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**To:** "Jones, Nate" <[Nate.Jones@washpost.com](mailto:Nate.Jones@washpost.com)>  
**Subject:** Public Records Request - Jesse Beshaw fatality

Hi Nate,

After reviewing the case file, there were only two documents I was able to identify that did not require further review, redaction and copying. As I noted in our earlier discussion, the documents that need those services will require our office to provide an estimate of the cost associated with that. It will delay a response to your public records request and very likely result in the WP having to pay for many documents that are not useful to your inquiry. I believe the documents attached may help narrow your field of inquiry.

The documents that can be provided today are the Case Supervisor's Report, authored by Trooper Lt. Todd Baxter, and a partial transcript of the audio portion of the body camera that Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Nicholas Palmier was wearing at the time of the incident.

Please review these documents and if you have any questions or further requests, contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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On September 16, 2016 at approximately 1704 hours I was contacted by Captain J.P. Sinclair and advised there had been an officer involved shooting in the City of Winooski VT. I was asked to lead the investigation and to respond directly to the Winooski Police Department. I was informed members of the Vermont State Police and local police responded and had secured the scene. I was advised that the officer was unhurt and that one male was deceased and that his body remained on scene.

I called out the following members of the Major Crime Unit; Det. Sgts. John-Paul Schmidt, Dennis Girouard, Angela Baker, Tyson Kinney and Scott Dunlap. All responded. I assigned Det. Sgt. Scott Dunlap as the case officer. Det. Sgt. Tara Thomas and Det. Trp. Richard Stepien also responded from BCI.

While in route to Winooski I spoke with VSP Sgt. Paul Ravelin who was on scene. I asked Sgt. Ravelin to ensure that our perimeter was sufficient and that a crime scene log was started.

While in route to Winooski I also spoke with Major Glenn Hall. Major Hall advised me officers from Winooski PD had located a wanted individual (Jesse Beshaw), at a residence on Union St in the City of Winooski. Beshaw was wanted on an active felony arrest warrant and was known to carry a handgun. Beshaw was also suspected of recently committing burglaries and bank robberies in the area. While officers attempted to make contact with Beshaw at the residence he ran out of the house on foot and was subsequently pursued by officers. I was informed that an off duty Franklin County Sheriff (Nicholas Palmier) was on scene when Beshaw ran out. Deputy Palmier pursued Beshaw on foot and eventually deployed his weapon, killing Beshaw behind the O'Brien Community Center located at 32 Mallets Bay. The O'Brien center is a few blocks away from the residence on Union St where the foot pursuit of Beshaw began. I was advised Deputy Palmier lived in the area and was returning from work when he was asked to assist. Deputy Palmier was in full uniform and in a fully marked cruiser. Deputy Palmier was currently at the University of Vermont Medical Center being evaluated per protocol.

I spoke with Det. Sgt. Baker and asked her to travel to the UVM Medical Center and take photographs of the Deputy Palmier's clothing and gear.

I arrived at the Winooski Police Dept. at approximately 1839 hours. Upon arrival I met with and was briefed by Major Hall. Major Hall reiterated what he had told me earlier in more detail. I was also advised there appeared no weapon visible on scene or around the area of Beshaw. I was

advised it appeared several rounds were fired by Deputy Palmier. Several cartridge casings were visible near Beshaw's body. I was told it appeared that Deputy Palmier was the only officer involved that deployed their weapon.

Chittenden County DSA Bram Kranichfield and Vermont Attorney General Criminal Chief John Treadwell were notified of the incident.

Medical assistance was immediately given to Beshaw by officers on scene. EMS personnel arrived and attempted life saving measures to no avail. Beshaw was pronounced deceased on scene. Beshaw's body was eventually removed and turned over to the OCME for autopsy.

I met with Winooski Sgt. David Nease. Sgt. Nease advised me of details pertaining to the house Beshaw ran from, the route he ran and specifics on Winooski PD Officers involved. Cpl James Charkalis, Ofc Dean Fullerton and Ofc Brenda Davis.

Deputy Palmier's weapon was secured at Winooski PD by CPL Charkalis.

No officers were injured during the incident. Deputy Palmier was taken to the University Of Vermont Medical Center as a matter of protocol. Deputy Palmier was ultimately cleared to return to the Winooski Police Department.

All officers involved were present at the Winooski Police Department. They provided their weapons and ammunition for review and documentation. All officers were also photographed as part of documenting their outer uniforms.

Next of Kin was notified by Det. Sgt. Angela Baker.

DSA's Kranichfield also responded to the PD and was ultimately escorted to the scene.

Det. Sgt. Schmidt was placed in charge of the weapons and ammunition counts. These were completed and ultimately Winooski PD uniforms and gear were turned back over to Sgt. Nease.

Interviews were assigned to detectives to include a neighborhood canvas.

