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DATE: September 9, 2021

TO: Supervising Deputy District Attorney C. Gonzalez

FROM: Criminal Investigators N. Tavelli #38

SUBJECT: Sergeant Jarvis Statement (SPD OIS 21-254750)

On 9/9/2021, at approximately 1130 hours, Criminal Investigator J. Adams and I attended the interview of SPD Officer Jeffrey Dahl. We observed the interview live via closed circuit television (CCTV) from a separate room at SPD headquarters (5770 Freeport Blvd). The interview was conducted by Detective Derick Cannedy. Attorneys [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were also present in the interview room with Ofc. Dahl. The following is a summary of what Ofc. Dahl provided:

Ofc. Dahl stated he has been a sworn Police Officer with the city of Sacramento Police Department for approximately 15 years. He has been assigned to the Sacramento Police SWAT team for approximately 8 months and is currently a SWAT Operator. Ofc. Dahl is a Rangemaster and teaches weapons training at the annual SPD department training.

Ofc. Dahl explained what equipment he carries in his capacity of SWAT operator. He is issued a Glock 17 pistol and an AR-15 rifle. His rifle is equipped with a Aimpoint optic, a laser, and light. On his person he also carries a C.E.D.

Ofc. Dahl is assigned to SWAT Team 20 and is supervised by SPD SWAT Sgt. Kirtland.

On 9/7/2021 Ofc. Dahl received a callout page ordering him to respond to a Barricaded subject. Ofc. Dahl was tasked with responding to the SPD Central Station (300 Richards Blvd) to deploy SWAT resources. Ofc. Dahl responded to 300 Richards in his SWAT home retention vehicle using emergency lights (code 3). Ofc. Dahl retrieved an SPD armored vehicle named "The Grizzly" from 300 Richards Blvd. Ofc. Dahl drove the Grizzly to the staging location (SPD Communication Center). Ofc. Dahl responded with lights and siren (code 3).

Ofc. Dahl attended a briefing at the SPD Communication Center. Ofc. Dahl was provided a photo of suspect Pearson and the circumstances surrounding the incident. Ofc. Dahl was also made aware that the suspect was armed with a rifle.

Ofc. Dahl was in full SPD SWAT uniform. His uniform was marked with "Police" and SPD patches.

Ofc. Dahl drove the Grizzly to the scene and positioned it in the street near the suspect's home. Ofc. Dahl then moved to take a position in a different SPD armored vehicle named "The Bearcat". Ofc. Dahl took a position of high cover in the Bearcat, utilizing the turret. Ofc. Dahl was positioned in the turret with his Ar-15 rifle. Ofc. Dahl removed his body worn camera (BWC) from his uniform and attached it to the front of the Bearcat turret. The BWC was positioned to face the suspect's home.

After taking his position in the Bearcat Ofc. Dahl observed suspect Pearson enter the garage from the interior of the home. After approximately 1 ½ hours Ofc. Dahl was relieved by Ofc. Tiner for approximately 20 minutes.

Ofc. Dahl was positioned across from the open garage door. The first volley of gun fire from inside the home appeared to come through the wall of the garage from the interior of the home. Ofc. Dahl stated he could see the wall "opening up", and debris from the gunfire.

Ofc. Dahl observed Pearson enter the garage from the home carrying what appeared to be an AK-47 rifle. Shortly after Pearson went back into the house.

During the approximately five (5) hours Ofc. Dahl was on scene Pearson fired rounds from firearms repeatedly. Ofc. Dahl stated that Pearson would fire volleys of rounds about every 15 minutes. Ofc. Dahl stated that gas was introduced into the home several times. Ofc. Dahl was receiving information that the school behind him was being hit by gunfire. He believed that Pearson was shooting directly at officers.

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office deployed their tactical skid steer tractor "The Rook". The Rook operator removed sunshades on the home, windows, a tree, and a fence so that officers could have a clearer view. Ofc. Dahl observed Pearson shooting at the Rook. He believed that Pearson was trying to kill the operator (SSD Deputy).

Several attempts were made to get Pearson to surrender peacefully. Recorded messages from family members were played on the LRAD. CNT officers worked to establish communication constantly. A drone dropped a phone in the garage to try and make contact. Pearson screamed at officers and yelled profanities. Pearson also played very loud Christian music. Ofc. Dahl felt that as the night went on Pearson became more and more agitated. Ofc. Dahl felt that the situation wasn't going to end well.

