



MEMORANDUM

SACRAMENTO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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DATE: September 28, 2022

TO: Supervising Deputy District Attorney Charles Gonzalez

FROM: Criminal Investigators Justin Stevenson #41 and Steve McCarthy # 30

SUBJECT: Officer Involved Shooting (SSO 22-289250)
Jaime Bautista Naranjo, DOB:06/22/1967, (Xref: 3962337) (Deceased)

NOTIFICATION:

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at approximately 9:00 am, Criminal Investigator Steve McCarthy and I (Criminal Investigator Justin Stevenson) were contacted by Bureau of Investigations Lieutenant Bill Hutto regarding a Sacramento County Sheriff's Office (SSO) Officer Involved Shooting. Investigator McCarthy and I were requested to respond to the Fruitridge Community Center (4000 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento CA 95820).

BRIEFING:

At approximately 10:25 am, a briefing was conducted at Sacramento County Sheriff's Office command post located at the Fruitridge Community Center. The briefing was led by Sergeant Chris Britton and several responding Deputies provided their accounts of their response to the scene located at [REDACTED] Enrico Boulevard, Sacramento.

Per Deputy Dlugopolski (C7A1), on September 28, 2022, she arrived on scene at approximately 8:48 am. Upon her arrival, she located Deputy Seidel as he was performing CPR on a subject later identified as Jaime Naranjo. Deputy Dlugopolski stated she noted two additional subjects at the residence, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Deputy Dlugopolski identified [REDACTED] as the wife of Naranjo and [REDACTED] as the son of Naranjo.

Per Deputy Avalos (C7A1), he arrived with Deputy Dlugopolski at 8:48 am, as he was her Training Officer. Deputy Avalos arrived and located Deputy Seidel performing CPR on Jamie Naranjo. Deputy Avalos instructed additional responding Deputies to take over providing medical aid to Naranjo and he escorted Deputy Seidel to a nearby patrol vehicle. Deputy Avalos began establishing a crime scene and cordoning off the area with crime scene tape.

Deputy Martinez (81A1) stated she arrived on scene at 8:57 am. Deputy Martinez stated she obtained a brief statement from Naranjo's wife, identified as [REDACTED]. Deputy Martinez said she learned Naranjo was not sleeping well prior to these events and was experiencing some

paranoia. Deputy Martinez learned from [REDACTED] that Naranjo was taking Trazodone (antidepressant medication sold under many brand names) and he expressed to her that he thought he was being poisoned. [REDACTED] further explained to Deputy Martinez, Naranjo was armed with a machete and at some point, prior to calling the police [REDACTED] and Naranjo scuffled over the machete. Deputy Martinez learned [REDACTED] told Naranjo she was going to call the police and Naranjo replied by saying something similar to “he would go outside so they could shoot him”.

SCENE WALKTHROUGH:

At the time of the scene walkthrough there were several additional Sacramento County Sheriff vehicles on scene and medical equipment and packaging left behind by the Fire Department.

The residence, [REDACTED] Enrico Boulevard, Sacramento CA 95820, is located north of Fruitridge Road, the nearest major cross street. Enrico Boulevard is a north/south aligned roadway and [REDACTED] is located on the east side of the street. There were sidewalks on both side of the street and numerous vehicles lined both the east and west sides of the street. I noted the numbers [REDACTED] on the residence near the upper right corner of the garage door.

There was a 5 to 6 foot, wrought iron fence that separated the front yard of the residence and the sidewalk. The driveway was located at the northwest corner of the residence. There was a large gate that was closed securing two vehicles in the driveway. Adjacent to the driveway gate was a pedestrian gate and at the time of the walkthrough the pedestrian gate was open. Located at the south end of the front yard was secondary driveway leading to recreational vehicle access on the southside of the residence. The secondary driveway could be accessed through a gate that opened in the middle. At the time of the walkthrough the south portion of the gate was partially open. There was additional fencing that separated the front yard of [REDACTED] and the residence located to the south. The residence had grass with a large tree separating the main driveway from the secondary driveway.

