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OAA

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03/30/2021

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Administrative Information

Agency Santa Barbara County Sheriff	Report No 21-3520	Supplement No 0016	Reported Date 03/30/2021	Reported Time 14:11	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 3944/VASQUEZ, J	Assignment CID DETECTIVES	Entered by 3944	Assignment CID DETECTIVES	
Confidential LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER INVOLVED	RMS Transfer Successful	Prop Trans Stat Successful	Approving Officer 3495		
Approval Date 04/01/2021	Approval Time 10:55:05				

Summary Narrative

Follow-up report documenting canvas for surveillance cameras and interviews with witnesses.

Suspect 1: RUIZ, KRYS BRANDON

Involvement Suspect	Invl No 1	Type Individual	Name RUIZ, KRYS BRANDON	MNI 1038933
Race Hispanic/Mexican/Latin	Sex Male	DOB [REDACTED]	Age 26	Juvenile? No
Height 5'01"	Weight 146#	Hair Color Black	Eye Color Brown	
Type Home	Address [REDACTED]			City Lompoc City
State California		ZIP Code 93436	Date 03/30/2021	

Type Operator License	ID No [REDACTED]	OLS California
Alias Name RUIZ, YVETTE KRSTELLA	Race Hispanic/Mexican/Latin	Sex Female
DOB 12/08/1994	Height 5'01"	Weight 146#
Hair Color Black	Eye Color Brown	

Witness 1:

Involvement Witness	Invl No 1	Type Individual	Name [REDACTED]	MNI 841431	Race White	Sex Male
DOB [REDACTED]	Age 25	Juvenile? No	Height 6'04"	Weight 200#	Hair Color Brown	Eye Color Brown
Type Work/Business	Address [REDACTED]				City Lompoc City	
State California		ZIP Code 93436	Date 03/30/2021			
Type Operator License	ID No [REDACTED]	OLS California				

Witness 2:

Involvement Witness	Invl No 2	Type Individual	Name [REDACTED]	MNI 69681
Race Hispanic/Mexican/Latin	Sex Female	DOB [REDACTED]	Age 42	Juvenile? No
Height 5'00"	Weight 155#	Hair Color Brown	Eye Color Brown	
Type Home	Address [REDACTED]			City Lompoc City
State California		ZIP Code 93436	Date 03/30/2021	

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Type Operator License	ID No [REDACTED]	OLS California			
Type Social Security Number	ID No [REDACTED]				
Phone Type Cell	Phone No ([REDACTED])	Date 03/30/2021			
Witness 3:					
Involvement Witness	Invl No 3	Type Individual	Name [REDACTED]	MNI 1038878	Sex Male
Type Home	Address [REDACTED]			City Lompoc City	State California
ZIP Code 93436	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 0016	Involvement Evidence
Invl Date 03/30/2021	In Custody? Yes	Security No	Tag No 09070147	Item No 1	# Pieces 1
Description CD documenting interviews w/Piemme, Murillo, & Read				Typ A	Cat Other
Article Miscellaneous items	Model CD-R	Entered Date 03/31/2021	Entered Time 16:04	Control 3944 0331211604	

Narrative**A. Continuations:****Relationships:**

Krys Brandon Ruiz (aka Yvette Krystella Ruiz) is the suspect in this OIS (Officer Involved Shooting) investigation. The victims are Police Officers from the Lompoc Police Department.

B. Evidence:

I packaged and booked one CD-R documenting my interview with Brian Piemme, Cecilia Murillo, and William Read into SBSO Evidence at the Lompoc sub-station.

C. Narrative:

On 03-29-2021, at approximately 0900 hours, I assisted with this OIS investigation by attempting to locate any surveillance /cameras footage in the area of the 100 block of East Walnut Avenue in Lompoc. Specifically, I attempted to located surveillance cameras in the 100 block of East Ocean Avenue, the 100 block of North G Street, and the 200 block of East Walnut Avenue.

