

## FORCE INVESTIGATION DIVISION ACRONYM PAGE

Some or all of these acronyms may be used in the following document:

<b>ACC</b>	Area Command Center
<b>ADW</b>	Assault With A Deadly Weapon
<b>AFIS</b>	Automated Fingerprint Identification System
<b>AIG</b>	Assistant Inspector General
<b>AFS</b>	Automated Firearm System
<b>ASD</b>	Air Support Division
<b>ATFE</b>	Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
<b>AWWS</b>	Automated Want and Warrant System
<b>BCC</b>	Bureau Communications Coordinator
<b>BOPC</b>	Board of Police Commissioners
<b>CA</b>	City Attorney
<b>CCHRS</b>	Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System
<b>CD</b>	Communications Division
<b>CDC</b>	California Department of Corrections
<b>CDL</b>	California Driver License
<b>CF</b>	Complaint Form
<b>CHP</b>	California Highway Patrol
<b>CII</b>	Criminal Identification Index
<b>COS</b>	Chief of Staff
<b>CP</b>	Command Post
<b>CRCH</b>	Carotid Restraint Control Hold
<b>CUOF</b>	Categorical Use of Force
<b>DA</b>	District Attorney
<b>DCA</b>	Deputy City Attorney
<b>DCP</b>	Department Command Post
<b>DDA</b>	Deputy District Attorney
<b>DNA</b>	Deoxyribonucleic acid
<b>DOC</b>	LAPD Department Operations Center
<b>DOC</b>	Department of Coroner – LA County
<b>DR</b>	Division of Record
<b>DS</b>	Detective Services Division

<b>EBO</b>	Emergency Board Operator
<b>EMS</b>	Emergency Medical Services
<b>EMT</b>	Emergency Medical Technician
<b>ES</b>	Electronics Section
<b>FAU</b>	Firearms Analysis Unit
<b>FBI</b>	Federal Bureau of Investigation
<b>FF/PM</b>	Firefighter Paramedic
<b>FI</b>	Field Interview
<b>FID</b>	Force Investigation Division
<b>FPS</b>	Forensic Print Specialist
<b>FSD</b>	Forensic Science Division
<b>GED</b>	Gang Enforcement Detail
<b>GIT</b>	Gang Impact Team
<b>GSR</b>	Gunshot Residue
<b>H &amp; S</b>	Health and Safety Code
<b>HRD</b>	Hobble Restraint Device
<b>IAG</b>	Internal Affairs Group
<b>IC</b>	Incident Commander
<b>ICD</b>	In-Custody Death
<b>IG</b>	Inspector General
<b>IOD</b>	Injury on Duty
<b>IR</b>	Investigation Report
<b>IRC</b>	Inmate Reception Center
<b>JAI</b>	Juvenile Automated Index
<b>JSID</b>	Justice System Integrity Division
<b>K9</b>	Canine
<b>LAC</b>	Los Angeles County
<b>LAFD</b>	Los Angeles Fire Department
<b>LAPD</b>	Los Angeles Police Department
<b>LAPPL</b>	Los Angeles Police Protective League
<b>LASD</b>	Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
<b>LERI</b>	Law Enforcement Related Injury
<b>MAI</b>	Master Automated Index
<b>MD</b>	Medical Doctor
<b>MCDC</b>	Metropolitan Communications Dispatch Center
<b>MDC</b>	Mobile Data Computer
<b>MDT</b>	Mobile Data Terminal

<b>ME</b>	Medical Examiner – Coroner
<b>MEU</b>	Mental Evaluation Unit
<b>MM</b>	Millimeter
<b>MPH</b>	Miles Per Hour
<b>NCUOF</b>	Non-Categorical Use of Force
<b>NECS</b>	Networked Computer System
<b>NED</b>	Narcotic Enforcement Detail
<b>NIBIN</b>	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network
<b>OC</b>	Oleoresin Capsicum
<b>OIG</b>	Office of The Inspector General
<b>OIS</b>	Officer-Involved Shooting
<b>PAB</b>	Police Administration Building
<b>PC</b>	Penal Code
<b>PHF</b>	Police Headquarters Facility
<b>PIR</b>	Preliminary Investigation Report
<b>PR</b>	Person Reporting
<b>PSR</b>	Police Service Representative
<b>RA</b>	Rescue Ambulance
<b>RACR</b>	Real Time Analysis and Critical Response
<b>RHD</b>	Robbery-Homicide Division
<b>RI</b>	Records and Identification
<b>RTO</b>	Radio-telephone Operator
<b>S &amp; W</b>	Smith and Wesson
<b>SID</b>	Scientific Investigation Division
<b>SSN</b>	Social Security Number
<b>SWAT</b>	Special Weapons and Tactics
<b>TASER</b>	Thomas A. Swift Electronic Rifle
<b>TFO</b>	Tactical Flight Operator
<b>TID</b>	Technical Investigation Division
<b>UOF</b>	Use of Force
<b>UPR</b>	Urban Police Rifle
<b>USCMC</b>	University of Southern California Medical Center
<b>VC</b>	Vehicle Code
<b>VCDC</b>	Valley Communications Dispatch Center

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# **Force Investigation Division**

## **F043-16**

### **Officer Involved Shooting**

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##### **Criminal Apprehension Team:**

**DII F. Alvelais**  
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#### **Date and Time of Incident:**

**July 25, 2016, 2309 hours**

#### **Location of Incident:**

**Antwerp Avenue**  
**South Los Angeles, California**

#### **Area of Occurrence:**

**Southeast, RD 1846**

#### **Suspect:**

**Robert Che Risher (Deceased)**  
**Male Black, 18 years of age,**  
**Multiple gunshot wounds**

#### **Charge:**

**Attempt Murder on a PO**

#### **DR No.**

**1618-15068**

#### **Involved Officers:**

**PII Francisco Zaragoza**  
**Serial No. 39188**  
**Southeast Division**

**PII Isaac Fernandez**  
**Serial No. 41058**  
**Southeast Division**

**PII Joseph Chavez**  
**Serial No. 40894**  
**Southeast Division**

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**FORCE INVESTIGATION DIVISION  
REPORT OF AN OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING  
F043-16**

**TO: CHARLIE BECK, CHIEF OF POLICE**

**SIR:**

**Synopsis:** On Monday, July 25, 2016, at approximately 2300 hours, Southeast (SOE) Area Gang Enforcement Detail (GED) uniformed officers were conducting a footbeat in the Nickerson Gardens Housing Development. As the GED officers walked through the housing development, they came upon a group of males and females seated on a park bench in an open grass area located in the center of the development. One of the suspects separated from the group and as he began running away, he was observed with a handgun. A foot pursuit ensued.

During the foot pursuit, multiple Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS) occurred between the suspect and three different GED officers. One of the officers was struck by the suspect's gunfire and suffered a non-life threatening wound during one of the exchanges of gunfire. The foot pursuit ended near the area of East 111<sup>th</sup> Street and Antwerp Street, where the wounded suspect was taken into custody. Officers requested a rescue ambulance (RA) for the suspect, who had sustained several gunshot wounds during the incident. Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) paramedics arrived and pronounced the suspect deceased at scene. A loaded firearm was recovered near the suspect's body. The injured officer was treated [REDACTED] at a local hospital and later released.

**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

At approximately 2300 hours, Southeast Area GED uniformed Police Officers II Francisco Zaragoza, Serial No. 39188, (driver), and Isaac Fernandez, Serial No. 41058, (passenger), assigned Unit 18G23W7, parked their vehicle in a parking lot located on Success Street, north of 114<sup>th</sup> Street. The officers were in Shop No. 88071, a marked black and white, hybrid police vehicle with ballistic door panels.<sup>1</sup>

**Note:** This was the first time that Officers Zaragoza and Fernandez had worked together. At their 1300 hour start of watch, both officers stated they discussed tactics, specifically foot pursuits, as well as who would be the contact officer and cover officer.<sup>2</sup>

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) has cameras that were positioned throughout the Nickerson Gardens Housing Development. Of the [REDACTED] cameras that were operating and recording during this OIS, five of the cameras were positioned and recorded portions of this event as it evolved. The time stamps on the cameras were accurate to real time.

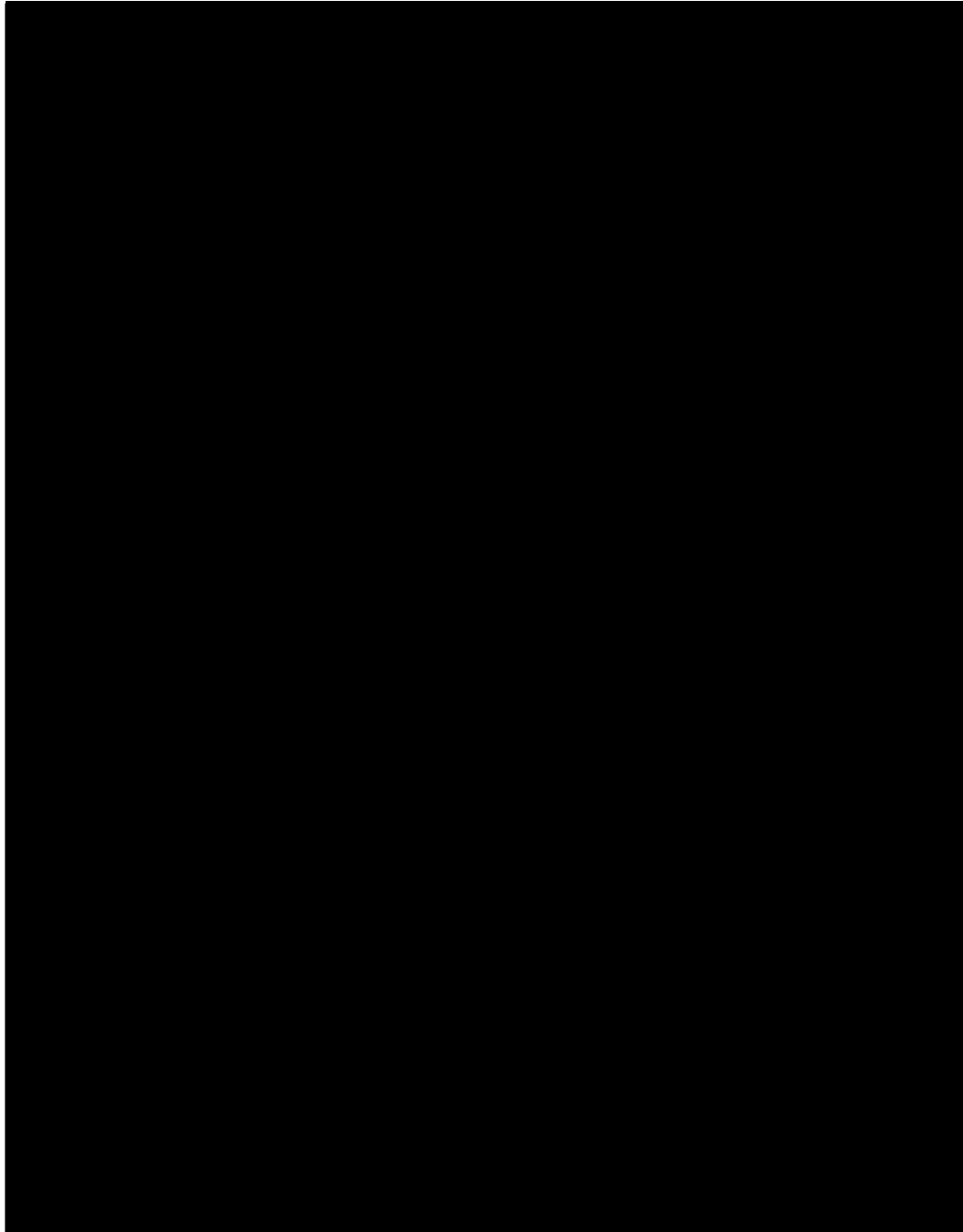
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<sup>1</sup> Officer Zaragoza, eight years and 6 months with the Department, two years assigned to SOE GED, 34 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 170 pounds; equipped with a ballistic vest, Glock 34, .9mm semiautomatic pistol, two sets of handcuffs, and an X26 TASER in a holster.

