

CIARAMELLA OID – FACT SHEET
13-003 / P13-026517

Date of Incident: February 25, 2013
Time of Incident: 2049 Hours
Decedent: Lorenzo Joseph Ciaramella
Location: Peppertree Apartments, 7911 Arlington, Riverside

Officer(s) Involved: Officer Brent Fast #1384
Officer Corey Oakes #1570

Officer Witnesses: Officer Scott Borngrebe #0634
Officer Kyle Wilder #1629

Civilian Witnesses: David Allen Van-Rood
Felisha Marie Paschal
Leslie Negron

Officer Injuries: None

Suspect's Injuries:

Decedent Ciaramella sustained five gunshot wounds to the body: (1) left side of head, (1) left side of chest, (1) right side of abdomen, and (2) to each forearm. (1) projectile was recovered from the heart, another from the colon and projectile fragments were located in the brain. Cause of death was listed in the investigative report as "Pending Coroner's Review." The County Coroner's report was redacted in the on-line public version due to confidentiality.

Gunshots Fired by Officers Fast and Oakes:

The duty weapons of each officer were examined by a forensic specialist at the California State Department of Justice. The examiner found that all handguns functioned properly during the examination. The following evidence is based upon the charting of each officer's duty weapon.

- Officer Brent Fast fired (5) rounds
- Officer Corey Oakes fired (8) rounds

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The fact sheet is numbered and designed to point you to important factual information located in the criminal case book that will help guide you in your review process. It is not designed to take the place of a cover to cover review. It is up to you to review the “fact sheet” data before or after a cover to cover review. Each point of reference is preceded by a TAB number followed by a page number and paragraph number.

TAB 1 – OID Summary, Pages 1 – 20: Detective Mike Medici, Lead Investigator, provides an overview of the incident.

TAB 3 – Original Report, Pages 3 of 5: Officer Disla. The initial crime report face page listing Officers Oakes and Wilder as the victims of an assault on a peace officer with a vehicle, CPC 245. Decedent Ciaramella is listed as the suspect in the assault. File #P13-026517. Officer Disla was the initial responding officer to the location concerning a vehicle burglary call in progress. He made contact with witnesses who directed him to where Suspect Ciaramella was located. Disla saw Ciaramella flee in a vehicle and collide into a police vehicle.

TAB 4 – Supplemental Report, Pages 1-2: Officer Griffiths. Responded to assist on the call. He did not see the shooting but observed the resting positions of the suspect and officer vehicles. Assisted in approaching and securing Ciaramella.

TAB 5 – Supplemental Report, Page 1, Paragraphs 2 - 3: Sgt. Toussaint. Made initial contact with Officer Fast who identified himself as one of the “shooter” officers. Toussaint obtained a safety brief from Fast and arranged for him to be transported to the Orange Street Station. Toussaint located shell casings at the scene and coordinated scene security.

TAB 6 – Supplemental Report, Page 1, 1st Paragraph: Officer McCarthy. He arrived at the scene of the shooting and was tasked to stand-by with Ciaramella who was located in the suspect vehicle pending arrival of medical aid.

TAB 11 – Supplemental Report, Page 1, 1st Paragraph: Officer Parrish. Assigned to transport Officer Fast to RPD and remain with him pending an interview. This was done for witness integrity.

TAB 13 – Supplemental Report, Page 1 1st Paragraph: Detective Brad Smith. Responded to Parkview hospital and remain with Ciaramella pending further actions and instructions. Smith made contact with treating physician Dr. Silva who said he pronounced Ciaramella deceased at 2138 hours. Smith was relieved at the hospital by Detective Rowe at 2305 hours.

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TAB 15 – Supplemental Report, Page 1, 1st Paragraph: Officer Hibbard. Arrived on the scene and was tasked with marking shell casings at the shooting site. tenant reported hearing someone say, “we are here to help you,” before the actual shooting occurred.