As the Rook was working to remove a fence, Pearson quickly moved to the garage from the interior of the home with the Ak-47 rifle. Ofc. Dahl observed Pearson point the rifle at him in the turret of the Bearcat. Pearson fired the weapon at Ofc. Dahl. Ofc. Dahl returned fire. Ofc. Dahl fired one round immediately, followed by two additional rounds. Ofc. Dahl lost sight of Pearson. Ofc. Dahl heard on the radio that Pearson was down.



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FROM: Criminal Investigators N. Tavelli #38

SUBJECT: Sergeant Jarvis' Statement (SPD OIS 21-254750)

On 9/13/2021, at approximately 1105 hours, Criminal Investigator J. Adams and I attended the interview of SPD Sergeant Jarvis. We observed the interview live via closed circuit television (CCTV) from a separate room at SPD headquarters (5770 Freeport Blvd). The interview was conducted by Detective Brian Murawski. Attorneys [REDACTED] was also present in the interview room with Sergeant Jarvis. The following is a summary of what Sergeant Jarvis provided:

Sergeant Jarvis has been a Police Officer for 14 years with the Sacramento Police Department. He has been a patrol sergeant for approximately one (1) year and is assigned to swing shift. His area of responsibility is East Sacramento.

Sergeant Jarvis has been a member of the Sacramento Police Department's SWAT team for approximately eight (8) years. He is currently an ancillary SWAT operator. He frequently trains with the SWAT team and assists with SWAT function. His certifications are current.

Sergeant Jarvis is a registered and certified EMT and a first aid instructor at the police academy. Jarvis is also a less than lethal force instructor, a chemical agent's instructor, and an arrest control and tactics instructor.

When Sergeant Jarvis was notified of the SWAT callout, he was working patrol, and was on a different radio channel. Sergeant Jarvis was in full SPD uniform and driving a marked patrol car. SPD Sergeant Griggs was the patrol supervisor for the area where the incident occurred.

Sergeant Jarvis coordinated with Lieutenant Dobson and Sergeant Griggs about tactics for the incident and having an officer bring an armored vehicle to the scene from the police station. Sergeant Jarvis took over patrol responsibilities from Sergeant Griggs so that Griggs could focus on the incident.

Sergeant Jarvis later responded to the scene. Jarvis coordinated with officers on scene and ensured that officers were placed in appropriate positions. Jarvis also instructed officers to move the armored vehicle (Bearcat) to a different position in front of the suspect's house.

Sergeant Jarvis advised that over several hours the suspect would call into the communication center, be transferred to crisis negotiators, and then hang up. Negotiators attempted to make contact by phone and via the PA system.

Sgt. Jarvis stated that between about 2130 hours and 2330 hours he was at the scene moving officers as needed, making announcements, moving equipment, and even tried to speak with the suspect himself via the PA. Jarvis stated he heard the suspect yell "you better bring an arsenal". Jarvis provided the reactive authority and the less than lethal force plan to the officers on scene after he coordinated with Lieutenant Dobson.

Sergeant Jarvis attended the SWAT briefing at the command post. At the briefing officers discussed that the suspect was wanted for a felony charge and what the circumstances were. They also discussed previous calls regarding the suspect and that he had been assaultive towards police officers recently. Sergeant Edgerton was the SWAT supervisor at the incident. Sergeant Edgerton gave assignments to the SWAT operators at the briefing.

Sergeant Jarvis responded back to the scene in an armored vehicle named "The Grizzly". The Grizzly was positioned south of the suspect's home in the street. The other armored vehicle "The Bearcat" was positioned in the street as well, on the North side of the suspect's home. Sergeant Jarvis responded to the Bearcat on foot with additional SWAT operators. Sergeant Jarvis took a position at the rear of the Bearcat so that he could see the North side of the suspect's home and the open garage door. Sergeant Jarvis was armed with his SWAT rifle.

Sergeant Jarvis estimated that over the course of several hours, starting at approximately 0100 hours, the suspect fired about six (6) volleys of gunfire. Jarvis felt that rounds were being shot towards him. Jarvis arranged to have a rifle rated shield delivered to him to protect his legs.

Sergeant Edgerton ordered emergency gas. Jarvis explained that tear gas was deployed every time the suspect starting shooting to slow him down. The gas also makes it harder for suspects to take sighted shots.

Sergeant Jarvis stated that the Sheriff's Office deployed "The Rook" at the scene. He described the rook as an armored Bobcat. It has rifle rated armor and is on tracks. The Rook has several attachments. The Rook operator later removed windows, window coverings, a tree, a carport, and a fence at the scene. During the incident it appeared that several rounds were fired directly at the Rook by the suspect.

Sergeant Jarvis saw the suspect enter the garage from the house. The suspect had a rifle in his hands and the rifle was pointed at the ground. The suspect then retreated to the house. After the suspect was back inside, he started shooting again.

