



# HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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INFORMATION REPORT

Case  
202304322

<b>OFFENSES</b>	F/M A/C Offenses OIS OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING				Date Occurred 09/17/2023	Time Occurred 0730	Incident # 2309170032			
					Date Reported 09/17/2023	Time Reported 0730				
	Related Cases									
	Date Printed 06/24/2024		Time Printed 10:30:04		Printed By 2254					
	Latitude [REDACTED]		Longitude [REDACTED]							
Location [REDACTED] State Hwy 96, Hoopa, CA 95546				Beat 44	Area 40	Disposition Cleared by Exception		Dispo Date 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 [REDACTED]				Drivers License	Cell Phone		Email			
Residence Address [REDACTED]				Residence Phone [REDACTED]		DOB [REDACTED]	Age [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	
Business Name and Address				Business Phone		Height	Wt	Hair	Eyes	
Suspect [REDACTED]				Action Taken		Charges [REDACTED]				
Residence Address [REDACTED]				Residence Phone		DOB [REDACTED]	Age [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	
Business Name and Address				Business Phone		Height [REDACTED]	Wt [REDACTED]	Hair [REDACTED]	Eyes [REDACTED]	
Identifying Features [REDACTED]				Cell Phone		Drivers License [REDACTED]		Arrest Number		
Aliases [REDACTED]								CII [REDACTED]		
<b>VEHICLES</b>	Status		Vehicle Make and Model [REDACTED] Silver Volk Jetta			License/State [REDACTED]		VIN [REDACTED]		Val Damgd
<b>DEPUTIES</b>	Prepared By 1333 - Brooks, David		Date 09/17/2023	Assisted By			Approved By 2066 - Head, Brandon		Date 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					
Daniel O'Neil-Tennant (DOJ)		12/29/2023	JYOTI KAUR - CatVDRS		06/14/2024					

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

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PROPERTY - VOLKSWAGEN JETTA CA: 7A5A478

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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 (350039081404836)			
4	Evidence	2015-4 - 1 Ruger Singel-Six Revolver - .22 CAL, 3 LIVE ROUNDS AND, 2 SPENT CASINGS REMOVED FROM CYLINDER AND BOOKED SEPARATELY (20-85251)			
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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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			

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NARRATIVE - AGENCY ASSIST CHP - TRAFFIC

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.  
4

5 We were talking for a short time when we both saw a silver 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] [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 suspect vehicle turned left onto a dirt road on the south side of the Hoopa Mini Storage.  
15

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 [REDACTED] 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 suspect vehicle and radioed the license plate. I began to run into the briars with CHP Officer  
23 Johnson when I saw two [REDACTED] 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] [REDACTED]  
30

31 I also got the other female out who was seated or lying down in the back passenger compartment. [REDACTED]  
32 identified [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I began asking [REDACTED] who the driver was and why he ran.  
33 [REDACTED] identified the driver to me as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and further told me [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
34 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
35

36 I radioed dispatch for a warrant check on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Dispatch advised he had an outstanding  
37 misdemeanor bookable warrant for his arrest.  
38

39 I told both they were being detained as we sorted this out. As I was walking [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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

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1  
2 The male began walking backwards away from me as I began to advance him. He continued back to  
3 the Hoopa Mini Mart where he got into a red or maroon vehicle and left the area, but two other white  
4 vehicles were behind the red vehicle.

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

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

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

19  
20 I am unsure if that was kept confidential as a short time later more family began arriving at my  
21 location and the other location behind the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

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

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

33  
34 CHP MAIT Officers arrived and began their investigation as well.

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

38  
39 At about 2000 hours, I was released from the scene by HCSO Lieutenant Holt and Sergeant Massaro.

40  
41 Case forwarded to MCD and DA's Office for review.  
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**SUPPLEMENT 1 - Supplemental**

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 [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [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.  
13

