

Dunbar OID Fact Sheet – v1  
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**Date Occurred:** March 1, 2012  
**Time of Occurrence:** 0226 Hours  
**Decedent:** Brandon James Dunbar  
**Location:** 2914 Hyde Park Cr., Riverside

**Officer(s) Involved:** Officer Sancho Lopez, #1011, Unit Designator C426, Unit 3931

**Officer Witness(s):** Officer Brett Porter, #1709 (Police Officer Lateral Trainee on March 1, 2013)

**Civilian Witnesses:** None (No one witnessed the actual shooting. Some neighbors heard voices and/or gunshots).

**Suspect's Injuries:** Decedent Dunbar sustained three through and through gunshots. One round entered the left buttocks; one entered the back of the right triceps and one inside the right leg above the knee. 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.

## FACT SHEET

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. The footnotes will direct you to a specific "Tab," page, paragraph, and / or "line number" on reports that have each line of the narrative numbered.

1. The initial crime report face page listing Officer Sancho Lopez as the victim of an assault on a peace officer with a firearm. Decedent Dunbar is listed as the suspect in the assault. File #P12-030492.<sup>1</sup>
2. Sgt. Lambert responded to the scene of the shooting and provided details of his observations. This included obtaining a "public safety" statement from Officer Lopez who provided basic public safety information concerning his use of deadly force at the scene.<sup>2</sup>
3. Officer E. Hibbard responded to the scene of the shooting to assist in the investigation. He entered the backyard of a home where he saw Officer Lopez holding Dunbar at gunpoint.

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<sup>1</sup> Crime Report – Detective Medici – Tab 3, p.1

<sup>2</sup> Supplemental Report – Sgt. Lambert – Tab 4, p.1 para 1 & 2

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Hibbard remained with Dunbar until medical aid arrived. While doing so, he located a silver colored firearm arm by Dunbar. Hibbard also saw a “mushroomed” bullet covered with blood in the grass by Dunbar’s feet. Hibbard maintained control of this evidence until it was photographed in place.<sup>3</sup>

4. Officer J. Schultz responded to the scene and located the suspect vehicle stopped in the roadway in front of Officer Lopez’ patrol vehicle. He located the suspect vehicle driver seated in the locked rear seat area of the patrol vehicle. Schultz took custody of the suspect vehicle driver.<sup>4</sup>
5. Officer J. Simpson and his trainee, Officer Samano, described taking control of the suspect vehicle driver from the rear seat of Officer Lopez’ patrol vehicle. Simpson and Samano canvassed the surrounding neighborhood for potential witnesses.<sup>5</sup>
6. Officer Samano arrived on the scene with his training officer, J. Simpson. Samano described taking control of the suspect vehicle driver from the rear of Officer Lopez’ police vehicle. Samano and Simpson canvassed the neighborhood for potential witnesses and interviewed eight residents. No one saw the shooting. A few reported only hearing gunshots.<sup>6</sup>
7. Officer K. Feimer responded to the scene and stopped the COBAN video system from running inside Officer Lopez’ patrol vehicle. He then followed the AMR ambulance containing Dunbar to Riverside Community Hospital and stood by in the trauma room while medical staff provided treatment to Dunbar. Feimer was given a glass meth pipe from RFD Captain Williams who had, at some point, located it in one of Dunbar’s socks.<sup>7</sup>
8. Officer R. Glover responded to the scene and was directed by a supervisor to take a photograph of an expended round and handgun that were lying near Dunbar. Glover then canvassed the neighborhood for potential witnesses. He spoke to two residents. Neither saw what happened, but heard gunshots and voices.<sup>8</sup>
9. Officer C. Camp responded to assist at the scene of the shooting and was directed by a supervisor to canvass the neighborhood for possible witnesses. Camp interviewed five residents and none of them saw the shooting. Most heard two gunshots and / or heard voices; one did not see or hear anything.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Officer Hibbard – supplemental report – Tab 7, p.1 para 1 lines 6-11 and p.2, para 1

<sup>4</sup> Officer J. Schultz – supplemental report- Tab 8, p.1 para 1 & 2

<sup>5</sup> Officer J. Simpson – supplemental report – Tab 9, p.1, para 1 & 2

<sup>6</sup> Officer Samano – supplemental report – Tab 10, p.1, para 1 & p.2 para 1-4

<sup>7</sup> Officer K. Feimer – supplemental report – Tab 13, p.1, para 1-3

<sup>8</sup> Officer R. Glover – supplemental report – Tab 15, p.2, para 2-4

<sup>9</sup> Officer C. Camp – supplemental report – Tab 17, p.1, para 2; p.3, para 1-4