The following is the list of locations where I canvassed:

- 117 ½ East Ocean Avenue (Elegance Beauty Salon): Business was closed and I did not locate any surveillance cameras to the rear/front of the building.
- 115 ½ East Ocean Avenue (Ocean Oasis): Business was closed and appeared to be vacant. There were no surveillance cameras to the rear/front of the building.
- 115 East Ocean Avenue (Unknown Business): Business was closed and appeared to be vacant. There were no surveillance cameras to the rear/front of the building.
- 203 East Ocean Avenue (Toyota of Lompoc): Business was open but did not have any surveillance cameras located on the exterior of the building.
- 118 North G Street (Office Building - James Hall Attorney, Hall Chiropractic, and Mission Process Service): Businesses were closed on the date of the OIS, and there were no surveillance cameras on the exterior of the building.

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- [REDACTED] (Residence) - There were no surveillance cameras on the exterior of this residence.
- 126 North G Street (Day Care Facility operated by [REDACTED]) - There were no surveillance cameras on the exterior of this business/residence.
- [REDACTED] (4-Unit Apartment Complex) - Units A and B had no surveillance cameras on the exterior of the building. Units D and C had "Ring" style cameras on the door of each unit. These units were located toward the rear of the building. No one was at Units C and D, so I left a business card at both locations.
- [REDACTED] (Residence) - No one was at the residence and no surveillance cameras were visible outside the residence.
- [REDACTED] - No one was at the residence and no surveillance cameras were visible outside the residence. Prior to leaving this area, I was approached by [REDACTED] who resides at this residence. [REDACTED] informed me that he was at home at the time of the incident. [REDACTED] heard two "guys" talking "loudly" twice before the OIS occurred. He did not believe these males were related to the OIS. [REDACTED] later heard four "quick shots" outside, which appeared to be very "close" to his residence. [REDACTED] did not hear or see anything further and was not able to provide a timeframe on when this occurred.
- [REDACTED] - No one was at the residence and no surveillance cameras were visible outside the residence.

At approximately 1016 hours, I assisted and supervised a "gridline search" of the open space at the intersection of North H Street and East Walnut Avenue. The search was conducted by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team and SBSO Forensics. During the search, I located an expended round in the ground in a northwest direction from where the decedent was found. The round was photographed and collected by SBSO Forensics' Personnel (see follow-up report for details). During the search, I was informed by a team member from Search and Rescue that a witness to the OIS identified himself at a business located at the intersection of West Walnut Avenue and North H Street at a "smoke shop."

At approximately 1204 hours, I contacted [REDACTED] at the PM Headshop located at 141 North H Street. The following is a summary of the interview with Piemme (see audio-recorded interview for complete details):

[REDACTED] told me he was working at the time of the OIS. [REDACTED] said there were patrons at the bar next door (Wicked Shamrock) as well. [REDACTED] walked outside with an employee, who informed him that there were several "cops" outside. [REDACTED] motioned toward the area of the OIS, as I spoke to him. [REDACTED] said it appeared there were numerous law enforcement vehicles "stopped" around the "guy." [REDACTED] said it was dark outside, but he was able to "kind of see" the suspect. [REDACTED] said "everyone" saw the subject "get shot five times." After the shooting, [REDACTED] saw one of Officers drag the "guy" out "a little bit" very quickly. [REDACTED] was unsure why they did that.

I asked [REDACTED] about the location of the law enforcement vehicles during the incident. [REDACTED] described one vehicle parked in the alleyway, one vehicle parked near the tree on North H Street, and three vehicles parked on East Walnut Avenue. [REDACTED] clarified that one of the three vehicles was parked closer to the intersection of North G street and East Walnut Avenue, while the other two were parked closer to the alleyway.

[REDACTED] then described seeing two officers shoot at the suspect, as he pointed toward the area near the intersection of the alleyway and East Walnut Avenue. [REDACTED] believed the Officer who parked his vehicle next to the tree, did not shoot the suspect. [REDACTED] recalled seeing that Officer running around the corner when the suspect was shot. After the shooting, [REDACTED] saw the Officers approach the suspect who was on the ground. [REDACTED] said the Officers still had their guns drawn on the suspect at that time. Shortly thereafter, [REDACTED] said he saw the Officers move the suspect "around a little bit," before AMR and Fire Personnel arrived on scene. [REDACTED] said others from the bar saw the same thing.