<b>Prepared By:</b> 2476 TRUEX, RJ [X] BODY CAMERA RECORDED	<b>Date:</b> 09/17/2023	<b>Approved By:</b> 1958 DEL ROSARIO, PATRICK	<b>Date:</b> 09/21/2023
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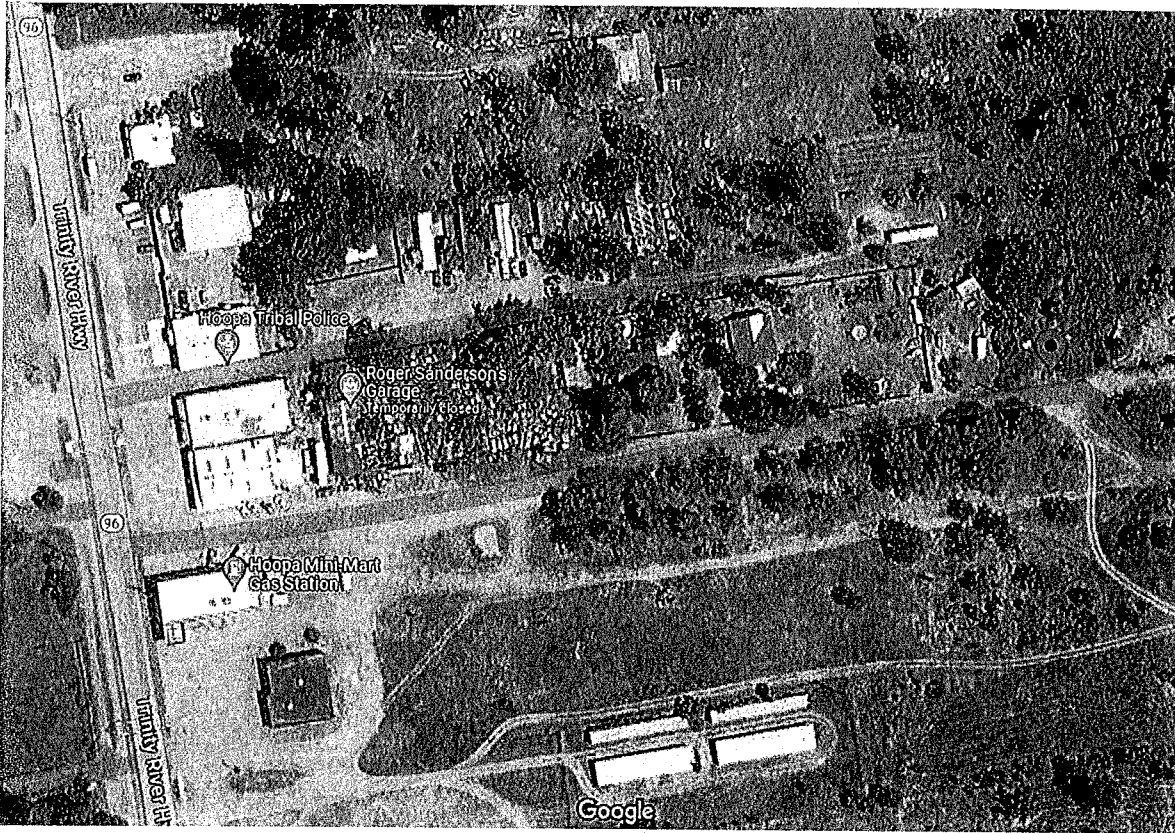
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1 On 09/17/2023, I responded to 12591 State Hwy 96 to assist with investigating an Officer Involved  
2 Shooting. I was assigned to work with DAI Chelsea Brawner and HCSO Detective Vickman to process a Grey  
3 Volkswagen Jetta [REDACTED] and the CHP vehicle [REDACTED]. The vehicles were located at the following  
4 GPS coordinates, [REDACTED] 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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1  
2  
3 The Jetta was parked facing north with the front of the car nosed into a brush area with a worn foot path  
4 into the brush just in front of it. The driver's door was open along with both passenger side doors. The CHP  
5 vehicle was parked facing north behind the Jetta and just to the east of it. The red and blue lights of the vehicle  
6 were flashing. The HCSO vehicle was parked facing to the north, it was east of the CHP vehicle a little in front it.  
7 The red and blue lights of the HCSO vehicle were flashing. I took overall photographs of the exterior of the  
8 vehicles. After the search warrant was signed for the vehicles I took overall photographs of the interior of the  
9 Jetta and the CHP vehicle. I did not take photographs of the interior of the HCSO vehicle. Deputy Brooks  
10 indicated that he had turned off the Jetta and placed the keys to it on the driver's seat.  
11

12 DAI Brawner and Detective Vickman assisted with searching the interior of the Jetta. The interior of the  
13 vehicle was not well kept and contained a large amount of misc. items including drug paraphernalia. I took  
14 photographs of indicia for Veronica Roberts and Brenda Lewis. The following items were collected as evidence:  
15

