



HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

826 4TH ST EUREKA, CA 95501 707-445-7251
INFORMATION REPORT

Case
202304322

OFFENSES

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	OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING		09/17/2023	0730	2309170032
			Date Reported	Time Reported	
			09/17/2023	0730	
			Related Cases		
		Date Printed	Time Printed	Printed By	
		02/16/2026	17:50:37	0467	
		Latitude	Longitude		
Location		Beat	Area	Disposition	Dispo Date
Hoopa Mini Mart, [REDACTED] Hoopa, CA 95546		44	40	Cleared by Exception	09/17/2023
Location Type	Location of Entry	Method of Entry	Point of Entry	Alarm System	Means of Attack (Robbery)

Victim	Drivers License	Cell Phone	Email			
Residence Address	Notified of Victim Rights	Residence Phone	DOB	Age	Sex	Race
Business Name and Address		Business Phone	Height	Wt	Hair	Eyes
Assistance Rendered/Victim Disposition		Transporting Agency	Means of Attack (Assaults)			
Description of Injuries	Other Information					

Witness	Drivers License	Cell Phone	Email			
Residence Address		Residence Phone	DOB	Age	Sex	Race
Business Name and Address		Business Phone	Height	Wt	Hair	Eyes

Suspect	Action Taken	Charges				
Residence Address	Residence Phone	DOB	Age	Sex	Race	
Business Name and Address	Business Phone	Height	Wt	Hair	Eyes	
Identifying Features	Cell Phone	Drivers License	Arrest Number			
Aliases					CII	

VEHICLES	Status	Vehicle Make and Model	License/State	VIN	Val Damgd
		[REDACTED] Volk Jetta	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

DEPUTIES	Prepared By	Date	Assisted By	Approved By	Date
	1333 - Brooks, David	09/17/2023		2066 - Head, Brandon	11/03/2023
	Routed To	Date	Routed To	Date	Notes
MCD		W. HONSAL	03/12/2024		
MCD	09/19/2023	PRA	04/03/2024		
DA	11/03/2023	CHP	04/03/2024		
[REDACTED]	12/29/2023	[REDACTED]	06/14/2024		



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Witness [REDACTED]	Drivers License [REDACTED]	Cell Phone [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]			
Residence Address [REDACTED]		Residence Phone [REDACTED]	DOB [REDACTED]	Age [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]
Business Name and Address [REDACTED]		Business Phone [REDACTED]	Height [REDACTED]	Wt [REDACTED]	Hair [REDACTED]	Eyes [REDACTED]
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Business Name and Address [REDACTED]		Business Phone [REDACTED]	Height [REDACTED]	Wt [REDACTED]	Hair [REDACTED]	Eyes [REDACTED]
Witness [REDACTED]	Drivers License [REDACTED]	Cell Phone 707-630-1913	Email [REDACTED]			
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Witness [REDACTED]	Drivers License [REDACTED]	Cell Phone [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]			
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Passenger	[REDACTED]	Cell Phone	Email			
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Residence Phone	DOB	Age	Sex	Race
Business Name and Address	[REDACTED]	Business Phone	[REDACTED]			

[REDACTED]						
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PROPERTY - VOLKSWAGEN JETTA CA [REDACTED]

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ID No.	Status/Disposition	Property Description	Value	Val Recovered	Val Damaged
2	Evidence	2015-2 - 1 Dvd - PHOTOGRAPHS OF JETTA AND CHP VEHICLE, INCLUDING SUAS PHOTOS AND VIDEO			
3	Evidence	2015-3 - 1 Samsung SM-A025V Cell Phone - GALAXY A02S, PLACED IN AIRPLANE MODE ON SCENE, NOT LOCKED, PLUGGED INTO POWER [REDACTED]			
4	Evidence	2015-4 - 1 Ruger Singel-Six Revolver - .22 CAL, 3 LIVE ROUNDS AND, 2 SPENT CASINGS REMOVED FROM CYLINDER AND BOOKED SEPARATELY [REDACTED]			
5	Evidence	2015-5 - 1 Ammunition - 3 LIVE .22 CAL ROUNDS AND 2 .22 CAL CASINGS			
6	Evidence	2015-6 - 1 Flash Drive - RAW DATA FROM LEICA SCANNER			
7	Evidence	2015-7 - 1 Blk Flipper Billy Club - FLIPPER, BLACK AND ALUMINUM BASEBALL BAT SAWN OFF TO BILLY CLUB SIZE			



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PROPERTY - HOOPA TRIBAL PD

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ID No.	Status/Disposition	Property Description	Value	Val Recovered	Val Damaged
8	Evidence	SH-1 - 1 Dvd - [REDACTED] INTERVIEW			



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ID No.	Status/Disposition	Property Description	Value	Val Recovered	Val Damaged
12	Evidence	2531-12 - 1 Dosage Units/Items Usb Flash Drive - AUTOPSY PHOTOS			



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Property for which no scene was specified

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ID No.	Status/Disposition	Property Description	Value	Val Recovered	Val Damaged
1	Evidence	E - 1 Cd - CD OF X-RAYS PERFORMED 09-17-2023, 2040 HRS			
9	Evidence	2180-1 - 3 Dosage Units/Items Crime Scene Log - CRIME SCENE LOG, 3 PAGES.			
10	Evidence	1655-1 - 1 Cd - HVTPD SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE			
11	Evidence	1333 - 1 Crime Scene Log Crime Scene Log - CRIME SCENE LOG FOR ORCUTT TRAILER PARK OR MESKIT STREET, HOOPA, CA 95546			
13	Evidence	2015-13 - 1 Flash Drive - CELLEBRITE REPORT FOR ITEM 003			
14	Evidence	BM-1 - 1 Cd - HCSO DISPATCH AUDIO			
15	Evidence	BM-2 - 1 Usb Surveillance - USB - HOOPA MINI MART SURVEILLANCE			
16	Evidence	BM-3 - 1 Cd - CD - OFFICER INJURIES 9/18/2023			
17	Evidence	BM-4 - 1 Cd - CD - OFFICER PROCESSING 9/17/2023			
18	Evidence	BM-5 - 1 Cd - APD PHOTOS OF OFFICER PROCESSING			
19	Evidence	E - 1 Cd - X-RAYS OF HANDS			
20	Evidence	E - 1 Dna Card - DNA CARD FROM AUTOPSY			
21	Evidence	2552-21 - 1 Flash Drive - RAW DATA FROM LEICA SCANNER			
22	Evidence	2015-22 - 1 Flash Drive - LEICA TRUIVIEW			

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1 On 9/17/23 at about 0725 hours, while on patrol in Hoopa, I saw CHP Officer N. Johnson parked
2 across from the Hoopa Mini Mart facing SR-96. I drove over to his location where I parked next to him
3 and exited my vehicle and walked over to his driver's door.
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5 We were talking for a short time when we both saw a [REDACTED] Volkswagen sedan headed south past our
6 parked location which had several Vehicle Code Violations which I saw to be VC-26710(a) and VC-
7 24603(e), and what appeared to be VC-4000(a)(1) and VC-4462.5. I only saw the driver who was
8 wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt who also resembled a warrant subject we had been looking
9 for who we both knew as [REDACTED].
10

11 We both headed south on SR-96 after the vehicle, and I saw CHP Officer Johnson activated his
12 overhead lights to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle. I also activated my overhead lights as I was
13 right behind CHP Officer Johnson. We drove about 50-75 yards south with lights activated when the
14 [REDACTED] vehicle turned left onto a dirt road on the south side of the Hoopa Mini Storage.
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16 I saw the vehicle had accelerated away from both of us as there was a large amount of dust which
17 made it difficult to see. We pursued the vehicle down this dirt road which came back out to Orcutt
18 Trailer Park. I saw the vehicle had stopped and I saw the driver exited the vehicle and headed north
19 through berry briars. I saw CHP Officer Johnson also running after the male driver.
20

21 I radioed dispatch of the foot pursuit and location. I then exited my vehicle where I ran to the back of
22 the [REDACTED] vehicle and radioed the license plate. I began to run into the briars with CHP Officer
23 Johnson when I saw two females, one in the right front passenger compartment and the second in the
24 rear passenger compartment of the vehicle. I saw both were hunched down inside the vehicle and
25 never saw them until I came out onto the vehicle.
26

27 I attempted to open the right front passenger door, but it was locked. I began pounding on the window
28 ordering them to open the door and exit the vehicle. I was able to get both to open the door when I
29 recognized the right front passenger as [REDACTED].
30

31 I also got the other female out who was seated or lying down in the back passenger compartment. She
32 identified herself to me as [REDACTED]. I began asking [REDACTED] who the driver was and why he ran.
33 [REDACTED] identified the driver to me as [REDACTED] and further told me he was her boyfriend of about
34 1.5 years.
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36 I radioed dispatch for a warrant check on [REDACTED]. Dispatch advised he had an outstanding
37 misdemeanor bookable warrant for his arrest.
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39 I told both they were being detained as we sorted this out. As I was walking both females to my
40 vehicle, I heard about 3-4-gun shots coming from the northwest area of my location. The shots were
41 fast, but this was not unusual working in Hoopa as residents shoot at their dogs or other dogs in their
42 yards all the time. I heard a lot of dogs barking in the same area, but the sound of the shots appeared
43 to me to be a small caliber similar to a .22.

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2 I began getting both females into my vehicle when [REDACTED] began puking by my driver's side left front
3 tire. I was later able to get both into the back of my vehicle where they were secured.
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5 I then walked over to CHP Officer Johnson's vehicle which was unlocked and began reviewing his MDC
6 or CAD where I saw there was an OIS. A short time later, I received a cell phone call from CHP Officer
7 Johnson telling me he was in the area of the new building with the Tyvek on it and he was down that
8 road. I told him I had two females detained in the back of my vehicle and would have Deputy
9 Froeming respond to his location and he should be there in a minute as I could hear his siren in the
10 distance.
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12 The cell phone call disconnected.
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14 I radioed dispatch advising I received a cell phone call of CHP Officer Johnson's location which was
15 near the old Laura's Kitchen and there was a two-story new building with Tyvek on it. I requested
16 Deputy Froeming respond to CHP Officer Johnson's location immediately.
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18 Within a minute or so, I heard Deputy Froeming was out with CHP Officer Johnson and Deputy
19 Froeming had confirmed the OIS.
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21 I began speaking with [REDACTED]. The following is a brief summary of what she told me -
22
23 She and [REDACTED] had been in a relationship for about 1.5 years. She told me [REDACTED] had her
24 vehicle, the Volkswagen, for 2 days and she never reported the vehicle stolen and didn't know where
25 he was. She told me [REDACTED]
26 [REDACTED] and verbally fighting with each other over the vehicle and where
27 [REDACTED] had been. She told me [REDACTED] did not want to be part of the arguing and asked to be taken
28 home. She told me [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] he would take [REDACTED] home. [REDACTED] then told [REDACTED] he wasn't
29 leaving with her vehicle again by himself, jumped in the vehicle with them and began driving [REDACTED]
30 home.
31
32 I asked [REDACTED] why [REDACTED] ran from us. She told me she didn't know why he did that, and she kept
33 yelling at him to stop and so was [REDACTED]
34
35 Within a few minutes, I saw a male walking toward my location from the rear of the Hoopa Mini Mart. I
36 saw the male was getting closer to me. He was yelling and screaming at me that I had killed his
37 brother and he was going to shoot and kill me and all Sheriff's and CHP.
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39 I began advancing on him and continued in his direction while the male continued yelling and
40 threatening me and all Sheriff's and CHP. He yelled at me that he was going to kill all Sheriff's and CHP
41 and they all needed to get out of Hoopa.
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43 The male began walking backwards away from me as I began to advance him. He continued back to

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1 the Hoopa Mini Mart where he got into a [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] vehicle and left the area, but two other [REDACTED]
2 vehicles were behind the [REDACTED] vehicle.

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4 The vehicles were too far away from me to be able to see the license plates of the vehicles. All then
5 drove away.

6
7 I walked back to my vehicle and asked [REDACTED] who that was yelling and screaming at me. She
8 identified him as [REDACTED]. I added [REDACTED] to the person of this incident as a
9 result of the PC-69.

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11 I radioed dispatch that I needed additional units at my location as family members were arriving at my
12 location. A short time later, Hoopa Police Chief Ramos arrived. I briefed him on what I knew. Chief
13 Ramos quickly went behind his unmarked patrol vehicle and phoned Hoopa Tribal Chairman Joe Davis.
14 He briefed Davis of this incident. He further requested to Davis he not divulge the information to
15 anyone [REDACTED]. I could hear Chief Ramos telling Chairman Davis to tell
16 no one and not even the Hoopa Tribal Council Members.

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18 I am unsure if that was kept confidential as a short time later more family began arriving at my
19 location and the other location behind the old Laura's kitchen area.

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21 A short time later, Corporal Buzzard and Deputy Truex arrived at my location and began the crime
22 scene log. Sergeant Head and CHP Sergeant Harvey arrived at my location. A short time later Hoopa
23 PD Sergeant McCovey arrived.

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25 Chief Ramos and Hoopa PD Officer Hurley transported [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from my
26 vehicle to their office.

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28 At about 1500 hours, HCSO MCD Detectives arrived along with Evidence Technician [REDACTED]. They
29 had secured the search warrant for the vehicle and began the search later recovering a loaded .22
30 handgun revolver and H&S.

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32 CHP MAIT Officers arrived and began their investigation as well.

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34 At about 1930 hours, I met with DOJ where I was asked to provide a brief statement of the incident. I
35 provided the audio recorded statement to DOJ Agent Coats and Rotberg.

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37 At about 2000 hours, I was released from the scene by HCSO Lieutenant Holt and Sergeant Massaro.

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39 Case forwarded to MCD and DA's Office for review.
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SUPPLEMENT 1 - Supplemental

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- 1 On 9-17-23, at about 0746 hours, I was working uniformed patrol for the (HCSO) Humboldt County Sheriff's
- 2 Office in a marked patrol vehicle while doubled with my Field Training Officer, Corporal Buzzard. I was dispatched
- 3 to respond to this incident for scene security purposes.
- 4
- 5 I arrived on scene and saw that Hoopa Tribal Police Chief Ramos was on scene with Deputy Brooks. I saw (M)
- 6 [REDACTED] and (M) [REDACTED] detained in Deputy Brooks' patrol vehicle. Corporal Buzzard and I taped off
- 7 the crime scene and started a crime-scene log for documentation.
- 8
- 9 I maintained the crime-scene log until approximately 1626 hours when I was released from the crime scene by
- 10 Sergeant Head. The crime-scene log was transferred to Deputy Brooks.
- 11
- 12 Nothing Further.
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1 On 09/17/2023, I responded to [REDACTED] Hwy 96 to assist with investigating an Officer Involved
2 Shooting. I was assigned to work with DAI Chelsea Brawner and HCSO Detective Vickman to process a [REDACTED]
3 Volkswagen Jetta CA lic [REDACTED] and the CHP vehicle CA lic [REDACTED]. The vehicles were located at the following
4 GPS coordinates, [REDACTED] W in Hoopa CA, see below Google Maps and sUAS images. The scene
5 was taped off with yellow evidence tape and several officers were providing security to the location. See the
6 crime scene log for all officers present.
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The Jetta was parked facing north with the front of the car nosed into a brush area with a worn foot path into the brush just in front of it. The driver's door was open along with both passenger side doors. The CHP vehicle was parked facing north behind the Jetta and just to the east of it. The red and blue lights of the vehicle were flashing. The HCSO vehicle was parked facing to the north, it was east of the CHP vehicle a little in front it. The red and blue lights of the HCSO vehicle were flashing. I took overall photographs of the exterior of the vehicles. After the search warrant was signed for the vehicles I took overall photographs of the interior of the Jetta and the CHP vehicle. I did not take photographs of the interior of the HCSO vehicle. Deputy Brooks indicated that he had turned off the Jetta and placed the keys to it on the driver's seat.

DAI Brawner and Detective Vickman assisted with searching the interior of the Jetta. The interior of the vehicle was not well kept and contained a large amount of misc. items including drug paraphernalia. I took photographs of indicia for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The following items were collected as evidence:

- 1. Samsung Galaxy A025, IMEI [REDACTED], on, placed in airplane mode on scene, not locked
Located: on ground next to rear tire on driver's side
- 2. Ruger Single Six .22 cal revolver, SER# [REDACTED]
Located: in bag on front passenger floorboard
- 3. 3 live .22 cal rounds and 2 .22 cal spent casings
Located: removed from cylinder of item #2 (Ruger Singel Six revolver)
- 4. Flipper, black an aluminum bat sawn off to bully club size
Located: next to power pole under brush at head of foot path

I took overall photographs of the interior of the CHP vehicle. Both the long gun and shotgun were locked in their respective gun locks in the vehicle. The in car video camera appeared to be operating, but not currently recording. A CHP officer on scene indicated that the model camera was older and required admin permissions to be able to download the video, so it was not collected at this time. Nothing appeared to be out of the ordinary with the vehicle. No items were collected from the CHP vehicle.

I utilized a sUAS to take aerial photographs of the location of the vehicles. I also took a video from the vehicle's location to the approximate area that the body was located. This was to give an idea of the location where the foot pursuit occurred.

I utilized a Leica C10 scanner to scan the area around the vehicles. The scanner serial number is [REDACTED]. I placed a scanning artifact into the scene. The weather was sunny and smokey. Images were captured. Targets were not used. I took a total of 4 scans. I created a scan plan to document the locations of the scan worlds. The scan plan is attached to this report. On 09/18/2023, I copied the RAW scan data to a flash drive and booked it into evidence. I also created a copy to provide to the CDOJ BFS.

After finishing with documenting and collecting evidence at the vehicle location. I responded to the location of the deceased. I assisted with attempting to locate casings in the tall grass next to the deceased. I did

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1 not photograph or collect anything from this scene as that was being handle by CDOJ BFS and EPD Evidence Tech
2 [REDACTED]

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4 On 09/18/2023, I copied all photographs to a DVD and booked it into evidence. A second DVD containing
5 the sUAS photos and video was booked under the same item number. I copied the photographs and sUAS photos
6 and video to a flash drive and provided it to Investigator Hicks to later provide to the CDOJ CaPSIT team. I booked
7 all other items collected into evidence. Item #1 the Samsung cell phone was booked into the MCD cell phone
8 locker to allow for it to be plugged into power and remain on.

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10 Nothing further.
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SUPPLEMENT 3 - WITNESS/CANVAS INTERVIEWS

1 **ASSIGNMENT:**

2 On Sunday September 17, 2023, I was the assigned on-call Investigator for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
3 Major Crimes Division. At 0801 hours, I received a text from Sergeant Massaro advising me that a California
4 Highway Patrol officer had been involved in an officer involved shooting in Hoopa. Sergeant Massaro advised me
5 to respond to the Major Crimes Division.

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7 **BRIEFING:**

8 I participated in a briefing led by Sergeant Massaro. Sergeant Massaro advised me that on the morning of
9 September 17, 2023 California Highway Patrol Officer Johnson and Deputy Brooks had attempted to conduct a
10 traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle. The male occupant of the vehicle sped off, drove across a field, and fled
11 the vehicle on foot. Officer Johnson pursued the male and Deputy Brooks detained two female passengers of the
12 vehicle. Officer Johnson became involved in a physical altercation with the male. Officer Johnson discharged his
13 firearm striking the male. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene. The male was tentatively
14 identified as [REDACTED]. The passengers were identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
15 and [REDACTED] were currently at the Hoopa Tribal Police Department.

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17 Sergeant Massaro and District Attorney Investigator Greg Hill were designated as the lead investigators. I was
18 assigned to an interview team. I was partnered with Fortuna Police Department Detective Richardson and our
19 team leader was Cal Poly Humboldt Police Department Lieutenant Cress. Our first assignment was to interview
20 [REDACTED].

21
22 I responded to the Hoopa Tribal Police Department.

23
24 **BRENDA LEWIS INTERVIEW:**

25 On September 17, 2023 at about 1240 hours, Detective Richardson and I interviewed [REDACTED] in an
26 interview room at the Hoopa Tribal Police Department. As we spoke, [REDACTED] ate pizza that had been
27 provided to her by Lieutenant Cress.

28
29 I advised [REDACTED] she was not under arrest and was free to leave at any time. The interview room we were
30 in had the door open. [REDACTED] was sitting next to the open door and Detective Richardson and I sat on the
31 opposite side of the room.

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33 I thanked [REDACTED] for staying to speak with us. [REDACTED] made a comment about not having much
34 choice in the matter. I told [REDACTED] I wanted to speak with her but wanted our conversation to be
35 voluntary. [REDACTED] stated she understood and was willing to speak with us. I told [REDACTED] she could
36 choose not to answer any questions or end the interview whenever she pleased.

37
38 I asked [REDACTED] her name, address, and telephone number. When she provided her phone number she
39 stated her phone was in her vehicle. [REDACTED] indicated she lived on Big Hill Lane in Hoopa.

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41 [REDACTED] asked if she was going to get her car back. I asked [REDACTED] if the vehicle she was a passenger
42 in that morning was the car she was talking about. She stated it was. [REDACTED] purchased the vehicle from

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1 Buddy's Towing "a little over a month ago" for \$1,000.