I asked [REDACTED] if he heard anyone say anything during the OIS. [REDACTED] said he could not hear anything afterward. However, [REDACTED] heard the Officers yelling to "put down your gun," before they started to shoot the suspect. [REDACTED] heard them say it twice before they shot the suspect. [REDACTED] then stated there was a woman who was watching the OIS from behind the Officers on East Walnut Avenue. The woman told [REDACTED] that the

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Officers shot the suspect after he put a gun on the ground. [REDACTED] did not know her name but believed she lived in the 200 block of North G Street.

I asked [REDACTED] once again how many shots he heard. [REDACTED] again stated it was "five shots." [REDACTED] believed the shots from the Officers on East Walnut Avenue would have gone south down the alleyway or possibly toward the old movie theater. However, [REDACTED] was told by law enforcement personnel that some of the rounds may have come in the direction of his business, so they checked that area. [REDACTED] said he did not see anything further, aside from them putting the suspect into an ambulance.

I then obtained contact and personal information for [REDACTED] and provided him with my business card. I asked [REDACTED] if any other businesses, aside from the bar, were open at the time of the incident. [REDACTED] said they were not. [REDACTED] said he was told there was a video of the shooting, which was placed on Facebook. [REDACTED] did not have any information on who posted the video or when. I provided [REDACTED] with my business card and asked him to contact me if he had any additional information or questions. I also asked him to provide my contact information to anyone who might have witnessed the OIS. I then ended my contact with [REDACTED].

On 03-31-2021, at approximately 1230 hours, I contacted [REDACTED] by telephone. [REDACTED] left a voicemail message for me after I left a business card on her door. [REDACTED] lives at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was at home at the time of the OIS. [REDACTED] told me she does have a "Ring" camera on her door, which faces south. [REDACTED] said the motion activated camera does not record anything unless someone walks through the four-unit apartment complex. [REDACTED] reviewed the footage and found nothing during the timeframe of the incident. I asked [REDACTED] if she saw or heard anything related to the OIS. [REDACTED] said she only heard approximately four "gunshot pops". She did not hear anything further. [REDACTED] described the noises as being "very loud." [REDACTED] spoke briefly to her neighbor, who had a scanner. The neighbor told [REDACTED] to stay inside but later told her it was ok to finish her laundry in the laundry room. [REDACTED] recalled seeing emergency lights in the area but could not see anything further.

On 03-31-2021, at approximately 1242 hours, I spoke with [REDACTED] on the telephone. [REDACTED] left a voicemail message for me after I left a business card on his door. [REDACTED] lives at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was at home at the time of the OIS. [REDACTED] has "Ring" motion-activated cameras on four sides of his apartment. [REDACTED] checked the camera and found nothing of significance. [REDACTED] noted the camera facing the street does not capture much of the street at all.

[REDACTED] said he was listening to his scanner when he heard the "call" go out. [REDACTED] stepped outside to smoke at that time. [REDACTED] heard "loud talking" but could not discern what was being said. Immediately afterward, [REDACTED] heard three or four shots. [REDACTED] described the talking as someone "giving commands" but he could not be certain.

I asked [REDACTED] what he heard from the scanner. [REDACTED] said he recalled that it was a call of a "man with a gun", along with a description. [REDACTED] said he believed the description provided was a subject with a "hoodie" and a "black-colored handgun." [REDACTED] said he only caught "bits and pieces" of it. [REDACTED] said it was not an uncommon call for the Lompoc area.

I confirmed with [REDACTED] that he heard three or four shots. [REDACTED] said he did and described them as being in "rapid succession." He further described the shots as "echoing loudly." Because of that, [REDACTED] said there could have been more than that. I asked [REDACTED] if he heard anything unusual in the neighborhood prior to the call on the scanner. [REDACTED] said he did not, and it was quiet. Shortly thereafter, I ended the contact with [REDACTED].

D. Follow-up Report Completed, Investigation Continuing