The rook operator started removing a fence on the North side of the residence. Sgt. Jarvis observed the suspect move from the home to the garage through the pedestrian door. The suspect raised the rifle as he entered the garage. The suspect pointed the rifle towards Jarvis. Jarvis fired what he believed was five rounds from his rifle at the suspect. The suspect went down out of Jarvis' view. Jarvis heard several shots. He wasn't sure if other officers were shooting, or the suspect was shooting.

A drone was flown into the home to check the suspect. It was reported the suspect wasn't moving. A contact team was assembled to check the suspect and render aid. Jarvis stayed at the Bearcat.

Sergeant Jarvis remained at the Bearcat until he was given further instruction.



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CASE NAME: PEARSON, Derek Scott

DATE: 9-7-21

OFFENSE: Officer Involved Shooting

AGENCY REPORT NO.: SPD-21-254750

REQUESTED BY: Gonzalez

REPORT BY: J. Adams #46

SUMMARY OF FACTS:

0659 Hours 9-7-21: Sacramento County District Attorney Criminal Investigator Lieutenant Kirk Campbell contacted me by telephone to notify me of a Sacramento Police Department (SPD) Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) incident. He told me a male shooting suspect, later identified as Derek Scott PEARSON, was deceased after having shot several times at SPD officers.

0707 Hours: Lt. Campbell re-contacted me and told me the information he had at that time indicated no officers had been hit or injured as the incident had unfolded over several hours during the night.

0713 Hours: DA Investigator Nick Tavelli #38 forwarded information from SPD Sgt. Ellis, PEARSON had barricaded himself, necessitating an SPD SWAT officer call-out, which had gone on through the night, but no officers were injured.

I was at the front counter of 901 G Street and Lt. Campbell told me to remain there until he arrived to relieve me.

0720 Hours: I contacted Investigator Tavelli by telephone. He told me the information he had received was to respond to the SPD Communication Center on San Joaquin, off 65th for briefing. The shooting location was at [REDACTED] Redding, Sacramento, not far from that location.

0825 Hours: I attended the briefing, in progress, at the SPD Communication Center parking lot. Sgt. Griggs, #14, told me the walk-through would be done at PEARSON'S residence when SPD staff was ready to complete that part of the process. He told me SPD Officer Pavel Stefoglo #902 had responded earlier in the evening to a 422 PC complaint on 4th Ave in Sacramento, 21-254724, but at that time PEARSON was not armed.

Sgt. Griggs told me when a citizen, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] called the SPD Communication Center, he related PEARSON had threatened to kill him, even though they were friends in the neighborhood.

Sgt. Griggs stated the SPD Communication Center received a second call, from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] requesting a welfare check. She had stated she was an ex-caregiver of PEARSON'S brother, who lived in Texas. When two SPD officers, Officer Nelson and Officer Manning responded to



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PEARSON'S residence on Redding, they arrived at the door, PEARSON took out a rifle and both officers retreated. They requested SWAT respond to their location for the armed suspect.

0033 Hours: SWAT arrived at [REDACTED] Redding and began taking over the scene to set up the inner perimeter.

0153 Hours: The first report of shots fired was broadcast and PEARSON fired numerous shots after that, with various weapons. The SWAT team shooting officers were Sgt. Jeremiah Jarvis, Officer Jeffrey Dahl #817, and Officer Chase Cunningham #974.

0511 Hours: The three officers engaged in gunfire with PEARSON, who was fatally wounded.

0942 Hours: The walk-through briefing began with SPD Homicide Sgt. Maclafferty on Redding, near the corner of McQuillen. PEARSON'S residence faced west, on Redding, but was half of a duplex, the other half of which faced south on McQuillen.

The vehicles used by SPD SWAT officers were parked in the middle of Redding, in front of PEARSON'S residence. A "Bearcat" was parked, facing north in the street, and had been manned by Sgt. Jarvis and officer Dahl. The "Grisley" was parked directly behind the Bearcat and had been manned by Officer Chase Cunningham.

A third vehicle, a "Rook" was parked behind the Grisley and was a Sacramento Sheriff's Department (SSD) vehicle, manned by Deputy Christopher Johnson #78. Sgt. Maclafferty stated the Rook had been used to take out a fence, a tree, and an awning to remove hiding places for PEARSON when it became clear he was armed and would not comply. He stated PEARSON was inside the residence, but numerous gas bombs had been deployed and it was not clear enough inside for us to enter.