- 16 1. Samsung Galaxy A025, IMEI: 350039081404836, on, placed in airplane mode on scene, not locked  
17 Located: on ground next to rear tire on driver's side  
18 2. Ruger Single Six .22 cal revolver, SER# 20-85251  
19 Located: in bag on front passenger floorboard  
20 3. 3 live .22 cal rounds and 2 .22 cal spent casings  
21 Located: removed from cylinder of item #2 (Ruger Singel Six revolver)  
22 4. Flipper, black an aluminum bat sawn off to bully club size  
23 Located: next to power pole under brush at head of foot path  
24

25 I took overall photographs of the interior of the CHP vehicle. Both the long gun and shotgun were locked  
26 in their respective gun locks in the vehicle. The in car video camera appeared to be operating, but not currently  
27 recording. A CHP officer on scene indicated that the model camera was older and required admin permissions to  
28 be able to download the video, so it was not collected at this time. Nothing appeared to be out of the ordinary  
29 with the vehicle. No items were collected from the CHP vehicle.  
30

31 I utilized a sUAS to take aerial photographs of the location of the vehicles. I also took a video from the  
32 vehicle's location to the approximate area that the body was located. This was to give an idea of the location  
33 where the foot pursuit occurred.  
34

35 I utilized a Leica C10 scanner to scan the area around the vehicles. The scanner serial number is 1261541.  
36 I placed a scanning artifact into the scene. The weather was sunny and smokey. Images were captured. Targets  
37 were not used. I took a total of 4 scans. I created a scan plan to document the locations of the scan worlds. The  
38 scan plan is attached to this report. On 09/18/2023, I copied the RAW scan data to a flash drive and booked it  
39 into evidence. I also created a copy to provide to the CDOJ BFS.  
40

41 After finishing with documenting and collecting evidence at the vehicle location. I responded to the  
42 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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SUPPLEMENT 2 - Crime Scene

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

3  
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.

9  
10 Nothing further.

11

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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.

6  
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 [REDACTED] occupant of the vehicle sped off, drove across a field, and fled  
11 the vehicle on foot. Officer Johnson pursued [REDACTED] and Deputy Brooks detained [REDACTED] passengers of the  
12 vehicle. Officer Johnson became involved in a physical altercation with [REDACTED] 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] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were currently at the Hoopa Tribal Police Department.

16  
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 Brenda Lewis.

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] [REDACTED] in an  
26 interview room at the Hoopa Tribal Police Department. As we spoke, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ate pizza that had been  
27 provided to her by Lieutenant Cress.

28  
29 I advised [REDACTED] [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] [REDACTED] was sitting next to the open door and Detective Richardson and I sat on the  
31 opposite side of the room.

32  
33 I thanked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for staying to speak with us. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] made a comment about not having much  
34 choice in the matter. I told [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I wanted to speak with [REDACTED] but wanted our conversation to be  
35 voluntary. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] understood and was willing to speak with us. I told [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could  
36 choose not to answer any questions or end the interview whenever [REDACTED] pleased.

37  
38 I asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] name, address, and telephone number. When [REDACTED] provided [REDACTED] phone number [REDACTED]  
39 stated [REDACTED] phone was in [REDACTED] vehicle. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] indicated [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Hoopa.

40  
41 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] asked if [REDACTED] was going to get [REDACTED] car back. I asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] if the vehicle [REDACTED] was a passenger  
42 in that morning was the car [REDACTED] was talking about. [REDACTED] stated it was. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] purchased the vehicle from

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

2  
3 I asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] "When did all of this start?" [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been in  
4 possession of [REDACTED] vehicle for a couple of days. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] arrived home on the morning of September 17, 2023.

6  
7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was at [REDACTED] residence and wanted a ride home. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not  
8 want [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to take off with [REDACTED] car again so she got a makeup bag and shoes [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] home.

10  
11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [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] [REDACTED] then turned  
13 down the road toward [REDACTED] [REDACTED] residence. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] what [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated the law enforcement officers had pulled onto the road behind [REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1  
2 I asked if [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could estimate how much time had passed between the time [REDACTED] [REDACTED] exited the  
3 vehicle and when [REDACTED] heard the gunshots. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] estimated it was less than a few minutes.

4  
5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was positive it was three gunshots. [REDACTED] stated all three gunshots sounded the same.  
6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated the shots came one right after the other,

7  
8 Detective Richardson asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] what [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said when the patrol car pulled out behind their  
9 vehicle. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said, [REDACTED] they pulled out behind me." [REDACTED] clarified, "The  
10 cops are behind me."

