



HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

William F. Honsal, Sheriff

Media Release

Date: 4/19/2023

Prepared by: S. Karges

Case Number: 202301814 Subject: Officer Involved Shooting Investigation in Eureka

On April 18, 2023, at about 2:49 p.m. officers with the Eureka Police Department (EPD) responded to a report of an armed robbery in the area of the north parking lot at the Bayshore Mall. There, officers located a 33-year-old male victim who told officers that he had been robbed at gunpoint and assaulted. The victim sustained minor head injuries from the physical assault. The victim was able to provide a description of the suspects and suspect vehicle to law enforcement. EPD issued a Be On the Lookout (BOLO) to all local agencies describing a red ford pick-up and indicating that a firearm had been used in the robbery.

Approximately 10 minutes later, EPD received a report of a pedestrian hit and run in the area of West Washington and Summer Streets. The victim, a 34-year-old male, sustained major injuries. The suspects of the hit and run were later confirmed to be the same suspects involved in the earlier armed robbery.

At about 3:14 p.m., a Humboldt County Sheriff's deputy in a marked Sheriff's Office pick-up truck observed the suspect vehicle, a red 2004 Ford F250, in the Cutten area near the intersection of Redwood Street and Walnut Drive. The deputy attempted a felony traffic stop on the vehicle. The vehicle failed to yield, and a pursuit ensued.

Approximately two minutes later, the fleeing suspect vehicle was involved in a traffic collision with a civilian vehicle at the intersection of Dolbeer and Harris Streets. Following this collision, the suspects in the Ford are believed to have fired at the marked Sheriff's vehicle, striking it at least once. At about this time, an unmarked Sheriff's Office pick-up truck occupied by an HCSO Sergeant and one deputy arrived. Both of these officers fired their service weapons at the suspects. An additional HCSO marked vehicle arrived and pulled alongside the HCSO marked truck. This deputy also fired his service weapon at the suspects. Both suspects sustained multiple gunshot wounds. The suspects were taken into custody on scene and deputies rendered first aid while waiting for Emergency Medical Services. No deputies were injured.

During this incident, there were two additional individuals inside the suspect vehicle, a 37-year-old female and a 2-year-old male. Both sustained minor collision-related injuries and were transported to a local hospital for treatment.

The civilian vehicle involved in the traffic collision contained three occupants. The driver, a 42-year-old male, sustained moderate collision-related injuries. The passenger, a 27-year-old female, sustained major collision-related injuries. A 2-year-old passenger of the vehicle was not injured. The three were transported to a local hospital for medical evaluation and treatment.

The suspects have been identified as brothers, 18-year-old Jesse Widmark and 27-year-old Brandon Widmark. Both suspects were transported to a local hospital and remain in critical

condition. The Widmarks were last known to be residing in Northern Mendocino County but have family ties to Humboldt County. At the time of this incident, the brothers were wanted by the Arcata Police Department in connection to a robbery occurring April 14 in the Valley West area.

While processing the scene, investigators located three weapons associated with the suspects: one Winchester Model 70 Bolt Action 270 Rifle, one Marlin Model 60 .22 Caliber Long Rifle and one Sigsauer M17 Airsoft Handgun.

A total of four HCSO deputies were involved in this incident, three are believed to have fired their service weapons: a Sergeant, with 14 years of service, and two deputies with six and 10 years of service, respectively. The fourth involved deputy, who was fired upon during this incident, has five years of service with the HCSO. All involved deputies have been placed on routine paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an internal administrative investigation. Involved deputies will be identified within the timeframe as required by law in a future information update.

This is still an active, multi-faceted investigation, being led by the Eureka Police Department and Humboldt County District Attorney's Office as part of the Humboldt County Critical Incident Response Team. Additional information will be released when available and appropriate. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance with this investigation: Eureka Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, Arcata Police Department, Fortuna Police Department, Rio Dell Police Department and the CA Department of Justice.

Anyone with information about this case or additional criminal activity associated with the suspects should contact Eureka Police Department Detective Raymond Nunez at (707) 441-4109.