Officer Fernandez, four years and 2 months with the Department, two months assigned to Southeast GED, 31 years of age, 6 feet 1 inches tall, 210 pounds; equipped with a ballistic vest, Glock 17, 9mm semiautomatic pistol, two sets of handcuffs, an X26 TASER in a holster, and a hobble restraint device (HRD) in his rear sap pocket.

<sup>2</sup> Officer Zaragoza's statement, Page 5, Lines 14-22, and Officer Fernandez' statement, Page 13, Lines 21-24.

At 23:00:00 hours, HACLA camera No. [REDACTED] was attached to a post on the southwest end of the baseball field, east of building [REDACTED] and was pointed south. This camera showed the officers arriving, parking their vehicle, exiting, and walking northbound toward the baseball field.



Aerial map of Nickerson Gardens where Officers parked their vehicle, the "Mini Field," location where the foot pursuit began and area of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> OIS.

The officers exited their vehicle and walked northbound along a sidewalk toward the open baseball field. It was the officers' intention to conduct a footbeat at a known hangout of a Bounty Hunter street gang clique known as the Hoody Boyz. Because the Hoody Boyz clique

consists of mostly juveniles, the officers were going to check for curfew and underage drinking violations. The officers did not broadcast their Code-6 location because they were not certain if anyone was hanging out in this area.

**Note:** According to Officer Zaragoza, there had been a recent rise in violence between the Bounty Hunters and their rival, the Grape Street Crips, and most of the violence had been caused by the Hoody Boyz.<sup>3</sup> (**Investigators' Note No. 1**)

As officers approached the location, they walked west between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Officer Fernandez was ahead and to the right of Officer Zaragoza and was designated to be the contact officer. According to Officer Zaragoza, as he emerged from between the buildings, he immediately observed approximately 6-8 male and female Blacks loitering near a park bench that was in the center of the mini field,<sup>4</sup> approximately 60 feet southwest of his location.

**Note:** Officer Fernandez stated he observed 5-6 people seated on the bench.

Officer Zaragoza immediately identified one of the males as [REDACTED] known by the moniker of "[REDACTED]"<sup>5</sup>. [REDACTED] looked toward the officers and immediately began talking with a loud voice and walking toward them.

**Note:** The area known as the "Mini-Field" is not covered by HACLA cameras.

[REDACTED] continued walking toward Officers Zaragoza and Fernandez with his hands up and stating loudly, "You can pat me down, check me!"

**Note:** According to Officer Zaragoza, this is a ploy used by gang members who are not armed or in possession of contraband to cause a loud distraction and alert their fellow gang members who are armed and/or in possession of illegal contraband of police presence.<sup>6</sup>

Officer Zaragoza stated he continued walking west toward the bench and past [REDACTED] looking for someone who may be running or concealing contraband, but no one stood up.<sup>7</sup> Officer Zaragoza then heard [REDACTED] say, "Ricky or Richie, go, go, go!" Officer Zaragoza first looked west toward the bench, but no one moved. Officer Zaragoza then looked north and observed a male Black, later identified as Robert Risher,<sup>8</sup> wearing a white long sleeve shirt, running northbound along the west side of building No. [REDACTED]. Officer Zaragoza described Risher as holding the right side of his waistband as if he was concealing or clenching a firearm.<sup>9</sup> Officer Zaragoza communicated to Officer Fernandez that the suspect was running north as Officer Zaragoza doubled back between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and ran northbound on the east side

<sup>3</sup> Officer Zaragoza's statement, Page 10, Lines 15-17.

<sup>4</sup> "Mini Field" is a location known to GED officers as a "Hoody Boyz" hangout.

<sup>5</sup> [REDACTED]

<sup>6</sup> Officer Zaragoza's statement, Page 13, Lines 13-20.

<sup>7</sup> Officer Zaragoza's statement, Page 13-14, Lines 21-25 and 1-6.

<sup>8</sup> Robert Che Risher, male Black, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 180 pounds, with an alias of Ricky or Richie.

<sup>9</sup> Officer Zaragoza's statement, Page 14, Lines 8-13.

of building No. [REDACTED] Officer Zaragoza attempted to broadcast the foot pursuit, but Communications Division (CD) was broadcasting a radio call on SOE Frequency.

At the same time, Officer Fernandez heard [REDACTED] say "Police," as he motioned to someone to the north. Officer Fernandez looked to the north and observed a male Black, wearing a white T-shirt and holding a gun in his right hand, running northbound toward 112<sup>th</sup> Street.<sup>10</sup> Officer Fernandez communicated, "He's got a gun!" and began to give chase. Officer Fernandez stated he was unable to broadcast due to CD broadcasting on SOE Frequency as the foot pursuit began. Officer Fernandez began running northbound and believed that his partner was right behind him.

**Note:** At approximately 23:00:50, CD broadcast a radio call for a 415 women, Incident No. 160725005520, which lasted approximately eighteen seconds.

Officers Zaragoza and Fernandez separated at this time. Officer Fernandez followed Risher northbound on the west side of building No. [REDACTED] and Officer Zaragoza doubled back and paralleled northbound on the east side of building No. [REDACTED]

Officer Fernandez stated he unholstered his pistol at the onset of the foot pursuit and ran with it in his hand until the end of the incident when he holstered his pistol and handcuffed Risher.<sup>11</sup>

Officer Zaragoza continued to run north on the walkway that was west of the baseball field with his pistol holstered and holding his radio in his left hand as he waited for the frequency to clear so that he could broadcast the foot pursuit.

**Note:** According to CD, when an Emergency Board Operator (EBO) broadcasts, it does not prohibit a police officer's radio broadcast to be heard by the Radio Telephone Operator (RTO).

As this was happening, Officer Zaragoza observed Risher to the north and running east along the walkway that borders the northern portion of the baseball field. According to Officer Zaragoza, he observed Risher clearly armed with a handgun as he was sprinting eastbound. Robert Risher had his right arm extended at shoulder height, with his gun pointed back toward the west. Officer Zaragoza knew his partner was somewhere to his left, west, but he was not sure how far Officer Fernandez had gone north. Officer Zaragoza believed that Risher was going to shoot his partner, so he came to an immediate stop, unholstered his pistol and came up on target, Risher's center body mass, with his finger on the trigger. At the same time, Officer Zaragoza heard [REDACTED] yelling from behind, "Shoot that mother fucker!" Risher immediately turned his attention to Officer Zaragoza, pointed his gun, and fired 1-3 rounds. In fear for his life, Officer Zaragoza, who was still on target, fired 4-5 rounds from his pistol.<sup>12</sup>

**Note:** The area of this OIS was not covered by HACLA cameras.

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<sup>10</sup> Officer Fernandez' statement, Page 14, Line 11-23 and Page 15, Lines 2-6.

<sup>11</sup> Officer Fernandez' statement Page 41, Line 6-18.

<sup>12</sup> Officer Zaragoza's statement, Page 16, Line 16-25, and Page 17, Line 1.

The investigation determined that Officer Zaragoza discharged 11 rounds from this location. Impacts located on the chain link backstop and to the south and west facing walls of building No. [REDACTED] and west facing wall of building No. [REDACTED] are consistent with Zaragoza's statement that he discharged his weapon in a northeast direction at Risher.

The investigation determined that Risher discharged two rounds from this location. During evidence collection, two casings from Risher's pistol were recovered, but there were no impacts or fragments located that would indicate the direction or trajectory of Risher's volley.

A third casing, similar to Risher's other two casings, were discovered in this same immediate area, but when tested, it was determined that it was not fired from Risher's weapon or any of the involved officer's weapons.

According to Officer Zaragoza, he heard [REDACTED] yelling from behind him just prior to the first OIS. This would place [REDACTED] somewhere on the east side of the opening between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. This area was not covered by HACLA cameras.

At 23:01:12 hours, Officer Zaragoza broadcast on Southeast Area frequency, "18G23, shots fired, shots fired Nickerson Gardens!"

Officer Fernandez stated that as he approached the northwest end of building No. [REDACTED] he slowed down and was in the process of tactically going around the corner, when he heard the first volley of gunshots coming from the east. Officer Fernandez stated he then heard Officer Zaragoza broadcast, "Shots fired, shots fired. Officer needs help. I've been hit."<sup>13</sup>

**Note:** During the walk through Officer Fernandez placed himself on the west side of building No. [REDACTED] approximately 60 feet south of the northwest corner, at the time that he heard the first volley of gunfire.

The investigation determined that Officer Zaragoza was not shot by the suspect during the first exchange of gunfire. During Officer Zaragoza's first broadcast, he did not state that he had been shot.

Civilian Witness [REDACTED] who resides [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] when she heard 6-10 gunshots coming from the area near the baseball field. [REDACTED] took cover and then went to check [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] observed a uniformed police officer running northbound through the parking lot, and east behind building No. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] then observed a large group of unknown civilians following the officer and moving toward the sound of more gunfire.

**Note:** A review of video from HACLA camera No. [REDACTED] which was attached to the backstop of the baseball field and points north into the parking lot located west of

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<sup>13</sup> Officer Fernandez' statement, Page 16, Line 9-16.

building ■ depicts Officer Fernandez running north through the parking lot after the first volley of gunfire by Officer Zaragoza at 23:01:18 hours.

Robert Risher turned northbound from the baseball field between building Nos. ■ and ■ and then, at the north end of building No. ■ he turned eastbound.

**Note:** At 23:01:17, HACLA camera No. ■, which was affixed on the south side of building No. ■ and was pointed to the west, depicted Risher rounding the northwest corner of building No. ■ running north then east, and holding a gun in his right hand.

