

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Case Number: OR-27-0333

Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida



Investigative Summary

Use of Force Investigation

Volusia County Sheriff's Office
and DeLand Police Department

Incident Date: November 19, 2018

Case Agent:
Special Agent Chris Deardoff

Subject:

Dillon Larson Parker
White/Male
DOB 10/15/1985

Involved Officers:

Deputy Wesley Blum
Volusia County Sheriff's Office
123 W. Indian Ave
DeLand, FL 32721

Corporal Tony Tagle
DeLand Police Department
219 W Howry Ave
DeLand, FL 32720

Incident Location:

3800 Blk US Highway 17
DeLand, FL 32720

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Summary of Events

On November 19, 2018, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and the DeLand Police Department (DPD) requested the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) conduct an investigation into the use of force by VCSO Deputy Wesley Blum and DPD Corporal Tony Tagle. The incident took place in the area of 3950 North US Highway 17, Deland, FL 32720.

FDLE Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) Jason Kriegsman, Special Agent (SA) Christopher Deardoff, SA Mark Mynheir, SA Bradley Lewis, SA Lisa Gundrum, SA Ryan Bliss, SA David Hubbard, and SA Dave Snowden responded to the scene and assisted with various investigative activities.

The preliminary investigation revealed that on November 19, 2018, the VCSO attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle being driven by Dillion Larson Parker, who had an active arrest warrant for attempted homicide. Parker did not stop his vehicle and fled from deputies. A vehicle pursuit was initiated, which included Deputy Kevin Moss, Deputy Blum, and Corporal Tagle. The vehicle pursuit ended in the area of 3950 North US Highway 17, DeLand, FL 32720, after Parker's vehicle was disabled by "stop sticks."

At the end of the vehicle pursuit, the Deputies and Officer confronted Parker. Parker possessed a handgun and fired the handgun in the direction of the Deputies which resulted in Parker being shot multiple times. Parker was then transported to the Halifax Health Hospital, with non-life threatening injuries, for medical treatment. The area where the confrontation took place was secured by VCSO. VCSO Crime Scene Unit responded to the area and processed the scene, under the direction of the FDLE.

CAD Report/ Radio Transmissions:

On November 27, 2018, FDLE Special Agent (SA) Christopher Deardoff traveled to the VCSO Operations Center located at 1330 Indian Lakes Road, Daytona Beach, Florida, and obtained a copy of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Report and one compact disk. The compact disk contained three "tracks" on it. The first track was the recorded call to the VCSO Communications Center from VCSO Deputy Michael Lane in reference to Dillion Larson Parker, as well as communication between VCSO Communications Center and Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Communications Center. The second and third tracks were recordings of police radio traffic pertaining to the shooting incident. The report and recordings were reviewed by SA Deardoff and the following is a summary of the information contained within the recordings and report:

- Recorded call to VCSO Communications Center:

The compact disk contained a recorded telephone call to VCSO's Communications Center from VCSO Deputy Lane. Deputy Lane reported that he was on State Road 40 in the area of the Lake County and the Volusia County border when he was approached by unknown individuals who provided information about Parker. The unknown individuals stated that Parker had an active arrest warrant and was heading into the Volusia County area from Lake County. Deputy Lane was unable to obtain any further information from the unknown individuals as they had left while Deputy Lane was speaking with VCSO Communications Center.

The VCSO Communications Center then contacted the LCSO Communications Center and inquired if any LCSO deputies had come into contact with Parker or were aware of his active arrest warrant. LCSO Communications Center advised that there were no active calls with deputies involving Parker.

- Police Radio Traffic pertaining to the shooting incident.

The compact disk contained two "tracks" of recorded radio traffic. The first track consisted of the VCSO Communications Center dispatching the information about Parker that was provided by Deputy Lane. Shortly after the information was dispatched, Deputy Lane announces over the police radio that the unknown individuals also advised Parker was armed with a gun. It was then announced that Parker was possibly driving a stolen, gold in color, Honda car. Several moments later, VCSO Deputy Patrick O'Melia advised that he saw Parker heading south on US Highway 17, in the gold Honda, from the State Road 40 area. Deputy O'Melia further stated that Parker had tried to wreck into Deputy O'Melia's patrol car with his own car.

VCSO Sergeant (Sgt.) Nick Shephard then advised that pursuit and "stop sticks" deployment was authorized. Sgt. Shephard started to assign multiple VCSO Deputies to different locations on US Highway 17. Multiple units are heard responding to the area. At the displayed time of 6:07 on track two of the recording, Deputy Kevin Moss "K21" is heard stating "Passing Dawson Brown on 17 southbound. K-9 21 is trying to catch up." Deputy Moss is heard relaying Parker's location to deputies further south on US Highway 17 and coordinating a "stop sticks" attempt.

At the displayed time of 7:53 on track two of the recording, Deputy Blum is heard joining the pursuit with Deputy Moss. Shortly after, Deputy Moss advised that two "stop sticks" attempts were successful and that the vehicle was stopping in front of "Hay Baby." At the display time of 8:22 on track two, Deputy Moss is heard saying "He's shooting he's shooting! Look out! Shots fired shots fired!" At the display time of 8:31, Deputy Moss is heard saying "Shots fired, suspect down, start rescue." Deputy Moss reported that the suspect (Parker) sustained multiple gunshot wounds to his midsection. Deputy Moss requested that a DPD supervisor was made aware of the situation, because one of their officers, (Corporal Tagle), was the shooter. The remaining radio transmissions predominately pertained to the arrival of additional units, request for medical assists, command and investigative notifications, and tasks related to the preservation of the crime scene.

The second track of radio transmissions from the VCSO Communications Center was from another "channel" for police radio. The second track contained transmissions about the initial dispatched call regarding Parker, but no radio transmissions from the shooting were heard.

The following is a summary of the CAD Report:

The majority of the comments in the CAD report were abbreviated and the report predominantly did not contain complete sentences, which is common practice in CAD reports. SA Deardoff's review of the CAD report did not reveal any information that was in opposition to what was heard during the review of the radio transmissions or what was observed by SA Deardoff. At 15:08 hours: The CAD report is created after Deputy Lane reported his contact with unknown individuals who provided information pertaining to Parker.