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Todd Jarvis
Chief of Police

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 11, 2023

**Subject: UPDATE to the
April 18, 2023 Officer Involved Shooting**

On May 10, 2023, Jesse Chakchak Widmark was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. This arrest resulted from his involvement in the April 18th critical incident that occurred at the intersection of Harris and Dolbeer Streets in Eureka. Jesse Widmark was arrested for the following charges:

Attempted Murder of A Peace Officer, Brandishing a Firearm in the Presence of a Peace Officer, Felony Obstruct/Resist a Peace Officer, Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon Other than a Firearm and Child Endangerment.

Brandon Widmark, the second suspect in this investigation, is still receiving medical treatment and will be booked upon his discharge from treatment.

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May 18, 2023

Kimberly Wear
North Coast Journal

Via Email

RE: Public Records Request 23-412

Thank you for your recent public records request. Pursuant to your request, the following information is available regarding case number 202301814.

A total of four HCSO deputies were involved in this incident, three fired their service weapons:

- Conan Moore, Sheriff's Sergeant, 14 years of service
- Chad Crotty, Deputy Sheriff II, 6 years of service
- Luke Mathieson, Deputy Sheriff II, 10 years of service

The fourth involved deputy, a Deputy Sheriff II with 5 years of service, was fired upon during this incident and did not return fire. As the deputy did not fire their weapon, identification is being withheld from disclosure as the investigation continues pursuant to PC 832.1(b)(8)(A)(iii).

Additionally, this is still an active, multi-faceted investigation, being led by the Eureka Police Department and Humboldt County District Attorney's Office as part of the Humboldt County Critical Incident Response Team. Therefore, further information, including how many times each one fired their weapons is being withheld from disclosure pursuant to PC 832.1(b)(8)(A)(iii).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samantha Karges".

Samantha Karges
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

officer #A

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Officer Processing

(This form should be completed based primarily on observations. Investigators should avoid questioning the Officer prior to being interviewed.)

Date: 4/18/23 Case #: _____ Prepared by: [REDACTED] 2015 HCSO

Officer information (complete prior to Officer contact)

Involved Witness Other Unknown

Last Name: <u>Crotty</u>	First Name: <u>Chad</u>	Middle Name:
Employing Agency: <u>HCSO</u>	Badge / ID #: <u>2119</u>	Date / Time of Incident:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On duty <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Off duty	Assigned watch / shift: <u>M.E.T. VARIOUS</u>	Start time on Date of Incident:
Injured: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk	Date / Time of processing: <u>4/18/23 1607</u>	Location of Processing: <u>MCD Briefing</u>

Officer Processing:

UNIFORM (Describe)

Headwear / cap: <u>GREEN SHORTS HAT</u>	Outerwear / Jacket: <u>N/A</u>
Shirt: <u>GREEN "CRY" LONG SLEEVES</u>	Pants: <u>GREEN DUTY PANTS</u>
Footwear / shoes: <u>TAN IONA BOOTS</u>	Gloves:
Other: <u>Sunglasses</u>	Corrective lenses or contacts: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

EQUIPMENT (Describe)

<input type="checkbox"/> Body Armor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Body Worn Camera	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio	<u>ISSUED PORTABLE - KENWOOD</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Baton	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nunchaku	
<input type="checkbox"/> O.C. spray	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knife	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Handcuffs	EMPTY
<input type="checkbox"/> Bola Wrap	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tourniquet	
<input type="checkbox"/> Taser (Serial # _____)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magazines	1 SPARE - 17 ROUNDS CAPACITY,
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

FIREARMS

Department issue firearm Make / Model: GLOCK Serial #: [REDACTED] w/TURKLE
 Holster: _____ Department issued: Yes No Dominant hand: Right Left

light
↓
extended
magwell
slip on
GRIP

Weapon examination:

Magazine seated: Yes No Slide locked to the rear: Yes No
 Primary Magazine empty: Yes No Magazine capacity: 17 Rounds in magazine: 3
 Round in chamber: Yes No Caliber: 9mm Brand: GLOCK 17

Additional magazine examination:

Magazine Location: ON BELT Magazine capacity: 17 Rounds in magazine: 17
 Caliber: 9 Brand: Hornady
 Magazine Location: _____ Magazine capacity: _____ Rounds in magazine: _____
 Caliber: _____ Brand: _____
 Magazine Location: _____ Magazine capacity: _____ Rounds in magazine: _____
 Caliber: _____ Brand: _____
 Magazine Location: _____ Magazine capacity: _____ Rounds in magazine: _____
 Caliber: _____ Brand: _____