Officer Zaragoza lost sight of Risher to the north, but continued in tracking mode as he paralleled east along the walkway, north of the baseball field. As Officer Zaragoza came around building No. ■ he moved north along the walkway between building Nos. ■ and ■ and observed Risher running east and then south around the corner toward him. Officer Zaragoza stated Robert Risher's upper body was pointed toward the south, but his lower body was running and turned toward the east. Robert Risher had his right arm extended with a gun in his hand pointed at Officer Zaragoza. Officer Zaragoza utilized one handed shooting technique, aimed at Risher's center body mass and fired 4-6 rounds. Robert Risher pointed his gun at Officer Zaragoza and fired multiple rounds in a southerly direction. Officer Zaragoza advised he was attempting to broadcast and was holding his radio up to his mouth with his left hand and his left arm was bent at a 45-degree angle when he was struck on his left forearm by a single gunshot from Risher. Officer Zaragoza stated he fell onto his back when he was shot in the arm. Officer Zaragoza stood back up, aimed at Risher's center body mass, and again utilizing a one-handed shooting technique, fired another 2-3 rounds.

**Note:** The investigation determined that Officer Zaragoza discharged 7 rounds from this location. During evidence collection, impacts to the east facing wall of Building No. ■ are consistent with the pathway of south to north and are consistent with Officer Zaragoza's statement that he fired at Risher, who was to the north.

The investigation determined that Risher discharged two rounds from this location, but during evidence collection, there were no impacts or fragments located other than Officer Zaragoza, who was directly south of Risher when he was shot during the exchange of gunfire. Therefore, it was determined that Risher's direction of fire was from north to south.

Officer Zaragoza stated, *"So I get hit. I know, no doubt in my mind I got shot. I felt a, it felt like a heavy thud. I—I had never experienced that happen before. It was just—it was just—I – It's hard to explain the – sensations."*

Officer Zaragoza observed that his pistol had gone to slide lock while he was on the ground; he conducted a speed re-load, ejecting the empty magazine to the ground, and replaced it with a magazine from his ammunition pouch.

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<sup>14</sup> Officer Zaragoza's statement, Page 18, Lines 1-7.

██████████ who lives ██████████ was ██████████ when he heard “continuous” gunshots that he believed were coming from the baseball field area. ██████████ heard the first shot coming from the north. ██████████ believed that he heard two distinctively different guns being fired. ██████████, and observed and heard Officer Zaragoza in the courtyard, firing his weapon toward the north. ██████████ stated he could see the muzzle flash coming from Officer Zaragoza’s gun. ██████████ believed Officer Zaragoza was being shot at because he heard gunshots coming from the north and observed Officer Zaragoza moving backward and then falling onto his back. ██████████ then observed Officer Zaragoza stand up and return fire. ██████████ believed Officer Zaragoza fired approximately 6 rounds and he believed he heard 6 rounds being fired from the north. During the exchange of gunfire, ██████████ could hear Officer Zaragoza communicating over his radio.

**Note:** ██████████ could clearly see that Officer Zaragoza was wearing a police uniform with a badge on his chest, however he could not see who was firing from the north.

According to ██████████ Officer Zaragoza eventually ran south and then east, around building No. ██████████ and out of view. At the same time, Civilian Witness ██████████ who resides ██████████ was ██████████ when she heard multiple gunshots, which she stated sounded like they were from different guns. ██████████, and observed a male on the ground with dark hair and wearing a police uniform. ██████████ stated the field lights were on so the area was illuminated. ██████████ stated she could hear the gunshots coming from the northern area of the courtyard, but she could not see who was shooting. Also, ██████████ stated that she believes the officer was still being shot at as he stood up. ██████████ observed Officer Zaragoza stand up, holding his left arm, and she could hear him calling for help. ██████████ never observed Officer Zaragoza firing his weapon. ██████████ then observed Officer Zaragoza run east along the south side of building No. ██████████ and then out of her view.

At 23:01:30, Officer Zaragoza broadcast over Southeast Frequency, “*Eastbound just south of 112<sup>th</sup>, I’ve been hit!*”

**Note:** Officer Zaragoza’s stated his empty magazine and flashlight were dropped in this area, but neither item was recovered during evidence collection.

After the shooting occurred ██████████ and the officer had left, ██████████ observed several unidentified civilians loitering in the area picking up unknown items from the ground.

At 23:01:32 hours, HACLA camera No. ██████████, which was attached to the southeast corner of Building No. ██████████ pointing to the west, captured Officer Fernandez running eastbound from the west parking lot. Officer Fernandez stated he observed Risher to his east with his right arm fully extended and holding a gun that was pointed to the south. According to Officer Fernandez, based on Officer Zaragoza’s broadcast, he knew Officer Zaragoza was also to his east and had just been shot. Believing Risher would continue to shoot at his partner; Officer Fernandez aimed



at Risher's center body mass, and fired multiple rounds. Officer Fernandez stated he then observed Risher run northbound toward 112<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Note:** Officer Fernandez stated he did not attempt to contact Officer Zaragoza over the radio because his partner was broadcasting and he did not want to cause radio interference. Instead, Officer Fernandez tracked his partner by running toward the sound of gun fire and followed the directions of the foot pursuit put out by Officer Zaragoza.

According to Officer Fernandez, after Officer Zaragoza stated he had been shot, Officer Fernandez felt his partner was not seriously injured because he could hear, what he believed to be, his partner's calm voice while broadcasting his continued pursuit of Risher. Additionally, during Officer Zaragoza's broadcast, Officer Fernandez stated he could hear Officer Zaragoza's equipment shuffling around, which led him to believe that Officer Zaragoza was running.

The investigation determined that at approximately 23:01:58 hours, Officer Zaragoza made an additional broadcast of Risher's clothing description and direction of travel.

There was no ballistic evidence or any HACLA cameras positioned to cover this area where Officer Fernandez believed he fired this volley.

Officer Fernandez then went north in between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and came out to the intersection of Antwerp Street and East 112<sup>th</sup> Street. Officer Fernandez stated he observed Risher running north across 112<sup>th</sup> Street toward [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street and fumbling with the gun in his hands. Robert Risher turned and pointed his gun at Officer Fernandez. Believing that Risher was going to shoot him, Officer Fernandez aimed at Risher's center body mass and fired multiple rounds in a northeasterly direction. Robert Risher then turned and climbed over the driveway gate of [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Note:** The investigation determined that Officer Fernandez discharged five rounds at this location.

During the collection of evidence, along with the five casings from Officer Fernandez' pistol, pathway analysis for two impacts are consistent with Officer Fernandez' statement that he fired at Risher at this point. The first impact was on a recreational vehicle that was parked on [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street and the second was the west facing wall of [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street. Both pathways were from west to east and south to north.

There are no HACLA cameras positioned to cover this area of [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street.

Simultaneously, Officer Zaragoza stated that he was northbound in the parking lot just east of building No. [REDACTED] when he looked directly across the street and observed Risher climbing the gate at [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street. Officer Zaragoza observed Risher turn toward him, pointing his gun at him as he completed scaling the gate. Officer Zaragoza stated he fired multiple rounds at Risher, aiming at his center body mass.

**Note:** After being shot, Officer Zaragoza's recollection of his direction of travel and certain aspects of the incident were not clear to him. Therefore, Officer Zaragoza's path to the intersection of [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street and Antwerp Street are unclear and not substantiated by witness statements or surveillance video.

During the collection of evidence, no casings relative to Officer Zaragoza's firearm were located near this parking lot, or in the nearby vicinity.

There are no HACLA cameras positioned to cover this area of the parking lot.

[REDACTED] who resides [REDACTED] heard approximately 20 gunshots, which caused him to look [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] observed Risher and described him as a male Black with curly hair and wearing a white shirt, blue jeans, armed with a black, semiautomatic handgun. [REDACTED] stated he was approximately [REDACTED] feet away from Risher and he could see Risher running fast toward [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street and appearing to be un-injured. [REDACTED] observed Risher climbing over a white gate and falling onto the driveway of [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street. [REDACTED] could see Risher manipulating a gun and pointing it upward and he could also hear Risher yelling, but he could not make out what was being said. [REDACTED] did not see Risher shooting, nor could he see the officers giving chase. [REDACTED] due to fear of being shot.

At 23:02:00 hours, Officer Zaragoza broadcast over Southeast Frequency, "*Northbound Antwerp, east of Antwerp...Male Black, white, long sleeved shirt. He's still going north!*"

Officer Fernandez ran toward the gate and took cover behind a brick wall at the mouth of the driveway as Risher was moving north and maneuvering between some parked vehicles. As Risher moved north, he turned and pointed his handgun at Officer Fernandez. Officer Fernandez fired 2-3 rounds at Risher from approximately 30 feet to stop the threat and assessed. Officer Fernandez then observed Risher as he continued moving north, he again turned and pointed his gun at Officer Fernandez. In response, Officer Fernandez fired another 2-3 rounds at Risher, as he continued to the end of the property. Officer Fernandez assessed and observed Risher climb over the north fence off the property.

**Note:** The investigation determined that Officer Fernandez fired 16 rounds at this location.

Sixteen casings were recovered from the mouth of the driveway of [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street. Officer Fernandez conducted an out of battery speed re-load during his volley. His magazine and the casings were recovered by Forensic Science Division (FSD), Firearms Analysis Unit (FAU) during the collection of evidence.

During evidence collection, two impacts to the west facing wall of the residence of [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street were identified. Also, there was one impact to a south facing gate toward the rear of the house, three more impacts to the south facing rear wall of the property and 12 impacts to the south facing wall of building No. [REDACTED] and to a vehicle

parked in the parking lot. These impacts had a pathway of south to north and are consistent with Officer Fernandez' statement that he fired at Risher, who was moving north between the cars in the drive-way and over the back wall.

There was no evidence that Risher discharged his weapon during this point of the OIS.

According to Officer Fernandez, he went west on 112<sup>th</sup> Street to Antwerp Street and observed Officer Zaragoza for the first time since the beginning of the foot pursuit. Officer Fernandez stated that he saw his "*partner running so he knew he was good.*"<sup>15</sup> Officer Fernandez then ran north on the east sidewalk of Antwerp Street, while Officer Zaragoza ran north on the west sidewalk of Antwerp Street. According to Officer Zaragoza, he last observed Risher running east through the parking lot just south of building No. [REDACTED] and he continued northbound on Antwerp Street in containment mode.

**Note:** HACLA camera No. [REDACTED] was affixed to a pole at the intersection of East 111<sup>th</sup> Street and Antwerp Street. The camera faced south and recorded Antwerp Street from [REDACTED] 111<sup>th</sup> Street to [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street. At 23:02:41 hours, HACLA camera No. [REDACTED] depicted officers separating, as Officer Fernandez is seen running north on the east sidewalk of Antwerp Street and then east into the parking lot south of building No. [REDACTED] and Officer Zaragoza lagging behind and running northbound from Antwerp Street, on the west sidewalk and then crossing Antwerp Street from the west sidewalk to the east sidewalk.

At the same time, responding unit 18G37, with Southeast Area GED Police Officers II Jacob Rice, Serial No. 40923, and Joseph Chavez, Serial No. 40894,<sup>16</sup> is seen arriving from westbound 111<sup>th</sup> Street to southbound Antwerp Street and their vehicle stopping west of building No. [REDACTED]

The Digital In-Car Video System (DICVS) in Officer Rice and Chavez' vehicle was activated and depicted Officer Zaragoza crossing Antwerp Street from the west sidewalk to the east sidewalk and stopping on the grass area between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Officer Zaragoza appeared to be in a bladed shooting stance and firing his pistol toward the east.

