

CITY OF LOMPOC

LOMPOC POLICE DEPARTMENT

USE OF FORCE – OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING 2103-2790

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12/20/2021

This document contains the investigation and supporting documents regarding the Use of Force – Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation # 2103-2790

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LOMPOC POLICE DEPARTMENT
Memorandum

December 20, 2021

TO: CHIEF MARIANI

FROM: SERGEANT CHISHOLM

SUBJECT: USE OF FORCE – OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING – 2103-2790

Synopsis:

On 03/28/2021, 2004 hours, Lompoc Police Department Dispatch received a call from an unidentified caller who was reporting a male with a gun in the 100 Block North H St, East Alley. The caller was not identified by name but the caller ID provided a cell phone number [REDACTED]. The caller stated that the subject was wearing dark clothing and a mask.

Officer Carrillo was the first unit on the scene and reported seeing a subject in the alley that he described as wearing black sweats and a blue sweatshirt walking N/B in the alley. He then reported that the subject was last seen walking into the bushes walking W/B towards H St.

Corporal White and Officer Calderon arrived on the scene in the 100 Block of East Walnut Ave and began walking towards the area where the subject was last seen. As seen on Officer Carrillo's, Officer Calderon's, and Cpl. White's WatchGuard Videos, both officers began backing up very quickly and they discharge their weapons, stopping the subject who is seen running towards the officers. The suspect was fatally wounded.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department was requested to respond to investigate the Officer Involved Shooting.

Lompoc Police Department personnel who were not directly involved in the OIS or witnesses to the OIS completed Lompoc Police Department reports as listed below.

1 **Incident Photos:**

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7 **LPD CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION 2103-2790:**

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9	Officer Carrillo	Original Report	03/28/2021
10	Cpl. Guerra	Supplemental Rpt.	03/29/2021
11	Officer Duncan	Supplemental Rpt.	03/29/2021
12	Sgt. A. Arias	Supplemental Rpt.	03/29/2021
13	Ofc. Molina	Supplemental Rpt.	03/29/2021
14	Det. Cpl. Scott	Supplemental Rpt.	03/31/2021
15	Ofc. Carrillo	Supplemental Rpt.	03/31/2021
16	Det. Sgt. V. Magallon	Supplemental Rpt.	03/31/2021
17	Ofc. Andreasen	Supplemental Rpt.	03/31/2021

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19 **SBSO OIS INVESTIGATION 21-3520:**

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21 The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department responded and completed the Officer
22 Involved Shooting investigation. Upon completion, this report and its findings were
23 submitted to the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's office for final determination
24 and findings.

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26 The SBSO Concluded that the officers fired their weapons in fear of dath or serious
27 bodily injury to themselves or to their fellow Officers. This is based on Corporal White
28 and Officer Calderon's statement, witness interviews, and recorded video footage that

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1 shows Kryz Brandon Ruiz refusing to comply with Officer's Commands and charging
2 Officers with a knife in his right hand.

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4 See the attached SBSO investigation 21-3520.

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6 **Officer(s) Involved:**

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8 Corporal Andrew White
9 Officer Mauricio Calderon

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11 **Witness/Other Officers:**

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13 Ofc. Mendoza
14 Sgt. Morgan
15 Ofc. Carrillo
16 Ofc. Strong
17 Sgt. A. Arias
18 Cpl. Guerra
19 Ofc. Duncan
20 Ofc. Molina

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22 **Criminal Code Sections:**

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24 The following Criminal Code Sections are referenced during this investigation, as well
25 as the final findings from the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office.

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27 **PEN§ 245. Assault with a Deadly Weapon or Force Likely to Produce Great**
28 **Bodily Injury**

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30 (c) Any person who commits an assault with a deadly weapon or instrument, other
31 than a firearm, or by any means likely to produce great bodily injury upon the person of
32 a peace officer or firefighter, and who knows or reasonably should know that the victim
33 is a peace officer or firefighter engaged in the performance of his or her duties when the
34 peace officer or firefighter is engaged in the performance of his or her duties, shall be
35 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, four, or five years.

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37 **PEN§ 196. Justifiable Homicide by Public Officer**

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39 Homicide is justifiable when committed by peace officers and those acting by their
40 command in their aid and assistance, under either of the following circumstances:

41 (a) In obedience to any judgment of a competent court.

42 (b) When the homicide results from a peace officer's use of force that is in compliance
43 with Section 835a.

