stephen Colombo's statement.

Officer Drake Walker, Badge #835

Officer Drake was working patrol and teamed in a two-officer car with Officer Stephen Colombo. He had prior knowledge that Officers Calabrese and Nedeljkovic were doing follow-up on a shooting from a prior date. Via the police radio, Officer Drake heard an officer from the scene request additional units and heard Officer Nedeljkovic state, "he's got a gun".

While enroute to the location, Officer Walker heard an officer state, "put the". The radio cut out and no one came up on the radio. He believed the suspect, or an officer had shot. After arriving at the apartment complex, both Officer Walker and Officer Colombo grabbed their department approved rifles and ran to the center of the complex.

Officer Walker saw Officers Calabrese and Nedeljkovic and ran towards them. He observed Officer Nedeljkovic wearing a police vest and that officer Calabrese was not wearing a vest. Officer Walker moved up and took officer Nedeljkovic spot at the east side of the of the breezeway. Officer Nedeljkovic said the suspect had a gun.

Officer Walker "pied out" and saw the subject pointing a gun directly at him. Officer Walker fired a round which struck the subject in the upper body. The subject dropped the gun and fell to the ground. Officers continued to give commands to the subject to show his hands. The subject pushed himself up and moved towards the gun. The subject was approximately five to six feet from the gun. Officer Walker fired another shot which struck the subject.

A contact team with ballistic shields moved towards the subject and contacted a female who was lying on the ground and the shot subject.

End of Statement

On July 22, 2020, at approximately 1245 hours, Criminal Investigator Derek Stigerts spoke with Sacramento Police Detective Todd Culp who summarized Officer Eric Nedeljkovic's statement.

Officer Eric Nedeljkovic, Badge #370

Officer Nedeljkovic and Officer Calabrese were at the apartment complex at 2920 Ramona Ave to collect video from a shooting incident which occurred on 7/15/20. During that incident, Officer Nedeljkovic and Officer Calabrese contacted a victim who wanted to stay anonymous due to being afraid of the suspect. She stated items were taken by a suspect several days earlier and they met on 7/15/20 to exchange the items. During the exchange at the complex, the suspect refused to turn over a necklace that he took from the victim's purse then stated she was lucky he did not "strip" her. The victim stated she knew that to mean "rob at gunpoint". The suspect then fired off two rounds from a gun. The victim provided a description and Instagram account to officers. Based on the information, officers identified the suspect as JEREMY MICHAEL SOUTHERN and learned he was a parolee at large.

On 7/21/20 while Officer Nedeljkovic and Officer Calabrese were collecting video with the assistance from the apartment manager at the complex, Officer Nedeljkovic looked out a window and observed a subject he believed to be JEREMY SOUTHERN, who was with a female. Officer Calabrese left the building that housed the video equipment to attempt to identify the subject as SOUTHERN as Officer Nedeljkovic went to his car and retrieved his police vest and body camera. Officer Nedeljkovic and Officer Calabrese made phone contact with each other and confirmed the subject was possibly JEREMY SOUTHERN.

Officer Calabrese and Nedeljkovic both walked northbound separately and met up in the complex just behind the male and female subject. The male subject, believed to be JEREMY SOUTHERN, reached into a shoulder satchel he was carrying and retrieved a handgun. Officer Calabrese and Nedeljkovic observed a handgun in a similar satchel on the Instagram account that was previously given to them by the anonymous victim. Officers requested officer assistance through dispatch. The male and female subject reached the breezeway and continued to walk. Both officers followed into the breezeway and as the officers approached, the male subject "racked" the handgun. The officers backed away to the entry of the breezeway. Officer Nedeljkovic was on the east side and Officer Calabrese was on the west side of the breezeway.

Officer Nedeljkovic observed people behind the glass doors just beyond where the male subject was standing, holding the handgun. The male subject was pointing the handgun at the officers. Officer Nedeljkovic heard the subject say he "was not going back". Both officers gave several commands to drop the weapon. Officer Nedeljkovic estimated he was approximately 35-40 yards away from the suspect.

Officer Drake Walker and Officer Stephen Colombo arrived at the breezeway and were equipped with their rifles. Officer Walker took Officer Nedeljkovic's spot on the west side of the breezeway and Officer Colombo took Officer Calabrese's spot on the west side of the breezeway. As Officer Nedeljkovic backed away, he heard the first. Officer Nedeljkovic retrieved gloves from another officer then heard an officer say he's crawling to the gun. Officer Nedeljkovic heard the second shot.

Officer Nedeljkovic assisted in contacting the suspect once ballistic shields got to his location.

End of Statement

On July 22, 2020, at 13:00 hours, I Criminal Investigator Steve McCarthy spoke with Sacramento Police Detective Krista Koppinger who summarized Officer Derek Calabrese's statement.

Officer Derek Calabrese, Badge #1005

Officers Calabrese and Nedeljkovic were conducting further investigation regarding Event #20-212472. On July 15, 2020, they spoke with a female that advised she had been shot at by an unidentified male. The female did not want to pursue a criminal complaint but provided the male's Instagram username and said he had a tattoo of "HB" on his neck. Officers Calabrese and Nedeljkovic subsequently reviewed the individual's Instagram account and used facial recognition software to identify the male as possibly being JEREMY SOUTHERN. A record's check also revealed SOUTHERN was wanted for violating his parole.

Officer Calabrese advised he and Nedeljkovic returned to the apartment complex today to retrieve surveillance video from the July 15, 2020 incident. While inside the clubhouse, Officer Nedeljkovic observed a male and female park a gray Mazda 4D license [REDACTED] in the south parking lot of the apartment complex. Officer Nedeljkovic thought the male might possibly be JEREMY SOUTHERN and notified Officer Calabrese. Officer Calabrese then went outside and observed the male from a distance of about five (5) feet. After taking a closer look, Officer Calabrese visually confirmed it was SOUTHERN and began following him from a distance of about twenty (20) yards.

Officer Calabrese notified Nedeljkovic as SOUTHERN and the female continued to walk north along the west side of the clubhouse. Officer Nedeljkovic then began walking north along the east side of the building and later joined Officer Calabrese in an open grassy area of the apartment complex.

Officers Calabrese and Nedeljkovic followed SOUTHERN and [REDACTED] to a cement breezeway of building #1. When he and Nedeljkovic entered the breezeway, they began commanding SOUTHERN to show his hands. Officer Calabrese then observed SOUTHERN reach into a satchel similar to one as seen in photos from the Instagram account and retrieved a handgun. Both he and Nedeljkovic immediately retreated back to the initial corners of the breezeway and ordered SOUTHERN to drop the gun. Officer Calabrese said he stayed at the west edge of the cement breezeway while waiting for additional officers to arrive. Officer Calabrese also explained he did not feel comfortable discharging his weapon at this point because of the distance involved and other citizens were in his line of fire.

Officers Walker and Colombo then arrived at their location. Officer Calabrese said he was transitioning from front to back with Officer Colombo when he heard Officer Walker say; "I'm gonna take the shot." Officer Calabrese then heard Officer Walker discharge his rifle one time. Officer Calabrese then left the breezeway to retrieve a ballistic shield from additional arriving officers. When doing this, Officer Calabrese heard a second shot. He then returned to the corner of the breezeway and he, along with other responding officers made their approach to SOUTHERN who was now laying on the ground.

End of Statement