11  
12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had told [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to stop. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated there was no reason for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to  
13 flee from law enforcement.

14  
15 I asked where they were headed. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that they were headed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] residence on  
16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Hoopa.

17  
18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not say anything besides "They pulled out behind me." [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] [REDACTED] drove almost to the end of the road and then cut across two fields. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
20 then jumped out of the vehicle and ran.

21  
22 I asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] how long [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been home prior to them leaving to take [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
23 home. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] estimated [REDACTED] was home "an hour or two". I asked if anything out of the ordinary occurred  
24 during that time,

25  
26 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had talked about wanting to go fishing. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had no idea  
27 where [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been prior to returning home.

28  
29 I asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about the law enforcement officers that initially contacted them. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED]  
30 did not know the officer that chased [REDACTED] [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] [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] 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] [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] made any observations about the patrol vehicles when they were behind [REDACTED] vehicle.  
37 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not make any visual observations of the vehicle but heard a siren as they were almost near  
38 some boulders. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] described it as one blare of the siren. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] described the boulders as  
39 being as large as [REDACTED] vehicle.

40  
41 I asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] [REDACTED] residence was. [REDACTED] stated it was two driveways [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
42 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated it was the only residence down that road.

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1  
2 Detective Richardson asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was scared during the incident. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED] driving was scarin [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] asked him to stop multiple times. [REDACTED] believed the reason [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED] stopped was because [REDACTED] yelling at him to stop.

5  
6 Detective Richardson asked if [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had any personal property in the vehicle. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that  
7 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and therefore they both had belongings in the vehicle.

8  
9 I advised [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] vehicle was going to be subject of a search warrant and would be under law  
10 enforcement control. I advised [REDACTED] 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] [REDACTED] asked if she could retrieve [REDACTED] phone  
12 from the vehicle. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] wanted [REDACTED] phone to check on the status of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated  
13 [REDACTED] was going to leave and wanted [REDACTED] phone.

14  
15 I exited the room and spoke with Lieutenant Cress about a potential timeline for getting an answer about [REDACTED]  
16 phone. There was no timeline available. It was decided to notify [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] [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] [REDACTED] that we would not be able to release [REDACTED] phone to [REDACTED]  
21 anytime soon. I told [REDACTED] that I was able to provide [REDACTED] with the status of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and advised [REDACTED] that [REDACTED]  
22 had died.

23  
24 Chaplain Morse entered the room. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I gotta go get away from  
25 here." [REDACTED] [REDACTED] exited the interview room and walked to the room that [REDACTED] had been waiting in and had left  
26 [REDACTED] shoes in. I offered to call someone for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] declined my offer and states [REDACTED] wanted to leave.  
27 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] retrieved [REDACTED] shoes and I showed [REDACTED] the exit. As [REDACTED] was exited, Lieutenant Cress offered to get  
28 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] **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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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.

40  
41 At space [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
42

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1 At the trailer at the eastern portion of the trailer park we spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
2  
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 Salem McTigue  
11 and Scott Whitham. 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".  
18

19 **[REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and also  
22 named [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. 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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] one road to the south with the rear of  
24 the residences facing [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
25

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

28 At the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on the left, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], we encountered a locked gate. We were unable to get the  
29 attention of anyone inside the residence. There was a green 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] [REDACTED]. Dispatch could not locate a current phone number for [REDACTED]  
32 [REDACTED]  
33

34 At the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] we spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
35

36 At the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] we spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
37

38 At th [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] we spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [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] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
42

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1 We then went to the end of the road and attempted contact at the [REDACTED] 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 tan  
11 Toyota pick-up at the entrance to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] near the Hoopa Mini Mart. Since Sergeant Beauchaine did not  
12 have anyone with him, I joined him. Sergeant Beauchaine was speaking with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who stated [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When [REDACTED] [REDACTED] learned that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had died [REDACTED] became  
14 upset. [REDACTED] was offered an opportunity to speak with Chaplain Morse, we offered to call someone for [REDACTED], and we  
15 offered to provide a ride for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] declined these offers. [REDACTED] requested someone contact [REDACTED] with more  
16 information. I took [REDACTED] 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] [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] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I called that  
30 number and left a message requested [REDACTED] contact me at the Sheriff's Office.

31  
32 Lieutenant Cress and I responded to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] As we  
33 responded a Hoopa Tribal Police Officer advised he had just seen [REDACTED] [REDACTED] driving southbound on SR96.

