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Santa Barbara County Sheriff



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Administrative Information

Agency Santa Barbara County Sheriff	Report No 21-3520	Supplement No 0013	Reported Date 03/30/2021	Reported Time 09:24	Status Offense
Report Type Outside Agency Assist	Location N H ST/E WALNUT AV				
City Lompoc City	ZIP Code 93436	Rep Dist L155	Area 3	Beat LO	From Date 03/28/2021
Officer 3933/KOHLI, D	Assignment CID DETECTIVES		Entered by 3933	Assignment CID DETECTIVES	
Confidential LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER INVOLVED	RMS Transfer Successful	Prop Trans Stat Successful	Approving Officer 3495		
Approval Date 04/29/2021	Approval Time 13:04:18				

Summary Narrative

This report was generated to document the interview with the Lompoc Police Department Sergeant Scott Morgan.

Witness 1: MORGAN, SCOTT ALEXANDER

Involvement Witness	Invl No 1	Type Individual	Name MORGAN, SCOTT ALEXANDER	MNI 781719	Race White	Sex Male
DOB [REDACTED]	Age 47	Juvenile? No				
Type Work/Business	Address [REDACTED]			City Lompoc City		
State California	ZIP Code 93436	Date 03/30/2021				
Phone Type Cell	Phone No [REDACTED]	Date 03/30/2021	Phone Type Cell	Phone No [REDACTED]		
Date 03/30/2021						

Property

Item 1	Agency Santa Barbara County Sheriff	Report No 21-3520	Original Incident 21-3520	Original supplement 0013	Involvement Evidence
Invl Date 03/30/2021	In Custody? Yes	Security No	Tag No 09070550	Item No 1	
Description CD CONTAINING INTERVIEW WITH SGT MORGAN				Typ A	
Cat Data processing equipment			Article Disk, Computer (floppy or hard diskettes)		
Entered Date 04/20/2021	Entered Time 12:43	RMS Transfer Successful	Control 3933 0420211244		

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CONTINUATIONS:

- Krys Brandon Ruiz is the suspect.
- Officer Calderon is one of the LPD Officers who fired his weapon.
- Corporal White is one of the LPD Officers who fired his weapon.
- Officer Carrillo is a witnessing LPD Officer.
- Officer Mendoza is a witnessing LPD Officer.
- Officer Strong is a witnessing LPD Officer.
- Sergeant Morgan # 20326, is a witnessing LPD Officer.

EVIDENCE:

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-The interview with Sgt. Scott Morgan was recorded using a department issued digital recorder. A CD containing the interview was booked as evidence at the SBSO Santa Maria sub-station.

NARRATIVE:

On Sunday 03/28/2021, at approximately 2030 hours, I received a phone call from Sgt. McDonald informing me of an officer involved shooting within the city limits of Lompoc. Sgt. McDonald told me Lompoc Police Department officers were involved in the shooting, and SBSO was tasked with handling the investigation.

I was tasked with interviewing Sgt. Morgan, who arrived on scene after the shooting. Sgt. Morgan had been employed with the Lompoc Police Department for approximately seventeen years. He had been a Sergeant for approximately four years. Today was their regular scheduled shift. Sgt. Morgan and his squad were regularly scheduled to work Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and every other Tuesday from 1900 hours until 0700 hours.

Sgt. Morgan stated his squad was still in briefing when Officer Carrillo was dispatched to a call of a man with a gun. They were dispatched to the alley behind the Lompoc Theatre, which is located in the 100 block of North H Street. The Officers responded to the 100 block of North G Street and North H Street alley. The reporting party called Lompoc Police Dispatch and reported a male, wearing all black clothing and carrying a black handgun.

The primary officer was responsible for coordinating a response to the call. Sgt. Morgan recalled Officer Carrillo setting up a containment plan, and broadcasting possible cross fire issues amongst the officers, in regard to the suspect's location. Officer Carrillo broadcasted the suspect was running north bound in the alley and then turned west bound. Sgt. Morgan knew the suspect was in the open lot with lots of bushes, north of the Lompoc Theater.

Sgt Morgan arrived on scene and parked his vehicle, facing west bound on Walnut Avenue. He was approximately 30 yards away and parked on the north curb of Walnut Avenue. The street was dark, and he saw the units near the entrance to the alley. Sgt. Morgan saw the muzzle flash from the officer's firearms and heard the gun shots. Sgt. Morgan broadcasted "shots fired" over the radio.

Sgt. Morgan rushed to the scene of the shooting in order to provide aid. He saw the suspect laying face up on the ground. Corporal White developed the plan to place the suspect into handcuffs, prior to providing any aid. Sgt. Morgan did not see the suspect moving at all. The suspect's left hand was covered by the jacket. The suspect's left hand was concealed by the sleeve of the jacket. When asked, Sgt. Morgan said he initially did not see the knife when he arrived on scene. He later recalled seeing the knife, and noticed it had a blue handle and he thought it was "odd looking". Sgt. Morgan said no one touched the knife after it was discovered.

Officer Molina was tasked with approaching the suspect to place him in handcuffs. Sgt. Morgan knew another officer assisted Officer Molina, but he could not remember the name of the second officer. Sgt. Morgan said the officers rolled the suspect to the left, and then handcuffed him. At that time, Sgt. Morgan saw significant damage to the suspect's head and realized the suspect was deceased.

I asked Sgt. Morgan if his squad had discussed using any de-escalation tactics. Sgt. Morgan stated since they were still in briefing, they did not get the opportunity to discuss other tactics. They did not have any time to develop any less than lethal or de-escalation plans. As the officers were dealing with the suspect, plans to handle the situation were being developed. Usually officers are tasked with various responsibilities on similar calls.

After the shooting, Sgt. Morgan asked for the reporting parties contact information. The reporting party did not provide their name to the dispatcher. After researching the phone number, Sgt. Morgan discovered the phone number belonged to a subject with the last name "Ruiz". Lompoc Police Department had previously contacted Ruiz. Sgt. Morgan recalled a call for service in January involving the same subject, at 513 North G Street. The call came through the hot line. The same subject was suicidal and wanted to hang themselves. The officers contacted mental health, and provided assistance to the subject. After reviewing the incident logs, Sgt. Morgan knew Ruiz had attempted suicide several times in the past.

Sgt. Morgan said when he was in his office, the dispatchers looked up previous contacts with Ruiz and alerted him to those contacts. Sgt. Morgan was told by the dispatchers Ruiz had attempted suicide several times in the past.

I then concluded my interview with Sgt. Morgan and thanked him for his time.

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DISPOSITION:
-Follow up report.