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3 I asked [REDACTED], "When did all of this start?" [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had been in
4 possession of her vehicle for a couple of days. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was her boyfriend.
5 [REDACTED] arrived home on the morning of September 17, 2023.

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7 [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was at her residence and wanted a ride home. [REDACTED] did not
8 want [REDACTED] to take off with her car again so she got a makeup bag and shoes and went with [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] to take [REDACTED] home.

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11 [REDACTED] stated that she and [REDACTED] were "both kinda sl like sleeping". They were traveling through
12 town and passed law enforcement vehicles parked across SR96 form the gas station. [REDACTED] then turned
13 down the road toward [REDACTED] residence. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] what he was doing.
14 [REDACTED] stated the law enforcement officers had pulled onto the road behind him.

15
16 [REDACTED] drove down the road and [REDACTED] believed he was going to stop at [REDACTED]
17 residence. [REDACTED] stated that he did not stop the vehicle and went through the field. [REDACTED]
18 described it as "Baja-ing" across the field.

19
20 [REDACTED] then exited the vehicle and ran. [REDACTED] did not know why [REDACTED] ran. [REDACTED]
21 stated she did not know what [REDACTED] had done the past couple of days. [REDACTED] stated the
22 vehicle was still moving when [REDACTED] exited it.

23
24 [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] took off through the brush/brier patch that was directly in front of the
25 vehicle. [REDACTED] remained sitting in the car. She stated, "It happened so fast, I didn't realize what was
26 going on." [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was asleep in the back seat of the car as this occurred.

27
28 [REDACTED] stated that Deputy Brooks ordered [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] out of the vehicle and they
29 complied. They were standing at the rear of the vehicle and [REDACTED] heard three gunshots. She described
30 the gunshots as coming from near the old Laura's Kitchen.

31
32 [REDACTED] stated, "He didn't have to shoot him." She stated she didn't know what had occurred. [REDACTED]
33 stated she did not believe that [REDACTED] was armed.

34
35 [REDACTED] made a comment about wanting to leave to go see if [REDACTED] was ok. I advised [REDACTED]
36 she was free to leave but asked if she would be willing to stay and answer some questions.

37
38 [REDACTED] stated she did not know what questions she could answer. She stated it was "seven something in
39 the morning" and "it all happened so damned fast".

40
41 I told [REDACTED] some of my questions were about her statement that [REDACTED] was not armed. [REDACTED]
42 [REDACTED] stated, "When he got out of the car and ran he didn't have anything on but except the clothes he had on."

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2 I asked [REDACTED] if he was known to carry weapons. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had a pistol
3 that he takes when they go fishing. She described it as an old fashioned six shooter. [REDACTED] did not know
4 where the pistol currently was.
5
6 [REDACTED] brought up that [REDACTED] had not been home for a couple of days. I asked how long he had
7 been gone prior to that morning. [REDACTED] estimated he had been gone for about 24 hours.
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9 I asked where everyone was seated in the vehicle. [REDACTED] stated she was sitting in the front passenger
10 seat, [REDACTED] was driving, and [REDACTED] was in the rear seat on the passenger side.
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12 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had been dating off and on for a year to a year and a half. They had recently
13 got back together. [REDACTED] had known [REDACTED] for about 5 years.
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15 I asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] had any problems with law enforcement. [REDACTED] stated that she
16 believed [REDACTED] had a citable warrant but did not know of any problems he has with law enforcement.
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18 [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] did not have a driver's license. [REDACTED] stated she had just bought
19 the vehicle and all of the relevant paperwork was in the glove compartment. I asked [REDACTED] if there were
20 any weapons or narcotics in the vehicle. [REDACTED] stated there shouldn't be but that the car was not in her
21 possession for the past couple of days.
22
23 I asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] appeared to be under the influence of anything, [REDACTED] stated that
24 [REDACTED] had not been asleep for several days and she suspected he had been using something. [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had a bad fentanyl habit.
26
27 Detective Richardson asked what observations [REDACTED] made to cause her to believe that [REDACTED]
28 was under the influence of something. [REDACTED] stated that when [REDACTED] got home, they were
29 "bickering" and that she believed [REDACTED] had not slept in several days. I asked what behaviors she
30 observed to cause her to believe he was under the influence of something. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]
31 [REDACTED] had not been erratic.
32
33 [REDACTED] stated that they had previously passed law enforcement officers with no problems. On September
34 17, 2023, when [REDACTED] passed the patrol vehicles, he turned down the road to [REDACTED]
35 residence. [REDACTED] did not know why [REDACTED] did this.
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37 [REDACTED] exited the vehicle and ran and did not say anything. [REDACTED] stated the vehicle was still
38 moving and rolled into the briars.
39
40 [REDACTED] then saw an officer run past the vehicle and chase [REDACTED]. Deputy Brooks told [REDACTED]
41 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to exit the vehicle and they complied. They were at the rear of [REDACTED]' vehicle
42 speaking with Deputy Brooks when [REDACTED] heard three gunshots.

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2 I asked if [REDACTED] could estimate how much time had passed between the time [REDACTED] exited the
3 vehicle and when she heard the gunshots. [REDACTED] estimated it was less than a few minutes.
4

5 [REDACTED] stated she was positive it was three gunshots. She stated all three gunshots sounded the same.
6 [REDACTED] stated the shots came one right after the other,
7

8 Detective Richardson asked [REDACTED] what [REDACTED] said when the patrol car pulled out behind their
9 vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] said, "Baby they pulled out behind me." He clarified, "The
10 cops are behind me."
11

12 [REDACTED] had told [REDACTED] to stop. [REDACTED] stated there was no reason for [REDACTED] to
13 flee from law enforcement.
14

15 I asked where they were headed. [REDACTED] stated that they were headed to [REDACTED]' residence on
16 [REDACTED] Road in Hoopa.
17

18 [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] did not say anything besides "They pulled out behind me."
19 [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] drove almost to the end of the road and then cut across two fields. [REDACTED]
20 then jumped out of the vehicle and ran.
21

22 I asked [REDACTED] how long [REDACTED] had been home prior to them leaving to take [REDACTED]
23 home. [REDACTED] estimated he was home "an hour or two". I asked if anything out of the ordinary occurred
24 during that time,
25

26 [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had talked about wanting to go fishing. [REDACTED] had no idea
27 where [REDACTED] had been prior to returning home.
28

29 I asked [REDACTED] about the law enforcement officers that initially contacted them. [REDACTED] stated she
30 did not know the officer that chased [REDACTED]. He was wearing a uniform and a baseball cap. [REDACTED]
31 [REDACTED] stated the uniform was dark blue and short sleeved.
32

33 [REDACTED] stated she had known Deputy Brooks for a while. Deputy Brooks was wearing a pleated khaki
34 colored short sleeve shirt and had his name on it.
35

36 I asked [REDACTED] if she made any observations about the patrol vehicles when they were behind her vehicle.
37 [REDACTED] did not make any visual observations of the vehicle but heard a siren as they were almost near
38 some boulders. [REDACTED] described it as one blare of the siren. [REDACTED] described the boulders as
39 being as large as her vehicle.
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41 I asked [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] residence was. She stated it was two driveways south of the [REDACTED]
42 [REDACTED]. She stated it was the only residence down that road.

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2 Detective Richardson asked [REDACTED] if she was scared during the incident. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] driving was scaring her and she asked him to stop multiple times. She believed the reason [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] stopped was because she yelling at him to stop.
5

6 Detective Richardson asked if [REDACTED] had any personal property in the vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that
7 she and [REDACTED] lived together and therefore they both had belongings in the vehicle.
8

9 I advised [REDACTED] that her vehicle was going to be subject of a search warrant and would be under law
10 enforcement control. I advised her I did not know what the final disposition of the vehicle would be but that it
11 would be subject to the search warrant for a period of time. [REDACTED] asked if she could retrieve her phone
12 from the vehicle. [REDACTED] wanted her phone to check on the status of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated
13 she was going to leave and wanted her phone.
14

15 I exited the room and spoke with Lieutenant Cress about a potential timeline for getting an answer about her
16 phone. There was no timeline available. It was decided to notify [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was
17 deceased. Chaplain Morse had arrived at the Hoopa Police Department and agreed to be on standby to assist as
18 needed.
19

20 I entered the interview room. I advised [REDACTED] that we would not be able to release her phone to her
21 anytime soon. I told her that I was able to provide her with the status of [REDACTED] and advised her that he
22 had died.
23

24 Chaplain Morse entered the room. [REDACTED] stated, "You guys killed my boyfriend. I gotta go get away from
25 here." [REDACTED] exited the interview room and walked to the room that she had been waiting in and had left
26 her shoes in. I offered to call someone for [REDACTED]. She declined my offer and states she wanted to leave.
27 [REDACTED] retrieved her shoes and I showed her the exit. As she was exited, Lieutenant Cress offered to get
28 a ride.
29

30 The interview was audio and video recorded using my Body Worn Camera. I logged into the Visual Labs
31 dashboard and captioned the recordings with this case number and changed the retention time to "Indefinite".
32

33 **ALAMEDA TRAILER PARK CANVAS:**

34 On September 17, 2023 at about 1430 hours, Investigator Taylor, Rio Dell Police Department Sergeant
35 Beauchaine, Detective Richardson, I were assigned to canvas the area directly across SR96 from Legion Way
36 known as the Alameda Trailer Park. I again partnered with Detective Richardson.
37

38 In the parking area we located and spoke with a male who identified himself as [REDACTED]. He stated he did not see
39 the incident.
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41 At space [REDACTED] we spoke with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
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1 At the trailer at the [REDACTED] portion of the trailer park we spoke with [REDACTED].
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3 Details of these interviews were documented by Detective Richardson. See his report for details.
4

5 These interviews were audio and video recorded using my Body Worn Camera. I logged into the Visual Labs
6 dashboard and captioned the recordings with this case number and changed the retention time to "Indefinite".
7

8 **HOOPA AMBULANCE PERSONNEL:**

9 On September 17, 2023 at about 1501 hours, Detective Richardson responded to the Hoopa Tribal Police
10 Department to interview the medical personnel that responded. We interviewed Paramedics [REDACTED]
11 and [REDACTED]. They were interviewed individually in the rear parking area of the Hoopa Tribal Police
12 Department.
13

14 Details of these interviews were documented by Detective Richardson. See his report for details.
15

16 These interviews were audio and video recorded using my Body Worn Camera. I logged into the Visual Labs
17 dashboard and captioned the recordings with this case number and changed the retention time to "Indefinite".
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19 **CHEONE STREET CANVASS:**

20 On September 17, 2023 at about 1157 hours, Detective Richardson and I responded to the area directly behind
21 the Hoopa Tribal Police Department. This has been known as a portion of the Alameda Trailer Park and also
22 named Cheone Street. The trailers on the left side of the road are directly behind the Hoopa Tribal Police
23 Department. The trailers on the right side of the road are on Orcutt Lane, one road to the south with the rear of
24 the residences facing Cheone Street.
25

26 Deputy Buihner and Lieutenant Cress also canvassed in this area.
27

28 At the first trailer on the left, [REDACTED] Cheone Street, we encountered a locked gate. We were unable to get the
29 attention of anyone inside the residence. There was a [REDACTED] Toyota Corolla parked in the driveway. I requested
30 dispatch run the vehicle and attempt to locate a telephone number for the registered owner. Dispatch advised
31 they registered owner was [REDACTED]. Dispatch could not locate a current phone number for [REDACTED].
32 [REDACTED].
33

34 At the second trailer on the left we spoke with [REDACTED].
35

36 At the fourth trailer on the left we spoke with [REDACTED].
37

38 At the fifth trailer on the left we spoke with [REDACTED] (AKA [REDACTED]).
39

40 We observed a Jeep Wrangler pull up and the occupant enter a gate on the south side of the street. We
41 contacted and spoke with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. That residence is [REDACTED] Orcutt Lane.
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1 We then went to the end of the road and attempted contact at the trailer directly at the end of the road. No one
2 answered the door.

3
4 Details of these interviews were documented by Detective Richardson. See his report for details.
5

6 These interviews were audio and video recorded using my Body Worn Camera. I logged into the Visual Labs
7 dashboard and captioned the recordings with this case number and changed the retention time to "Indefinite".
8

9 [REDACTED]:

10 On September 17, 2023 at about 1640 hours, I observed Sergeant Beauchaine speaking with someone in a [REDACTED]
11 Toyota pick-up at the entrance to [REDACTED] Lane near the Hoopa Mini Mart. Since Sergeant Beauchaine did not
12 have anyone with him, I joined him. Sergeant Beauchaine was speaking with [REDACTED] who stated she
13 was the mother of [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] learned that [REDACTED] had died she became
14 upset. She was offered an opportunity to speak with Chaplain Morse, we offered to call someone for her, and we
15 offered to provide a ride for her. She declined these offers. She requested someone contact her with more
16 information. I took her contact information and provided it to Sergeant Massaro, Investigator Hill, and Deputy
17 Zeck, the assigned Coroner Investigator.
18

19 Details of this interviews were documented by Sergeant Beauchaine. See his report for details.
20

21 These interviews were audio and video recorded using my Body Worn Camera. I logged into the Visual Labs
22 dashboard and captioned the recordings with this case number and changed the retention time to "Indefinite".
23

24 [REDACTED]:

25 On September 17, 2023 at about 1712 hours, I received a call from Deputy Willoughby. He advised me that he
26 had heard [REDACTED] may have information and may have been one of the parties to call 9-1-1 regarding
27 this incident.
28

29 Hoopa Tribal Police Department provided a phone number for [REDACTED]. I called that
30 number and left a message requested she contact me at the Sheriff's Office.
31

32 Lieutenant Cress and I responded to [REDACTED] residence located in [REDACTED]. As we
33 responded a Hoopa Tribal Police Officer advised he had just seen [REDACTED] driving southbound on SR96.
34

35 We were unable to make contact with [REDACTED] and she has not returned my call.
36

37 **COLLECT VIDEOS:**

38 On September 18, 2023, Sergeant Massaro tasked me with collecting video of the interviews conducted of
39 [REDACTED]. Sergeant Massaro provided me a USB drive
40 to place the interviews on.
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42 I downloaded the interview of [REDACTED], conducted by myself and Detective Richardson, from my body worn

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1 camera using the Visual Labs dashboard. I copied the interview to the USB drive provided by Sergeant Massaro.
2
3 I downloaded the interview of [REDACTED], conducted by Investigator Taylor and Sergeant Beauchaine, from
4 the StarWitness mobile interviewer. I copied it onto a new USB drive and booked it into evidence. I also copied
5 the video onto the USB drive provided by Sergeant Massaro.
6
7 Sergeant Beauchaine responded to the Major Crimes Division and provided me with a USB drive containing his
8 body worn camera footage. He advised it was a working copy and would provide an evidence copy with his
9 report. I copied the interview of [REDACTED], conducted by Investigator Taylor and Sergeant Beauchaine to
10 the USB drive provided by Sergeant Massaro.
11
12 Lieutenant Cress responded to the Major Crimes Division and provided me with a USB drive containing his body
13 worn camera footage. To be consistent with Sergeant Beauchaine this USB drive was a working copy and
14 Lieutenant Cress would provide an evidence copy with his report. I copied the interview with [REDACTED],
15 conducted by Lieutenant Cress to the USB drive provided by Sergeant Massaro.
16
17 On September 19, 2023, I provided Sergeant Massaro the USB drive he gave me with the videos he requested. I
18 also gave him the USB drives I received from Sergeant Beauchaine and Lieutenant Cress.
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20 **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

21 Any further action by me will be documented in an additional supplemental report.
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SUPPLEMENT 4 - Officer Processing

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1 On 9/17/2023, at approximately 0840 hours, I received a call from Forensic Specialist [REDACTED] that an
2 officer involved shooting had occurred in Hoopa, CA. I arrived at the HCSO briefing room around 9:30am, where I
3 was met with several law enforcement personnel. Sergeant Massaro briefed us on the incident then assigned us
4 a task. APD Evidence Technician [REDACTED], EPD Detective Sgt Crnich and I were tasked with processing Officer Neil
5 Johnson.

6 At approximately 1020 hours, we were advised that Officer Johnson was enroute to Saint Joseph's
7 Hospital and that his duty clothes and gear was at the CHP station in Willow Creek. We arrived at the hospital
8 shortly after and waited for his arrival.

9 At approximately 1050 hours, Officer Johnson arrived, and Evidence Technician [REDACTED] took photographs
10 of his wounds. Officer Johnson had a bite mark on the back of his leg, bruising on the left side of his face and
11 several cuts on his hands, arms, and legs.

12 At approximately 1320 hours, Evidence Technician [REDACTED], Sgt Crnich and I arrived at the CHP office to
13 process the clothing and handgun, however the items had been transported back to the incident location. We
14 were then informed the items would not be processed until DOJ investigators arrived.

15 Evidence Technician [REDACTED] and I were then reassigned with evidence collection. Items located was
16 collected by CDOJ BFS and photographed by EPD Evidence Tech [REDACTED]. I also searched the path where the foot
17 chase may have occurred and did not locate any items of evidentiary value. The officers clothing was later
18 released by CHP to DOJ.
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SUPPLEMENT 5 - Witness Interviews

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1 On 09/17/23 at about 0800 hours, I was notified by Sgt. Massaro that an officer-involved shooting had occurred
2 in the Hoopa, CA area. Sgt. Massaro advised the agency involved in the shooting was CHP (California Highway
3 Patrol) and the subject who was shot, which was believed to be [REDACTED], was deceased. Sgt. Massaro
4 requested I respond to HCSO (Humboldt County Sheriff's Office) for briefing.
5

6 A short time later I arrived at the HCSO along with representatives from various other agencies. Collectively we
7 discussed the limited information that was known regarding the incident, which was that a CHP officer had
8 attempted to pull over a vehicle, a foot pursuit ensued and a fatal shooting had occurred. We were also advised
9 that two females were located inside the vehicle involved in the traffic stop and they were detained by Deputy
10 Brooks. The females were identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Assignments were given to
11 individuals and I was tasked with partnering alongside Rio Dell Sgt. Beauchaine to interview [REDACTED].
12

13 At about 1230 hours, I arrived at the HVTPD (Hoopa Valley Trial Police Department). Sgt. Beauchaine and I met
14 with [REDACTED] who was standing by in an office at the HVTPD. The interview with [REDACTED] was digitally recorded
15 and later transferred to a DVD and booked into evidence. The following is a summary of the interview with
16 [REDACTED]. Refer to the recorded interview for full and complete details:
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18 I began the interview with [REDACTED] by advising her that she was not under arrest and did not have to speak with
19 us if she did not want to. [REDACTED] asked if she could leave. I asked [REDACTED] if she did not want to speak with us.
20 [REDACTED] stated she was sleeping and had nothing to say. [REDACTED] stated she woke up to the car going "boom
21 boom boom" [REDACTED] was using her hands in an up and down motion as though explaining the car was going
22 over bumps). I told [REDACTED] we had other questions for her other than just what happened in the car and asked if
23 she was ok with that. [REDACTED] stated "sure."
24

25 I asked [REDACTED] if she was coming down off drugs, due to the fact that she was unable to stay awake. [REDACTED]
26 stated she actually thought she was pregnant. I asked [REDACTED] if they were out partying the night before. [REDACTED]
27 shook her head indicating no and stated she had just come back from out of town and was just tired. [REDACTED]
28 stated she had went and hung out with friends and her mom was giving her a ride. I asked [REDACTED] who her mom
29 was. [REDACTED] stated it was [REDACTED] which was [REDACTED] who was the other female detained by Deputy
30 Brooks.
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32 I asked [REDACTED] what she was doing before waking up in the car. [REDACTED] stated, "Stuff." I asked [REDACTED] who she
33 was with. [REDACTED] stated she was just hanging out with her mom [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] if she knew who
34 picked her up. [REDACTED] stated she was in the car. Sgt. Beauchaine asked whose car it was. [REDACTED] stated the car
35 she got pulled over in. I asked [REDACTED] if she knew whose car that was. [REDACTED] stated it was her mom's car. I
36 asked [REDACTED] if she knew who the guy was that was driving it. [REDACTED] stated, "Her man" referring to [REDACTED]
37 boyfriend. I asked [REDACTED] if she knew who he was. [REDACTED] stated she just called him "her man" or [REDACTED].
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39 Sgt. Beauchaine told [REDACTED] that we did not know a lot about what happened, and we hoped she could help us.
40 [REDACTED] stated she did not know a lot and had just woke up. [REDACTED] asked if she could leave and stated she was
41 about to vomit. I asked [REDACTED] if she would be willing to speak with us in the future [REDACTED] stated possibly, but
42 she was not sure. I provided [REDACTED] with my business card in case she decided to speak with us further.

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At this point, [REDACTED] asked if he was ok, referring to the [REDACTED]. Sgt. Beauchaine advised [REDACTED] we did not have a lot of information at this time.

The interview with [REDACTED] ended at this time.

