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Reported Date
03/29/2021

Officer
ESPARZA, R

Administrative Information

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| Agency Santa Barbara County Sheriff | Report No 21-3520 | Supplement No 0002 | Reported Date 03/29/2021 | Reported Time 10:03 | 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 3541/ESPARZA, R | Assignment CID DETECTIVES | | Entered by 3541 | Assignment CID DETECTIVES |
| Confidential LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER INVOLVED | RMS Transfer Successful | Prop Trans Stat Successful | Approving Officer 3495 | | |
| Approval Date 04/26/2021 | Approval Time 08:26:22 | | | | |

Summary Narrative

This report will document initial response and scheduling of shooting officer's interview.

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CONTINUATIONS:

Sgt. Vincent Magallon is the Detective Sergeant with the Lompoc Police Department. Sgt. Magallon was the liaison between the SBSO detectives and the Lompoc Police Department.

Santa Barbara County DDA Ann Nudson was also present at the scene.

EVIDENCE:

None

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 responded to the 100 block of East Walnut, where the command post was being set up. The command post was set up across the street from the scene of the shooting. I was told LOPD Detective Sgt. Magallon was designated as the liaison, and responsible for assisting with the investigation as needed.

Sgt. Magallon stated the LOPD officers who discharged their firearms, were transported to the Hilton Garden Inn and were being sequestered. SBSO Forensic Technicians were instructed to respond to the hotel in order to process the officers. Refer to reports generated by the Forensic Technicians. LOPD officers who witnessed the shooting were asked to respond to the Lompoc Police Station for an interview with SBSO detectives. Sgt. Magallon arranged a conference room to be utilized for the interviews.

I requested for the in-car video footage, officer radio transmissions, and the initial 9-1-1 call recording. Sgt. Magallon stated he was in the process of having the requested items downloaded to discs. Sgt. Magallon told me that once the involved patrol cars were brought back to the station, the video download would be much faster. He was waiting until after the involved patrol cars were forensically processed prior to bringing them back to the station. At the conclusion of the witness officer interviews, the videos were not ready to be reviewed by detectives.

Sgt. Magallon informed me that the officers attorney was requesting to review the available footage of the

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incident. I told Sgt. Magallon that per our officer involved shooting investigation procedures, the officers would be allowed to review the in-car videos and radio traffic at a later date and time. I explained the process to Sgt. Magallon. He was advised that the involved officers and their attorney would be able to review the in-car videos and the radio communication recordings prior to making a statement. The officers would be given a video admonishment prior to reviewing the videos and radio communication. The officers would be allowed to view the videos a few times and only view them as they were recorded. They would not allowed to manipulate the video footage in any way (pause, zoom in, etc.).

Sgt. Magallon stated the officers were willing to provide a voluntary statement on 03/31/2021 at 1100 hours. Sgt. Magallon told us that his Captain and Chief wanted the officers to be able to review the available footage. Detective Kohli and I emphasized that in order to maintain the integrity of the investigation, the officers should not be allowed to view the videos without SBSO Detectives being present and prior to them signing the video admonishment. DDA Ann Nudson also explained the process to Sgt. Magallon and its importance. Sgt. Magallon said he would explain the process to his superior officers.

Prior to leaving the LOPD station, Sgt. Magallon provided me with (4) DVD's that contained in-car videos and (1) CD containing the 9-1-1 call and radio traffic. He advised me that there were still (2) DVD's being downloaded, but would be available later in the day.

CASE DISPOSITION:

Follow-up report, investigation ongoing