

21-3520

Supplement No
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Santa Barbara County Sheriff



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Report Type
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Reported Date
03/30/2021

Officer
NUNEZ, A

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Administrative Information

Agency Santa Barbara County Sheriff	Report No 21-3520	Supplement No 0014	Reported Date 03/30/2021	Reported Time 11:34	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
From Time 20:04	Officer 4208/NUNEZ, A	Assignment CID DETECTIVES	Entered by 4208	Assignment CID DETECTIVES	
Confidential LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER INVOLVED	RMS Transfer Successful	Prop Trans Stat Successful	Approving Officer 3495		
Approval Date 04/06/2021	Approval Time 09:52:01				

Summary Narrative

This supplemental report will document the interview with the Lompoc Police Officer Julio Carrillo.

Suspect 1: RUIZ, KRYS BRANDON

Involvement Suspect	Invl No 1	Type Individual	Name RUIZ, KRYS BRANDON	MNI 1038904
Race Hispanic/Mexican/Latin	Sex Male	DOB [REDACTED]	Age 26	Juvenile? No
Alias Name RUIZ, YVETTE KRSTELLA	Race Hispanic/Mexican/Latin	Sex Female	DOB [REDACTED]	

Witness 1: CARRILLO, JULIO

Involvement Witness	Invl No 1	Type Individual	Name CARRILLO, JULIO	MNI 988423
Race Hispanic/Mexican/Latin	Sex Male	DOB [REDACTED]	Age 38	Juvenile? No
Type Work/Business	Address 107 CIVIC CENTER PLZ			City Lompoc City
State California	ZIP Code 93436	Date 03/30/2021		
Phone Type Business	Phone No (805) 736-2341	Date 03/30/2021		
Employer/School LOMPOC POLICE DEPARTMENT	Position/Grade OFFICER			

Property

Item 1	Agency Santa Barbara County Sheriff	Report No 21-3520	Original Incident 21-3520	Original supplement 0014	Involvement Evidence
Invl Date 03/30/2021	In Custody? Yes	Security No	Tag No 09070118	Item No 1	
Description Diagram drawn by Officer Carrillo					Typ A
Cat Other					
Article Miscellaneous items	Entered Date 03/30/2021	Entered Time 14:47	Control 4208	0330211456	
Item 2	Agency Santa Barbara County Sheriff	Report No 21-3520	Original Incident 21-3520	Original supplement 0014	Involvement Evidence
Invl Date 03/30/2021	In Custody? Yes	Security No	Tag No 09070118	Item No 2	
Description Overview photo with notations by Officer Carrillo					Typ A
Cat Other					
Article Miscellaneous items	Entered Date 03/30/2021	Entered Time 14:55	Control 4208	0330211456	

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Item 3	Agency Santa Barbara County Sheriff	Report No 21-3520	Original Incident 21-3520	Original supplement 0014	Involvement Evidence
Invl Date 03/30/2021	In Custody? Yes	Security No	Tag No 09070118	Item No 3	
Description CD w/audio of interview w/ Officer Carrillo				Typ A	
Cat Data processing equipment			Article Disk, Computer (floppy or hard diskettes)		
Entered Date 03/30/2021	Entered Time 14:55	Control 4208 0330211456			

Narrative

(A) Relationships / Continuations : Supplemental # 14 for case 21-3520

Officer Carrillo is a Lompoc PD Officer and a witness.

Officer Strong, Officer Calderon, and Corporal White are officers with the Lompoc PD.

Krys Ruiz is the suspect.

Attachments(E-files) :

Copy of hand drawn diagram

Copy of Map overview with notations

(B) Evidence :

1)Diagram drawn by Officer Carrillo.

2)Aerial photograph of scene with notations from Officer Carrillo.

3)CD with Detective Nuñez' and Detective Maxwell's audio recordings of the interview.

The above listed items were booked into Property at the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Main Station under property tag number: 09070118

(C) Narrative :

On 3/29/21 at approximately 0018 hours, Detective Maxwell and I interviewed Lompoc Police Department (LPD) Officer Carrillo. Officer Carrillo responded to the incident which resulted in an officer involved shooting on 3/28/21. In summary, the following is what Officer Carrillo told us:

Officer Carrillo has been an officer with LPD for approximately two years. On 3/28/21, Officer Carrillo was working his normal shift, which is between 1900 hours and 0700 hours. During briefing, at approximately 2000 hours, Officer Carrillo was dispatched to a call of a subject with a gun in the alley behind the Lompoc Theatre, located in the 100 block of North H St.

Officer Carrillo said the information he was given was that the suspect was wearing all black clothing and there was no indication of the suspect's sex. The call notes indicated the suspect was not pointing the gun at anyone. Officer Carrillo requested more information, but he was informed the reporting party had disconnected.

