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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

DATE: March 5, 2015

SUBJECT: Officer Involved Shooting/Suicide of Steven Robert Lewis, which occurred on February 23, 2015

CASE: Riverside Police Department File #P15-028755

LOCATION: 2865 Prospect Avenue, Riverside

I was asked by Frank Hauptmann, Manager of the Community Police Review Commission, to conduct a neighborhood canvass at the location of the Officer Involved Shooting/Suicide of Steven Robert Lewis, which occurred on February 23, 2015. The purpose of the canvass was to search for potential witnesses who had not been located by Riverside Police Department on the day of the incident. If any witnesses were identified, I was to conduct a thorough interview and provide a copy of the tape recorded interview to Riverside Police Detectives.

On February 26, 2015, I responded to the area of the incident and attempted to contact the residents on both Prospect Avenue and Pleasant Avenue, between Victoria Street to the south and Park Street to the north. I noted the area to be a diverse neighborhood but was unable to locate any witnesses.

On March 3, 2015, I attended the Executive Briefing of the incident, conducted by Riverside Police Homicide Detectives. I learned that the officer involved shooting



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actually occurred in the back yard of 2786 Pleasant Avenue, Mr. Lewis' residence, after Mr. Lewis fired a shotgun at uniformed Riverside Police Officers. After being struck by return fire, Mr. Lewis climbed a rear fence and began walking in the alley between the houses on Prospect Avenue and Pleasant Avenue.

Once again, Mr. Lewis fired his shotgun in the direction of a marked Riverside Police vehicle that had turned in to the alley. Mr. Lewis then entered the back yard of 2865 Prospect Avenue and then entered the residence via an unlocked back door. The occupants of the house observed Mr. Lewis holding a shotgun and they all fled out the front door. As they were leaving, they heard a loud gun shot. Responding Riverside police officers entered the residence and found Mr. Lewis in a back bedroom, suffering from a self inflicted shotgun wound to the head. A shotgun was found lying next to him.

I then responded back to the involved neighborhood in an attempt to contact possible witnesses that I was unable to talk to on my first visit on February 26, 2015. Once again, I was unable to locate any witnesses, which is understandable since the officer involved shooting occurred in Mr. Lewis' back yard and his suicide occurred in a residence that had just been vacated. I took photographs of the area.

I will review the entire incident when Riverside Police Department provides me with access to their files.



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