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45 **PEN§ 835a. Peace Officer Use of Force to Arrest**

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2 (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
3 (1) That the authority to use physical force, conferred on peace officers by this
4 section, is a serious responsibility that shall be exercised judiciously and with
5 respect for human rights and dignity and for the sanctity of every human life. The
6 Legislature further finds and declares that every person has a right to be free
7 from excessive use of force by officers acting under color of law.
8 (2) As set forth below, it is the intent of the Legislature that peace officers use
9 deadly force only when necessary in defense of human life. In determining
10 whether deadly force is necessary, officers shall evaluate each situation in light
11 of the particular circumstances of each case, and shall use other available
12 resources and techniques if reasonably safe and feasible to an objectively
13 reasonable officer.
14 (3) That the decision by a peace officer to use force shall be evaluated carefully
15 and thoroughly, in a manner that reflects the gravity of that authority and the
16 serious consequences of the use of force by peace officers, in order to ensure
17 that officers use force consistent with law and agency policies.
18 (4) That the decision by a peace officer to use force shall be evaluated from the
19 perspective of a reasonable officer in the same situation, based on the totality of
20 the circumstances known to or perceived by the officer at the time, rather than
21 with the benefit of hindsight, and that the totality of the circumstances shall
22 account for occasions when officers may be forced to make quick judgments
23 about using force.
24 (5) That individuals with physical, mental health, developmental, or intellectual
25 disabilities are significantly more likely to experience greater levels of physical
26 force during police interactions, as their disability may affect their ability to
27 understand or comply with commands from peace officers. It is estimated that
28 individuals with disabilities are involved in between one-third and one-half of all
29 fatal encounters with law enforcement.
30 (b) Any peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be
31 arrested has committed a public offense may use objectively reasonable force to effect
32 the arrest, to prevent escape, or to overcome resistance.
33 (c) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), a peace officer is justified in using deadly
34 force upon another person only when the officer reasonably believes, based on the
35 totality of the circumstances, that such force is necessary for either of the following
36 reasons:
37 (A) To defend against an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury
38 to the officer or to another person.
39 (B) To apprehend a fleeing person for any felony that threatened or
40 resulted in death or serious bodily injury, if the officer reasonably believes
41 that the person will cause death or serious bodily injury to another unless
42 immediately apprehended. Where feasible, a peace officer shall, prior to
43 the use of force, make reasonable efforts to identify themselves as a
44 peace officer and to warn that deadly force may be used, unless the

1 officer has objectively reasonable grounds to believe the person is aware
2 of those facts.

3 (2) A peace officer shall not use deadly force against a person based on the
4 danger that person poses to themselves, if an objectively reasonable officer
5 would believe the person does not pose an imminent threat of death or serious
6 bodily injury to the peace officer or to another person.

7 (d) A peace officer who makes or attempts to make an arrest need not retreat or desist
8 from their efforts by reason of the resistance or threatened resistance of the person
9 being arrested. A peace officer shall not be deemed an aggressor or lose the right to
10 self-defense by the use of objectively reasonable force in compliance with subdivisions
11 (b) and (c) to effect the arrest or to prevent escape or to overcome resistance. For the
12 purposes of this subdivision, "retreat" does not mean tactical repositioning or other de-
13 escalation tactics.

14 (e) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

15 (1) "Deadly force" means any use of force that creates a substantial risk of
16 causing death or serious bodily injury, including, but not limited to, the discharge
17 of a firearm.

18 (2) A threat of death or serious bodily injury is "imminent" when, based on the
19 totality of the circumstances, a reasonable officer in the same situation would
20 believe that a person has the present ability, opportunity, and apparent intent to
21 immediately cause death or serious bodily injury to the peace officer or another
22 person. An imminent harm is not merely a fear of future harm, no matter how
23 great the fear and no matter how great the likelihood of the harm, but is one that,
24 from appearances, must be instantly confronted and addressed.

25 (3) "Totality of the circumstances" means all facts known to the peace officer at
26 the time, including the conduct of the officer and the subject leading up to the use
27 of deadly force.
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29 **Lompoc Police Department Policy Sections:**

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31 Lompoc Police Department Policy Sections referenced during this investigation:

- 32
33 1. Exhibit A 300 – Use of Force
34 2. Exhibit B 302 – Use of Force Review Boards
35 3. Exhibit C 310 – Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths
36 4. Exhibit D 310.7 – Audio and Video Recordings
37 5. Exhibit E 312 – Firearms
38 6. Exhibit F 446.5 – Review of MAV Recordings
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40 **Administrative Investigation Details:**

