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Subject: Hartford Officer-Involved Shooting AGO Public Records Request
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Good afternoon Mr. Elder-Connors,
Attached please find redacted documents for the officer-involved shooting in Hartford, pursuant to your pending public records request. There is no cost associated with these records as they were redacted by another agency for a separate records request they received.
We are preparing the remaining records in this case for inspection, which may take some time. I will reach out again regarding your request to inspect.

Take care,

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Vermont State Police, Headquarters
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident
Incident Number 21B202546 Nature Agency Assist
Case Number Image
Address ✓ [REDACTED]
City Hartford State VT ZIP 05001
Area 1408 HARTFORD Contact

Complainant
Numbr [REDACTED]
Last [REDACTED] Fst [REDACTED] Mid [REDACTED]
DOB [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] Adr [REDACTED]
Race W Sx F Tel [REDACTED] Cty Hartford ST VT ZIP 05047

Details
Offense/Statute ASST 0101 0400
Circumstances UOF DF OIS BM88 W12 W40 Reported ASST Observed 0101
Rspndg Officers Lyon, J Fabian, M Roaldi, A +
Rspnsbl Officer Kinney, Tyson Agency SPH1 CAD Call ID 7071252
Received By Stevens, Skylar Last RadLog 02:04:32 08/06/21 CMPLT
How Received T Telephone Clearance RFA Ready for Approval
When Reported 13:42:48 08/05/21 Disposition ACT Disp Date 09/09/21
Occurrd between 13:42:33 08/05/21 Judicial Sts
and 13:42:33 08/05/21 Supervisor
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Narrative
Narrative (See below)
Supplement (See below) (See below)

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INVOLVEMENTS:

Type	Record #	Date	Description	Relationship
NM	[REDACTED]	09/10/21	[REDACTED]	Sibling
NM	[REDACTED]	09/10/21	[REDACTED]	POI
NM	[REDACTED]	09/10/21	[REDACTED]	Parent
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Boyfriend/Girlfriend
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Neighbor
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Neighbor
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Parent
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Neighbor
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	*Complainant
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Neighbor
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Neighbor
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Witness
NM	1384367	08/05/21	Clifford, Eric Jerome	Victim/Offender

NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Child
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Child
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Witness
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Victim
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Neighbor
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Neighbor
NM	[REDACTED]	08/05/21	[REDACTED]	Parent
CA	7071252	08/05/21	13:42 08/05/21 Agency Assist	*Initiating Call

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

Seq Code	Offense and Statute Codes	Amou
t	Statute Code	
1	ASST Agency Assist	
0.00		
2	0101 Homicide/Murder	
0.00		
3	0400 Aggravated Assault	
0.00		

LAW Incident Circumstances:

Seq Code	Contributing Circumstances	Comments
1	UOF Use of Force by Officer	
2	DF Deadly Force	
3	OIS Officer Involved Shooting	
4	BM88 No Bias/Motivation	
5	W12 Handgun used	
6	W40 Personal Weapons (Strongarm)	

LAW Incident Responders Detail

Seq	Name	Unit
1	Lyon, J	540
2	Fabian, M	549
3	Roaldi, A	547
4	Hudson, E	512
5	Hughes, K	504
6	Knapp, K	577
7	Schmidt, J	1900
8	Robson, J	571
9	Daniell, Casey	1801
10	Kinney, Tyson	1902
11	Richardson, S	1908
12	Cota, D	372
13	Katz, Ben	278
14	Tingle, P	544
15	Geno, S	545
16	Marcinkowski, M	567
17	Chin, M	533

Main Radio Log Table:

Time/Date	Typ	Unit	Code	Zone	Agnc	Description
02:04:32	08/	1 1908	CMPLT	SPB2	SPH1	incid#=21B202546 Completed cal
02:01:43	08/	1 1900	CMPLT	SPB2	SPH1	incid#=21B202546 Completed cal
01:45:35	08/	1 577	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	
01:16:10	08/	1 1902	ONDT	SPB2	SPH1	Assigned as Responsible Unit f
01:16:03	08/	1 1902	CMPLT	SPB2	SPH1	8
01:01:39	08/	1 533	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	(MDC) Completed call incid#=21
01:00:25	08/	1 533	VHREG	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: pl= st=VT lptyp=PC
01:00:24	08/	1 533	VHINQ	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: pl= st=VT lptyp=PC
00:55:31	08/	1 571	OFFDT	SPB2	SPB1	
00:52:36	08/	1 533	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	Vehicle off the roadway VT
00:43:17	08/	1 1801	OFFDT	SPB2	SPH2	
00:24:01	08/	1 571	43	SPB2	SPB1	11-21
23:53:39	08/	1 278	OFFDT	SPB2	SPA1	
22:58:20	08/	1 372	OFFDT	SPB2	SPA4	
22:51:46	08/	1 571	8	SPB2	SPB1	incid#=21B202546 In Service ca
22:19:26	08/	1 547	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	(MDC) Completed call incid#=21
22:10:26	08/	1 567	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	(MDC) Completed call incid#=21
21:50:25	08/	1 278	21	SPB2	SPA1	conf w/ 287
21:50:24	08/	1 278	21	SPB2	SPA1	conf w/ 287
21:09:13	08/	1 372	ARRVD	SPB2	SPA4	incid#=21B202546 nntc call=283
19:49:34	08/	1 545	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	(MDC) B2 w/ Lyman's incid#=21
19:26:17	08/	1 545	ENRT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 B2 w Lymans c
18:57:27	08/	1 533	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
18:47:16	08/	1 545	ENRT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 B2 w vehicle
18:47:04	08/	1 545	ENRT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Enroute to a
18:46:45	08/	1 545	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Reassigned to
18:42:36	08/	1 545	ENRT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 B2 following
18:42:24	08/	1 545	ENRT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Enroute to a
18:42:08	08/	1 512	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Completed cal
18:41:14	08/	1 512	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	(MDC) Arrived on scene incid#=
18:35:53	08/	1 545	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	(MDC) Completed call incid#=21
18:25:11	08/	1 512	ENRT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Enroute to a
18:24:18	08/	1 278	ARRVD	SPB2	SPA1	incid#=21B202546 NNTC call=283
18:23:52	08/	1 540	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Completed cal
18:17:15	08/	1 278	21	SPB2	SPA1	conf w/ Vicki from AME
18:08:06	08/	1 278	43	SPB2	SPA1	page AME // my 21 is
18:07:38	08/	1 547	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
17:56:37	08/	1 549	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	(MDC) Completed call incid#=21
17:48:48	08/	1 544	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	(MDC) Completed call incid#=21
17:47:32	08/	1 567	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
17:44:12	08/	1 544	VHREG	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: pl= st=VT lptyp=PC
17:44:11	08/	1 544	VHINQ	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: pl= st=VT lptyp=PC
17:38:09	08/	1 567	ENRT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Enroute to a
17:30:27	08/	1 544	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	(MDC) HRT. scene
17:28:04	08/	1 1902	ASSGN	SPB2	SPH1	(MDC) Assigned to a call call=
17:27:15	08/	1 1801	ARRVD	SPB2	SPH2	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
17:25:01	08/	1 544	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
17:25:01	08/	1 545	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
17:18:12	08/	1 571	DLINQ	SPB1	SPB1	MDC: name=
17:18:11	08/	1 571	NMINQ	SPB1	SPB1	MDC: name=
17:17:56	08/	1 571	VHREG	SPB1	SPB1	MDC: pl= st=VT lptyp=PC

Time/Date	Typ	Unit	Code	Zone	Agnc	Description
17:17:55	08/	1 571	VHINQ	SPB1	SPB1	MDC: pl=[REDACTED] st=VT lptyp=PC
17:17:13	08/	1 571	NMINQ	SPB1	SPB1	MDC: name=[REDACTED]
17:16:53	08/	1 571	NMINQ	SPB1	SPB1	MDC: name=[REDACTED]
17:16:32	08/	1 571	NMINQ	SPB1	SPB1	MDC: name=[REDACTED]
16:57:00	08/	1 278	ENRT	SPB2	SPA1	Enroute to a call call=2831
16:51:13	08/	1 571	ENRT	SPB2	SPB1	incid#=21B202546 Hartford PD c
16:47:36	08/	1 540	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Hartford PD c
16:47:36	08/	1 549	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Hartford PD c
16:13:24	08/	1 372	ENRT	SPB2	SPA4	Enroute to a call call=2831
15:57:40	08/	1 1902	ARRVD	SPB2	SPH1 (MDC)	Arrived at HPD call=2831
15:57:34	08/	1 1908	ARRVD	SPB2	SPH1 (MDC)	Arrived on scene call=28
15:57:31	08/	1 1908	ENRT	SPB2	SPH1 (MDC)	Assisting unit 540 call=
15:57:21	08/	1 1902	ENRT	SPB2	SPH1 (MDC)	Assisting unit 540 call=
15:50:14	08/	1 549	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
15:14:58	08/	1 1801	ENRT	SPB2	SPH2	Enroute to a call call=2831
15:14:54	08/	1 512	43	SPB2	SPB2	connected with dispatcher tuck
15:02:12	08/	1 504	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB1	incid#=21B202546 Completed cal
14:54:47	08/	1 571	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB1	Arrived on scene call=2831
14:50:51	08/	1 512	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2 (MDC)	Arrived on scene incid#=#
14:40:56	08/	1 1900	ENRT	SPB2	SPH1	Enroute to a call call=2831
14:33:37	08/	1 577	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
14:26:59	08/	1 512	7	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Hartford PD c
14:23:32	08/	1 547	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Completed cal
14:22:20	08/	1 577	ENRT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Enroute to a
14:21:00	08/	1 549	CMPLT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Reassigned to
14:18:49	08/	1 512	8	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 In Service ca
14:08:37	08/	1 540	VHREG	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: pl=[REDACTED] st=VT lptyp=PC
14:08:36	08/	1 540	VHINQ	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: pl=[REDACTED] st=VT lptyp=PC
14:07:36	08/	1 540	DLINQ	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: name=[REDACTED]
14:07:35	08/	1 540	NMINQ	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: name=[REDACTED]
14:07:22	08/	1 540	VHREG	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: pl=[REDACTED] st=VT lptyp=PC
14:07:21	08/	1 540	VHINQ	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: pl=[REDACTED] st=VT lptyp=PC
14:07:04	08/	1 540	VHREG	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: pl=[REDACTED] st=VT lptyp=PC
14:07:03	08/	1 540	VHINQ	SPB2	SPB2	MDC: pl=[REDACTED] st=VT lptyp=PC
14:05:58	08/	1 504	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB1	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
14:02:22	08/	1 512	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
13:55:31	08/	1 540	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
13:53:10	08/	1 549	ARRVD	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Arrived on sc
13:44:55	08/	1 504	ENRT	SPB2	SPB1	Enroute to a call call=2831
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13:44:12	08/	1 549	ENRT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Enroute to a
13:42:56	08/	1 540	ENRT	SPB2	SPB2	incid#=21B202546 Enroute to a

Narrative:

Investigation of Hartford Police Department Officer Involved Shooting. See
suppelemental narratives for further informaiton.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Supplemental Narratives

Seq Name	Date	Narrative
1 Robson, J	19:17:30 08/05/21	

PI: Coriander Santagate by Det Robson on 8/5/21
Case Number: 21B202546
Officer: Det/Sgt Jesse Robson

Person Interviewed:

SANTAGATE, Coriander DOB [REDACTED]
Hartford PD
Hartford, Vermont
[REDACTED] h
[REDACTED] c

Location: Hartford PD interview room
Interviewer: Det. Sgt. Jesse Robson
8/5/21

Exhibits:

- Audio file of interview
- Sworn statement waiver

Narrative:

On 8-5-21 I assisted VSP major crime unit with an officer involved shooting investigation. I was asked to interview Hartford PD Officer Coriander Santagate. He was aware that we were recording the interview. For full content refer to the recordings. In summary:

Free Narrative:

- Santagate worked day shift today, 0700-1700.
- He was not sure of the exact time but was in the office handling an unrelated case when the suspicious call came in.
- He checked the call comments in Spillman, and saw in the notes that the call was for a male not leaving the property of the caller.
- Santagate recalled the last name of the person involved was [REDACTED] but did not know the first name.
- Santagate was aware that Cpl. Clifford was responding to this call.
- When he completed what he was doing, Santagate left the office, telling dispatch that he was also responding.
- Only knowing the information in the case, he sat in traffic on the bridge.
- He heard Clifford arrive on scene but did not feel the matter was urgent.
- He heard Clifford call out for units to step it up.
- He has worked with Clifford for long enough to know that he does not ask for units to step it up lightly.
- Santagate activated his lights and began going around traffic
- He then heard the emergency button get activated and he heard Clifford yelling.
- Santagate got there as fast as he could.
- When he arrived on scene [REDACTED] was waving him over behind Clifford's cruiser.
- He could not see Clifford and [REDACTED] had to point him out.
- Santagate saw that Clifford was putting his gun away or his weapon was not out.