Time	Unit	Comment
15:09:41	DISPATCH	J501 IS IN CONTACT WITH LAKE COUNTY DEPUTY SAYING A MALE NAMED DILLON PALMER IS WANTED IN REF TO A SHOOTING. AN MAY BE HEADED INTO VOLUSIA COUNTY IN AN UNK VEHICLE. 1J501 IS NO LONGER IN CONTACT. CALLING LAKE COUNTY TO GET ADDI.
15:11:36	1B21: Dep. McIntosh	Dispatched
15:12:01	1B23: Dep. Goggin	Dispatched
15:12:34	1K921: Dep. Moss	Dispatched
15:17:54	1Y21: Dep. O'Melia	Dispatched
15:20:54	1Y21: Dep. O'Melia	JUST PAST VEH..SOUTHBOUND 17..GOLD COLOR HOND ACCORD.....HIGHRATE OF SPEED.....
15:23:22	1B24: Dep. Blum	Dispatched
15:24:18	1K921: Dep. Moss	DAWSON BROWN SOUHBOND ON US HWY 17
15:27:36	1K921: Dep. Moss	STICK HIT
15:28:16	1K921: Dep. Moss	SHOTS FIRED
15:28:32	1K921: Dep. Moss	SUSPS DOWN
15:33:52	1K921: Dep. Moss	UPPER RIGHT LEG-NO ONE ELSE HIT
15:35:23	1K921: Dep. Moss	NEED EVAC TO STEP IT OFF

The remainder of the CAD Report predominately pertained to post-shooting activities and notifications.

Witness Deputy Interviews

VCSO Deputy Kevin Moss:

On Monday, November 19, 2018, SA Bradley Lewis responded to the shooting incident to assist with various investigative activities. SA Lewis subsequently traveled to the Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and obtained the sworn and recorded statement of VCSO Deputy Sheriff Kevin Moss. The following is a summary of Deputy Moss' statement:

On Monday, November 19, 2018, between the estimated hours of 1515 and 1530 hours, Deputy Moss heard a police radio transmission (BOLO) regarding a subject (identified as Parker) wanted for an attempted murder that occurred a couple of weeks prior to the use of force. An unidentified female subsequently "flagged down" an unnamed deputy sheriff assigned to the

courthouse and informed the deputy that the suspect was possibly heading into Volusia County from Lake County. In an attempt to locate the wanted subject, several deputies traveled to several roadways that linked Volusia County and Lake County.

Originally, it was reported that the suspect was possibly traveling in a green pickup truck. A Crime Stopper Tip reported the suspect was possibly traveling in a stolen gold-colored Honda Accord. While deputies searched for the suspect, Deputy O'Melia reported that he had just spotted the wanted subject in the Honda Accord and was run off the road into a ditch by the suspect near Dawson Brown Road. Deputy Moss observed the suspect traveling south on Highway 17. Deputy Moss changed his direction of travel and began pursuing the suspect on Highway 17. The suspect fled at a high rate of speed ("100 to 110 miles per hour"), during which the suspect ran additional vehicles off the roadway. Information regarding the suspect's path of travel was relayed over the police radio and deputies established positions ahead of the suspect.

"Stop sticks" were deployed towards the Honda and the first attempt at deflating the vehicle's tires was unsuccessful. "Stop sticks" were again deployed successfully in the area of Mills Road and Highway 17.

The suspect continued traveling southbound for a short distance and another set of "stop sticks" were successfully deployed in the area of a business called "Hay Baby" ("3900 block of Highway 17"). The suspect drove onto the center median of the highway. Deputy Moss observed the driver's door of the vehicle open and Deputy Moss reported over the radio that the suspect was preparing to "bail" (common terminology for running away). As Deputy Moss was attempting to undo his seatbelt and exit from the patrol vehicle, the suspect "jumped out of the car and turned straight toward me and starts firing rounds at me." Deputy Moss sought cover behind the dashboard of his vehicle and advised other officers that the suspect was firing a weapon. At this same approximate time, Deputy Blum positioned his patrol vehicle between Deputy Moss' vehicle and the Honda. Deputy Blum fired an estimated five rounds through the windshield of his patrol vehicle at the suspect. The suspect fled from the vehicle running southbound. A DeLand Police Department (DPD) officer (Corporal Tagle) was positioned in the direction of where the suspect was fleeing. Corporal Tagle fired at the suspect, who fell to the ground in the center median, a short distance from the Honda. Deputies approached the suspect who was lying on his stomach. Law enforcement officers issued verbal commands for the suspect to "show" his hands. The suspect rolled over and threw a handgun approximately two or three feet from where he fell. Deputy Moss placed handcuffs of the suspect and medical care was administered thereafter. The suspect was eventually flown from the area. The handgun was left and guarded in the position it fell after being thrown by the suspect.

Deputy Moss said he heard two or three "pops" as the suspect fired at him, and described the handgun as a small black handgun. When directly questioned if he was in fear for his life during the incident, Deputy Moss stated, "Of course I was." Deputy Moss utilized a pen to produce a diagram of where the suspect and vehicles were located.

VCSO Sgt. Nick Shephard:

On November 19, 2018, SA Christopher Deardoff and SA Mark Mynheir obtained a voluntary, sworn, recorded statement from VCSO Sergeant (Sgt.) Nick Shephard. The statement was obtained at the incident location, 3950 North US Highway 17, Deland, FL 32720. The following is a summary of Sgt. Shephard's statement.

At approximately 1500 hours, Sgt. Shephard was on patrol when he heard a dispatched call for service regarding a wanted fugitive, Dillion Larson Parker, that was heading into Volusia County possibly from the Lake County area. The dispatcher did not provide much information other than Parker's name and that he had an active arrest warrant for attempted homicide. Sgt. Shephard ordered two of his road patrol deputies to canvass the area of Highway 40, which connected Lake County to Volusia County, in case further information was obtained on a possible vehicle Parker was traveling in.

