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NO CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR DANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY INVOLVED IN SHOOTING INCIDENT ON 10-13-2022

After briefings by investigators, an inspection of the scene shortly after the incident, a review of summary reports, surveillance and squad video and other evidence, the Dane County District Attorney's Office concluded Thursday, February 2, 2023, that there is no potential criminal court liability for the Dane County Deputy involved in the shooting incident that occurred in the Village of Windsor, Dane County, Wisconsin, on October 13, 2022.

In this incident, just after 6pm on October 13, 2022, a FLOCK alert was sent from a camera at County Highway CV at Lake Circle for a black Ford F150 pickup truck reported stolen six days before, with a license plate number of NG3964. The deputy was able to confirm the license plate came back to a stolen black Ford F150. At the time of the alert the deputy was traveling southbound on Lake Rd. just north of Windsor Rd. The deputy continued southbound on Lake Rd. and began looking for the stolen vehicle. A black truck passed the deputy traveling northbound on Lake Rd. The deputy turned around and caught up to the truck and was able to confirm it was not the stolen vehicle. The deputy then continued southbound on Lake Rd. looking for the stolen vehicle. Once at Highway 19 the deputy checked the Speedway and Mobil gas stations but was unable to find the stolen vehicle. The deputy then proceeded through the A&W restaurant parking lot and then on to the Super 8 parking lot. At the Super 8 and The Bar Next Door the deputy located a black Ford F150 backed into a parking stall. The deputy was able to confirm the plate was the one he was looking for.

The deputy pulled his squad up to the left front corner of the truck as he activated the squad's emergency lights and alerted dispatch the stolen vehicle had been located by The Bar Next Door. The deputy exited the squad and observed three occupants in the Ford F150. A male, later identified as Quantaze Campbell, was in the driver's seat. There were two females; one in the front passenger's seat and one in the rear of the truck. The deputy advised dispatch he had three subjects at gun point. Mr. Campbell put the truck in drive and began to slowly move forward. The deputy gave verbal commands to put the vehicle in park. Mr. Campbell is seen raising his hands before putting the truck in reverse and moving the truck back into the parking stall. The deputy gave commands to put the vehicle in park and moved to the front of the truck placing his left hand on the front of the truck with his firearm in his right hand while continuing to give verbal commands. At this time, the deputy was between his squad and the F150.

The front passenger and Mr. Campbell both opened the front doors of the truck. The front passenger exited the truck. The deputy was giving verbal commands to stay in the car and to put the car in park. Mr. Campbell appeared to be exiting the truck before he moved back into the driver's seat and then he accelerated out of the parking stall while the deputy was still at the front of the truck. The deputy was moving backwards as the truck accelerated forward and he fired one shot into the truck through the driver's side window striking Mr. Campbell as he drove off. Mr. Campbell drove the truck around to the back side of the Super 8 and stopped in the grassy area along the fence line. The

remaining passenger in the vehicle exited and indicated Mr. Campbell had been shot. Mr. Campbell was removed from the vehicle as aid was rendered and Med-Flight was requested to transport Mr. Campbell to the hospital.

“A motor vehicle can be operated in a manner which is dangerous and poses a grave danger of bodily harm and/or death to an individual. A person fleeing from police driving a vehicle toward an officer on foot directly in front of said vehicle does pose a threat of great bodily harm and/or death to the officer,” said Dane District Attorney Ismael Ozanne. “Responding to that threat with deadly force may be permitted under the law.”

Relevant evidence includes statements of the deputy at the scene, evidence collection, surveillance and squad video, which are consistent with each other.

Under Wisconsin law, which applies equally to members of law enforcement and to those who are not, any person may use deadly force to respond to a genuine fear of deadly force to that person or any other person. In this case, the deputy was compelled to use deadly force when confronted by a person driving a vehicle directly at him while on foot.

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The role of the District Attorney’s Office in a case of this type is limited to a review of the facts to determine whether further investigation is merited and, after all available evidence is obtained, whether criminal charges could be merited for any individual who has survived the incident. Police executives and supervisors have the exclusive responsibility of establishing appropriate training and protocols for use in response to crisis events, and of selecting from among the tactical options available to police in responding to particular events.

Now with the passage of Wis. Stat. 175.47 (Act 348) there is also a question of compliance with said Statute. This critical incident involved a Dane County Sheriff’s Deputy who was contacting individuals inside a stolen vehicle when the driver proceeded to accelerate away from the location while the deputy was on foot in front of the vehicle.

This investigation was conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and is in compliance with the statute. In the case of a death caused by an officer, the statute requires that at least two investigators from outside agencies or agencies not involved in the critical incident/Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) lead the investigation:

(3)(a) Each policy under sub. (2) must require an investigation conducted by at least two investigators, one of whom is the lead investigator and neither of whom is employed by a law enforcement agency that employs a law enforcement officer involved in the officer-involved death.

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