34  
35 We were unable to make contact with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sergeant Massaro provided me a USB drive  
40 to place the interviews on.

41  
42 I downloaded the interview of [REDACTED] [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.

**CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Any further action by me will be documented in an additional supplemental report.

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**SUPPLEMENT 4 - Officer Processing**

1 On 9/17/2023, at approximately 0840 hours, I received a call from Forensic Specialist Campbell 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 Brown, 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 Brown 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 Brown, 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 Brown and I were then reassigned with evidence collection. Items located was  
16 collected by CDOJ BFS and photographed by EPD Evidence Tech Michael. 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.  
19

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SUPPLEMENT 5 - Witness Interviews

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 [REDACTED] were located inside the vehicle involved in the traffic stop and they were detained by Deputy  
10 Brooks. The [REDACTED] identified [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:  
17

18 I began the interview with [REDACTED] by advising her that [REDACTED] was not under arrest and did not have to speak with  
19 us if [REDACTED] did not want to. [REDACTED] asked if [REDACTED] could leave. I asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] did not want to speak with us.  
20 [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was sleeping and had nothing to say. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] woke up to the car going "boom  
21 boom boom" [REDACTED] was using [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] other than just what happened in the car and asked if  
23 [REDACTED] was ok with that. [REDACTED] stated "sure."  
24

25 I asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] was coming down off drugs, due to the fact that [REDACTED] was unable to stay awake. [REDACTED]  
26 stated [REDACTED] actually thought [REDACTED] I asked [REDACTED] if they were out partying the night before. [REDACTED]  
27 shook [REDACTED] head indicating no and stated [REDACTED] had just come back from out of town and was just tired. [REDACTED]  
28 stated [REDACTED] had went and hung out with friends and [REDACTED] was giving [REDACTED] a ride. I asked [REDACTED]  
29 [REDACTED] which was [REDACTED] who was the other [REDACTED] detained by Deputy  
30 Brooks.  
31

32 I asked [REDACTED] what [REDACTED] was doing before waking up in the car. Chelsey stated, "Stuff." I asked [REDACTED] who [REDACTED]  
33 was with. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was just hanging out with [REDACTED] I asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] knew who  
34 picked [REDACTED] up. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] knew whose car that was. [REDACTED] stated it was [REDACTED] car. I  
36 asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] knew who the [REDACTED] was that was driving it. [REDACTED] referring to [REDACTED]  
37 [REDACTED] I asked [REDACTED] knew who [REDACTED] was. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] just called [REDACTED]  
38

39 Sgt. Beauchaine told [REDACTED] that we did not know a lot about what happened, and we hoped [REDACTED] could help us.  
40 [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] did not know a lot and had just woke up. [REDACTED] asked if [REDACTED] could leave and stated [REDACTED] as  
41 about to vomit. I asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] would be willing to speak with us in the future. [REDACTED] stated possibly, but  
42 [REDACTED] was not sure. I provided [REDACTED] with my business card in case [REDACTED] decided to speak with us further.

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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.

7  
8 I later booked the crime scene log into evidence and uploaded a digital copy to this report.

9  
10 This supplemental is for information only at this time.

11 Attachments:  
12 Crime Scene Log

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15 NF.

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SUPPLEMENT 7 - CIRT Assignment: Suspect Vehicle and CHP Patrol Vehicle

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.

7  
8 CIRT BRIEFING:

9  
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 suspect vehicle  
12 continued driving before coming to stop at a dead-end unpaved road which intersected with Mesket Lane,  
13 Hoopa. The [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] was separate from the location of the vehicles. HCSO  
15 Deputy D. Brooks was on scene with the vehicles and had [REDACTED] identified as [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 A. Campbell to assist Team Lead District Attorney  
20 Investigator (DAI) C. Brawner with the processing of the suspect vehicle and patrol vehicle. Eureka Police  
21 Department Detective R. Nunez was tasked with authoring a search warrant for the suspect vehicle and the  
22 necessary parcels to access the vehicles.

23  
24 I viewed the RIMS call for service and observed the suspect vehicle was identified as a silver Volkswagen Jetta  
25 [REDACTED]. According to a DMV check, the Jetta was [REDACTED] I provided the  
26 vehicle information to Det. Nunez for the search warrant.