- The right side of Clifford's face and body had a lot of blood
- He looked at the other male and saw that his hands were up as if his nerves were pulling his arms
- He saw a chest wound on this male.
- Clifford yelled "grab gloves" and asked him to render assistance to the male.
- Santagate went to get gloves but realized he had some and turned back, seeing Clifford fall flat on his face.
- He grabbed Clifford, rolled him to the side and held him up asking if he was hit or where was he hit.
- Clifford said he was not hit, but Santagate could not tell for sure if he was hit.
- Clifford said that he couldn't see but it looked like this was due to the blood on his face.
- Santagate was keeping an eye on the male, and saw that he stopped breathing.
- At one point Santagate dropped the tailgate to the truck for Clifford to sit on, but he fell.
- Santagate called out "officer down" and he was not sure if he was injured.
- He encouraged Clifford to keep breathing, he was shaking and seemed injured.
- He was able to speak but seemed shocked.
- Clifford said things such as "he choked me, he grabbed me".
- On the radio Santagate called out that Clifford was not injured, but he meant that he was not shot.
- Santagate held Clifford until Angulo arrived.
- Angulo attempted CPR.
- Moody, Vail, and an ambulance arrived but he was not sure of the sequence.
- He helped Moody and Vail secure Clifford's belt / weapon.
- Santagate checked the scene, located Clifford's body camera. He picked it up, but put it back upon Moody's direction. He later specified that he put it as close to exactly where he found it, as possible.
- He then kept the scene secure.

██████████ statement:

- Initially Santagate was tasked with interviewing ██████████
- ██████████ told him that a guy drove in behind him.
- He got out of his truck.
- The male parked and came up the driveway.
- He did not know this male.
- The male put him in fear, as he was being erratic making him feel scared.
- The male opened his truck and was eating food from his lunch box acting strange.
- Santagate was asked to stop the interview.

MISC:

- Santagate did not draw or fire his weapon, he merely "popped the hood"
- His body camera was going
- I asked if Clifford said he shot the male. He recalled that Major Vail told Clifford he did not want details but asked if there was a shooting.
- Clifford said yes he shot twice into the male's chest.
- Santagate notified ██████████ and a group of about 6 other people by text that he was OK and everyone else will be OK.
- Ryan Prince contacted him to advise he encountered this male last night.

At the conclusion of this interview, Santagate signed a sworn statement form.
Nothing further.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Supplemental Narratives

Seq Name Date Narrative
2 Robson, J 19:18:09 08/05/21
PI: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] by Det Robson on 8/5/21
Case#: 21B202546
Officer: Det/Sgt Jesse Robson

Person Interviewed:

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Hartford VT
[REDACTED] home
[REDACTED] cell

Location: [REDACTED] Hartford, home's living room

Exhibits:

- Audio file of interview
- Sworn statement waiver
- Consent card signed

Narrative:

On 8-5-21 I assisted VSP major crime unit with an officer involved shooting investigation. I was asked to identify the property owner for the home this incident occurred at. This homeowner was identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and he agreed to be interviewed. I was assisted by Det. Kelsey Knapp. He was aware that we were recording the interview. For full content refer to the recordings.
In summary:

Free Narrative:

- [REDACTED] was the third vehicle onto [REDACTED] [REDACTED] daughter was in front; the guy's vehicle was second and he was third.
- [REDACTED] pulled into [REDACTED] driveway (who lives next door) so he could back into his driveway.
- The guy pulled parallel to the woodpile in the turnaround.
- [REDACTED] backed his truck in and got out.
- The guy was walking up his driveway and [REDACTED] walked down asking, can I help you?
- The guy said that he lives here, to which [REDACTED] said no, I live here.
- [REDACTED] asked who he is, and the guy said he is [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to leave, but [REDACTED] said he did not want to.
- [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that if he did not leave, he'd call 911, and [REDACTED] told him to do what he has to do.
- [REDACTED] was walking around the yard and the truck.
- [REDACTED] got his phone from the truck and called 911, telling the call taker that there was a person not leaving.
- Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were circling the truck, and [REDACTED] said he was trying to stay away from [REDACTED]. He later clarified that [REDACTED] was always walking toward him and they circled the truck 4-5 times.
- [REDACTED] saw this male removing his wool skull cap, and run his finger through his hair as if frustrated.
- [REDACTED] began to notice that this guy (who was wearing a tank top) had muscular biceps and said to me "I was scared I would get the crap beat out of me".
- [REDACTED] would later clarify that the guy ([REDACTED] was saying things such

as I like this house, I live here, you don't understand, but once [REDACTED] said he stopped listening to what he was specifically saying when he got worried that he would be rushed.

- When the first policeman came, [REDACTED] went to his truck (driver side) to lock himself in but the guy opened the passenger side door, opened [REDACTED] lunch box and began eating food and drinking water.
- [REDACTED] got out of the truck and heard the policeman tell the guy "stay there" and "I just want to talk to you".
- The guy threw his skull cap at the policeman, rushed the policeman, knocked him down and was beating him. [REDACTED] later would clarify that he saw the guy punch the officer 2-3 times in the ribs on his left side.
- [REDACTED] said that he was so scared that he did not go help the policeman and got into his truck. This was when he heard the gunshots ([REDACTED] would later clarify he heard 2 shots).
- [REDACTED] then got out of the truck. The guy was staggering around then fell down.
- [REDACTED] specified that he was not looking at what was happening when he heard the gun shots.
- A second policeman arrived and asked the first policeman if he was all right. The first policeman said he was all right.
- The second policeman put down [REDACTED] truck's tailgate as if to find a place for the first officer to rest.
- [REDACTED] said he saw the first policeman had blood on his face.
- [REDACTED] said that he was afraid he was going to get beat up and he felt that the guy had no intentions to leave.
- [REDACTED] said that the officer was very heroic and came to his defense.

Timeline:

- [REDACTED] said he worked [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] until 1 PM. He drove home using side streets to avoid construction.
- He specified that he took Main ST to Fat Head RD to RT 4 to VA Cutoff RD to Hartford Bridge where he sat in traffic for 10-15 minutes. He then went left onto Route 14, right onto Back ST, left onto Christian ST and onto [REDACTED].
- He first saw the guy's car when they were turning onto [REDACTED].

MISC:

- [REDACTED] described the guy's car as a tannish / brown maybe Accord maybe Camry.
- He has never seen the guy in his life. He later told Det. Knapp that he never saw the vehicle on [REDACTED].
- [REDACTED] has lived at this address for at least [REDACTED].
- The guy was walking slow as if there were a purpose in his walk and said "you don't remember me?"

At the conclusion of this interview, [REDACTED] signed a consent card to have the property processed as a crime scene, and also signed a sworn statement form.

Nothing further.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Supplemental Narratives
Narrative

Seq Name	Date
3 Knapp, K	22:06:39 08/05/21

PI: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] by Det Knapp on 8/5/21
Case#: 21B202546
Officer: Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp

Subject Interviewed

[REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED])
[REDACTED]
White River Jct., Vermont 05001
[REDACTED]

Date and Time of Interview: August 5th, 2021 at approximately 1615 hours.

List of Exhibits: 1-

CD containing audio recording of interview
Sworn Statement Form

Narrative:

On the above date and time, I conducted an interview with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Hartford regarding an officer involved shooting. This interview was to obtain information from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about what she witnessed.

The following is a synopsis of the interview. For actual dialogue and statements made the reader should refer to the digital audio recording. It should be noted this interview was completed by Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp of the Vermont State Police. During the interview we learned the following;

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised me that she came home and when she pulled onto [REDACTED] in Hartford that she observed an unfamiliar vehicle behind her. [REDACTED] told me that she had turned right off of VA Cutoff Road onto Vermont Route 14 and then turned left on Christian Street before turning onto [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] did not notice the unfamiliar vehicle until it pulled onto [REDACTED] behind her. [REDACTED] advised me that she turned around and parked her vehicle near her driveway. The unfamiliar vehicle passed her and then parked across from her. [REDACTED] then sat in her vehicle for approximately 5 minutes while she was on her cell phone with [REDACTED]. She advised [REDACTED] that there was a sketchy guy who was parked across from her. [REDACTED] then saw [REDACTED] [REDACTED] back into his driveway. [REDACTED] and the male driver of the unfamiliar vehicle kept making eye contact. The male then got out of his vehicle and was walking back and forth which made [REDACTED] think that he might be lost. The male then smiled at her, turned, and walked up [REDACTED] driveway. [REDACTED] thought he seemed a little hesitant. [REDACTED] thought that this was odd because this male was not the type of company that [REDACTED] has. [REDACTED] got out of her vehicle and mentioned to her [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and her [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about the male. [REDACTED] advised me that she believed she was off her cell phone when she approached [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was still outside when she said about 5 minutes later she saw an officer arrive. [REDACTED] then heard yelling and started walking towards a wood pile on her property. [REDACTED] then heard two gun shots and then saw another officer arrive. She then observed [REDACTED] walking around his property. [REDACTED] then advised that [REDACTED] walked over to talk with [REDACTED].

█ described the male as being in his late 20s, wearing a dark cap, black tan top, lighter color pants (grayish in color) and he possibly had sunglasses on. █ believes that she had not seen this male before.

Det. Trp. Kelsey Knapp

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Supplemental Narratives
Seq Name Date Narrative
4 Knapp, K 22:13:31 08/05/21
PI: [REDACTED] by Det Knapp on 8/5/21
Case# 21B202546
Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp

Subject Interviewed

[REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED])
[REDACTED]
Hartford, Vermont 05001
[REDACTED]

Date and Time of Interview: August 5th, 2021 at approximately 1745 hours.

List of Exhibits: 1-

CD containing audio recording of interview
Sworn Statement Form

Narrative:

On the above date and time, I conducted an interview with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in Hartford regarding an officer involved shooting. This interview was to obtain information from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about what she witnessed.

The following is a synopsis of the interview. For actual dialogue and statements made the reader should refer to the digital audio recording. It should be noted this interview was completed by Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp of the Vermont State Police. During the interview we learned the following;

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised me that [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] arrived home and told her about the male who had drove onto [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised me that she was sitting outside while talking to [REDACTED] said something about the vehicle and [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] she thought it might be her neighbor's cousin. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] told her that she did not believe it was the neighbor's cousin and that the male had been in back of her when they came up the street. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that the male smiled at her and then walked in a different direction then she did. [REDACTED] then saw a cruiser go by and they commented about how quickly officers had arrived. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] made a sarcastic comment that she hoped the officers did not arrest the male. Then [REDACTED] heard two gun shots. She then walked over near the woodpile. A second officer arrived and [REDACTED] pointed to where the incident occurred to the officer. [REDACTED] observed [REDACTED] bent over near his truck so she yelled and asked him if he was okay. [REDACTED] did not answer her and so she walked over to him. [REDACTED] started telling [REDACTED] what had happened. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that the male had walked down the driveway and [REDACTED] had asked the male his name. He asked the male what he was doing, and the male told him that he lived there. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he told the male that you don't live here and that he started to get nervous because they male was acting weird. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that the male kept taking his cap off and rubbing his head. [REDACTED] told the guy that he was going to call 911 which he did. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that the male was circling the truck, so he got into the truck and thought he locked the door, but the male got into the

passenger side. The guy started eating [REDACTED] lunch which was in the truck. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that the officer arrived and approached the passenger side of the truck to talk with the male. The male got out of the truck. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he heard the officer tell the male to stop and to not come any closer and that he heard this a couple of times. [REDACTED] then told [REDACTED] that the male took his cap off and threw it at the officer. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] told her the next thing he knew the male was wrestling the officer and "pounding the shit out of him," and then he heard two shots.