A moment later Deputy Patrick O'Melia, who was one of the deputies canvassing the area of Highway 40, advised that he saw Parker in a gold Honda and that Parker tried to ram into his vehicle. Sgt. Shephard authorized a vehicle pursuit for Parker and advised to deploy "stop sticks." Sgt. Shephard began to organize additional patrol units to the area of US Highway 17 to possibly intercept Parker. While units were responding, Deputy Kevin Moss advised that he was in pursuit of Parker on US Highway 17 traveling southbound.

Sgt. Shephard then positioned himself in the 4000 block range of US Highway 17 southbound to deploy "stop sticks" when Parker drove by. Deputy Moss updated his location while in pursuit of Parker. When Parker arrived at the 4000 block range of US Highway 17, Sgt. Shephard deployed his "stop sticks," which resulted in a successful puncture of Parker's vehicle tires. As Parker continued past Sgt. Shephard, Sgt. Shephard could see Deputy Moss in pursuit of Parker with his emergency lights and sirens activated. Sgt. Shephard then returned to his patrol vehicle and followed after Deputy Moss and Parker.

A moment later, Sgt. Shephard heard Deputy Moss advise that Parker's vehicle was stopping in a median in front of a business called "Hay Baby." The next transmission from Deputy Moss was that Parker was shooting at him. Deputy Moss then advised that Parker was shot and fell down in the median. When Sgt. Shephard arrived on scene, he saw Deputy Moss securing Parker with handcuffs. Sgt. Shephard observed that Parker was shot multiple times and began to provide first aid until paramedics arrived.

Sgt. Shephard stated that he did not witness the shooting, but only heard the radio transmissions provided by Deputy Moss.

VCSO Deputy Brandon Goggin:

On November 19, 2018, SA Mark Mynheir conducted a sworn, recorded interview with VCSO Deputy Brandon Goggin at the scene. Deputy Goggin provided the following information in summary:

Deputy Goggin said he had been employed with the sheriff's office since 2012, and he was assigned as a patrol deputy to the north DeLand area. His shift was 0600 to 1800 hours.

Earlier in the evening while on patrol, Deputy Goggin heard Deputy Patrick O'Melia broadcast over the police radio that he was behind a gold Honda driven by Dillion Parker, who had an active arrest warrant for attempted murder. Parker's vehicle was traveling southbound on North Highway 17, and Parker had attempted to run Deputy O'Melia off the road or crash into him. Deputy O'Melia said he was not pursuing the vehicle, but Parker was still traveling southbound on North Highway 17.

Deputy Goggin and Deputy Blaine Lewis went to North Highway 17 to intercept Parker and deploy "stop sticks." Parker saw their vehicles and traveled into the center of the roadway with

Deputy Kevin Moss in pursuit. Deputy Goggin was unable to deploy the “stop sticks,” so he got into his vehicle and joined in the pursuit.

A few minutes later, Sergeant Nick Shephard called on the radio that the “stop sticks” had “hits” on Parker's vehicle, meaning the vehicle had run over the “stop sticks.” Another deputy advised Parker had stopped in front of “Hay Baby,” 3894 North Highway 17. A short time later, an unknown deputy called “Shots fired” over the radio.

As he crested the hill on North Highway 17, Deputy Goggin observed Parker running in the median with what appeared to be a pistol in his hand. Parker's body then convulsed as if he were being hit by gunfire. Deputy Goggin had his lights and siren on and did not hear the shots being fired. Parker fell to the ground and rolled over, throwing the pistol approximately five to ten feet away from him.

Deputy Goggin pulled up to the scene and exited his vehicle with his pistol drawn, covering Parker while he was being handcuffed by the other deputies. Deputy Goggin then secured a white female who was sitting in the passenger seat of Parker's vehicle. She was distraught but did not say anything related to the shooting.

Deputy Goggin did not see Parker discharge any rounds, and he did not see any of the deputies or officers fire their weapons. He did not talk with any of the deputies about the shooting, and his body camera was activated during the incident.

VCSO Deputy Blaine Lewis:

On November 19, 2018, SA Mark Mynheir conducted a sworn, recorded interview with VCSO Deputy Blaine Lewis at the scene. Deputy Lewis provided the following information in summary:

Deputy Lewis said she had been employed with VCSO for approximately five years and was assigned as a patrol deputy on the 0600 to 1800 hours shift.

Earlier in the evening, the Pierson units received a BOLO that Dillion Parker might be heading their way from Lake County. Parker had an active warrant for attempted murder. Deputy Lewis started heading that way when she heard Deputy Patrick O'Melia call on the radio he spotted Parker driving on North Highway 17 and Parker was trying to run him off the road. Deputy Lewis stopped at Lake Winona Road and tried to put out “stop sticks” in the roadway because Parker was heading her way. Deputy Lewis was not able to get the “stop sticks” out in time, and Parker and another deputy drove past her. Deputy Lewis joined the pursuit.

As she was trying to catch up to Parker, Deputy Lewis heard on the radio Parker's vehicle struck “stop sticks” and was pulling over. Deputy Lewis approached the scene, and from approximately fifty yards away, she saw Parker jumped out of his vehicle and run. Parker pointed what appeared to be a firearm in the direction of deputies who were behind him. Deputy Lewis heard several gunshots. Parker cringed as if he had been hit but was still trying to hold the gun up toward the deputies before he fell to the ground, rolled to his side, and tossed the pistol away from him.

Deputy Lewis pulled up to the scene, drew her pistol, and approached Parker, who was handcuffed by several other deputies; they immediately rendered first aid. Deputy Brandon Goggin yelled that another person was still in Parker's vehicle. Deputy Lewis, Deputy Goggin, and Deputy Blum approached Parker's vehicle, and they secured a female passenger.

The passenger kept asking what was going on and seemed confused. Deputy Lewis did not have any conversation with her and put her in the back of a patrol vehicle.

Deputy Lewis did not speak with any of the shooting officers, and Deputy Lewis' bodyworn camera was activated during the use of force.

