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Administrative Information

Agency Santa Barbara County Sheriff	Report No 21-3520	Supplement No 0004	Reported Date 03/29/2021	Reported Time 14:38	Status Offense
Report Type Forensics BOC	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 3703/SANDOVAL, M	Assignment FORENSICS	Entered by 3703	Assignment FORENSICS	
Confidential LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER INVOLVED	RMS Transfer Successful	Prop Trans Stat Successful	Approving Officer 3495		
Approval Date 04/05/2021	Approval Time 10:23:58				

Summary Narrative

Crime Scene response and photo-documentation.

Narrative

E-FILE ATTACHMENTS:

None

NARRATIVE & COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE ITEMS 1-9 (Tag 09070108):

At 2215 hours on Sunday, 03/28/21, I received a call from Forensic Supervisor Nancy Fabela advising an officer involved shooting involving the Lompoc Police Department had occurred at the intersection of Walnut and North H Street in Lompoc. She advised that CSI Technicians Veronica Amezola and Tierra Avalos were at the Hilton Garden Inn processing the officers involved. Forensic Supervisor Fabela was requesting I assist her at the scene.

I arrived at the Lompoc Sheriff Substation at 2312 hours. Forensic Supervisor Fabela advised that Lieutenant Camarena would pick me up. Before going to the scene, we stopped at the Hilton Garden Inn to pick up some supplies from the North County Forensics Crime Scene van. Lieutenant Camarena and I arrived on scene at 2340 hours.

I met with Forensic Supervisor Fabela who gave me a walk-through of the scene. The intersection of Walnut and H Street was cordoned off with yellow crime scene tape. The yellow tape continued through the block and was also used to cordon off Walnut Street and G Street as well. Two Lompoc Police Department vehicles were involved. One was parked facing towards the H Street intersection. This vehicle (Lic# 1591212, unit# 20022) was parked in the street blocking the driveway of Fascination & Technology. The second vehicle (Lic# 1453067, unit 0216) was parked in the street to the right of where the decedent was located. This vehicle was facing the open area to the right of the decedent. Shell casings (**items 1-8**) were located on the street to the left of vehicle unit 0216.

A piece of brain matter was located to the right of item 8. This was marked as **item 9** but it was photographed only and not collected.

**** It should be noted that Lompoc Police Department personnel had placed down evidence placards 1-9 before our arrival. ****

The decedent was located in an alley way to the right of the Fascination & Technology building. The decedent was laying on the ground face down. Pools of suspected blood were located near the decedent's feet and head. A knife was laying in the pool of blood by the decedent's feet.

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Deputy Farmer and Deputy Rivas brought and set up the traffic unit's balloon lights on scene and used the Total Station to conduct crime scene measurements.

VIDEO-DOCUMENTATION :

Refer to Forensic Supervisor Nancy Fabela's supplemental report for video-documentation.

PHOTO-DOCUMENTATION & COLLECTION OF ITEMS 11-16 (Tag 09070108) :

At 2348 hours on Sunday, 03/28/21, I took overall and close-up digital photographs of the scene starting at the intersection of Walnut and North H Street, and made my way to the intersection of Walnut and North G Street, and then down the alley way where the decedent was located. Items 1-9 were photographed. Forensic Supervisor Fabela then placed an evidence placard down next to the knife (*item 10*) that was located near the decedent.

Two cigarette butts were observed near the vicinity of the decedent. These were later collected as *items 11 & 12*.

A piece of fabric (*item 13*) was located near item 12 and later collected. A handcuff key (*item 14*) was located on the ground in the concrete area located to the right of where the decedent was located. A cellphone (*item 15*) was located in the decedent's right front pocket. This phone was handed over to Detective Alegria at 0029 hours on 03/29/21.

Forensic Supervisor Fabela, Detective Alegria, and I then walked over to vehicle unit 20022 to retrieve the officer's AR-15 (*item 16*). This firearm (AR-15 COLT, S/N: LBD 016024) was located in the trunk of the vehicle. It contained a Hornady .223 unexpended round in the chamber and two magazines. Magazine A contained 20 unexpended Hornady .223 rounds. Magazine B contained 14 unexpended Hornady .223 rounds.

**** Refer to the property form in CSI Technician Avalos's supplemental report 21-03520 0011 for evidence collection details. ****

DECEDENT & EVIDENCE COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE ITEMS 17-25 (Tag 09070108) :

At 0115 hours on Monday, 03/29/21, Coroner Detective Bibby and I placed the decedent on the body bag, rolling him over onto his back. Once the decedent was face up, a Halloween mask was observed on the decedent's face.

I took overall and close-up digital photographs of the decedent while Coroner Detective Bibby removed the decedent's clothing and personal property one by one. These items were handed to CSI Technician Amezola for collection. A zip lock bag containing a note (*item 17*) was found in the decedent's left front pants pocket. The note read "I hope my death makes more sense than my life." The decedent's pants (*item 18*), underwear (*item 19*), shoes & socks (*item 20*), keys from right jacket pocket (*item 21*), jacket (*item 22*), shirt (*item 23*), sports bra (*item 24*), gloves (*item 25*), Halloween mask (*item 26*), and jewelry (*item 27*) were all removed by Coroner Detective Bibby and collected. Written on the decedent's right forearm was "Reach into my pocket."

Refer to the property form in CSI Technician Avalos's supplemental report 21-03520 0011 for evidence collection details.

We completed our scene processing at 0220 hours on Monday, 03/29/21. We gathered all of our equipment and placed in the North County Forensics Crime Scene van. We left the scene at 0230 hours and I arrived at the Lompoc Sheriff Substation at 0245 hours.

~ END OF REPORT ~

ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Follow Up.