Winooski PD and Franklin County Sheriff Dept. provided us with all Axon video recording of the officers present. The Axon Video of Deputy Palmier captured the events of Beshaw's death in their entirety. The actions of Beshaw, prior to Deputy Palmier deploying his weapon and during the actual deployment of his weapon. These actions and interactions are clearly depicted on the Axon Video provided.

Myself and Det. Sgt. Dunlap completed a walk through of the scene with CSST commander Det. Sgt. Letourneau. I did not notice anything about the scene that appeared to be inconsistent with what had been learned thus far in the investigation.

Deputy Palmier, while under advisement from his attorney, agreed to be interviewed on a later date and did not provide an initial statement.

CPI James Charkalis, Ofc Dean Fullerton and Ofc Brenda Davis also under advisement of their attorneys, agreed to be interviewed at a later date and did not provide an initial statements.

The scene and body were processed by the Vermont State Police Crime Scene Search Team led by Det. Sgt. Jason Letourneau and the AME. No warrant was necessary as the scene was located on the City of Winooski's property. The property located at 32 Mallets Bay Ave in owned and controlled by the City of Winooski. The City Manager, Ray Coffey granted verbal consent to me allowing us to process and search the scene.

A total of eight casings were located at the scene. No weapon was found on scene or on Beshaw.

Members of CSST also conducted a cursory search of the route the foot pursuit took place on. No items of interest were located. Several agencies to include Chittenden County Sheriff's, Burlington PD, Winooski, UVM Police Services and Colchester PD assisted with scene security and the perimeter.

It was decided to release the scene after completion of CSST processing. The Winooski Fire Department agreed to spray down the area with water after we released the scene. The scene was released at approx. 0317 hours on 09-17-16. See Sgt Lucas Report.

We returned to the Winooski Police Department on September 17 and completed interviews and follow-up associated with this investigation.

Deputy Palmier was formally interviewed with representation by Det. Sgts. Dunlap and Baker on 09/22/16.

Ofc Brenda Davis was interviewed with representation on September 20, 2016 by Det. Sgt. Girouard and Det. Sgt. Schmidt.

Cpl James Charkalis was interviewed with representation on September 20, 2016 by Det. Sgt. Girouard and Det. Sgt. Schmidt

Ofc Dean Fullerton was interviewed with representation on September 20, 2016 by Det. Sgt. Dunlap and Det. Sgt. Baker.

Additional follow up will continue as part of this investigation.

The case will be reviewed by Chittenden SA's Office and the Vermont AG's Office.

End/TDB

\* NOTE: CHANGES IN THIS TRANSCRIPT WERE MADE  
BY DET. SGT. SCOTT DUNLAP ON 09/29/16

Transcript of Nicholas Palmier Body Camera Footage September 16, 2016

BD: Officer Brenda Davis

NP: Franklin County Deputy Nicholas Palmier

JC: Cpl. James Charkalis

DF: Officer Dean Fullerton

BD: So, we're looking for Jesse Beshaw.

NP: Ok

BD: Um. He's wanted on a warrant. He's wanted for a bunch of burglaries. He's always been armed with a gun. He's in this apartment. He's at that exit.

NP: Ok

BD: [Unclear]. And then we're on the back. So there's three of us. [Unclear]. Dave Niece [sp] is coming over too. So [?]

NP: Ok. I can hang out.

BD: Ok. So he's uh a skinny white male. Tattoo on his [unclear]. Usually has [unclear]

NP: Ok.

JC: [unclear] -WHAT'S UP MAN

NP: Hey. How are you?

JC: → WHAT'S UP, I JUST STUMBLED UPON THIS TO BUT,  
So Beshaw is the one that's we're looking for with the armed robberies with the banks and stuff.

NP: Yeah.

jc: And we just had a burglary. He definitely, he's been carrying a gun.

NP: Ok

JC: So. Another one of our armed robberies. and Carden [sp], he's one of our newer guys went to a house last week or two weeks ago when he was actually burglarizing and he had a gun in his hand and he ditched it. Threw it in to a dumpster so we got the gun. But he's definitely you know.

→ AND BEAUCHE (SP)

NP: Ok. So he carries?

JC: He's definitely carrying so.

NP: And he's definitely in this bottom apartment.

JC: <sup>DEAN'S</sup> He's the one that made the traffic stop. I'm not sure. I just. I was going on my way home when I heard them out here so I just stopped by.

NP: Ok. Do we know if the second floor is connected to the first?

JC: I have no idea.

NP: Ok

JC: The one who lives here came out that door. I know this is not really tactical but.

NP: No. Not really at all.

JC: Yeah.

Unknown female: [unclear]

NP: But we do with what we can right.

JC: ~~Unknown~~: Yup. This guy called. This is not really a good angle. We can go around the side. [unsure]. I was going to actually bang on it and see if she would come out. Because she was already talking to these two guys when I was back there. But she won't let them in house. He's not in here and you're not coming in my house. I was like alright well.

