

LEWIS OID – FACT SHEET
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Date of Occurrence: February 23, 2015

Time of Occurrence: 2128 Hours

Decedent: Steven Robert Lewis

Location: 2865 Prospect Avenue, Riverside, CA (Private Residence)

Officer(s) Involved: Officer Daniel Macias, #1736
Officer Spencer Weddle, #1718
Officer Edwin Romero, #1720 (Non-Shooter)

Officer Witnesses: None

Civilian Witnesses: There were no civilian witnesses to the officer-involved shooting.

The residents of 2786 Pleasant Street said that Suspect Lewis, ran into their residence armed with a shotgun, and then ran to a bedroom. As they ran out of the house, they heard a shotgun blast. They did not see Suspect Lewis commit suicide.

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The family members of Suspect Lewis, who were home at the time of the shooting (2865 Prospect Avenue), were very uncooperative.

Isabel Lewis (Suspect's Wife)
Andrew Douglas Lewis (Suspect's Son)
Felicia Lewis (Suspect's Daughter)
Nicole Lewis (Suspect's Daughter)

Officer(s) Injured: None

Suspect Injuries:

Decedent sustained a through-and-through gunshot wound that entered the lower abdomen and exited the right rear buttocks. (This round did not strike any vital organs.) In addition, he sustained a shotgun wound where pellets entered the lower jaw and traveled up through the head. (It was determined in the investigation that the gunshot wound to the lower abdomen came from the weapon of one of the officers. The shotgun wound to the lower chin was a contact wound that was self-inflicted by the decedent.)

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FACT SHEET – PART I

Gunshots Fired by Officer Macias: Fired 3 rounds.

Gunshots Fired by Officer Weddle: Fired 1 round.

Steven Robert Lewis:

(3) Shotgun rounds fired. (3 expended shotgun shells were located and collected as evidence.)

Audio / COBAN Evidence:

There were no audio or COBAN video recordings prior to or during the shooting. The only COBAN recordings were from officers responding to the scene after the shooting occurred. Those video recordings were redacted from the public version of the casebook.

FACT SHEET – PART II

The Fact Sheet is designed to point you to important factual information located in the criminal casebook that will help guide you in your review process with each point of reference preceded by a tab number. This Fact Sheet is not intended to take the place of a cover-to-cover review. It is up to you to review the following data before or after a cover-to-cover review.

TAB 1 – OID Summary, 13 pages: Detective Rick Cobb, Lead Investigator. The summary provides a detailed overview of the incident.

TAB 2 – Dispatch / CAD logs, 11 pages: Computer Aided Dispatch logs.

TAB 3 – Initial Report, 2 pages: Detective Rick Cobb. Took the initial crime report listing the crime as PC 664/187 – Attempted Murder of a Peace Officer. Case #15-028755. Officers Macias, Weddle, and Romero were listed as victims of the Attempted Murder. Detective Cobb wrote that Suspect Lewis had shot at the three (3) victim officers in the backyard of his (Lewis') residence. The officers then returned fire. Suspect Lewis then ran to 2786 Pleasant Street where he committed suicide. "Supplemental reports" were to follow.

TAB 4 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Hua. Held a perimeter position and assisted in maintaining the crime scene log.

TAB 5 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Brandt. Held a perimeter position and assisted in maintaining the crime scene log.

TAB 6 – Supplemental Report, 2 pages: Officer M. Ortiz. Conducted a safety sweep of the residence at 2786 Pleasant Street where Suspect Lewis was located deceased. Conducted a

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neighborhood canvass for possible witnesses. Interviewed two people at the same residence. They did not witness the shooting.

TAB 7 – Supplemental Report, 3 pages: Officer M. Lackey. Conducted a neighborhood canvass for possible witnesses. Interviewed two occupants of a residence on Prospect Avenue. Did not witness the shooting.

