## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul
Description: Request for Investigation

Activity Date: 11/12/2022
Report Date: 11/15/2022
Approved By: Craig, Joseph E
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
This case is predicated on the written request by District Attorney General for the $20^{\text {th }}$ Judicial District, Glenn Funk on Saturday, November 12, 2022. General Funk requested for agents with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the officer-involved shooting involving DRANDON BROWN and Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD) officer's CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS that occurred in the 3000 block of River Rd Nashville, TN 37209.

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## DIRECTOR

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Dear Director:
I hereby request the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to investigate the following case which occurred in my judicial circuit:

TYPE OF INCIDENT \& DATE: Officer Involved Shooting, November 12, 2022
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: River Road, Davidson County, Tennessee
DECEASED: Drandon John Brown

SUBJECT'S NAME(S): MNPD Officer Ryan Thomas
MNPD Officer Vandermerwe

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Officer Involved Incident where Drandon John Brown was shot by MNPD Officer(s) at a location on River Road in Nashville, Tennessee.

For further information contact: Glenn R. Funk, District Attorney General, 615-862-5507, glennfunk@jisnashville.gov

This case is assigned to:
TBI Case No.:

If oral, request made on the 12th day
of November, 2022 $\qquad$

Sincerely,


District Attorney General $20^{\text {th }}$ Judicial District

Special Agent

Copy—TBI File, Copy—District Attorney General's File, Copy-Agent's Copy

## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Author: Reed, Eric
Activity Date: 11/12/2022
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
Report Date: 11/15/2022
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul
Description: Preliminary Investigative Report
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
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On November 12, 2022 at approximately 6:57 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received a call from Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Josh Savley asking him to respond to the abovementioned address to investigate an officer-involved shooting. ASAC Savley advised that several 911 complaints were called in to the Cheatham County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) dispatch in reference to a male walking along River Rd towards Davidson County yelling at and hitting vehicles with tree branches as they passed by. These complaints were forwarded to MNPD since the male was close, or in, Davidson County. ASAC Savley further advised SA Reed that upon MNPD officer's arrival, the male was not cooperative with officer commands. At some point during contact with the male, the male charged officers with a knife, and the officers used deadly force to stop him. BROWN's identification was not known at the time of the shooting. SA Reed is still gathering pertinent details related to this investigation and will document these details in their respective intelligence reports.

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[^0]From information and observation, the following descriptive data was noted:
NAME: Drandon Brown
RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB:
DL: TN:
SSN:
ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE:
NAME: Cameron Van-Der-Merwe
RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB:
DL:
SSN:
ADDRESS: 600 Murfreesboro Rd Nashville, TN
TELEPHONE:
NAME: Ryan Thomas
RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB:
DL:
SSN:
ADDRESS: 600 Murfreesboro Rd Nashville, TN
TELEPHONE:

# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT 

Author: Reed, Erio
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul
Description: Recovery of Evidence - Duty Weapons - From - Cameron Van-Der-Merwe and Ryan Thomas

(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:<br>(LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB:<br>(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

On November 12, 2022 at approximately 8:56 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed collected the duty weapon belonging to Officer CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE while at the 8000 block of River Rd Nashville, TN. A total of nineteen 9 mm cartridges were still inside of the weapon upon retrieval. SA Reed also collected one extra magazine worn on VAN-DER-MERWE's duty belt.
At approximately 9:01 p.m., SA Reed collected Officer RYAN THOMAS's duty weapon. A total of twenty-one 9 mm cartridges were still inside of the weapon upon retrieval. SA Reed also collected two extra magazines worn on THOMAS's duty belt. Both weapons were transported to the TBI Headquarters to later be submitted to the TBI Lab for testing. Two individual property receipt forms were completed reflecting the abovementioned items taken by SA Reed. The property forms have been serialized individually and added into the ongoing case file.

