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## Investigative Synopsis of the Officer Involved Death (OID) of Antwon M. Springer.

On September 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 the Milwaukee County Investigative Team was called out to investigate and officer involved shooting death at 4400 N. 39<sup>th</sup> St. in Milwaukee pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 175.47. The request was made by the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD). The deceased was subsequently identified as; Antwon M. Springer.

Agencies participating in the investigations were the Wauwatosa Police, West Allis Police, Greenfield Police, Oak Creek Police, Cudahy Police, St. Francis Police, Glendale Police, Marquette University Police, Whitefish Bay Police, and West Milwaukee Police.

At approximately 9:48 PM the Milwaukee Police Department received a call about a fight in progress with some of the subjects armed with “sticks, bats and knives”. The fight was taking place in the 4400 Block of N. 39<sup>th</sup> Street. This was the second time in six weeks this type of fight had occurred on this block, and these same involved officers had responded six weeks earlier to investigate. Squad 7431, PO Daniel Tierney and PO Erik Nordstrom, along with Squad 7430, PO Leon Burns and PO Lisa Bradley, were dispatched. The squads arrived on scene at approximately 10:05 PM.

PO Tierney and PO Nordstrom arrived just moments before PO Bradley and PO Burns. Once on scene, all the officers recognized the fight in the street was serious and out of control. In their interviews, PO Nordstrom and PO Bradley talked about the weapons that many of the combatants were in possession of.

As PO Nordstrom and PO Bradley were dealing with different aspects of this fight and assisting each other they heard multiple guns shots while standing in the 4400 block of N. 39<sup>th</sup> St.

According to PO Nordstrom, he heard a series of 3 or 4 shots initially coming from his left (west). He turned in that direction and saw Mr. Springer standing on the front porch of 4400 N. 39<sup>th</sup> St. with his right arm straight up in the air holding a handgun. PO Nordstrom then saw Mr. Springer fire what he thought was 7-8 more rounds.

PO Nordstrom immediately moved directly toward Mr. Springer and ended up in the front yard of 4400 N. 39<sup>th</sup> Street. PO Nordstrom stopped approximately 8-10 feet to the right of Mr. Springer. PO Nordstrom [said he] believed Mr. Springer was a “threat to himself and the citizens in the area from the indiscriminate gunfire.” Due to Mr. Springer’s position on the front porch of the residence, he was in an elevated position compared to the officers on scene. It was at that time PO Nordstrom pointed his duty weapon at Mr. Springer and gave multiple commands to “drop the gun”. PO Nordstrom believes he gave the command 5-8 times very loudly.

PO Nordstrom described Mr. Springer as ignoring the commands and also described Mr. Springer as having a “1000 yard stare”. As PO Nordstrom continued to give Mr. Springer commands there was a series of 8-10 gun shots that PO Nordstrom said seemed to come from behind him. The investigation showed these shot were fired by PO Burns. At this point Mr. Springer fell down on the porch; the officers immediately moved in to provide life saving measures to Mr. Springer.

PO Nordstrom was wearing a body camera and it captured the actions of Mr. Springer. The body camera corroborates PO Nordstrom’s statement.

According to PO Bradley’s statement, she began moving toward a man holding a woman by the hair and punching her in the face. While going to assist the woman PO Bradley heard loud sounds she thought were fireworks. As PO Bradley looked towards the loud sounds she saw Mr. Springer with his hand in the air firing a gun. PO Bradley could see the muzzle flashes from the gun on each shot. PO Bradley believed she and her partners were being shot at. PO Bradley then instinctively put herself between the citizens and Mr. Springer while simultaneously moving towards Mr. Springer’s position.

PO Bradley said Mr. Springer had the gun in his right hand and was shooting up in the air. Mr. Springer then moved the gun to an angle that was still somewhat upward. Because of all the people in the area PO Bradley momentarily lost view of Mr. Springer, but when she regained her view of Mr. Springer, he had the gun at his side, still in his right hand.

PO Bradley recalled yelling “Police Drop the gun, police drop the fucking gun!” She could hear commands from different locations near her but was unsure of exactly who was giving the commands.

PO Bradley also described Mr. Springer as having a “1000 yard stare” while turning to his left. As Mr. Springer continued turning to his left, PO Bradley described Mr. Springer beginning to raise his arm up. She remembers thinking “I’m going to get shot and I hope to God my kids remember me.” As Mr. Springer raised his arm several shots were fired by officers. PO Bradley stated that she did not fire because she did not feel she had a clear shot due to some movement behind Mr. Springer.

The gun Mr. Springer was firing into the air was a semi-automatic Glock 9mm handgun. The investigation showed the Glock was stolen in a burglary in Milwaukee in late 2008 or 2009. The burglary was reported to Milwaukee Police but the gun was not entered as stolen in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system.

The evidence from this investigation was processed and collected by the Wisconsin State Crime Lab and was then turned over to the Wauwatosa Police Department.

PO Tierney and PO Burns declined to give a formal statement as to their role in this incident.

08/16/2018-As of 06-07-2018 both PO Tierney and PO Burns gave statements about their involvement in this incident.