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Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information



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Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information



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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING: HIT

CASE NUMBER: SH2373483

File # 015-01062-0278-055

DATE: January 24, 2015

TIME: 2054 hours

LOCATION: 3900 block of Dennison Street, East Los Angeles

SYNOPSIS

On January 24, 2015, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Todd Weber, Sergeant David Ladjevic, and Sergeant Brenda Gibson responded to East Los Angeles Station regarding an on-duty hit shooting.

Suspect sustained a gunshot wound to his left earlobe. He was subsequently transported to East Los Angeles Doctor's Hospital where he was treated for his injury. Deputies were not injured during this incident.

Internal Affairs Bureau Lieutenant Todd Weber verified that the East Los Angeles Station Watch Commander, Lieutenant Dale Gulley, took reasonable steps to ensure the involved personnel and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. Lieutenant Weber also ensured that Lieutenant Gulley knew the involved, and witness personnel should not collectively consult with their representative. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Todd Weber confirmed the watch commander attempted to have the involved and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor until they had provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

Upon their arrival they learned that there was an active command post and containment of the crime scene area. Investigators learned of the series of events which culminated in the deputy involved shooting involving Deputies Jesse Lucero and Jesus Mora.

Detective Phil Guzman and Detective Kathy Gallagher from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the crime scene. For further information, refer to the Homicide case book, under URN# 015-01062-0278-055 [Exhibit A].

SYNOPSIS

On January 24 2015, at approximately 2054 hours, Deputies Jesse Lucero and Jesus Mora, were assigned to patrol the unincorporated County area of East Los Angeles as Unit 20J2. Deputy Lucero was the driver and Deputy Mora was the passenger deputy (bookman).

IAB NOTE: Deputies Lucero and Mora are detectives assigned to.

Operation Safe Streets, East Los Angeles. Both deputies were working overtime in Unit 20J2.

Deputy Lucero and Deputy Mora were patrolling in a marked black and white patrol car, when a call for service, was assigned to East Los Angeles Unit 23, Deputies Carbajal and Pacheco # tag 341. The call stated, four males in a white Montero SUV, tagged "KKR" on the store wall with blue spray paint, and were last seen south bound on Record Avenue, possibly 417. Refer to [Exhibit C] for a copy of the Incident History Report.

IAB Note: "417" is Sheriff's radio code for person with a gun

IAB Note: "KKR" is an acronym for King Kobra Rifa, a street gang

within the East Los Angeles Station patrol area

Unit 23, coordinated responding units, gathered information regarding the suspect's from the informant, and subsequently broadcasted a description of the suspects and the suspect's vehicle, via L-tac. Refer to [Exhibit D] for a copy of the radio broadcast.

The broadcast described the suspect vehicle as a white Mitsubishi Montero with tinted windows and a string (nfd), hanging from the cargo door. The broadcast also described the suspects as 4 males, 18 to 25 years old in dark clothing and the driver wearing a white t-shirt. It was also broadcasted that a gun was not seen **[Exhibit D].**

Deputies Lucero and Mora drove toward an area the King Kobra's gang was affiliated with.

IAB Note: The King Kobra gang area is bordered by Indiana Street on the west, Olympic Boulevard on the north, Eastern Avenue on the east, and Union Pacific Avenue on the south.

As they drove north on Indiana Street they stopped at the red traffic signal at Olympic Boulevard and Indiana Street, facing north. While stopped at the traffic signal they saw a white Mitsubishi Montero driving east on Olympic Boulevard, turn north on Indiana Street.

Deputies Lucero and Mora believed the white Montero was the vehicle used in the vandalism and followed the vehicle north on Indiana Avenue from Olympic Boulevard. Deputy Mora conducted a vehicle registration check via his Mobile Digital Computer (MDC), believing it was the car involved in the vandalism, they initiated a traffic stop. Deputy Lucero activated the overhead lights and the suspect vehicle stopped in the intersection of Dennison Street and Indiana Street.

IAB Note: The intersection of Dennison Street and Indiana Street is a "T" intersection

When the suspect vehicle stopped in the intersection, Deputy Mora began to exit the radio car. As he exited the radio car he saw the right rear passenger (Suspect exited the suspect vehicle and ran east on Dennison Street. Deputy Lucero immediately saw Suspect was holding a handgun in his right hand and yelled, "He's got a Tec-9, he's got a Tec-9." After hearing Deputy Lucero yell "Tec-9," Deputy Mora attempted to find cover, at which time Deputy Lucero maneuvered the patrol car in an attempt to shield Deputy Mora from the suspect. As Deputy Lucero maneuvered the patrol car the suspect vehicle drove north on Indiana Street and out of view.

Deputy Mora re-entered the radio car and initiated radio traffic regarding the "417" suspect running east on Dennison Street **[Exhibit E]**. Deputy Lucero and Deputy Mora remained in the radio car and followed the suspect east on Dennison Street when the suspect stopped, turned and, while facing them, pointed the gun in their direction and appeared to "manipulate" the weapon. As Suspect pointed the gun in their direction, Deputy Lucero fearing for his life fired one round from his duty weapon. **Refer to Deputy Lucero's IAB Transcript page 7**.