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# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT 

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Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/12/2022
Report Date: 11/15/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Recovery of Evidence - Body Camera Footage
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 12, 2022 at approximately 10:56 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received an email from Captain Blaine Whited, with Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD), containing a link to the body worn cameras belonging to officers CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS the night DRANDON BROWN was shot and killed. SA Reed was given the password to be able to download both body cameras into his case file. Due to the length of the videos, SA Reed will only maintain a copy of each body cam videos within his case file located on his work computer. These body cams will be made available to view upon the district attorney's request.

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TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 5

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul
Description: Investigative Activity - Viewing Body Camera Footage
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 12, 2022 at approximately 11:47 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed arrived at 600 Murfreesboro Rd. Nashville, TN to review the body cameras worn by Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD) officer's CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS the night DRANDON BROWN was shot and killed in the 8000 block of River Rd Nashville, TN. Also present while SA Reed viewed the footage was Lieutenant (LT) Gibson and Public Affairs Director Don Aaron with MNPD. While viewing THOMAS's body cam, BROWN is seen walking south in the northbound lane on River Rd upon THOMAS's arrival. THOMAS then exits his vehicle and attempts to talk with BROWN, but BROWN was not willing to speak to THOMAS. VAN-DER-MERWE arrived the same time THOMAS did, and BROWN stated he did not want to speak with VAN-DER-MERWE either. BROWN then began to become agitated. SA Reed also observed BROWN's speech to be slurred.

As THOMAS is talking to BROWN, BROWN begins to walk away from THOMAS and THOMAS commanded BROWN to stop walking so he could talk with him, but BROWN declined. THOMAS then stepped in front of BROWN to prevent him from walking away. THOMAS then asked VAN-DER-MERWE if he was ready, and BROWN pulled out a knife and threatened to kill THOMAS and VAN-DER-MERWE. Both VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS commanded BROWN to drop the knife, but BROWN began to walk away again. VAN-DER-MERWE then attempted to tase BROWN but was unsuccessful in gaining neuromuscular incapacitation. Shortly after VAN-DER-MERWE's second taser cartridge was deployed, BROWN íurned around and began to sprint towards VAN.DER-MERWE with the knife still in his hand. Both VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS fired their duty weapons at BROWN. BROWN then fell to the ground and THOMAS requested medical aid be sent to their location. Both officers attempted to give BROWN medical aid until help arrived. SA Reed then watched VAN-DER-MERWE's body camera and it reflects the same event as THOMAS's body cam. It is important to note that this is a synopsis of what was viewed on the body cameras. To view the full incident, please refer to SA Reed.

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Case \#: NA-5U-000052

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/13/2022
Report Date: 11/15/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Telephone Conversation - Death Notification by Officer Leffler

## (LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:

(LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 13, 2022 at approximately 2:35 a.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received a call from Officer Leffler Louisville Police Department, advising him that he would be the one making the Death Notification. Leffler asked SA Reed if he was wanting him to make the notification to both Christopher Brown and Sara Morris or just one of them. SA Reed advised Leffler he could go to Christopher Brown's residence first, and if he acknowledges to be BROWNS son, Leffler could just notify him of BROWN's death and not Morris. Leffler then advised he would call SA Reed back after he made the notification.

At approximately 2:53 a.m., Leffler called SA Reed again and advised he made the death notification to Christopher Brown. Leffler advised Christopher stated he was BROWN's son. Leffler went on to advise Christopher did not seem to care BROWN died, and even stated he had not spoken to BROWN for approximately two years. Christopher also stated BROWN was an alcoholic, drug addict, and has been in and out of prison. Officer Leffler advised Christopher did not believe BROWN suffered from mental illness. Officer Leffler then gave Christopher SA Reed's work number should he have further questions. This concluded the conversation.

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## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

IR \# : 7

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/13/2022
Report Date: 11/15/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Telephone Conversation - Christopher Brown
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 13, 2022 at approximately 12:31 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received a call from Christopher Brown, DRANDON BROWN's son. Brown advised SA Reed that the last time he had anything to do with his father was in 2019. Brown advised he called BROWN after the tornado hit Nashville, TN, but he did not receive an answer. Brown went on to advise that when he finally got ahold of his father, it sounded like he got his life together, but after he saw the body cam footage the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD) released, Brown stated his father sounded like he was "out there". Brown also advised SA Reed that his father struggled with drug addiction and was an alcoholic. Brown could not remember an extended period of time his father had gotten and remained sober. SA Reed then informed Brown that the Medical Examiner's Office would reach out to him after his father's autopsy so he could retrieve his father's body and Brown advised he understood. This concluded the conversation.

