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Safety with Respect

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Introduction

The Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) discussed in this presentation occurred on Friday, December 20, 2024, at approximately 1:38 a.m. The OIS was preceded by an aggravated assault that occurred about 7 hours earlier on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at approximately 6:30 p.m.

During the investigation, officers identified the driver of a black SUV that recklessly chased a bicyclist on an E-Bike on the sidewalk and injured two pedestrians in the process. The suspect continued chasing the bicyclist and rammed his vehicle into the rear tire of the E-Bike, causing the rider to be ejected from the bike and catapulted onto the street. The rider of the E-Bike was able to get up and flee from the suspect. The suspect moved the E-Bike closer towards the rear of his SUV and attempted to put it into the rear cargo area. The suspect then took a bag from the E-Bike, placed it in the rear cargo area of his SUV, and drove away.

During their investigation, officers located the suspect who was working as an armed security guard on the 100 block of Grant Avenue. During the attempt to place the suspect under arrest, an OIS occurred.

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

- **916** is a suspicious person in a vehicle.
- **903** is a passing call. A passing call is a response to a specific area to increase police presence.
- **221** is a person with a gun.
- **245** is an aggravated assault.
- **519** is a collision with injury.

- **408** is an ambulance.
- **10-20** is location.
- **10-30** is a stolen vehicle/wanted person.
- **Code-33** is Emergency - Clear the Radio Channel.
- **Code-4** is no further assistance required.
- **Stop Sticks** are tire deflation devices.
- **BolaWrap (or Wrap)** is issued to members of the Specialist Team and Tactical Unit. It is a hand-held remote restraint device that discharges an eight-foot bola style Kevlar tether to temporarily restrain/entangle an individual.
- **BWC** is Body Worn Camera.
- **Dispatch** is the Department of Emergency Management Dispatcher and Radio Communications System.
- **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 or a “40” – foam baton. ERIWs are designed to temporarily incapacitate an individual.
- **“Dack”** is used to reference the intent to strike a subject with an ERIW Super Sock Bean Bag.
- **Red Light** is a verbal announcement to other officers of the intent to deploy the ERIW.
- **Spec or Specialist** is a member of the SFPD Specialist Team.
- **SFPD Specialist Team** is an on-call specialized unit (often referred to as “Specs”) within the Special Operations Bureau consisting of patrol Officers and Sergeants trained in responding to high priority crimes in progress, resolving Critical Incidents, Dignitary Protection, Crowd Control, Waterborne Operations, and assisting the Tactical Unit with high-risk warrant service.
- **“Blue on Blue”** is a term used by officers to alert each other of potential crossfire.

The precise chronology of this incident is currently under investigation. 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.

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

As of December 30th, 2024, we believe the facts are as follows:

Incident Narrative

1. On Thursday December 19, 2024, at approximately 6:30 p.m., officers responded to the area of Sutter and Kearny Streets regarding a possible vehicle collision with injuries.
2. On scene, officers determined that the driver of a black SUV chased a person riding an E-Bike on the west sidewalk of Kearny Street. In the process, the SUV struck and injured two female pedestrians who were walking on the sidewalk. The driver did not stop and continued chasing the bicyclist onto Sutter Street. Approximately mid-block, the SUV swerved and rammed into the rear of the E-Bike causing the rider to be ejected. The bicyclist quickly got up and ran into a parking garage located at 233 Sutter Street, leaving the E-Bike behind.
3. The suspect exited his SUV and unsuccessfully attempted to place the E-Bike into the rear cargo area of his vehicle. The suspect removed a bag that was attached to the E-Bike, placed it in the back of his SUV, and fled the scene.

4. Officers reviewed video footage of the incident and observed that the black SUV had alternating flashing lights on, similar to emergency response vehicles. They were also able to obtain a description of the suspect, including that he was armed and wearing a gun belt and wearing some type of uniform with patches on the shoulders.
5. One witness provided officers with a license plate, which they determined did not match the model of the vehicle, indicating the plate may have been switched. Officers were able to locate video of the suspect switching the license plates on Campton Place.
6. The information obtained led officers to believe that the suspect was an armed security guard that worked in or around Union Square.
7. On December 20, 2024, at approximately 1:15 a.m., officers located a black SUV parked on the 100 block of Grant Avenue. They examined the SUV and discovered front end damage consistent with the earlier crash.
8. As officers were inspecting the vehicle, an armed security guard exited the store and asked what they were doing. The subject's clothing and physical build matched the suspect description from the aggravated assault. The security guard was recognized as Mr. Peter Hodge.
9. Based on information gathered during their investigation, officers met at a nearby location to formulate a tactical plan to take the suspect safely into custody.

