

**San Francisco Police Acting Commander Mark Im
Talking Points and Briefing Material**

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OIS Town Hall Remarks**



Safety with Respect

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Introduction

The Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) discussed in this presentation started on Monday, October 9, 2023, at approximately 3:08 pm. The initial call for service regarded a non-injury vehicle collision with a driver armed with a gun. The call originated from the Chinese Consulate on the 1400-block of Laguna Street in San Francisco's Northern Police District. The involved member is a uniformed patrol Sergeant of the San Francisco Police Department who is assigned to Northern Police Station.

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

- **"A" priority** are calls for service that involve serious incidents. These are emergency calls that require a rapid response because there may be an immediate threat to life or a substantial risk of major property loss or damage.
- **BWC** is Body Worn Camera.
- **Blue on Blue** is police terminology used to prevent a situation where an officer mistakenly engages or fires upon another officer.
- **Dispatch** is the Department of Emergency Management Dispatcher and Radio Communications System.
- **518** is police radio code for non-injury vehicle collision.

We are still in the very early stages of an administrative investigation that can take months to complete, and our understanding of the incident may change as additional evidence is collected and reviewed. We do not draw any conclusion as to whether the officers acted consistent with our policies and the law until all the facts are known, and the investigation is complete.

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. The precise chronology of this incident remains under investigation. The times presented are approximate.

As of Thursday October 19th, 2023, we believe the facts are as follows:

Incident Narrative

1. On October 9, 2023, at approximately 3:08 pm, the Department of Emergency Management dispatched SFPD officers from Northern Police Station to an “A” priority “518” call.
2. The dispatcher advised that the vehicle, a blue Honda, had crashed into the Chinese Consulate, and the driver was armed with a gun.
3. It was relayed by dispatch that two security guards were holding the driver and it was unknown where the gun was. One of the 911 callers told dispatch that the vehicle collision was intentional.
4. A SFPD Sergeant, in full uniform, arrived on scene about 4 minutes after the 911 call was dispatched.
5. Upon arrival, the Sergeant broadcast over his radio for dispatch to clear the air for emergency radio traffic and advised additional responding officers to enter from the Geary Boulevard side as he ran into the building.

6. The Sergeant quickly moved towards the subject and uniformed security guards. This subject was later identified as Mr. Zhanyuan Yang.
7. Due to the deployment of pepper spray prior to police arrival, the Sergeant and others in the lobby can be heard coughing.
8. The Sergeant approached Mr. Yang and ordered him to get on the ground but he did not comply.
9. Mr. Yang stood against the wall with the left side of his body exposed towards the Sergeant and the security guard. Mr. Yang covered his face with his left forearm and kept his right arm out of the Sergeant's view.
10. As the Sergeant and the security guard pinned Mr. Yang from behind against the wall, Mr. Yang rotated towards the Sergeant and the security guard and exposed a knife in his right hand. The Sergeant blocked Mr. Yang's right elbow as Mr. Yang continued to turn towards them.
11. Mr. Yang made multiple, rapid, downward swinging motions with the knife towards the direction of the Sergeant and the security guard.
12. As the first two uniformed back-up officers approached the Sergeant and Mr. Yang, the Sergeant quickly stepped back, drew his firearm and the OIS occurred.
13. The officers called for an ambulance and began rendering aid to Mr. Yang.
14. About 3 minutes after the OIS, San Francisco Fire Department Medics arrived on scene and took over medical aid.

15. The San Francisco Fire Department transported Mr. Yang to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Additional Information

Suspect:

- Zhanyuan Yang
- Date of birth: June 27, 1992

Evidence:

- Crime Scene Investigators from the San Francisco Police Department Forensic Services Division responded and collected evidence from the scene, including, but not limited to the following:
 - One folding knife with a 3.5-inch blade.
 - Two .40 caliber fired cartridge casings.
 - One loaded Center Point Crossbow with arrows.

Video Footage and Photographs:

- Officers on scene wore Department issued BWC's. The BWC's were activated while they responded to the incident.
- 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) 652-4420.

Witnesses and Victims:

- Eyewitnesses and victims of the incident were interviewed by the San Francisco Police Department's Investigative Services Detail and the San Francisco District Attorney's Independent Investigations Bureau.

- Any other witnesses or victims to this incident are encouraged to contact the San Francisco District Attorney's Independent Investigations Bureau at (628) 652-4420.

Involved Member:

- The SFPD Sergeant who discharged his firearm in this incident is:
 - Sergeant Troy Carrasco #1599, assigned to Northern Police Station.