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42 I was called in by Captain Martin to begin this Administrative Investigation of the Use of
43 Force on the night of the OIS, which occurred on 03/28/2021, at 2004 hrs.
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1 **2103-2790 Call Notes:**
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AMARTINEZ	03/28/2021	20:04:37	**Priority set to In Progress by AMartinez
AMartinez	03/28/2021	20:05:00	Subj Wearing Drk Clothing Holding a Gun
AMartinez	03/28/2021	20:05:18	Blk Gun – Unk what type
AMartinez	03/28/2021	20:05:26	Poss now in the Alley – G/H
AMartinez	03/28/2021	20:05:42	Was Walking with it – Not Pointing it
AMartinez	03/28/2021	20:06:00	RP Disconnected
MLiss	03/28/2021	20:08:28	30-Subj wearing blk sweats blu sweatshirt heading NC through alley
MLiss	03/28/2021	20:08:45	30-Subj walking NB
MLiss	03/28/2021	20:08:56	30-Continuing NB
MLiss	03/28/2021	20:09:32	30-In Bushes on West
MLiss	03/28/2021	20:09:38	30-Shots Fired
MLiss	03/28/2021	20:10:06	A4-Have AMR Stage
MLiss	03/28/2021	20:10:35	29 and A3 – Code 3 from Station
MLiss	03/28/2021	20:12:11	A4-Have AMR Resp 100B E Walnut
MLiss	03/28/2021	20:12:43	S3-On Scene
MLiss	03/28/2021	20:13:58	A3-Medics Clear to Enter Only Need AMR
MLiss	03/28/2021	20:14:05	A3-All Officers OK

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4 ** AMartinez is Dispatcher Maria Alondra Martinez

5 ** MLiss is Dispatcher Miranda Liss
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7 **Initial Call into Dispatch:**
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9 The initial audio recording of the call into dispatch reporting the “man with a gun” in the
10 alley of the 100 Block of North H St is attached to this investigation.
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12 ** The caller did not sound frantic. The caller’s voice sounded young, but I was unable
13 to determine if the caller was male or female. The identity of the caller was not known
14 until later when we matched the 911 caller ID phone number to previous records
15 showing that it was possibly Krys Ruiz.
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17 Caller: Hello, there is a (unknown) with uh, looks like a gun, over by the Lompoc
18 Theater. I just wanted to let you guys know.
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20 Martinez: The Lompoc Theater?
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22 Caller: Yeah, the really old one
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24 Martinez: The Gemini?
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26 Caller: No, the one in downtown Lompoc, that one

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2 Martinez: Yeah, there is a couple, oh on 100 North H (unknown) looking theater?
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4 Caller: Yeah
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6 Martinez: Okay, what did he look like, can you describe the subject?
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8 Caller: Uh, he's got clothing
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10 Martinez: I understand he has clothing, but can you see what he is wearing, what
11 color clothing he is wearing
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13 Caller: Dark clothing and I think a mask or something
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15 Martinez: Can you see if he is White, Black, Hispanic, or Asian
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17 Caller: No, he is wearing a mask
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19 Martinez: Ok, and which way is he going
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21 Caller: Down the alley, I think
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23 Martinez: Is he, you said he was holding a gun, right?
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25 Caller: It looked like a gun, yeah.
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27 Martinez: Okay, what type of gun did it look like? What color?
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29 Caller: Black, I think, I think it was black, it was really dark
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31 Martinez: Okay, you don't know if it looked like a 9mm, like a rifle
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33 Caller: I don't know guns, I'm sorry
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35 Martinez: And he is in the alley between H and G
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37 Caller: Yeah
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39 Martinez: Okay, and was he pointing it at anybody, or was he just holding it
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41 Caller: He was just walking with it, I think, I didn't see anybody around.
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43 Martinez: Okay, and do you still see him or no
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45 Caller: I don't know, I stopped following

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2 Martinez: Okay alright thank you

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4 See the attached audio recordings

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6 **WatchGuard Video Review:**

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8 It was decided that all of the WatchGuard videos would be downloaded from the patrol
9 vehicles, once they were brought back to the station. Jim Brown came in and began the
10 video downloads as soon as the patrol vehicles came back to the station. Two copies
11 of the videos were placed on CDs. One copy was provided to the SBSO Detectives and
12 the other copy was given to Det. Sgt. Magallon would later book the CDs into LPD
13 evidence. I made a digital copy of the videos for the administrative investigation file and
14 attached them to this report. Jim Brown locked the WatchGuard Video access.

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16 **Officer Carrillo's WatchGuard Video:**

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18 Two video folders were downloaded. The first video file was labeled (shooting) and the
19 second was labeled (post-shooting). The first video file does not have audio until after
20 the shooting and the medics arrive on the scene.

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22 Upon review of the (shooting) video, Officer Carrillo is driving northbound in the 100
23 Block of North H St East alley. At the north end of the alley, you can see a person
24 walking in a northern direction.