TAB 8 – Supplemental Report, 2 pages: Sgt. M. Reddick. Arrived on scene and assisted in conducting a safety sweep of the residence at 2786 Pleasant Street where Suspect Lewis was located in a bedroom, deceased. Located Officer Weddle and obtained a public safety statement from him. Weddle claimed he fired one shot during the incident. Conducted a walk-through of the Pleasant Street residence with the arriving detectives and turned command of the crime scene over to Sgt. Perkins.

TAB 9 – Supplemental Report: Sgt. Feimer. Non-essential activity.

TAB 10 – Supplemental Report, 2 pages: Sgt. R. Wilson. Conducted a safety sweep at Suspect Lewis' residence along with several other officers at 2865 Prospect Avenue. No further action reported.

TAB 11 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Sgt. Lindgren. Assisted in a safety sweep of the Pleasant Street residence where Suspect Lewis' body was discovered. No further action reported.

TAB 12 – Supplemental Report, 2 pages: Sgt. Perkins. Arrived on the scene and took over as the crime scene commander. He located Officer Macias and obtained a public safety statement from him. Escorted Officer Macias into the Pleasant Street home to view Lewis' body to determine if this was the same person that fired a shotgun at him on Prospect Avenue. Macias identified Lewis as the shooter. No further action taken.

TAB 13 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Mowrey. Responded to the Prospect Avenue home of Lewis and conducted a safety sweep. Escorted emergency services responders to the Pleasant Street residence. Transported Officer Macias and Officer Weddle to the Lincoln Station. No further action taken.

TAB 14 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Doyle. Conducted a safety sweep of the Pleasant Street residence where Lewis' body was located in a rear bedroom. No further action taken.

TAB 15 – Supplemental Report, 3 pages: Officer Serrato. Responded to the scene to assist in locating Suspect Lewis who had not yet been located. While searching the area, he heard a muffled gunshot off in the distance that led him and other officers to the Pleasant Street home. Upon arrival, the occupants of the residence were running out and stating that someone shot themselves inside their home. Assisted in conducting a safety search of the residence where they located Lewis lying on the floor of a bedroom with a gunshot wound to the face. A shotgun was located near Lewis' body. No further action taken.

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TAB 16 – Supplemental Report, 3 pages: Officer Pap. Arrived on the scene to assist in searching the area for Suspect Lewis who had not yet been located. While searching the area, he heard the sound of a muffled gunshot in the distance. He was then directed to the Pleasant Street home where he found the occupants running out of the house stating that there was someone inside the home with a gun. He entered the residence with other officers where they located Lewis deceased and lying on the floor of a bedroom with a shotgun nearby his body. He canvassed the area in an attempt to locate witnesses but could not locate any. No further action taken.

TAB 17 – Supplemental Report, 3 pages: Officer Ouk. Arrived on the scene to assist in searching for Suspect Lewis who had not yet been located. While searching the area, he heard the sound of a muffled gunshot in the distance. He was directed to the Pleasant Street home where he saw the occupants running out of the house yelling that there was someone inside with a gun. Ouk entered the residence with other officers to search for the subject. They found Lewis deceased on a bedroom floor with a shotgun lying next to him. No further action taken.

TAB 18 – Supplemental Report, 3 pages: Officer C. Camp. Assisted other officers in conducting a safety sweep at the Pleasant Street residence where Lewis' body was found in a bedroom with a gunshot wound to the face and a shotgun lying next to him. Assigned to conduct a neighborhood canvass for witnesses. Checked with four different residents. None witnessed the shooting. No further action taken.

TAB 19 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer P. Rivera. Arrived on the scene and was asked to canvass the neighborhood for potential witnesses. He spoke to one resident who did not witness the shooting, but claimed that arguments at the Lewis residence were common. No further action.

TAB 20 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Bee. Arrived on the scene and was asked to check the area for evidence. Located multiple shotgun casings in the alley to the rear of Lewis' residence on Prospect. In addition, located a black bandana and drops of blood. Evidence was marked and protected. No further action taken.