Secondary firearm Make / Model: _____ Serial #: _____
 Holster carry location: _____

Notes: reddish brown stains of probable blood on right hand, swabbed.
A1: swab from hand of potential blood
- WORK CELL RIGHT FRONT POCKET, MAGNETIC CASE
- RND Ammo 9mm HORNADY
- BELT - Key clip, Keys, BADGE ON BELT (656)

- Ph. pw [REDACTED]

Officer B

CIRT

Officer Processing

(This form should be completed based primarily on observations. Investigators should avoid questioning the Officer prior to being interviewed.)

Date: 4/18/2023 Case #: _____ Prepared by: _____

Officer information (complete prior to Officer contact)

Involved Witness Other Unknown

Last Name: <u>MATHESON</u>	First Name: <u>LUKE</u>	Middle Name:
Employing Agency: <u>HLSO</u>	Badge / ID #: <u>1923</u>	Date / Time of Incident:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On duty <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Off duty	Assigned watch / shift: <u>WEEK DAY DAYS</u>	Start time on Date of Incident:
Injured: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk	Date / Time of processing: <u>4/18/2023 1730</u>	Location of Processing: <u>MCD BRIEFING</u>

Officer Processing:

UNIFORM (Describe)

Headwear / cap: <u>GREEN SHERIFF CAP</u>	Outerwear / Jacket: <u>EXTERIOR VEST CARRIER</u>
Shirt: <u>SILVERTAN UNIFORM SHIRT</u> <u>POLO</u>	Pants: <u>GREEN DUTY PANTS</u>
Footwear / shoes: <u>BLACK</u>	Gloves:
Other: <u>sun glasses</u> <u>WATCH - HAS BLOOD</u> <u>TIMEX - IRON MAN</u>	Corrective lenses or contacts: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

EQUIPMENT (Describe)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body Armor	<u>EXTERIOR CARRIER</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body Worn Camera	<u>SAMSUNG "BODY CAM" LEFT POCKET</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio	<u>ISSUED PORTABLE KENWOOD W/ LABEL M/L</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baton	<u>ASP IN VEST POCKET</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Nunchaku	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> O.C. spray	<u>VEST POUCH</u>

TASER W/2 CART EXTERIOR CARRIER

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knife	FRONT LEFT POCKET
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Handcuffs	ONE EACH SIDE OF VEST
<input type="checkbox"/> Bola Wrap	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> Tourniquet	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taser (Serial # [REDACTED])	EXTERIOR VEST POCKET
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magazines	2 ON BELT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	BATON VEST

FIREARMS PERSONAL CELL PHONE VEST POCKET
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Department issue firearm Make / Model: GLOCK 17 GEN 3 Serial #: [REDACTED]
 Holster: ISSUED SAFARIHARD Department issued: Yes No Dominant hand: Right Left

Weapon examination:

Magazine seated: Yes No Slide locked to the rear: Yes No
 Primary Magazine empty: Yes No Magazine capacity: 17 Rounds in magazine: 16
 Caliber: 9mm Brand: HORNADY
 Round in chamber: Yes No

Additional magazine examination:

Magazine Location: BELT Magazine capacity: 17 Rounds in magazine: 17
 Caliber: 9mm Brand: HORNADY
 Magazine Location: BELT Magazine capacity: 17 Rounds in magazine: 17
 Caliber: 9mm Brand: HORNADY
 Magazine Location: _____ Magazine capacity: _____ Rounds in magazine: _____
 Caliber: _____ Brand: _____
 Magazine Location: _____ Magazine capacity: _____ Rounds in magazine: _____
 Caliber: _____ Brand: _____

Secondary firearm Make / Model: NONE Serial #: _____

Holster carry location: _____

Notes: TASER CARTRIDGES [REDACTED]
 TLR - 1 WEAPON LIGHT
 BELT - BATON RING KEY HOLDER 2 MAG POUCH
 CELL PHONE PASSWORD - [REDACTED]

officer C

CIRT

Officer Processing

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Date: 4/18/2023 Case #: _____ Prepared by: _____