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26 The subject in the alley is first seen on the west side of the alleyway facing Walnut Ave.
27 Officer Carrillo illuminates the person with his spotlight.
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2 As Officer Carrillo begins driving north towards the subject, the subject begins walking
3 slowly in a northern direction and moves towards the center of the alleyway.
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7 Officer Carrillo reaches approximately the mid-point in the alley and the subject walks to
8 the east side of the alley.
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1 The suspect is seen moving further to the Eastside of the alley.

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5 The subject turns and faces in the direction of Officer Carrillo and you can see that the
6 subject has something white covering their face.

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10 The subject begins walking towards the west side of the alley and you can see that
11 there is something white covering the subject's face.

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4 The subject continues walking westbound and then walks into the dirt/grass lot on the
5 west side of the alley. You can see by the shadow that Officer Carrillo had opened his
6 driver's door and was standing just outside of the vehicle. When the subject walks into
7 the lot, Officer Carrillo gets back into his vehicle.

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9 Officer Carrillo begins driving forward (north) as Corporal White is arriving on scene (on
10 Walnut) and Officer Calderon is walking towards the lot (on foot).

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14 Corporal White and Officer Calderon are together just on the east edge of the lot.

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Corporal White and Officer Calderon can be seen backing up very quickly looking in a southwest direction.



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Corporal White and Officer Calderon continue backing up very quickly looking in a southwest direction.

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Corporal White and Officer Calderon while still backing up begin firing looking in a southwest direction and you can see the subject running towards them.

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The suspect is hit and rolls on the ground and ends up stopping face up.

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Officer Carrillo moves his vehicle closer and points his vehicle towards the subject.

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Three additional officers arrived on the scene and meet up with Corporal White and Officer Calderon. Cpl. Guerra, Sgt. Morgan, and Ofc. Mendoza.

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Officer Carrillo moves his vehicle closer towards the subject and you can see the final position of the subject.

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Upon close up of the white mask that was covering the subject's face, it appears to be similar to a Halloween clown mask.

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Officers approached and Officer Molina and Mendoza grabbed an arm of the subject and pulled the subject approximately 6-8 feet, turned the subject over, and handcuffed the subject.

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1 **Officer Calderon's WatchGuard Video:**

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3 Officer Calderon arrives on scene and parks in 100 block of East Walnut Ave, East of
4 the alley, facing West, and turns off his headlights.
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13 Officer Calderon moves his vehicle closer to the alleyway.
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17 Officer Calderon exits his vehicle and begins walking on the sidewalk towards the
18 alleyway as Corporal White was arriving.
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3 As Officer Calderon reaches the alleyway, Corporal White pulls up facing the lot in a
4 southwest direction and exits his vehicle.

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8 Officer Calderon walks into the lot and is looking in a southwest direction and Corporal
9 White is standing at the south curb of Walnut Ave. also looking in a southwest direction.

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Officer Calderon and Cpl. White can be seen starting to back up.

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Officer Calderon fires the first round and then three more. Cpl. White fires four rounds and it appears that they both fired their fourth-round pretty much at the same time.

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At the end of Cpl. White's and Officer Calderon's shots, they were still backing up.

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1 **Corporal White's WatchGuard Video:**

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3 In Corporal White's video, as he is arriving on the scene, he passes Officer Calderon's
4 vehicle and is pointing directly towards the lot. You can see a dark figure walking
5 westbound in the lot.
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10 Cpl. White repositions his vehicle facing the lot. He shined his spotlight in the lot and
11 you can see the subject standing in the lot, facing in a northeast direction. In this photo,
12 you can see the mask covering the subject's face.
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1 You can see in the video that the subject moves around and then begins walking
2 towards the officers and then break out into a full sprint towards the officers and runs
3 out of view of the camera.
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7 On the wide-angle view of the camera, it is difficult to see the subject once it passes the
8 bright light in the center and the lights from Officer Carrillo's vehicle.
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1 **Note: All of the Lompoc Police Department reports and the Santa Barbara County**
2 **Sheriff's Department reports are in the Data Folder and on the Investigation Excel**
3 **Workbook.**

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5 **Officer Carrillo's Original LPD Report:**

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7 This report was created by Officer Carrillo and only refers to the Santa Barbara County
8 Sheriff's Department's report and Investigation.

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10 **Sgt. A. Arias's Supplemental Report 2103-2790:**

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12 Sgt. A. Arias reported that at the time of the OIS, he was inside the LPD after
13 completing his shift. He heard the radio traffic and immediately ran to the back parking
14 lot and met up with Officer Duncan and Officer Renner and they went to the scene to
15 assist.