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## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

IR \# : 8

Author: Simmons, Bobby Allen
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/12/2022
Report Date: 11/14/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Investigative Activity - Crime Scene
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

On November 12, 2022, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation was requested to investigate an officer involved shooting in Nashville, TN. SA Bobby Simmons, SA Eric Reed, SA Steven Kennard, and ASAC Josh Savley responded to River Road Pike, Nashville, TN. The crime scene was located on the roadway near 8000 River Road Pike. SA Simmons arrived on scene around 8:00PM. The scene was dark and dry, with minimal lighting from police vehicles in the area. SA Bobby Simmons assisted in processing the crime scene. SA Simmons photographed the scene and items of evidence. SA Simmons and SA Kennard identified and marked items of evidence in the scene. SA Simmons, ASAC Savley and SA Reed measured the items of evidence. SA Kennard collected the items of evidence with the assistance of SA Simmons and ASAC Savley.

The photographs were provided to SA Reed and a copy maintained on the TBI media server.

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## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case \#: NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 9

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/12/2022
Report Date: 11/16/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Photographs - Duty Weapon, Cameron Van-Der-Merwe, Ryan Thomas, and Drandon Brown's Body
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB
(LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 12, 2022 at approximately 9:05 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed captured overall photographs of Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD) Officers CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS in their patrol uniforms while on scene, 8000 block of River Rd Nashville, TN. Both officers had not removed any gear from their uniforms upon SA Reed's arrival. SA Reed then captured photographs of VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS's duty weapons along with the serial numbers. Lastly, SA Reed captured overall photos of DRANDON BROWN's body before it was transported by the Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office. A total of 33 photographs were taken. These photographs have been added into the ongoing case file and shall be made available upon the DA's request.

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# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT 

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/14/2022
Report Date: 11/17/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Investigative Activity - Attended Autopsy

## (LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB <br> (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

On November 14, 2022 at approximately 10:51 a.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed attended the autopsy of DRANDON BROWN at the Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office located at 850 RS Gass Blvd Nashville, TN. Dr. Shannon Crook performed the autopsy. Dr. Crook advised based upon initially viewing BROWN's body and running rods through the wounds to see each bullet's direction of travel, Dr. Crook believed BROWN was shot a total of three times; twice in the left arm and once in the chest. The first bullet appeared to have entered through the arm bicep area, continued into BROWN's left chest cavity, and exited through the top of BROWN's chest. The second bullet through BROWN's arm entered through the left elbow and continued into the ribs. An abrasion to BROWN's forehead and lip was also noted. After the autopsy was completed by Dr. Crook, a total of two bullets were recovered. It is important to note that one of the bullet's core and the jacket were found separate. The second bullet located was found in BROWN's spine. Once the autopsy was complete, Dr. Crook advised her preliminary findings were that BROWN was struck by a bullet in his aorta artery and this could have been one of the major contributing factors leading to BROWN's death.

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Case \#: NA-5U-000052
IR\#: 11

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/14/2022
Report Date: 11/16/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Recovery of Evidence - Handcuffs and Taser Probes

## (LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

On November 14, 2022 at approximately 12:14 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received one pair of handcuffs and taser probes recovered from DRANDON BROWN's body from investigator Jennifer Ledford at the Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office. Ledford provided SA Reed a property receipt listing these items and SA Reed also completes a property receipt form reflecting the abovementioned transfer of items. At approximately 1:05 p.m., SA Reed transferred the abovementioned items to the TBI Vault located at 901 RS Gass Blvd Nashville, TN. This too was noted on the already existing property receipt form.