Officer Fernandez continued his chase and followed Risher east across a parking lot and came up to the southeast corner of building No. [REDACTED]. Officer Fernandez slowly pried the corner, and observed Risher running north on the east side of buildings Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. According to Fernandez, as Risher ran north, he kept turning around toward Officer Fernandez and extending his right hand, which was holding the gun, in an underhanded right arm extension similar to that of a baton pass in a relay race. According to Officer Fernandez, he continued to verbalize to Risher to drop the weapon. Officer Fernandez, in fear for his or his partner's lives, stated he fired 3-4 rounds at Risher's center body mass. Officer Fernandez had heard sirens and he knew

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<sup>15</sup> Officer Fernandez' statement, Page 20, Lines 12-14.

<sup>16</sup> Officer Chavez, four years eight months with the Department, two years assigned to SOE GED, 27 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 175 pounds; equipped with a ballistic vest, Glock Model 41, .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol, one set of handcuffs, X26 TASER and hobble in his vehicle.

back-up officers had arrived. Officer Fernandez heard additional gunshots at this time, but was not sure if Risher was shooting or if his partner or back-up officers were shooting from the west.

**Note:** Officer Fernandez did not have a visual on his partner or arriving officers, but based on the direction of the sounds of sirens and the direction of the sound of gunfire, he believed that additional officers were positioned to his west.

During the walk-through, Officer Fernandez did not remember shooting from this location, but during the interview, Officer Fernandez stated that he may have fired multiple rounds from this location. Ten casings were recovered by Forensic Science Division (FSD) Firearms Analysis Unit (FAU) during evidence collection.

The investigation determined that Officer Fernandez fired a total of 10 rounds at this location.

According to Officer Chavez, he exited the driver side of his vehicle and observed Officer Zaragoza standing between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] near the east sidewalk of Antwerp Street. According to Officer Chavez, Officer Zaragoza was in a shooting stance and firing multiple rounds in an easterly direction.

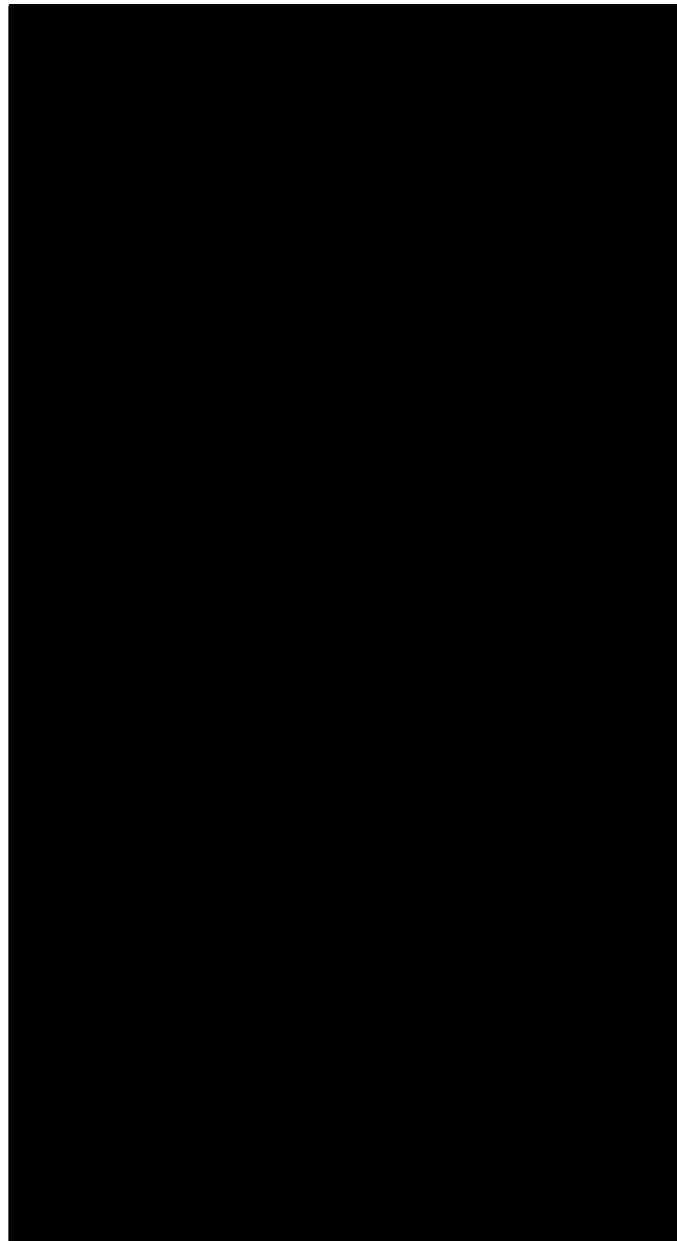
**Note:** Officer Zaragoza was shown the video prior to his interview and stated he did not recall firing his pistol in that area.

The investigation determined that Officer Zaragoza fired a total of 5 rounds from this location.

Officer Chavez immediately positioned himself behind the cover of the southwest corner of building No. [REDACTED]. Officer Chavez looked to the east and observed Risher running across the east end of the buildings and pointing his handgun toward him. Officer Chavez stated that he believed that Officer Zaragoza was engaging the armed suspect that had fired upon and shot Officer Zaragoza, therefore, in immediate defense of his life and responding officer's lives, he fired 5 rounds from his duty weapon from an approximate distance of 152 feet at Risher. Officer Chavez' target was Risher's center body mass. After firing, Officer Chavez assessed and illuminated his target area with his flashlight, but he could not see Risher anymore. Officer Chavez then took cover behind the building as he heard additional rounds being fired to the east.

**Note:** The HACLA video shows Officer Chavez approaching the corner of building No. [REDACTED] and activating his tactical light and illuminating his target area prior to and during the discharging of his firearm.

At the same time, Police Officer III Harlan Taylor, Serial No. 36463, working 18U1W7, was responding Code Three and was driving eastbound on 111<sup>th</sup> Place, toward Antwerp Street. Officer Taylor's DICVS was activated as he approached the intersection, and depicts Officer Zaragoza facing eastbound, firing a volley, and then moving northbound, behind Officer Chavez, who was positioned on the southwest corner of building No. [REDACTED]. The video shows Officer



Chavez firing multiple rounds toward the east. Officer Taylor stated he did not hear gunshots, but he did observe muzzle flash and the recoil coming from Officer Chavez' pistol.

**Note:** The investigation determined that Officer Chavez fired 5 rounds at this location.

The investigation determined that Risher did not fire any rounds at this location.

During evidence collection, three impacts were located and photographed on the east perimeter wall between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Five additional impacts were observed and photographed on the west facing wall of a building at [REDACTED] Evers Avenue. Due to their location inside an inaccessible neighboring property that was secured by a high wall and barbed wire, these impact measurements were approximate. All of these impacts were consistent with projectile pathways traveling from west to east.

According to Officer Rice, he exited the passenger side of his vehicle and observed Officer Chavez go directly to the southwest corner of building No. [REDACTED]. As Officer Zaragoza began moving north from his position, he told Officer Chavez to stay with Officer Fernandez, who he knew was to the southeast, behind building No. [REDACTED]. Officer Zaragoza then moved to the north and told Officer Rice to go with him. Both officers paralleled Risher from the west. Officer Rice took cover at the northwest corner of building No. [REDACTED] and never observed Risher continue any farther north.

At 23:03:00 hours, Officer Rice broadcast over Southeast frequency, *"27, he's going northbound. He's gonna be behind the unit east of Antwerp."*

According to Officer Fernandez, he was positioned behind the cover of the southeast corner of building No. [REDACTED] when he observed Risher running north and at one point, observing him slow down. Officer Fernandez continued to hear gunshots coming from the west. Officer Fernandez kept his focus on Risher, when he heard a loud metallic sound, which he identified as a gun hitting the ground. Officer Fernandez believed Risher was wounded. Robert Risher continued north a short distance, but eventually he went down to the ground and proned himself out near the northeast corner of building No. [REDACTED].

Southeast Area Patrol Unit 18A49, Police Officers II Donovan Anderson, Serial No. 40581, and Deanna Gutierrez, Serial No. 40724, responded Code Three to the "Help" call and arrived and parked on Antwerp Street at 111<sup>th</sup> Place. Both officers exited and observed two unknown officers with their weapons drawn moving north along the east sidewalk. Officer Gutierrez stated that she did not unholster her weapon as she and her partner followed the two unknown officers east through the buildings.

Officer Fernandez knew that other officers were to the west, but he did not want to get caught with friendly fire, so he flashed his flashlight toward the north and called out, "[REDACTED]".<sup>17</sup> Officer Chavez responded in the same manner and came to meet Officer Fernandez to the east of building No. [REDACTED]. Officers Fernandez and Chavez approached Risher from the south. Officer Chavez was the cover officer and moved slightly ahead of Officer Fernandez, who was the contact officer. Officer Fernandez approached Risher from his right, grabbed his right wrist and lifted his right arm as he straddled his right shoulder. Officer Fernandez then completed the cuffing process without incident. Officer Fernandez stated that when he patted down Risher for additional weapons, he noticed blood on the front and back of Risher's shirt.

At 23:04:10 hours, an unknown officer broadcast on Southeast Frequency, *"Hold the frequency; we're taking one into custody, Stand-by."*

**Note:** A review of the incident print out did not reveal that comment being broadcast, therefore, no radio identification associated with the specific broadcast was documented.

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<sup>17</sup> According to Officer Fernandez, the "[REDACTED]" terminology was taught by Metropolitan Division during a unit tactical training day. The term "[REDACTED]" is used to advise and identify an officer that is not visible at the time.

After securing Risher, Fernandez and Chavez went over to search for Risher's gun, where Officer Fernandez believed he heard it fall. Officers located Risher's handgun approximately 30 feet south from where he was taken into custody.

At 23:04:40 hours, Officer Anderson broadcast over Southeast Frequency, *"A49 need an RA...at [REDACTED] 111<sup>th</sup> Street in the Nics, a male about 21 years old, GSW to his chest and his back. He's a Shortness of breath and he's unconscious right now."*

At this time, Metropolitan Division Sergeant II James Kim, Serial No. 32184, Unit R70 Adam, responded to the help call. Sergeant Kim stated he parked his police vehicle near the intersection of [REDACTED] 111<sup>th</sup> Street and Antwerp Street. As Sergeant Kim exited his vehicle, he observed two to three officers moving east between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Sergeant Kim followed those officers to the east end of building No. [REDACTED] and came up on Risher, who was handcuffed and lying face down on the ground. According to Sergeant Kim, he was not present when Risher was handcuffed. Sergeant Kim immediately took command and control of the crime scene and assigned arriving officers to protect the perimeter of the scene.

Sergeant Kim was made aware of the suspect's pistol and he assigned two uniformed officers to guard the evidence. Eventually yellow crime scene tape was set up, but eight to ten officers maintained security of the perimeter. According to Sergeant Kim, he stayed in close proximity to Risher's remains throughout the night, and from the time he arrived at approximately 2304 hours to the time he was relieved at 0430 hours, he never observed any officers spit on or mistreat Risher's remains.