A short time after speaking with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] arrived at the HVTPD. [REDACTED] stated he lived in the house right next to where the incident took place and he was told someone would speak with him. [REDACTED] stated he didn't want to wait to talk to someone anymore, so he came to the HVTPD to make a statement. Sgt. Beauchaine and I spoke with [REDACTED] in an interview room at the HVTPD. Refer to Sgt. Beauchaine's report for information regarding [REDACTED] statement.

After speaking with [REDACTED], Sgt. Beauchaine and I canvassed the area to the west of where the shooting took place. Refer to Sgt. Beauchaine's report for further information.

After canvassing the area, Sgt. Beauchaine and I responded back to the HVTPD. While at HVTPD, [REDACTED], who is a dispatcher with HVTPD, provided me with a CD that contained surveillance captured by cameras at HVTPD.

On 09/19/23, Sgt. Massaro requested I attempt to locate the registered owner of a firearm that was found in the vehicle that had been driven by [REDACTED]. I spoke with Detective Vickman who was part of the team assigned to process the vehicle for evidence. Detective Vickman stated District Attorney Investigator C. Brawner had been the one who located the firearm inside the vehicle. The firearm was a .22 caliber Ruger revolver, serial number [REDACTED]. The firearm returned registered to [REDACTED] with a date of transaction noted as 10/22/71 and a city listed as Sunnyvale.

I searched for [REDACTED] using Lexis Nexis and found a person with that name and a DOB of [REDACTED] but he was listed as deceased since 2001. There were multiple cities listed as addresses for [REDACTED] including San Juan Bautista, Burbank, Woodside, Santa Cruz, Danville, Belmont and Holister, all of which were in California.

Based upon the above information, I believed the registered owner of the firearm is deceased and the circumstances as to how the firearm came to be in the vehicle are unknown.

I next watched the surveillance footage that was given to me by HVTPD dispatcher [REDACTED]. The video is 1 minute and 18 seconds long. The camera points to the south/west of the HVTPD building and captures HWY 96. The timestamp on the recording indicated it was 09/17/23 at 0728 hours. In the footage, I observed a CHP vehicle with an officer sitting in the driver seat and an HCSO vehicle parked next to the CHP vehicle. There is a deputy standing between the two vehicles, presumably speaking with the CHP officer. The two vehicles are parked on the west side of HWY 96, across from the Hoopa Mini Mart. About five seconds into the footage, a [REDACTED] Volkswagen Jetta is travelling southbound on Hwy 96 and passes the CHP and deputy. The CHP officer pulls out and follows the Jetta, which turns east just south of the Hoopa Mini Mart. The HCSO deputy gets into his vehicle and follows the Jetta and CHP officer. After turning east just south of the Hoopa Mini Mart, all the vehicles drive

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1 out of sight of the surveillance. I later booked the CD into evidence.

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3 Nothing further at this time.

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SUPPLEMENT 6 - Crime Scene Security

1 On 09/17/2023 at approximately 0730 hours, I was working for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office assigned to
2 the Special Services Division. I was made aware of an officer involved shooting in the area of [REDACTED] Highway 96
3 in Hoopa. I responded to the scene from Hydesville and arrived on scene at approximately 0849 hours. I was met
4 by Deputy Froeming, CHP Officer Johnson, and CHP Officer Griffin. Deputy Froeming had established a crime
5 scene and crime scene log. I took over the crime scene log at 0904 and authored that log until 1940 hours when
6 the crime scene was collapsed.

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8 I later booked the crime scene log into evidence and uploaded a digital copy to this report.

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10 This supplemental is for information only at this time.

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12 Attachments:

13 Crime Scene Log

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1 ASSIGNMENT:

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3 On 09/17/2023, I was in an off-duty capacity but still available for call outs as a Detective with the HCSO Major
4 Crimes Division. At around 0800 hours, I was informed by Sergeant B. Massaro of an officer involved shooting
5 (OIS) that occurred in Hoopa (County of Humboldt) and CIRT was being activated. Sgt. Massaro requested I
6 respond to the HCSO Main Station for a briefing at 0930 hours.
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8 CIRT BRIEFING:

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10 On 09/17/2023, at around 0930 hours, I attended the CIRT briefing, wherein, I learned a CHP officer attempted
11 to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle on Highway 96 near the Hoopa Mini Mart area. The [REDACTED] vehicle
12 continued driving before coming to stop at a dead-end unpaved road which intersected with [REDACTED],
13 Hoopa. The male driver fled from the vehicle on foot, with the CHP officer in foot pursuit, and concluded with a
14 fatal OIS. The location of the OIS and male decedent was separate from the location of the vehicles. HCSO
15 Deputy D. Brooks was on scene with the vehicles and had two females, identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED], detained. Responding HCSO patrol deputies and CHP officers responded to the two different
17 crime scene locations and secured them pending CIRTs arrival and investigation.
18

19 Sgt. Massaro assigned me and HCSO Forensic Specialist [REDACTED] to assist Team Lead District Attorney
20 Investigator (DAI) C. Brawner with the processing of the [REDACTED] vehicle and patrol vehicle. Eureka Police
21 Department Detective R. Nunez was tasked with authoring a search warrant for the [REDACTED] vehicle and the
22 necessary parcels to access the vehicles.
23

24 I viewed the RIMS call for service and observed the [REDACTED] vehicle was identified as a [REDACTED] Volkswagen Jetta
25 (CA - [REDACTED]). According to a DMV check, the Jetta was registered to [REDACTED]. I provided the
26 vehicle information to Det. Nunez for the search warrant.
27

28 VEHICLE CRIME SCENE:

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30 On 09/17/2023, at around 1216 hours, I arrived on scene with the [REDACTED] vehicle and CHP patrol vehicle at the
31 unpaved road and Mesket Lane. Shortly thereafter, DAI Brawner and FS [REDACTED] arrived. I called Det. Nunez,
32 who advised me the search warrant was granted. At around 1302 hours, Det. Nunez emailed me the granted
33 search warrant for confirmation. I viewed the search warrant and saw it was granted by the Honorable Judge
34 Gregory Kreis at 1256 hours. During this period of waiting for the search warrant, Deputy Brooks informed me
35 although the Jetta was registered to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] verbally claimed ownership of it.
36

37 During my initial observation of the Jetta, I observed the vehicle to be off with the driver side door and both the
38 passenger front and rear doors open. In viewing the CHP patrol vehicle, I observed the vehicle was still on with
39 the keys in the ignition and the front facing red and blue lights were illuminated.
40

41 After FS [REDACTED] took photographs of the [REDACTED] vehicle, I searched the front driver's side and the rear driver's
42 side area of the Jetta. In both areas I searched, I located pieces of tin foil with black residue and various plastic

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1 cylindrical tubes, appearing to be pen casings and straws, that seemed to be used as a smoking apparatus.
2 Based upon my training and experience, I identified the tin foil with residue and the smoking apparatuses were
3 consistent with illicit substance use. In the front driver's seat, I located an extra-large glass mason jar that
4 contained a red liquid substance. I smelled the substance which contained an odor similar to cough medicine. I
5 was unable to determine exactly what the substance was. Within the driver's side door, I located unspent
6 ammunition, which I requested FS [REDACTED] photograph. At this time, I had no information to indicate the
7 ammunition had any involvement with the OIS, however, out of an abundance of caution, I requested it be
8 documented. Within the rear passenger seat, I located various open bottles of hard alcoholic beverages. I
9 moved to the vehicle's trunk, where I knew DAI Brawner had already searched, however, I opted to view the
10 contents further. Specifically, I observed there were clothing items, such as shirts and boots, that belonged to a
11 male and were male sizes.

12
13 During the search, DAI Brawner alerted me to finding a firearm located on the floorboard of the front passenger
14 of the vehicle. (See DAI Brawner's supplemental for further information on the firearm).
15

16 Following a conclusion of the search with the Jetta, FS [REDACTED] and I moved to the CHP patrol vehicle. FS
17 [REDACTED] photographed the vehicle, then I proceeded with a search of the driver's side area. I moved into the
18 rear driver's seat, then proceeded to the rear passenger seat, and concluded at the front passenger's seat. I did
19 not locate any items which appeared suspicious in nature. I observed the patrol vehicle was equipped with a
20 rifle and a shotgun, both of which were secured in their gun locks, and did not show any signs of having been
21 utilized.
22

23 Upon conclusion of my search of the patrol vehicle, FS [REDACTED] took aerial photographs and scanned the area of
24 the vehicles.
25

26 At around 1618 hours, Sgt. Massaro released me from the scene.
27

28 **FOLLOW-UP:**
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30 On 09/19/2023, at around 0900 hours, Sgt. Massaro requested I conduct follow-up into the history of contacts
31 with the [REDACTED] vehicle (Jetta) and confirm ownership of it. Using RIMS, I searched the collaborative history of
32 the Jetta and learned the Jetta was involved in an unrelated criminal matter on 05/27/2023. Ultimately, the Jetta
33 was towed by Buddy's Towing to their tow yard, located at [REDACTED] CA-299, Willow Creek. [Note: None of the
34 individuals involved in this OIS were involved in the unrelated criminal matter.]
35

36 At around 1000 hours, I called Willow Creek Buddy's Towing and spoke to a receptionist, who confirmed the Jetta
37 was towed to the facility on 05/27/2023. Although the receptionist did not have the exact dates readily
38 available, she indicated Buddy's Towing sold the Jetta to a new owner as the result of a lien sale. The
39 receptionist indicated she would recontact me with further information as to the date of the lien sale and the
40 purchaser information. I provided my phone number, then concluded the interview. To date, I have not received
41 a phone call back yet.
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1 Using Vigilant LEARN, I searched for any license plate recognition hits associated with the Jetta's license plate to
2 determine any potential recent travels, however, it yielded no results.
3

4 I provided the follow-up information to Sgt. Massaro, which concluded my involvement in this investigation.
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6 **DISPOSITION:**
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8 There is nothing further at this time. Any further information will be made a matter of written report.
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1 On September 17, 2023, I was on uniformed patrol duty for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) in my
2 designated area of Eureka, CA, within Humboldt County.

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4 Around 10:30 AM, I received a phone call from Sergeant Losey, who informed me of my assignment to assist the
5 Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) in investigating an officer-involved shooting incident that occurred in
6 Hoopa.

7
8 I proceeded to the Eureka Main station to attend the CIRT meeting and was assigned to a canvassing team. My
9 role was to canvass the surrounding area, engage with individuals, and seek video surveillance footage. I was
10 partnered with Sergeant Crnich from the Eureka Police Department (EPD). I drove to the Hoopa Valley Tribal
11 Police Department (HVTPD) and arrived on scene there at about 1204 hours.

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14 My initial conversation was with [REDACTED], a dispatcher for HVTPD. He reviewed the buildings surveillance
15 footage, which captured the inception of the incident. This footage depicted California Highway Patrol Officer
16 Neil Johnson pull onto Highway 96 and start following the [REDACTED] vehicle, closely followed by Deputy Brooks.
17 [REDACTED] had issues burning the surveillance footage to a disk. Investigator Taylor later acquired this video after
18 [REDACTED] had it burned onto a CD.

19
20 Sergeant Crnich and I initiated our canvassing by heading south from HVTPD and making a stop at the Hoopa
21 Mini Mart, situated at [REDACTED] Highway 96. There, Sergeant Crnich conversed with three individuals. For further
22 details, refer to his report.

23
24 We then proceeded southeast, tracing the route we believed the [REDACTED] had taken. We paused at a [REDACTED] trailer
25 with no visible address displayed on the house. After knocking on the door, a female voice responded, stating
26 that she neither witnessed nor heard anything and declined to engage in a conversation with us.

27
28 Continuing eastward along the gravel road, we followed tire tracks until the road veered north, leading us toward
29 the location where the [REDACTED] vehicle and patrol cars were parked. At this point, Sergeant Crnich conversed
30 with a female subject at [REDACTED] Musket St. For additional information, refer to his report.

31
32 Subsequently, we walked up a driveway northeast of the previously mentioned address, but no one was present.

33
34 Continuing our walk down the driveway, we arrived at the location where the [REDACTED] vehicle, CHP patrol car,
35 and HCSO patrol car were situated within the crime scene. We proceeded to walk down the driveway
36 immediately east of the patrol cars and engaged with two individuals at [REDACTED] Mesket Road. The following is a
37 summary of my conversation with [REDACTED]:

38
39 The first thing [REDACTED] asked was "is Johnson okay". [REDACTED] informed me that she had been outside between 7:15
40 AM and 7:45 AM on September 17, 2023, letting her chickens out when she saw "smoke" in the air and could
41 hear the sound of a "V8" revving and sirens approaching her location. [REDACTED] walked around the chicken coop and
42 into the driveway, where she observed a [REDACTED] sedan park at the base of her driveway. She saw the driver's

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1 door open, and a male subject with dark hair exited the vehicle and fled on foot north. [REDACTED] stated she knew
 2 who the driver was and stated it was [REDACTED] " [REDACTED] stated she knew of him and her only experience of
 3 [REDACTED] was negative because they used to be neighbors and there was a lot of "drug addict" traffic coming all
 4 night long and generator noise. [REDACTED] then witnessed the arrival of "Johnson's" patrol car, followed by Johnson
 5 running toward the [REDACTED]. Subsequently, "Brooks' " patrol car arrived, and she witnessed him exiting his patrol
 6 car. [REDACTED] recalled seeing a Deputies feet touch the ground beneath his patrol car, walk to the back of the vehicle,
 7 then around to the passenger side, where she identified him as Deputy Brooks. [REDACTED] initially told me Brooks
 8 arrived first, then corrected herself. [REDACTED] mentioned being familiar with Deputy Brooks from prior law
 9 enforcement encounters, where she had contacted the police. She recalled hearing commands similar to "put
 10 your hands up" or "get your hands up" and then hearing at least two gunshots in rapid succession, although she
 11 was uncertain about the exact number. She heard the same commands repeated two more times, in a more
 12 aggressive manner. [REDACTED] estimated that from the moment she saw the male [REDACTED] flee until she heard the
 13 first gunshots, it was just under a minute. [REDACTED] alerted her husband, to return as he had been walking toward
 14 Deputy Brooks down the driveway when she heard the shots. [REDACTED] then returned inside her home to change
 15 clothes since she had been wearing only a robe. Upon rejoining the scene, she approached Deputy Brooks to
 16 speak with him. [REDACTED] conveyed to me that she did not witness or hear anything else. [REDACTED] emphasized that her
 17 times were approximations, as she did not check her watch or phone during the incident. She also mentioned
 18 that she recognized the [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] but clarified that she did not know his identity at the time of
 19 the incident, learning it from a text message later. I provided [REDACTED] with my business card in case she recalled any
 20 additional information. Our conversation concluded, and as I deactivated my body-worn camera, [REDACTED] requested
 21 that I convey her well wishes to Officer Johnson, expressing concern for his well-being.

22
 23 Sergeant Crnich and I returned to the Hoopa Mini Mart to speak with the store manager, who provided video
 24 surveillance. For further details, please refer to his report.

25
 26 Subsequently, we proceeded to [REDACTED] Mesket St, where I conversed with [REDACTED]
 27 Here is a summary of my conversation with [REDACTED]

28
 29 [REDACTED] recounted that he and his wife were in bed on the morning of September 17, 2023, when he heard a
 30 series of pops. [REDACTED] stated their bed is on the west side of the house opposite where the incident occurred.
 31 His wife sat up, remarking, "that was a shots". She then exited the house, while [REDACTED] sat up. At that moment,
 32 he heard four more shots and glanced at the clock, which read 7:32 AM. [REDACTED] estimated that approximately
 33 five shots were fired in a span of ten seconds, suggesting that the incident transpired between approximately
 34 7:30 AM and 7:45 AM. [REDACTED] stated he went outside and looked around, didn't see anything and returned
 35 inside. [REDACTED] stated he returned outside about 10-15 minutes later, and saw more patrol cars arriving [REDACTED]
 36 did not hear anyone yelling or anything else.

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 38 This concludes my involvement with the initial investigation.

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 40 Forward to MCD.

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1 DOJ Case# BI-SF2023-00013

2 CHP Case# F010-107-23

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4 MCD Call out for OIS - CHP

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6 On 9/17/2023 at about 0753 hours, I received a phone call from Lt. Holt advising that there had been an Officer
7 Involved Shooting in the Hoopa area of Humboldt County with California Highway Patrol being the employing
8 agency. It was added that HCSO Deputy Brooks was involved in the incident, but not involved in the actual
9 shooting.

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11 I was provided very brief information that CHP Officer Neil Johnson had initiated a traffic stop near the mini mart
12 in Hoopa, the driver failed to yield, a foot chase ensued, CHP Officer Johnson and the driver engaged in a
13 physical altercation at the end of the foot chase, and CHP Officer Johnson fatally shot the driver during the
14 physical altercation.

15

16 I began notifying personnel from the HCSO Major Crimes Division of the shooting and requested their assistance
17 with the investigation. The Humboldt County Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) was activated. Dale
18 Cloutier with the DOJ Bureau of Forensic Services Lab was notified. Dale was present for the CIRT briefing.

19

20 CIRT Assignments

21

22 Members of CIRT met at HCSO for briefing and assignments. The assignments were as follows:

23

24 CIRT Incident Commander

25 Captain B. Quenell - HCSO

26

27 Investigation Supervisor

28 Lieutenant K. Holt - HCSO

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30 Lead Investigator

31 Sgt. B. Massaro - HCSO

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33 Co-Lead Investigator

34 DAI G. Hill - HCDA

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36 Scene Security

37 Sgt. B. Head - HCSO (Team Leader)

38 Deputy R. Willoughby - HCSO

39 Corporal S. Steele - HCSO

40 Deputy M. Froeming - HCSO

41 Deputy D. Brooks - HCSO

42 Corporal R. Buzzard - HCSO

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3 Decedent Scene

4 Sgt. L. Scown - Arcata PD (Team Leader)

5 Forensic Specialist [REDACTED] - DOJ

6 Forensic Specialist [REDACTED] - Eureka PD

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8 Vehicle Processing

9 DAI C. Brawner - HCDA (Team Leader)

10 Forensic Specialist [REDACTED] - HCSO

11 Detective D. Vickman - HCSO

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13 Officer Processing

14 Sgt. C. Crnich - EPD (Team Leader)

15 Evidence Technician [REDACTED] - Arcata PD

16 Forensic Specialist [REDACTED] - HCSO

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18 Witness Interviews

19 Lieutenant P. Cress - Cal Poly Humboldt PD (Team Leader)

20 Investigator J. Taylor - HCSO

21 Sgt. J. Beauchaine - Rio Dell PD

22 Investigator S. Hicks - HCSO

23 Detective R. Richardson - Fortuna PD

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25 Search Warrants

26 Detective R. Nunez - Eureka PD

27

28 Lead Deputy Coroner

29 Deputy C. Zeck - HCSO

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31 Logistics / Liaison with Involved Agency (CHP)

32 Officer A. Unsinger - CHP (Team Leader)

33 Officer A. Telloian - CHP

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35 Initial Information

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37 Initial information obtained was that CHP Officer Johnson and HCSO Deputy D. Brooks were parked in marked
38 patrol vehicles in the vacant lot to the South of Coast Central Credit Union, Hoopa ([REDACTED] HWY 96) observing
39 traffic on HWY 96. At approximately 0730 hours, a Volkswagen sedan drove Southbound on HWY 96 past their
40 location. Equipment violations, including a broken windshield, were observed on the vehicle. Officer Johnson
41 initiated a traffic stop and followed the vehicle Southbound on HWY 96 with Deputy Brooks following Officer
42 Johnson. The [REDACTED] vehicle then left the roadway Eastbound onto an unpaved roadway before coming to a

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1 stop nosed into the Northern brush line of the intersection of that unpaved roadway and Mesket Lane, Hoopa
2 (formerly Orcutt Trailer Park). The driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot Northbound through the brush with
3 Officer Johnson in pursuit on foot. The route the driver and Officer Johnson took during the foot pursuit was
4 unclear, but the pursuit ultimately ended in the yard of a residence at the East end of Alameda Ln., Hoopa. An
5 unknown physical altercation took place between Officer Johnson and the driver at this location concluding with
6 Officer Johnson fatally shooting the driver.

7
8 At this point in my involvement, the [REDACTED] driver/decedent had not been positively identified. The HCSO
9 Dispatch entries in RIMS listed two (2) male names: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There was
10 also an entry in the HCSO Dispatch log that the driver was possibly [REDACTED]. Through Law Enforcement
11 networking, briefing information, and several reports of vehicle evasion with local agencies, I know [REDACTED] to
12 be [REDACTED]

13
14 As more information was received, CIRT was updated during the briefing process. Some of this information
15 included:

- 16 • Officer Johnson lost a pistol magazine during the foot pursuit or altercation
- 17 • Officer Johnson tossed his Taser into the nearby brush during the altercation
- 18 • Officer Johnson either deployed his Taser on the driver or the driver deployed the Taser on Officer
19 Johnson (or both)
- 20 • Officer Johnson sustained facial trauma and a bite mark on the inner thigh during the altercation
- 21 • The driver was not believed to have been armed with a deadly weapon at the time he was fatally shot by
22 Officer Johnson
- 23 • Officer Johnson's uniform and duty gear was processed by a CHP Captain and a CHP Sergeant at the CHP
24 Willow Creek Resident Post (600 block of HWY 96). The uniform and duty gear were secured at the CHP
25 Resident Post, Willow Creek for Sgt. Crnich's Officer Processing team to collect and process for booking
- 26 • Officer Johnson was transported to Mad River Community Hospital, Arcata for medical treatment and
27 assessment. Unknown who transported Officer Johnson. MRCH was later amended to be St. Joseph's
28 Hospital, Eureka
- 29 • Deputy Brooks located and detained two (2) adult female passengers in the [REDACTED] vehicle. Those
30 females were being transported to Hoopa Tribal PD Station to await interviews with Lt. Cress' interview
31 team
- 32 • The two (2) females were identified as [REDACTED] and her Mother [REDACTED].