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Author: Reed, Eric<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Activity Date: 11/14/2022<br>Report Date: 11/16/2022<br>Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Description: Investigative Activity - Transferring Evidence from the CID Evidence Locker to the TBI Lab

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(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB (LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
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On November 14, 2022 at approximately 1:05 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed transferred all evidence stored in the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) evidence locker to the TBI Lab. The duty weapons and cartridge casings recovered from the 8000 block of River Rd Nashville, TN were submitted to be examined and all other items were submitted into the TBI Vault. This transfer was reflected on the already existing property receipt forms.

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TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 13

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul
Description: Recovery of Evidence - Taser Download Report and Graph - From - Brent Gibson

## (LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:

 (LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB:(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 15, 2022 at approximately 2:17 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received an email from Lieutenant Brent Gibson, with Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD), containing the taser download report and graph for Officer CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE the night DRANDON BROWN was shot and killed by MNPD officers. These reports have been serialized separately and added into the ongoing case file.

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# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT 

Author: Reed, Eric Activity Date: 11/16/2022<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Description: Request for Examination - TB|<br>Report Date: 11/16/2022<br>Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB (LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 14, 2022 at approximately 1:05 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed requested the TBI Lab to perform a firearms examination on the the duty weapons belonging to Officers CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS. SA Reed also requested the cartridge casings located on scene, 8000 block of River Rd Nashville, TN, to be examined. Results from each examination will be serialized separately and added separately within the ongoing case file.

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Case \#: NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 15

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/16/2022
Report Date: 11/16/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Property Release - Duty Weapons and Handcuffs - To - Sergeant Jason Spencer

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(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
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On November 16, 2022 at approximately 9:05 a.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received a phone call from SA Alex Brodhag advising him that the duty weapons belonging to CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS had been examined and were ready to be released back to the officers. At approximately 1:00 p.m., SA Reed retrieved the duty weapons from the TBI Lab. At approximately 1:22 p.m., SA Reed released the duty weapons over to Sergeant Jason Spencer at the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department Training Academy. SA Reed released the handcuffs placed on DRANDON BROWN the night of the officer involved shooting to SGT Spencer also. SA Reed documented this exchange on the already existing property receipt forms.

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## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case \#: NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 16

Author: Kennard, Steven Edward<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>Activity Date: 11/12/2022<br>Report Date: 11/16/2022<br>SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Approved By: Neese, Nathan L<br>Description: Crime Scene Investigation - 8000 Block River Road Nashville, Tennessee

(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 12, 2022, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Steven Kennard was contacted via telephone by Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Josh Savley concerning an officer-involved shooting that had occurred in roughly the 8000 block of River Road in Nashville, Tennessee. The shooting was said to have involved an unknown subject later identified as DRANDON BROWN, and two Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPD) police officers. BROWN was shot and was deceased on the scene. TBI personnel were requested by the District Attorney's office to respond to the scene and investigate the circumstances surrounding the death.

SA Kennard arrived the scene at approximately 7:35 PM. The location of the incident was on a section of River Road that runs north/northwest and south/southeast. The roadway and scene were dark aside from the lights provided by vehicles present. The temperature was approximately forty degrees with partly cloudy skies. The entire scene was encompassed within an approximately two-hundred-foot section of River Road running north/northwest and south/southeast with crime scene tape already in place at both the north and south ends. Present on the scene at that time were multiple MNPD officers. Three officers, including a patrol Sergeant that had responded after the incident were providing scene security.

The supervisor on the scene was Lieutenant Gibson, who was serving as the scene supervisor. LT Gibson provided SA Kennard a brief overview of the situation. He advised that MNPD had received calls regarding a subject that was walking in the roadway throwing items at passing vehicles, and possibly jumping out in front of the vehicles as well. Two patrol officers, RYAN THOMAS and CAME:RSON VANDERMERWE responded to the area. The officers located and began to speak with the subject. The situation escalated which resulted in one of the officers attempting to deploy a taser on the subject. It further escalated resulting in one or both of the officers on the scene shooting the subject. The individual, who was at this point, unidentified, was said to have had a knife on his person and possibly charged at one or both officers resulting in the shooting. LT Gibson was informed that SA Eric Reed would be arriving shortly and would be the case agent for the investigation.