**Note:** Early on in the investigation there was information that an unknown citizen had recorded officers kicking and spitting on Risher's remains while handcuffed on the ground. As of this report, the unknown citizen has not been identified and the alleged video has not surfaced.

As Officer Zaragoza's gunshot wound was being treated, he advised other officers that "[REDACTED]" ([REDACTED]) was also involved. The information regarding the outstanding suspect was broadcast over SOE Frequency. Arriving GED officers began looking for [REDACTED] within the crowd that was forming on Antwerp Street.

Southeast Division GED Sergeant I Salvatore De Bella, Serial No. 37572, Unit 18Q50W3, was conducting administrative duties at Southeast Station, when he heard the "Help" call. Sergeant De Bella responded Code Three to 111<sup>th</sup> Street and Antwerp Street, and arrived at 2310 hours. Upon arrival, Sergeant De Bella assisted with the crime scene preservation and crowd control management.

**Note:** Sergeant De Bella stated that when he arrived at scene, there were several officers in the street with their guns drawn out to a low-ready. Because of this, Sergeant De Bella exited his vehicle, unholstered his pistol to a two handed, low ready with his index finger along the frame. After realizing that there was no threat, Sergeant De Bella holstered his weapon.

Sergeant De Bella heard the broadcast of an outstanding suspect identified as "[REDACTED]" Sergeant De Bella then observed Southeast GED Police Officer II Ramon Borunda, Serial No. 38727, move west through the crowd that was gathering at the intersection of Antwerp Street and 111<sup>th</sup> Place. Officer Borunda approached [REDACTED] in the crowd and took him into custody without incident. Officer Borunda handed [REDACTED] over to Officer Taylor, who then placed him into his vehicle and transported him to Southeast Station, where Southeast Area Watch Commander, Sergeant II James Linder, Serial No. 33254, completed the intake process. Officer Taylor secured [REDACTED] to a custody bench in the hallway outside the Southeast Station Jail.

**Note:** Officer Taylor's DICVS was activated during the transportation. A review of the DICVS showed there was no conversation between Officer Taylor and [REDACTED]

Southeast Division GED uniformed Sergeant II Arthur Bedard, Serial No. 26939, Unit 18G20W7, responded to the "Help" call in Nickerson Gardens and upon arrival at scene, immediately attempted to locate the injured officer, Officer Zaragoza. Sergeant Bedard located Officer Zaragoza, who was being treated by Metropolitan Division Sergeant II, Jeritt Severns, Serial No. 33807, Unit R60C. At 2315 hours, Sergeant Bedard obtained the Public Safety Statement (PSS) from Officer Zaragoza, who was now being treated inside the ambulance by Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) personnel. Officer Zaragoza stated the following: he fired 20 rounds in a northerly direction while running eastbound, believed the suspect was down and that there was an outstanding suspect named "[REDACTED]" Officer Zaragoza described "[REDACTED]" and Sergeant Bedard broadcast the outstanding suspect information over SOE Frequency.

Sergeant Bedard monitored Officer Zaragoza and rode in the RA to the hospital with him. Officer Zaragoza was transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital where he was treated [REDACTED]. After treatment, Officer Zaragoza was released from the hospital at 0100 hours and was transported back to SOE Station by Sergeant Bedard. At 0140 hours, Sergeant Bedard transported Officer Zaragoza and [REDACTED] to their home and continued monitoring him there. Due to Officer Zaragoza's injury, it was believed he would not be available for his interview until a later date. Therefore, at 0405 hours, Sergeant Bedard was requested to return to the CP by Force Investigation Division Detective II Ron Lee, Serial No. 32673, to provide investigators with Officer Zaragoza's PSS. Sergeant Bedard left Officer Zaragoza's residence but, before leaving, he ordered Officer Zaragoza not to discuss the incident with anyone and not to view the news or social media regarding the shooting.

**Note:** Sergeant Bedard observed that Officer Zaragoza [REDACTED] who had been transported to the hospital by Department personnel, was [REDACTED]. The fact that there was still an active search for a possible outstanding suspect within the OIS crime scene, Sergeant Bedard believed that Officer Zaragoza [REDACTED] would be more comfortable at home while waiting for his interview with FID. Operations South-Bureau Assistant Commanding Officer, Commander Phillip Tingirides, Serial No. 22519, approved for Officer Zaragoza to be monitored at home after being discharged from the hospital.



At 1045 hours, Officer Zaragoza returned to SOE Station and informed investigators he was physically able to participate in an interview and would be unavailable at a later date for an interview due to pre-scheduled travel plans.

During the OISs, several 911 calls were made about the shots being fired; including Incident No. 160725005546. Civilian Witness [REDACTED] called and advised he observed seeing a suspect armed with a gun and shooting as he climbed a gate into a residential property. [REDACTED] described the property as having a [REDACTED] near it. Officers on the perimeter observed an [REDACTED] parked in the yard of [REDACTED] Antwerp Street. Believing that this suspect had gained access to the [REDACTED] and unaware there was only one armed suspect involved in this incident, officers held containment until a search warrant was authored and served by Metropolitan Division and FID personnel. No additional suspects or evidence related to this OIS were located. The investigation determined that the property being described by [REDACTED] was in fact [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street and the suspect seen was Risher. This tactical situation was the reason for the delay in securing the crime scene. The investigation determined there were no additional suspects involved other than Risher and [REDACTED]

Seventy Seventh Street Division Patrol uniformed Sergeant I Shane Bua, Serial No. 35600, Unit 12L230, responded to the Help Call and initially assisted with crime scene containment. At 2315 hours, Sergeant Bua obtained the PSS from Officer Fernandez. Officer Fernandez stated in his PSS that he fired 23-30 rounds and had conducted a reload near 112<sup>th</sup> Street, east of Antwerp Avenue. Officer Fernandez also added that the suspect fired at his partner and that the suspect and his partner were injured. When asked about outstanding suspects, Officer Fernandez stated that "[REDACTED]" was involved. Based on the number of rounds that Officer Fernandez stated he fired and the current ongoing crowd control situation, Sergeant Bua directed Officer Fernandez to conduct a chamber check and see the status of his weapon, which revealed Officer Fernandez' weapon was empty. According to Sergeant Bua, because of the fact that the situation was still tactical and he was going to walk Officer Fernandez to his vehicle that was parked outside the crime scene and then transport him back to the Command Post (CP), he did not feel safe having Officer Fernandez in the Nickerson Gardens Housing Development with an empty firearm. For this reason, Sergeant Bua ordered Officer Fernandez to load his firearm with his last magazine and to make his pistol "hot."<sup>18</sup>

At 2320 hours, just as Sergeant De Bella was giving orders to Metropolitan Division officers to push the crowd back to the south and to the east, Officer Chavez approached him and advised that he had shot as well.<sup>19</sup> Sergeant De Bella ordered Officer Chavez to give him a PSS immediately. Sergeant De Bella walked Officer Chavez over toward building No. [REDACTED] and away from officers and Officer Chavez stated to him that he had fired 3 shots in an easterly direction, in the vicinity of Antwerp Street, south of 111<sup>th</sup> Street. Officer Chavez also advised that he believed the suspect fired at him in a westerly direction. When asked about any outstanding suspects or weapons, Officer Chavez pointed to the east where Risher had been taken into custody. Sergeant De Bella ordered Officer Chavez not to discuss the incident with anyone prior

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<sup>18</sup> To make your pistol "Hot" is to have a live round loaded into the magazine or firing cylinder.

<sup>19</sup> Sergeant De Bella's statement, Page 15, Lines 20-22.

to the arrival of the investigators. Sergeant De Bella was relieved from monitoring Officer Chavez at 0155 by Southeast Patrol Division uniformed Sergeant I Matthew Vuoso, Serial No. 39626.

**Note:** The investigation determined that Risher did not fire any rounds at Chavez.

Southwest Patrol Division uniformed Sergeant I Greg Garcia, Serial No. 30048, Unit 3F70W7, responded to the Help Call from Southwest Area and initially assisted with crime scene containment. At 2350 hours, Sergeant Garcia obtained the PSS from Officer Rice 70 yards south of 111<sup>th</sup> Place and Antwerp Street. Southeast Night Watch Detective II Adrian Chin, Serial No. 32250, furnished Sergeant Garcia with a Police Officer's Bill of Rights card, which contained the PSS questions. Due to the confusion caused by multiple 911 calls from citizens describing suspects jumping fences or hiding on various properties, Detective Chin monitored Officer Rice's PSS responses up until question No. 8, which is regarding any outstanding suspects. Sergeant Garcia admonished Officer Rice not to discuss the incident prior to him being interviewed by FID investigators.<sup>20</sup> **(Investigator's Note No. 3)**

At approximately 0130 hours, Officer Taylor, who had transported [REDACTED] to SOE Station, was called back to the CP, where he gave his PSS to Sergeant Vuoso. Sergeant Vuoso separated and monitored Officer Taylor from other officers and advised him not to discuss facts regarding the OIS with anyone prior to his interview with FID **(Addendum No. 1)**.

Due to the shortage of supervisors, Southeast Area Watch Commander, Lieutenant I Clinton Dohmen, Serial No. 35210, had Sergeant Bedard and Officer Zaragoza return to Southeast Station at 1037 hours. FID approved Sergeant Bedard to begin monitoring Officer Chavez, Officer Rice and Officer Zaragoza in the Southeast Area GED office. Sergeant Bedard was relieved of monitoring as each officer completed their interview with FID.

Force Investigation Division Detective II Dante Palacio, Serial No. 32208, reviewed all documents and circumstances surrounding the separation, monitoring and the admonition not to discuss the incident prior to the officers being interviewed by FID investigators. All protocols were followed and documented.

### **SCENE DESCRIPTION**

The multiple OISs occurred within the Nickerson Gardens Housing Development property, which is in Southeast Area. The housing development was made up of 156 buildings of town house style, two story units. Also, there were some privately owned, single family residences mixed in throughout the area. Imperial Highway is the southern border, [REDACTED] 111<sup>th</sup> Street is the north border, Compton Avenue is the east border, and Central Avenue is the west border. The area where the incident began was the parking lot located north of the intersection of [REDACTED] 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Success Avenue. The path of the foot pursuit began near [REDACTED] Success Avenue **(between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED])**. The foot pursuit continued north toward [REDACTED] Success Avenue **(building No. [REDACTED])**, and then turned east toward [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street **(building No. [REDACTED])**.

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<sup>20</sup> Sergeant Garcia's Statement, page 6, lines 2-20.

■). The foot pursuit then continued north between building Nos. ■ and ■ and then out to the intersection of ■ 112<sup>th</sup> Street and Antwerp Street. From here, the suspect moved east and into the driveway of ■ 112<sup>th</sup> Street, a private single family residence, and over the north wall. The foot pursuit continued northeast and around ■ Antwerp Street, (**Building No. ■**). The incident concluded to the rear of ■ Antwerp Street (**Building No. ■**). The summer night was warm, the sky was clear and dry. The shooting occurred at night and there was artificial lighting throughout the route of the foot pursuit, which included street lights, porch lights, and security lights affixed to most buildings.