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17 Sgt. A. Arias reported that once he arrived on the scene, he asked Officer Calderon for
18 the general direction the shooting was facing. The two officers provided a "safety
19 statement" to Sergeant Morgan. Sgt. A. Arias assigned Officer Molina to check the
20 backdrop for any bullet strikes to ensure that there were no impacts to property or
21 people. Once Ofc. Molina completed that, he was assigned to hold the center position
22 of the crime scene. Sgt. A. Arias reported that he requested evidence tents to be put
23 over the shell casings because he saw one shell casing being kicked by an officer. The
24 #7 tent was placed on this casing.

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26 **Cpl. B. Guerra's Supplemental Report 2103-2790:**

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28 Cpl. Guerra reported that he also responded to the scene from the station. He
29 responded to the scene with Officer Molina. Cpl. Guerra reported that as he arrived on
30 the scene, the other LPD officer had a subject at gunpoint. Officers Molina and
31 Mendoza were designated as contact/handcuffing. The subject was lying face-up on
32 their back. The subject was pulled away from a knife, rolled over, and handcuffed.

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34 Cpl. Guerra took six digital photos at the scene of the subject. The photos were taken
35 after the subject was rolled over and handcuffed. (see the attached photos).

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37 **Officer S. Duncan's Supplemental Report 2103-2790:**

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39 Officer Duncan reported that he was inside the station with his trainee Officer Renner
40 when he heard to report of shots fired. They ran to the back parking lot and drove to the
41 scene with Sgt. A. Arias. Upon their arrival, the subject was already handcuffed.
42 Officer Renner assisted by setting up crime scene tape. Officer Duncan and Officer
43 Renner responded to the station to retrieve the privacy barriers and then brought them
44 back to the scene. The privacy barriers were assembled and set up around the
45 handcuffed subject.

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2 **Officer G. Molina's Supplemental Report 2103-2790:**
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4 Officer Molina reported that he was inside the station when he heard over the radio that
5 an officer was advising, "shots fired". Officer Molina ran downstairs and responded to
6 the scene with Cpl. Guerra.
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8 Upon Officer Molina's arrival, he approached the officer who was holding the subject at
9 gunpoint and was able to see the subject laying face up. Officer Molina reports that he
10 was instructed to grab the right arm of the subject. He approached the subject and
11 grabbed the right wrist and saw a large knife under the right hand and shoulder of the
12 subject. Officer Mendoza and Officer Molina pulled the subject away from the knife as
13 instructed.
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15 Officer Mendoza and Officer Molina rolled the subject over and handcuffed the subject.
16 Officer Molina was instructed to check the area for impacts of the rounds fired. Officer
17 Molina remained with the subject until he was relieved by Sgt. Magallon.
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19 **Officer Carrillo's Supplemental Report 2103-2790:**
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21 Officer Carrillo reported that he was instructed by Sgt. A. Arias to start a crime scene
22 log. The following AMR personnel entered the crime scene:
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24 Michael Cooper
25 Nancy Fontanel (trainee)
26 Ellery Conover (EMT)
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28 See the attached supplemental reports for crime scene log times. The crime scene log
29 responsibility was turned over the Det. Cpl. Scott.
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31 **Det. Cpl. C. Scott's Supplemental Report 2103-2790:**
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33 Det. Cpl. Scott reported that he was called in to assist with the investigation. He arrived
34 on the scene and took over the crime scene log from Officer Carrillo. Det. Cpl. Scott
35 completed a crime scene log from 2050 hours to 2220 hours, when the scene was
36 turned over to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department Detectives.
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38 **Det. Sgt. V. Magallon's Supplemental Report 2103-2790:**
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40 Det. Sgt. Magallon completed a supplemental report documenting the six WatchGuard
41 videos that were booked into evidence, as well as City Camera #37 and the phone call
42 and radio traffic. One copy of these CD's was provided to SBSO Detectives.
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- 44 • Corporal White's WatchGuard Video
- 45 • Officer Strong's WatchGuard Video

- Officer Carrillo's WatchGuard Video
- Officer Mendoza's WatchGuard Video
- Officer Calderon's WatchGuard Video
- Sergeant Morgan's WatchGuard Video

Officer E. Andreasen's Supplemental Report 2103-2790:

On 03/31/2021, 1736 hours, Officer Andreasen used the LPD Drone to take a series of aerial photographs and a video of the OIS Scene. The video and photos were later booked into evidence.



Statements by Involved Officers:

The following statements were conducted by the SBSO Detectives and were audio-recorded.

Corporal Andrew White:

The transcript of this interview is attached to the SBSO investigation. This interview was also audio recorded and attached to the SBSO investigation.

1 **Officer Mauricio Calderon:**

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3 The transcript of this interview is attached to the SBSO investigation. This interview
4 was also audio recorded and attached to the SBSO investigation.