[REDACTED] said that she only saw the guy after he had been shot.

Det. Trp. Kelsey Knapp

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives
5 Lyon, J	10:28:58 08/06/21	Narrative
Response to scene by Trooper J. Lyon		8/6/2021

Case Number: 21B202546

On 8/5/2021 at approx 1345 hrs, I heard audible calls for help from Hartford PD Corporal Eric Clifford. Before he went silent on the radio, I heard him state he needed medical. I advised dispatch of the information and turned on my emergency lights to head to the scene. While enroute, I learned there was a male with a gunshot wound to the chest on the ground, conscious and breathing, and that the address of the incident was [REDACTED] in White River Junction. Trooper Fabian was also enroute and was closer to the scene. I called for air priority on the Royalton channel and continued to the address. A call came in by a Hartford PD officer that an officer was down. I arrived on scene at approx 1357 hrs. I checked in with Lt. Norris of Lebanon PD and provided him with a notepad at his request to start a log at the entrance of the scene. I made my way up to the scene and observed several Hartford PD officers and detectives, as well as a Hartford ambulance. I asked where Eric Clifford was and was told he was in the ambulance. I asked Sgt. Moody of Hartford PD if I could check on Clifford. He said I could and I got up in the ambulance to check on him. I observed blood on his head and face. He was conscious and I asked him if he was ok. Clifford told me he was and I asked him if he needed me to reach out to anyone. He replied that it was being taken care of. One of the EMTs asked me to grab some blood tubes out of a cabinet, which I located and handed to him. I told Clifford if he needed anything to let me know and then I exited the ambulance. I observed a male subject laying on his back behind near a red truck on the property. The male had on a black tank top and he was covered in blood and appeared lifeless. I did not approach the male, but turned around and made my way back to the crime scene entrance to assist with scene security. A female in dark clothes in one of the uninvolved properties was trying to move her vehicle. I backed my cruiser up to give her room. I stepped out of my cruiser and the female had overheard two of the HPD detectives speaking about a tan car possible belonging to the subject and where it was. The female stated she saw the subject in the tan car she pointed out parked in the driveway behind our cruisers. She stated a male with a black tank top followed her onto [REDACTED] and he parked across the street. She said the male got out of the vehicle and was walking back and forth until he finally made his way up the driveway where the incident took place. Sgt. Hudson arrived at the scene shortly after and I briefed him on our involvement at the scene.

I later arrived at Hartford PD to provide my sworn recorded statement regarding my involvement with the incident.

This ends my involvement in this incident.

JML

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
6 Marcinkowski, M	11:12:34 08/06/21	Response and Scene security by Trp Marcinkowski Case 21B202546:

On 08/05/2021 at approximately 1:40 PM Vermont State Police Dispatch put out radio traffic requesting all Royalton units respond to [REDACTED] in Hartford, VT to assist Hartford Police Department with an officer down situation. While responding to the scene Trooper Fabian arrived and advised other responding units can slow down. I arrived on scene at approximately 2:02 PM and stood by while Sgt. Hudson determined if I was needed on scene. I was instructed to clear the scene at approximately 2:21 PM.

On 08/05/2021 at approximately 5:38 I was contacted by Sgt. Hudson asking if I would be willing to work scene security for case 21B202546. I responded to [REDACTED] and arrived at approximately 5:47 PM. Trooper Geno Signed the crime scene security log to me and I remained on scene until 10:10 and gave the log to Sgt. Nolan and cleared the scene.

This concludes my involvement in this case.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
7 Roaldi, A	11:15:45 08/06/21	

Response and scene security by Trooper Adam Roaldi
Case #: 21B202564

On 08/05/2021 at approximately 1344 hrs., Sergeant Hudson, Trooper Marcinkowski, Trooper Lyon, Trooper Fabian and I responded to [REDACTED] Hartford, VT (Windsor county) for a report of an officer down. While enroute, dispatch advised that the Hartford PD officer was "okay" and there was a male on scene with a gunshot wound to the chest.

Upon arrival Trooper Marcinkowski and I parked at the bottom of [REDACTED] and Christian Rd. and directed traffic with Lt. Gravelle from Vermont Fish and Game. I did not make contact with any witnesses, or other officers on scene. then cleared from the scene with Trooper Marcinkowski to return to shift at approximately 1423 hours.

At approximately 1807 hours, I returned to provide scene security until approximately 2219 hours.

This concludes my involvement.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Supplemental Narratives
Seq Name Date Narrative
8 Knapp, K 12:25:21 08/06/21
PI: [REDACTED] by Det Knapp on 8/5/21
Case# 21B202546
Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp

Subject Interviewed

[REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED])
[REDACTED]
Hartford, Vermont 05001
[REDACTED]

Date and Time of Interview: August 6th, 2021 at approximately 1101 hours.

List of Exhibits: 1-

CD containing audio recording of interview
Sworn Statement Form

Narrative:

On the above date and time, I conducted an interview with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in the presence of her mother, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in Hartford regarding an officer involving shooting. This interview was to obtain information from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about what she witnessed.

The following is a synopsis of the interview. For actual dialogue and statements made the reader should refer to the digital audio recording. It should be noted this interview was completed by Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp of the Vermont State Police. During the interview we learned the following;

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised me that she was sitting on the back porch of the residence when [REDACTED] arrived home. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] walked over to them and she was on the phone with someone. [REDACTED] was not sure if [REDACTED] was still on the phone when she came over to the porch. [REDACTED] told them that a strange guy had just pulled onto the road behind her and parked at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] residence. [REDACTED] advised me that a short time later, a cop car pulled up slowly and then went to the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] residence. [REDACTED] heard yelling a couple minutes later and then she heard two gun shots. [REDACTED] stayed on the porch while [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to go see if they could do anything. [REDACTED] then saw the second cop car arrive. [REDACTED] advised me she did not see the man involved in this incident.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was present during this interview since [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] years old. [REDACTED] consented to a sworn and audio recorded interview. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] signed the Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form.

Det. Trp. Kelsey Knapp

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
9 Robson, J	16:02:03 08/06/21	

Investigative Actions Timeline by Robson 8-5-21 and 8-6-21
21B202546
Det. Sgt. Jesse Robson VSP BCI

Person Interviewed:

██████████ DOB ██████████
██████████
Bradford VT
██████████

Exhibits:

1) Photos of text messages from ██████████ ██████████ phone

I took the following investigative actions related to this incident:

8-5-21

- I was assigned to assist MCU with an officer involved shooting that took place at ██████████ Hartford VT. I was tasked with going to the scene to identify the homeowner, interview them and seek consent to process the scene including CSST and DRONE flight.
- I arrived and met with Det. Knapp, receiving initial information from Hartford PD who were on scene providing security. I was told that a male sitting on the steps to a residence was the homeowner, ██████████ ██████████
- ██████████ agreed to an interview and repeatedly told me that he would give consent to have police process his yard as a crime scene including DRONE footage.
- We conducted an interview which was in 2 parts as I stopped the recorder to allow him to speak with ██████████. I completed a separate interview report.
- ██████████ asked that I retrieve his glasses from his truck. The truck was inside the crime scene, and I got the OK to retrieve his glasses. I wore gloves and took photos of what I removed. I noticed the deceased male involved in this case, lying on the ground behind the truck and a police body camera on the ground near him. For detailed descriptions of the scene, refer to reports authored by crime scene search team members.
- ██████████ agreed to wait next door at his ██████████ residence until he was given the OK to return to his home, telling me that if he could go home, he would not go outside the deck door that leads to the cordoned off area.
- I submitted both audio files from ██████████ interview to Speakwrite for transcription.
- I conducted a recorded interview with Hartford PD Officer Coriander Santagate. I completed a separate interview report.
- Det Sgt. Truex and I went to ██████████ in Bradford to locate and interview ██████████ ██████████ the ██████████ of ██████████ ██████████ Truex was primary interviewer. I spoke briefly with ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ DOB ██████████. She told me that she received a telephone call from ██████████ this morning at 0927 lasting 6 minutes. She said that ██████████ was acting slow, not saying much, and when she answered the call she had to say "hello" 3 times to get him to respond. He told her that he was planning to come back to the house and pick ██████████ up to bring her to probation at 10 AM. At the end of the call ██████████

offered to bring firewood to the house. She said that she exchanged text messages with [REDACTED] later in the morning as well. [REDACTED] allowed me to photograph her text messages and the information for the incoming telephone call.

- I submitted a preservation request for [REDACTED] cell records (Verizon). 8-6-21

- I reviewed the 2 separate audio files along with the Speak-write transcripts of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] interview. I edited the transcripts for accuracy.

- I sent the case detective (Kinney) one-drive file share for the photos I took, and the audio files of my interviews. I sent him both edited and unedited transcripts of the [REDACTED] interview.

Nothing follows.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives	Narrative
10 Hudson, E	09:39:39	08/07/21	

Initial Response-Shift Supervisor
Officer: Sgt. E. Hudson Date of Report: 08/07/21
Case Number: 21B202546

On August 5, 2021 at approximately 1340 hours I became aware from radio traffic between Trooper Lyon and DPS Dispatch that Hartford Police were responding to an officer down call. As I began response from the barracks to Hartford Dispatch asked if I had copied the radio information and I responded that I did and to have all units respond to the request. I was unaware of the nature of the initial call that was being responded to by the Hartford Officers. Approximately half way to the scene dispatch radio traffic indicated that shots had been fired, the officer was not shot and the suspect involved was down. I was in contact with Captain Farmer regarding the information in the call and continued to the scene with Troopers Marcinkowski and Roaldi, arriving at 1402 hours.

I saw there was a crime scene tape boundary established and being monitored by Lt. Norris of Lebanon NH PD. I spoke with Det. Sgt. Moody and Maj. Vail of the Hartford Police Department and relayed the information to Captain Farmer about the status of the situation. Officer Eric Clifford had shot a suspect during a physical confrontation and sustained injuries and was being transported by EMS to Dartmouth ED. The suspect was deceased on scene. Hartford Police were requesting VSP MCU respond to investigate the officer involved shooting. I assisted with relaying Officer Clifford's K-9 to the police department and then returned to the scene and supervised the scene security.

Troopers Lyon and Fabian had monitored the distress call from Officer Clifford and the officer down call from the responding Hartford Officers. They arrived on scene as the first VSP members and were assigned to scene security after the situation was stabilized. I took over scene security duties at approximately 1700 hours so Troopers Lyon and Fabian could meet with MCU investigators for debrief at HPD. Troopers Roaldi and Marcinkowski were later assigned to scene security detail until the release of the scene by MCU later that evening.

This ended my involvement with this investigation.

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8/7/21

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
11 Filipek, M	10:56:42 08/09/21	

Investigative Actions Timeline 8-6-21
Det. Sgt. Michael Filipek VSP BCI
21B202546

I took the following investigative actions related to this incident:

1. On 8-5-21, I received a call from Det. Sgt. Ben Katz requesting assistance for the autopsy of the decedent from the above case. He is assigned to the OCME office but had a conflict and wouldn't be able to attend. I was free to assist and advised I would be there first thing in the morning.

2. On 8-6-21, I met at the OCME office in Burlington at approximately 0830 hrs. Dr. Bundock (Medical Examiner) briefed me on the protocols and expectations for evidence documentation, the duty which Det. Sgt. Katz usually performs. The autopsy commenced at approximately 0900 hrs, and the following evidence was logged from the decedent and into FileOnQ:

- Two (2) swabs from left hand of decedent
- Two (2) swabs from right hand of decedent
- Two (2) swabs from face of decedent
- One (1) black tank top
- One (1) pair of black pants
- One (1) lottery ticket and one (1) gift card from pocket of decedent
- One (1) 9mm fired round recovered from decedent's right shoulder
- One (1) 9mm fired round recovered from decedent's right back
- Ink Fingerprint cards from each hand
- "QIAcard Bloodstain" DNA card from decedent

All pieces of evidence were properly packaged and sealed, with the exception of the tank top and pants which were placed on a designated drying rack as they were still very wet/saturated. All evidence was locked in the evidence locker prior to my departure. I coordinated a brief phone conference with Dr. Bundock and Det. Lt. Schmidt to review findings from the autopsy and review what would be listed as the official cause of death on the death certificate.