### CANVASS FOR WITNESSES

On July 26, 2016, FID detective personnel conducted an extensive canvass of the immediate area surrounding the OIS locations for witnesses to the incident. ■ eyewitnesses were located and interviewed regarding their observations. Unless otherwise noted, the statements of all witnesses were recorded and transcribed and are contained in this report. There were ■ witnesses who only heard gunshots. The number of gunshots heard by witnesses ranged from 7 to 70. Copies of their statement forms are in the FID casebook.

### SUSPECT INFORMATION

**Robert Che Risher** was a male Black, with black hair and brown eyes. At the time of the OIS, Risher was 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighed 180 pounds, and had a date of birth of April 29, 1998. Risher's last known address was ■. Risher was also known by the first name of "Richard." Risher was known to the Department by CII No. ■ (**Addendum No. 2**).

Risher had an extensive criminal arrest record, was on active probation, had a No-Bail probation violation warrant, and was a known "Bounty Hunter" gang member. ■

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Detectives from FID Criminal Apprehension Team (CAT) conducted the investigation and completed the arrest report for ■ On July 29, 2016, CAT Detective II Francisco Alvelais, Serial No. 30865, presented the case for 664/187 PC Attempt Murder on a Police Officer to the Los Angeles County District Attorney Office. Deputy District Attorney Geoff Lewin rejected this case due to insufficient evidence (**Addenda Nos. 3 & 4**).

## **INJURIES**

On July 25, 2016, at approximately 2326 hours, LAFD Firefighters/Paramedic Prichard, assigned RA No. 65, responded to treat Risher and pronounced him deceased at scene.

Officer Zaragoza [REDACTED]. Los Angeles Fire Department RA 65 transported Officer Zaragoza to Long Beach Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released later the same morning.

## **CORONER'S INVESTIGATION**

### **Coroner's Response:**

On July 26, 2016, at approximately 0200 hours, the Los Angeles County Department of Coroner's Office was notified regarding Risher's remains and Coroner Case No. 2016-05493 was assigned. Prior to the Coroner's arrival, a white EZ-UP tent was set up to block Risher's body from the public's view. At approximately 0530 hours, Coroner Investigator, Rudy Molano, Serial No. 515546, arrived at scene and conducted his on scene Coroner investigation. Investigator Molano collected a gunshot residue (GSR) kit, hair, and nail samples. Investigator Molano noted Risher's head facing in a westerly direction and his feet facing in an easterly direction. Investigator Molano observed Risher lying in a supine position with his hands handcuffed behind his back. Investigator Molano removed the handcuffs and released them to Detective Stone. During his investigation, Molano noted three gunshot wounds to Risher's body: one to his chest, one to his back, and one to his right hand. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was present at scene and identified the decedent. Robert Risher was transported from the scene to the Los Angeles County Morgue by Forensic Attendant, Aisha Scott, Serial No. 509783.

**Note:** Southeast Area Crime Scene Canopy was deployed by Southeast Area personnel and used to protect the public from viewing Risher's body. **(Investigators' Note No. 2)**

### **Autopsy:**

On July 29, 2016, Los Angeles County Coroner Deputy Medical Examiner Dr. Scott A. Luzi performed a post-mortem examination of Risher's remains. Detective II Ron Lee, Serial No. 32673, FID, Special Investigator Danny Kono from the Office of the Inspector General and Investigator Ray Barrera from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, were present for the examination. Doctor Luzi determined that Risher sustained two gunshot wounds.

**Gunshot Wound No. 1** was fatal and entered through the left side of the back and exited the center chest with no evidence of close or intermediate range discharge of a firearm. The wound path involved the left lung and heart and exited from the central chest. No bullet or fragments were recovered from the bullet path. The wound direction was from back to front, left to right, and upward.

**Gunshot Wound No. 2** entered his right hand on the palm and soot and stippling were not present. Two grey metal and one brown metal fragments were recovered. An X-ray showed a

fractured middle finger on his right hand. The exit wound was irregular and on the back, center of the right hand. The wound path was from front to back, right to left and downward.

No soot or stippling was observed on Risher's wounds, which is consistent with the stated distance of Officers Zaragoza, Fernandez, and Chavez when they fired their shots. Under the "Blunt Force" heading of the report, Doctor Luzi describes six areas where abrasions are present, and one area where a contusion is noted.

### **Coroner's Test Results:**

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, a GSR analysis was conducted by County of Los Angeles Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner, Supervising Criminalist-1, Debra Gibson; results documented Risher to have GSR on both hands.

### **Toxicology:**

On November 30, 2016, Los Angeles County Department of Coroner Forensic Laboratories Interim Chief Joseph J. Muto, approved a Laboratory Analysis Summary Report. The analysis results documented Risher had 65 ng/mL of marijuana, 29 ng/mL of Delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol or marijuana and 25 ng/mL of 11-nor-Delta-9-Carboxy-THX of marijuana in his blood at the time of his death (**Addenda Nos. 5, 6 & 7**).

### **EVIDENCE**

There was a total of 127 items of evidence booked in conjunction with this OIS.

On July 27, 2016, Forensic Scientific Division (FSD) Criminalist II Amanda Phelps, Serial No. N4581, obtained two buccal swabs (**Item Nos. 1 and 2**) from the suspect's gun and magazine, (**Item Nos. 5 and 6**). Criminalist Phelps obtained one swab for possible biological material from the textured areas of the pistol. The second swab was obtained from the magazine lips and floor plate removed from the pistol.

On July 28, 2016, FSD received a Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Hit Notification from the Department of Justice DNA Laboratory. The report confirmed that the above buccal swabs from the suspect's gun and magazine matched Risher's DNA. (**Addendum No. 8**)

### **CLOTHING ANALYSIS**

Robert Risher was clothed in a long-sleeved white shirt, blue shorts, blue underwear, white socks (2), white shoes (2) and a black belt. The clothing was received from the coroner's office on August 25, 2016, and booked into LAPD Property Division (**Item Nos. 112-115**). Because there were no statements or evidence during the initial Coroner's investigation or autopsy indicating that the shootings may have occurred at a close proximity, the clothing worn by Risher was not analyzed by FSD Firearms Analysis Unit.

## WEAPONS

**Robert C. Risher** was armed with a Sig Sauer, Model P229-1, Serial No. [REDACTED], 9mm, blue steel, semiautomatic pistol, which when it was rendered safe, was loaded with two cartridges in the magazine and one cartridge in the chamber (**Item Nos. 5, 38 and 39**). Risher's weapon was reported stolen to the Los Angeles County Sheriff on October 19, 2015.

**Note:** The magazine capacity for this weapon was ten cartridges.

The pistol was located on the ground near [REDACTED] Antwerp Street, near unit No. [REDACTED] of building No. [REDACTED]. The gun was photo-documented by Technical Investigation Division (TID)



Photographer Stichal under D No. 0545740. The pistol was lying on its left side with the muzzle pointing northeast. A magazine was inserted, the action was closed and the hammer was cocked (**Addenda Nos. 9, 10, 11, & 12**).

On December 15, 2016, Criminalist Woiwode, examined and test-fired Risher's pistol and found it to be functional. Casings from Risher's weapon test fire were entered into the National Integrated Ballistics Network (NIBN) (**Addendum No. 17**).

**Officer Zaragoza** was armed with a Department-approved Glock, Model 34, 9mm semiautomatic pistol, which, when fully loaded, has the capacity of seventeen cartridges in the magazine and one cartridge in the chamber.

On July 26, 2016, FID Detective II Eduardo Gonzalez, Serial No. 34548, along with FID Investigative Support Unit Police Officer III Cheryl Valdivia, Serial No. 26341, conducted a post-incident inspection of Officer Zaragoza's pistol. An inspection of the pistol determined that the firing chamber contained one Department-approved Winchester Ranger, 9mm cartridge,

along with ten Department-approved Winchester Ranger 9mm cartridges in the magazine. Officer Zaragoza carried two additional magazines which were initially loaded with 17 cartridges of the same ammunition.

On November 9, 2016, FSD FAU Criminalist II Annette Woiwode, Serial No. N4427, examined and test-fired Officer Zaragoza's pistol. The pistol's trigger pull value was within Department specifications. Additionally, Criminalist Woiwode found an adhesive material between the trigger and the trigger safety, which made the trigger safety not functional. **(Addendum No. 14). (Investigator's Note No. 4)**

**Officer Fernandez** was armed with a Department-approved Glock, Model 17, 9mm semiautomatic pistol, which, when fully loaded, has the capacity of seventeen cartridges in the magazine and one cartridge in the chamber.

On July 26, 2016, Detective Gonzalez and Officer Valdivia conducted a post-incident inspection of Officer Fernandez' pistol. An inspection of the pistol determined that the firing chamber contained one Department-approved Winchester Ranger, 9mm cartridge along with sixteen Department-approved Winchester Ranger 9mm cartridges in the magazine. Officer Fernandez carried two additional magazines which were initially loaded with 17 cartridges of the same ammunition.

On October 4, 2016, FSD FAU Criminalist II Jacob Seror, Serial No. N4571, examined and test-fired Officer Fernandez' pistol and found the trigger pull value within Department specifications **(Addendum No. 15).**

**Note:** Officer Fernandez had one empty magazine on his person and his third empty magazine was recovered during evidence collection in front of [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street. Officer Fernandez had an empty pistol and was directed by Sergeant Bua to load his pistol with his last magazine after his PSS.

**Officer Chavez** was armed with a Department-approved Glock, Model 41, .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol, which, when fully loaded, has the capacity of thirteen cartridges in the magazine and one cartridge in the chamber.

On July 26, 2016, Detective Gonzalez and Officer Valdivia conducted a post-incident inspection of Officer Chavez' pistol. An inspection of the pistol determined that the firing chamber contained one Department-approved Federal Premium, .45 caliber cartridge, along with eight Department-approved Federal Premium, .45 caliber cartridges in the magazine. Officer Chavez carried two additional magazines each loaded with 13 cartridges of the same ammunition **(Addendum No.13).**

On August 10, 2016, FSD FAU Criminalist II Alan Perez, Serial No. N3438, examined and test-fired Officer Chavez' pistol and found the trigger pull value within Department specifications **(Addendum No. 16).**

## **FIREARMS ANALYSIS**

The overall scene associated with this investigation had multiple locations where separate OISs occurred within the Nickerson Gardens Housing Development. Three separate teams were tasked with collecting evidence and measurements.

The first crime scene, which included those OISs that occurred near the baseball field, was examined by Criminalist Perez, FSD FAU Criminalists II Carole Acosta, Serial No. N3453, and Meiling Robinson, Serial No. N4288. The impacts were photo documented by TID Photographer III Gary Glade, Serial No. V9606, under D No. 0545581. Twelve impacts were identified with a single pathway (**Addenda Nos. 18 and 19**).

The second crime scene, which included the area near [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street, was examined by Criminalists Seror and FSD FAU Criminalist II Matthew Saucedo, Serial No. N4688. The evidence and impacts were photo documented by TID Photographer III Harry Sarkisian, Serial No. N3442, under D No. 0545583. Twenty one impacts were identified with a single pathway.