Officer Carrillo arrived on scene and waited for additional units in an alley off of G St., between Ocean and Walnut. When Officer Calderon arrived, he advised Officer Carrillo he would continue north on G. St. Officer Calderon said he would turn the lights off on his vehicle in case the suspect exited the alley onto Walnut.

Officer Carrillo waited for an additional LPD officer to assist him. When Officer Strong arrived, Officer Carrillo began driving north, in the alley between H St. and G. St.

Officer Carrillo observed a dark silhouette and he activated his spot lamp. Officer Carrillo observed the suspect, Krys Ruiz, wearing black sweatpants and a blue sweatshirt. Officer Carrillo advised Dispatch he saw a subject walking northbound. Ruiz was initially on the west side of the alley, and he moved towards the east side of the alley. Officer Carrillo believed Ruiz was the subject of the call because there was no one else in the alley and Ruiz was wearing dark clothing, similar to the description given by Dispatch. Officer Carrillo did not recognize Ruiz from prior contacts.

At some point while this was occurring, Officer Strong parked his vehicle near the intersection of the alleys and walked to the passenger side of Officer Carrillo's vehicle.

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Officer Carrillo advised Dispatch he was going to give commands to the suspect. Officer Carrillo exited his vehicle and gave several commands for Ruiz to show officers his hands. Officer Carrillo estimated he gave Ruiz commands approximately two to three times. While he was giving commands, his vehicle was stopped and he was standing behind the driver's side door. Officer Carrillo estimated he was 20-30 yards away when he gave the commands. Ruiz ignored the commands and continued walking northbound. Officer Carrillo never saw Ruiz' hands because he kept them in front of his body, out of view of Officer Carrillo.

Officer Carrillo believed Ruiz was initially facing away from him when Officer Carrillo first saw Ruiz in the alley. Ruiz partially turned towards Officer Carrillo before walking away. Officer Carrillo was positive Ruiz saw him and knew he was a police officer. Officer Carrillo was driving a marked LPD vehicle at the time with the word "police" written across the hood and equipped with a lightbar and spotlights. Officer Carrillo was sure Ruiz heard his commands because he yelled very clearly, "Show me your hands!"

Ruiz continued walking north and Officer Carrillo slowly followed Ruiz in the alley as Officer Strong walked alongside Officer Carrillo's vehicle, using it for cover. They opened the vehicle's doors in order to provide additional cover. Officer Carrillo estimated he remained 15 to 20 yards away from Ruiz as he followed him. Officer Carrillo explained that based on the nature of the call, he took precautions because he did not want to be vulnerable to being shot. The area was very dark and based on the nature of the call, Officer Carrillo was concerned Ruiz could have a gun. Officer Carrillo described the area as being extremely dark and unlit.

Ruiz then walked west across the alley and into an open space adjacent to the alley. Officer Carrillo lost sight of Ruiz because there were bushes which obstructed his view. Ruiz was very short and between the tall bushes and the darkness, Officer Carrillo completely lost sight of him. Officer Carrillo did not see Ruiz again until after the shooting.

As Officer Carrillo slowly drove north, he heard multiple gunshots. Officer Carrillo advised Dispatch via his radio that shots had been fired. Officer Carrillo's attention was drawn towards the bushes where he last saw Ruiz. Even though he heard the shots, he did not see any indication of where they came from or which direction they went. Officer Carrillo could not specifically recall how many shots he heard but he estimated three to four shots in rapid succession.

After the shooting, Officer Carrillo noticed there were two other LPD Officers (Corporal White and Officer Calderon) standing near the alley, north east of where he was positioned. Officer Carrillo then observed Ruiz' body on the ground. Officer Carrillo's view was partially obscured by his vehicle but he believed Ruiz fell face down.

Officer Carrillo estimated he was 15-20 yards away from Ruiz when he heard the shots fired. He estimated Officer Calderon and Corporal White were approximately five to ten yards further away and they were standing very close together.

Officer Carrillo could not remember who, but another officer directed him to move his vehicle forward and he assumed the purpose was to provide a barrier (his vehicle) between Ruiz and the other officers. Officer Carrillo moved his vehicle forward until he could proceed no further due to Ruiz' body blocking his path. Officer Carrillo was directed to visually check the area around Ruiz, in order to see if he was in possession of a weapon. Officer Carrillo believed he was instructed to do this because the other officers could not see the left side of Ruiz' body from where they were standing. Officer Carrillo did not see a weapon at that time.

Officer Molina then handcuffed Ruiz. Officer Carrillo did not recall medical aid being rendered to Ruiz.