On 8-9-21, I received a call from Det. Sgt. Tyson Kinney, inquiring about the above evidence I logged and packaged. He wanted to ensure it was still at the OCME office, and was coordinating to have it all transferred to the Royalton Barracks.

This ends my involvement.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Supplemental Narratives
Seq Name Date Narrative
12 Vooris, J 11:26:54 08/09/21
PI: [REDACTED] by Det. Sgt. James Vooris
Case#: 21B202546
Officer: Vooris

Person(s) Interviewed/of Interest:

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Hartland VT
[REDACTED]

Evidence/Exhibits:

1. 1 audio recorded interview with [REDACTED]
2. 1 photo provided by [REDACTED]

Narrative:

1. On August 9, 2021 I was asked to contact [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had contacted the Vermont State Police on August 7, 2021 to report that he believed he may have had contact with a male who was involved in an officer involved shooting in Hartford Vermont on August 5, 2021.
2. I spoke with [REDACTED] on the phone who advised that on August 5, 2021 he was at his place of employment at [REDACTED], located at [REDACTED] Hartland VT, when a vehicle pulled into the driveway around 1130 AM. He advised that there has been a problem with catalytic converters being stolen so he took a photo of the car as it sat in the driveway.
3. [REDACTED] advised after a short time a male exited the vehicle and walked out back to speak with a few of [REDACTED] employees. The employees offered the male some sandwiches which the male took and then proceeded back to his vehicle and left the area.
4. [REDACTED] advised that he did not speak with he male, but his employees did. [REDACTED] advised according to his employees the male was polite and thanked them for the sandwiches.
5. [REDACTED] advised he has cameras on his building but does not believe they were working. [REDACTED] advised they only thing he recalled regarding the male's appearance was that he was wearing a tractor supply hat.
6. This conversation was recorded and is on file. For additional statements made and actual dialog please refer to the audio recorded interview.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
13 Schmidt, J	17:00:38 08/09/21	

Initial Supervision by Det/Lt Schmidt August 5-6, 2021
Case #: 21B202546
Officer: Det/Lt John-Paul Schmidt

Narrative:

On August 5, 2021 at approximately 1350 hours, Hartford PD (HPD) Sergeant Scott Moody contacted me and advised his agency was just involved in an officer involved shooting (OIS) incident. After speaking with Moody briefly, I conferenced Captain Scott Dunlap into the call. We spoke with HPD Major Brad Vail, and he provided us with initial information about the situation. We learned the following:

HPD Corporal Eric Clifford responded to a complaint at [REDACTED] in Hartford. The complaint was that there was an unwanted person there causing a problem. When Clifford engaged this person, later identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] hereinafter referred to as Decedent, the subject physically attacked him. This included an attempt to choke Clifford. During the conflict, Clifford discharged his duty weapon, twice, striking Decedent in the chest. Additional officers responded a short time later. Clifford collapsed at the scene and was transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) and Decedent was pronounced dead at the scene. There was body camera footage, but the camera had been knocked off during the physical struggle.

After the conversation with Vail, Captain Dunlap and I planned and initiated a Major Crime Unit response. I alerted Detective Sergeant Aimee Nolan to the investigation and directed her to prepare a Crime Scene Search Team (CSST) activation/response. I contacted Detective Sergeants Sam Truex, Tyson Kinney, Seth Richardson, and Jeffrey Stephenson and directed them to respond to HPD. I contacted Detective Lieutenant Eric Albright and he provided two (Detective Sergeant Jesse Robson and Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp) detectives from his unit.

I got ready and headed to the area. While en route, I made additional phone calls which entailed learning more about the incident and initiating assignments. Detectives Robson and Knapp were directed to respond to the scene, obtain a statement from the initial complainant and seek consent to search his property (he owned the residence where the incident occurred.) I learned from Vail that Clifford was doing ok at the hospital and that his uniform had been removed at the scene (and it was still there.) Vail had secured Clifford's duty belt and firearm as well. Detective Nolan was directed to secure the fallen body camera from the scene.

At approximately 1745 hours, a briefing was held at HPD. Personnel from HPD and VSP presented at this briefing. I learned officers from Norwich PD and Lebanon (New Hampshire) PD had also responded as back up after the shooting. Vail reiterated the HPD originating call and response. He also noted Clifford had told him at the scene that he (Clifford) had shot Decedent twice. Detectives Robson and Knapp detailed the results of their interviews with the complainant

and other neighbors. It was learned Decedent had driven to the area, parked his car near the bottom of the complainant's residence, then walked up the driveway and began confronting the complainant. Decedent insisted he lived there, and before HPD arrived on scene, went inside the complainant's truck and began to eat complainant's food that was in it. Decedent and [REDACTED] had recent run-ins with police in Windsor and Weathersfield, including the previous night when [REDACTED] was arrested for possession of methamphetamine.

Detective Kinney was assigned as the case officer.

Captain Dunlap contacted/updated personnel from the Vermont Attorney General Office (AG) and Windsor County State's Attorney (SA.) The Windsor County SA conflicted out of the case, and it was later assigned to the Washington County SA. Captain Dunlap also contacted the Vermont Intelligence Center (VIC) and personnel from there began gathering information on Decedent.

I viewed a photo from the scene of Decedent and a Vermont DMV photo for [REDACTED] (the car parked near the driveway was registered to a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It was clear Decedent was [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Detectives were assigned various tasks, which included records checks; obtaining records/reports from responding agencies, 911, EMS services, etc; completing interviews of responding personal (including a ride-along who was with responding VSP troopers) and additional witnesses; canvassing for additional witnesses and sources of video; securing known video (from HPD) and recordings (from HPD); identifying and notifying next of kin. CSST processed the scene; this included use of an unmanned aerial system (UAS, "drone.") CSST also processed Decedent's car, which was towed from the scene and secured at the Royalton Barracks.

During the evening, Detective Kinney and I traveled to the scene and conducted a walk-through with CSST personnel. We did not touch, collect, or disturb evidence while at the scene. Following the walk-through, I was able to view video footage from Clifford's body camera system.

During the evening, Detectives Robson and Truex were able to interview Decedent's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This interview provided some additional incite into Decedent's movements and provided potential names/contacts for his next of kin.

Later in the evening, Detectives Kinney, Richardson, Knapp, and Stephenson located and spoke with Decedent's [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Victim Services Director Kate Brayton assisted with the notifications.

Decedent's body was removed from the scene and transported to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) by Detective Sergeant Ben Katz. Detective Sergeant Mike Filipek was assigned to assist with the autopsy the following day.

The scene was released after CSST completed the processing.

All personnel were clear from the investigation at some point during the early morning hours of August 6.

On August 6, I was notified by dispatch that Decedent's [REDACTED] was asking to speak with someone about the case. I called her back and spoke with her for a few minutes. This conversation was not recorded. She had nothing specific to add but was mainly looking for general information about the investigation process; she was also curious if pepper spray had been deployed. She noted it seemed very out of character for [REDACTED] to have been confrontational with law enforcement; however, if he did decide he wanted to kill an officer, that

officer would be dead before he could draw his weapon.

Later in the day, I spoke by phone with OCME Acting Chief Pathologist Dr

Elizabeth Bundock and Detective Filipek. I learned:

Decedent was struck by two projectiles, both entering left to right and front to back. Decedent's heart and at least one lung were penetrated. Both projectiles were still inside Decedent, just under the skin of his back and shoulder. Toxicology results would be pending. (I updated that CSST had located apparent anabolic steroids in Decedent's car, and Dr Bundock advised she would add that as something to screen for.) Dr Bundock had also completed a blood draw to test for exposure risk purposes (Clifford had been covered in some of Decedent's blood.) Swabs had been collected in the event anyone wanted to test for the presence of OC spray. Dr Bundock determined the death was a homicide, with the cause being gunshot wounds of chest, shot by law enforcement.

During the late afternoon I assigned Detective Truex to follow up on a tip/lead that came in through dispatch. This resulted in obtaining information about a suspicious male who stopped into a business in the Hartford area earlier on the day of the shooting. The description matched that Decedent. There is likely video connected to this contact. I later learned additional tips/leads came in over the weekend. Detective Kinney was already aware of them and working on them.

As of this writing, the investigation is on-going. This includes plans to interview Clifford. See various supplemental reports for additional information. Nothing further.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
14 Truex, S	14:28:03 08/10/21	

Investigative actions taken on August 5, 2021 by Det. Sgt. Sam Truex

Case#: 21B202546

Officer: Det. Sgt. Truex

List of Exhibits:

1. One digital audio recorded interview with [REDACTED] on 08/05/21.
2. One Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form signed by [REDACTED] on 08/05/21.
3. One digital audio recorded interview with [REDACTED] on 08/05/21.
4. One Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form signed by [REDACTED] on 08/05/21.
5. One digital audio recorded interview with Trp. Jeremy Lyon on 08/05/21.
6. One Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form signed by Trp. Jeremy Lyon on 08/05/21.
7. One digital audio recorded interview with Det. Sgt. Scott Moody on 08/05/21.
8. One Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form signed by Det. Sgt. Scott Moody on 08/05/21.
9. Criminal History and VT Driver's record checks for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED].

Narrative:

On August 5, 2021 at approximately 1402 hours, Det. Lt. John-Paul Schmidt notified me of an officer involved shooting that occurred in the town of Hartford, VT. Det. Sgt. Kinney and I were in the same cruiser working on a separate investigation at the time. Det. Lt. Schmidt asked that after we leave the Vermont Forensic Laboratory in Waterbury, we meet him at the Hartford Police Department.

Upon our arrival, we met with detectives who were already at the police department. Det. Lt. Schmidt arrived a short time later and requested that Det. Sgt. Kinney and I interview Trp. Jeremy Lyon of the Vermont State Police who arrived at the shooting scene after the shooting took place. Det. Sgt. Kinney and I interviewed Trp. Lyon in a small office located on the first floor of the police department. Please refer to the digital audio recorded interview for details of the interview.

Det. Lt. Schmidt asked me to interview [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] who is an intern with the Vermont State Police. [REDACTED] was doing a ride-a-long with Trp. Max Fabian and responded to the shooting scene after the shooting took place. I interviewed [REDACTED] in a small office located on the first floor of the police department. Please refer to the digital audio recorded interview for details of the interview.

I then attended an incident briefing by Det. Lt. Schmidt in the conference room located on the second floor of the Hartford Police Department. After completing the briefing, Capt. Scott Dunlap asked me to obtain a criminal history check of the shooting victim, ██████████ DOB ██████████. I walked downstairs to Hartford dispatch who provided me with the criminal history and driver's license information for ██████████. I then brought it upstairs and added it to Det. Sgt. Kinney's case file.

Det. Lt. Schmidt asked me to interview Det. Sgt. Scott Moody of the Hartford Police Department. I then interviewed Det. Sgt. Moody in his office located on the first floor of the Hartford Police Department. Det. Sgt. Moody responded to the shooting scene after the shooting took place. Please refer to the digital audio recorded interview for details of the interview.

Det. Lt. Schmidt asked Det. Sgt. Jesse Robson and I to locate and interview ██████████ DOB: ██████████. ██████████ was the ██████████ of ██████████. I contacted ██████████ DOB: ██████████ who is ██████████ of ██████████. ██████████ advised ██████████ was supposed to be visiting ██████████ and she would try to have her contact me. A short time later, ██████████ called me and agreed to meet me at her ██████████ residence located at ██████████ in the town of Bradford, VT. Det. Sgt. Robson and I then drove to the ██████████ residence. ██████████ met us in the driveway and asked what was going on. I told ██████████ that ██████████ was involved in an incident and was shot and killed by a Hartford police officer earlier in the day. ██████████ was upset but still agreed to speak with us inside the house. Please refer to the digital audio recorded interview of ██████████ for details of the interview. Det. Sgt. Robson and I then returned to the Hartford Police Department. No further action taken on this date.