The third crime scene, which included the area of Antwerp Street and 111<sup>th</sup> Street, were examined by FSD FAU Criminalists II Amanda Phelps, Serial No. N4581 and Woiwode. The impacts were photo documented by TID Photographer III Robert Stichal, Serial No. N1962, under D No. 045740. Five impacts were identified along with five additional impacts observed, but not measured. Multiple pathways were identified.

On January 31, 2017, FSD FAU Criminalist Woiwode completed a bullet/cartridge comparison analysis on the ballistic evidence recovered from all scenes and from the subsequent firearms testing.

Criminalist Woiwode determined that discharged cartridge cases, (**Item Nos. 7 through 11 and 47 through 63**), were discharged from Officer Zaragoza's pistol. Items 47 through 55 and 63 were located to the east of building No. [REDACTED]. The location of this evidence was consistent with Officer Zaragoza's statement during his interview. Items 56 through 62 were recovered between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The location of this evidence was consistent with Officer Zaragoza's and civilian witness statements. Items 7 through 11 were located on the ground near the east side of Antwerp Street, between buildings [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. This OIS location was confirmed through HACLA surveillance video and the DICVS from Officer Taylor's vehicle. (**Addenda Nos. 20 & 21**)

Discharged cartridge cases (**Evidence Item Nos. 17 through 26 and 84 through 104**), were discharged from Officer Fernandez' pistol. Items 17 through 26 were located on the grass area near the southeast corner of building No. [REDACTED]. This location is consistent with one of the areas where Officer Fernandez stated he fired multiple rounds at Risher. Items 84, 85, and 102 through 104 were recovered near the intersection of [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street and Antwerp Avenue and 86 through 101 were located on the ground at the mouth of the driveway of [REDACTED] 112<sup>th</sup> Street (**Addenda Nos. 22 & 23**).



**Note:** Item No. 27, a 9mm cartridge was located on the grass area near the southeast corner building No. [REDACTED] but analysis determined it was not fired from any of the weapons belonging to Risher, or Officers Zaragoza, Fernandez and Chavez.

Discharged cartridge cases (**Evidence Item Nos. 12 through 16**) were discharged from Officer Chavez' pistol. Items 12 through 16 were located on the grass area on the east side of Antwerp Avenue, between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. This location where Officer Chavez discharged his pistol was confirmed through his statements, as well as HACLA surveillance and DICVS video evidence.

Discharged cartridge cases (**Evidence Item Nos. 64 through 66 and item 68**) were discharged from Item No. 5, Risher's pistol. Item Nos. 64 and 68 were recovered between building Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Item Nos. 65 through 67 was recovered from the sidewalk, south of building No. [REDACTED]. The locations for the recovery of item Nos. 65 and 66 is consistent with Officer Zaragoza's statement of the location where Risher fired his pistol at him.

**Note:** Item No. 67, a 9mm casing, was located on the sidewalk, south of building No. [REDACTED], but analysis determined that it was not fired from any of the weapons belonging to Risher, or Officers Zaragoza, Fernandez and Chavez.

Item Nos. 28 and 29 are fired bullets and consistent with a bullet from ammunition designated for a .45 Auto or 45 GAP and are similar to Officer Chavez' firearm. These bullets were located on the front porch and yard of unit [REDACTED] of building No. [REDACTED].

**Note:** At 0415 hours and prior to evidence collection, Force Investigation Division Detective III Robert Solorza, Serial No. 27575, spoke with the resident of [REDACTED], identified as [REDACTED] regarding ballistic evidence that she located [REDACTED]. At approximately 2326 hours, shortly after the OISs, [REDACTED] photographed an impact on the wall, a yellow metal casing and some copper fragments. These items were not seen by officers securing the crime scenes and FID personnel were not made aware of this evidence until contacted by [REDACTED]. The impact on the wall was documented by FAU.

The yellow metal casing is consistent with the casings fired and recovered from Risher's pistol. The ballistic evidence recovered from the officers involved were all white metal casings.

During evidence collection, the above noted items of evidence were no longer there and not collected. There were two non-penetrating impacts located in this area, which showed a pathway analysis of south to north.

## **VISUAL DOCUMENTATION**

### **Department Video**

Force Investigation Division detectives located video surveillance cameras in the area. Surveillance video from the Nickerson Gardens Housing Development was obtained. All [REDACTED] cameras were functioning and five of the cameras captured the incident as it evolved.

### **Digital In-Car Video System (DICVS)**

Southeast Area vehicles were equipped with DICVS. Also, outside division units that responded to the Help Call were viewed. Of the DICVS viewed, those referenced in this report were the only DICVS that captured portions of the OIS. All Other DICVS reviewed captured post OIS activity.

### **Body Worn Video (BWV)**

Southeast Area officers were not equipped with Body Worn Video.

### **Social Media**

Personnel assigned to the FID's Cyber Unit monitored social media from the date of the incident until the submission of this investigation. Facebook videos related to Risher were recorded and documented.

### **Outside Video**

No outside video was located.

### **Photographs**

Photographs of the OIS scene and associated evidence are stored under control Nos. D0390465, D0545581, D0545582, D0545583, D0545740 and D0545762.

Criminal Gang and Homicide Division Detective II Melvin Hernandez, Serial No. 34337, arrived at scene shortly after Risher was taken into custody. Detective Hernandez observed a large crowd forming on Antwerp Street. Fearing that the crime scene could possibly be overrun by the unruly crowd and/or nearby residents, Detective Hernandez took a total of four photographs of the crime scene, which included pictures of Risher and the proximity of his firearm. The first photo taken by Detective Hernandez was on July 25, 2016 at 2321 hours, and the last three photos were taken was at 2322 hours. The date and times were compared to the time stamp on Detective Hernandez' iPhone, which were identical. Detective Hernandez' photographs were taken prior to the LAFD's lifesaving attempt, the deployment of the crime scene canopy and the placement of evidence placards. A comparison of the photographs taken by Detective Hernandez' and Photographer Stichal does not depict any obvious discrepancies between the two sets of photographs. These photographs are archived at TID-Electronics Unit, B No. 638593.

### **NOTIFICATIONS**

At approximately 2345 hours, Real-Time Analysis and Critical Response Division was notified of the categorical use of force and a complete list of personnel who were notified is attached (**Addendum No. 24**).

### **PERSONNEL AT SCENE**

A complete list of personnel who were at scene is on file at FID. Detective III Robert Solorza, Serial No. 27733, Force Investigation Division, was the first FID personnel to arrive at scene at 0050 hours (**Addendum No. 25**).

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The computer-generated incident history printout associated with this occurrence (**Incident No. 160725005553**) is on file at FID, along with the compact disc recordings of Southeast Area frequency, City Wide TAC-2 and related 911 calls. The digitally-recorded interviews of the involved, percipient officers and civilian witnesses are stored in the Training Evaluation and Management System (TEAMS II) database.

### **JUSTICE SYSTEM INTEGRITY DIVISION**


This case met the criteria for presentation to the County of Los Angeles District Attorney Office, Justice System Integrity Division (JSID), and will be presented shortly after completion of this administrative report.

### **INVESTIGATORS' NOTES**

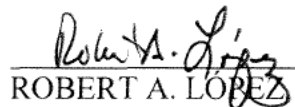
1. On July 25, 2016, at 1500 hours, Southeast Area GED Sergeant Bedard conducted roll call with his GED units and informed them that they were to monitor Bounty Hunter Bloods and Grape Street Crips due to a recent feud that resulted in a homicide. Also, at 1700 hours, Sergeant De Bella conducted a briefing for a Violent Crime Reduction Task Force that he was assigned to that evening. Their focus was on gang enforcement and intelligence gathering for specifically Grape Street Crips gang in the Jordan Downs Housing Development and Bounty Hunter Bloods in the Nickerson Garden Housing Development.
2. Operations Order (OO) No. 1, dated February 23, 2016, states that when the canopy is deployed and erected at scene, a Crime Scene Canopy Tracking Log shall be completed with the appropriate information and then documented on the Watch Commander's Daily Report, Form 15.80.00. Documentation on the Crime Scene Canopy Log showed that Southeast Area, Assistant Watch Commander, Sergeant I James Linder, Serial No. 33254, deployed the Canopy to 111<sup>th</sup> Street and Antwerp Street on July 25, 2016. The Watch Commander's Daily Report for both July 25<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> do not document the deployment of the canopy as per OO Order No. 1. Also, SOE Area utilized a canopy log different from the log associated with the above order. There was no documentation that the canopy was decontaminated before and after its prior usage. On March 1, 2017,

Captain Pasos was contacted regarding this matter and he advised the matter would be handled at the divisional level.

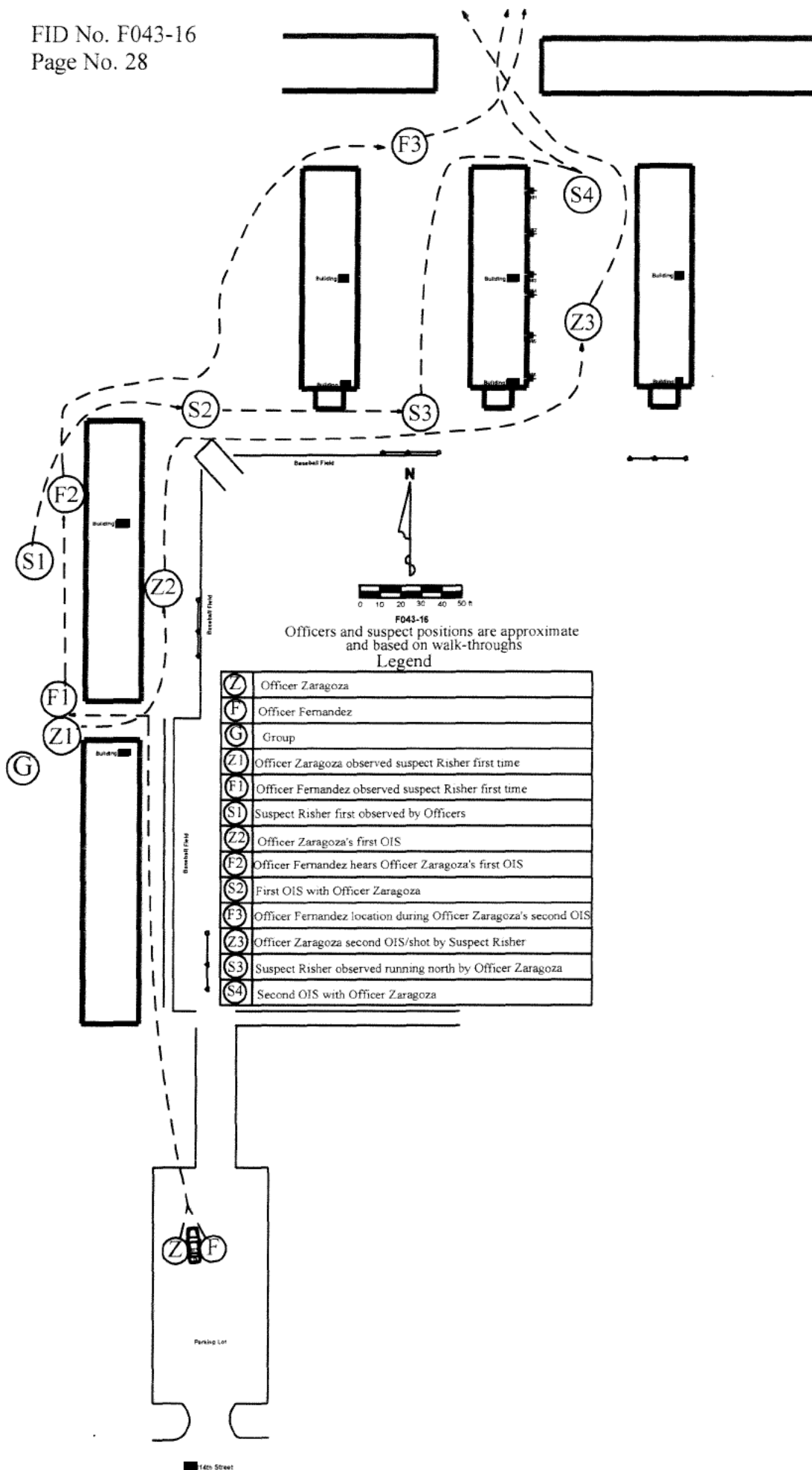
3. In regards to Detective Chin being present during Sergeant Garcia's receiving of the PSS from Officer Rice, the Commanding Officer of Southwest Area, Captain III Lee Sands, Serial No. 25012, and Captain Pasos were notified. Both commanding officers advised they would counsel their respective sergeants and conduct refresher training to supervisors in regards to PSS protocols.
4. In regards to the adhesive material discovered on the trigger of Officer Zaragoza's primary duty weapon, the Commanding Officer of Southeast Area, Captain III Alfred Pasos, Serial No. 25501, was notified and he advised that Officer Zaragoza was given training in regards to care and maintenance of his weapon.