VCSO Deputy David McIntosh:

On November 19, 2018, SA Mark Mynheir conducted a sworn, recorded interview with VCSO Deputy David McIntosh at the scene. Deputy McIntosh provided the following information in summary:

Deputy McIntosh said he had been employed with VCSO for approximately two years and was assigned as a patrol deputy on the 0600 to 1800 hours shift.

Earlier in the day, Deputy McIntosh and the other deputies in the Pierson area were advised of a tip that Dillon Parker was en route to Volusia County from Lake County on State Road 40. Parker had an outstanding arrest warrant for attempted murder. They later received more information that Parker was possibly driving a gold-colored vehicle with front-end damage. Deputy Patrick O'Melia called on the radio he was behind Parker, who had tried to run him off the road. Deputy O'Melia advised Parker had turned southbound on Highway 17. Deputy McIntosh set up at State Road 40 and Stone Street in the event Parker tried to go north again to get back to Lake County.

Deputy Kevin Moss called in on the radio that he was following Parker south on Highway 17. A short time later, Deputy McIntosh heard "shots fired" called on the radio. Deputy McIntosh responded to the area and helped set up a landing zone for the medical helicopter. Deputy McIntosh did not witness the use of force and did not speak with any of the deputies involved.

FHP Lt. Kevin Vaughn:

On November 19, 2018, SA Christopher Deardoff met with Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Lieutenant (Lt.) Kevin Vaughn, who was one scene during the incident. Lt. Vaughn provided a sworn, written, statement in regards to the incident. Lt. Vaughn's statement contained in substance the following:

On Monday, November 19, 2018, Lt. Vaughn was traveling northbound on US Highway 17 approaching Reynolds Road, when he observed a 2003, gold in color, Honda 4-door, traveling southbound at Wheeler Street, at a high rate of speed (75-80 miles per hour) in the outside lane. A marked VCSO patrol unit passed Lt. Vaughn's location traveling in the inside southbound lane of US Highway 17 with emergency lights and sirens activated.

Lt. Vaughn completed a U-turn at the intersection of Reynolds Road / Wheeler Street and attempted to catch up with the VCSO marked patrol unit. After passing Golden Hills Boulevard southbound, Lt. Vaughn observed two marked VCSO units with emergency lights activated and the gold in color, Honda 4-door, enter into the center grass median. Lt. Vaughn advised the Orlando Regional Communications Center, the suspect was bailing out of his vehicle. Lt. Vaughn observed the white male driver exit the Honda 4-door. The driver, later identified as Dillion Larson Parker, then ran southbound on the northbound inside shoulder of US Highway 17 towards a marked DPD unit. Parker then ran away from the DPD unit, straight across the

center median from the northbound lane to the southbound lane with what appeared to be a small caliber handgun.

As the above incident was occurring, Lt. Vaughn was traveling southbound on US Highway 17 passing Parker and DPD Corporal Tagle. Once Lt. Vaughn passed Corporal Tagle, he parked his patrol vehicle and ran to the scene where Parker was being handcuffed by VCSO Deputies. The VCSO Deputies began to provide first aid to Parker. Lt. Vaughn saw a small, black, handgun laying in the center grass median next to Parker. Lt. Vaughn provided no further assistance.

Lt Vaughn's patrol vehicle was equipped with in-car cameras, which captured the above incident.

Shooting Officer's Interviews

VCSO Deputy Wesley Blum:

On November 29, 2018, SA Christopher Deardoff and SA Lisa Gundrum obtained a voluntary, sworn, recorded statement from Deputy Blum. The statement was obtained at the office of attorney Michael Lambert, located at 428 N Halifax Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114. The following is a summary of Deputy Blum's statement.

Deputy Blum has been employed by the VCSO for approximately 5 years as a Deputy Sheriff. At the time of the incident, he was assigned to road patrol. Deputy Blum was wearing a green VCSO uniform consisting of long pants, a short sleeve shirt, a duty belt, and an exterior tactical vest. The uniform had agency patches and a badge which identified Deputy Blum as a law enforcement officer. Deputy Blum drove a VCSO marked patrol vehicle.

Deputy Blum utilized his department issued Glock .40 caliber model 35 handgun at the time of the incident. The handgun was equipped with a 15 round magazine, which Deputy Blum topped off.

On the day of the incident, Deputy Blum was assigned to a separate call for service of a domestic nature. While on the call, Deputy Blum was listening to the radio transmissions pertaining to Dillion Larson Parker that were being dispatched. Deputy Blum heard his supervisor, Sergeant (Sgt.) Nick Shephard, responding to the call pertaining to Parker with his emergency siren activated. Deputy Blum believed that Sgt. Shephard might require assistance and closed the call he was on. Deputy Blum then responded to the area of US Highway 17 to assist with searching for Parker.

While Deputy Blum was responding to the area, he heard Deputy Patrick O'Melia advise that he saw Parker heading south on US Highway 17, in a gold Honda, from the State Road 40 area. Deputy O'Melia further stated that Parker had tried to crash into his patrol vehicle. Deputy Blum was traveling northbound on US Highway 17 when he heard Deputy Kevin Moss advise that he saw Parker traveling southbound on US Highway 17. Deputy Moss attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Parker, but Parker did not stop. Deputy Moss then began pursuing Parker.

While Deputy Blum was traveling northbound on US Highway 17, he observed Deputy Moss traveling southbound in pursuit of Parker. Deputy Blum turned around in the area of US Highway 17 and Mills Road and attempted to catch up to Deputy Moss and Parker. While

Deputy Blum was following Deputy Moss, he could hear information being relayed from his radio that "stop sticks" had been deployed on Parker's vehicle and that the tires were deflating.