After Ruiz was handcuffed and his body had been moved, Officer Carrillo saw a knife on the ground. Officer Carrillo speculated the knife may have been under Ruiz' body, which was why he did not see it sooner. Officer Carrillo remembered the knife had a large blade, but he was unable to describe it further.

Using Google Maps, I had Officer Carrillo show me the locations he had described. Officer Carrillo drew a diagram which showed the location where he and Officer Strong were initially parked and Ruiz' path of travel. Later in the interview I provided Officer Carrillo with a printed aerial photograph of the area. He made notations indicating where he initially saw Ruiz in the alley, where he lost sight of Ruiz, and where Ruiz ultimately ended up.

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I asked Officer Carrillo if he drew his firearm during the incident. Officer Carrillo said he drew his firearm when he exited his vehicle and ordered Ruiz to show officers his hands. I asked Officer Carrillo why he felt the need to draw his weapon. Officer Carrillo explained it was due to the nature of the call, the possibility of Ruiz having a firearm, and it being such a dark area.

Officer Carrillo said his vehicle is equipped with in car video, but he did not activate it until after the shooting occurred. Officer Carrillo said since his shift had just started, his computer was not fully activated when he got into his vehicle and drove to the scene. Officer Carrillo was not wearing a body camera.

I asked Officer Carrillo what he thought when he first saw Ruiz. Officer Carrillo said his first thought was that Ruiz was possibly the suspect because he was the only person in the alley. Based on Ruiz ignoring his commands and "zig-zagging" movements, Officer Carrillo felt the situation was "awkward." I asked him to explain what he meant and he said something similar to, "I'm showing up to a call where first of all its dark, I'm asking to show me their hands and they're not showing me their hands. Their body is slightly turned so I know the suspect saw me they just zig-zagged I don't know if she had a weapon that could hurt me so I just kept my distance." Based on Ruiz' behavior, Officer Carrillo was almost certain Ruiz was the suspect. When Ruiz went into the bushes, Officer Carrillo felt his safety could be in jeopardy and he began to think of going home to his family and also the safety of his partners. He further explained that Ruiz' behavior and failure to comply served as "red flags" that there was "something wrong." Officer Carrillo expressed fear that Ruiz could be waiting for him in the bushes with a gun and he was concerned if he followed Ruiz into the bushes he could "get hit with the element of surprise."

Detective Maxwell asked Officer Carrillo if there was any communication between he and his partners regarding tactics prior to leaving the station. Officer Carrillo said there was not a discussion at the station because they were still at the station in various stages of getting their vehicles ready for their shift when they were dispatched to the call. As Officer Carrillo approached the scene, he attempted to organize the response of the other officers. When Officer Carrillo turned west in the alley between Ocean and Walnut, Officer Calderon initially pulled up behind him, but decided to proceed north on G St. in case the suspect exited the alley onto Walnut. Officer Carrillo advised Officer Calderon not to go south in the alley between G and H streets, due to the possibility of crossfire. Officer Carrillo also waited until one of his partners, Officer Strong, arrived to assist him before driving into the alley where he believed Ruiz was.

Detective Maxwell asked Officer Carrillo if he or his partners attempted any de-escalation techniques when addressing Ruiz. Officer Carrillo gave Ruiz verbal commands, but Ruiz ignored him. Officer Carrillo did not recall Officer Strong saying anything or giving commands to Ruiz.

Detective Maxwell asked Officer Carrillo why he did not fire his weapon during the incident. Officer Carrillo said after he heard the shots, he saw Ruiz' body on the floor and he felt the threat was "neutralized."

Detective Maxwell asked Officer Carrillo if there was any discussion regarding less lethal options between Officer Carrillo and his partners. Officer Carrillo said there was not. Detective Maxwell asked Officer Carrillo if he felt a less lethal option was warranted based on the circumstances. Officer Carrillo explained he was the primary officer and one of the first officers on scene. Officer Carrillo did not feel it was appropriate for him to use a less lethal option while he faced a suspect possibly armed with a firearm.

Officer Carrillo said he had not discussed the incident with anyone else after it occurred.

During my interview with Officer Carrillo on 3/29/21, I only asked him about his experience with LPD. I later learned he had prior law enforcement experience. On 3/30/21, I spoke to Officer Carrillo via telephone to inquire about his prior law enforcement experience. Officer Carrillo told me he previously worked for Guadalupe Police Department for a total of ten years as a reserve and full-time officer. Officer Carrillo stated he had approximately 12 total years of experience as a police officer which included two years working for LPD and 10 years working for Guadalupe Police Department.

(D) Attention Records:

Follow-up report taken, investigation continuing