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Re: Officer Involved Shooting – 9/14/2023

On September 14, 2023, the Interagency Deadly Force Investigative Team (IDFIT) was activated to investigate an officer involved shooting (OIS) that occurred in the parking lot of an apartment complex on Coburg Road in Eugene. I have reviewed the reports, video and audio evidence in this matter, outlined below.

The Investigation

On September 14, 2023, at about 9:11 a.m. the Oregon State Police received a call from a resident from the Seattle Washington area. The caller told OSP Dispatch that he was tracking his 2022 Subaru Crosstrek via GPS, south on Interstate 5 in Oregon. The caller explained that his residence in Seattle, Washington had been burglarized and his car was stolen from the residence.

There was a delay in the vehicle being officially reported as stolen because the registered owner was the caller's father. The caller was the daily driver of the Subaru, but the registered owner was not immediately available to report the Subaru stolen out of Seattle, Washington.

OSP Northern Command entered an Attempt to Locate call for service for the 2022 Subaru into the Oregon State Police call system. OSP Dispatch broadcast a general Attempt to Locate for the Subaru – to Troopers in the area of Interstate 5 near Linn County, Oregon.

AIC/Lieutenant Chis Phillips was in the area of the city of Coburg, Oregon when he located the (unsigned) stolen Subaru near the McDonalds restaurant on East Pearl Street in Coburg, Oregon. AIC/Lt Phillips advised OSP Dispatch that he had located the matching Subaru which was occupied by one male wearing a black beanie. AIC/Lt. Phillips conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and requested cover.

Oregon State Police Dispatch had notified the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) of their stolen vehicle location, as part of a cover request. The Lane County Sheriff's Office dispatches for the Coburg Police Department. LCSO Dispatch advised Coburg Police Sergeant Mike Lee of OSP's request for cover on their stolen vehicle call for service. Sergeant Lee was on duty only a short time prior to this incident and responded to the initial traffic stop at East Pearl Street in Coburg, to assist OSP.

As Sergeant Lee arrived, the suspect, later identified as Lucas Jansma – DOB 03/18/2005, drove away from the traffic stop and eluded Oregon State Police as he drove southbound on Interstate 5, toward Eugene. Initially Oregon State Police did not pursue the stolen car, because it had not been officially signed as a stolen vehicle report.

Several OSP Troopers, Lane County Sheriff's Deputies, and Coburg Police Sergeant Lee continued to track the Subaru as it came into Eugene and drove west on Beltline Highway. The Subaru continued onto Delta Highway, made a loop and then drove back east on Beltline Highway where it took the Coburg Road exit.

Sergeant Lee observed the same Subaru turn south on Coburg Road at a high rate of speed, from Beltline. Sergeant Lee initiated a brief pursuit with his emergency lights and siren, until the suspect vehicle reached speeds of approximately ninety miles per hour. Sergeant Lee discontinued his pursuit based on the dangerous driving conditions but continued to attempt to locate the Subaru.

At approximately 9:49 a.m., Sergeant Lee located the Subaru Crosstrek turning into the Viking Condominiums at 599 Coburg Road. Nearly simultaneously, Oregon State Troopers Luquin and Burger turned into the apartments behind Sergeant Lee. Fourth in line was Lane County Sheriff's Sergeant Ryan Lane, who pulled in behind the two Oregon State Troopers and Sergeant Lee.

All four Officers followed the suspect, Jansma, into the apartment complex as he drove the stolen Subaru. Jansma drove into a dead-end parking area on the east side of the complex and got out of the car.

At approximately 9:48 a.m., Sergeant Lee arrived first behind Jansma, and stopped off to the left. As Sergeant Lee stopped his car, Jansma threw a backpack at Sergeant Lee's patrol car windshield, then walked directly toward Sergeant Lee challenging him saying, "What's up." Sergeant Lee stepped out of his patrol car, activated his body camera, and engaged Jansma to arrest him, and was immediately forced to fight due to Jansma's aggressive response. Sergeant Lee's body worn camera (BWC) was knocked from his uniform as the struggle began, leaving it facing the pavement but still recording. Sergeant Lee told Jansma he was under arrest and Jansma continued to physically resist and fight with Sergeant Lee. While Sergeant Lee was attempting to arrest Jansma, Jansma grabbed hold of Sergeant Lee's duty issued .45 caliber Glock pistol which was in its holster on Sergeant Lee's duty belt. Jansma grabbed hold of the pistol in the holster, wrenched it to a firing position while still in the holster, and managed to fire a round at Sergeant Lee, which struck Sergeant Lee across the right rear buttocks area.

At 09:49:21, Sergeant Lee called out to the responding Troopers that he'd been shot, and that Jansma had his gun. Sergeant Lee repeatedly yelled for Jansma to let go of his gun, as they fought. The two of them were tackled to the ground by Trooper Burger. The fight continued to the ground, just a few feet forward of Sergeant Lee's patrol car. Sergeant Lee was on the ground fighting to get Jansma to release Sergeant Lee's holstered firearm, which Jansma still had in his grip in a firing position. Sergeant Lee struck Jansma in the head with a "hammer

fist” and told Trooper Luquin and Trooper Burger he had been shot. Trooper Luquin had ahold of Jansma’s left hand with his own right which was tightly gripping Sergeant Lee’s holstered firearm with his finger on the trigger (observable on the Trooper Luquin’s body worn camera). At interview, Trooper Luquin indicated he could not let go of Mr. Jansma’s hand and could not access his firearm. His only available force option was his taser which he accessed with his left hand from the left side of his duty belt, and deployed during the struggle.