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34 I don't recall the exact source(s) of this information, but believe it was a conglomeration of information gathered
35 from various sources on scene.

36
37 I assigned Investigator J. Taylor and Sgt. J. Beauchaine to interview [REDACTED] and Investigator S. Hicks and
38 Detective R. Richardson to interview [REDACTED]

39
40 I assigned Detective R. Nunez - EPD to author Search Warrants for this investigation. Det. Nunez was directed to
41 write a Search Warrant for the [REDACTED] vehicle, the parcel the vehicle was located on, and any involved parcels
42 which needed to be accessed to reach the vehicle. Det. Nunez authored an additional Search Warrant for all
43 involved parcels relating to the foot pursuit and shooting scene.

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2 These warrants were later signed into order by the Honorable Judge Gregory Kreis at 1256 hours.

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4 With all assignments given, the teams departed the HCSO and responded to their respective scenes. DAI Hill and
5 I responded together in the same vehicle, first to the vehicle stop location on Mesket Ln. and then to the
6 decedent scene on Alameda Ln.

7
8 **DOJ Notification - AB 1506**

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10 With the preliminary information that the driver was not believed to have been armed with a deadly weapon at
11 the time he was fatally shot by Officer Johnson, I requested California Department of Justice be notified. We
12 were directed not to touch or disturb the decedent's body in any way until DOJ personnel could arrive to conduct
13 their investigation. Scans of the scene and overall drone footage was allowed during their travel time, but no
14 manipulation of the body.

15
16 California Assembly Bill 1506 gives jurisdiction to the California Department of Justice to investigate incidents
17 occurring in the State of California where there is an "Officer-Involved Shooting resulting in the death of an
18 Unarmed Civilian".

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20 AB 1506 defines this as follows:

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22 **1. "Officer-involved"**

23 A shooting is "officer-involved" if the death to the unarmed civilian is caused by a California peace officer, within
24 the meaning of Penal Code section 830, acting under color of authority. All shootings committed by officers while
25 on duty are officer-involved shootings. Shootings committed by officers while off-duty are considered officer-
26 involved shootings only if the officer is acting under color of authority.

27
28 Officers are acting under "color of authority" when they are performing an act that is made possible only
29 because they are clothed with the authority of law, or when they are acting under pretense of law. Conversely,
30 officers are not acting under "color of authority" when they commit private acts in furtherance of personal
31 pursuits. Shootings by correctional officers as defined in Penal Code section 830.55 are excluded.

32
33 **2. "Shooting"**

34 A "shooting" is the discharge of a metal projectile by a firearm. A "firearm" is a "device, designed to be used as a
35 weapon, from which is expelled through a barrel, a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of
36 combustion." (Pen. Code, § 16520.) A "shooting" does not include incidents involving the use of electronic
37 control devices, stun guns, BB, pellet, air, gas-powered guns, or weapons that discharge rubber bullets or
38 beanbags.

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40 **3. "Unarmed civilian"**

41 An "unarmed civilian" is "anyone who is not in possession of a deadly weapon." (Gov. Code, §
42 12525.3, subd. (a)(2).)

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2 On Scene - Vehicle Stop / Decedent
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4 We arrived at the traffic stop scene at approximately 1302 hours. I observed that the perimeter of the area had
5 been cordoned off with yellow evidence tape and the vehicles were still in position of the traffic stop. I observed
6 both the CHP vehicle and HCSO vehicle to have emergency lights still in activation. Entry/exit of the scene was
7 being regulated by crime scene log. When we departed this scene, I observed FS [REDACTED] setting up a drone for
8 overall photographic processing.
9

10 DAI Hill and I then went to Hoopa Tribal PD where we met with Hoopa Tribal PD Officer Hurley. He advised that
11 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were present awaiting interviews. We were told that there may be persons at the end of
12 Alameda Ln., near the shooting scene, who may have heard or seen part of the end result of the altercation with
13 CHP Officer Johnson and the decedent. Those persons were asked to remain in place until contacted by
14 investigators for statements.
15

16 DAI Hill and I then drove to the decedent scene at the East end of Alameda Ln. On our way, we were verbally
17 accosted by a shirtless male subject I know through prior Law Enforcement contacts as [REDACTED].
18 [REDACTED] was walking along HWY 96 shouting at us that we were not welcome in the valley, he could smell us
19 and we were stinking up his home, and a myriad of expletives. We arrived at the scene at approximately 1336
20 hours. I observed that an inner and outer perimeter of the area had been cordoned off with yellow evidence
21 tape. There was an HCSO vehicle with emergency lights activated located inside the inner perimeter at the East
22 end of Alameda Ln. The vehicle was parked diagonally facing Southwest. Entry/exit of the scene was being
23 regulated by crime scene log.
24

25 While standing at the entrance to the outer perimeter of the shooting scene, I observed that [REDACTED] was
26 now at a trailer on Alameda Ln. continuing to yell expletives and point at us. Another unidentified shirtless male
27 subject exited that same trailer and began making hand motions of pulling back the slide on an imaginary pistol,
28 pointing and aiming the imaginary pistol at us, and making hand motions of the pistol firing and recoiling in his
29 hand. The subject was scanning our group with a menacing stare and mouthing words I could not make out.
30

31 On scene, we were advised that the CHP Captain and Sergeant who collected CHP Officer Johnson's clothing and
32 duty gear had transported those items to the decedent scene on Alameda Ln and turned them over to CHP's
33 Investigative Services Unit (ISU). This information was relayed to Sergeant Crnich's Officer Processing team.
34

35 Note: CHP reports will outline the Chain of Custody for Officer Johnson's uniform and duty belt.
36

37 DAI Hill and I then walked to the East end of Alameda Ln where we met with Sergeant L. Scown and his
38 investigative team. There was a modular residence at the East end of Alameda Ln. The West-facing windows at
39 the front of the residence were covered with sheets of plywood. Approximately 25 feet to the Southwest of the
40 front door was the body of an apparent deceased male subject laying supine with his hands cuffed behind his
41 back. He was dressed in camouflage (shirt and pants) with a nylon military-style load bearing vest. On his feet
42 were black and red Jordan retro basketball shoes. The tall dry grass was flattened around the decedent in an

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1 approximately seven to eight (7-8) foot diameter. The decedent's head was directionally to the West/Southwest
2 and his feet were directionally East/Northeast.

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4 The area surrounding the decedent was scanned separately by CHP, Humboldt County CIRT, and DOJ. CHP
5 collected overhead photographic drone footage. The CIRT personnel assigned to process the decedent scene
6 were Sgt. L. Scown - Arcata PD (Team Leader), Forensic Specialist [REDACTED] - DOJ, and Forensic Specialist [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] - Eureka PD.

8
9 The self-proclaimed family of the decedent were on scene at the entrance to the ourter perimeter. They
10 expressed their distrust for an unbias and objective investigation. They also gave varying accounts that the
11 decedent had been shot in the back, that Officer Johnson stood over the decedent and shot him as he pled for
12 his life, and combination accounts of between three (3) and six (6) shots having been fired by Officer Johnson.
13 None of the persons making these claims provided statements that they had personally witnessed the shooting
14 incident.

15
16 At the conclusion of their initial assigned tasks, the teams previously assigned to witness interviews and officer
17 processing were reassigned to canvas the area for potential witnesses. Those teams were assisted by uniformed
18 patrol Deputy B. Buihner. See their supplementals for details.

19
20 **Round Count - Processing of Officer Johnson's Firearm and Ammunition**

21
22 The evidence team at the decedent location was unsure of how many expended rounds to be searching for and it
23 was unclear how many times the decedent had been shot without manipulating the body. It was collectively
24 decided that DAI Hill and I would accompany CHP ISU team to the nearby Hoopa Tribal PD Office to process
25 Officer Johnson's firearm and magazine(s) for the sole purpose of confirming a round count to assist the evidence
26 team at the decedent scene. At Hoopa Tribal PD, DAI Hill and I observed two (2) CHP ISU Investigators process
27 the firearm and magazine from the duty belt of Officer Johnson. This process was video recorded by CHP ISU and
28 DOJ Analyst [REDACTED] (unknown last name) was present to oversee and take custody of the firearm and
29 ammunition at the conclusion of the process.

30
31 The firearm, a CHP department-issued Smith & Wesson M&P .40 caliber semi-auto handgun equipped with an
32 undergun flashlight was seated in the holster of the belt. There was one live round still in the chamber and
33 eleven (11) live rounds in the seated magazine - twelve (12) rounds total. There was one (1) fifteen (15) round
34 magazine loaded to capacity snapped into the belt's double magazine pouch. One of the magazines was missing
35 from the double pouch and believed to be located somewhere in the area of the decedent or along the path of
36 the foot chase; had not yet been located.

37
38 With the live round in the chamber of the pistol and eleven (11) live rounds in the seated magazine, there was a
39 potential for three (3) rounds to have been fired: twelve (12) rounds present from a fifteen (15) round magazine.
40 Knowing that it is commonplace for Law Enforcement Officers to "top off" their magazines with an extra round
41 after chambering/loading their duty weapon for ready-use: fifteen (15) round magazine with one in the chamber
42 for sixteen (16) total rounds in the pistol. With this load out, there was a potential for four (4) rounds to have

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1 been fired.

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3 This information was relayed to the decedent processing team to assist in their evidence location/collection
4 process.

5
6 **Complications with Scene - Family**

7
8 During the scans of the decedent scene, some of the family members skirted the Northern fenceline of the
9 driveway North of the decedent to gain a better view of the processing scene. Family members were standing in
10 truck beds and pushing their camera phones through the fenceline to record and observe what was happening.
11 All the while, those family members shouted at us, expressed their hatred that the decedent's body was left
12 exposed on the ground for so long, and accused us of covering up the crime scene and murder of their loved
13 one. One female subject shouted that the decedent was her brother, that her brother was loved, and ordered us
14 to love her brother as she did.

15
16 As more family members gathered and the scene became more hostile, I spoke with the DOJ Special Agent
17 Supervisor for DOJ, TJ Lewis by phone. I advised him of the increasing hostility and progressing changes in the
18 safety and security of personnel on scene. SAS Lewis advised he and his team were still a distance away in their
19 response and authorized us to have the Coroner respond to collect the body of the decedent.

20
21 **Coroner Arrives On Scene**

22
23 Deputy Coroner C. Zeck responded, arriving at approximately 1645 hours, and collected the body of the
24 decedent. The amount of entry/exit wounds was not immediately known at this time. Initial palpation of the
25 load bearing vest and the decedent's pockets yielded only a suspect lighter in one of his pockets. No wallet or
26 identification was initially located on the decedent.

27
28 A Taser probe was visible in the decedent's lower back/upper buttock. The wires were not attached and not
29 located. The Taser previously reported as being tossed by Officer Johnson was located in the brush
30 approximately fifteen (15) feet West of the decedent's body and collected by DOJ Specialist [REDACTED]. The Taser
31 was a model "X2". One of the cartridges was discharged, the other cartridge was seated in the cartridge well and
32 not fired.

33
34 To this point, only the magazine missing from Officer Johnson's belt and one expended shell casing had been
35 found. The magazine was found next to the decedent's left side in the woven grass. The magazine was loaded to
36 capacity with fifteen (15) rounds. The shell casing was found in the woven grass to the North of the decedent.
37 These items were collected by DOJ Analyst [REDACTED] on scene.

38
39 We attempted to shield the decedent's body from view using a large blue tarp during the Coroner's processing of
40 the body. This helped some to diffuse the frustration of some of the family, but other members felt this was
41 done to cover up wrongdoings by Officer Johnson or destroy evidence. DOJ Analyst [REDACTED] photographed
42 the collection process. Once the decedent's body was loaded into the Coroner truck, personnel began combing

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1 through the flattened/woven grass around the scene looking for evidence.

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3 **DOJ Investigative Team Arrives**

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5 The investigative team from DOJ showed up in waves between 1759 hours to 1934 hours. I provided the initial
6 responding team with a brief overview of what the CIRT team had knowledge of to that point. DOJ Investigators
7 began their investigation, starting with the decedent scene.

8
9 With the body removed, additional scans were conducted and then personnel began searching on hands and
10 knees for the additional two to three (2-3) expended shell casings. With this saturation of personnel searching,
11 coupled with the use of metal detectors, we were only able to find another two (2) expended shell casings; total
12 of three (3) located. The shell casings were of similar manufacturer, color, and caliber as the live rounds found in
13 Officer Johnson's firearm and magazines. These items were collected by DOJ Analyst [REDACTED] on scene.

14
15 Deputy Coroner Zeck departed the scene at approximately 1852 hours. Prior to his departure, Coroner Zeck and
16 DOJ SAS [REDACTED] met with the family of the decedent on scene and provided them with contact information.
17 Additionally, it was undecided if verbal confirmation of the decedent's identity by family/friends/etc. on scene
18 was sufficient to constitute a positive identification.

19
20 **Identification of the Decedent**

21
22 It should be noted that the following circumstantial evidence led us to believe the decedent was in fact [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] of Hoopa: [REDACTED] vehicle passenger stating that the driver was her boyfriend [REDACTED]
24 (and provided correct birthdate - [REDACTED]), subject at the residence at the end of Alameda Ln. [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] looking at the decedent's body in his yard and identifying him as [REDACTED] family/friends on Alameda
26 Ln. identifying the decedent as "my brother" and [REDACTED]

27
28 **Evidence Released To / Collected By DOJ**

29
30 CHP ISU team provided Officer Johnson's uniform and duty gear to DOJ Analyst [REDACTED] on scene. An extra set of
31 keys to Officer Johnson's patrol vehicle had been initially provided to Corporal Steele on scene prior to Officer
32 Johnson's departure in case the vehicle needed to be moved. These keys had biological evidence on them, so
33 they were contained in a nitrile glove and later turned over to the custody and care of DOJ Analyst [REDACTED] on
34 scene.

35
36 **Vehicle Towed - VC 22651(h)(1)**

37
38 While the processing team for the decedent scene finished up their tasks, DOJ personnel moved to the traffic
39 stop scene to observe that location. Initially, the vehicle was believed to be needed for evidence in DOJ's
40 investigation. A CHP 180 document was completed indicating the vehicle was to be held as evidence pursuant to
41 VC 22655.5. However, after service of the Search Warrant, DOJ expressed no further need for the vehicle. The
42 CHP 180 document was amended to reflect the new towing authority section of VC 22651(h)(1) for storage.

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2 The vehicle (CA- [REDACTED]) was currently registered to [REDACTED] of Klamath, CA.

3
4 The vehicle was released to Buddy's Towing, Willow Creek. A copy of the search warrant and an inventory sheet
5 of items collected from the vehicle as evidence were left inside the vehicle.

6
7 Both scenes collapsed with all involved units departing at approximately 1940 hours.

8
9 **Autopsy**

10
11 The autopsy for [REDACTED] took place after the noon hour on 9/22/2023. The autopsy was attended by DAI
12 C. Brawner, FS [REDACTED], DOJ Analyst [REDACTED], CHP Officer A. Telloian, and a representative of DOJ's
13 Investigative team. The autopsy was performed by [REDACTED]. See the supplementals completed by DAI C.
14 Brawner and FS [REDACTED] for details of findings.

15
16 **Officer Interview - CHP Officer Johnson**

17
18 The interview of CHP Officer Johnson took place on 9/22/2023 after the noon hour. The interview was
19 conducted in a private office at CHP, Arcata. DAI Hill, myself, Lt. Holt, and members of the CHP ISU and DOJ
20 Investigative teams were present in a separate room viewing the interview through live video. The video feed in
21 the viewing area was not recorded. DOJ SAS [REDACTED] explained that all recording devices were prohibited in the
22 viewing area. DOJ SAS [REDACTED] further explained that the only recording devices allowed to be present were the
23 ones in the interview room with the interviewers, Officer Johnson, and Officer Johnson's attorney. No copies of
24 these recordings would be provided to any agency other than CHP and DOJ except through formal request to the
25 Attorney General's Office.

26
27 The interview was conducted by SAS [REDACTED] and DOJ Agent Allen Samano. The interview began at approximately
28 1317 hours and concluded at approximately 1543 hours.

29
30 All relevant reports and documents will be forwarded to DOJ Agent Samano for their investigation (.

31
32 A copy of all relevant reports and documents will be forwarded to the Humboldt County DA's Office pursuant to
33 CIRT protocol.

34
35 **Officer Neil Johnson:**

36
37 Officer Neil Johnson (Badge# [REDACTED]), California Highway Patrol, has six (6) years in Law Enforcement. He has
38 been assigned to the Willow Creek Resident Post patrolling the roadways of HWY 299, HWY 96, and Hwy 169 for
39 the past three (3) years. He is a Field Training Officer. Officer Johnson is right-handed.

40
41 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] age 43, was a resident of Hoopa, CA. He was a Hoopa (Hupa) tribal member. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. At the time of this incident, [REDACTED] had an active warrant for his arrest in the charges of PC 240: Assault and PC 242: Battery [REDACTED] - Issue Date 11/14/2022).

During an incident on 3/2/2014, [REDACTED] resisted arrest, physically assaulted Law Enforcement with punches, and made verbal threats to "kill" the arresting Deputy (HCSO# 201401016).

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1 On 17 September 2023, I was working uniformed patrol for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO);
2 assigned to the Willow Creek Station. At about 0730 hours, I heard Deputy Brooks broadcast over the radio he
3 was out with the California Highway Patrol on a traffic stop behind the Hoopa Mini-Mart, [REDACTED] Hwy-96. Deputy
4 Brooks advised the driver of the vehicle had fled on foot and CHP, Officer N. Johnson, was in foot pursuit.
5
6 I responded Code 3 (red light and siren) from Willow Creek. While on route, Deputy Brooks advised he did not
7 have a status or location for Officer Johnson.
8
9 At about 0738 hours, I observed a comment added into the call where it stated CHP had received a call regarding
10 "5 shots" fired behind Hoopa Tribal Police Department. Due to my knowledge of the Hoopa area, I was aware
11 that was in the general area of the where the foot pursuit was.
12
13 Deputy Brooks requested I respond to the area of Laura's Kitchen on Alameda Lane.
14
15 I arrived in the area and did not immediately see Officer Johnson. I exited my patrol vehicle where I called out to
16 Officer Johnson so I could better locate him. I observed Officer Johnson flag me down at the end of a long
17 driveway, in front of a single family residence off Alameda Lane.
18
19 I pulled my patrol vehicle down the driveway where I observed Officer Johnson now kneeling on the ground in a
20 grassy area. I observed Officer Johnson roll a male subject who appeared to be handcuffed onto their back.
21
22 Upon getting closer to Officer Johnson, I observed him to be breathing heavy and coughing. I observed Officer
23 Johnson's uniform to be disheveled, covered in dirt and his arms covered in blood. I also noticed Officer
24 Johnson's taser holster was empty.
25
26 I then immediately observed the male's chest area to be covered in what appeared to be blood. The male was
27 not moving, and his eyes were open. I checked for carotid pulse and did not feel one. Based on my observations
28 of the male, I believed he was deceased.
29
30 I inquired with Officer Johnson if the male had been shot. Officer Johnson confirmed the male had been shot.
31
32 I requested medical respond code 3.
33
34 I walked Officer Johnson over to my patrol vehicle where I had him sit in the front passenger seat. I provided
35 Officer Johnson with water.
36
37 I confirmed Officer Johnson was okay. Officer Johnson informed me he did not have any known immediate
38 injuries.
39
40 Officer Johnson informed me he had thrown his taser into the bushes. I later located the taser about 10-15 feet
41 from where the male was laying. I marked the location of the tasers location by marking the area with yellow
42 tape.

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While waiting for medical, Officer Johnson informed me his head hurt and he had a bite injury to his leg. I observed redness to the left side of Officer Johnson's face and swelling.

I started a crime scene log and began hanging up yellow police tape approximately 30-40 feet behind my patrol vehicle to prevent members of the public from entering the scene area.

Medical arrived on scene and declared the male deceased at 0810 hours.

Medical evaluated Officer Johnson.

I stood by with Officer Johnson until CHP Office Griffin arrived on scene and removed Officer Johnson from the scene.

I remained on scene and assisted with different tasked given by detectives/ investigators.