TAB 22 – Supplemental Report, Pages 1 & 2: Officer Jose Loera. Assisted with Spanish translation for two witness interviews.

TAB 23 – Supplemental Report, Page 1 & 2: Officer E. Wright. Contacted and conducted initial interviews Paschal and Negrón. The two witnesses were seated in a vehicle in the complex and observed Ciaramella driving, but did not see actual shooting. They heard the gunshots.

TAB 24 – Supplemental Report, Pages 2 & 3: Officer R. Kerr. Obtained a copy of a surveillance video of the complex from the complex manager. Kerr watched the video in the presence of the manager (Lopez) and said she recognized Ciaramella, who frequents the complex and was suspected as the one who has been breaking into or stealing vehicles. The manager said Ciaramella had contact with one of the tenants who was suspected of giving Ciaramella access through the security gates.

TAB 26 – Supplemental Report, Pages 2 & 3: Detective Jim Simons. Conducted an interview with eye-witness David Van-Rood. Van-Rood saw the suspect driving a vehicle and trying to evade officers. Van-Rood tried to block the gates to prevent Ciaramella from escaping, however Ciaramella drove around his vehicle.

TAB 27 – Supplemental Report, Pages 2 & 3: Detective J. Brandt. Interviewed witness Felisha Paschal. Paschal said she arrived at the complex where she lives with her sister, Leslie Negrón; Negrón was a passenger. Upon arrival, she saw a police officer near the gate who told her to stay out. She then saw the suspect vehicle driving backwards toward her direction near the west gate. Paschal saw the suspect vehicle crash into a red SUV. Paschal backed into a parking space in an attempt to get out of the way. She could not see what happened next, but heard gunshots. A hand-written diagram is included.

TAB 28 – Supplemental Report, Pages 2 & 3: Detective Rick Cobb. Conducted an interview with Witness Leslie Negrón who was a passenger in Witness Paschal’s vehicle. Negrón’s statement was very similar to that of Paschal. A hand-written diagram was included.

TAB 29 – Supplemental Report, Pages 2 & 3: Detective Rick Cobb. Conducted an interview with Witness Officer Pap. Pap saw the suspect vehicle when the driver, Ciaramella, “gunned” the vehicle toward the driver side of Officer Oakes’ vehicle and crashed into the driver’s door. Pap saw Oakes fire his weapon at the windshield of the suspect vehicle as it was driving toward him (Oakes). (Transcripts included.)

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TAB 30 – Supplemental Report, Pages 2 & 3: Detective Medici. Conducted an interview with Officer Borngrebe. Borngrebe saw the suspect vehicle accelerate toward the driver's side of Officer Oakes' vehicle and slam into the driver door. He saw Officer Oakes fire approximately (6) rounds from his duty weapon, striking the suspect vehicle's windshield. Borngrebe was out of his police vehicle and on foot when the shooting occurred. When he saw the suspect vehicle accelerating toward Oakes' vehicle, Borngrebe drew his weapon with the intent to fire it. However, Officer Fast stepped into his line of fire. He saw Fast fire his weapon in the direction of the suspect. (Transcripts included.)

TAB 31 – Supplemental Report, Pages 2 & 3: Detective Sanfilippo. Conducted an interview with Officer Fast. Fast observed Ciaramella ram into Officer Oakes' vehicle. He saw Oakes fire his weapon as the suspect vehicle was about to ram his vehicle. Fast feared for Oakes' life and also fired his weapon at the same time. (Transcripts included.)

TAB 32 – Supplemental Report, Pages 2 & 3: Detective Sanfilippo. Conducted an interview of Witness Officer Wilder. Wilder was seated in the passenger side of Oakes' vehicle. He saw the suspect vehicle driving backwards and stop. He thought the suspect was going to jump from the vehicle and run so he began to exit the police vehicle. As he did so, he looked over his shoulder and saw the suspect vehicle drive forward toward the driver's side of his police vehicle. When Wilder stepped from the police vehicle, he felt it "jolt." He then heard gunfire and took cover behind his police vehicle. Wilder was unaware who was firing the shots at that moment. He drew his weapon and raised upward with it, pointing it at Ciaramella. He did not fire his weapon since it appeared to him that Oakes had fired his weapon. Wilder could tell the suspect was motionless.