At approximately 7:45 PM, SA Kennard entered the crime scene. He was signed in by the MNPD officer keeping the crime scene log. Upon initial entry to the scene, SA Kennard observed three marked MNPD police vehicles at the south end of the scene. All three were

[^2]determined to the be the vehicles of assisting officers who arrived to assist after the incident had already occurred. Approximately one hundred feet to the north on the roadway, the deceased individual was observed laying face up on the right (east) shoulder of the road. He was covered in an aluminum blanket and a brown coat. Several pieces of clothing including jeans, a hat, and a shirt were on the ground in close proximity to the body. There were several pools of a reddish-brown stain on the ground which was presumed to be blood around the immediate area of the body. There were multiple items from first-aid packets on the ground around the body as well. Approximately twenty feet to the south of the body in the middle of the roadway were two spent cartridge cases that had already been marked by first responders. Approximately ten to fifteen feet to the north of the body in the middle of the roadway were two spent taser cartridges and the accompanying wires. About five to ten feet north on the left (west) side of the road was a third spent cartridge case. All three cartridge cases were silver Luger 9 mm cases. The two patrol vehicles from the original responding officers were just north of the third cartridge case. They were parked in the southbound lane with one vehicle in front of the other facing south. Both had their blue lights activated.

At approximately 8:05 PM, SA Bobby Simmons began to take initial overall photographs of the scene as it was upon our arrival. At approximately 8:20 PM, SA Simmons and SA Kennard looked in a black wallet that was attached to blue jeans on the ground near the body to locate some form of identification. Inside the wallet, a Tennessee identification card with the following information was found:

- DRANDON BROWN


## DOB:

The ID card was photographed but ultimately left in the wallet to be collected with the other evidence.

At approximately 8:30 PM, SA Eric Reed and the two officers involved along with their FOP representation walked through the scene where they could provide SA Reed with an idea of where they were when the shots were fired. This was done to assist those processing the scene to retrieve all possible pieces of evidence. While SA Reed was speaking with the officers, SA Kennard and other agents walked the area in an attempt to locate any more items of evidence. A metal detector was utilized as well to search the grass area to the on the west side of the road for any more cartridge cases that may have gone into the grass.

After a thorough search of the general area, the items of evidence were marked and photographed again. At approximately 9:30 PM, each item of evidence was measured in. A baseline method was used to obtain the measurements. Point. A as marked in the crime scene diagram was the power pole bearing the number 08323009. The baseline ran north and south approximately three feet east of the east side of the roadway. All items of evidence measured in were to the west of the base line. The starting point for the measuring tape ( 0 ft , Oinches) started $72^{\prime} 8$ " south of point A (power pole). A list of all of the items of evidence and their corresponding measurements will be listed below. The numbers in the "S" column will be from the zero point on the crime scene tape. The list is as follows:

| Item \# | Description | South (S) | West (W) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Silver spent Luger 9mm cartridge case | $43^{\prime \prime}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 26'4" |
| 2. | 2 spent Taser Cartridges | 43'6" | 12'10" |


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3. Blue jean pants and black wallet 70'0" 10'8"
4. Knife with brown handle and silver blade 69'2" 2'7"
5. Black baseball cap 61'2" 9'6"
6. Gray and black clothing 58'0" 3'9"
7. Silver spent Luger 9 mm cartridge case $82^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime} \quad 15^{\prime \prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$
8. Silver spent Luger 9mm cartridge case 82'0" 13'1"
9. Knife with black handle and blade 68'8" 1'3"
10. Body of DRANDON BROWN 65'0" 3'4"

The two patrol vehicles were not marked as evidence but were measured into the scene
11. Vehicle 8010 - Left rear tire $60^{\prime \prime} 0^{\prime \prime} 15^{\prime \prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$

Vehicle 8010 - Left front tire $15^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime} \quad 15^{\prime \prime} 5^{\prime \prime}$
12. Vehicle 8496AE - Left rear tire $25^{\prime \prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ 17'3"

Vehicle 8496AE - Left front tire $\quad 35^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime} \quad 17^{\prime \prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$
At approximately 10:30 PM, items 1-9 were collected, packaged, and sealed. Item 10 was ultimately taken by personnel from the Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office. The vehicles were released back to MNPD personnel when the scene was cleared. Prior to departing the scene, all items of evidence were transferred to the custody of SA Reed.