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1 On 09/17/23 at approximately 0740 hrs., I was at the HCSO McKinleyville Station monitoring a CFS that was
2 occurring in Hoopa, CA. I saw that Deputy Brooks was assisting the CHP with a traffic stop where someone had
3 fled and the CHP Officer was in foot pursuit. I was aware that Deputy Froeming was en-route to assist.
4

5 At 0742, I observed a note in the CFS entered by Deputy Froeming stating that a CHP Officer had been involved in
6 a shooting and there was a subject with multiple gun shot wounds. I saw this note at 0745 hrs and began
7 responding to the area to assist.
8

9 While driving to the scene, I spoke to Sgt. Head, who was still in Eureka. He advised me that I was the closest
10 Corporal or Sergeant to the scene and he requested that I conduct the "Safety Statement Interview" with the
11 involved CHP Officer.
12

13 While I was responding, I had Deputy Froeming confirm his location for me. I was advised the following:
14

15 "Past Tribal PD on the right behind the building that is being built."
16

17 I found this location and began driving the roadway towards Deputy Froeming. I later found from Google earth
18 that this address was likely [REDACTED] State HWY 96, Hoopa. I arrived on scene at 0828 hrs.
19

20 As I arrived on scene, I observed crime scene tape set up at the beginning of a long driveway that led back
21 towards what appeared to be a dilapidated shack and where Deputy Froeming's patrol car was parked. Next to
22 Deputy Froeming's patrol car, I observed an ambulance from Hoopa Ambulance. The caution tape was
23 approximately 25 yards west of Deputy Froeming's patrol car and was across the driveway preventing the public
24 from entering.
25

26 I parked my car short of the crime scene tape and walked towards the patrol car on foot, past the crime scene
27 tape. Deputy Froeming came and met me and advised me he had already created a crime scene log. He also
28 advised me that he had the CHP Officer, Officer Johnson, standing by in the front seat of his patrol car. Deputy
29 Froeming informed me he had briefly spoke to Officer Johnson and knew that his taser and a pistol magazine
30 were missing from Officer Johnson's person.
31

32 I arrived at Deputy Froeming's patrol car and spoke to Officer Johnson, who I know from prior encounters. I
33 asked Officer Johnson if he was okay and he stated he was for the most part, but was shaken up. I observed that
34 Officer Johnson had blood on at least one of his forearms, however I do not recall which arm. Additionally, I was
35 unable to ascertain if the blood belonged to Officer Johnson or the deceased.
36

37 I then asked Officer Johnson the following public safety related questions:
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39 Me: "Is there anyone outstanding?"

40 Officer Johnson: "Not that I know of."
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42 Me: "Which direction were shots fired?"

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1 Officer Johnson: "That direction towards the fence." (As Officer Johnson told me this, he pointed southeast of our
2 current location)

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4 I also asked Officer Johnson, since Deputy Froeming had informed me, about the location of his Taser. Officer
5 Johnson said, "I think it's over here in the bushes somewhere." (As Officer Johnson told me this, he pointed in a
6 southwestern direction from where he and I were currently at.)

7
8 After speaking to Officer Johnson and providing him with a water, I surveyed the scene further. I observed that
9 towards the front of Deputy Froeming's patrol car and approximately 10 yards to the southeast of it, there was a
10 male subject lying on his back in a grassy field. Deputy Froeming advised me that this was the subject involved in
11 the OIS and this subject had been pronounced deceased by the medical staff who was currently on scene.

12
13 As we waited for additional personnel to arrive, we were approached by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] lived in a
14 residence just to the north of our location and walked through the woods and through a broken fence to greet us
15 at our patrol car. Deputy Froeming and I immediately walked [REDACTED] away from his patrol car, back towards his
16 residence, and began to speak to him.

17
18 [REDACTED] pointed out to us his home and stated that he was just an inquisitive neighbor and had walked over to
19 see what was happening. [REDACTED] provided no information relevant to our case and had only walked over to see
20 what was going on. [REDACTED] was only inside of the outer perimeter of our crime scene for several moments.

21
22 After [REDACTED] left the crime scene, Deputy Froeming set up more crime scene tape and we created an inner
23 perimeter. This perimeter was just to the west of the dilapidated structure and was just to the south of Deputy
24 Froeming's patrol car. This inner perimeter prevented anyone from getting within approximately 25 feet of the
25 deceased on all sides, other than near Deputy Froeming's patrol car where you could get closer.

26
27 At around this time, an unknown subject approached us near my patrol to check on his sister [REDACTED] This subject,
28 who I never identified, said his sister lived in the dilapidated shack near Deputy Froeming's patrol car that I
29 thought was unoccupied. This structure had plywood over the windows, trash all around it and did not appear
30 inhabitable. Deputy Froeming and I left the unknown subject and went to this structure to see if it was occupied.

31
32 Upon knocking on the door of this structure, I spoke to two subjects who came to the door. They identified
33 themselves to me verbally as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. They stated that they were the only
34 people inside the home and they planned on being home the majority of the day.

35
36 I asked both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] if they had seen or heard anything pertaining to our crime scene. They did not
37 indicate to me that they saw anything, but [REDACTED] said, "Just the gunshots," indicating to me he had heard
38 something.

39
40 I told [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that we would have detectives who were responding who would likely want to speak
41 to them. They both stated they would be willing to speak to them. I told them that they were not trapped in their
42 home, but that they could not enter our crime scene which was clearly delineated by crime scene tape and was

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1 right up to the front door of their residence. They stated they understood and they advised they would advise us
2 before they left if they intended to.

3
4 After finishing this conversation, I returned to Deputy Froeming's patrol car. There, I spoke to Officer Johnson
5 again briefly.

6
7 At this point, we were unaware of the path that the foot chase had taken from where it started to where we
8 currently were. As to assist us with securing our crime scene, I asked Officer Johnson generally what path the
9 foot chase had taken.

10
11 Officer Johnson indicated to me that from where this foot pursuit started, it initially started on a well worn path.
12 The foot pursuit then generally went in a northeastern direction. As the foot pursuit continued, it began to come
13 back due west and it ended where we currently sat. Officer Johnson described the path of the foot pursuit to me
14 as being in almost what seemed to be a semi circle and indicated that he traveled counter clockwise. He stated
15 that towards the end of the foot pursuit, close to where we were currently at, he had to hop several fences. I
16 relayed all of the information I had gathered to Sgt. Head,

17
18 Sgt. Head then advised me that a representative from the CHP would be coming to the scene to take Officer
19 Johnson back to the CHP Office, where detectives would meet with him later.

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21 At around 0845 hrs., Officer Griffin of the CHP arrived on scene. Officer Griffin intended to transport Officer
22 Johnson away from the scene. As they were preparing to leave, Officer Johnson advised me that he had his
23 patrol car keys on his person and that we would need them to access his vehicle, which was locked at the starting
24 point of this investigation.

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26 Officer Johnson then advised me that he had blood on his keys resulting from the struggle. Officer Johnson, using
27 his already gloved hands, took his keys off of his duty belt and placed them into a clean paper bag that I
28 provided. The keys were then secured in my patrol car and Officer's Johnson and Griffin left the scene.

29
30 After Officer Johnson left the scene, I remained on scene and assisted as needed. I assisted Deputy Willoughby
31 with creating another crime scene tape line, further back behind my patrol car. This line was not in play as part of
32 our crime scene, but was intended to keep onlookers back. While at the scene, where I remained the entire day,
33 a large number of family members of the deceased, who lived right next to the scene, arrived and were very
34 agitated.

35
36 As the investigation began to wrap up, at 1848 hrs., I handed the brown paper bag with Officer Johnson's keys
37 inside over to Evidence Technician [REDACTED] of the Arcata Police Department.

38
39 After the crime scene that I was at all day, where this investigation terminated was wrapping up, I responded to
40 the starting point to assist as needed. Once there, I was handed a signed CHP 180 to tow a vehicle from the
41 scene by Sgt. Massaro. I then observed as a driver from Buddy's Towing loaded and removed the vehicle from
42 the scene.

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I sent the CHP 180 to dispatch at the conclusion of my shift at 2116 hrs. on 09/17/23. The original has since been scanned into this case via RIMS and the original is now at the McKinleyville Station.

This report is to be supplemental to all other regarding this investigation.

Nothing further

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1 On 09/17/2023, I was working as a sergeant for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.
2
3 On that date, I assisted in the response to an officer involved shooting investigation. At the time of the incident, I
4 was at the Eureka main station with Sergeant Losey. I notified the duty officer, LT Holt, by phone and drove to the
5 incident location. I arrived at the incident location around 0905 hours.
6
7 I first went to the scene where Deputy Froeming was stationed. This scene contained the body of the decedent. I
8 did not enter the inner taped area and only viewed the body from approximately 10-15 yards away. I asked
9 Deputy Froeming about the scene's perimeter and the possible path of the related foot pursuit.
10
11 I then went to Deputy Brook's location where the two females were detained. I spoke with Deputy Brooks about
12 the established perimeter, the detainees and foot pursuit.
13
14 I relayed the information I had obtained to LT Holt and answered any questions he had.
15
16 I coordinated with Chief Ramos of the Hoopa Tribal Police who spoke to the two detainees and transported them
17 to the Hoopa Tribal Police Station.
18
19 At approximately 0957 hours, I was asked to turn off the in-car recording device equipped to CHP Officer
20 Johnson's vehicle. I asked CHP Sergeant Harvey to assist me as I was unfamiliar with the equipment. CHP
21 Sergeant Harvey viewed the interior of the car through the driver's side window. Sergeant Harvey said a ride
22 light was illuminated indicating the hardware was still recording video. He told me to locate the stop button and
23 press it one time. I entered the unlocked car through the driver's side door. I pushed the stop/quit button once
24 and nothing happened. I pushed it again, but with more force, the system beeped and then it notified me the
25 recording stopped. I then closed the door.
26
27 I then remained in the area for perimeter security until the perimeters were collapsed around 1800 hours.
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SUPPLEMENT 13 - SUPP - CRIME SCENE LOG ORCUTT TRAILER PARK - MESKIT

1 *****

2 ADDITIONAL PROPERTY

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4 Item #11 added: Status: Evidence

5 1 Crime Scene Log Crime Scene Log. CRIME SCENE LOG FOR

6 ORCUTT TRAILER PARK OR MESKIT STREET, HOOPA, CA 95546

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8 On 9/22/23 at about 0800 hours, while on patrol in Willow Creek and at the Willow Creek Sheriff's
9 Office, I booked the collected Crime Scene Log into Evidence at the Willow Creek Sheriff's Office.

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11 Nothing Further.

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SUPPLEMENT 14 - Autopsy Narrative

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1 On 9/22/2023, at approximately 1230 hours, I arrived at the Humboldt County Coroner's Office to
2 photograph the autopsy of [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]). The deceased was secured inside a silver body
3 bag with the tag number 06854. Dr. [REDACTED] performed the autopsy and was assisted by [REDACTED] and
4 [REDACTED]. Also present was DOJ Special Agent Daniel O'Neil-Tennant, CHP Officer Aaron Telloian, HCDA
5 Chelsea Brawner, BFS Criminalists [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

6 Upon initial observation of the body, I observed a projectile hole in the chest area of the deceased shirt
7 and gunshot wounds in his arms. There was a small tear near the front of his left pants pocket, and a hole in his
8 left arm sleeve. When the deceased was rolled onto his side for further examination, I observed mechanical
9 restraints around his wrists and two brown paper bags covering his hands. There were taser probes attached to
10 the deceased right pants pocket and the right side of his back. A puncture wound from the probe was later
11 discovered on the deceased back.

12 Autopsy assistants proceeded to remove the clothing and located an expended projectile on the
13 deceased chest. [REDACTED] determined the deceased had three gunshot wounds and one grazed wound on his
14 body. The first gunshot wound was a through and through wound that entered his chest and exited near his left
15 armpit. The second gunshot wound was another through and through wound that entered his left upper arm and
16 exited through the back of his arm. The third gunshot wound entered his right forearm and [REDACTED] located a
17 bullet fragment within his right elbow. The fourth gunshot wound grazed the deceased left lower abdomen. The
18 cause of death was determined to be gunshot wound to the chest.

19 I photographed the body, injuries and any defects that were located. I did not collect any evidence, DOJ
20 BFS Criminalist [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] collected all items of evidentiary value. BFS [REDACTED] also took additional
21 photographs for his agency. The autopsy concluded at 1600.
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SUPPLEMENT 15 - Digital Forensic Examination

1 Date: 09/28/2023

2 The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) conducts digital forensic examinations utilizing licensed Cellebrite
3 UFED 4PC software (version 7.44.0.205) and Cellebrite UFED Physical Analyzer (PA) software (version 7.44.2.10).
4 The UFED platform allows for data extractions from mobile devices (phones, tablets), Subscriber Identity
5 Modules (SIM), external media cards (SD/Micro-SD, USB flash drives) and some sUAS (drones). The software can
6 perform logical, file system and physical data extractions and can include deleted information. The software has
7 the capability of bypassing many locked (password protected/pattern locked) devices. The extraction, decoding
8 and analysis of data can include call logs, phonebook, text messages (SMS), pictures, videos, audio files, and
9 more from BlackBerry, Windows, Android, and iOS devices. Extractions and generated reports are stored on
10 remote flash drives that have been forensically sterilized.

11 I hold certifications from Cellebrite in mobile Forensic Fundamentals, Certified Operator, Certified Physical
12 Analyst and Cellebrite Advanced Smartphone Analysis.

13 The below listed items were examined:

Item #	Barcode#	Description:	Memory Card	SIM card	Received from:
1	202304322-003	Galaxy A025	none	Yes	MCD cell locker

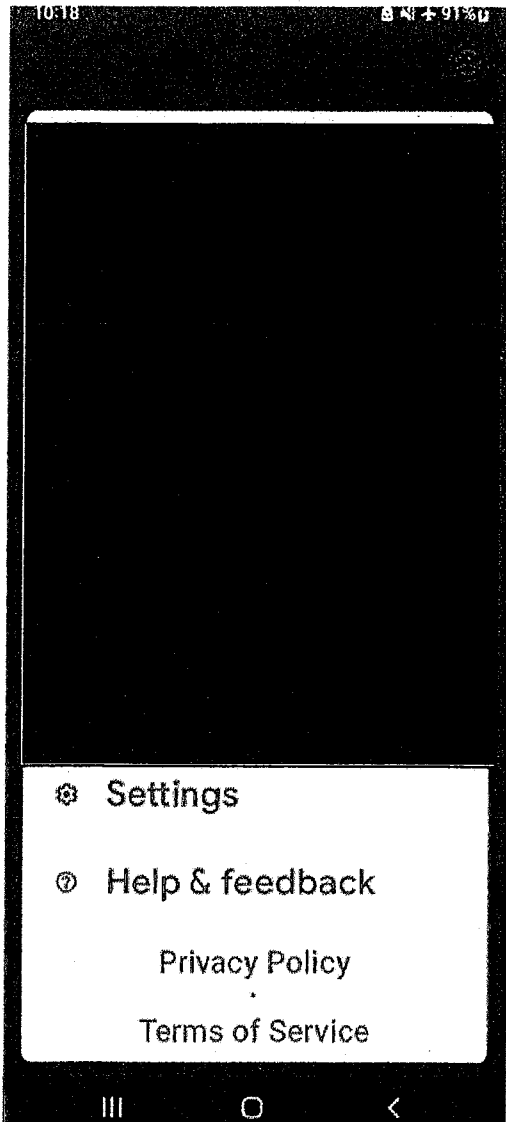
Item #	Make	Model	ICCID	IMSI	IMEI	MSISDN
1	Samsun g	SM- A025V	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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16 **Summary/Results of Examination:** I received a signed Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt search
17 warrant for the above listed item, SW#230659. The search warrant specified for data between the dates of
18 08/17/2023 through 09/17/2023. I took overall photographs of the item.

19 **Item #1 (Galaxy A025):** The phone was on and in airplane mode. I removed the SIM card. The phone was not
20 locked by swiping and did not require a pass code. I set the lock screen to none. Developer options was already
21 enabled. I enabled stay awake and USB debugging, I disabled verify apps over USB. I utilized UFED 4PC to
22 perform an advanced logical extraction on the SIM card. I utilized UFED 4PC to perform a logical exam on the
23 phone and to take screen shot of the Facebook Messenger and Google applications. A physical extraction was
24 not supported due to the phone not being rooted. I utilized PA to parse the data from the extractions and
25 generate a Cellebrite report for the data between the dates of 8/17/2023 through 09/25/2023.

26 I briefly reviewed the Cellebrite report. I believe the owner of the phone is [REDACTED] based on
27 several user profiles. See below for one example from the Google application.

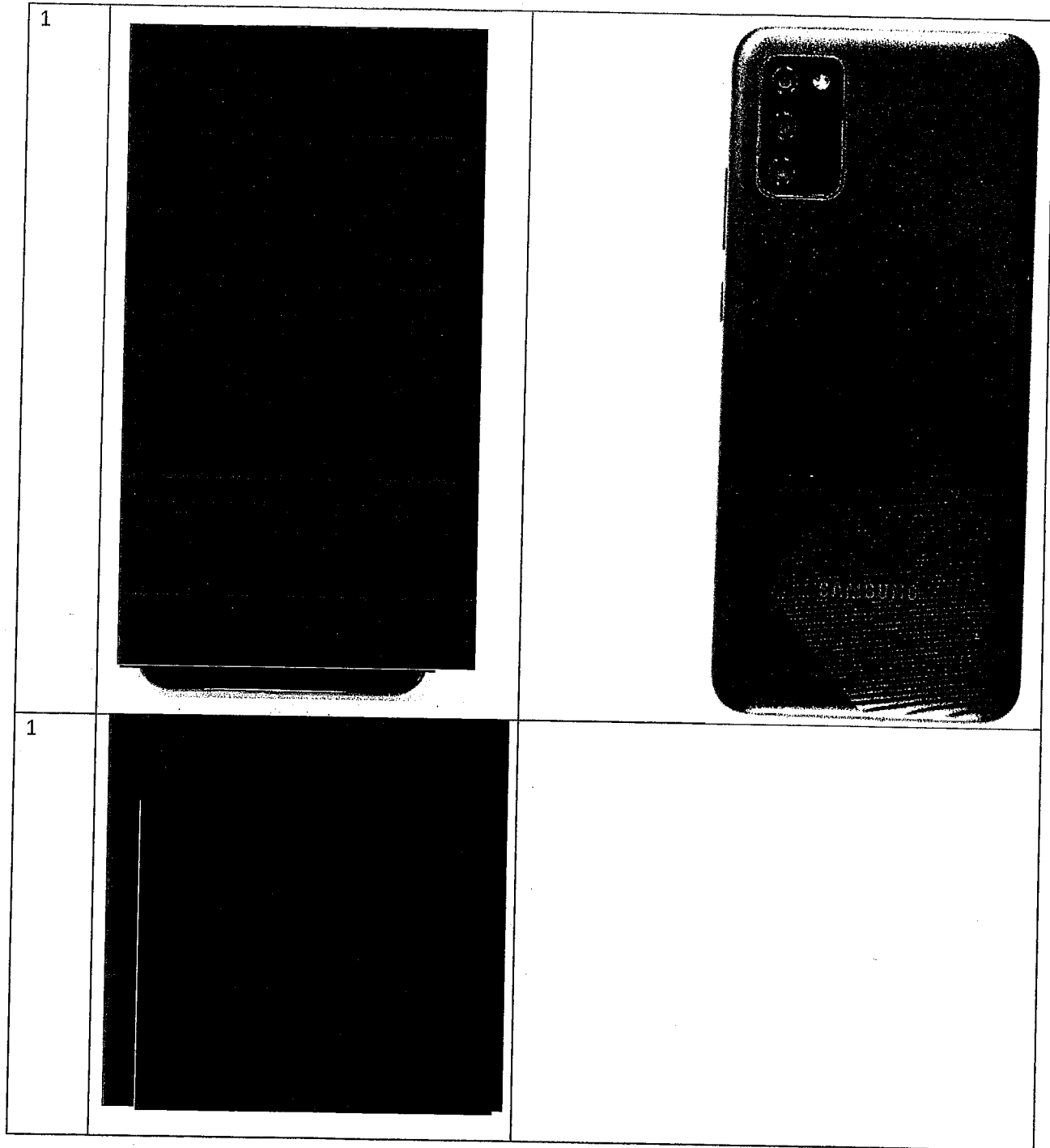
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- 1
- 2 I did not see anything of evidentiary value related to this case on the phone.

3 **Photographic Documentation:**


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2 Image Hash Verification:

Item	SIM Advanced Logical	Phone Physical	Phone File System	Phone Logical
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#				
1	No reference hash info available	N/A	N/A	Verified

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2 **Verification:** Verification was done through manual scrolling.

3 **Disposition of Evidence:** The phone was returned to evidence. I copied the Cellebrite report to a flash drive and
 4 booked it into evidence.

5 No further action.

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7 **Appendix:**

8 **GSM-Global System for Mobile Communication CDMA-Code Division Multiple Access**

ICCID: Integrated Circuit Card Identifier	ESN: Electronic Serial Number
IMEI: International Mobile Equipment Identity	MEID: Mobile Equipment Number
SIM: Subscriber Identity Module	MIN: Mobile ID Number
IMSI: International Mobile Subscriber Identity	MDN: Mobile Directory Number
MCC: Mobile Country Code	
MNC: Mobile Network code	
LAI: Location Area ID	
MSISDN: Mobile Station International Directory Number	

9 **Logical Extraction:** Performed through Application Programming Interface (API). Contains SMS, contacts, call
 10 logs, media and app data.