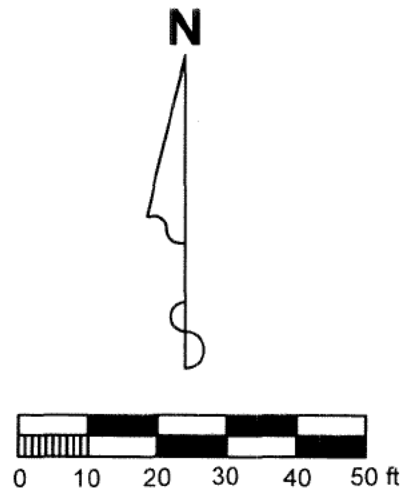
  
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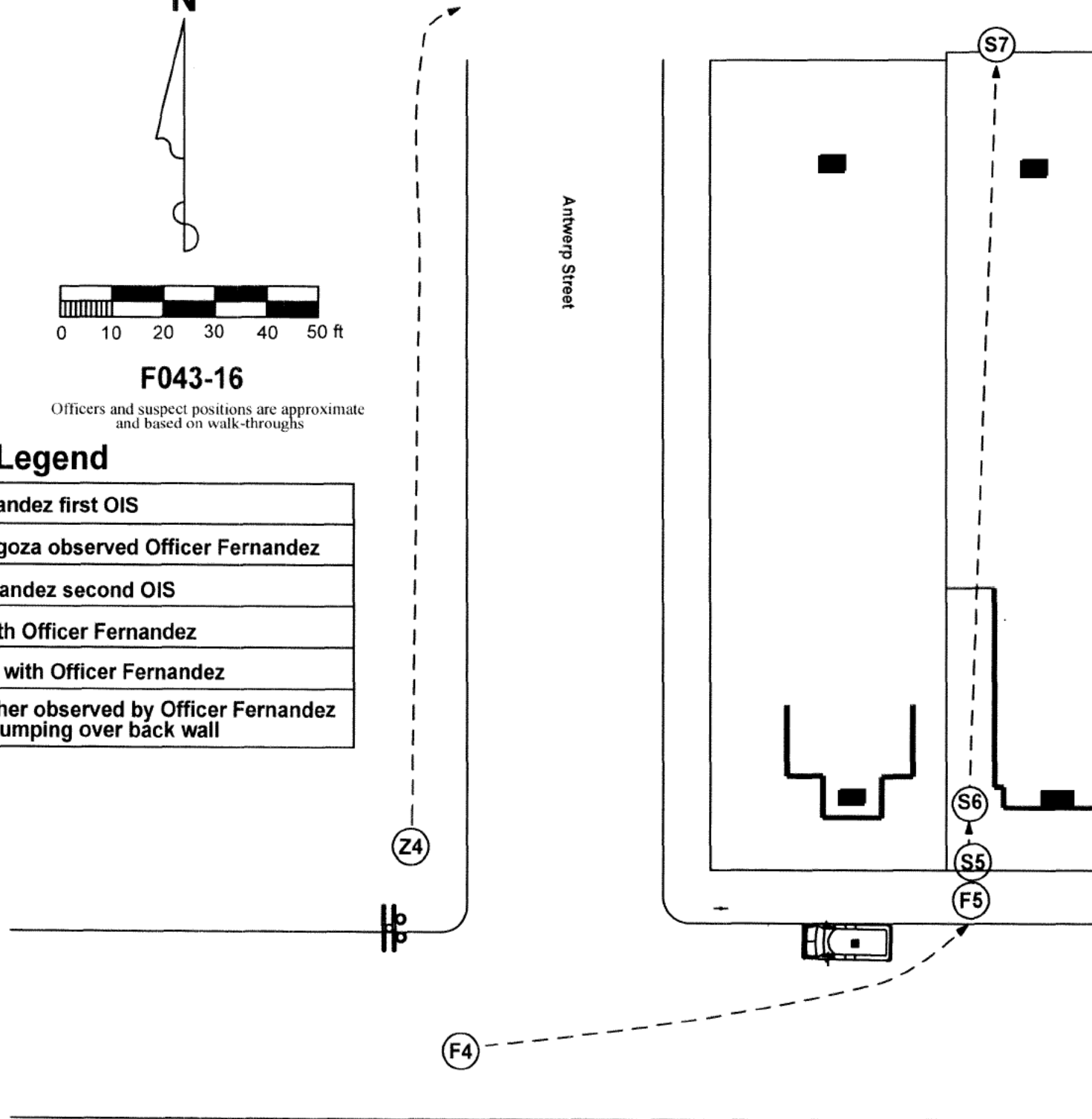


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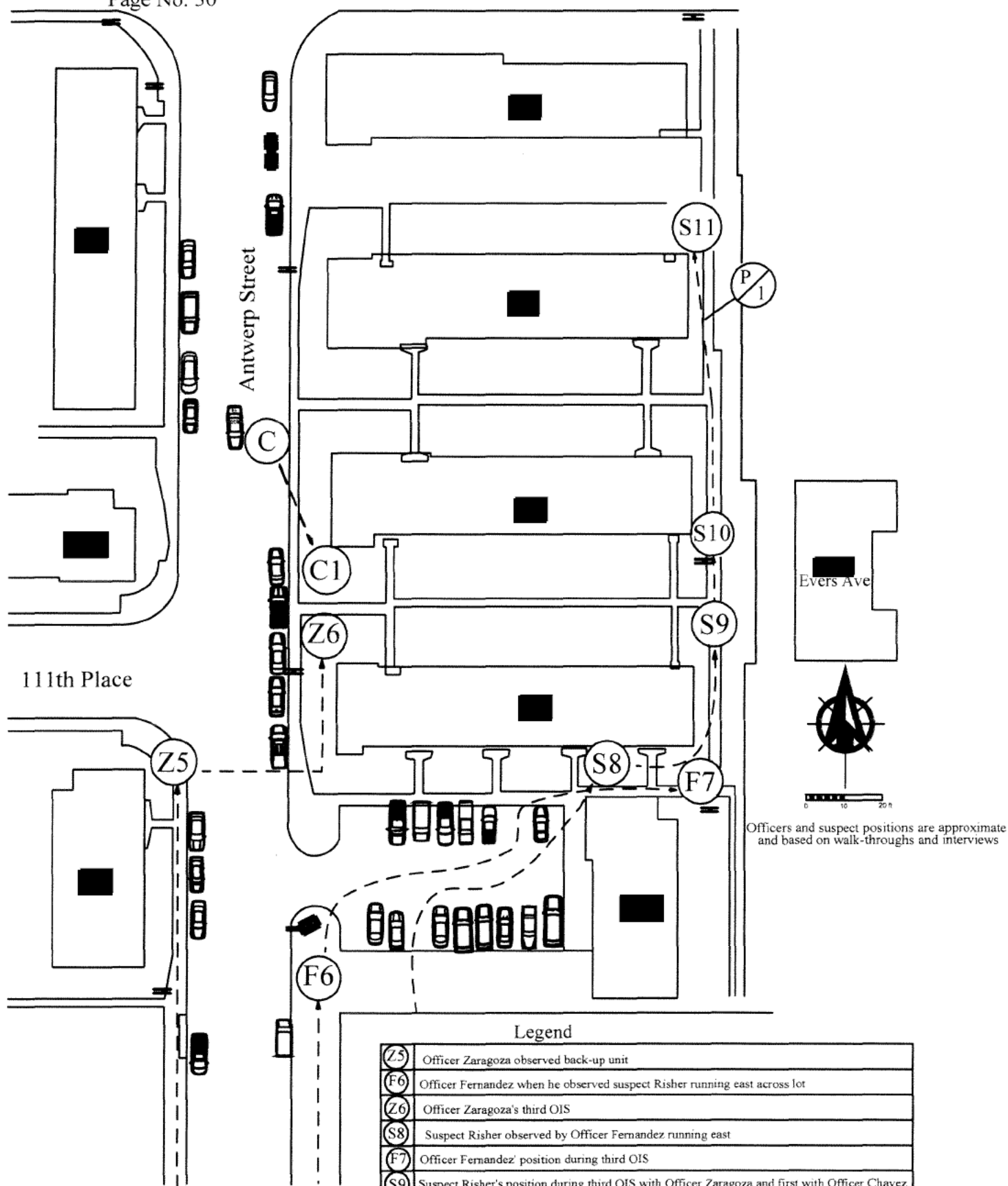
Officers and suspect positions are approximate  
and based on walk-throughs

### Legend

(F4)	Officer Fernandez first OIS
(Z4)	Officer Zaragoza observed Officer Fernandez
(F5)	Officer Fernandez second OIS
(S5)	First OIS with Officer Fernandez
(S6)	Second OIS with Officer Fernandez
(S7)	Suspect Risher observed by Officer Fernandez jumping over back wall



111th Street



## Legend

(Z5)	Officer Zaragoza observed back-up unit
(F6)	Officer Fernandez when he observed suspect Risher running east across lot
(Z6)	Officer Zaragoza's third OIS
(S8)	Suspect Risher observed by Officer Fernandez running east
(F7)	Officer Fernandez' position during third OIS
(S9)	Suspect Risher's position during third OIS with Officer Zaragoza and first with Officer Chavez
(C1)	Officer Chavez' position during first OIS
(S10)	Suspect Risher's position during third OIS with Officer Fernandez
(S11)	Location Suspect Risher taken into custody
(P1)	Suspect Risher's gun