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10. Officer P. Grey responded to the scene of the shooting. Grey spoke to one resident as a potential witness, but the person did not see or hear what happened.<sup>10</sup>
11. Officer J. Brandt responded to the scene of the shooting. Brandt spoke to one resident as a potential witness who did not see what happened. Brandt handled the Crime Scene Log.<sup>11</sup>
12. Officer J. Pap responded to the scene and was directed to canvass the neighborhood. Pap interviewed two potential witnesses. Neither saw anything, but both heard gunshots.<sup>12</sup>
13. Detective J. Simons completed a narrative report covering the photographing evidence, collection of evidence, and learning the identity of Dunbar. Simons listed the location of gunshot wounds sustained by Dunbar.<sup>13</sup>
14. Detective Brian Smith responded to the scene and interviewed a resident as a potential witness. The resident heard two gunshots and someone say, “Don’t move. Don’t move.” Another male subject then said, “You shot me, you son of a bitch.” The resident looked outside and saw an officer pointing a gun at someone in his backyard. The officer had his arm, with gun in hand, extended over a fence and pointing the gun at the subject in his backyard. The witness looked into his backyard and saw Dunbar lying on the ground near a planter. The backyard was estimated to be approximately 30’ x 30’ in size.<sup>14</sup>
15. Detective Medici conducted a tape recorded interview with the driver of the suspect vehicle, later identified as Harold Smith. Smith was hard of hearing and required the assistance of sign language. Detective Wheeler assisted with the sign language.<sup>15</sup>
16. Detective Medici conducted an interview with Officer Sancho Lopez.<sup>16</sup>
17. Detective Medici conducted an interview with Officer Porter.<sup>17</sup>
18. Detective R. Cobb conducted a walk-through of the crime scene, documented the position of the suspect vehicle, and described evidence located on Anna Street and the backyard of 2914 Hyde Park Circle where the shooting occurred. Cobb collected evidence, took measurements of the scene and evidence, and conducted crime scene clean-up.<sup>18</sup>
19. Detective C. Fuller conducted the crime scene investigation that included a handgun used by Dunbar. The semi-automatic handgun was jammed and the slide could not be moved

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<sup>10</sup> Officer P. Grey – supplemental report – Tab 19, p.1

<sup>11</sup> Officer J. Brandt – supplemental report – Tab 20, p.1 para 1-2

<sup>12</sup> Officer J. Pap – supplemental report – Tab 21, p.2 para 1-5

<sup>13</sup> Detective Simons – supplemental report – Tab 24, See report.

<sup>14</sup> Detective Smith – supplemental report – Tab 25, p.2 para 3-5

<sup>15</sup> Detective Medici – supplemental report – Tab 26, p.2 para 1-5

<sup>16</sup> Detective Medici – supplemental report – Tab 27, p. 1-36 (all pages should be read).

<sup>17</sup> Detective Medici – supplemental report – Tab 28, p. 1-40

<sup>18</sup> Detective Cobb – supplemental report – Tab 29, p. 1-4

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manually. Fuller conducted a complete charting of the gun used by Dunbar, conducted digital video recordings of the crime scene, and completed sketches.<sup>19</sup>

20. Detective J. Brandt took the gun used by Dunbar from the crime scene and delivered it to an RPD range master in order to clear the jam and render it safe enough for further inspection and booking into evidence.<sup>20</sup>
21. Forensic Technician S. McKay-Davis responded to both the crime scene and Riverside Community Hospital to collect, process, and photograph evidence. (See crime scene photo logs for details.) McKay-Davis assisted Coroner Investigator R. Escobar with photos of Dunbar's body at the hospital.<sup>21</sup>
22. Detective David Smith witnessed the photographing and charting of both officers' handguns. Smith also witnessed the photographs taken of both officers in full uniform. Officer Lopez carried a Glock Model 22 .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol. The gun was loaded with one live round in the chamber. There were 11 live rounds in the magazine of the gun. If the gun were loaded to capacity at the time of the shooting, this would indicate that Lopez fired five rounds. There were two fully loaded extra magazines.<sup>22</sup>
23. Forensic Tech S. Lane described evidence items that were photographed. Lane conducted the actual charting of both officers' Glock handguns.<sup>23</sup>
24. California Department of Justice firearms examiner Richard Takenaga conducted an examination of Officer Lopez' Glock handgun.<sup>24</sup>
25. California Department of Justice firearms examiner Richard Takenaga conducted an examination of Dunbar's handgun.<sup>25</sup>
26. Detective David Smith reported on digital recordings that were captured on Officer Lopez' audio recorder. In the recording, Smith could hear someone say, "I can't breathe" over and over. He also heard a voice say, "Don't move. Don't touch that fucking gun."<sup>26</sup>
27. Detective J. Brandt attended the autopsy of Dunbar. He described the exam and had photographs taken. Brandt reported that Dunbar sustained three through-and-through gunshots. One entered the left buttocks, one entered the back of the right triceps, and one

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<sup>19</sup> Detective C. Fuller – supplemental report – Tab 30, p.1, para 1 and pages 2-18

<sup>20</sup> Detective Brandt – supplemental report – Tab 31, p.1 para 1

<sup>21</sup> Forensic Tech S. McKay-Davis – Tab 32, p. 1-6

<sup>22</sup> Detective B. Smith – supplemental report – Tab 34, p.2 narrative

<sup>23</sup> Forensic Tech S. Lane – supplemental report – Tab 35, p.2 para 2&3; pages 5-8

<sup>24</sup> Calif. Dept of Justice – Richard Takenaga – 2 page report

<sup>25</sup> Calif. Dept of Justice – Richard Takenaga – 2 page report

<sup>26</sup> Detective Smith – supplemental report – p.2 para 2-3

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entered inside the right leg above the knee. The cause of death was listed in the report as follows: Pending Coroner Review.<sup>27</sup>

28. Riverside County Coroner's Autopsy Protocol (Redacted).<sup>28</sup>

29. All photos.<sup>29</sup>

30. Letter from Riverside County District Attorney Paul Zellerbach concluding that, upon review of the entire case, there was no evidence of criminal liability against Officer Lopez.<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> Detective J. Brandt – supplemental report – Tab 40, p.2 narrative

<sup>28</sup> RSO Coroner's Autopsy Protocol – Page blacked out.

<sup>29</sup> Photos – Tab 43

<sup>30</sup> Letter from DA Zellerbach – Tab 51