11 **System File Extraction:** Device-specific methods to copy the file system. Contains, SMS, contacts, call logs,
 12 media, app data, files and hidden files.

13 **Physical Extraction:** (full flash image, most data) extracts a bit by bit binary image of the flash memory. Has file
 14 system, user data, and unallocated space (deleted files), can contain passwords.

15 **Image Hash Verification:** Conducting pre and post examination hash verification is considered best practice in
 16 digital forensics. A hash value is the outcome of a mathematical algorithm, used to uniquely identify the content
 17 of a file. It shows that the data was not altered after the initial extraction.

18 **Verification:** Verification of findings can be done through hand scrolling, third party tools, or database
 19 verification and analysis. All three methods can prove the extracted information is true and accurate.

20 **Sterilized media:** All bytes on a drive are replaced with a known value.

21 **Decoding:** Translates the RAW data within a database file to a recognizable format.

22 **BFU:** Before-First- Unlock

23 **Secure Start up:** A lock that requires a pass code to decrypt the device each time it is powered on or restarted.

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1 On 09/17/2023 I was working as the on call Deputy Coroner. At about 1000 hours I was advised by Lt. Holt that
2 there was a CHP officer involved shooting in Hoopa and that there was a fatality which occurred. I was advised
3 that CA DOJ was involved and at this time my response was not being requested. I was advised that I would be
4 kept in the loop of this incident. I advised that I would relay this information to Chaplain Morse.
5

6 I advised Chaplain Morse of this information and responded to the Hoopa Tribal Office to provide his services as
7 needed.
8

9 I contacted Forensic Pathologist [REDACTED] and advised him that I would need to schedule him for an autopsy.
10

11 At about 1400 hours it was requested that I respond to stage at the Willow Creek Sheriff's Office Sub Station, so
12 that I would be available when needed. At about 1700 hours it was requested that I respond to the scene. I was
13 advised that the driveway to access the location was at a Tyvek covered building just past the Hoopa Police
14 Department.
15

16 Upon my arrival I spoke with Officer's and Deputies who were on scene. I was advised that the decedent by all
17 accounts appeared to be [REDACTED]. I was advised that all scans of the scene were being done
18 and that a few items of evidence were still being documented and processed. I spoke with DOJ Special Agent
19 Ryan Knippschild and was advised that body removal could be completed when this evidence collection had
20 been completed and he just requested that I work with DOJ evidence Tech [REDACTED] during the removal
21 process.
22

23 While awaiting the evidence collection I observed that [REDACTED] was laying on his back and appeared to be
24 wearing a military surplus style load bearing vest. I could see that flies were starting to swarm and that [REDACTED]
25 body was bloating. I observed that people on the opposite side of the fence were watching and I positioned my
26 Coroner Vehicle to give the decedent some privacy. As I moved the truck people on the opposite side of the
27 fence were hollering claiming to be [REDACTED] family. I briefly introduced my self and handed out several of my
28 business cards, explaining my role in this investigation.
29

30 With assistance I inspected [REDACTED] body. [REDACTED] was in handcuffs behind his back. I observed that there was
31 some blood in [REDACTED] chest area. I rolled [REDACTED] body to the left and to the right as photographs were taken.
32 While maneuvering [REDACTED] body I observed that there was a Taser probe in the small of his back, and wounds
33 to each of his arms. I assisted as paper bags were placed on [REDACTED] hands. [REDACTED] was placed in a new body
34 bag, and a serialized coroner lock was placed on the zippers. I placed him in the back of my Coroner Vehicle.
35

36 I discussed this case with members of responding agencies and through statements the decedent appeared to be
37 [REDACTED]. Tribal Officer J. McCovey was on scene assisting with the perimeter and advised that he had seen
38 [REDACTED] about two week prior and was familiar with who he is. EPD Evidence Tech [REDACTED] showed
39 photographs to Officer McCovey and he instantly said "That's [REDACTED]".
40

41 I responded to the Coroner's Station where [REDACTED] was logged and booked and placed in secure cold storage.
42

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Approved By:

1054 BARNEY, JAMIE S

Date:

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1 Prior to the autopsy I removed [REDACTED] from cold secure refrigeration and placed [REDACTED] on an x-ray table
2 where I conducted x-rays at the Coroner's Office using a Carestream DRX-1 System. These files were downloaded
3 to CD format and were also retained on the devices drive for viewing for the pathologist. I observed a spent
4 bullet in the chest area as well as bullet fragments in the right arm. I also observed what appeared to be two
5 Taser probes in the general lower body area. At the completion of the x-rays I placed [REDACTED] back into cold
6 storage and downloaded the x-ray images to CD format. I downloaded the X-ray images to the Coroner Secure
7 Drive and then booked the CD in as evidence placing the CD in Coroner Evidence Locker #A2.
8
9 I scheduled an autopsy for [REDACTED] with Dr. [REDACTED] on 09-22-2023 at about 1400 hours. Volunteer [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] and Volunteer [REDACTED] assisted with the autopsy, and all observers signed themselves into the
11 autopsy sign in sheet. I assisted with the autopsy, but was not there for the entirety of the autopsy. I was
12 assisting with moving clothing and observed that due to the early stages of decomposition that [REDACTED]
13 clothing was pulling his skin off in the area around a wound at the front of his chest. I discussed this with
14 investigators and we determined that the risk of losing evidence to the skin was not worth attempting to save
15 the shirt. I cut the shirt off the body and in the process observed that there was a spent bullet sitting on [REDACTED]
16 chest. This was the bullet which was visible in the chest x-rays of [REDACTED]. At the completion of the autopsy I was
17 advised that [REDACTED] cause of death was Gunshot Wound to the Chest and other conditions were noted as
18 perforating GSW's to Right Forearm, Left Arm and grazing Wound to Lower Abdomen. I was provided the autopsy
19 notes and was advised that once additional information was obtained a final autopsy report would be
20 completed. At the completion of the autopsy I collected the sign in log.
21
22 Deputy Van Buskirk fingerprinted [REDACTED] and electronically sent the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of
23 Investigations (FBI) and the California Department of Justice (DOJ), and I later received a reply from each agency
24 advising that the person who was fingerprinted was [REDACTED]. This information was relayed to all involved
25 agencies.
26
27 I phoned [REDACTED] and advised her of the cause and manner of death as provided by [REDACTED]
28
29 I took additional X-ray's of [REDACTED] hands and booked the CD as evidence in locker A2.
30
31 I sealed a grey topped vial of blood in a tamper proof container and sent it to Central Valley Toxicology (CVT)
32 requesting that the blood sample have a Complete drug screen.
33
34 Vials of blood were collected and retained at the Coroner's Station Homicide Bin for the 2023 year.
35
36 I signed [REDACTED] death certificate with the causes provided by [REDACTED] and determined that his manner of
37 death was a Homicide.
38
39 On 09-25-2023 [REDACTED] body was released to [REDACTED] of Sander's Funeral Home and a signed release
40 to handle disposition was provided at the time of release.
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42 On 10-04-2023 I spoke with [REDACTED] who was inquiring how to get a copy of the autopsy report. I researched this

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- 1 and advised her that it would be up to the DOJ on how and when this report was released, and ensured that she
- 2 had lead DOJ Special Agent TJ Lewis's contact information. I advised [REDACTED] of the extended time frame for me to
- 3 get the report, but advised that I would keep her informed of when I received reports.
- 4
- 5 All photographs were downloaded onto the Coroner's 'P' drive.
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- 7 All documents are in a file located at the Coroner's Station listed under this case number.
- 8
- 9 Upon receiving the toxicology report and the final autopsy report the information will be documented in a
- 10 supplemental report.
- 11
- 12 Nothing further.
- 13
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SUPPLEMENT 17 - toxicology and autopsy report.

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1 On 10-20-2023 the toxicology report from Central Valley Toxicology (CVT) was received by this office which stated
2 that the blood sample they received from decedent [REDACTED] Chest Blood contained the following:
3 Cannabinoids (THC metabolite) by Immunoassay = Positive* Chest blood volume too small (QNS) for
4 Cannabinoids (THC metabolite) confirmation/quantification.
5 Fentanyl = 47 ng/mL
6 Norfentanyl = 36 ng/mL
7 d-Methamphetamine = 1.1 mg/L
8 d-Amphetamine = 0.12 mg/L
9
10 Potentially Toxic ranges are as follows (3-10 ng/mL for Fentanyl), (Unknown for Nor Fentanyl), (0.2-5.0 mg/L for
11 methamphetamine), and (0.2 mg/L for amphetamine).
12
13 This report was forwarded to [REDACTED].
14
15 On 12-13-2023 this office received the final autopsy report from [REDACTED] which was added to this case file.
16
17 Autopsy and toxicology reports were forwarded to DOJ on 12-29-2023 at their request.
18
19 These documents were added to this case file.
20
21 Nothing further.
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SUPPLEMENT 18 - Evidence Copy

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1 I was given a BFS-1 Form to make a copy of item #006 for the DOJ by Forensic Specialist [REDACTED]
2 *****

3 ADDITIONAL PROPERTY

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5 Item #21 added: Status: Evidence
6 1 Raw Data From Leica Scanner

7
8 When I put the USB into my computer it stated that the data on the USB was corrupted. I brought this
9 information to FS [REDACTED] and he provided me with a new copy of item #006. I created a new property item on
10 this case for the new copy (item #021).

11
12 Nothing further.
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SUPPLEMENT 19 - Mitchell Law Firm

1 On 12/31/2024, I was tasked with compiling the data/documents from this investigation. Lt. Holt had received
2 direction from Sheriff Honsal to provide all documents to the Mitchell Law Firm relating to their case:
3
4 S.N. v. State of Cal, et al.
5
6 I assembled all available data onto a USB Flash Drive and hand-delivered that drive to the Mitchell Law Firm
7 located at [REDACTED], Eureka.
8
9 I obtained signed receipt of the USB drive and have attached the receipt to this report.
10

Prepared By:

1339 MASSARO, BLAKE

Date:

12/31/2024

Approved By:

1916 HOLT, KYLE

Date:

02/18/2025

[1] BODY CAMERA RECORDED

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HCSO CRIME SCENE LOG

SCENE LOCATION BETHND LAUTRAS 155144N

#	NAME-TITLE	INITIALS	AGENCY	DATE/TIME IN	DATE/ TIME OUT	REASON FOR ENTRY
1)	Deputy FROEMING	MF	HCSO	9-17-23/0743	9-17-23 1440	TRASH/DEBRISING
2)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
4)	SHADE, S CPL	SS	HCSO	9-17-23/0829	9-17-23 1928	LEO
5)	RAMOS, CHIEF	JM	HCPD	9-17-23/0829	9-17-23 APPROX 0830 UNK.	LEO
6)	Sgt. HEAD	RJ	HCSO	9-17-23 0909	9-17-23 0926	LEO
7)	LARRY DEBE/CART	SD	HCPD	9-17-23 0913	09-17-23 0926	LEO
8)	Sgt HARNEY	MR	HCPD	9-17-23 0916	09-17-23 0936	LEO
9)	L. HOLTS	KH	HCSO	9-17-23 1316	9-17-23 1613	LEO
10)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
11)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
12)	JEREMIE ROCHA	SR	HCPD	9-17-23 1333	9-17-23 1859	MAIT
13)	JOHN MILLER	JM	HCPD	9-17-23 1333	9-17-23 1859	MAIT
14)	OMAR VALDEZ	OV	HCPD	9-17-23 1334	9-17-23 1859	ISV

COMPLETED BY R. MILLER/HR/M. FERGUSON DATE AND TIME 9/17/23 0743 PAGE 1 OF 3

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HCSO CRIME SCENE LOG

SCENE LOCATION BEHIND LAURA'S KITCHEN

#	NAME-TITLE	INITIALS	AGENCY	DATE/TIME IN	DATE/TIME OUT	REASON FOR ENTRY
1)	CY MAY	CM	CHP	9/17/23 1335	9/17/23 1859	ISV
2)	GREG HILL	JG	DA	9/17/23 1335	9/17/23 1445	DA INV.
3)	BLAKE MASSARO	BM	HCSO	9/17/23 1336	9/17/23 1445	MCD
4)	LUKE SCOWN	LS	APD	9/17/23 1336	9/17/23 1440	CIRT
5)	Chelsea Branner	CB	HEBA	9/17/23 1402	9/17/23 1414	DA INV
6)						
7)						
8)						
9)	TYRELL BRAKER	TB	CHP	9/17/23 1420	9/17/23 1859	MAIT
10)	DASON THIMMES	DT	CHP	9/17/23 1420	9/17/23 1859	MAIT
11)						
12)						
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14)						

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HCSO CRIME SCENE LOG

SCENE LOCATION BETHWYD LAURRAIS KITTYEN

#	NAME-TITLE	INITIALS	AGENCY	DATE/TIME IN	DATE/ TIME OUT	REASON FOR ENTRY
1)	BLAKE MESSARO	GM	HCSO	9/17/23 1627	9-17-23 1845	CLRT
2)	BREK HILL	GM Sullivan	DA	9/17/23 1627	9-17-23 1644	CLRT
3)	CHAD ZECK	CZ	HCSO	9/17/23 1647	9-17-23 1842	ZOROVER
4)						
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9)	BREK HILL	GM Sullivan	DA	9/17/23 1821	9-17-23 1848	CLRT
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CASE NUMBER# 202304322

HCSO CRIME SCENE LOG

Tower / Towers

SCENE LOCATION

#	NAME-TITLE	INITIALS	AGENCY	DATE/TIME IN	DATE/TIME OUT	REASON FOR ENTRY
1)	RS TRUEX	RT	HCSO	9/17 0835	9/17 1623	Scene Security
2)	RODSE BUZZARD	R.S.	HCSO	9/17 0837	9/17 1623	Scene Security
3)	James McCovey Sgt	JM	HUTPD	9/17 0837	9/17 1300	Scene Security
4)	Sgt Brandon Head	BA	HCSO	9/17 0929	9/17 1335	SOP
5)	MAJ HARBEL CHIEF ROLANDO RAMOS	HR	CHP	9/17 0947	09/17/23 1803 1000 HOURS	SOP
6)	HUTP	RR	HUTP	9/17 1002	9/17 1002	REMOVAL OF WITNESSES
7)	HUTP	RT	HUTP	9/17 1002	9/17 1002	REMOVAL OF WITNESSES
11)	D. Vickman / Det	DV	HCSO	9/17 1229	1505	Veh. Investigation
12)	C. Branner - DAI	CB	HCSO	9/17 1229	9/17 1308 1308	" "
13)	B. Navarro MCD	BN	HCSO	9/17 1302	9/17 1308	Case Investigation
14)	G. Hu DAI	GH	HCSO	9/17 1302	9/17 1308	" "

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CASE NUMBER# 202304572

HCSO CRIME SCENE LOG

Taux / Brooks

SCENE LOCATION

#	NAME-TITLE	INITIALS	AGENCY	DATE/TIME IN	DATE/TIME OUT	REASON FOR ENTRY
1)	Sgt Matt Harvey	MH	CHP	09/17 1404		SUP
2)	Det. Raymond Alvarez	RA	EPD	09/17 1418	09/17 1618	VEHICLE PROCESSING
3)	Det. D. Vickman	DA	HCSO	09/17 1514	09/17 1617	VEHICLE PROCESSING
4)	Sgt. Shawn Meyer	SM	CHP	09/17 1556	1829	MARK
5)	Sgt. Yerejze Rocha	YR	CHP	09/17 1555	1829	MARK
6)	Sgt. B. Massaro	BM	HCSO	09/17 1602	09/17 1618	
7)	Sgt. G. Hill Diaz	GD	HCPA	09/17 1602	09/17 1618	
8)	PO Rodriguez	RR	FRQ	1656	1710	Investigation
9)	POD Brannigan	BB	ASPD	9/17 1656	9/17 1724	
10)	McGover Sgt	MG	HUTPD	9/17 1656	1710	Security
11)	ET Brown	TB	APD	9/17 1658	9/17 1705	evidence
12)						
13)	Omar Valdez	OV	CHP	9/17 1712	1718	ISU
14)						

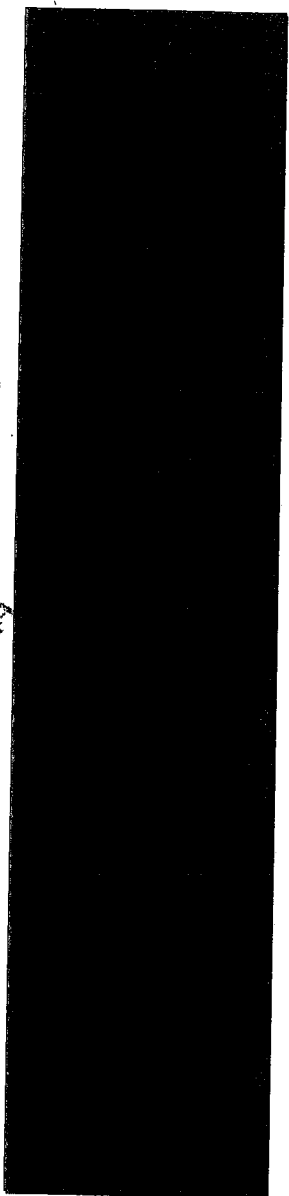
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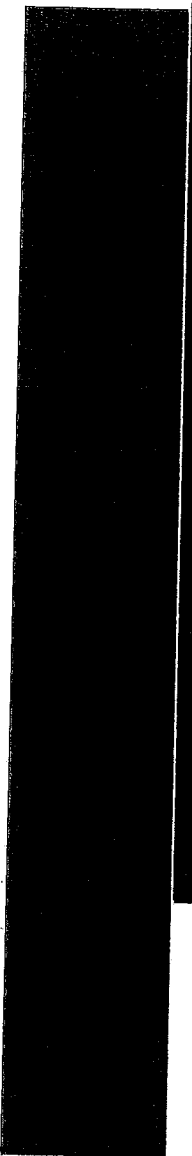
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September 19, 2023

File No.: 107.15251.21688

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Records Section
826 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

To Whom it may concern:

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), Northern Division Investigative Services Unit, is requesting Humboldt County Sheriff's Dispatch records for case number 2023-04322 and dispatch incident number 2309170032.

We are requesting records, to include all audio recordings (dispatch, 911), and typed dispatch logs related to this incident.

Please forward all records, and any questions regarding this matter to Investigator Aaron Telloian at aaron.telloian@chp.ca.gov or (707) 822-5981.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. R. Frederick".

S. R. FREDERICK, Captain
Special Services Commander
Northern Division





Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

Leira C10 Scan plan

Hoopa, CA

Case#: 202304322

Date: 9/17/23 Time: 1:30

Scanner Operator/assistants: [Redacted]

Scanner Serial#: 1261541 Scar [Redacted]

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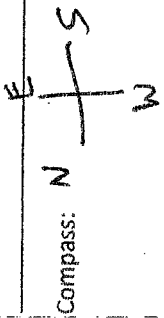
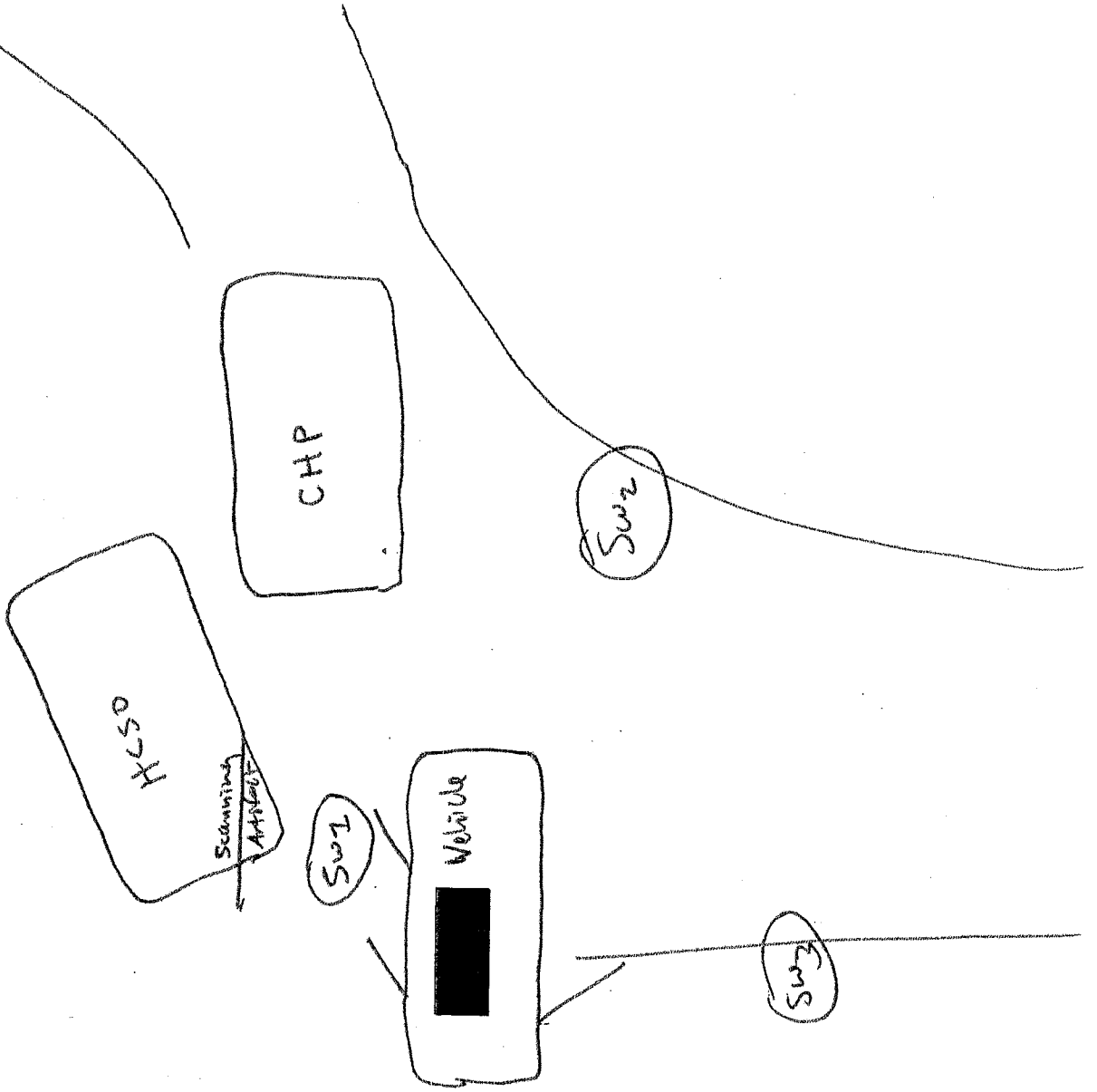
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Physical Evidence Submission Form

(Instructions for use of form located on reverse side.)

