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CASE INFO: MATTHEWS, JEFFREY L	January 26, 2015
OFFENSE: OIS	AGENCY CASE NO: CHPD 15-00598
REQUEST BY: S/I	REPORT MADE BY: <u>C.I. D. HALL</u>
SUMMARY OF FACTS:	
OIS/1-22-2015	
JEFFREY MATTHEWS (DOB: 8-16-1962)	

1-22-2015 (THURSDAY)/APPROX 1915 HOURS: In summary, Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) responded to a call of a male subject wanting to commit suicide, had taken pills and had a gun. Multiple CHPD Officers responded to C-BAR-C Park located at Oak Avenue and Melva Street in the City of Citrus Heights. CHPD Officers attempted to make contact with the subject, later identified as Jeffrey MATTHEWS, without success. MATTHEWS did not comply with CHPD officer's commands and ultimately raised a "hand-gun" from his waist

at which time, two CHPD Officer's responded with shots fired.

APPROX 2117 HOURS: I arrived on scene at C-BAR-C park. CHPD Lt. Fletcher introduced himself and explained, in summary, multiple CHPD officers had responded to the park regarding a call of a suicidal subject armed with a gun. Lt. Fletcher also informed me that Air Unit 21 had been dispatched and video-recorded the incident overhead. Lt. Fletcher explained there were multiple witnessing officers and that CHPD Officer Joe DAVIS #236 and Officer Crystal BUECHNER #353 had both shot their weapons at suspect MATTHEWS. Lt. Fletcher explained that MATTHEWS was shot once, was expected to survive and was to be discharged within hours.

Lt. Fletcher explained that CHPD Lt. Turcotte was back at CHPD headquarters with all the officers involved, including both DAVIS and BUECHNER. The following is a list of witnessing CHPD officers:

## COURTNEY

- TSUEROV
- LIGHT (Trainee)
- OLDMAN
- LOMBARDO (K9)
- FARNSWORTH
- SGT. AGUILAR

**APPROX 2152 HOURS**: DA CI J. WILLIAMS and I, along with DA Crime Lab personnel, accompanied CHPD in an attempt to conduct a walk-through of the crime scene. DAVIS and BEUCHNER were not present for the walk-through.

APPROX 2300 HOURS: CI WILLIAMS and I arrived at CHPD headquarters located at 6315 Fountain Square Drive (95621). We were informed that DAVIS and BUECHNER were with their attorneys and that all witnessing officers had been interviewed, except for Officer LIGHT as he was last in line. CI WILLIAMS and I monitored LIGHT's interview via a live-feed. In summary, Officer LIGHT explained he was a trainee riding with his Field Training Officer (FTO) DAVIS that evening when they heard the dispatch of the suicidal subject with a gun in C-BAR-C Park. For further details, please see STATEMENT OF OFFICER LIGHT.

APPROX 2347 HOURS: CHPD SGT. GARRISON informed that suspect MATTHEWS was being cleared from the hospital, and was going to be brought back to CHPD for an interview. LT. FLETCHER, SGT. GARRISON, DETECTIVES BAYER and SANDERSON, and other unidentified CHPD personnel conducted an overview briefing of the incident. LT. FLETCHER requested that a 48-hour waiting period before interviews of the shooting officers be conducted. LT. FLETCHER scheduled the interviews for Sunday, 1-25-2015, at 1100 hours.

1-23-2015 (FRIDAY)/APPROX 0015 HOURS: DAVIS and BUECHNER's attorneys requested a walk-through of the crime scene with their clients. We departed CHPD and responded back to C-BAR-C Park.

**APPROX 0045 HOURS**: A walk-through was conducted with DAVIS and BUECHNER separately at the scene. I did not hear DAVIS or BUECHNER make any verbal remarks.

APPROX 0110 HOURS: CI WILLIAMS and I cleared the scene.

1-25-2015 (SUNDAY)/APPROX 1030 HOURS: I arrived at CHPD headquarters. SGT. GARRISON explained the weapon recovered at the scene was not a real gun, but rather a "toy gun." SGT. GARRISON also showed me a picture

of the toy-gun he stated he received from the crime lab. SGT. GARRISON also showed me Air Unit 21's video coverage of the incident. The following was noted:

1-22-15 @ 19:35:18 MARK: "SO FAR HE'S NOT FOLLOWING ANY

OF OUR COMMANDS"

@ 19:35:35/36 MARK: SUSP IS STANDING WITH HIS BACK

FACING AND APPEARS TO RAISE HIS

RIGHT ARM AT AN ANGLE; SUSP

FALLS TO THE GROUND

@ 19:35:43 MARK: "SHOTS FIRED, WE'RE OKAY"

@ 19:35:44 MARK: "SUSP HIS ON HIS BACK AND

THERE'S A HEAT SOURCE ABOVE HIS

LEFT ARM"

@ 19:40:13 MARK: "SUSP APPEARS TO BE CONSCIOUS &

**BREATHING**"

The video also shows officers approaching MATTHEWS after he had been shot. There is a clear picture of an object, what appears to be in a shape of a gun, being kicked away from suspect MATTHEWS.

APPROX 1217 HOURS: OFR DAVIS' interview begins with both attorneys present;

The interview was also digitally audio and video recorded. A few minutes into the interview, per LT. FLETCHER's request, the interview is stopped. LT. FLETCHER explains he is concerned about the integrity of the interview with both attorneys in the interview room. LT. FLETCHER requests attorney who represents OFR BUECHNER, to not sit in DAVIS' interview.

APPROX 1258 HOURS: OFR DAVIS' interview resumes with only attorney present; digitally audio and video recorded. In summary, OFR DAVIS fearing for his safety and his fellow officer's safety shot once with his long gun at suspect MATTHEWS when he saw MATTHEWS pull a gun from his waistband. For further details, please see STATEMENT OF OFR JOSEPH DAVIS.

**APPROX 1330 HOURS**: CI WILLIAMS arrives at CHPD and watches the conclusion of OFR DAVIS' interview.

**APPROX 1440 HOURS**: OFR BUECHNER's interview is conducted; digitally audio and video recorded. In summary, OFR BUECHNER fearing for her safety, and her fellow officer's safety, shot two or three times with her long gun at suspect MATTHEWS when she saw MATTHEWS pull a gun from his waistband. For further details, please see STATEMENT OF OFR CRYSTAL BUECHNER.

APPROX 1530 HOURS: CI WILLIAMS and I clear CHPD.

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