Sgt. Maclafferty stated there would be no officer interviews until at least the following day, 9-8-21 or 9-9-21, for officers Cunnigham and Dahl. He stated the interview for Sgt. Jarvis would not be conducted until Monday, 9-13-21.

0928 Hours 9-9-21: I monitored the interview of Officer Chase Cunningham, conducted at the Sacramento Police Department building located at 5770 Freeport Blvd. in Sacramento. (See Attached)

9-13-21: I watched the video segments at the Sacramento Police Department office. Officer Cunningham's camera view was of the front of PEARSON'S residence. Officer Cunningham was in the vehicle called the Grisley, and the camera view was through a porthole. The camera was not exposed.



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I watched a brief segment of video at SPD from Officer Dahl's camera. He later stated he had placed the camera on the outside of the turret for the Bearcat. The camera view was wider than Officer Cunningham's.

I watched a brief segment of video at SPD from Sgt. Jarvis' camera. He had a helmet camera during the incident and was inside the Bearcat. The view was of the north/garage end of PEARSON's residence. The view was limited.



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SUMMARY OF FACTS:

0928 Hours 9-9-21: I monitored the interview of Officer Chase Cunningham, #974, at the Sacramento Police Department located at 5770 Freeport Blvd. in Sacramento, California. Officer Cunningham was in the interview room with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as counsel and was interviewed by Detective Derrick #342.

When introductions were completed and shift assignment noted, uniform, marked patrol vehicle, weaponry and call sign information completed, Detective Derrick began the interview. Officer Cunningham stated he was asleep when he received a SWAT call-out page late in the evening on 9-6-21 and responded as part of the SWAT team, #U14, to a call of an armed, barricaded suspect at [REDACTED] Redding in Sacramento. He stated he met with other SWAT team members at the Sacramento Police Department Communication Center on San Joaquin, which was near the scene of the dispatched call.

Officer Cunningham stated he attended the briefing with the team that had been to the residence earlier when they had been hailed by a male who related to them he was the victim of 422 PC, Terrorist Threats, who told them the suspect threatened to kill him and made several demands of him.

Officer Cunningham stated he was aware someone else had also called the Police Department and requested a welfare check on the suspect, later identified as Derek Scott PEARSON. When patrol officers arrived to make contact, the suspect reportedly armed himself with a rifle that had a wood stock, hunting style. He stated information he received indicated PEARSON had leveled his rifle at the officers, but did not fire at them. They retreated and requested assistance.

Officer Cunningham stated his assignment was to get the rifle he had transported to briefing in his vehicle and to position himself as "high cover" in the armored vehicle called the "Grisley." He stated his position was stationary, on a platform with a latch that opened the view through a gunport in the vehicle. He stated he was able to put the barrel of his rifle through the port.

Officer Cunningham stated the other armed vehicle used for the incident was called the Bearcat. He stated both vehicles were equipped with the same or similar equipment, including gas and launchers for the gas.



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When the SWAT team members were assembled they traveled in the armored vehicles from the Communication Center down alternate streets, then turned northbound onto Redding, and were at the residence, [REDACTED]. Officer Cunningham stated there were vehicles parked at and in front of the residence. He stated the SWAT officers with the armored vehicles relieved the patrol officers. He stated the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department also had equipment at the scene, a Rook, operated by a deputy sheriff.

Officer Cunningham stated from his position of high cover he could describe the residence to other officers. It was a duplex with an open garage door, a large window in front and other windows on the front side. The large window had an awning which he stated obstructed his vision.

He also noted there was a school directly across the street from PEARSON'S residence which was at his back as he faced the suspect's residence. Otherwise, the neighborhood had residences lining the street.

Officer Cunningham noted when the officers approached the residence they turned on a spot light from the Grisley, but the lights were too bright. He stated he used his rifle scope to see better, but his view into the residence was still obstructed. The front door had a security screen on it and the awning still blocked his view. He stated, even though the garage door was open, he did not have a good view into the garage.

Officer Cunningham stated it was three to four hours later when the SSD Deputy used the Rook to remove the awning and a tree in the front yard. Once the sun shade/awning and front window were removed, he could see the door and interior of the house as well as into the garage. He stated it looked like a table was inside the house.

Officer Cunningham stated he came down from the high cover position to a lower gunport and he could see a greater percentage of the house interior, but he closed that gunport and went to one a little higher. He stated he was attempting to get a better view into the house interior.

He stated at one point PEARSON presented himself at the front window and had a rifle in his hands. He stated PEARSON had the muzzle pulled up and Officer Cunningham stated he recognized it as an AK rifle, stating he saw the front sight on it. He stated he broadcast to the rest of the team what he saw then moved back up to the high cover position.

