

**San Francisco Police A/Commander Capt. Mark Im  
Talking Points and Briefing Material**

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**Safety with Respect**

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## Introduction

The Officer Involved shooting (OIS) incident discussed in this presentation started on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at approximately 2:39AM and took place at a two-story single-family dwelling located on the 700 block of 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue in San Francisco's Outer Richmond Neighborhood. This incident involved a uniformed patrol officer of the San Francisco Police Department who is assigned to Richmond Police Station.

The officer who discharged his department issued firearm completed Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) in August 2019.

Officers who are CIT trained have completed a 40-hour California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) certified course which prepares them to respond to persons in crisis incidents and, as a team, formulate a plan, establish rapport, and use de-escalation tactics (including tactical repositioning and creating time and distance), whenever possible, to safely resolve person in crisis incidents.

The officer who discharged his department issued firearm completed Critical Mindset Coordinated Response (CMCR) Training in May 2019.

CMCR is a 10-hour course developed by the San Francisco Police Department's Field Tactics Force Options Unit (FTFO). Training objectives include critical decision-making during high-risk incidents experienced while in the field. Officers develop necessary skill-sets and gain a deeper understanding of how to resolve these incidents with a coordinated and tactically sound approach using teamwork and leadership.

In this presentation you will hear the following terminology and radio code language commonly used by officers:

- **187** is police radio code for Homicide.
- **222** is police radio code for Person with a Knife.
- **408** is police radio code for Ambulance.
- **148** is police radio code for Person Resisting Arrest.
- **802** is police radio code for Deceased Person.
- **240** is police radio code for Assault or Battery.
- **10-98** is enroute to new location.
- **Code-3** is police radio code for response with emergency lights and siren.
- **RP** is an abbreviation for Reporting Party.
- **ERIW (or Extended Range Impact Weapon)** is a less lethal force option. Officers use this weapon to deploy a projectile commonly referred to as a Bean Bag. ERIW's are designed to temporarily incapacitate an individual.
- **BWC** is Body Worn Camera.
- **Code-33** is police radio code for Emergency- Clear the Radio Channel.
- **Dispatch** is the Department of Emergency Management Dispatcher and radio communications system.
- **OIS** is an Officer Involved Shooting.
- **Public Safety Statement** is information obtained by a supervisor from an officer who utilized lethal force at an Officer Involved Shooting. Questions are intended to determine existing threats to public safety and identify transitory evidence that must be preserved. The scope of this statement is limited to the collection of such critical, fleeting information in the immediate aftermath of these critical incidents. It is the Department's policy to deactivate body worn cameras before obtaining Public Safety Statements, and the policy instructs the supervisor to remind the involved officers not to discuss the incident further at the scene.

The precise chronology of this incident is currently under investigation. The times presented are approximate. The following is a summary of the events as they are understood as of today and may evolve as further information is learned through the investigation.

A word of caution, there is profanity and graphic images in this presentation. As of Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we believe the facts are as follows:

## Incident Narrative

1. At approximately 2:39 am, the Department of Emergency Management dispatched SFPD officers from Richmond Station to a call for service regarding a battery.
2. The dispatcher advised responding officers that the 911 caller reported that his wife is bleeding, there's blood everywhere, and he thinks his son killed her by hitting her with a stick. The 911 caller also stated, his son was on drugs.
3. During the initial 911 call, the caller could be heard saying, "Let go Marc" and then the phone line disconnected.
4. The dispatcher called back, at which point the 911 caller stated, "Please, he's on top of me. I need somebody here fast." In the background, a dog could be heard barking, then there was silence, and moments later the dog could be heard yelping.
5. Body worn camera footage from the initial responding Richmond Station officer was activated during his emergency response, utilizing emergency red lights and siren on his marked patrol vehicle.
6. The responding officer arrived on scene approximately 1 minute and 50 seconds after the 911 call was dispatched.
7. The officer arrived on scene and observed a person later identified as the 911 caller standing in the front doorway of the residence bleeding from the right side of his face. The 911 caller hereafter referred to as the surviving victim, advised the officer that the suspect was armed with a weapon, stating, "He has walking sticks."
8. The officer entered the residence and continued up the stairs to the second story while announcing that he was the police. As the officer moved up the stairs, a voice can be heard saying, "Come on up bitches."

9. The officer arrived at the top of the stairs where he located the suspect standing in the hallway. The suspect was later identified as Marc Child.
10. Upon locating Mr. Child, the officer maintained a position of distance, standing at the opposite end of the hallway.
11. Mr. Child was leaning out into the hallway from a doorway, with only his right side visible to the officer.
12. The officer ordered Mr. Child, "hey police, let me see your hands, hey let me see your hands, let me see your hands." Mr. Child held his right hand up with his palm facing the officer, while leaving his left hand concealed in the doorway.
13. The officer advised dispatch that he observed blood in the hallway.
14. The officer ordered Mr. Child, "Sir, get down." Mr. Child stepped out into the hallway revealing his left hand.
15. Mr. Child was seen holding a knife in his left hand while taking lateral steps into the hallway.
16. Mr. Child then transferred the knife to his right hand while taking three steps toward the officer and stopped.
17. The officer gave Mr. Child verbal commands to, "Put the knife down." Mr. Child responded, "I'm not scared of you," and did not drop the knife.
18. The officer advised responding officers that Mr. Child was in possession of a knife, also known as a 222 and requested an officer to respond with an ERIW.
19. Mr. Child then stated, "I'm not scared of you, you little bitch," while advancing towards the officer.
20. The officer then distanced himself from Mr. Child by retreating down the stairs.