On the sidewalk just outside the gate to the secondary driveway was an 18” to 24” machete with a black handle. Directly on the inner side of the gate from the machete, was a red biohazard bag. I was informed that the responding fire department personnel placed the bag there to identify the location of the machete when they arrived as they moved it to provide medical aid to Naranjo. Additionally, there was what appeared to be blood and other medical supplies in the grass near the secondary driveway gate. There was an orange cone in the grass to identify the general location of Deputy Seidel at the time of the shooting.

Deputy Seidel’s patrol vehicle, a fully marked Sacramento County Sheriff’s SUV, was parked at a slight angle (facing northeast) pointed towards the residence on the east curb line of Enrico Boulevard. The vehicle was parked near the entrance to the secondary driveway at the south end of the front yard of [REDACTED] Enrico Boulevard. At the time of the Walkthrough the emergency lights were not activated on the vehicle.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Investigator McCarty and I responded to the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office Centralized Investigations Division (CID). At approximately 2:00 pm, Detective R. Hamilton (#452) allowed us to view Deputy Seidel’s body worn camera (BWC) video.

The BWC captures Deputy Seidel's response to the residence. As he arrived at the residence, he exited his patrol vehicle and walked to the pedestrian gate adjacent to the driveway. Deputy Seidel is met at the gate by a female adult, later identified as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] opened the pedestrian gate for Deputy Seidel, and they enter the yard together. Deputy Seidel can be heard asking [REDACTED] where Naranjo is and if he was alone in the house. [REDACTED] began to walk towards the front door. Deputy Seidel can be heard giving commands to Naranjo who quickly emerged from the front door. Deputy Seidel then draws his firearm, pointed it at Naranjo and gives him several additional commands to drop it or put it down. As Naranjo emerged from the shadowed area around the front door you can clearly see Naranjo is holding a machete style knife or tool in his right hand.

Deputy Seidel diverted his instruction briefly to [REDACTED], telling her to move. Despite Deputy Seidel's instructions, [REDACTED] remained in front of and slightly to the right of Deputy Seidel. Naranjo continued to advance toward [REDACTED] and Deputy Seidel, and while holding the machete in his right hand began to raise it upward with the blade of the machete facing outward. As Naranjo continued to advance toward Deputy Seidel, he covered his eyes and a portion of his upper face with his left hand, while continuing to move his right hand holding the machete up and down in a chopping motion. Naranjo appeared to continue to track Deputy Seidel and advance towards him. Deputy Seidel continued to back up in the direction of the southwest corner of the front yard. Naranjo continued to walk towards Deputy Seidel making a chopping motion with the machete raising it upward and downward. Naranjo appeared to get within a few feet of Deputy Seidel at the time Deputy Seidel fired at Naranjo.

After the shooting Naranjo fell to the ground in a prone position. While not captured on the video, the sound of metal hitting concrete can be heard and during a brief moment of the video the machete is captured laying in the ground near the secondary driveway gate, just inside the front yard perimeter. Deputy Seidel again can be heard giving [REDACTED] commands to move. Deputy Seidel placed Naranjo in handcuffs and began to provide medical aid to him.

DEPUTY INTERVIEW:

At 2:30 pm, Investigator McCarty and I monitored the voluntary interview of Deputy Seidel with two Sacramento County Sheriff's Detectives. Additionally in the interview room were two Attorney's from the Law Office of [REDACTED] who represented Deputy Seidel. Below is a summary of Deputy Seidel's statement and is not intended to encompass every detail of his statement.

Deputy Andrew Seidel was hired by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office in November of 2018. While employed with the Sheriff's Office he has been assigned to the Jail and as a Patrol Deputy. Deputy Seidel was assigned in his current assignment as a district six Patrol Deputy in June of 2022.