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6 **Statements by Witness Officers:**

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8 **Ofc. Mendoza Interviewed by SBSO:**

9 This interview was audio-recorded and attached to the SBSO investigation. A summary
10 of the interview is attached to the SBSO investigation.

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12 **Sgt. Morgan Interviewed by SBSO:**

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14 This interview was audio-recorded and attached to the SBSO investigation. A summary
15 of the interview is attached to the SBSO investigation.

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17 **Ofc. Carrillo Interviewed by SBSO:**

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19 This interview was audio-recorded and attached to the SBSO investigation. A summary
20 of the interview is attached to the SBSO investigation.

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22 **Ofc. Strong Interviewed by SBSO:**

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24 This interview was audio-recorded and attached to the SBSO investigation. A summary
25 of the interview is attached to the SBSO investigation.

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27 **Suspect Kryz Brandon Ruiz History Information:**

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29 According to LPD Records check, YVETTE KRYSTELLA RUIZ [REDACTED] is described
30 as a Hispanic female, 5-00, 150 lbs, black hair, brown eyes. Listed a home address of
31 [REDACTED], and a cell phone number of [REDACTED]

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33 Mother: [REDACTED]

34 Father: [REDACTED]

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36 **Prior LPD Cases:**

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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39 According to DMV Records and updated LPD Records RUIZ's name was changed to
40 KRYZ BRANDON RUIZ [REDACTED] and is described as a Hispanic male, 5-01, 146 lbs,
41 black hair, brown eyes. Kryz Ruiz has an aka of Yvette Krystella Ruiz listed on his

1 California ID card # [REDACTED] which was issued on 12/07/2020. It should be noted
2 that Ruiz's gender is referred to female on the older LPD cases and events.
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35 On 09/29/2019, 1806 hours, ACT called LPD and requested that we check on Krys Ruiz
36 (aka Yvette Krystella Ruiz) who reported that he had taken several sleeping pills. Krys
37 Ruiz answered the door for the officers, but he denied overdosing on medication. Krys
38 appeared lethargic, slow to answer, had droopy eyelids, and watery eyes. The officers
39 formed the opinion that Ruiz was under the influence. AMR and Paramedics began
40 tending to Ruiz, but Ruiz walked away from them. Officer Andreasen took Ruiz into
41 custody and Ruiz was placed on a gurney. Ruiz was taken to the ER and would be
42 evaluated once medically cleared.
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44 **Cal-Photo Information:**
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1 KRYZ BRANDON RUIZ Photo Date: 12/07/2020
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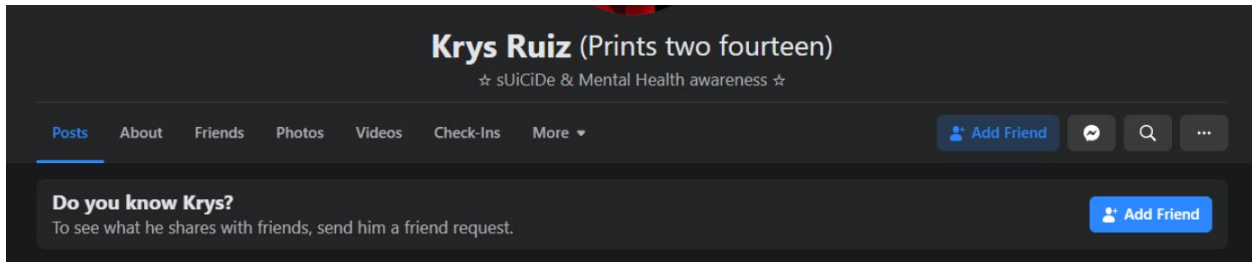


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5 **Kryz Ruiz Facebook (03/31/2021)**