27  
28 VEHICLE CRIME SCENE:

29  
30 On 09/17/2023, at around 1216 hours, I arrived on scene with the suspect vehicle and CHP patrol vehicle at the  
31 unpaved road and Mesket Lane. Shortly thereafter, DAI Brawner and FS Campbell 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]" 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 Campbell took photographs of the suspect 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 Campbell 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 Campbell and I moved to the CHP patrol vehicle. FS  
17 Campbell 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 Campbell 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:**

29  
30 On 09/19/2023, at around 0900 hours, Sgt. Massaro requested I conduct follow-up into the history of contacts  
31 with the suspect 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 39421 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.  
5

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 door open, and a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] exited the vehicle and fled on foot north. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] knew  
2 who the driver was and stated it was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] knew of him and [REDACTED] only experience of  
3 [REDACTED] was negative because [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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 suspect. Subsequently, "Brooks'" patrol car arrived, and [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] identified him as Deputy Brooks. [REDACTED] initially told me Brooks  
8 arrived first, then corrected [REDACTED] [REDACTED] mentioned being familiar with Deputy Brooks from prior law  
9 enforcement encounters, where [REDACTED] had contacted the police. [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED]  
11 was uncertain about the exact number. [REDACTED] heard the same commands repeated two more times, in a more  
12 aggressive manner. [REDACTED] estimated that from the moment [REDACTED] saw the male suspect flee until [REDACTED] heard the  
13 first gunshots, it was just under a minute. [REDACTED] alerted [REDACTED] [REDACTED], to return [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been walking toward  
14 Deputy Brooks down the driveway when [REDACTED] heard the shots. [REDACTED] then returned inside [REDACTED] home to change  
15 clothes since [REDACTED] had been wearing only a robe. Upon rejoining the scene, [REDACTED] approached Deputy Brooks to  
16 speak with him. [REDACTED] conveyed to me that [REDACTED] did not witness or hear anything else. [REDACTED] emphasized that [REDACTED]  
17 times were approximations, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not check [REDACTED] watch or phone during the incident. [REDACTED] also mentioned  
18 that [REDACTED] recognized the suspect as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] but clarified that [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] recalled any  
20 additional information. Our conversation concluded, and as I deactivated my body-worn camera, [REDACTED] requested  
21 that I convey [REDACTED] 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] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] where I conversed with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
27 Here is a summary of my conversation with [REDACTED]

28  
29 [REDACTED] recounted that [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in bed on the morning of September 17, 2023, when [REDACTED] heard a  
30 series of pops. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] bed is on the west side of the house opposite where the incident occurred.  
31 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] sat up, remarking, "that was a shots". [REDACTED] then exited the house, while [REDACTED] sat up. At that moment,  
32 [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] went outside and looked around, didn't see anything and returned  
35 inside. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] returned outside about 10-15 minutes later, and saw more patrol cars arriving. [REDACTED]  
36 did not hear anyone yelling or anything else.

37  
38 This concludes my involvement with the initial investigation.

39  
40 Forward to MCD.

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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.

10

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

29

30 Lead Investigator

31 Sgt. B. Massaro - HCSO

32

33 Co-Lead Investigator

34 DAI G. Hill - HCDA

35

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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1 Deputy RJ Truex - HCSO

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3 Decedent Scene

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

5 Forensic Specialist D. Cloutier - DOJ

6 Forensic Specialist C. Michael - Eureka PD

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8 Suspect Vehicle Processing

9 DAI C. Brawner - HCDA (Team Leader)

10 Forensic Specialist A. Campbell - HCSO

11 Detective D. Vickman - HCSO

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13 Officer Processing

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

15 Evidence Technician T. Brown - Arcata PD

16 Forensic Specialist A. Mitchell - HCSO

17

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. Nuñez - Eureka PD

27

28 Lead Deputy Coroner

29 Deputy C. Zeck - HCSO

30

31 Logistics / Liaison with Involved Agency (CHP)

32 Officer A. Unsinger - CHP (Team Leader)

33 Officer A. Telloian - CHP

34

35 Initial Information

36

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 (12700 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 suspect 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 [REDACTED] 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 suspect driver/decedent had not been positively identified. The HCSO  
9 Dispatch entries in RIMS listed [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]

12  
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) [REDACTED] passengers in the suspect vehicle. Those  
30 [REDACTED] were being transported to Hoopa Tribal PD Station to await interviews with Lt. Cress' interview  
31 team
- 32 • The two (2) [REDACTED] were identified as [REDACTED]

33  
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] S 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 suspect 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.

3  
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 [REDACTED] and then to the  
6 [REDACTED]

7  
8 **DOJ Notification - AB 1506**

9  
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".