On September 28, 2022, Deputy Seidel was assigned as a district six Patrol Deputy. He stated he was driving a fully marked Sacramento County Sheriff's Office patrol SUV, which was equipped with emergency lights and siren. Deputy Seidel stated his vehicle was equipped with an in-car camera (ICC) however the ICC was not activated at the time of this incident. Deputy Seidel stated he was wearing his full Sacramento County Sheriff's Department uniform and described his uniform as a black Sheriff's department hat, further described as being black in color and reading "Sheriff" across the front, a black uniform shirt with Sheriff's Office patches on each shoulder

and an external vest carrier. Deputy Seidel stated he carried his extra magazines, a utility pouch and his body worn camera (BWC), which was activated during the event, on his external vest. Deputy Seidel later described he wore his department badge on the upper left chest portion of his vest and a reflective yellow patch that read Sheriff, that was on his utility pouch. Deputy Seidel said he carried his firearm on the right side of his belt and his taser on the left side of his belt. Deputy Seidel stated he was carrying his department issued Glock, model 17, 9mm handgun at the time of the shooting and the firearm had 17 rounds (fully loaded) in the magazine and one round in the chamber of the firearm.

Deputy Seidel was asked to recount the events of this call for service leading up to the shooting. Deputy Seidel stated he was returning to his district from the jail related to a previous call for service. Deputy Seidel said he heard the radio broadcast of the 5150 (referring to 5150 W&I) call for service and that the subject was armed with a machete. Deputy Seidel described that he could see he was the closest unit to the residence.

Deputy Seidel said he arrived at the residence and met the “caller” at the pedestrian gate next to the driveway of the residence. Deputy Seidel asked the caller (██████) if anyone else was home and entered the yard after she opened the pedestrian gate for him. Deputy Seidel walked around the car in the driveway and could see the male exit the home with a machete in his hand. Deputy Seidel stated he told the subject (Naranjo) to drop it and Naranjo replied faintly “no”.

Deputy Seidel described that the caller, ██████, was a little ahead of him as he entered the yard and he later clarified that she was between him and Naranjo. Deputy Seidel recalled Naranjo continued to walk towards him and sped up his pace once he reached the front of the cars parked in the driveway. Deputy Seidel again stated the caller, ██████ was ahead of him, and he was also concerned about her safety as Naranjo was approaching with the machete. As Naranjo was approaching him, he raised the machete up ward and made a chopping motion. As Naranjo did this, he covered his face. Deputy Seidel described Naranjo was slightly removing his hand from his face to see where he was and continued to approach Deputy Seidel. Deputy Seidel said as he was backing up, Naranjo came within two to three feet from him, and Deputy Seidel shot him. Deputy Seidel recalled firing three times at Naranjo and Naranjo fell face first on the grass. Deputy Seidel said he moved the weapon that was still in Naranjo’s hand and began to render aid to him.

Deputy Seidel described the iron fencing that separated the front yard of the residence from the sidewalk. Deputy Seidel stated there was a pedestrian gate to the right (south) of the driveway with a path that led to the front door. Deputy Seidel recalled the pedestrian gate swung inward from the sidewalk. Deputy Seidel described there was grass with a large tree separating another driveway.

Deputy Seidel continued to elaborate and described that as Naranjo was approaching him and ██████, he was fearful for his safety and for ██████’s safety. Deputy Seidel stated he felt there was an imminent danger of great bodily injury or death to both himself and ██████. Deputy Seidel continued to say he felt ██████ wanted to interject in their interaction and was trying to get in Naranjo’s way.

Deputy Seidel described that when he initially saw Naranjo and made contact with him, he was approximately 15 to 20 feet away from him. As Naranjo advanced toward Deputy Seidel, he (Deputy Seidel) estimated Naranjo came within 4 to 5 feet. Deputy Seidel estimated at the time of the shooting Naranjo was approximately 4 feet away and he estimated ██████ was approximately

2 to 3 feet away from Naranjo at the time of the shooting. Deputy Seidel described the machete as approximately 2 feet in length with a black handle.

At one point during the interview Deputy Seidel was asked several clarifying questions. Deputy Seidel stated he did not identify himself as a Police Officer or Deputy Sheriff. Deputy Seidel recalled telling Naranjo several times to “drop it” or put it down”. In reference to de-escalation, Deputy Seidel stated he initially began telling Naranjo to drop the machete or to put it down and Naranjo continued to advance towards him. Deputy Seidel stated he pointed his firearm at Naranjo and described how this act was a lower level of force, however Naranjo continued to advance towards him. Deputy Seidel stated he continued to back up away from Naranjo and eventually noticed there was no exit from the yard, and he backed himself into an area he could not get out of.

End of Statement