TAB 21 – Supplemental Report, 4 pages: Officer V. Hardin. Arrived on the scene and conducted initial interviews of the occupants of the Pleasant Street residence. Seven interviews conducted.

TAB 22 – Supplemental Report, 2 pages: Officer Hibbard. Arrived on the scene and assisted in conducting a safety check of the Pleasant Street residence and the rear yard on Prospect Avenue. Assigned to canvass the neighborhood for witnesses. Spoke with two residents, neither of which witnessed the shooting. Only heard gunshots. No further action taken.

TAB 23 – Supplemental Report, 3 pages: Officer Loera. Arrived on the scene and assigned to conduct a neighborhood canvas to locate potential witnesses. Spoke with four residents, none of which witnessed the shooting. Only heard gunshots. Spoke with uncooperative resident at 2865 Prospect Avenue that only stated that gunshots were heard. No further action.

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TAB 24 – Supplemental Report, 5 pages: Officer Sivula. Arrived on the scene and assigned to conduct a neighborhood canvas for possible witnesses. One resident claimed that a subject was seen running through his backyard followed by a police officer. The yard was checked for evidence, but none was located. No further action was taken.

TAB 25 – Supplemental Report, 5 pages: Officer E. Contreras. Responded to the scene and was assigned to conduct preliminary interviews with three occupants from the Pleasant Street home.

TAB 26 – Supplemental Report, 3 pages: Officer E. Wright. Arrived on the scene and assisted in the safety sweep of the Pleasant Street home. Wright was then assigned to canvass the neighborhood for witnesses. He spoke with two occupants from 2865 Prospect Avenue and one from 2820 Prospect Avenue. None of them witnessed the shooting.

TAB 27 – Supplemental Report, 2 pages: Officer Mercadefe. Responded to 2865 Prospect (Lewis' residence) and assisted with the safety sweep. Spoke with Lewis' wife who claimed she was in the shower and did not see or hear anything. Mercadefe checked another residence on Prospect, but no one was home.

TAB 28 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Herington. Arrived at the scene and was assigned to canvass the neighborhood for potential witnesses. Herington spoke to one resident across the street from Lewis' home on Prospect Avenue. The individual did not witness the shooting. Heard shots only.

TAB 29 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Suarez. Non-essential activity.

TAB 30 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Miranda. Non-essential activity.

TAB 31 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Detective C. Williams. Assisted other officers in conducting a safety sweep at Lewis' residence, 2865 Prospect Avenue. Transported Officer Weddle to the incident command post at Prospect and Park Avenues pending an interview by another detective. No further action taken.

TAB 32 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Sgt. Stump. Non-essential activity.

TAB 33 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer N. Sahagun. Non-essential activity.

TAB 34 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Lapoint. Non-essential activity.

TAB 35 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Cisneros. Non-essential activity.

TAB 36 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer P. Aguirre. Non-essential activity.

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TAB 37 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer S. Lopez. Non-essential activity

TAB 38 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Escobedo. Non-essential activity.

TAB 39 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer J. Elliott. Transported Officer Romero to the Magnolia Station pending an interview with detectives. No further action reported.

TAB 40 – Supplemental Report, 1 page: Officer Meisner. Non-essential activity.

TAB 41 – Supplemental Report, 4 pages: Detective Medici. Conducted interviews of Suspect Lewis' family members. Four interviews reported.

TAB 42 – Supplemental Report, 4 pages + Transcripts: Detective Cobb. Conducted a digitally-recorded interview with Officer Weddle.

TAB 43 – Supplemental Report, 3 pages + Transcripts: Detective Cobb. Conducted a digitally-recorded interview with Officer Macias.

TAB 44 – Supplemental Report, 3 pages + Transcripts: Detective Wheeler. Conducted a digitally-recorded interview with Officer Romero.

TAB 45 – Supplemental Report, 2 pages: Detective Cobb. Two aerial photographs of the shooting location with red ink markings made by Officer Weddle to point out specific points of interest at the scene.