10. At approximately 1:30 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Grant Avenue to take Mr. Hodge into custody for the aggravated assault.
11. Upon arriving on scene, officers saw Mr. Hodge standing in front of a business on the east sidewalk of the 100 block of Grant Avenue.
12. Officers gave Mr. Hodge multiple commands to put his hands up and to turn around. Mr. Hodge partially raised his hands and stated, "For what? What are you worried about?"
13. Officer #3 told Mr. Hodge, "We are going to use force against you, just put your hands up. Just put your hands on your head."
14. Mr. Hodge slowly started walking westbound towards the officers in the street. Officer #2 told Mr. Hodge, "Stop walking this way." Mr. Hodge again asked, "For God's sake, what the fuck are you worried about?"
15. Mr. Hodge then turned away and took a few steps northbound on Grant Avenue.
16. Officer #1 said, "I'mma wrap him", and activated his BolaWrap at Mr. Hodge, which was unsuccessful. Mr. Hodge lowered his hands and continued to walk northbound.
17. Officer #2 gave a less lethal warning by saying, "Red light, red light, less lethal, less lethal!" to alert other officers that the ERIW might be deployed.
18. Mr. Hodge moved his right hand toward his waistband area. Officers #4 and #5 yelled out, "He's reaching, he's reaching!"

19. Officer #2 discharged the ERIW as Mr. Hodge reached for his waistband.
20. Mr. Hodge then raised his right hand with the firearm in it as he pivoted towards the officers standing in the street. Mr. Hodge quickly took a shooting stance with his feet shoulder width apart, two hands on the handgun, slightly bent forward, while pointing at the officers in the street.
21. Officers #1, #3, and #4, and Sergeants #1, #2, and #3 discharged their firearms at Mr. Hodge who then fell to the ground.
22. A team of officers approached Mr. Hodge, placed him into custody, secured his handgun, and immediately rendered aid.
23. The San Francisco Fire Department Medics responded and transported Mr. Hodge to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Additional Information

Suspect

- Peter Francis Hodge, Jr
- Date of birth: August 10, 1974

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 loaded Glock 31 firearm containing fourteen .357 unfired cartridges.
 - One fired .357 caliber cartridge casing.
 - Twenty-one fired .223 caliber cartridge casings.
 - Eight fired .40 caliber cartridge casings.
 - Two ERIW projectiles.
 - Two ERIW casings.
 - One BolaWrap prong and Kevlar cord.

Video Footage and Photographs

- Officers on scene were wearing department issued body worn cameras, which were activated during the incident. The body worn cameras recorded the events as they unfolded.
- The Independent Investigations Bureau (IIB) is an independent unit, within the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, that investigates and reviews all officer-involved shootings. Any relevant video footage or photographs can be provided to IIB by calling (628) 652-4420 or by e-mail at SFDA-IIB@sfgov.org.

Victims & Witnesses

- All victims and witnesses from these incidents are encouraged to call IIB at (628) 652-4420.

Involved Members

The SFPD officers who discharged their firearms in this incident were all uniformed patrol officers and sergeants assigned to Central Station and Union Square Safe Shopper Detail:

- Officer Kevin Lara
- Officer Manuel Serrano
- Officer George Raymond
- Sergeant Leonard Caldera
- Sergeant Diane Khuu
- Sergeant Shante Williams

Training

Five of the six officers that discharged their firearms completed Critical Mindset Coordinated Response (CMCR) Training.

CMCR is a 20-hour California POST- certified training course developed by the San Francisco Police Department's Field Tactics Force Options Unit. This course addresses high risk situations encountered by officers out in the field. Training objectives include critical decision-making during high-risk incidents. Officers gain a deeper understanding of how to resolve these incidents with a coordinated and tactically sound approach using teamwork and leadership.