IAB Note: Deputy Lucero believed the suspect fired one round in their direction prior to him firing at the suspect.

After Deputy Lucero fired at the suspect, the suspect turned and continued running east on the north sidewalk of Dennison Street. As the suspect ran east, he again stopped, turned, and pointed the Tec-9 in their direction. Believing the suspect was going to shoot them, Deputy Lucero fired one round from his duty weapon at the suspect. Again the suspect turned and began running east on Dennison Street toward Hicks Avenue. Refer to Deputy Lucero's IAB Transcript page 7.

IAB Note: Deputy Lucero fired his weapon while seated in his radio car using his left (weak) hand.

Suspect continued running east on Dennison Street to Hicks Avenue where he turned and ran north on Hicks Avenue. Deputy Lucero continued following the suspect as Deputy Mora broadcast the suspect's actions via the "Patch."

IAB Note: The "Patch" is a radio frequency for car to car communication through Sheriff's Communication Center.

When they arrived at the intersection of Dennison Street and Hicks Avenue, they exited the radio car as the suspect was running north on the west sidewalk of Hicks Avenue. Deputy Lucero exited the vehicle and saw the suspect turn to his right, raise the Tec-9 and point it in his direction. Fearing the suspect was going to shoot him, Deputy Lucero fired two to three rounds from his duty weapon in the direction of the suspect. After Deputy Lucero fired at the suspect, Suspect continued running north on the west sidewalk of Hicks Avenue as Deputy Lucero took cover behind a block wall on the northwest corner of Hicks Avenue and Dennison Street.

Suspect continued running north on Hicks Avenue as Deputy Lucero moved to cover behind a vehicle parked on the west curb line. While Deputy Lucero was behind the parked vehicle Suspect again turned and pointed the Tec-9 at him. Fearing the suspect was going to shoot him, Deputy Lucero fired one round from his duty weapon in the direction of the suspect. Suspect flinched flinched, ducked down, and continued running north on Hicks Avenue toward Salazar Park. Refer to Deputy Lucero's IAB Transcript page 10. Deputy Lucero conducted a tactical reload as he and Deputy Mora followed the suspect north on Hicks Avenue.

Deputy Mora and Deputy Lucero followed the suspect as he ran east through the park. Deputy Mora continued broadcasting their position via the "Patch" as they followed the suspect on foot.

IAB Note: Salazar Park is accessed through an unlocked pedestrian gate at the north east area of Hicks Avenue

Suspect continued running east, crossing Ditman Avenue where he jumped a fence and entered a yard at Ditman Avenue and continued running east, to Townsend Avenue. A containment was established and the suspect was apprehended by Special Enforcement Bureau personnel hiding in a clothes dryer. The Tec-9 was located on top of the clothes dryer under a tarp. [Exhibit A] page 14, for a copy of SEB's supplemental report.

IAB NOTE: On September 10, 2015, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby of the Justice System Integrity Unit authored a Letter of Opinion. DDA Presby concluded that Deputy Lucero acted in, "Lawful self-defense and defense of his partner." Refer

to [Exhibit B], for District Attorney's Letter of Opinion.

This is a summary based on statements given during audio recorded interviews by the Deputies and witnesses. For complete and detailed statements refer to the digital audio recorded files and the verbatim transcripts, which are included in this investigation.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Lucero, Jesse # MH 5-09 210 lbs Right Handed
Operation Safe Streets Bureau

Homeland Security

WORK HISTORY

Date of Employment: July 1991
Date Assigned to Patrol: May 1999
Date Completed Patrol Training:

Date of Range Qualification:
Prior Shooting Incidents: Two
SH2101480, October 11, 2003
SH2341455, September 17, 2013

Prior Founded Force Incidents:

EQUIPMENT WORN

Deputy Lucero was wearing a green "Raid" jacket with a green outer vest, blue jeans and gun belt. His gun belt contained a holster with his duty weapon, two handcuff cases, three magazine pouches, a radio holder, OC spray, an "Asp" baton and a compact flashlight holder.

SUSPECT

Gunshot wound

Male Hispanic, DOB: 5'8" 150 lbs

The Consolidated Criminal History System reveals Suspect

IAB NOTE: Suspect Criminal History Report is included in

this case book. See Exhibit A, page 79. Photographs

of Suspect are also included.

INJURIES

Suspect

Suspect sustained a gunshot wound to his left ear

Deputy Personnel

No injuries

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Evidence was collected and booked and documented by members of the Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau [Exhibit A], page 45.

IAB Note: A sketch of the crime scene, and evidence legend, is

included in this case book. See [Exhibit A] pages 48 thru 49, for a Supplemental Report authored by Deputy Brian James, # Photographs of the scene are also included. See [Exhibit E], for a CD containing scene

photographs.