Officer Cunningham stated PEARSON kept coming to the front of the house, then went back. He stated he heard some noise, but was not sure it was gunfire. He stated he and other officers started shooting gas cannisters into the residence and continued to shoot them in periodically, but PEARSON would come forward and shoot more volleys of fire then retreat. He estimated PEARSON would shoot one to 15 or 20 rounds at a time, then move back inside.



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Officer Cunningham stated at one point PEARSON was at a front window and picked up what looked like a revolver, pointed it towards the garage wall and fired rounds through the wall. He also saw PEARSON walk around with a silver automatic weapon in his hand. He stated PEARSON had what looked like a toothbrush in his right hand and screamed. He moved back briefly but came forward again with a rifle possibly with a scope on it.

Officer Cunningham stated PEARSON had different guns at different times and was shooting one to two rounds or 10 to 15 round volleys, then officers would introduce gas again. PEARSON was possibly shooting up in the air also. Officer Cunningham stated he began to notice bullet holes in the glass of the house. He stated PEARSON shot possibly 70 to 80 rounds and he believed most of those rounds were from a rifle.

At times Officer Cunningham stated he heard rounds "whizzing" by and some of the time it sounded like PEARSON was shooting a handgun also. When the incident was over, he stated there were bullet strikes on the cars in the area. He stated he believed PEARSON had "been shooting at us."

Officer Cunningham stated he was aware other officers had made announcements to PEARSON and also believed officers contacted him on the phone. He was aware PEARSON had wanted to speak to a female, but he did not know who that person was. Officer Cunningham stated it was never clear or understood who it was he wanted to speak to.

Officer Cunningham stated he heard several announcements made to PEARSON to come out, but he refused. He also knew there was some conversation that he had a brother and a sister who were contacted in an effort to communicate with him. Officer Cunningham stated there was no real communication with PEARSON that he knew of. The Sacramento Police Communication Center may not have ever established communication with him. When the sergeant asked PEARSON to come out, he would just walk away. Other officers at the scene made numerous PA announcements that were clear and loud, but he did not respond to any other verbal commands to give up.

Officer Cunningham stated PEARSON stepped outside and started shooting at the roof. He stated if PEARSON would have shot right at him, he could have fired a round through one of the gunports and hit him in the face. He stated he had a good view of the house, but PEARSON would run from view to the back of the house repeatedly.

Officer Cunningham stated he saw PEARSON run to the garage door with an AK in his hands, but was not shooting at first. He went outside and Officer Cunningham heard him shooting. Officer Cunningham stated he then heard shooting coming from the Bearcat and saw PEARSON "back-peddle" into the house. He stated he could see PEARSON had his rifle leveled at the Bearcat and he could see the butt and the barrel of the rifle. He believed PEARSON would have hit an officer when he fired.



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Officer Cunningham stated he fired three rounds, but did not know how many rounds other officers fired or who was shooting from the Bearcat. He stated he did realize they were involved in a gun fight with PEARSON. He stated it happened so fast, a couple of rounds from PEARSON and officers in the Bearcat fired back, then he was back-peddling. Officer Cunningham stated he estimated he was several yards away from PEARSON, but stated he was scared. He stated he tried to yell out, but the shooting happened so fast. He stated PEARSON was very aggressive.

Officer Cunningham stated he would not have done anything any differently. He stated he was afraid if the officers had not done anything to stop him, PEARSON would have just continued until he killed someone. Officer Cunningham stated he feared other officers on the scene could have been hit or even people who had been evacuated in the area could have been. He thought if someone might have come back into the area, they could also have been hit by PEARSON'S gunfire.

Officer Cunningham stated he did not believe a less lethal option would have stopped PEARSON and, due to his possession of an AK, did not believe the officers should have risked anyone's life by attempting to use a bean bag round.

He stated after all the gas put into the house, he could see it had no effect on PEARSON. Even though he'd been in the house for hours, Officer Cunningham stated he never heard him sneeze. He appeared to be completely unaffected by the gas rounds.

Officer Cunningham stated after PEARSON went down, it was quiet. He noted officers checked in and none were hit. He stated he waited behind the Bearcat and got a gas mask, then put together a rescue team and prepared to enter the residence to check the medical status of PEARSON. Once the officers determined PEARSON was no longer a threat, the medical team was taken out of the house.

Officer Cunningham stated he was aware PEARSON'S family was contacted.

Officer Cunningham stated one of his magazines was short a round, but explained an earlier change of rounds, prior to the incident. He determined he had fired three (3) rounds during the encounter with PEARSON.

1116 Hours: The interview with Officer Cunningham was concluded.