At approximately 10:40 PM, the ME's office transport vehicle arrived and loaded up the body. The transport vehicle departed the scene at 11:10 PM.

SA Kennard obtained the crime scene from MNPD personnel prior to departure. This document will be serialized separately within the case file. All personnel cleared the scene at 11:30 PM and the roadway was re-opened to traffic.

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Author: Kennard, Steven Edward Activity Date: 11/12/2022<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Report Date: 11/16/2022<br>Approved By: Neese, Nathan L<br>Description: Crime Scene Diagram - 8000 Block of River Road

(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, WIM, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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IR\#: 18

Author: Kennard, Steven Edward
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul
Description: Document - Crime Scene Log

Activity Date: 11/12/2022
Report Date: 11/16/2022
Approved By: Neese, Nathan L
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VANDERMERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:



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Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 19

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/11/2022
Report Date: 11/11/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Investigative Activity - Arrival to 3000 Block of River Road
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 12, 2022 at approximately 7:45 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed arrived in the 8000 block of River Rd Nashville, TN. Upon arrival, SA Reed observed the area had been blocked and secured by multiple MNPD officers and patrol vehicles. SA Reed was informed by SA Steven Kennard that the officers involved were still on scene and they were speaking to their Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) representatives. SA Reed was also advised the officer's body cameras were already being downloaded at the MNPD Headquarters. SA Reed then approached the scene, which was roped off with yellow crime scene tape, to perform a walk-thru. Before entering the scene, SA Reed was signed in on the crime scene log by Officer Mark Lemiux. While inside the scene, SA Reed pasted three MNPD patrol vehicles in the northbound lane before encountering BROWN's body. BROWN's body was located on the east side of the road, directly outside of the solid white line. BROWN's entire body was covered with a hypothermia blanket and brown jacket. Several pieces of clothing were laying nearby BROWN and a knife was located laying next to him. As SA Reed walked past BROWN's body, there were two more MNPD patrol vehicles parked in the southbound lane. SA Reed then observed a taser cartridge laying in the northbound lane next to the first MNPD patrol unit parked in the southbound lane. SA Reed was then informed that the first MNPD patrol vehicle parked in the southbound lane belonged to THOMAS, and the second belonged to VAN-DER-MERWE. The three patrol units parked in the northbound lane arrived after the shooting occurred. BROWN's identification was still unknown at the time.

After performing a walk-thru of the scene, SA Reed then spoke with Fraternal Order of Police representatives John Brown and Jack Byrd. With them was VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS. BROWN advised he was representing THOMAS and Byrd advised he represented VAN-DER-MERWE. SA Reed asked if the officers would be giving statements on this day and both Byrd and Brown advised no. SA Reed then asked the THOMAS and VAN-DER-MERWE if they were injured and both advised no. SA Reed then asked Byrd and Brown if it would be alright for THOMAS and VAN-DER-MERWE to perform a walk-thru of the scene with him to determine their positions when they fired their weapons, and both Byrd and Brown advised yes.

SA Reed then escorted VAN-DER-MERWE and Byrd to the scene. Before entering the scene, SA Reed captured a photograph of what VAN-DER-MERVE was wearing during the incident. After capturing the photo, SA Reed and VAN-DER-MERWE entered the scene. VAN-DER-MERWE advised SA Reed that he was standing in the northbound lane next to

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THOMAS's patrol unit near the driver-side headlight when he fired his duty weapon. VAN-DER-MERWE advised he fired approximately three times. VAN-DER-MERWE then advised he was standing closer to BROWN when he deployed his taser. SA Reed marked VAN-DER-MERWE's position with green latex gloves within the crime scene. SA Reed then went to escort THOMAS and Brown to the scene. SA Reed completed the same process with THOMAS. THOMAS advised that he was standing directly across from BROWN in the southbound lane when he fired his duty weapon. THOMAS did not recall how many times he fired his duty weapon, but it was more than once.