19  
20 AB 1506 defines this as follows:

21  
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.

39  
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 Campbell 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] 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 [REDACTED]. 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 [REDACTED]. 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 [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] where we met with Sergeant L. Scown and his  
38 investigative team. There was a modular residence at the East end of [REDACTED]. 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 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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1 [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED]

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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 D. Cloutier - DOJ, and Forensic Specialist C.  
7 Michael - Eureka PD.

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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 [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] pled for  
12 [REDACTED] 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 Shannon (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**

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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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] shouted that the decedent was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was loved, and ordered us  
14 to love [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] 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 Cloutier. 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 Cloutier 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 D. Cloutier 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 Cloutier on scene.

14

15 Deputy Coroner Zeck departed the scene at approximately 1852 hours. Prior to his departure, Coroner Zeck and  
16 DOJ SAS Lewis 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

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22 It should be noted that the following circumstantial evidence led us to believe the decedent was i [REDACTED]  
23 [REDACTED] of Hoopa: suspect vehicle passenger stating that the driver [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [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 Cloutier 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 Cloutier on  
34 scene.

35

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

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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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The vehicle [REDACTED] was currently registered to [REDACTED].

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

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

**Autopsy**

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

**Officer Interview - CHP Officer Johnson**

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

The interview was conducted by SAS Lewis and DOJ Agent Allen Samano. The interview began at approximately 1317 hours and concluded at approximately 1543 hours.

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

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

**Officer Neil Johnson:**

Officer Neil Johnson (Badge# 21929), California Highway Patrol, has six (6) years in Law Enforcement. He has been assigned to the Willow Creek Resident Post patrolling the roadways of HWY 299, HWY 96, and Hwy 169 for the past three (3) years. He is a Field Training Officer. Officer Johnson is right-handed.

**William NELSON:**

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SUPPLEMENT 10 - First on Scene- CHP OIS

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 [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 [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED] chest area to be covered in what appeared to be blood. [REDACTED] was  
27 not moving, and [REDACTED] eyes were open. I checked for carotid pulse and did not feel one. Based on my observations  
28 [REDACTED] I believed [REDACTED] was deceased.

29  
30 I inquired with Officer Johnson if the [REDACTED] had been shot. Officer Johnson confirmed the [REDACTED] 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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2 While waiting for medical, Officer Johnson informed me his head hurt and he had a bite injury to his leg. I  
3 observed redness to the left side of Officer Johnson's face and swelling.  
4  
5 I started a crime scene log and began hanging up yellow police tape approximately 30-40 feet behind my patrol  
6 vehicle to prevent members of the public from entering the scene area.  
7  
8 Medical arrived on scene and declared the male deceased at 0810 hours.  
9  
10 Medical evaluated Officer Johnson.  
11  
12 I stood by with Officer Johnson until CHP Office Griffin arrived on scene and removed Officer Johnson from the  
13 scene.  
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15 I remained on scene and assisted with different tasked given by detectives/ investigators.  
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SUPPLEMENT 11 - SAFETY STATEMENT

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.  
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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 [REDACTED] subject lying on [REDACTED] 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] [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.

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18 [REDACTED] pointed out to us [REDACTED] home and stated that [REDACTED] 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.

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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] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [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] [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 [REDACTED] had heard  
38 something.

39  
40 I told [REDACTED] [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.

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

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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.

20  
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 T. Brown 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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**SUPPLEMENT 11 - SAFETY STATEMENT**

1  
2 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  
3 scanned into this case via RIMS and the original is now at the McKinleyville Station.  
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5 This report is to be supplemental to all other regarding this investigation.  
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7 Nothing further  
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1 On 09/17/2023, I was working as a sergeant for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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 [REDACTED] 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

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]. The deceased was secured inside a silver body  
3 bag with the tag number 06854. Dr. James Olson performed the autopsy and was assisted by Michael Chapin and  
4 Michael Redding. Also present was DOJ Special Agent Daniel O'Neil-Tennant, CHP Officer Aaron Telloian, HCDA  
5 Chelsea Brawner, BFS Criminalists Dale Cloutier and Shannon Carness.