As the tires on Parker's vehicle began to deflate, he pulled his vehicle into the center median area of US Highway 17 in front of a store called "Hay Baby." Deputy Moss pulled in behind Parker's vehicle, in the center median. Deputy Blum began to position his vehicle on the passenger side of Deputy Moss's vehicle. At that moment, Deputy Blum observed Parker exit his vehicle and point a handgun at Deputy Moss, who was still in his patrol vehicle. Deputy Blum advised that Parker was in a "shooting stance." Deputy Blum was in fear that Parker would shoot Deputy Moss. Deputy Blum drove his vehicle into the center median heading towards Parker. At the same time, Deputy Blum fired his handgun through the windshield of his patrol vehicle at Parker. As Deputy Blum was firing, he could see that Parker was fleeing away from Deputy Moss and himself. Deputy Blum's vehicle then struck Parker's vehicle in the rear bumper area. Deputy Blum believed he fired approximately six times.

Deputy Blum then holstered his handgun and exited his vehicle to chase after Parker, who was running southbound on US Highway 17. As Deputy Blum was running after Parker, he observed Corporal Tagle, who was positioned south of Parker in the northbound lanes of US Highway 17, fire at Parker. Deputy Blum observed Parker get shot and then fall to the ground in the center median area. Parker then threw his handgun away from himself and surrendered. Other deputies surrounded Parker and secured him. Deputy Blum began walking back to his patrol vehicle.

As Deputy Blum was walking back to his patrol vehicle, he observed Brandy Deann Price sitting in the front passenger seat of Parker's vehicle. Deputy Blum un-holstered his firearm pointed it towards Price and instructed her to put her hands up. Other deputies observed Deputy Blum addressing Price and moved in to secure her. While deputies were securing Price, Deputy Blum conducted a tactical reload of his handgun. He placed the used magazine on his duty belt. Deputy Blum then waited for direction from his supervision.

Deputy Blum was able to provide a hand-drawn diagram of the scene. The diagram illustrated where Deputy Moss' vehicle, Parker's vehicle, Corporal Tagle's vehicle, and Deputy Blum's vehicle were positioned during the incident.

DPD Corporal Tony Tagle:

On November 29, 2018, SA Christopher Deardoff and SA Lisa Gundrum obtained a voluntary, sworn, recorded statement from Corporal Tagle. The statement was obtained at the office of attorney Michael Lambert, located at 428 N Halifax Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114. The following is a summary of Corporal Tagle's statement.

Corporal Tagle has been employed by the DPD for approximately 5 years as a police officer. At the time of the incident, he was assigned to road patrol. Corporal Tagle was wearing a DPD uniform consisting of long, tan, pants and a short sleeve shirt. The uniform had agency patches and a badge which identified Corporal Tagle as a law enforcement officer. Corporal Tagle drove a DPD marked patrol vehicle.

Corporal Tagle utilized his department issued Colt 5.56 caliber model M4 rifle at the time of the incident. The rifle was equipped with a 30 round magazine, which Corporal Tagle was unsure if he topped it off.

On the day of the incident, Corporal Tagle was driving to the DPD for training. Corporal Tagle was driving southbound on US Highway 17, from the area of Katrina Street, when he heard radio transmissions from VCSO authorizing a vehicle pursuit of a gold Honda. Corporal Tagle then heard that the vehicle being pursued was heading southbound on US Highway 17 towards him. As Corporal Tagle continued southbound on US Highway 17, he observed several VCSO deputies positioned on the side of the highway with "stop sticks" ready to deploy. Corporal Tagle believed that the pursuit was of a serious nature, due to the assets that were being utilized. A few moments later, Corporal Tagle was advised that DPD was authorized to assist VCSO with the vehicle pursuit.

Corporal Tagle pulled over to the side of US Highway 17 and repositioned his rifle to the front passenger seat of his patrol vehicle. He then continued southbound on US Highway 17. The VCSO radio transmissions advised updated locations of the vehicle pursuit. Corporal Tagle could hear that the suspect (Dillion Larson Parker) and deputies were approaching his location. Further radio transmissions advised that there was a successful deployment of "stop sticks" on Parker's vehicle. A few moments later, Corporal Tagle could see Parker being chased by VCSO deputies in his rearview mirror. Parker drove his vehicle into the center median area of US Highway 17 and was followed by several VCSO deputies. Parker and the deputies were north of where Corporal Tagle was positioned on US Highway 17 when their vehicles came to a rest in the center median.

Corporal Tagle began to reposition his vehicle to the northbound lanes of US Highway 17 by making a U-turn south of where Parker and the deputies were positioned. As Corporal Tagle was making the U-turn, he saw Parker standing outside of his vehicle and firing at the deputies behind him at least one time. Corporal Tagle could see plumes of smoke coming from where Parker was standing. Corporal Tagle believed the plumes of smoke to be from gunfire. He also heard several gunshots come from the area where Parker and the deputies were positioned. Corporal Tagle then positioned his vehicle in the outside lane of northbound US Highway 17, south of Parker and the deputies.

While Corporal Tagle was still inside his vehicle, Parker turned towards him and began to fire at him. Corporal Tagle saw Parker running in his direction as well. Corporal Tagle positioned himself behind the dashboard of his vehicle and retrieved his rifle from the passenger seat. While Corporal Tagle was positioned behind his dashboard, he could hear several more gunshots but was unaware of who was firing. As Corporal Tagle sat back up in his seat, Parker was still running towards him and fired at least two more times at Corporal Tagle. Corporal Tagle then exited his vehicle and used his driver's door for concealment while firing his rifle at Parker. He continued to fire his rifle at Parker until he saw Parker fall to the ground in the center median. Corporal Tagle believed he fired approximately four times.

After Parker fell to the ground, Corporal Tagle approached him and gave commands for Parker to show his hands. Parker then threw a handgun away from himself in the center median. Multiple VCSO deputies approached Parker and secured him. The VCSO deputies then provided aid to Parker. Corporal Tagle then returned to his vehicle and waited for direction from his supervision.

Corporal Tagle was able to provide a hand-drawn diagram of the scene. The diagram illustrated where Deputy Moss' vehicle, Parker's vehicle, Deputy Blum's vehicle, and Corporal Tagle's vehicle were positioned during the incident.

Dillon Parker Interview

On November 19, 2018, SA Ryan Bliss was directed to respond to the Halifax Hospital located at 303 North Clyde Morris Boulevard to conduct an interview of Dillion Larson Parker.