TAB 46 – Supplemental Report, 2 pages: Detective Cobb. Two aerial photographs of the shooting location with red ink markings made by Officer Macias to point out specific points of interest at the scene.

TAB 47 – Supplemental Report, 2 pages: Detective Brandt. Assisted with the crime scene investigation by ID Tech T. Ellis. Crimes scene measurements. Assisted ID Tech L. Velin in charting Officer Romero's patrol rifle. The rifle was a AR 15 Colt M4 Carbine 5.56 Cal. All 30 rounds accounted for. The weapon was not fired during the incident.

TAB 48 – Supplemental Report, 7 pages: Detective A. Tillett. Covers the crime scene investigation where the officer-involved shooting took place on Prospect Avenue and the alleyway to the rear of Lewis' residence.

TAB 49 – Supplemental Report, 9 pages: ID Tech S. McKay-Davis. Processed the crime scene with evidence collection, photographs and video. Evidence log included.

TAB 50 – Supplemental Report, 7 pages: Detective Rowe. Crime scene description and assisting ID Tech S. Lane with crime scene processing.

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TAB 51 – Supplemental Report, 8 pages: ID Tech S. Lane. Crime scene processing at the Pleasant Street residence.

TAB 52 – Supplemental Report, 5 pages: ID Tech T. Ellis. Assisted with processing the crime scene at 2865 Prospect Avenue.

TAB 53 – Supplemental Report, 4 pages: Detective Simons. Charting of involved officers' firearms.

Officer Weddle: Glock Model 22 .40 Cal. (1) round missing from the weapon. All other rounds were accounted for. This reflects that he fired (1) round during the incident.

Officer Macias: Glock Model 22 .40 Cal. (3) rounds missing from the weapon. All other rounds were accounted for. This reflects that he fired (3) rounds during the incident.

Officer Romero: Glock Model 22 .40 Cal. No rounds missing from his firearm or magazines indicating that he did not fire his weapon during the incident.

TAB 54 – Supplemental Report, 14 pages: ID Tech L. Velin. Charting of officer-involved weapons. Took photographs of the officers and processed evidence.

TAB 55 – Supplemental Report, 3 pages: Sr. Criminalist Richard A. Takenaga, State of California DOJ. Conducted an analysis of Officers Weddle's and Macias' firearms as well as Lewis' pump-action Mossberg Model 88 12-gauge shotgun.

TAB 56 – Supplemental Report, 3 pages: Detective Wheeler. Attended the autopsy of Lewis and provided a report.

TAB 57 – Supplemental Report, 2 pages: ID Tech S. Lane. Responded to the Coroner's office to pick up evidence taken subsequent to the autopsy. (13) items of evidence were received by Lane who then booked them into evidence at the PD.

TAB 58 – Supplemental Report, 14 pages: Riverside County Coroner's report. Pathologist Dr. Allison Hunt with assistance by Deputy Coroner Nany Rissi. Ruled the death of Lewis as a suicide by a shotgun wound to the head and neck.

TAB 59 – Supplemental Report, 2 pages: Coroner's lab report on Lewis' toxicology. Lewis had a 2.0% alcohol level with amphetamines detected.

TAB 60 – Supplemental Report: Photographs and video taken at 2865 Prospect Avenue.

TAB 61 – Supplemental Report: Photographs and video taken at 2786 Pleasant Street.

TAB 62 – Photographs: Aerial photos

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TAB 63 – Audio: 911 calls & Channel 1 radio traffic.

TAB 64 – Photographs: Officers' weapons.

TAB 65 – Video: COBAN video – redacted from the public version of the casebook.

TAB 66 – Audio: Recorded interviews – redacted from the public version of the casebook.

TAB 67 – Mug shot photograph of Suspect Lewis from previous arrest.

TAB 68 – Press release concerning the shooting incident dated February 24, 2015.

TAB 69 – DA Staffing review letters.

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