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Law Supplemental Narrative:

Supplemental Narratives
Seq Name Date Narrative
15 Truex, S 08:45:21 08/11/21
Investigative actions taken on August 6, 2021 by Det. Sgt. Sam Truex

Case#: 21B202546

Officer: Det. Sgt. Sam Truex

List of Exhibits: None

Narrative:

On August 6, 2021 Capt. Scott Dunlap asked me to contact a woman who emailed VSP and advised she may have information that pertained to the officer involved shooting in Hartford on August 5, 2021. Capt. Dunlap provided me with her name and phone number.

On August 6, 2021 at approximately 1526 hours, I made telephone contact with [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] 0 who works at [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] in White River Jct., VT. [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised that after 11:00 am on August 5, 2021, there was an uncomfortable person that entered the jewelry store. She said the male parked a 2-door Acura with Vermont license plates in the parking lot next door at the Subway gas station. [REDACTED] said she saw in a Vermont Digger article a picture of an Acura car and didn't know if it was related to the [REDACTED] incident yesterday in Hartford. [REDACTED] said she didn't know if this could help with a timeline for the investigation. [REDACTED] said the offender in the shooting may have been in her store.

[REDACTED] said that after 11:00 am yesterday, a male in his 30's who she believed was approximately 5'10", 160lbs, wearing sweatpants and a mask entered the jewelry store. She thought he could have been bald but wasn't positive. [REDACTED] said the male had a large cell phone in his left pocket and she watched him take his phone in and out of his pocket and was concerned what else was in his pocket. She said he was holding his pants up in the area of the phone. [REDACTED] said the male was in the store for approximately 10 minutes. She said he seemed really cocky and wanted to see some tungsten rings. [REDACTED] said when she showed him some rings, he yanked them out of her hand, and she felt the abrasiveness and aggressiveness. [REDACTED] said he took the words she used and agreed with what she said. She said they talked about sizing the ring. [REDACTED] said he wanted a black ring that they had in stock and wanted it sized to a 12. [REDACTED] said when he left the store, he put a beanie cap on his head and walked toward the Subway gas station. [REDACTED] said he may be on their cameras. [REDACTED] said the gas station used to be called Evans Mart. [REDACTED] said the male parked his car next to the cement wall with a chain linked fence. [REDACTED] said the Acura left on RT 5 south under the overpass and would have gone past the police station to get to the

area of the shooting yesterday.

████████ said the cameras in the ██████████ are not working properly. She apologized for not knowing the exact time the male was in the store. ██████████ said she doesn't know if this male was involved in the incident or not but thought maybe it was related to the shooting based upon the Acura he was driving.

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Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
16 Truex, S	11:13:38 08/11/21	
P.I:	██████████	on 08/05/21 by Det. Sgt. Truex

Detective Sergeant Samuel Truex

Case# 21B202546

██████████ DOB: ██████████
██████████
Temple, NH 03084
Tel: ██████████

Date and Time of Interview: August 5, 2021 at approximately 1713 hours.

List of Exhibits: 1- Digital audio recording of interview with ██████████.
1- Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form signed by ██████████
██████████

Narrative:

On the above date and time, I conducted an interview with ██████████ at the Hartford VT Police Department, regarding an officer involved shooting that occurred earlier in the day. ██████████ was doing a ride-a-long with the Vermont State Police as part of his internship when he responded to the officer involved shooting in Hartford. ██████████ was riding with Trp. Max Fabian who is assigned to the Royalton Barracks. This interview was to obtain information from ██████████ about what he observed while responding to this incident.

The following is a synopsis of the interview. For actual dialogue and statements made the reader should refer to the digital audio recording. It should be noted this interview was completed by Det. Sgt. Samuel Truex of the Vermont State Police. During the interview I learned the following:

██████████ advised he is an intern with the Vermont State Police two days a week for the summer. He said he has been assigned to different Troopers like Det. Sgt. Chris Blais and to the Bomb Squad. Today, he rode with Trp. Max Fabian from the Royalton Barracks. He said that Lt. Kessler told him to arrive at the barracks at 1000 hours.

██████████ said he and Trp. Fabian were doing traffic on I89 when they got a call for a 13 year old boy who showed up at a recreation park with no shirt or shoes. He said the boy had gotten into a fight with his family. ██████████ said the 13 year old was known to the Windsor Police Dept. He said the family had moved, so the boy walked to the recreation park where the police were called. He said they were enroute to that call when they heard over the cruiser radio there had

been a shooting and an officer was down. [REDACTED] thought he remembered hearing there were shots in the chest.

[REDACTED] said they rerouted and drove code to that call. He said he heard that there were shots fired and an officer was down. He said he heard there was some sort of fight or altercation. [REDACTED] said he didn't understand everything on the police radio. [REDACTED] said he was told they were going to [REDACTED] so he was keeping an eye out for road signs. [REDACTED] said Trp. Fabian got his body camera ready prior to arriving at the scene. He said he didn't know when it got turned on.

[REDACTED] said when they arrived on scene, Trp. Fabian told him to stay in the cruiser. He said that after the scene was secure, Sgt. Hudson gave Trp. Fabian permission to let him get out of the cruiser. [REDACTED] said he got out and stood beside the cruiser and didn't cross the police tape toward the house at any point. [REDACTED] said he listened and talked to the officers that were there. [REDACTED] said the police put up the crime scene tape around a grey two door coupe with Vermont license plates. He couldn't recall the make of the vehicle. He said it was believed that vehicle belonged to the suspect.

[REDACTED] said he never walked up to the residence where the shooting occurred. He said he never spoke with the officer who was involved in the shooting and didn't see the deceased suspect. He said he tried to look from the police tape but couldn't see anything. [REDACTED] said he believes Sgt. Hudson told them to leave the scene and drive to the Hartford Police Department. Nothing further.

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Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
17 Truex, S	13:10:53 08/11/21	

PI: Det. Sgt. Scott Moody on 08/05/21 by Det. Sgt. Sam Truex

Officer: Detective Sergeant Samuel Truex

Case# 21B202546

Date and Time of Interview: August 5, 2021 at approximately 1821 hours.

Person Interviewed:

MOODY, Scott DOB [REDACTED]
Hartford Police Department
Hartford, VT

- List of Exhibits: 1- Digital audio recording of interview with Det. Sgt. Scott Moody.
1- Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form signed by Det. Sgt. Scott Moody.

Narrative:

On the above date and time, I conducted an interview with Det. Sgt. Scott Moody of the Hartford VT Police Department, regarding an officer involved shooting that occurred earlier in the day. The interview took place in his office. Moody worked dayshift and responded to the shooting scene at [REDACTED] in Hartford after the shooting occurred. This interview was to obtain information from Moody about his actions while responding to this incident and while at the scene.

The following is a synopsis of the interview. For actual dialogue and statements made the reader should refer to the digital audio recording. It should be noted this interview was completed by Det. Sgt. Samuel Truex of the Vermont State Police. During the interview I learned the following:

Moody said Maj. Vail asked him for a ride to shuffle some cars around. He said prior to leaving the office, he saw a suspicious CAD call on the screen and he looked at the call notes quickly. He read there was a male at [REDACTED] that was refusing to leave.

Moody said he and Maj. Vail left the police department and drove toward Sykes Mtn. Ave to shuffle cars. Moody said when they passed Bob's Service Center and the Dunkin Donuts near the VA Hospital, he heard a beeping on his cruiser radio. Moody said his radio is buried under the dashboard, so he looked down and saw that it was an emergency button activation from Eric's portable radio. He said when that happens, airtime usually stays live, and you can hear what's going on.

Moody said he called dispatch on the radio but wasn't sure if his transmission went through or not because Eric's microphone was feeding live. He said he was trying to figure out where Eric was at. Moody said he pulled over and tried to call the police department on his cell phone. Moody said he heard someone say [REDACTED] so he and Maj. Vail responded there. He said it was a nightmare figuring out how to get there with traffic. Moody said he heard a radio transmission that he believed was Eric asking for medical. He said there was additional transmissions, but they were garbled. Moody said at some point he heard the word "gunshot" but doesn't know when that was. He said there was yelling and screaming on the radio and the transmissions were garbled. Moody said he doesn't recall if he heard "gunshot" before or after he heard officer down.

Moody said as he and Maj. Vail were responding to the scene, Officer Corey Santagate was the first officer to arrive on scene after the shooting and heard him say we have an officer down. Moody said he and the Major would have been the fourth and fifth officer on scene if Eric was the first officer.

Moody said when they arrived on scene, Chief Zora with the fire department was right behind them. Moody said he got out of his car and Officer Angulo was at the back of one of the cruisers. Moody said he yelled to him and asked if the scene was safe so the fire chief and medical could come in. Moody advised Officer Angulo said the scene was safe, so he grabbed a large trauma kit out of the trunk of his cruiser and gave it to the fire chief. Moody said he moved closer to the scene where the pickup truck was. Moody said Eric was half laying and half sitting up with Corey and he saw the deceased male on the ground. Moody said at that point he ran back to his car and got some rubber gloves.

Moody said when he returned, Brad Coulia from the fire department had the AED from the ambulance [REDACTED]. He pointed out [REDACTED] and doesn't remember exactly what he said, but [REDACTED]

Moody said at that point, someone picked up Eric's body camera and he thought it was Corey. Moody said he told him to put it back and leave it there for now knowing VSP was coming to process the scene. Moody said Maj. Vail asked him to get ahold of someone from VSP Major Crimes. Moody said he tried Det. Lt. Albright first, then called Det. Lt. Schmidt and told him what was going on. Moody said he contacted Tom Howell who is a detective with his department and asked him to come back in. Moody said he asked Officer John Angulo to start a log because people were going in and out of the scene.

Moody said they got Eric into the ambulance. Moody said he asked Eric if he was ok, and Eric said, yes he is. Moody said Eric asked him to get his wife, so he got Chief Keeling from Norwich PD to tell Eric's wife that Eric was going to the hospital. Eric's wife worked in Norwich. Moody said at that time Tom Howell showed up. Moody said he taped off the inner perimeter. He said that was about it. He said he made sure the fire crew members and the Lebanon guys were on the log with a time in and out.

Moody said when Det. Sgt. Aimee Nolan of the VSP-CSST arrived, he walked up with her and showed her where Eric's body camera was on the ground and told her Maj. Vail secured Eric's firearm in his cruiser. Moody said he turned Eric's firearm over to Det. Sgt. Nolan and then he was released to return to the police department for interviews.

Moody said people were talking and he heard that Ryan from Weathersfield PD called Corey and said he thought he dealt with the deceased last night. Corey

said they described the deceased's car to a tee and said he was wearing the same black tank top as last night. Moody said he doesn't recall ever dealing with the deceased prior to this incident.

Moody said his normal shift is 0800 hours to 1600 hours Monday through Friday.

Nothing further.

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Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
18 Blais, C	17:06:35 08/12/21	

IA: Body camera recordings copied by Blais on 8/12/21
Case: 21B202546
Officer: Detective Sergeant Chris Blais

Narrative:

On 8/12/21 I was requested by Det Sgt Tyson Kinney to copy the three body camera videos of Ofc Clifford, Ofc Angulo, and Ofc Santagate. I removed the hard drive containing this information from temporary evidence and copied the items. The hard drive was re sealed and returned to temporary evidence at 1706 hours. The thumb drive was placed with this evidence to be picked up by Det Sgt Kinney. This concludes my involvement.

Det Sgt Christopher Blais

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Supplemental Narratives
Seq Name Date Narrative
19 Truex, S 09:04:55 08/13/21
P.I: [REDACTED] on 08/05/21 by Det. Sgts. Truex and Robson

Officer: Detective Sergeant Samuel Truex

Case# 21B202546

[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]

Bradford, Vermont 05033

Tel: [REDACTED] cell

Tel: [REDACTED] residence.

Date and Time of Interview: August 5, 2021 at approximately 2059 hours.