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7 On 03/31/2021, I located Kryz Ruiz's Facebook page. I located several posts that seem
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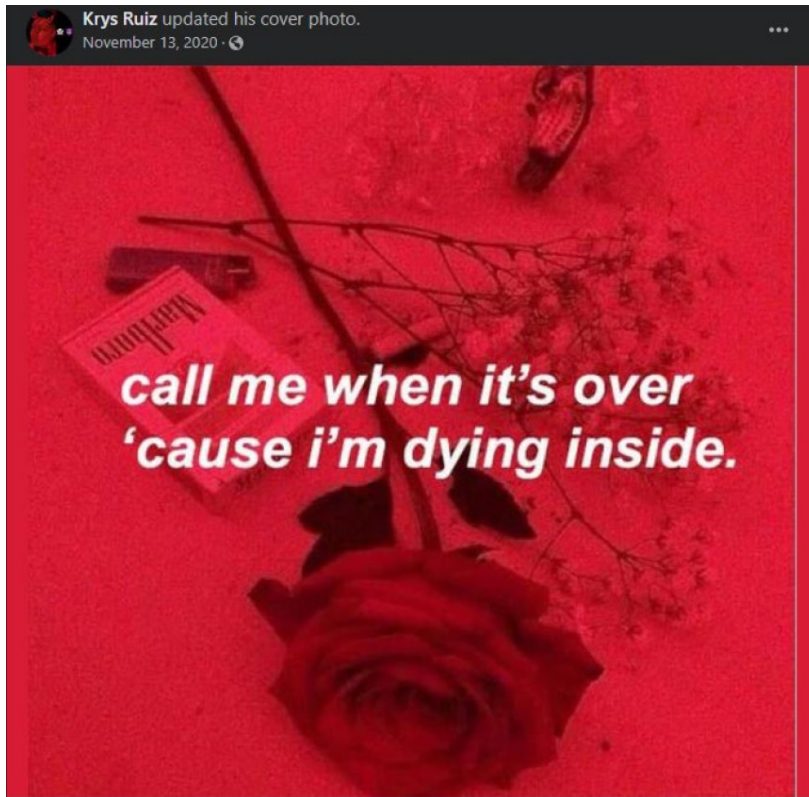
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Final Review by the Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s Office:

On 08/26/2021, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s Office completed and published their review and conclusions of the Officer-Involved Shooting of Krys Brandon Ruiz on March 28th, 2021.

The Legal Analysis of the shooting by the SB CO District Attorney’s Office was as follows: “On the night of the shooting, LPD responded to the alley between H Street and G Street after a 911 caller reported a subject with a gun was walking in the alley. When officers arrived and found Mr. Ruiz, they gave multiple commands for him to stop and to show his hands. Mr. Ruiz never verbally responded to the officers. Instead, Mr. Ruiz hid in the bushes and quickly emerged running directly at Officer Calderon with a knife raised in his right hand. When Mr. Ruiz charged at Officer Calderon and got within 15-20 feet of him with the knife, Officer Calderon and shortly thereafter, Cpl. White opened fire. The amount of time that passed from Officer Calderon and Cpl. White arriving on scene and Mr. Ruiz charging at them with a knife raised in his hand, was less than one minute. Officer Calderon and Cpl. White reasonably feared that Mr. Ruiz would stab or hurt Officer Calderon with the knife causing great bodily injury or death. Both Officer Calderon and Cpl. White attempted to de-escalate the situation by commanding Mr. Ruiz to stop and show his hands. Neither Officer Calderon nor Cpl. White had any other available resource or technique to de-escalate the threat of a Mr. Ruiz charging at them with a knife.

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2 After the initial lethal force was used, Officers tried to get medical attention for Mr. Ruiz,
3 but Mr. Ruiz died immediately. Officer Calderon and Cpl. White, who used lethal force
4 that night, reasonably discharged their firearm to stop Mr. Ruiz from inflicting death or
5 great bodily injury on themselves or their fellow officers.”
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7 The conclusion by the SB CO District Attorney’s Office was as followed: “When Mr.
8 Ruiz charged at Officer Calderon with his knife raised, after being commanded to stop
9 and show his hands, he created a reasonable fear of death or great bodily injury in the
10 minds of Officer Calderon and Cpl. White. Based on the totality of the circumstances
11 and applying the law as set forth in Penal Code sections 196 and 835a, the officers both
12 acted reasonably in their use of deadly force; therefore, the shooting of Krys Ruiz is a
13 justifiable homicide.”
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15 See the full review and public report by the Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s
16 office which is attached.
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18 **Lompoc Police Department Shooting Review Board Review:**
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20 On 12/08/2021, the Lompoc Police Department convened the Shooting Review Board
21 for this Officer-Involved Shooting, LPD Case # 2103-2790. The following personnel was
22 present for this review:
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| 24 | 1. Captain Martin | Case presenter |
| 25 | 2. Sergeant S. Arias | Board Member |
| 26 | 3. Cpl. B. Guerra | Board Member |
| 27 | 4. Cpl. Dugan | Board Member |
| 28 | 5. Sgt. Chisholm | Board Reporter |
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30 Per the Lompoc Police Department policy, the objective of the Shooting Review Board
31 is to evaluate the use of force by its members to ensure that the involved officer’s
32 authority is used lawfully, appropriately, and is consistent with training and policy.
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34 The board was presented information from the following sources:
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- 36 1. Lompoc Police Department case 2103-2790
 - 37 2. CAD and call notes from case 2103-2790
 - 38 3. Watch Guard videos from responding police units
 - 39 4. Lompoc Police Department Radio and 911 audio recordings.
 - 40 5. Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department criminal investigation 21-3520
 - 41 6. Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department Coroner’s Report 21-3520
 - 42 7. Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s published report.
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44 The board reviewed and evaluated this incident in three different categories, before,
45 during, and after.