Trooper Burger was knelt down to the right of Jansma, working to gain control of his right arm and hand. Trooper Burger was also physically unable to access his own force options without letting go of Jansma. Trooper Burger said during his interview that he feared Jansma would try to kill any one of the four Officers in the fight and could not let go of Jansma’s right arm for fear of Jansma having both hands available to fight, and eventually gain control of the gun. Trooper Burger said at interview that the three officers never gained control of Jansma nor were they able to remove his hand from Sgt. Lee’s gun despite Jansma’s small stature. Trooper Burger’s body worn camera did not activate for unknown reasons. Typically the BWC activates when the patrol vehicle lights are activated, but it did not.

At 09:49:40, Lane County Sheriff’s Office Sergeant Ryan Lane ran up to the group of Officers fighting the suspect and heard someone yell multiple times “he’s got my gun!” and “Let go of my gun!” LCSO Sergeant Lane recognized this as a deadly force scenario as he approached the group on the ground, and he recalled observing the three Officers fighting over an object while yelling about the gun. At interview, Sergeant Lane said he knew, based on his twenty-four years of experience and training that this scenario was a deadly force situation, and the best way to stop Jansma from continuing to be a threat to all of the Officers and general public was deadly force. Sgt. Lane did not activate his BWC as he arrived on scene. Sgt. Lane said at interview that the BWCs are new and he had not been involved in a high intensity event since the BWCs were issued.

At 09/14/23 @ 09:49:47 Hours, Sergeant Lane fired two, unsighted, close-range rounds approximately 2 seconds apart, directed at Jansma’s head. At interview, Sergeant Lane said the first shot missed Jansma and struck the asphalt next to Jansma’s head. Sergeant Lane said he reassessed, perceived the ongoing struggle, and fired the second round into the side of Jansma’s head. Sergeant Lane explained that he was in fear of any one of the three officers being shot and seriously injured or killed, or he himself being shot and killed, if he did not stop the threat of Jansma gaining further control of Sergeant Lee’s duty weapon. Sergeant Lane also perceived one of the Troopers had deployed his Taser and recalled hearing the verbal warnings for Taser. Sergeant Lane explained that based on his training and experience, he recognized the Taser as a less-lethal means of force and given that Jansma had his hand on Sgt Lee’s duty weapon, this encounter was a deadly force scenario. From the audio recorded from Sgt. Lee’s BWC at the scene, the taser deployed simultaneously to the shots fired, all within approximately two seconds.

At 09:49:48 Hours, Sergeant Lee was able to get back to his feet and check himself for injuries. Medics were summoned for both Sergeant Lee and Jansma. Additional Officers from the Eugene Police Department, Lane County Sheriff’s Office and the Oregon State

Police arrived on scene. Eugene Police Officers and OSP Troopers rendered aide to Jansma, attempted to utilize an AED, and continued life saving measures until Eugene Springfield medical personnel arrived and transported Jansma to Sacred Heart Hospital – Riverbend.

On September 14, 2023, at 11:13- Lucas Jansma was pronounced deceased by hospital staff at Sacred Heart Hospital – Riverbend.

On September 15, 2023, Oregon State Medical Examiner Dr. Daniel Davis completed the autopsy of Jansma at Riverbend Hospital. M.E Davis determined the cause of death was a single gunshot wound to Jansma’s head.

Because the firearm was still inside the holster, the casing from the round fired by Lucas Jansma did not eject. That is the only thing that prevented Jansma from continuing to fire the gun inside the holster. The holster was turned by Jansma to an upward position as he fought to remove the gun from the holster or continue firing the gun from within the holster.

Sergeant Michael Lee of the Coburg Police Department has been with Coburg since 2010, had prior law enforcement and military experience.

Sergeant Ryan Lane has been with the Lane County Sheriff’s Office since 2000.

Trooper Jake Luquin has been with Oregon State Police since 2009 and had prior law enforcement and military experience.

Trooper Logan Burger has been with Oregon State Police since 2019. He was with LCSO for three and a half years prior to that.

Because officers from OSP and LCSO were involved in the use of force incident, Eugene Police Department took lead on the investigation with assistance from detectives from the Springfield Police Department. EPD Sergeant Jessica Dalton supervised the team and EPD Detective Trevor Hart led the investigation.

Conclusion

The use of deadly force by Sergeant Ryan Lane was justified and lawful based upon the circumstances. Lucas Jansma used deadly force against Sergeant Michael Lee and continued to exhibit the intent to use deadly force as he fought to gain control the Sergeant Lee’s gun. As is typical in these situations, any review of whether or not actions were within policy will be up to the leadership at each involved officer’s agency.

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