- List of Exhibits: 1- Digital audio recording of interview with [REDACTED]
1- Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form signed by [REDACTED]

Narrative:

On the above date and time, I conducted an interview with [REDACTED] regarding an officer involved shooting that occurred earlier in the day. The interview took place inside [REDACTED] residence located at [REDACTED] in the town of Bradford. It was learned that [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] of the deceased, [REDACTED]. I also learned [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were arrested on 08/04/21 for possession of Methamphetamine by the Windsor Police Department. This interview was to notify [REDACTED] of the shooting and obtain information from [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] and what happened in Windsor last night.

The following is a synopsis of the interview. For actual dialogue and statements made the reader should refer to the digital audio recording. It should be noted this interview was completed by Det. Sgt. Samuel Truex and Det. Sgt. Jesse Robson of the Vermont State Police. During the interview we learned the following:

Det. Sgt. Robson and I arrived at the [REDACTED] residence and parked in the driveway. [REDACTED] met us in the driveway and asked what was going on. It was clear she had no idea that [REDACTED] had been involved in a shooting incident and was deceased. I told [REDACTED] about the suspicious complaint the police responded to in Hartford involving [REDACTED]. I told her [REDACTED] attacked a police officer and was shot and killed as a result. [REDACTED] became upset but

agreed to speak with us inside [REDACTED] residence.

While inside the residence we sat a kitchen table with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I recorded this interview.

[REDACTED] said she met [REDACTED] at the boat landing in Bradford around June 29, 2021. She said they have been hanging out everyday since. She said [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was a kind person and doesn't know where this came from or what he did. She said [REDACTED] was trying to get off the [REDACTED] clinic and was going to go to a detox in MA so he could get off it. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] didn't have a specific detox facility he was going to today. She said [REDACTED] didn't want to go to the clinic anymore. She said that is all she knew [REDACTED] was doing today after he dropped her off at [REDACTED] residence at approximately 0830 hours. [REDACTED] said after [REDACTED] dropped her off, she has not been able to reach him since. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] did contact [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] has been clean and has not been using anything.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] lived at the Veteran's home located in Bradford. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] lived in the only apartment there. She said he served in the Army. [REDACTED] said the staff could tell us more. [REDACTED] didn't think [REDACTED] had been deployed and wasn't sure if he suffered from PTSD.

I asked [REDACTED] if she could tell me about the incident last night. She said they got caught with Meth in Hartford, VT. [REDACTED] said they were parked where they should not have been parked and realized that. She said they (the police) ended up searching the car. She said they were not using; the Meth was old stuff in her purse. She said it was not on [REDACTED] and they were not using. [REDACTED] said they were issued a citation for a misdemeanor.

[REDACTED] said she doesn't know why [REDACTED] wanted to stop using [REDACTED] because it was keeping him clean. She thought [REDACTED] was on [REDACTED] for a year. She said he could have been on [REDACTED] for Heroin, but she wasn't sure. [REDACTED] said if [REDACTED] had anything in his system, she would be surprised.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] dropped her off this morning driving his tan Acura. She said he smashed the back end and windshield of it the night before.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] was wearing jeans with paint on them and a sweatshirt when he dropped her off this morning.

[REDACTED] said she doesn't know much about [REDACTED] past. She said [REDACTED] has a named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] lives in Lebanon, NH with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said she knows [REDACTED] is moving to Maine. She thinks they were married but haven't been together for a while. [REDACTED] said she never met [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] phone number is [REDACTED]. She didn't know the phone carrier [REDACTED] used. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] has a [REDACTED] named [REDACTED] who lives with [REDACTED] in NH. [REDACTED] said she thinks [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] said she had no contact with [REDACTED] after 0830 hours, but [REDACTED] did call her and wasn't saying much to her. Det. Sgt. Robson then walked outside to speak with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] years old.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] didn't have any close friends. She said he quit working at [REDACTED] last week in Bradford because he wanted to quit [REDACTED] and go to detox. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] doesn't have any social media or Facebook.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was fine when he left today, and he wasn't using. She said he wasn't about using. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was using some type of [REDACTED].

██████████ She didn't know what type of ██████████ they were. He said they were in his car and it is legal. ██████████ said the officer saw it last night.

Det. Sgt. Robson advised ██████████ that he spoke with ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ advised there was a plan today for ██████████ to bring ██████████ to ██████████ today at 10:30 am. ██████████ said that ██████████ never showed up. ██████████ said ██████████ was supposed to bring her to do a ██████████ and then to ██████████ in White River to see her ██████████. ██████████ said ██████████ was

supposed to pick her up at 10:00 am. ██████████ excused herself during the interview to throw up.

██████████ said ██████████ had a blue Samsung phone. She said he didn't have an iPhone. She said the passcode was the word "██████████" spelled out in numbers.

██████████ said ██████████ just moved his belongings back to ██████████ residence in New Hampshire. She said he was moving out of the Veterans home in Bradford. ██████████ said she didn't know how long ██████████ had lived in this area. ██████████ didn't think ██████████ had ever been arrested before.

██████████ said ██████████ was holding her money in his car for her. She said it was \$400.

██████████ said ██████████ was a drinker and liked to drink liquor. She said there is a bottle of Southern Comfort in his car. She said he smoked marijuana too. ██████████ said he smoked this morning.

██████████ said ██████████ who is the ██████████ would have been close with ██████████

██████████ said she has never seen a bad side of ██████████ and doesn't know what he was doing. She didn't understand why ██████████ did this.

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Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
20 Truex, S	10:58:38 08/18/21	Investigative actions taken on August 17, 2021 by Det. Sgt. Sam Truex

Case#: 21B202546

Officer: Det. Sgt. Samuel Truex

List of Exhibits:

None from this officer.

Narrative:

On August 17, 2021 Det. Sgt. Tyson Kinney and I interviewed Cpl. Eric Clifford DOB: [REDACTED] of the Harford Police Department. The interview took place at the Royalton Barracks in a recorded interview room. Also present was Clifford's Attorney, Sue Edwards Esq. The interview was regarding the officer involved shooting that occurred at [REDACTED] in Hartford on August 5, 2021. Cpl. Clifford shot and killed [REDACTED] after being attacked by [REDACTED]. For details of the interview please refer to the audio/video recording.

At the conclusion of the interview, I stood by while Det. Sgt. Kinney entered evidence obtained from Det. Sgt. Ben Katz into the Royalton temporary evidence room for this investigation.

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Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
21 Katz, Ben	13:13:39 08/18/21	

Supplemental of Det Sgt Ben Katz

On August 17th I transferred items 26-35 from the OCME to Det Sgt Tyson Kinney. Item 29, the black tank top was entered as destroyed because item 37 was created in error as the same black tank top and this item and label were transported to the VFL on August 13th.

Nothing further.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
22 Knapp, K	14:55:38 08/19/21	Investigative actions taken on August 5th, 2021 by Det. Tpr. Kelsey Knapp

Case #: 21B202546

Officer: Det. Tpr. Knapp

List of Exhibits:

1. One digital audio recorded interview with [REDACTED]
2. One Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form signed by [REDACTED]
3. One digital audio recorded interview with [REDACTED]
4. One Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form signed by [REDACTED]

Narrative:

On August 5th, 2021 at approximately 1422 hours, I responded to an officer involved shooting involving a Hartford Police Department Officer in Hartford, Vermont. I was asked to respond to the scene with Detective Sergeant Jesse Robson to interview the homeowner. Det. Sgt. Robson and I responded to [REDACTED] in Hartford and met with [REDACTED] Det. Sgt. Robson and I conducted the interview inside [REDACTED] residence in the living room. Please refer to the digital audio recording and Det. Sgt. Robson's interview report for further details on this interview.

While still on scene, I was asked to interview a witness regarding the incident. I met with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] I conducted the interview outside of the residence on the back porch. Please refer to the digital audio recording and my interview report for further details on this interview.

I next responded to the Hartford Police Department and attended an incident briefing conducted by Det. Lt. Schmidt. I was then asked to complete a inquest subpoena for the 911 calls and to request radio transmission from the Vermont State Police Westminster PSAP center. The inquest subpoena was sent to the Washington County State's Attorney's Officer on August 10th, 2021.

I was then asked to perform a neighborhood canvas on [REDACTED] in Det. Sgt. Jeff Stephenson. The following residences and residents were contacted and advised us that they were not home at the time of the incident and do not have surveillance cameras on their property:

[REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED])
[REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED])
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED])
[REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED])

I then interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED]. This interview was conducted on the front porch of the residence. Please refer to the digital audio recording and my interview report for further details on this interview.

Det. Sgt. Stephenson and I then interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who reside at [REDACTED]. This interview was conducted at the dining room table of the residence. Please refer to Det. Sgt. Stephenson's digital recording and interview report for further details.

I then responded to Goshen, New Hampshire with Det. Sgt. Tyson Kinney, Det. Sgt. Seth Richardson and Det. Sgt. Stephenson to make notification to the deceased family.

No further action was taken on this date.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

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Seq Name Date Narrative

23 Stephenson, J 10:14:27 08/23/21

PI: John Angulo by Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Stephenson on August 5, 2021

Case #: 21B202546

Detective: Detective Sergeant Jeffrey W. Stephenson

Person(s) Interviewed/of Interest:

Angulo, John (Officer)

Hartford Police Department, 812 VA Cutoff Road, White River Junction, Vermont
05001

Phone #: (802) 295-9425 (work)

Social Media contact: n/a

Evidence/Exhibits:

1. One (1) CD containing: audio recording of interview with Angulo, John by Detective Sergeant Stephenson on August 5, 2021
2. One (1) sworn audio statement form signed by Angulo, John on August 5, 2021
3. One (1) Copy of sketch completed by Officer Angulo

Narrative:

A. Introduction

Hartford Police Officer John Angulo (hereinafter "ANGULO") was interviewed at the Hartford Fire Department on August 5, 2021, beginning at or about 6:24 PM, by Vermont State Police ("VSP") Detective Sergeant Jeffrey W. Stephenson. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Detective and the nature of the interview, ANGULO provided the following information:

[The below is an interview summary. It is not intended to be a verbatim account and does not memorialize all statements made during the interview.

Communications by the parties in the interview room were electronically audio recorded. The recording captures the actual words spoken. A digital copy of the interview recording has been saved to the VSP case file. All parties to the interview were made aware of the recording. Following the interview, AUGULO signed a VSP Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form. A copy of the form was saved to the VSP case file. The original form was provided to the case officer, Detective Sergeant Tyson Kinney.]

B. Free Narrative of Officer Angulo

ANGULO was on-duty and drafting an unrelated search warrant application at the Hartford Police Department on August 5, 2021. Between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM, ANGULO observed a call for service on the department's CAD computer screen. The call comments indicated a male was on someone's yard and refusing to leave. Hartford Police Corporal Eric Clifford responded to the call.

Corporal Clifford was the shift supervisor. There was a total of three officers working patrol that shift: Corporal Clifford, Officer Angulo and Officer Santagate. The department had two patrol areas: north and south. ANGULO was assigned to the north patrol area, which included the location of the suspicious person complaint described above. Because ANGULO was completing paperwork related to the search warrant application, Corporal Clifford elected to respond to the call himself.

A few minutes later, via the police radio, ANGULO heard Corporal Clifford request another unit respond. Officer Santagate responded. ANGULO then heard people screaming on the radio but he was not sure who. He thought Corporal Clifford's emergency [radio] button had been pressed. ANGULO was not sure exactly what was happening at the scene; he just heard a lot of yelling on the radio. He heard Corporal Clifford request, "medical." It was clear Corporal Clifford was in trouble and needed help. It sounded like he was in a fight.

ANGULO immediately ran to his patrol vehicle, which was parked in the sally port of the police station. He continued to hear yelling on the police radio. ANGULO radioed dispatch to open the sally port door, then departed the police station in his patrol vehicle. ANGULO responded "code-3" which included the use of the vehicle's emergency lights and siren. ANGULO heard Officer Santagate yell on the radio, "officer down." Corporal Clifford was a friend and someone ANGULO looked up to, so he was particularly concerned when he heard Officer Santagate's radio transmission.

ANGULO drove around a construction detour and processed to the scene. He had never been to [REDACTED] [the scene of the incident] before. When he arrived, he saw two police cruisers in the driveway. He parked his police cruiser and ran up to Officer Santagate -he was holding Corporal Clifford on the ground.