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2 **Before the OIS:**
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- 4 1. The dispatcher who took the initial 911 call did not attempt to ask for any
5 identifying information on the caller, the caller's location, or the direction that the
6 "suspect" was last seen traveling.
- 7 2. It was noted that there was no audio on Officer Carrillo's WatchGuard Video.
- 8 3. It was discussed that as Officer Strong's vehicle was behind Officer Carrillo's
9 vehicle in the alley, Officer Strong activated his "takedown" lights which back-lit
10 Officer Carrillo.
- 11 4. It was discussed that Officer Carrillo was using his spotlight to assist in looking
12 for the "suspect" in the alley, but he left the spotlight on and shined the light on
13 Officer Calderon as he was walking into the alley.
- 14 5. It was discussed that officers did a good job of coordinating a perimeter of the
15 area, once the "suspect" was seen in the alley.
- 16 6. It was discussed that Officer Calderon's audio recording was activated on his
17 WatchGuard when he removed the patrol rifle from the vehicle, but the
18 microphone was not activated.
- 19 7. It was discussed that officer White and Calderon were searching for the suspect,
20 they were not behind cover and did not have time to reach the vehicle before the
21 threat was too close.
- 22 8. Dispatcher Martinez did not add the fact to the call notes that the 911 caller
23 described the "suspect" as wearing a mask.
- 24 9. It was noted that the responding units to the call had good response times and
25 quickly set up a perimeter.
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27 **During the OIS:**
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- 29 1. It was noted based on the video that the suspect ran "very fast" towards Officer
30 Calderon and Cpl. White and they both backed up and fired stopping the
31 suspect.
- 32 2. It was noted that you could hear the officers talking to and giving commands to
33 the suspect from Officer Calderon's Watch Guard recording but it was far away
34 from the officers so it was not as loud as if it was from a personal microphone.
- 35 3. It was noted that Officer Calderon's statement was consistent with the video
36 which included his feelings of fear before the shooting.
- 37 4. It was noted that Cpl. White's statement included the fact that he re-holstered his
38 handgun and planned for non-lethal force (Taser) but sees the knife and then he
39 goes back to his handgun before firing. He also stated that once it was
40 determined safe, they attempted to render aid to the suspect but it was
41 determined that the suspect was obviously deceased.
- 42 5. It was discussed that based on the audio on the video, it appeared that there was
43 a single shot, a pause, and three additional shots.
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1 **After the OIS:**
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- 3 1. It was discussed that the involved officers and other officers paused and
4 observed the suspect determine if it was safe to approach the suspect. They
5 formulated a plan. Based on statements they were not able to see one of the
6 suspect's hands and they moved the suspect, turned the suspect over, and
7 handcuffed the suspect. Once the suspect was turned over, they discovered that
8 the suspect was obviously deceased. The suspect's deadly weapon (knife) was
9 not located until they moved the body, as it was under the body.
10 2. It was noted that one of the officer's shell casings was kicked by one of the
11 officers at the scene, but it was identified and marked and investigators were
12 notified.
13 3. The supervisor on the scene (Sgt. Morgan) obtained a recorded "safety
14 statement" from the involved officers.
15 4. Supervisors on the scene (Sgt. Morgan and Sgt. A. Arias) quickly separated the
16 involved officers and quickly directed non-involved officers to secure the scene
17 and made proper notifications to police management.
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19 **Training Recommendations:**
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21 The board agreed that the officers did a good job of setting up the scene perimeter. It
22 was recommended that all patrol Watch Commanders reinforce this with briefing
23 whiteboard training on response to in progress calls as it related to coordination, and
24 communication.
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26 It was also discussed and recommended that the Dispatch Supervisor continue to
27 monitor 911 call takers to ensure that necessary information is obtained from callers
28 and that the information is relayed to the CAD notes for the dispatcher who is relaying
29 information to the responding units.
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31 **Conclusion:**
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33 After reviewing all of the available information from the Lompoc Police Department
34 reports, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department OIS investigation, audio and
35 videos, as well as the involved officer's statements, and the Santa Barbara County
36 District Attorney's final review, the Use of Force Review Board agreed that the officer's
37 actions were lawful, appropriate and consistent with training and policy.
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39 The UOF review board did find some procedural deficiencies that will be addressed with
40 further monitoring and training.
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42 The final findings of the Use of Force Investigation and the Use of Force Review Board
43 should be shared with the Lompoc Police Department Supervisory Staff, as well as the
44 involved officers.
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DISPOSITION: Refer this investigation to the Chief of Police.

Sgt. Chisholm,
Professional Standards