21. As the officer descended the stairs, he can be heard telling the surviving victim, "Get down, get down." The surviving victim was standing on the stairs right behind the officer. The officer quickly guided the surviving victim down the stairs while Mr. Child continued to pursue them with the knife still in his right hand. Mr. Child is heard saying "Oh you ran afraid you little bitch." The officer told Mr. Child, "Get back or I'll shoot you dude."
22. As the officer made his way down the stairs, Mr. Child could be heard saying, "You little bitch, you're running away, huh?". The elapsed time from the top of the stairs to the bottom of the stairs was approximately 7 seconds.
23. Once at the bottom of the stairs, the officer continued to give verbal commands, yelling "Get back," as he assisted the surviving victim toward the front door.
24. As the officer and the surviving victim continued toward the front door, Mr. Child could be observed at the bottom of the staircase, advancing toward them.
25. While maintaining a distance between Mr. Child and the surviving victim, the officer yelled, "Get back, get back, get back."
26. Mr. Child did not comply with the officers' commands as he continued to advance toward the officer and the surviving victim, while saying, "You're running away."
27. At approximately 2:44 AM a backup officer arrived on scene with an ERIW and made his approach toward the residence.
28. At approximately 2:44 AM, approximately 5 minutes after the officer was dispatched to the call for service, and approximately 4 seconds after back up arrived, Mr. Child closed the distance between him and the officer and surviving victim, while still holding the knife in his right hand.
29. At this time, the initial responding officer discharged his department issued firearm. The time elapsed was eleven seconds from the top of the stairs to the shots fired.

30. Mr. Child bent over at the waist while placing his hands on his knees sinking into a squatted position.
31. The back up officer announced on his radio, "Shots fired, shots fired."
32. Mr. Child placed his left hand on the floor as he fell back on to the floor, face up. As Mr. Child fell to the floor, the knife can be observed in his right hand.
33. An officer yelled, "Drop the knife."
34. Mr. Child then rolled to his right side while facing away from officers.
35. An Officer gave Mr. Child commands, "I need you to roll back over, I need to see your hands." Mr. Child did not immediately roll over and show his hands.
36. Mr. Child then rolled to his left, revealing his right side. Officers are heard telling Mr. Child the following commands:
  - "Drop the knife."
  - "Hey I need you to roll back over, I need to see your hands."
  - "Hey man I'm trying to help you man."
  - "Let me see your hands."
  - "I'm trying to help you."
  - "Hey man I need to see your hands, we need to help you ok?"
  - "Let's see your hands."
  - "We need to come help you man."
  - "Hey man I want to get you medical attention."
37. An officer announced, "He still has the knife."
38. An officer continued to provide commands to Mr. Child, "Roll over to your left, I need you to get away from the knife."
39. The officers continued to give Mr. Child commands to drop the knife while explaining, "Show us your hands so we can come help you."



40. Approximately 1 minute and 44 seconds after Mr. Child was shot, he dropped the knife.
41. The knife remained within arm's reach of Mr. Child.
42. The officers developed a plan, utilized a ballistic shield, and moved forward to contact Mr. Child.
43. Officers on scene provided Mr. Child medical aid approximately 3 minutes and 11 seconds after he was shot.
44. Officers checked Mr. Child for injuries and located one gunshot wound to Mr. Child's chest. An officer rendered medical aid for the gunshot wound.
45. Officers then continued into the residence and located a woman and dog on the floor of a second story bathroom. Both were deceased.
46. Mr. Child was transported by the San Francisco Fire Department to Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.
47. The surviving victim was later transported to St. Mary's Hospital due to injuries.

## **Additional Information**

### **Suspect**

- Marc Child
- Date of birth: June 12, 1986

### **Evidence**

- Crime Scene Investigators from the San Francisco Police Department Forensic Services Division responded and collected physical evidence from the scene, including, but not limited to the following:
  - One open folding knife with a 3.75-inch blade.
  - Five walking sticks
  - Two .40 caliber fired cartridge casings.

## **Video Footage and Photographs**

- Officers on scene were wearing Department-issued body worn cameras, which were activated while enroute to the incident and recorded the events as they unfolded.
- Any other relevant video footage or photographs can be provided to the San Francisco District Attorney's Independent Investigations Bureau using the following phone number: (628) 652-4411.

## **Witnesses**

- An eyewitness of the incident was interviewed by San Francisco Police Department's Investigative Services Detail and the San Francisco District Attorney's Independent Investigations Bureau.
- Any other witnesses are encouraged to contact the San Francisco District Attorney's Independent Investigations Bureau at (628) 652-4411.

## **Involved Member**

The SFPD officer who discharged his weapon in this incident is:

Officer Eduardo Villanueva #628, a Patrol Officer, assigned to Richmond Station.