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Once the crime scene was released, this officer responded to officer Castagna's residence for a welfare check. Several officers had advised that P.O. Castagna was sedated due to his injuries and that no one had heard from him. This officer spoke to P.O. Castagna and then responded to Officer Beckley's residence to return his phone. Upon speaking to Officer Beckley, he advised that the phone was not his and may belong to the suspect that was deceased. This officer then contacted P.O. Jacobsen to see if the cell phone belonged to him. P.O. Jacobsen reported that he secured a phone lying on the ground next to Mr. Henry and tossed it into a police car that he thought was his marked unit. This officer immediately returned to police headquarters and secured the phone. A property custody report was filled out and the phone was secured to evidence locker number 2. This officer left a voice message for detective sergeant Romaine in the event this phone was critical in the investigation at an early stage. I then went off duty at approximately 2030 hrs.

On 10/20/10 at approximately 1200 pm, this officer received a call from Lt. Brian Fanelli requesting this officer download the video recording of the front door camera at police headquarters. The lieutenant advised that he was interested in 10/17/10 between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 am. At 2115 hrs on 10/20/10, this officer responded to police headquarters to carry out the lieutenant's order. The digital video recorder that covers the building security and processing areas of the police department is located in the Sgt.'s office inside the police department. Upon attempting to download the video footage requested, this officer could not get the digital video recorder mouse to move to manipulate the search feature. All indications were that the machine was recording; however, the date in the upper right corner of the machine indicated a date and time was frozen on Aug. 01, 2010 at approximately 0857 hrs. I could not free the machine up and had to restart the DVR. Once the machine re booted, I was able to access the search feature and discovered that the digital video recorder had not recorded since the August 01, 2010 date on the screen and then started recording again when the machine was rebooted on 10/20/10 at approximately 2130 hrs. It is unknown why the machine stopped recording. It appears to be an anomaly at this point because the recording has restarted after the reboot of the machine. This officer will attempt to contact the manufacturer to see if this is a common occurrence. A defective hard drive was replaced on this same machine in the past two years, and it was immediately apparent as the machine would not show the display screen. An e-mail was sent to Lt. Fanelli detailing the machine failure on 10/20/10 at approximately 2245 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,



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10/22/10

Lieutenant,

On 10/17/10, I was off duty at my residence when I received a call at approximately 4:00 am. Dispatcher Ryan Rodgers conveyed that there had been an officer involved shooting and that the department was calling in all available manpower. I responded to police headquarters briefly and retrieved my service weapon and police sweatshirt. I was advised to respond to the scene. This officer arrived on scene at approximately 0425 hrs. Once at the Thornwood Town Center, I was briefed by Lieutenant Milliambro and assigned by him to crime scene perimeter security. The Westchester County Crime Scene unit was on site upon my arrival. I held scene security with Sgt Anttila, P.O. Frank Kolodzinski, and P.O. Joseph Aufiero. This officer took up a position in the parking lot of the Town Center Shopping Center approximately in the middle of the parking lot. Crime Scene tape was already dividing the parking lot and cordoning off the sidewalk and thorough fare where the inner crime scene was demarcated. This officer assisted in holding the perimeter from approximately 0500 hrs until about 1810 hours when the crime scene was broken down. At 1600 hrs, this officer was directed by Lt. Brian Fanelli to manage the crime scene until it was to be broken down. P.O. Kolodzinski was relieved as crime scene log recorder around 1600 hrs and this officer assumed those duties. In addition, this officer coordinated with Sgt Michael Pierce in police headquarters to supply manpower for various escort duties necessary for the transport of the police cars that were taken into evidence. At approximately 1630 hrs, the Westchester Crime Scene Unit began to process the Pleasantville and Mt. Pleasant Police cars. Certain involved police cars were to be impounded. Crime Scene detectives from the WCDPS advised that they were not interested in taking the long guns from the vehicles, as they were not used in this incident. The long guns were secured by this officer and given to Sgt Jeff Golczewski who responded to the scene. I obtained the long guns from Mt Pleasant marked unit cars 42 and 43. All vehicles deemed as evidence were towed by Mark's Towing. The Mt. Pleasant Police cars that were impounded to the secure crime analysis location at 375 Clearbrook Rd in Elmsford were led by Westchester County Police detective Dan Carfi and followed by Mt. Pleasant officer Frank Kolodzinski. The Pleasantville Police cars were driven by P.O. O'Keeffe and P.O. Dolan to the secured Brady Av garage and followed by Sgt. Marelllo. The suspect vehicle was dragged onto a Mark's Towing flatbed and led by Det Carfi and followed by Sgt Marelllo to the aforementioned Elmsford site.

At the time the long guns were being secured, a crime scene detective secured a black Apple I phone and advised that the phone was on the passenger seat of the Mt. Pleasant 42 car. He surmised that the phone belonged to P.O. Ron Beckley and asked that I take possession of the phone, so that it the officer's phone was not unnecessarily taken into evidence. I secured the phone in my shirt pocket and did not look at it any further. This officer assisted with the identification and movement of cars in the outer crime scene so that the crime analysis unit could check for any possible evidence under the vehicles or under the hoods of the vehicles. When all the vehicles were accounted for and moved, the impounded vehicles were removed from the crime scene, and a final walk around of the crime scene was conducted, the scene was broken down at approximately 1810 hrs.



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