ANGULO asked if Corporal Clifford was shot, and Officer Santagate said no. ANGULO saw blood on Corporal Clifford. Corporal Clifford was "in and out" and not responding verbally; his eyes were closed.

ANGULO saw a subject on the ground, face up, with blood on him; he looked in rough condition. Officer Santagate said the subject needed treatment. ANGULO ran back to his cruiser to get medical gloves.

Major Vale and Sergeant Moody arrived and asked if the scene was secure.

ANGULO went back to the subject who was on the ground and saw a gunshot wound on his chest. He started performing CPR on the subject. Moments later members of the Fire Department/EMS arrived and told ANGULO to stop CPR. He stepped back from the male subject.

ANGULO saw Corporal Clifford was still on the ground. People were trying to take his duty belt off. ANGULO stepped in and helped remove the belt.

ANGULO then walked over to one male (witness) and two or three females who were nearby. The male witness had information about the incident and told ANGULO the following:

The male (subject) refused to leave. When the officer arrived, the male attacked the officer and started hitting him. The male (witness) heard gunshots.

ANGULO then assisted with the crime scene log and running people in/out of the scene.

C. Radio Traffic Heard by Officer Angulo

ANGULO was at the police station and Diane, the administrative assistant, walked up to him and began a conversation. ANGULO asked her to stop talking because he heard yelling on the police radio. He recognized it was Corporal Clifford. Normally, Corporal Clifford is calm on the radio, even in stressful situations.

This time he was not calm; the situation sounded chaotic on the radio.

ANGULO believed Corporal Clifford's radio "emergency button" had been activated. When this occurs, the radio will hold the microphone open so any noise can be heard by others without the radio user having to manually hold the microphone button open to transmit. Throughout the open microphone, there was continued screaming.

ANGULO heard Corporal Clifford request "medical," but he wasn't sure when this occurred. ANGULO heard Officer Santagate report, "officer down" while ANGULO was driving to the scene.

No one's actions were described on the radio transmissions that ANGULO remembered.

D. Angulo's Arrival on Scene

Upon arriving on the scene, ANGULO observed Officer Santagate kneeling and holding Corporal Clifford's head/torso. AUGULO observed blood on Corporal Clifford and asked if he (Corporal Clifford) had been shot. Corporal Clifford did not respond but Officer Santagate stated he (Corporal Clifford) had not been shot. ANGULO did not see Corporal Clifford's firearm; in hindsight, he assumed it was holstered on his duty belt.

ANGULO observed a male lying face up on the ground. The male appeared to have a gunshot wound on his chest. His eyes were open, and he was unresponsive. AUGULO began performing CPR on the male until he was stopped moments later by fire/EMS. He did not move the male's position other than by performing chest compressions.

After stopping CPR, ANGULO removed his medical gloves -they were covered in blood. He dropped them on the ground near the subject and near a body-worn camera ("BWC") which was also on the ground.

ANGULO then assisted other officers with the removal of Corporal Clifford's duty belt from his waist. ANGULO still had one of Officer Clifford's belt keepers in his pocket at the time of the captioned interview. (Writer's note: a "belt keeper" is a small strap which connects/secures an officer's outer duty belt to his/her inner pants belt.)

ANGULO, on foot, followed Corporal Clifford to the ambulance. At that time, he noted blood on his (ANGULO's) left arm from the deceased subject. He cleaned himself at the ambulance.

ANGULO observed a BWC on the ground near the deceased subject. The BWC was closer to where the deceased subject lay than it was to where ANGULO first encountered Corporal Clifford. Major Vale said to leave the BWC where it was.

ANGULO's experience was that BWCs only fall off an officer during a physical altercation. This occurred to ANGULO once during an unrelated physical confrontation with a suspect. Otherwise, BWCs usually stay attached to the officer without issue.

ANGULO was equipped with a BWC during this incident. It should have recorded his actions during this incident.

E. Corporal Eric Clifford's Physical Appearance

ANGULO did not focus on Corporal Clifford's appearance but did see blood on him. Corporal Clifford's eyes were closed. He was wearing his police uniform and duty belt when ANGULO first arrived at the scene.

ANGULO's focus was on the deceased subject on the ground. He noted the apparent gunshot wound on the subject's chest and radioed this information to their dispatcher.

F. Corporal Eric Clifford's Firearm

ANGULO did not see what items/tools were on Corporal Clifford's duty belt. He noted people were probable removing the duty belt to secure the firearm, but ANGULO did not actually see Corporal Clifford's firearm (in the holster or otherwise).

G. Flashlight on the Ground

ANGULO identified a flashlight on the ground at the scene could have been Corporal Clifford's or Officer Santagate's flashlight -he was not sure.

H. ANGULO's Scene Sketch

ANGULO drew a hand sketch of the scene at the time of his arrival. He labeled items/locations within the sketch and noted it was not to scale. He narrated his actions and points of interest while completing the sketch. A digital copy of the sketch was added to the VSP case file, the original was retained within the Writer's notes.

-Nothing further-

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
24 Stephenson, J	10:16:07 08/23/21	

PI: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] by Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Stephenson on August 5, 2021

Case #: 21B202546
Detective: Detective Sergeant Jeffrey W. Stephenson

Person(s) Interviewed/of Interest:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Hartford, Vermont
Phone #: [REDACTED]
Social Media contact: n/a

Evidence/Exhibits:

1. One CD of interview with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] by Detective Sergeant Jeffrey W. Stephenson and Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp on August 5, 2021
2. One sworn audio statement form signed by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on August 5, 2021

Narrative:

A. Introduction

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] (herein after "[REDACTED]") was interviewed at her residence on August 5, 2021. Also present for the interview was Vermont State Police ("VSP") Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp, VSP Victim's Services Director Kate Brayton, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] "[REDACTED] [REDACTED]" After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Detective and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[The below is an interview summary. It is not intended to be a verbatim account and does not memorialize all statements made during the interview. Communications by the parties in the interview were electronically audio recorded. The recording captures the actual words spoken. A digital copy of the interview recording has been saved to the VSP case file. All parties to the interview were made aware of the recording. Following the interview, [REDACTED] signed a VSP Sworn Recorded Audio Statement Form. A copy of the form was saved to the VSP case file. The original form was provided to the case officer, Detective Sergeant Tyson Kinney.]

B. Free Narrative of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Earlier in the day, [REDACTED] was at home with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] "[REDACTED] [REDACTED]"

DOB: ██████, reading a book. She looked out her front window and saw a police car in the driveway of ██████ home which is in the same neighborhood. Her brother is ██████. A second police car arrived with its lights flashing and siren sounding. Prior to witnessing these events, ██████ had not seen any activity at ██████ home. ██████ later told ██████ about a stranger who arrived at ██████ residence. ██████ did not see the stranger arrive.

██████ walked outside onto her deck to see what was happening. She heard one gunshot, although she was later told there were two gunshots fired. ██████ saw a neighbor walking towards ██████ home, onto his driveway and lawn. The neighbor was ██████ who lives in the first house on ██████. She was walking slowly up ██████ driveway and towards the front door of his home.

██████ and ██████ walked from their home towards ██████ home and saw ██████ bending over; ██████ described ██████ as acting very emotional.

When ██████ and ██████ reached ██████ he told them what happened. ██████ was there too. ██████ told ██████ the following:

As he backed into his driveway a guy walked onto his driveway towards him. ██████ parked his vehicle and asked the guy what he was doing and if ██████ could help him. The guy said his name was "██████" and he lived at the residence. ██████ informed the guy he did not live there that he (██████) did. The guy stated a second time that he lived there. ██████ said he was going to call 911. ██████ used his cellular from his truck and kept a distance from the guy. ██████ was inside his truck (parked in the driveway) when the guy opened the passenger's side door. ██████ exited the truck while he was dialing 911. The guy began eating ██████ lunch from the passenger's side of the truck. ██████ told 911 to come quickly. The police officer arrived and began to talk with the guy. The guy had a knit hat which he threw at the police officer then "rushed" the police officer and started punching him. ██████ heard gunshots. The second officer then arrived.

██████ who was also present for the interview, added that ██████ said the following:

The guy was acting aggressive. The police officer told the guy "you don't want to do that" two-three times. ██████ had never seen someone that aggressive (the guy). The guy punched and kicked the police officer. ██████ was terrified for the guy.

C. Police Officer's Actions

██████ did not recall seeing the officer ██████ first met (Corporal Eric Clifford). The officer was on the other side of an ambulance from her. ██████ did not see any of the police officer's actions prior to hearing the gunshot.

[Writer's Note: ██████ reported she did not witness anything related to this incident, except as noted above. No independent interview with ██████ was conducted.]

-Nothing Further-

Law Supplemental Narrative:

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Seq Name Date Narrative

25 Stephenson, J 10:17:45 08/23/21

IA: Neighborhood canvas by Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Stephenson and Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp on August 5, 2021:

Case #: 21B202546

Detective: Detective Sergeant Jeffrey W. Stephenson

Evidence/Exhibits: [None]

Narrative:

On August 5, 2021, beginning at or about 8:00 PM, the Writer and Vermont State Police ("VSP") Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp conducted a neighborhood canvas in the area [REDACTED] Hartford, Vermont, related to the officer-involved shooting investigation. None of the interviews listed below were audio or video recorded by the Writer. During this canvas, the following subjects were contacted/interviewed with the following results:

[REDACTED], DOB: [REDACTED], who resides at [REDACTED] Hartford, Vermont, phone number [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] was not home at the time of the incident under investigation. He arrived home around 2:30 PM and observed a large police presence in the neighborhood. He was interviewed in the presence of his [REDACTED]. They do not have any exterior audio/video recording devices at their home.

[REDACTED], DOB: [REDACTED], who resides at [REDACTED] Hartford, Vermont, phone number [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] was not home at the time of the incident under investigation. She arrived home about 5:00 PM. She was interviewed in the presence of her [REDACTED]. They do not have any exterior audio/video recording devices at their home.

[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED], who resides at [REDACTED], Hartford, Vermont, phone number [REDACTED]:

- [REDACTED] was not home at the time of the incident under investigation. She arrived home and observed a police presence in the area. She does not have any exterior audio/video recording equipment on her home.

-Nothing further-

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Supplemental Narratives

Seq Name	Date	Narrative
26 Kinney, Tyson	10:35:11 08/24/21	

PI: [REDACTED] by Det. Sgt. Tyson Kinney on August 23, 2021

Detective Tyson Kinney

Case# 21B202546

[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]
East Corinth, VT, 05040
Telephone #: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Bradford, Vermont
Telephone#: [REDACTED]

Date and Time of Interview: August 23, 2021 at approximately 1409 hours.

List of Exhibits: N/A

Narrative:

On the above date and time I conducted an interview with [REDACTED] via telephone, regarding a report of [REDACTED] working at the [REDACTED] factory. It had been reported that [REDACTED] (decedent) was employed at the [REDACTED] factory prior to being shot by police. This interview was to obtain information from [REDACTED] about whether this was true and to obtain background information for [REDACTED]

The following is a synopsis of the interview. For actual dialogue and statements made the reader should refer to the digital audio recording. It should be noted this interview was completed by Det. Sgt. Tyson Kinney of the Vermont State. During the interview we learned the following;

[REDACTED] advised he was the [REDACTED] and advised [REDACTED] was a previous employee. [REDACTED] was recommended to [REDACTED] by a community member. At the time, [REDACTED] was residing at Veterans Inc, but was not employed at [REDACTED] due to his residing there. It was the opinion of the community member (unknown) that [REDACTED] was attempting to get back on his feet.

Over the course of the last eight months, [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was an exceptional employee. He was often reserved and quiet, but willing to help out with anyone/anything.

[REDACTED] immediately supervisor, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was very professional and a great employee.

On the Wednesday (07/28/21) of the previous week (prior to the shooting), [REDACTED] noted to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] behavior had changed. She noted he began using his cell phone at work which was uncharacteristic of him. [REDACTED] needed to tell [REDACTED] on multiple occasions to put his phone away. During these conversations, [REDACTED] was very short tempered with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not arrive at work on Thursday (07/29) or Friday (07/30). Members of [REDACTED] attempted to contact him but received no response.

When [REDACTED] did not arrive for work on Monday (08/02), [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sent a text message to [REDACTED] asking if he was okay and if he planned on coming back to work. It was during this that [REDACTED] replied he was not planning on coming back.