NP: Do you want to do that and I'll cover or do you want to wait for another officer.

JC: I'll ask Dean because he was the one that did the stop. I don't want to screw up the whole thing. It's not my case at all.

NP: Gotcha.

JC: Hey Beannie? When we knocked on the door... I'm just trying to see if this car is all we really have.

Unknown Voice: Unclear?

JCr: Yeah

Unknown Voice: Hey. White shirt, red <sup>SHORTS</sup> pants.

NP: Towards Hickok.

NP: Which way did he go? Which way did he go?

Girl: Across [unclear]

NP: Franklin 14. <sup>AMY</sup> M Unit scanning Winooski YMCA.

JB: I'll pull a gun out.

NP: I'll shoot you. I will shoot you.

JB: Let's get it.

NP: I will shoot you.

JB: [Unclear]

NP: Let me see your fucking hands.

JB: What's up? Do it. Do it.

NP: Step back.

JB: Do it.

NP: Step back.

Shots fired.

NP: Shots fired. Shots fired.

DF: [unclear]

NP: Alright Look.

DF: It's ok.

NP: I need you to do a blood sweep on him. Get him turned over. He's reached

DF: I will. I will. I saw him. I saw.

NP: Ok. ok.

DF: Are you ok officer?

NP: I'm uh I'm uh. I'm alright man. He's got his right his left <sup>HAND</sup> ~~one~~

DF: I'm at O'Brien's

NP: I can't see.



DF: He was <sup>BLADING</sup> ~~blinking~~. Shots fired.

Dispatch: Are you ok?

DF: 10.4. Franklin Deputy. We're all ok.

Dispatch: Do you have the suspect.

DF: Suspect is down.

NP: We got to get cuffs on him secure that left hand.

DF: Mr. Beshaw I'm going to cuff you.

Unclear

NP: I'm alright man. I'm alright.

Unclear

DF: JC: Are you ok?

NP: I'm alright man. I'm good. I'm good.

DF: ~~Mr.~~ Beshaw can you hear me?

NP: We need. Do you have gloves?

DF: One Two.

NP: Do you have a med kit? Get the med kit. My crusier has it. It's unlocked. Get the med kit.

Unknown Officer 1: Where is it?

NP: It's on my flack jacket in the <sup>TRUCK</sup> ~~truck~~. Shit.

DF: <sup>CORPORAL CHARKALIS</sup> ~~unclear~~. Take care of this deputy I got him. Secure the scene.

NP: I'm good. We <sup>JUST WE NEED</sup> need a medic here for this kid.

DF: We're coming buddy. The ambulance is coming.

JC: Keep going.

DF: Stay with Officer Charkalis. Do not talk.

JC: Come over here.

DF: Do not talk.

NP: No I want to help this kid. Fuck.

[Unclear]

NP: Charkalis I can get that med kit. Was she going for it?

DF: JC: Just stay here.

Dispatch.

JC: She's at the apartment behind us.

NP: Alright

JC: Nick just stay right there.

NP: Alright.

DF: Stay there buddy you're ok.

JC. Alright.

NP: Oh fuck. 14 Lamoille are you able to copy me? 14 Lamoille.

Unknown Officer 2 : Where's the med kid?

NP: In my. It's on my flack jacket.

Unknown Officer 2: I'll get it.

Unclear.

NP: Trunk. In the trunk. On the side of my flack jacket.

Unknown Officer 2: It's in the trunk.

NP: 14 Lamoille are you able to copy me? 14 Lamoille.

DF: ~~Unknown~~. Just have him come in.

JC: Yeah.

DF: Have him come in from the from the dash street side.

JC: Yeah.

Unkonwn: 9.24.9 here.

JC: Do you have any gloves on you?

NP: No it's on my f--. I can run to that car faster than what's going on.

DF: No you can't Nick. We're ok bud.

DF: Unknown: Officer.

JC: Get an extra set of gloves so I can [unclear] *RELIEVE YOU BUDS*

DF: *MAYBE MY* What do you mean? I think I'm all set. As long as the ambulance can get here soon. But my back right pocket.

JC: Ok. [unclear]

DF: No? Ok that's fine.

Dispatch: 9.01 9.05 *ARE YOU ON THE AIR*

NP: Do you have a med kit? Do you have a med kit in your cruiser?

JC: Do you have any gloves?

Unknown Officer 3: Uh yeah.

NP: Do you have any gloves? Grab gloves and a med kit now.

JC: Just stay right there.

Unknown female: I'm just [unclear]

JC: No don't come in here. *IT'S A CRIME SCENE*

*\* TRANSCRIPTION ENDED AT 9:49 IN VIDEO \**

*DET. SGT. SCOTT DONLAP.*