DISTANCE

Deputy Lucero was approximately 20 feet from the suspect when the first shooting occurred, 30 feet from the suspect at the time of the second shooting, and approximately 60 feet away from the suspect at the time of the third shooting.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy Name: Lucero, Jesse

Service Weapon Type: Heckler and Koch, model GMBH .45 auto pistol, with

"Surefire" tactical light attached

Rounds Fired: 6

Type of Ammunition Used: Winchester .45 Auto

Date Employee Last Qualified: June 2, 2014

IAB Note: On August 15, 2016, Sergeant Ladjevic conferred with

Detective Guzman regarding the rounds fired by Deputy Lucero. It was determined, one of the expended cartridges

was not recovered at the scene.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT

Type of Weapon Used: Ultratec, model Tec-9, 9mm.

Weapon Recovered: Yes

Casings Recovered: 1

Gunshot Residue Results: N/A

Weapon Checked for Fingerprints: Yes, no prints recovered

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Bullet strike to passenger side front tire of a Maroon Lincoln Navigator, #
Bullet strike to the front passenger door of a White Toyota Camry, #
Bullet strike to cinderblock wall.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR/CHARGES FILED

Investigator's Name: Guzman, Phillip and Gallagher, Kathy

Suspect

Court: Central Juvenile Hall/Juvenile Petition

Charges: 245(d)(3)PC Machine Gun/Assault Weapon on Peace Officer

245(a)(2)PC Assault with a Firearm

Court Date: 4/28/2015 Sentenced to

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The shooting incident occurred at night, the weather was clear, and the area was illuminated by street lights. **Refer to [Exhibit E]**, for CD containing Crime Scene Photos

EMPLOYEE STATEMENT

Jesse Lucero,

Involved Deputy Jesse Lucero was interviewed by Homicide Sergeant Phillip Guzman and Detective Kathy Gallagher at East Los Angeles Station, OSS office, on January 25, 2015, at 0455, hours. The interview was digitally audio recorded. **Refer to Exhibit A**, page 58 thru 60 for the Homicide Investigator's summary. **Refer to Homicide Interview Transcripts** which are contained in this case book.

Deputy Jesse Lucero was interviewed on January 22, 2016, at 1135, hours by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants David Ladjevic and Ben Torres. The interview took place at Internal Affairs Bureau and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy Lucero was represented by Attorney Sherry Lawrence from Green and Shinee. **Refer to Internal Affairs Bureau Transcripts** which are contained in this case book.

SUSPECT STATEMENT

MH.	
	was interviewed on January 25, 2015, at 0610, hours by ergeant Phillip Guzman and Detective Kathy Gallagher.
Refer to Exhibit A pages	60 thru 62, for Homicide summary of Suspect
interview.	

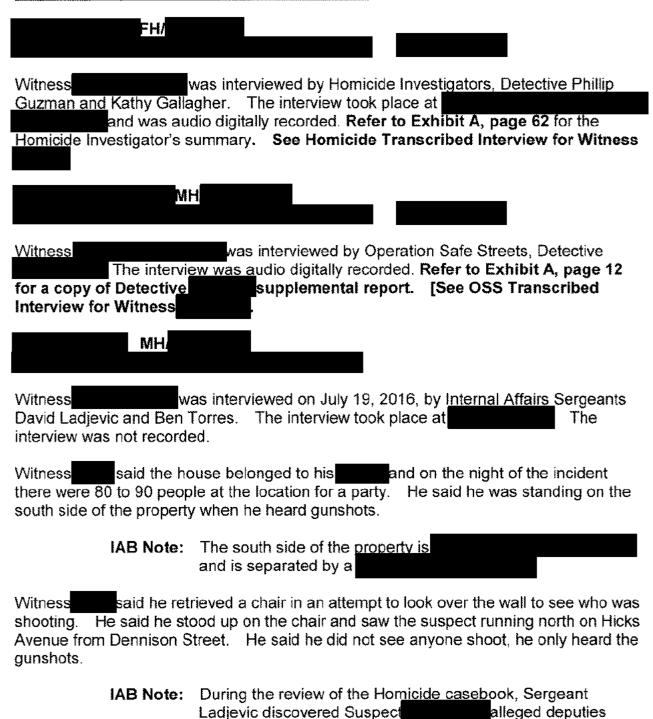
DEPARTMENT WITNESS STATEMENT

Mora, Jesus # Deputy Sheriff

Witness Deputy Jesus Mora was interviewed by Homicide Sergeant Phillip Guzman and Detective Kathy Gallagher at East Los Angeles Station, OSS office, on January 25, 2015, at 0455, hours. The interview was digitally audio recorded. **Refer to Exhibit A**, page 56 thru 58 for the Homicide Investigator's summary. **Refer to Homicide**Interview Transcripts which are contained in this case book.

Witness Mora was interviewed on January 22, 2016, at 1135, hours by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants David Ladjevic and Louis Vigil. The interview took place at Internal Affairs Bureau and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy Mora was represented by Attorney Sherry Lawrence from Green and Shinee. **Refer to Internal Affairs Bureau Transcripts** which are contained in this case book.

NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESS STATEMENT(S)



used force on him during his arrest. An addendum to the IAB casebook regarding the alleged use of force is forthcoming.