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 [REDACTED] arms. There was a small tear near the front of [REDACTED] left pants pocket, and a hole in [REDACTED]  
8 left arm sleeve. When the deceased was rolled onto [REDACTED] side for further examination, I observed mechanical  
9 restraints around [REDACTED] wrists and two brown paper bags covering [REDACTED] hands. There were taser probes attached to  
10 the deceased right pants pocket and the right side of [REDACTED] 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. Dr. Olson determined the deceased had three gunshot wounds and one grazed wound on [REDACTED]  
14 body. The first gunshot wound was a through and through wound that entered [REDACTED] chest and exited near [REDACTED] left  
15 armpit. The second gunshot wound was another through and through wound that entered [REDACTED] left upper arm and  
16 exited through the back of [REDACTED] arm. The third gunshot wound entered [REDACTED] right forearm and Dr. Olsen located a  
17 bullet fragment within [REDACTED] 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 Cloutier and Carness collected all items of evidentiary value. BFS Cloutier 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

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Item #	Make	Model	ICCID	IMSI	IMEI	MSISDN
1	Samsun g	SM- A025V	89012804321014215336	310280101421533	350039081404836	[REDACTED]

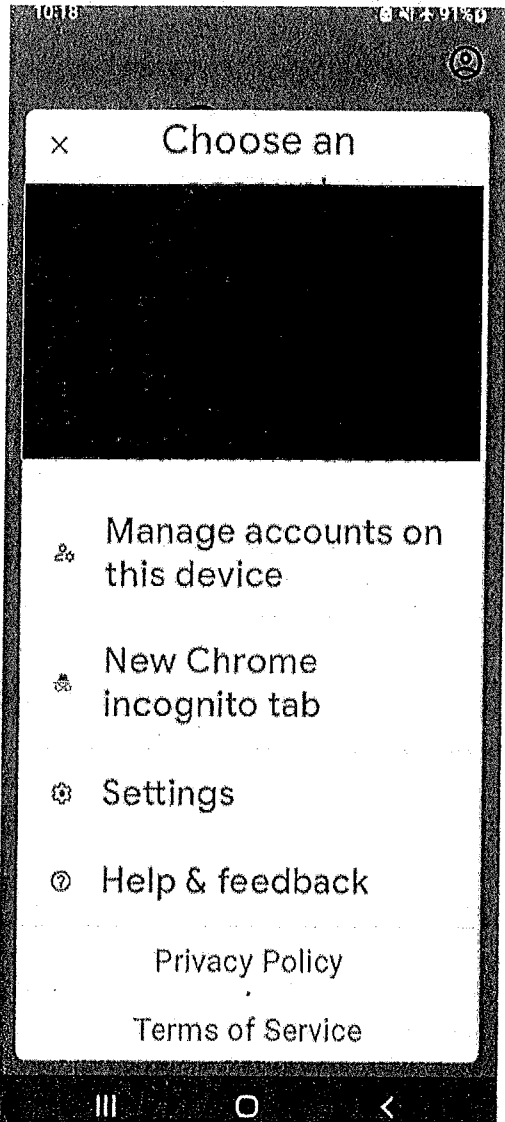
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16 **Summary/Results of Examination:** I received a signed Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt search  
17 warrant for the above listed item, SW#230659. The search warrant specified for data between the dates of  
18 08/17/2023 through 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 Brenda Lewis 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 [REDACTED] after the initial extraction.

18 **Verification:** Verification [REDACTED] through hand scrolling, third party tools, or database  
19 verification and analysis [REDACTED] 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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SUPPLEMENT 16 - initial coroner report

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 James Olson 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 Dale Cloutier during the removal  
21 process.

22  
23 While awaiting the evidence collection I observed that [REDACTED] was laying on [REDACTED] 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] 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 [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] in the back of my Coroner Vehicle.

35  
36 I discussed this case with members of responding agencies and through statements the decent 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 Carli Michael showed  
39 photographs to Officer McCovey and he instantly said [REDACTED]

40  
41 I responded to the Coroner's Station where [REDACTED] was logged and booked and placed in secure cold storage.  
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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 William with Dr. James Olson on 09-22-2023 at about 1400 hours. Volunteer Michael  
10 Redding and Volunteer Michael Chapin 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 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]  
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 Dr. Olson.

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 Dr. Olson and determined that his manner of  
37 death was a Homicide.

38  
39 On 09-25-2023 [REDACTED] body was released to Thomas Grinager of Sander's Funeral Home and a signed release  
40 to handle disposition was provided at the time of release.

41  
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.

6  
7 All documents are in a file located at the Coroner's Station listed under this case number.

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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.

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**SUPPLEMENT 17 - toxicology and autopsy report.**

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 = Possitive\* 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 Dr. James Olson.  
14  
15 On 12-13-2023 this office received the final autopsy report from Dr. Olson 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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