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Investigative Synopsis of the Officer Involved Death (OID) of Alonzo L. Smith ■■■-■■-86

On October 10, 2018, the Milwaukee Area Investigative Team (MAIT) was called out to investigate an officer involved shooting death at 62■■ N. 101 St. in the City of Milwaukee pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 175.47. The request was made by the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD). The deceased was subsequently identified as Alonzo L. Smith.

Agencies participating in the investigations were the Wauwatosa Police, West Allis Police, Greenfield Police, Oak Creek Police, Glendale Police, Franklin Police, City of Waukesha Police, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Wisconsin State Crime Lab.

On October 10, 2018 at approximately 5:43am, the Milwaukee Police Department received a 9-1-1 call about shots fired at an apartment building, 62■■ N. 101 St. The caller, later identified as J■■ N■■, 62■■ N 101 St, stated he heard several gunshots coming from the east of his residence. During the course of the investigation, N■■ and two other citizen witnesses were interviewed by Police.

N■■ stated that he walked outside and yelled in the direction of the apartment building "is anyone injured." A subject, later identified as Alonzo Smith, appeared in the parking lot and started walking towards N■■. Smith said "what do you want," to which N■■ replied "nothing man." Smith then raised his left arm and pointed it at N■■. N■■ stated that at that point he saw that the subject had a gun, described as a large silver revolver, in his left hand. N■■ retreated behind one of his vehicles and called 9-1-1.

Milwaukee Police received a 9-1-1 call from T■■ ■ C■■ M/B ■■■-■■-86, 62■■ N 101 St. Apt. ■■■. C■■ was later interviewed and stated he was inside his apartment when he heard three gunshots and glass breaking. He went outside to investigate and heard the resident across the street (N■■) yell "go back in the house." Five to ten minutes later, he heard someone talking outside. C■■ went back outside and saw J■■ W■■, who he knows as his neighbor from across the hall, talking to Alonzo Smith. C■■ knows that Smith lives in the building but did not know him by name. C■■ heard W■■ say to Smith something to the effect of "hey man, don't do that, he lives here." Smith said "oh so you all ain't scared?" Smith walked around his car and C■■ could see that Smith had a handgun in each hand. C■■ turned and as he ran away, he heard three gunshots. C■■ ran into his apartment and called 9-1-1.

Police interviewed citizen witness J■■ ■ W■■ M/B 12-05-53, 62■■ N 101 St. Apt. ■■■. W■■ stated he was inside his apartment when he heard three to four gunshots. W■■ went outside to investigate. W■■ was walking towards his truck when he saw a subject standing on the west end of the apartment parking lot. W■■ recognized the subject, later identified as Alonzo Smith, as someone who lived in the building. As W■■ was leaning into his truck, he heard a loud gunshot. W■■ turned around and saw Smith standing about 10 feet away pointing two handguns directly at him. Smith said to W■■, "you ain't afraid?" W■■ told Smith he was afraid and tried to talk calmly to him.

W■■ saw T■■ C■■ walk onto the apartment parking lot. Smith asked C■■ "ain't you afraid?" W■■ thought C■■ didn't respond correctly to Smith because "that dude (Smith) is crazy." C■■ turned to walk back to the apartment building when W■■ saw Smith raise his left arm and fire 3 shots at C■■. C■■ ran away towards the

front of the building and W■■ ran away towards the back door of the building. W■■ was able to get into the building and lock the door behind him.

MPD Squad 4320, PO Bradley Baker and PO Edgar Rodriguez, responded to the call from MPD District #4. PO Baker stated that as they were responding, MPD Dispatch advised that a caller had witnessed a subject shooting and the subject was still on the scene. PO Baker stated that MPD responds to many calls of "shots fired," but callers do not normally see who is doing the shooting. PO Baker stated that this information gave him a heightened awareness and he thought there was a potential for danger to the public and officers.

Once on scene they parked on N. 101 St. north of W. Bender Rd. As they were approaching the front of the apartment building, a citizen (J■■ N■■) was pointing to the parking lot on the south side of 62■■ N. 101 St. PO Baker and PO Rodriguez turned the corner of the parking lot and PO Baker asked the citizen "is this him right there?" The citizen replied "yes, that's the shooter." At that time, there were no other people in the parking lot or in any other vehicles.

PO Baker and PO Rodriguez observed Smith seated inside of a vehicle and started giving him commands to show his hands. PO Baker stated Smith was looking at the officers but was not following any commands. PO Baker described Smith as having a "thousand yard stare." PO Baker and PO Rodriguez give Smith multiple commands to show his hands. PO Baker stated at one point Smith raised an empty hand and then lowered it. Seconds later, he heard what "sounded like a cannon" and saw a muzzle flash. PO Baker transitioned to the rear of a nearby vehicle and saw Smith drive his vehicle into the apartment building. PO Baker saw Smith emerge from the smoke caused by the vehicle and walk directly towards him. PO Baker saw that Smith had a firearm in his right hand. PO Baker feared that Smith was going to shoot him so he fired his duty weapon until Smith was no longer a threat. PO Baker was wearing a body camera during the incident. The body camera corroborates PO Baker's statement.

PO Rodriguez stated that as the officers made contact with Smith, they gave multiple commands to show his hands. PO Rodriguez stated that he could see Smith staring at him and Smith appeared "like a deer in the headlights." PO Rodriguez stated he saw Smith raise a hand and point something directly at him. PO Rodriguez then observed two muzzle flashes from the object in Smith's hand. PO Rodriguez stated he knew Smith had a gun in his hand and that Smith fired the gun at PO Rodriguez. PO Rodriguez then observed Smith's vehicle begin to reverse towards the apartment building. PO Rodriguez believed that Smith was still in the driver's seat and he fired multiple rounds at the driver side windshield. PO Rodriguez was wearing a body camera during the incident. The body camera corroborates PO Rodriguez's statement.

Mr. Smith was in possession of two firearms, a Springfield XDE 9mm and a Smith & Wesson Model 66 .357 revolver. An ATF firearms trace conducted showed neither gun was originally purchased by Smith. The 9mm was purchased in October 2017 in Greenwood, IN. and the .357 revolver was purchased in 1997 in Lomira, WI.

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

PO Baker and PO Rodriguez provided a formal statement as to their role in this incident.