Upon arrival, SA Bliss was directed to the room where Parker was being treated for the gunshot wounds and was unconscious. SA Bliss left a business card with the attending nurse with instructions to have the corrections officer that would be arriving for security to call SA Bliss once Parker was able to speak.

On November 21, 2018, the corrections officer called SA Bliss and advised Parker was conscious and alert. While en-route to the Halifax Hospital, SA Bliss contacted Lieutenant Kurt Schoeps of the VCSO to advise that Parker was conscious and SA Bliss was traveling to the Halifax Hospital to interview Parker. Lieutenant Schoeps advised a detective would meet SA Bliss at the hospital so he could interview Parker about the shooting as well. A decision was made to have SA Bliss speak with Parker about the officer-involved shooting first. SA Bliss entered the room alone for the interview.

SA Bliss advised Parker of his constitutional rights and Parker agreed to speak without an attorney present. The following is a summary of the interview:

SA Bliss asked Parker why the deputies shot him. Parker replied that he shot at the deputies first. Parker said that he jumped out of the car and wanted to do suicide by cop. SA Bliss asked Parker where he stopped the car and Parker advised that the car stopped by itself. Parker jumped out of the car and began to shoot in the direction of the deputies. Parker did not want to shoot any of the deputies but shot in their direction. Parker did not know how many times he shot at the deputies but stated it was multiple times.

After the initial shots, Parker turned around and began to run away from the deputies and fired more shots in the direction of the deputies. While Parker was running, he was shot and fell to the ground. Parker shot at the deputies with a .380 caliber pistol. The firearm was not registered to Parker but the gun did belong to Parker. While on the ground, Parker threw the gun away from his body. According to Parker, the gun was located by the officers on scene.

Parker shot at the deputies because he did not want to do life in prison. SA Bliss asked Parker why the deputies were chasing after him. Parker replied that he shot someone and there was a warrant for his arrest. Parker advised that the individual that he shot had threatened his family and that individual was crazy enough to do something bad to Parker's little girl and girlfriend so he shot him. Parker stated that he did not want to do life in prison so he thought he would have a shootout with the police and die.

Brandy Price Interview

On November 19, 2018, SA David Snowden conducted a sworn, voluntary, and recorded interview with Brandy Price. The interview was conducted in a marked VCSO vehicle in the 3900 block of North US 17 in Deland, Florida. Also present for the interview was VCSO Investigator Shon McGuire and DPD Detective David Stimpson.

Price has known Dillon Parker for several years. Parker called Price that morning "early" and said he needed her and trusted her. Parker picked Price up in Orange City and the two of them

drove to "the sticks." Price was not sure exactly where they were but said the last place she knew was Astor.

As they were driving, Price said they "saw a cop drive past us, and he's (Parker) driving faster. Then, at the end of the other street, there's another cop and he (Parker) just takes off." Price said she believed they exceeded 100 miles per hour and she was scared. Price verified there were police vehicles in front and behind their car with emergency lights activated. Price could not remember if she heard any sirens or not. Parker was weaving in and out of traffic and cars "were moving off the road" as they approached. Price asked Parker to stop and told him she was scared but he refused her requests. Parker told Price he was not stopping. When asked if Price knew why Parker was running, she said, "You hear things." She explained it was rumored that two days prior Parker had hit someone in the face with a brick.

At some point during Parker fleeing, he ran over something that the police threw in the road causing Parker to slow and pull into the center median. Parker told Price that he was sorry and he loved her and then got out of the car before it came to a stop. Price then heard gunshots. Price advised that she was not aware that Parker had a gun and had not seen one in the car that day. When asked if it sounded like Parker was shooting, she replied, "I don't want to answer that because I don't want to say anything."

Price indicated she put her hands up by her face and was not paying attention to what was occurring outside of the car because she was afraid. Police were all around and she could hear bullets being fired. She could hear deputies saying something but could not initially make out what it was. Price later said she heard the deputies tell Parker to, "Get down, or get on the ground." When Price looked up, Parker fell to the ground. Price believed that was because Parker had been shot.

After Parker fell to the ground and was secured, deputies approached Price who was still in the car and placed her in handcuffs too. Price was removed from the car Parker had been driving and was detained in a VCSO vehicle until it was determined she had no criminal charges. Price said she was thankful that the deputies were thoughtful and mindful that someone else was in the car so that she could go home to see her daughter.

Submission of evidence to the FDLE Laboratory

On November 26, 2018, SA Christopher Deardoff responded to the VCSO Criminal Investigations Division building, located at 1330 Indian Lake Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32124, and took possession of selected evidence items that were collected from the shooting scene and the Deputy and Officer involved; to consist of spent cartridge casings, live ammunition rounds, the pistol and ammunition assigned to Deputy Blum, and the rifle and ammunition assigned to Corporal Tagle.

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
CD-1	Colt M4 5.56 Caliber rifle w/ two empty magazines S/N: A0203386
CD-2	.223 Caliber ammunition from item CD-1 Qty-5 (live ammunition)
CD-3	.223 Caliber casing
CD-4	.223 Caliber casing
CD-5	.223 Caliber casing

CD-6	.223 Caliber casing
CD-7	.223 Caliber casing
CD-8	.223 Caliber casing
CD-9	.223 Caliber casing
CD-10	.223 Caliber casing
CD-11	.223 Caliber casing
CD-12	.223 Caliber casing
CD-13	Glock Model 35 .40 Caliber pistol w/ magazine S/N: YNC677
CD-14	.40 Caliber Glock 35 magazine w/ eight .40 Caliber rounds (live ammunition)
CD-15	.40 Caliber casing
CD-16	.40 Caliber casing
CD-17	.40 Caliber casing
CD-18	.40 Caliber casing
CD-19	.40 Caliber casing
CD-20	.40 Caliber casing
CD-21	.40 Caliber casing
CD-22	Grendel Inc. Model P-12 semi-automatic pistol w/ magazine
CD-23	.380 Caliber ammunition Qty-5 (live rounds)