INFORMATION AND REPORT SECURITY		ROUTINE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AGENCY ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>	AGENT ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>	
SUBMITTING AGENCY: Humboldt County Sheriff's Office		AGENCY CASE NO: (Use Agency Format) 202304322			
COUNTY OF PROSECUTION: Humboldt		RELATED AGENCIES/CASE NUMBER(S):			
OFFENSE(S): OIS	DATE OF INCIDENT: 09/17/2023	DATE NEEDED:	REASON:		
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Sgt. Massaro		PHONE: 707-445-7251	FAX: 707-445-7289		
INVESTIGATING OFFICER - EMAIL ADDRESS: bmassaro@co.humboldt.ca.us					
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	Last name	First Name	MI		

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED			
LINE	AGENCY ASSIGNED ITEM #	DESCRIPTION OF EVIDENCE (ONE ITEM PER LINE WHEN POSSIBLE)	COMMENTS OR REQUESTS FOR SERVICE*
1	Copy of Item 006	RAW data from Leica scanner	For Dale Cloutier

CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR ITEMS LISTED ABOVE			
Line/Item NUMBER	Received From	Delivered to	DATE
1			9/21/23

PLEASE SUBMIT A POLICE REPORT OR ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET WITH A SUMMARY OF THE CASE FOR CRIMINALISTICS CASES
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Release of Human Remains

Name [REDACTED]

Date of Release: 09/25/2023

Case Number: 202304322

Released to: [REDACTED] By: CZ

Mortuary: SANDERS

Signature [Signature]

Identification Bracelet Location: Right Wrist: CZ Left Wrist: _____
Right Ankle: _____ Left Ankle: _____
Other _____

Was property released along with remains? Yes / No

Next of kin authorization form Yes / No Other _____

Pickup Billable Yes / No

JB CVB TE CZ

Paul's Chapel
1070 H Street, Arcata, CA 95521 FD-689
(707) 822-2445 * **FAX (707) 822-5148**

M-1

Name of Decedent: _____

YOU MUST BE A COMPETENT ADULT 18 or OLDER

I claim the right to control the disposition of the decedent's remains because:

- I have a **CALIFORNIA POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE** with disposition rights.
(Attach copy of document)
- I am the decedent's **LEGALLY MARRIED SPOUSE**
- I am a **REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNER IN CALIFORNIA** and have filed a Declaration of Domestic Partnership with the Secretary of State under Family Law Code section 297. (Attach copy of document)
- I am the decedent's **ONLY ADULT CHILD or ONLY SURVIVING ADULT CHILD**
- I am the decedent's **ONLY SURVIVING PARENT** (not Step-Parent)
- I am one of **THE PARENTS** (not Step-Parent)
- I am one of _____ **SURVIVING ADULT SIBLINGS** and part of a majority.
- I am the _____
- The decedent named me in a will or other document to control the disposition of his or her body. (Attach copy of document)

The following person (name) _____ who is the (relationship) _____ of the decedent with superior or equal right is residing at (physical location) _____ and is unable to control the disposition because (state reason) _____

I have indicated my relationship by checking the above and **I wish to give the following person:** _____ authorization to act on my behalf to contract for a burial or cremation and arrange for the final disposition of the remains.

I am not aware of any written instructions by the decedent, or any contract for funeral or cremation services by the decedent, that gives control of the disposition of the decedent's remains to any other person.

I hereby authorize the release of the remains and any personal belongings of the deceased to Paul's Chapel, or its agents.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

FILL IN COMPLETELY:

Signature: X _____

Date: 9-21-2023

Full Name of _____

Phone _____

Relationship _____

We Are Family Owned & Family Focused

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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VS-11 (REV 3/06)

STATE FILE NUMBER

LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER

DECEDENT'S PERSONAL DATA

1. FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST; 2. DATE OF BIRTH; 3. AGE Yrs; 4. BIRTH STATE/FOREIGN COUNTRY; 5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER; 6. SEX; 7. DATE OF DEATH; 8. HOUR; 9. EDUCATION; 10. YES/NO; 11. DECEDENT'S RACE; 12. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY; 13. YEARS IN OCCUPATION

USUAL RESIDENCE

14. DECEDENT'S RESIDENCE; 15. COUNTY/PROVINCE; 16. ZIP CODE; 17. YEARS IN COUNTY; 18. STATE/FOREIGN COUNTRY

INFORMANT

19. INFORMANT'S NAME, RELATIONSHIP; 20. ADDRESS

SPOUSE/SRDP AND PARENT INFORMATION

21. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE/SRDP; 22. NAME OF FATHER/PARENT; 23. NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT; 24. BIRTH STATE

FUNERAL DIRECTOR/LOCAL REGISTRAR

25. DISPOSITION DATE; 26. TYPE OF DISPOSITION; 27. SIGNATURE OF EMBALMER; 28. NAME OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT; 29. LICENSE NUMBER; 30. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR; 31. DATE

PLACE OF DEATH

32. PLACE OF DEATH; 33. COUNTY; 34. CITY

CAUSE OF DEATH

35. CAUSE OF DEATH; 36. IMMEDIATE CAUSE; 37. UNDERLYING CAUSE; 38. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS; 39. DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER; 40. BIOPSY PERFORMED; 41. AUTOPSY PERFORMED; 42. USED IN DETERMINING CAUSE

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION

43. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER; 44. TYPE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S NAME; 45. MANNER OF DEATH; 46. INJURED AT WORK; 47. INJURY DATE; 48. HOUR

CORONER'S USE ONLY

49. PLACE OF INJURY; 50. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED; 51. LOCATION OF INJURY; 52. SIGNATURE OF CORONER/DEPUTY CORONER; 53. DATE; 54. TYPE NAME, TITLE OF CORONER / DEPUTY CORONER

STATE REGISTRAR

55. PRINTED ON: 10/15/2023 10:12 AM; 56. BY ZECK, CHAD (GZECK); 57. FAX AUTH.#; 58. CENSUS TRACT



FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT

To: Special Agent Allen Samano
CaPSIT

AGENCY CASE NUMBER: BISF202300013

Related agencies and case numbers:

Arcata Police Department 231477

CHP, Northern Division F01010723

Eureka Police Department 23003961

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office 202304322

BFS Case Number:	EU-23-000853-0001
Officers:	CHP Officer NEIL JOHNSON HCSO Deputy DAVID BROOKS
Decedent:	[REDACTED]
Offense Date:	09/17/2023
Report Date:	05/10/2024

ANAB Certificate FT-0334

At the direction of the submitting agency, only the submitting agency will be allowed access to this case. The submitting agency should notify the lab when the prosecutor's office or others should be included.

BACKGROUND

On Sunday, September 17, 2023, at approximately 0730 hours, a CHP officer attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the [REDACTED] State Route 96 in Hoopa, California; the vehicle failed to yield. The officer pursued the vehicle for approximately a quarter mile onto Mesket Lane, where the vehicle came to a stop at a turnout. A HCSO deputy followed the pursuit from a distance.

Upon coming to a stop, the driver of the vehicle fled on foot down a trail into a nearby residential and wooded area. The CHP officer pursued the driver for approximately 200 yards. In the area of Alameda Lane, a confrontation occurred between the driver and CHP Officer. Initial evidence indicates the officer deployed a Taser during this altercation. An officer involved shooting followed. The driver sustained multiple gunshot wounds and died at the scene.

FIELD ACTIVITIES

I received a call from Detective Sergeant B. Massaro at approximately 0847 hours on September 17, 2023. He called to request BFS assistance with a CIRT (Critical Incident Response Team) response for an officer involved shooting that occurred on the same morning in Hoopa, California. At the time of the call it was unknown if the deceased subject was armed at the time of the shooting.

I arrived at the HCSO (Humboldt County Sheriff's Office) main station at approximately 0919 hours for the CIRT briefing. At the time of the briefing the deceased subject's weapon status was still unknown. Because of the expected travel times for CIRT investigators and potential CBI (California Bureau of Investigations) investigators, a CaPSIT (California Police Shooting Investigation Team) response was initiated.

Physical evidence processing was divided between two teams; one team to process the scene of the vehicle stop and a second team to process the scene with the deceased subject and surrounding area. The scenes were separated by approximately two hundred yards of terrain that included fenced yards and brushy trails. I was tasked with processing the scene of the shooting as part of the north team.

The north scene location was in a relatively square grassy lot with brush and small trees at its edges. The north side was bordered by a road or driveway that ended at a residence with boarded windows. The west and south sides of the lot were bordered by fences for adjacent properties. The eastern perimeter was bordered by the boarded-windows residence at the northeast corner and an additional grassy lot with brush and small trees south of the residence.

FIELD ACTIVITIES (continued)

██████████ was found on his back with his hands secured behind his back with handcuffs. His body was surrounded by dried grass that appeared relatively un-trampled except for the area immediately surrounding the body. No weapon was found on or under his body.

Item DC1 consisted of expended Taser gates and identification tags. The items were scattered in the grass approximately 11 feet northwest of the body.

Item DC2 is a folding knife found below an HSCO patrol vehicle on the roadway north of the grassy lot. The knife's handle was broken and the blade was partially closed. The relationship of item DC2 to the events on the day of the shooting, if any, was not determined.

Item DC5 is a Taser that was located approximately 25 feet southwest of the body, near the base of a small tree and behind an air conditioner. The Taser had one expended cartridge and one intact cartridge, had an identifying decal marked "125-23," and was stained with apparent blood.

Items DC6, DC7, and DC8 are each expended cartridge cases. The cartridge cases were located approximately 6 to 12 feet north of the body. Item DC3, apparent blood staining on branches, and DC4, a pistol magazine loaded with 15 intact cartridges, were both located in the same approximate area of the expended cartridge cases.

No additional expended cartridge cases were recovered from the area surrounding the body. I visually examined a wood fence and adjacent buildings along the south side of the scene for bullet damage; none was identified.

A set of keys stained with possible blood belonging to Officer Johnson were transferred from APD Evidence Technician ██████████ to me following scene processing as item DC9. Clothing and equipment worn by the Officer Johnson during the shooting was in the custody of CHP Investigator Chris Partlow and was also transferred to me following scene processing. See the Evidence section of this report for a list of the transferred clothing and equipment items.

Following evidence collection and scene documentation with notes, photographs, and 3D-laser scanning, Criminalist ██████████ and I departed the scene at approximately 1945 hours on September 17, 2023.

Autopsy

On September 22, 2023, Criminalist ██████████ and I attended the autopsy of ██████████ at the Humboldt County Coroner's Office in Eureka, California. We arrived at approximately 1216 hours. The body of ██████████ was still secured in a body bag with an intact seal. The seal was cut at approximately 1318 hours.

The deceased's hands were covered with brown paper bags and secured behind his back with handcuffs. The deceased was wearing shoes with socks, camouflage pants, short-sleeve shirt, and a load-bearing vest. Clothing removed from the deceased during autopsy was retained by the Coroner's office and allowed to dry over the weekend.

One Taser probe was located in the right lower shirt back and a second Taser probe was located on a right rear pants pocket. The Taser probes with attached wires were collected together as item DC25. While the deceased was being undressed, a single expended bullet was found between his shirt and chest wall. The fully expanded jacketed hollow-point bullet was collected as item DC27.

See the Evidence section of this report for a full list of evidence items collected at autopsy on September 22, 2023, and a list of the clothing items that were transferred on September 25, 2023. Following evidence collection and documentation with notes and photographs, Criminalist Cavness and I departed the autopsy at approximately 1606 hours on September 22, 2023.

FIELD ACTIVITIES (continued)

Officer's clothing processing

Clothing and equipment worn by Officer Johnson on September 17, 2023, was maintained in my custody at the BFS Eureka Laboratory. I visually examined these items for possible bloodstains and other potential evidence at the BFS Eureka Laboratory On April 9 and 10, 2024. Officer Johnson's item 08 pants were also examined using an alternate light source. Results of the examinations are listed below.

Item 07 uniform shirt: possible bloodstains were observed at two discrete locations on the left front portion of Officer Johnson's uniform shirt. Items were removed from the shirt pockets and retained as sub-item 07a.

Item 08 uniform pants: possible bloodstains were observed primarily to the left front knee and thigh area, a lesser amount of possible bloodstaining was observed to the right front thigh area, and a minimal amount of possible bloodstaining was observed to the rear of the pants legs below the knees. Defects in the form of small holes were observed in both the upper right thigh area at the front of the pants and upper left thigh area at the rear of the pants. A pair of gloves removed from the right thigh pocket and a belt were removed from the pants and retained as sub-item 08a.

Item 09 ballistic vest and hat: no possible bloodstains were observed.

Item 10 boots: no possible bloodstains were observed. While dust was observed on the boot welts, no unusual soiling was observed to the rear of the boots.

Item 11 duty belt: no possible bloodstains were observed on the belt or attachments.

Item DC9 keys: a possible bloodstain was observed the plastic portion of a handcuff key on the ring. The stain was collected on a pair of moistened swabs as sub-item DC9a.

Measurements in this report are included for descriptive purposes only and are not quantitative forensic results.

EVIDENCE

I collected the following evidence during scene processing on September 17, 2023:

- Item DC 1: Taser gates and tags
- Item DC 2: Knife
- Item DC 3: Possible blood on branches
- Item DC 4: Magazine with 15 intact cartridges
- Item DC 5: Taser
- Item DC 6: Expended cartridge case
- Item DC 7: Expended cartridge case
- Item DC 8: Expended cartridge case

The following evidence was received from APD Evidence Technician Taron Brown on September 17, 2023:

- Item DC 9: Keys with possible blood

The following evidence was received from CHP Investigator Chris Partlow on September 17, 2023:

- Item 01: "S&W pistol SN: [REDACTED]"
- Item 02: "round from pistol chamber (1 round) (item 1)"
- Item 03: "magazine from pistol"
- Item 04: "rounds (11) from magazine (item 3)"

EVIDENCE (continued)

The following evidence was received from CHP Investigator Chris Partlow on September 17, 2023:

- Item 05: "magazine from belt"
- Item 06: "15 rounds from magazine (item 5)"
- Item 07: "uniform shirt"
- Item 08: "uniform pants"
- Item 09: "ballistic vest and hat"
- Item 10: "boots"
- Item 11: "duty belt"

The following evidence was received from EPD Sr. Evidence Technician [REDACTED] on September 19, 2023:

- Item 4090-1: "Black thumb drive"

The following evidence was received from HCSO [REDACTED] on September 21, 2023:

- Item 006: "raw data from Leica scanner"

I collected the following evidence during autopsy on September 22, 2023:

- Item DC20: Seal from body bag
- Item DC21: Handcuffs
- Item DC22: Left hand paper bag
- Item DC23: Right hand paper bag
- Item DC24: Fingernail clippings, both hands
- Item DC25: Taser probes and wires
- Item DC26: Belt
- Item DC27: Expended bullet
- Item DC28: Bullet fragments from right elbow and forearm
- Item DC29: Bloodstain reference swabs for [REDACTED]

I received the following evidence from HCSO Deputy Coroner Zeck on September 25, 2023:

- Item DC30: Load bearing vest
- Item DC31: Shirt
- Item DC32: Pants
- Item DC33: Socks
- Item DC34: Shoes
- Item DC35: Underwear
- Item DC36: Bloodstain reference card for [REDACTED]
- Item DC37: Body bag

I generated the following sub-items at the BFS Eureka Laboratory on April 9, 2024:

- Item 07a: Contents of shirt pockets
- Item 08a: Belt and gloves removed from pants

I generated the following sub-item at the BFS Eureka Laboratory on April 10, 2024:

- Item DC 9a: Two swabs of possible blood from keys

I generated the following evidence at the BFS Eureka Laboratory on April 11, 2024:

- Item DC40: One flash drive with FARO 3D scanner raw data, FARO processed Scene2Go data, and photos from scene processing, autopsy, and clothing examinations

DISPOSITION

The item DC5 Taser was transferred to the BFS Redding Laboratory on April 9, 2024. Item DC36 will be forwarded to the BFS Redding Laboratory pending DNA analysis.

Items 07a, 08a, 09, 10, 11, and DC9 were transferred to a representative the CHP Humboldt office on May 1, 2024, for return to Officer Johnson.

Items 01 through 06, DC4, DC6, DC7, DC8, DC27, and DC28 will be retained by the BFS Eureka Laboratory pending firearms analysis.

The remaining evidence will be released to your agency in the normal course of business.



Dale Cloutier
Senior Criminalist

The signatory analyst declares under penalty of perjury: (1) I am employed by the State of California, Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Forensic Services (BFS); (2) I conducted an examination of the material described above in the ordinary course of my work as a qualified examiner according to approved laboratory procedures; (3) The recording of the analytical results was done at the time the analysis was performed and included creation of contemporaneous documentation; (4) Any opinions, interpretations, or conclusions in this report are based upon data in the associated laboratory case record.

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PHYSICAL EVIDENCE EXAMINATION REPORT

To: Special Agent Allen Samano
CaPSIT

BFS Case Number: EU-23-000853-0005
Officer: NEIL JOHNSON
Decedent: [REDACTED]
Offense Date: 09/17/2023
Report Date: 06/14/2024

AGENCY CASE NUMBER: BISF202300013
RELATED AGENCY CASE NUMBERS:
Arcata Police Department 231477
CHP, Northern Division F01010723
Eureka Police Department 23003961
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office 202304322

ANAB Certificate FT-0334

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SUMMARY

The three 40 S&W cartridge cases (item DC6, DC7, and DC8) and the fired bullet (item DC27) were fired in the submitted Smith & Wesson M&P40 pistol (item 01).

The metal fragments (item DC28) were unsuitable for microscopic comparison.

EVIDENCE

The following evidence was submitted to the BFS Eureka laboratory on September 17, 2023:

Item	Description
01	S&W M&P40 pistol, 40 S&W, with serial number [REDACTED]
02	40 S&W cartridge, said to be from chamber of item 01.
03	Smith & Wesson magazine, said to be from item 01.
04	Eleven 40 S&W cartridges, said to be from item 03.
05	NOTE: Three cartridges removed during examination to make test-fires. Smith & Wesson magazine, said to be from belt.
06	Fifteen 40 S&W cartridges, said to be from item 05.

The following evidence was collected at the scene and transported to the BFS Eureka laboratory on September 17, 2023:

Item	Description
DC4	Smith & Wesson magazine loaded with fifteen 40 S&W cartridges.
DC6	Expend cartridge case.
DC7	Expend cartridge case.
DC8	Expend cartridge case.

The following evidence was collected at autopsy and transported to the BFS Eureka laboratory on September 22, 2023:

Item	Description
DC27	Expend bullet.
DC28	Metal fragments, said to be from right elbow and forearm.

The following evidence was generated at the BFS Sacramento laboratory during the course of the examination:

Item	Description
04/01-TF1	Three cartridge cases/bullets removed from item 04 and test-fired in item 01.

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EXAMINATION

Ammunition

Item DC6 is a fired 40 S&W cartridge case. It has a nickel case and primer, a Federal headstamp, and blue lacquer around its primer. Based on the cycle of fire markings present, item DC6 was fired in a firearm with a teardrop shaped firing pin aperture and a hemispherical shaped firing pin.

Item DC7 is a fired 40 S&W cartridge case. It has a nickel case and primer, a Federal headstamp, and blue lacquer around its primer. Based on the cycle of fire markings present, item DC7 was fired in a firearm with a teardrop shaped firing pin aperture and a hemispherical shaped firing pin.