Officer information (complete prior to Officer contact)

Involved Witness Other Unknown

Last Name: <u>MOORE</u>	First Name: <u>CONAN</u>	Middle Name:
Employing Agency: <u>ALSO</u>	Badge / ID #: <u>1798</u>	Date / Time of Incident:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On duty <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Off duty	Assigned watch / shift: <u>MET</u>	Start time on Date of Incident:
Injured: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk	Date / Time of processing: <u>4/18/2023 1755</u>	Location of Processing: <u>MCD BRIEFING</u>

Officer Processing:

UNIFORM (Describe)

Headwear / cap:	Outerwear / Jacket:
Shirt: <u>GREEN SHERIFF SWEATSHIRT</u>	Pants: <u>DUTY PANTS</u>
Footwear / shoes: <u>TAN DUTY BOOTS</u>	Gloves:
Other: <u>SUNGLASSES</u> <u>KNIFE LEFT POCKET</u>	Corrective lenses or contacts: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

EQUIPMENT (Describe)

<input type="checkbox"/> Body Armor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Body Worn Camera	
<input type="checkbox"/> Radio	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baton	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nunchaku	
<input type="checkbox"/> O.C. spray	

Ph. PW



officer D

CIRT

Officer Processing

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Date: 4/18/23 Case #: _____ Prepared by: _____

Officer information (complete prior to Officer contact)

Involved Witness Other Unknown

Last Name: <u>WILLOUGHBY</u>	First Name: <u>RALEIGH</u>	Middle Name:
Employing Agency: <u>HCSO</u>	Badge / ID #: <u>2180</u>	Date / Time of Incident:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On duty <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Off duty	Assigned watch / shift: <u>SPECIAL SERVICES</u>	Start time on Date of Incident:
Injured: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk	Date / Time of processing: <u>4/18/23 1810</u>	Location of Processing: <u>HCSO INV.</u>

Officer Processing:

UNIFORM (Describe)

Headwear / cap: <u>HCSO PATROL HAT</u>	Outerwear / Jacket: <u>HCSO pullover B/K ZIP</u>
Shirt:	Pants: <u>GRN DUTY PANTS</u>
Footwear / shoes: <u>DUTY BOOTS</u>	Gloves:
Other:	Corrective lenses or contacts: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

EQUIPMENT (Describe)

<input type="checkbox"/> Body Armor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Body Worn Camera	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio <u>Kenwood Portable</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baton <u>on vest</u>	<u>- Peace Keeper</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Nunchaku	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> O.C. spray <u>NK 4</u>	

ph. pw



<input type="checkbox"/> Knife	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Handcuffs	AND CASE
<input type="checkbox"/> Bola Wrap	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tourniquet	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Taser (Serial # _____)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magazines	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	R. SAFARI LAND HOLSTER DROP LEG

FIREARMS

Department issue firearm Make / Model: GLOCK 17 GEN 5 Serial #: [REDACTED]

TRE THE
WEAPON
LIGHT

Holster: DEPT. ISSUE Department issued: Yes No Dominant hand: Right Left

Weapon examination:

Magazine seated: Yes No Slide locked to the rear: Yes No

Primary Magazine empty: Yes No Magazine capacity: 17 Rounds in magazine: 17
Caliber: 9mm Brand: HORNADY

Round in chamber: Yes No 1 round

Additional magazine examination:

Magazine Location: in pouch Magazine capacity: 17 Rounds in magazine: 17
Caliber: 9mm Brand: HORNADY

Magazine Location: in pouch Magazine capacity: 17 Rounds in magazine: 17
Caliber: 9mm Brand: HORNADY

Magazine Location: _____ Magazine capacity: _____ Rounds in magazine: _____
Caliber: _____ Brand: _____

Magazine Location: _____ Magazine capacity: _____ Rounds in magazine: _____
Caliber: _____ Brand: _____

Secondary firearm Make / Model: _____ Serial #: _____

Holster carry location: _____

Notes:
BADGE 532 on BELT
DOUBLE MAG POUCH
1 KEY CLIP
on vest - Digital Recorder, hand sanitizer, cuff key,
Latex gloves, misc. BUSINESS CARDS, pen, lapel mic w/ear
piece