Crime Scene

VCSO Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) Sharalyn Wilmot responded to the scene of the shooting and subsequently documented and collected items of evidence under FDLE direction. CSI Wilmot provided a report of her actions and documented the following in summary:

On November 19, 2018, CSI Wilmot responded to 3950 North US Highway 17, DeLand, and photographed and conducted a 3D scan of the scene and collected the following evidence items:

1. Colt AR-15 Rifle and Two Magazines (Tagle)
2. Grendel Inc. P-12 Pistol and Magazine (Parker)
3. Glock Model 35 Pistol and Two Magazines (Blum)
4. 10 Spent .223 Caliber Casings
5. 6 Spent .40 Caliber Casings
6. 8 .380 Caliber Rounds
7. Multiple Clothing Items (Parker)

On January 18, 2018, CSI Wilmot provided SA Deardoff with copies of the Crime Scene and Property reports pertaining to the incident. Copies of the photographs taken at the crime scene were also included.

FDLE Firearms Report

This report references evidence submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on November 28, 2018, by M. Vargas.

EVIDENCE:

FDLE Item #	Agency Exhibit #	Description
1	CD-1	One 5.56x45 mm Caliber Colt Model M4 Commando semi/full automatic rifle, S/N: A0203386, and two magazines.
2	CD-13	One 40 S&W caliber Glock model 35 Gen4 semi-automatic pistol, S/N: YNC677, and one magazine.
3	CD-14	One sealed manila envelope said to contain a magazine and cartridges (not opened or examined).
4	CD-22	One 380 Auto Caliber Grendel Model P-12 semi-automatic pistol, S/N: 33797, and one magazine.

RESULTS:

Item 1- The pistol was test fired using one of the submitted magazines and was found to be functional. The remaining magazine was not further examined.

Item 2- The pistol was test fired using the submitted magazine and was found to be functional.

Item 4- The pistol was test fired using the submitted magazine and was found to be functional. Images of a cartridge case fired in the pistol were entered in and compared to NIBIN. No potential associations were made at this time.

Body Worn Camera Video of Deputy Blum

SA Deardoff received the body-worn camera (BWC) video of Deputy Blum. A review of the BWC video revealed the following:

Deputy Blum's footage was separated into two "tracks." The first track contained footage of Deputy Blum driving to the area of US Highway 17 and had no footage of the incident. The second track began with footage of Deputy Blum driving to the area of US Highway 17. At the listed time of 02:59, Deputy Blum was seen joining the vehicle pursuit of Dillion Larson Parker with Deputy Moss. At the listed time of 03:34, Parker's vehicle entered the center median area with Deputy Moss pulling in behind him. As soon as Parker's vehicle stopped, Parker exited the driver's door and turned towards Deputy Moss. Parker then raised both arms up and pointed

what appeared to be a handgun at Deputy Moss. At the listed time of 03:38, Deputy Blum drove his patrol vehicle into the center median between Parker and Deputy Moss. At the same time, Deputy Blum un-holstered his department issued Glock handgun and fired at Parker through the windshield of his patrol vehicle. Deputy Moss fired seven rounds through his windshield at Parker.

At the listed time of 03:44, Deputy Blum holstered his firearm and exited his patrol vehicle to chase Parker on foot. Parker had started running southbound on US Highway 17. As Deputy Blum was running southbound, multiple gunshots could be heard at the listed time of 03:46. A DPD patrol vehicle could be seen, parked, south of Deputy Blum's location in the northbound lanes. At the listed time of 03:59, Deputy Blum reached Parker, who was lying in the center median with what appeared to be blood on his upper chest and back area. Deputy Blum unholstered his firearm and pointed it at Parker, giving multiple verbal commands for Parker to show his hands. Multiple deputies then converged on Parker and he was placed into handcuffs. Deputy Blum then holstered his firearm and started to walk back to his patrol vehicle.

At the listed time of 04:37, Deputy Blum unholstered his firearm and pointed it at the vehicle Parker was driving. Deputy Blum gave multiple verbal commands to an occupant inside the vehicle to put their hands up in the air. Several deputies approached the vehicle and removed an occupant from the passenger front seat. Deputy Blum conducted a tactical reload of his firearm and holstered it.

The remainder of the recording predominately pertained to activities related to the crime scene.

Body Worn Camera Video of Deputy Moss

SA Deardoff received the body-worn camera (BWC) video of Deputy Moss. A review of the BWC video revealed the following:

The footage from Deputy Moss' BWC began with Deputy Moss responding to the area of US Highway 17 in an attempt to search for Parker. At the listed time of 01:12, Deputy Moss advised the communications center that Parker had passed him and was driving southbound on US Highway 17. Deputy Moss conducted a U-turn and initiated his emergency lights and sirens. Deputy Moss advised the communications center that he was attempting to catch up to Parker. Due to the position of Deputy Moss' BWC, the video shows an upward angle looking out Deputy Moss' windshield towards the sky. Throughout the footage, Deputy Moss updated the current location of the pursuit and attempted to coordinate "stop stick" deployments with other deputies.

At the listed time of 04:39, Deputy Blum was heard advising that he was joining the pursuit with Deputy Moss. At the listed time of 05:10, Deputy Moss advised that Parker was pulling into the center median area of US Highway 17 in front of a store called "Hay Baby," after a successful stop stick deployment. At the listed time of 05:17, Deputy Moss advised "He's shooting he's shooting! Look out! Shots fired shots fired!" Deputy Moss exited his vehicle and began to chase after Parker, who was running southbound on US Highway 17. At the listed time of 05:24, multiple gunshots could be heard. As Deputy Moss continued running southbound on US Highway 17, a DPD patrol vehicle was seen parked in the northbound lanes. Corporal Tagle was seen walking away from his vehicle towards the center median area with his rifle pointed at Parker. Parker was lying in the center median area.