Item DC8 is a fired 40 S&W cartridge case. It has a nickel case and primer, a Federal headstamp, and blue lacquer around its primer. Based on the cycle of fire markings present, item DC8 was fired in a firearm with a teardrop shaped firing pin aperture and a hemispherical shaped firing pin.

Item DC27 is a fired jacketed hollowpoint bullet weighing approximately 181 grains. It has six petals and is fully expanded. It is a nominal 40-caliber bullet. Based on the cycle of fire markings present, item DC27 was fired in a firearm with five-right conventional rifling.

Item DC28 consists of two small metal fragments and apparent biological material. It weighs approximately 14 grains. I observed no rifling detail on the metal fragments, making them UNSUITABLE for microscopic comparison.

Item 02 is an unfired 40 S&W cartridge said to be from the chamber of item 01. It has a nickel case and primer, Federal headstamp, and blue lacquer around the primer and the cartridge case mouth. The cartridge case is the same design as items DC6, DC7, and DC8. The bullet is visually consistent with item DC27.

Item 04 consists of 11 unfired 40 S&W cartridges of the same design as item 02. It is said to be from the submitted magazine (item 03). I removed three cartridges from item 04 to test-fire the M&P40 pistol (item 01).

Item 06 consists of 15 unfired 40 S&W cartridges of the same design as item 02. It is said to be from the submitted magazine (item 05).

Firearm

Item 01 is a Smith & Wesson M&P40 pistol chambered for the 40 S&W cartridge. It has the serial number [REDACTED]. A functional Streamlight TLR-1 HL weapon light and a Houge grip wrap are installed.

The pistol has a teardrop shaped firing pin aperture, a hemispherical shaped firing pin, and has five-right conventional rifling.

I noted no obvious damage to the pistol. I used the submitted magazine (item 03) and three cartridges taken from item 04 and test fired the pistol. The pistol was operable with no malfunctions. I saved the test-fired bullets and cartridge cases as **item 04/01-TF1**.

Magazines

Item 03 is a Smith & Wesson magazine marked in part "40 S&W" and labeled "21929" with a sticker on the back. It has a capacity of fifteen 40 S&W cartridges. Item 03 fits and functions in item 01.

Item DC4 is a Smith & Wesson magazine marked in part "40 S&W" and labeled "21929" with a sticker on the back. It has a capacity of fifteen 40 S&W cartridges and is loaded with fifteen 40 S&W cartridges of the same design as items 02. Item DC4 fits and functions in item 01.

Item 05 is a Smith & Wesson magazine marked in part "40 S&W" and labeled "21929" with a sticker on the back. It has a capacity of fifteen 40 S&W cartridges. Item 05 fits and functions in item 01.

Comparisons

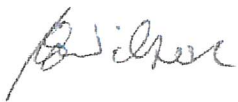
I microscopically compared the submitted cartridge cases (item DC6, DC7, and DC8) to a test-fired cartridge case (item 04/01-TF1) from the submitted S&W M&P40 pistol (item 01) and noted agreement of all discernable class characteristics and agreement of individual characteristics in the firing pin aperture shear marks and firing pin impression of sufficient quality and quantity for identification. Items DC6, DC7, and DC8 are IDENTIFIED as being fired in the submitted S&W M&P40 pistol (item 01).

I microscopically compared the submitted bullet (item DC27) to a test-fired bullet (item 04/01-TF1) from the submitted S&W M&P40 pistol (item 01) and noted agreement of all discernable class characteristics and agreement of individual characteristics in the land impressions of sufficient quality and quantity for identification. Item DC27 is IDENTIFIED as being fired in the submitted S&W M&P40 pistol (item 01).

The metal fragments (item DC28) were unsuitable for microscopic comparison.

DISPOSITION

The evidence will be released to your agency in the normal course of business.



Robert S. Wilson
Senior Criminalist

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CASE NO. N/A


SW NO. SW2300648

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF SEIZED
PROPERTY (PENAL CODE SECTION
1536)

COMES NOW Property Coordinator [redacted] employed by the Eureka
Police Department, and alleges as follows:


On or about September 17, 2023 Search Warrant Number SW2300648 was
issued by the Court and executed by the Eureka Police Department. The seized
property is indicated on the attached evidence list (see Exhibit 1). The
author of the search warrant, Eureka Police Department Detective Raymond
Nunez, requests that item 2015-3 (Samsung cell phone), be released from the
custody of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office for appropriate disposition.

DATED: 5/17/2024



Jeremy Hunter
Property Coordinator
Eureka Police Department

DATED: 7/9/23



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ORDER

Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that item 2015-3, seized pursuant to Search Warrant Number SW2300648 and retained by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, be released from their custody for appropriate disposition.

DATED: _____

7/11/24

KELLY L. NEEL

Judge of the Superior Court
County of Humboldt



Property Room List - Selected Items

Case #: 202304322 Selected Items

Charges

OIS - OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date of Case: 09/17/2023

Suspects and Suspect Arrests

Name

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#	Item ID	Brand Description	Model	Article	Serial #	Location
3	2015-3	SAMSUNG	SM-A025V	CELL PHONE		
GALAXY A02S, PLACED IN AIRPLANE MODE ON SCENE, ON GROUND AT REAR WHEEL OF						

Hollingsworth, Bruce

From: Massaro, Blake
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 1:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 202304322 property release

Thank you

Detective Sergeant Blake Massaro
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
Major Crimes Division
Main: (707) 445-7251
Direct: (707) 268-3639
Email: bmassaro@co.humboldt.ca.us



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 1:29 PM
To: Massaro, Blake <BMassaro@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Cc: Holt, Kyle <KHolt@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Sheriff Property <sheriffproperty@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: 202304322 property release

Sgt. Massaro,

I just received the authorization to release RIMS 003 phone to [REDACTED] from the Court & EPD per your request.

I will move this item to safekeeping and send her an owner notification letter.

FYI

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Property Technician
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
(707) 268-3651
826 Fourth Street
Eureka CA 95501

RELATED BFS CASE #

State of California, Department of Justice
Bureau of Forensic Services

BFS CASE #

Physical Evidence Submission Form
(Instructions for use of form located on reverse side.)

INFORMATION AND REPORT SECURITY		ROUTINE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AGENCY ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>	AGENT ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>	
SUBMITTING AGENCY: HCSO		AGENCY CASE NO: 202304322 (Use Agency Format)			
COUNTY OF PROSECUTION: HUMBOLDT		RELATED AGENCIES/CASE NUMBER(S):			
OFFENSE(S): CIS	DATE OF INCIDENT: 9/17/2023	DATE NEEDED:	REASON:		
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Sgt. Massaro		PHONE: 707-445-7251	FAX: 707-445-7298		
INVESTIGATING OFFICER - EMAIL ADDRESS: bmassaro@co.humboldt.ca.us					
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EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

LINE	AGENCY ASSIGNED ITEM #	DESCRIPTION OF EVIDENCE (ONE ITEM PER LINE WHEN POSSIBLE)	COMMENTS OR REQUESTS FOR SERVICE*
1	#021	RAW data from Leica Scanner - Second Copy	

CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR ITEMS LISTED ABOVE

Line/Item NUMBER	Received From (SIGN NAME LEGIBLY)	Delivered to	DATE
Line 1			7/24/24

PLEASE SUBMIT A POLICE REPORT OR ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET WITH A SUMMARY OF THE CASE FOR CRIMINALISTICS CASES
*By submitting evidence to the Bureau of Forensic Services, the agency agrees to the BFS Evidence Submission Agreement located here: <https://oag.ca.gov/bfs/peb>

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COUNTY OF PROSECUTION: Humboldt		RELATED AGENCIES/CASE NUMBER(S) :			
OFFENSE(S): OIS	DATE OF INCIDENT: 09/17/2023	DATE NEEDED:	REASON:		
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Sgt. Massaro	PHONE: 707-445-7251	FAX: 707-445-7289			
INVESTIGATING OFFICER - EMAIL ADDRESS: bmassaro@co.humboldt.ca.us					
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EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

LINE	AGENCY ASSIGNED ITEM #	DESCRIPTION OF EVIDENCE (ONE ITEM PER LINE WHEN POSSIBLE)	COMMENTS OR REQUESTS FOR SERVICE*
1	A) Copy of item 022	Leica Truview w/ instructions	

CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR ITEMS LISTED ABOVE

Line/Item NUMBER	Received From (SIGN NAME LEGIBLY)	Delivered to (SIGN NAME LEGIBLY)	DATE
line 1	<i>Adam Johnson</i>	<i>Greg...</i>	7/31/24

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FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT

To: Special Agent Allen Samano
CaPSIT

AGENCY CASE NUMBER: BISF202300013

Related agencies and case numbers:

Arcata Police Department 231477

CHP, Northern Division F01010723

Eureka Police Department 23003961

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office 202304322

BFS Case Number:	EU-23-000853-0006
Officers:	CHP Officer NEIL JOHNSON HCSO Deputy DAVID BROOKS
Decedent:	[REDACTED]
Offense Date:	09/17/2023
Report Date:	08/07/2024

ANAB Certificate FT-0334

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SUMMARY

Item 021 is a flash drive containing unprocessed Leica 3D scanner data. The BFS Eureka Laboratory is not currently equipped to process the data; therefore, no work was completed on item 021.

Item 022 is a flash drive containing Leica 3D scanner data that was processed by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office; this item was not opened or analyzed.

Both items will be forwarded to CAPSIT investigators.

EVIDENCE

The following evidence was submitted to the laboratory on July 24, 2024:

Item 021: "RAW data from Leica Scanner - second copy"

The following evidence was submitted to the laboratory on July 31, 2024:

Item 022: "Leica Truview w/instructions"

DISPOSITION

The evidence will be transferred to your agency in the normal course of business.

Dale Cloutier
Senior Criminalist

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Case Number: 202304322

CORONER-PA

Autopsy Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]; Age: [REDACTED] years

Date and Time of Death: 09/17/2023 at 0811 hrs.

AUTOPSY PERFORMED

By: James N. Olson, MD
Deputy State Medical Examiner
Oregon State Medical Examiner
13309 SE 84th Street, Suite 100
Clackamas, OR 97015

James N. Olson, MD

On: Friday, September 22, 2023 - 1320 hrs.
At: Humboldt County Coroner's Office, Eureka, California

CONCLUSIONS:

- I. The subject sustained four gunshot wounds in close proximity while struggling with a law enforcement officer.
- II. Gunshot wound to the chest with perforation of the left lung and exit below the axilla, projectile recovered underneath the shirt.
- III. Perforating gunshot wounds to the right forearm and left upper arm.
- IV. Grazing gunshot wound in the left lower abdomen.
- V. Taser prongs were recovered in the right buttock and lower back.
- VI. Both hands and fingers incised with no evidence of injuries.
- VII: Toxicology results: Fentanyl 47 ng/mL, Norfentanyl 36 ng/mL; d-Methamphetamine 1.1 mg/L, Amphetamine 0.12 mg/L

CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound to the chest

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: Grazing gunshot wound to the left lower abdomen and perforating gunshot wounds to the left upper arm and the proximal right forearm. Taser prongs in the right buttock and right lower back. Fentanyl and Methamphetamine intoxication.

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide

HISTORY:

The subject died as a result of an officer involved shooting. For details please refer to law enforcement reports.

IDENTIFICATION:

Identification is confirmed by the Humboldt County Deputy Coroner Investigator and law enforcement personnel.

GENERAL:

The body is that of a normally developed and normally nourished [REDACTED], that weighs [REDACTED] pounds, measures [REDACTED] inches in length, and appears consistent with the age of [REDACTED] years. The eyes are [REDACTED]. The subject has a full head of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] hair and a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Decomposition changes consist of multiple areas of skin slippage, particularly on the upper extremities and over the chest and abdomen. Fly eggs are present over the left side of the neck. There are several tattoos on the body. There is a midline scar that extends from the base of the sternum around the navel and to the pubic bone for approximately 20 cm in length by .5 cm in width. Lividity is posterior. Rigor mortis has dissipated.

CLOTHING:

Worn by the body at the time of examination are the following items:

[REDACTED]

The shirt has a bullet hole in it in the right upper chest measuring 1 cm in diameter. The shirt is soaked with blood and it is difficult to identify powder particles.

PERSONAL EFFECTS:

Present on or with the body at the time of examination are the following items:
Personal effects will be inventoried in the law enforcement report and coroner report.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION:

EKG pads

EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

The subject has sustained four gunshot wounds. There are Taser prongs in the right buttock and the right lower back.

Gunshot wound #1: This is a wound to the right of center in the chest that is 1 cm from midline to its inner edge. It is 56 inches from the bare heel. There is a corresponding hole in the shirt. The wound has a partial rim of soot and searing from approximately 7-9-10 o'clock that has a width of 1 cm. There is also a triangle shaped pattern of soot extending from approximately 3 o'clock that progressively widens toward midline and measures 2 x 2 cm. The marginal abrasion is the faint. There appear to be 3 to 4 powder stipple marks at approximately 9 o'clock, 5 mm lateral from the soot margin, that cover an area of 1 cm in diameter. The stipples average less than 1 mm. The exit wound is in the left axilla 57.5 inches from the bare heel and measures 2.1 x 2 cm. There is no corresponding hole in the shirt. It would appear that the projectile was trapped

inside the shirt and moved toward the anterior chest when the body was moved, where the fully expanded projectile was recovered beneath the shirt. The wound course would be from right to left, front to back, and upward. Gunshot wound #1 shatters the upper sternum and enters the chest cavity at the level of left second rib. The right chest cavity is unremarkable. The left chest cavity contains 500-600 ml of blood. The projectile exited the left chest cavity at the level of the fifth and sixth ribs producing a 2 cm in diameter hole. It then exited the skin as described. It perforated the upper lobe of the left lung. No injuries to the heart, aorta or the left carotid artery and left subclavian artery were found.

Gunshot wound #2: This is a grazing wound in the left lower abdomen. The upper edge is 43 inches from the bare heel, begins 5 cm to the left of midline, and has a downward course from medial to lateral. It measures 4.5 x 1.7 cm and has corresponding holes in the shirt as well as in the left front pocket of the camouflage pattern pants.

Gunshot wound #3: This is a wound that is a perforating wound in the right forearm just below the elbow. The entrance wound measures 1.1 x 1 cm and has a halo of soot around it that is most pronounced on the upper outer edge for 3 x 2 cm. The exit perforation is located 4 cm from it and is an irregular stellate wound with several skin tags around it that measures 3 x 2.5 cm. A probe connects the two wounds. There is damage to the head of the ulna bone and imaging studies show what appears to be a fragment of retained projectile. The wound is examined internally and shows on exploring the wound that the ulna is shattered. The largest fragment of the projectile is recovered along with two smaller fragments of lead and copper jacket.

Gunshot wound #4: It is a perforating wound. The entrance wound is in the anterior lateral left arm 12 cm below the top of the shoulder. The wound measures 1.1 x 1 cm, has faint marginal abrasion, and shows faint stippling on the lower and medial edge for 2.5 x 2 cm. The exit perforation is in the posterior lateral arm 12 cm above and behind the entrance wound. The exit wound measures 3 x 1.3 cm. The wound course is upward, front to back, and courses tangentially underneath the skin without damaging the humerus bone.

HEAD AND NECK:

The eyelids are normal in appearance. The conjunctivae are free of petechiae and the sclerae are anicteric. The ears are normal in appearance. The facial skeleton is palpably intact. The nostrils are patent. The lips are atraumatic. The oral mucosa is free of lesions. The dentition is natural and in adequate condition. The tongue is free of lacerations or contusions.

The scalp is free of lacerations, abrasions, or contusions. The scalp is reflected in the usual manner and no galeal hemorrhage is present. The calvarium of the skull is intact. The calvarium is removed and no epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid hemorrhage is present. The brain is removed and the base of the skull is intact. The brain weighs 1520 grams. The brain has the usual gyral appearance and soft consistency. The leptomeninges are smooth and glistening. No areas of traumatic injury are seen over the surfaces of the brain. Edema is

present with flattening of gyri and narrowing of sulci. No herniations are noted. Sectioning through the brain discloses the normal appearance of grey and white matter without areas of traumatic injury or focal organic lesions involving the cerebrum, cerebellum or brainstem. The vessels at the base of the brain are normally formed and are unremarkable. The spinal cord is not removed.

The anterior strap muscles of the neck are free of hemorrhage. The hyoid bone and laryngeal cartilage are intact. The laryngeal mucosa, vocal cords, and epiglottis are normal in appearance. The cervical spine is atraumatic and no unusual mobility is noted with manipulation of the head on the neck.

THORAX:

The thorax is normal except as described above under evidence of injury. The right pleural cavity is unremarkable. The left pleural cavity is described under evidence of injury. The pericardium is intact and contains approximately 10 ml of serous fluid. All pericardial surfaces are smooth and glistening. The thymus is normal in appearance for this age. The sternum as described under evidence of injury. The clavicles are free of old or recent fractures. The ribs are described under evidence of injury. The thoracic spine is normal in appearance. The back is unremarkable, except as previously mentioned.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

The heart weighs 350 grams. The heart has the usual ventricular configuration and muscular consistency. The left anterior descending, circumflex and right coronary arteries are free of significant atherosclerotic narrowing. Sectioning through the heart discloses normal ventricular chamber sizes and wall widths. No areas of acute or previous ischemic change or obvious inflammation involve the ventricular or septal myocardium. The valves are normally formed, thin and pliable, and free of vegetations. The atria are unremarkable. The aorta is free of significant atherosclerotic disease.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

A thin, watery fluid is found within the upper respiratory tree lumen. The tracheobronchial mucosa is free of lesions. The pulmonary vessels are normally formed and free of emboli. The right and left lungs weigh 610 grams and 320 grams, respectively. The right lung shows congestion and edema. The left lung is described under evidence of injury.

ABDOMEN:

The abdomen is slightly protuberant. There are scattered adhesions and sutures in the anterior abdomen. All of the organs are present and are dissected in situ. The organs show no significant abnormalities. The lumbar and sacral spine is atraumatic. The pelvis is palpably stable.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:

The esophageal mucosa is free of lesions. The stomach is nearly empty. The

gastric mucosa is normally rugated. The small and large intestines are free of organic lesions. The appendix is not identified. The anus is normal in appearance.

HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:

The liver weight is normal. The capsule is smooth and glistening. Sectioning through the liver discloses the expected dark red to brown, slightly firm parenchyma. No significant fatty change, fibrosis or focal organic lesions are identified. The gallbladder contains approximately 30 ml of thin green bile. No stones are present within the gallbladder. The gallbladder mucosa has the usual green, velvety appearance.

LYMPHORETICULAR SYSTEM:

The spleen weight is normal. Sectioning through the spleen shows no abnormalities. No unusual lymph nodes are encountered during the dissection.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The thyroid gland is of normal size and free of lesions on sectioning. The pancreas has the usual light tan, lobular architecture. No areas of hemorrhage, necrosis or calcification are identified on sectioning. The adrenals have the usual bright yellow cortices and grey to brown medullary areas. No lesions are identified on sectioning.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:

The right and left kidney weights are normal. Both renal capsules strip with ease to reveal smooth and glistening, dark red cortical surfaces. Sectioning through the kidneys discloses adequate cortical widths with distinct corticomedullary junctions, and no areas of hemorrhage, necrosis or inflammation involving the renal pyramids. The urinary collecting system is normal. The bladder contains approximately 40 ml of clear yellow urine. The bladder mucosa is free of lesions. The penis is circumcised and free of skin lesions. Both testes are descended within the scrotum and palpably free of masses.

EXTREMITIES:

The extremities are normal except as described above under evidence of injury.

HISTOLOGY:

No tissue samples are saved.

EVIDENCE SAVED:

Items of evidence taken are described in the law enforcement reports and consist of clothing, personal effects, and the recovered bullet and bullet fragments

TOXICOLOGY:

Routine fluid samples are saved and toxicology is requested.

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Case Name:

TOXICOLOGY NUMBER: CVT-23-6439

Specimen Description: 3.75 ml chest blood (gray top vial) labeled "██████████; ██████████
██████████ Dr Olson; 09/22/2023"

Delivered by Federal Express

Date 27-Sep-23

Received by Jerry Mendoza

Date 27-Sep-23

Request: Complete Drug Screen & THC

Agency Case # 202304322

Requesting Agency

Humboldt County Coroner
3012 "I" Street
Eureka CA 95501

Report To

Humboldt County Coroner
Attn: Records
3012 "I" Street
Eureka CA 95501

Specimen: Chest Blood Sample

RESULTS

Complete Drug Screen: Fentanyl and Methamphetamine detected.
Specific drug assay for THC performed.
No other common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected.
No Ethyl Alcohol detected.

Cannabinoids (THC metabolite) by Immunoassay = Positive*

Fentanyl = 47 ng/mL
Norfentanyl = 36 ng/mL

d-Methamphetamine = 1.1 mg/L
d-Amphetamine = 0.12 mg/L

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*Note: Chest blood volume too small (QNS) for Cannabinoids (THC metabolite) confirmation/quantification.

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