It was the opinion of [REDACTED] expressed through [REDACTED] that something was not right with [REDACTED] however it was not known what was wrong. It had been rumored through other employees that [REDACTED] had a [REDACTED] who was known to be a drug user. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were worried that due to this relationship, [REDACTED] was using drugs. It should be noted, [REDACTED] made it clear to me there was no indication of drug use while [REDACTED] was employed at [REDACTED]

Nothing Further
Det. Sgt. Tyson Kinney

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
27 Kinney, Tyson	10:35:41 08/24/21	
PI: [REDACTED]		by Det. Sgt. Tyson Kinney on August 20, 2021

Detective Tyson Kinney

Case# 21B2002546

[REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Goshan, New Hampshire
[REDACTED]

Date and Time of Interview: August 20, 2021 at approximately 1059 hours.

List of Exhibits: N/A

Narrative:

On the above date and time I conducted an interview with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] via telephone regarding a report of an Officer Involved Shooting in Hartford, Vermont. It had been reported that Cpl. Eric Clifford shot and killed [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]. This interview was to obtain information from [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] life.

The following is a synopsis of the interview. For actual dialogue and statements made the reader should refer to the digital audio recording. It should be noted this interview was completed by Det. Sgt. Tyson Kinney of the Vermont State Police. Due to COVID protocols, this conversation occurred via telephone. Also present during the conversation was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]). [REDACTED] asked numerous questions during the conversation regarding the investigation. During the interview I learned the following;

[REDACTED] last saw [REDACTED] on the previous Monday (August 2, 2021). He arrived at the residence and was getting tools to work on his car. [REDACTED] didn't know he was coming when he arrived and everything seemed normal with him. This was the last time she spoke to him.

[REDACTED] advised she never met [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] was not more than weeks old. [REDACTED] believed this was a [REDACTED].

██████████ was employed at a ██████████ factory in Bradford, Vermont and received high regards from his employer. ██████████ did not know the name of the company.

██████████ and ██████████ stated ██████████ rarely used alcohol and was only a marijuana and ██████████ user. When asked what other drugs ██████████ had used in his life, I was advised Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and Heroin.

██████████ advised ██████████ began using ██████████ due to being bored and began taking it approximately three months ago. All family members stated ██████████ never had a drug addiction and only used occasionally.

██████████ was not known to have any suicidal ideologies.

██████████ stated ██████████ could get irritated easily, somewhat of a temper. He was not a fighter but would fight for what he loved.

It was unknown if ██████████ had PTSD from his service in the military.

He was described as being very creative, smart, someone who was bored easily, he enjoyed reading everything from philosophy to science and religion.

██████████ was a very hard worker, and would help anyone whenever he could.

Nothing Further
Det. Sgt. Tyson Kinney

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
28 Richardson, S	11:10:14 08/25/21	Investigative actions taken on August 5, 2021, by Detective Sergeant Seth Richardson

Case#: 21B202546

Officer: Detective Sergeant Seth Richardson

Person(s) Interviewed:

Thomas Howell
DOB: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Lebanon, N.H. 03766
[REDACTED] (home)
[REDACTED] (cell)

List of Exhibits:

1. Persons interviewed report for Thomas Howell for interview completed on 08-05-2021.
2. Sworn audio recorded statement form signed by Thomas Howell on 08-05-2021.
3. Audio recorded statement of Thomas Howell by Det. Sgt. Richardson on 08-05-2021.

List of Evidence:

1. Axon body camera, Serial number: X60341124 (FileOnQ, item #:1) Released to Hartford PD.
2. Hartford Police Department; Radio transmissions (digital media).

Narrative:

On August 5, 2021, at approximately 1405 hours, Vermont State Police Detective Lieutenant John-Paul Schmidt notified me of an officer-involved shooting incident involving a member of the Hartford Police Department. Detective Lieutenant John-Paul Schmidt instructed me to respond to the Hartford Police Department and await further instruction.

At the Hartford Police Department, I attended an incident briefing conducted by Detective Lieutenant John-Paul Schmidt, which took place in the second-floor conference room of the Hartford Police Department. During the briefing,

Detective Lieutenant Schmidt assigned me to coordinate with Hartford Police Department, Detective Thomas Howell, downloading body camera footage from the Hartford Police Department Officers who responded to the incident. It should be noted Hartford Police Department Major Brad Vail assigned Howell to this task as Howell has a good understanding of the Axon body cameras and Axon software component. I was also assigned to obtain the Hartford Police Department's recorded radio transmissions, specifically during the time of the incident. Additionally, I was assigned to obtain a printed copy of the Hartford Police Department Spillman case relative to the incident. The Hartford Police Department uses Spillman as their primary records management system; however, the version of Spillman they utilize is stand-alone and not accessible by other law enforcement entities.

I spoke with Major Brad Vail and inquired who could assist me with obtaining the recorded radio transmissions and a printed copy of their Spillman case relating to this incident. Major Vail advised Detective Thomas Howell could assist me in obtaining a printed copy of the Spillman case, and he would have their communications center create a media file with the radio transmissions. Detective Thomas Howell printed the Spillman case associated with this incident. Detective Thomas Howell printed the Hartford's Spillman case, which I provided to Detective Sergeant Tyson Kinney.

On August 5, 2021, at approximately 1809 hours, Detective Lieutenant Schmidt provided me a paper evidence bag containing an Axon body camera (serial #: X60341124) which Detective Lieutenant Schmidt indicated was Corporal Eric Clifford's. I took the Axon camera to the first floor of the police department, where the docking stations for the Axon body cameras are located. At 1816 hours, the said Axon camera was positioned on the cradle. The Axon camera illuminated and signified it was uploading to the Axon server.

Detective Thomas Howell then logged in to the Axon server and verified Corporal Eric Clifford's videos were being uploaded onto the system. At this time, I became aware that Officers Santagate and Angulo body-worn cameras had already been placed onto the Axon docking station and were downloading. The status bar indicated videos from the three officers (Santagate, Angulo, Clifford) would take several hours to download onto the Axon software and potentially several more hours to upload to an external hard drive. Due to such, I provided Detective Thomas Howell with my department issued external hard drive to upload the video to when completed. It was determined that once the officers' body-worn cameras were downloaded, the devices would be relinquished to the Hartford Police Department.

On August 5, 2021, at 1842 hours, I received an email from major Brad Vail containing two file attachments said to contain the first hour of Hartford Police Department radio transmissions. One file was a 16MB .wav file, and the other a 2MB .zip file. I opened the .wav file and confirmed there was an audio recording of what appeared to be police radio transmissions. I did not review the transmissions in their entirety. Both files were uploaded to the electronic case file.

While monitoring the progress of the Axon body camera downloads, I asked Detective Thomas Howell if he was willing to participate in a sworn audio-recorded interview, to which Howell agreed. Before beginning the interview, I asked Detective Howell if he'd been ordered to speak with me, he advised he was not. This interview was conducted in Detective Thomas Howell's office. For a synopsis of Detective Thomas Howell's interview, please see the completed persons interview report.

Detective Lieutenant Schmidt directed Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Stephenson and me to attempt to locate [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at her

residence located at [REDACTED], Goshen, NH. The purpose of this was to make notification to [REDACTED] and potentially interview her. While traveling to this location, we learned that Detective Sergeant Tyson Kinney, Victims Advocate Kate Brayton, and Detective Trooper Kelsey Knapp were en route to the same location to make contact with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Detective Sergeant Stephenson and I arrived at the residence at approximately 2321 hours. Already present at the residence was, Knapp, Brayton, and Kinney. Notification was already made to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] indicated they were overwhelmed and wished not to participate in a formal interview at the time. Detective Sergeant Stephenson and I remained at the residence until Detective Sergeant Kinney and Victim's Advocate Kate Brayton finished, and then we departed.

This concludes my involvement with the incident.

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives
29 Richardson, S	13:03:59 08/25/21	Narrative

PI: Thomas Howell by Det. Sergeant Seth Richardson on August 5, 2021

Case#: 21B202546

Incident: Officer Involved Shooting

Investigator: Detective Sergeant Seth Richardson

Person Interviewed:

Thomas Howell

DOB: [REDACTED]

Lebanon, NH. 03766

[REDACTED] (home)

[REDACTED] (cell)

Date and Time of Interview: August 5, 2021, at 1928 hours

List of Exhibits:

1. The audio recorded statement of Thomas Howell
2. Sworn Audio Recorded Statement Waiver of Thomas Howell

List of Evidence:

- 1.

Narrative:

On August 5, 2021, at approximately 1928 hours, I met with Thomas Howell, DOB: [REDACTED], at the Hartford Police Department, located in Hartford, VT. Howell provided a sworn audio-recorded statement, which is summarized below. The ensuing interview summary is not inclusive. For actual dialogue and statements made, please refer to the digital audio recording. At the conclusion of the interview, Howell was read the sworn audio-recorded statement waiver, acknowledging he understood it by virtue of his signature on the waiver.

Howell went on to say he is employed by the Hartford Police Department as a Detective, with the rank of Senior Police Officer assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit. Howell indicated his daily job functions include general

criminal investigations. Howell has been a law enforcement officer for just under seven years.

Howell indicated on this day, he went off duty at approximately 1230 hours. At approximately 1345 hours, he received a telephone call from Detective Sergeant Moody, who apprised him that Eric Clifford was involved in a shooting. Further, the other person was deceased. Detective Sergeant Moody requested Howell come in to assist.

Howell responded to [REDACTED] directly with a department issued police vehicle. Howell communicated Troopers Lyons and Fabian arrived at approximately the same time as he. Howell said that when he arrived on the scene, he observed several other police vehicles, including at least three Lebanon NH Police Department cruisers. Howell recalled seeing police barrier tape along the outer perimeter of the scene. Howell said as he walked up closer to the residence, he observed additional police vehicles and a Hartford ambulance. Howell said he made contact with Detective Sergeant Moody and inquired what he should do. Howell also said the present was major Brad Vail, Officer Santagate, Officer Angulo, and Hartford Fire personnel. Howell learned from others on the scene Eric Clifford was inside the ambulance. Howell indicated he roped off the scene around the house, immediately around where the incident occurred. Howell said that while on the scene, he relieved Lebanon Police Department Captain Norris, who maintained the crime scene log, as there was already an established crime scene log. Howell said he additionally put barrier tape around the deceased individual's vehicle.

Howell described the deceased individual's vehicle as a tan/silver colored sedan with Vermont registration. Howell said he believed the vehicle was an Acura, and it had a damaged windshield. Howell also recalled the vehicle had a dent located on the back of the vehicle. Howell said from his vantage point, he had a plain view into the inner portion of the vehicle. Inside the vehicle, he observed debris and clothing.

Howell indicated he spoke with [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] approached the scene and asked if he could get through the barrier tape to get to this house. [REDACTED] indicated to Howell was just arriving home and had not witnessed the incident. [REDACTED] advised no one else was at his home. To accommodate [REDACTED] Howell said [REDACTED] was recorded into the crime scene log for the purpose of passing through what was taped off to access his residence. [REDACTED] indicated he had no home video camera system.

Howell indicated while he was on the scene, Detective Sergeant Aimee Nolan arrived. They inquired to her about body cameras worn by the officers that responded. After consulting with Detective Sergeant Nolan, Howell said he took Officer Satagate's and Officer Angulo's body cameras into his possession and brought both back to the police department. Once at the police department, Howell placed the cameras onto the Axon docking stations to begin the download sequence.

I asked Howell to describe the scene in which he previously mentioned. Howell said the road comes off Christina Street, and there are [REDACTED] driveways, [REDACTED]. The house to the right is approximately 100 yards off [REDACTED]. Howell described the residence as a single-story brown house with a detached shed garage. There were several police vehicles and EMS vehicles parked there when he arrived. Howell described the layout as being fairly open lawn area between [REDACTED] and the house. Howell said the deceased individual's vehicle was parked on [REDACTED] approximately 100 yards from the house. Within the scene was a red Nissan truck that positioned pointing out towards [REDACTED]. The decedent was directly behind the truck, who was positioned supine on the ground with the arms being out and his legs and feet