Deputy Blum approached Parker, who had what appeared to be blood on his chest and back area. Deputy Blum secured Parker in handcuffs. At the listed time of 05:18, Deputy Blum was speaking to Sergeant (Sgt.) Nick Shephard and stated "He (Parker) shot right at me. He shot at me, I don't know if it hit my car. He shot directly at me. He jumped out right at me boom boom boom boom. Right straight at me." Sgt. Shephard asked Deputy Moss who shot Parker and Deputy Moss replied "DeLand".

The remainder of the recording predominately pertained to the care of Parker and activities related to the crime scene.

Body Worn Camera Video of Deputy O'Melia

SA Deardoff received the body-worn camera (BWC) video of Deputy O'Melia. A review of the BWC video revealed the following:

Deputy O'Melia's footage was separated into two "tracks". The first track only contained footage of Deputy O'Melia on patrol of a neighborhood and had no footage of the incident. The second track began after Deputy O'Melia encountered Parker. No footage was captured of their interaction. At the listed time of 04:49, Deputy O'Melia arrived at the incident location. The footage primarily pertained to Deputy O'Melia assisting with traffic control.

Security Camera Footage

The footage was obtained from two security cameras positioned on the east side of MRI auto dealership, located at 3950 N US Highway 17, Deland, FL. The incident was separated onto two tracks. Track one was footage from a camera positioned facing northeast and overlooking US Highway 17. At the listed time of 05:42, Corporal Tagle's DPD patrol vehicle passed in front of the business heading southbound on US Highway 17. At the listed time of 05:47, Parker's vehicle entered the center median area, along with Deputy Moss' patrol vehicle, and stopped in front of the business. Parker exited his vehicle and raised both arms up towards Deputy Moss. Due to the quality of the footage and the distance that Parker was from the camera, it is unclear if Parker was holding a firearm.

At the listed time of 05:54, Deputy Blum could be seen driving into the center median area, between Parker and Deputy Moss, striking Parker's vehicle from the rear. Multiple plumes of smoke can be seen emitting from the windshield of Deputy Blum's patrol vehicle. It was believed that those were caused by Deputy Blum firing through his windshield. Parker then ran southbound out of view of the camera. Deputy Blum and Deputy Moss were seen giving chase after Parker. They too exited the view of the camera. Shortly after, the footage ended.

Track two was footage from a camera positioned facing southeast and overlooking US Highway 17. At the listed time of 01:38, Parker's vehicle was seen entering the center median. When Parker's vehicle stopped, he exited from the driver's side door and raised both arms up towards the rear of his vehicle. Due to the angle of the camera, Parker's vehicle was the only one in the frame at the time. At the listed time of 01:43, Deputy Blum drove his patrol vehicle into the center median and struck the rear of Parker's vehicle. At the same moment, several plumes of smoke can be seen emitting from the windshield of Deputy Blum's patrol vehicle. It was believed that those were caused by Deputy Blum firing through his windshield. Parker was then seen running southbound on US Highway 17.

As Deputy Blum drove his vehicle into the center median, Corporal Tagle could be seen conducting a U-turn in the center median to the south and then drove north. Shortly after, Corporal Tagle parked his patrol vehicle on US Highway 17 as Parker was running towards his direction. As Parker was running towards Corporal Tagle, Corporal Tagle opened his driver's door and stood behind it. Parker began to run from the outside of the median towards the center area and then fell to the ground. As Parker was falling, several plumes of dirt can be seen around him. Corporal Tagle then stepped away from his driver's door and moved towards Parker with his rifle pointed at him. Multiple VCSO deputies can be seen arriving on scene shortly after.

The remainder of the recording predominately pertained to the care of Parker and activities related to the crime scene.

Cellphone Footage from Ricky Lee Gilstrap

On November 19, 2018, Lieutenant (Lt.) Christopher Jackson with the DPD conducted a sworn, voluntary, and recorded interview with Ricky Lee Gilstrap, a civilian, who was driving southbound on US Highway 17, DeLand, in the area of the use of force incident. The interview was conducted at the DPD.

As Gilstrap was driving southbound on US Highway 17, in the DeLand area, he observed multiple VCSO marked patrol cars chasing a car. Gilstrap saw the pursuit stop in a center median and pulled his cellphone out to record it as he was driving by. Gilstrap heard several gunshots, but continued to drive southbound. Gilstrap could not see who was shooting. Gilstrap provided a copy of his cellphone footage to Lt. Jackson. A summary of the footage was as follows:

The footage from Gilstrap's cellphone began with Gilstrap in his vehicle, on the side of US Highway 17. Several VCSO patrol cars were seen passing Gilstrap southbound. After the patrol cars passed, Gilstrap continued southbound. At the listed time of 00:15, Parker's vehicle, Deputy Moss' vehicle, and Deputy Blum's vehicle entered the center median. At the listed time of 00:22, multiple gunshots could be heard as well as Gilstrap saying "They shot him", multiple times. As Gilstrap continued southbound, he passed Parker, who was lying in the center median. Corporal Tagle was also seen approaching Parker with his rifle pointed at him. Shortly after, the video ended.

Witnesses

Law Enforcement Witnesses

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➤ VCSO Deputy Kevin Moss
➤ VCSO Sergeant Nick Shephard
➤ VCSO Deputy Patrick O'Melia
➤ VCSO Deputy Robert Mitchell
➤ VCSO Deputy Blaine Lewis
➤ VCSO Deputy David McIntosh

Civilian Witnesses

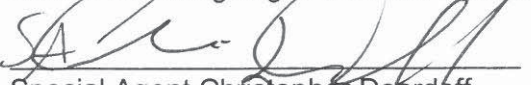
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Ricky Lee Gilstrap	1225 Arredondo Grant Rd, De Leon Springs, FL 32130

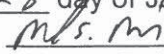
Conclusion

FDLE has completed a comprehensive investigation into the use of deadly force by DeLand Police Department Corporal Tony Tagle and Volusia County Sheriff's Office Deputy Wesley Blum. This presentation of facts is based on law enforcement witnesses, civilian witnesses, and physical evidence. FDLE submits this investigative summary to the Office of the State Attorney for their review and disposition.

Notarizations

I swear the foregoing is true and correct


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