TAB 33 – Supplemental Report, Pages 2 & 3: Detective Medici. Conducted an interview with Officer Corey Oakes. Oakes said he was seated in the driver's seat of his police vehicle and stopped. The suspect vehicle was also stopped approximately 20' away with the front end facing his driver's side. Ciaramella revved the engine of his vehicle and accelerated toward Oakes' police vehicle as he (Oakes) was still sitting in the driver's seat. As Ciaramella accelerated towards him, Oakes feared for his life and fired his weapon at Ciaramella until the suspect vehicle collided into his driver door. Oakes said he was trapped in his vehicle, so he let other officers know he was going to back up and get out of his unit. (Transcripts included.)

TAB 34 – Supplemental Report, Page 2: Detective Rowe. He went to Parkview hospital to relieve Detective Smith who was with Ciaramella. He was informed that Ciaramella was deceased and waited for the Riverside County Coroner to arrive. When the coroner investigator examined Ciaramella's body in the hospital, Rowe noted that he had multiple gunshot wounds.

TAB 35 – Supplemental Report, Page 2: Detective Sanfilippo. Attended the autopsy. He noted (5) gunshot wounds to Ciaramella's body: (1) left side of head (left to right trajectory), (1) left side of the chest (front to back straight trajectory), (1) right side of the abdomen (slightly right to left / front to back), (1) inside the right forearm (slight upward trajectory), and (1) outside the left forearm (upward trajectory), exiting the triceps of that arm. The gunshot wound to the chest

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penetrated the heart where a projectile was located. A projectile was located on the left side of the colon and there were also projectile fragments in the brain.

TAB 40 – Supplemental Report, Pages 2 – 7: Sr. Forensic Tech T. Ellis. Photo log of crime scene. Included downloading of COBAN video.

TAB 41 – Supplemental Report: ID Tech S. McKay-Davis. Assisted Sr. Forensic Tech T. Ellis with photos and photo log of the scene and evidence. Downloaded COBAN video.

TAB 42 – Supplemental Report, Page 2 & 3: Detective Smith. Charted the weapons of Oakes and Fast's weapons. Both officers used Glock Model 22 .40 Cal firearms.

TAB 43 – Supplemental Report, Pages 1 – 17: Tech C. Fuller. Took photographs of the suspect at the hospital, photos of the officers, and charted the officers' weapons.

TAB 45 – Supplemental Report, Pages 1 & 2: Report submitted by Brian L. Rienarz, California Department of Justice, Forensic Sciences Unit. Conducted the forensic analysis of Officer Fast's and Officer Oakes' weapons. Provided a report of the results of the analysis.

TAB 46 – Supplemental Report, Pages 1 – 14: Processed the stolen vehicle driven by Ciaramella for evidence. Also took photographs.

TAB 49 – Supplemental Report, Page 2: Officer N. Larkin. Took a stolen vehicle report from Victim Maria Rico who resided at the Peppertree Apartments. This is the vehicle that Ciaramella had stolen.

TAB 50 – Supplemental Report, Page 2: Officer Pap took a report of a vehicle (burgundy color 1994 Honda Accord) stolen from the parking lot of Chase Bank at 1952 hours, February 25, 2013. This vehicle was recovered at the Peppertree Apartments when the OIS investigation was underway.

TAB 53 – Casebook photographs of the incident. Includes aerials, crime scene and vehicles.

TAB 56 – DA's Letters: Letters from the Riverside County District Attorney's Office concerning their review of the shooting. Assistant DA Craig Datig found there was no criminal culpability on behalf of Officers Oakes and Fast.

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