After having the officers perform a walk-thru of the scene, SA Reed then collected their duty weapons once the officer's replacement weapons arrived. SA Reed counted how many cartridges were inside of each of the officer's duty weapons before securing the weapons. After securing THOMAS and VAN-DER-MERWE's duty weapons, SA Reed was informed by SA Bobby Simmons that an I.D was located for BROWN while he and SA Kennard processed the scene. SA Simmons advised the male was BROWN. SA Reed then contacted the on-call TBI Fusion Analyst, Karissa Garrison, and asked her to locate a next-of-kin for BROWN so he could make a death notification.

SA Reed then contacted the Medical Examiner Office so they could be in route to transport BROWN's body. SA Reed was contacted by Sunny Lusins, with the ME's Office, to inform him she was in route. Once the processing of the scene was completed by SA Simmons and SA Kennard, SA Reed was given all evidence to be secured and transported to the TBI Headquarters afterwards. Once all evidence was collected Lusins arrived. At approximately 10:36 p.m., Lusins uncovered BROWN's body, and photographs were taken of BROWN's body by SA Reed before he was transported.

At approximately 11:15 p.m., SA Reed exited the scene to go view the body camera footage that was located at MNPD Headquarters located at 600 Murfreesboro Rd. Nashville, TN. At approximately $11: 47$ p.m., SA Reed viewed THOMAS and VAN-DER-MERWE's body cameras. Also present in the room was Lieutenant (LT) Gibson and Public Affairs Director Don Aaron. After viewing the body cameras, SA Reed received a phone call from analyst Garrison advising him she located two possible family members for BROWN out of Louisville, KY. Garrison advised she located a Christopher Brown and Sara Morris. Garrison then forwarded their information via email. SA Reed then contacted TIES and had TIES send the Louisville Police Department (LPD) a request to make the death notification on SA Reed's behalf. SA Reed was then contacted by Officer Leffler with LPD and he informed SA Reed he made the death notification to Christopher Brown, BROWN's son. Any further investigative activities will be documented and added into the ongoing case file.

SA Reed then transported all evidence collected to the TBI headquarters located at 901 RS Gass Blvd Nashville, TN. Upon arrival, SA Reed placed all evidence inside of the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) evidence locker.

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Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 20

Author: Reed, Eric

Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/18/2022
Report Date: 11/21/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Interview - Audio - Cameron Van-Der-Merwe
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 18, 2022 at approximately 9:51 a.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed and SA Bobby Simmons interviewed CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE in person at the TBI Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Office, located at 901 RS Gass Blvd Nashville, TN. The interview was in reference to the death of DRANDON BROWN that occurred at the 3000 block of River Rd Nashville, TN. After proper identification and explanation of the purpose of the interview, VAN-DER-MERWE voluntarily provided the following audio recording. Beneath is a synopsis of VAN-DER-MERWE's interview:

On November 12, 2022, VAN-DER-MERWE was dispatched to a Code 2 call about a white older male walking on River Rd wearing a Carhart jacket. The call then was changed to a Code 3 call because the male began hitting passing vehicles with tree branches. VAN-DER-MERWE advised Officer RYAN THOMAS was dispatched to this call as well.

When VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS arrived to the area, they asked a female parked in a church parking lot in the vicinity if she saw the male, and she advised yes. She then directed VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS to where BROWN was last seen. When VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS located BROWN, they exited their patrol vehicles and made contact with him. THOMAS took the lead and VAN-DER-MERWE provided back-up. VAN-DER-MERWE could not understand BROWN's speech because it sounded like BROWN was intoxicated. BROWN also appeared to be agitated. VAN-DER-MERWE then advised that as THOMAS was speaking to BROWN, he observed two knives on BROWN's hip. VAN-DER-MERWE advised he notified THOMAS of this by telling him Code 54. VAN-DER-MERWE described one knife was silver and the other was black.

As THOMAS was speaking with BROWN, BROWN began walking and made the statement "walk with me". BROWN then stopped walking, pulled out the black knife, and held it at his side. VAN-DER-MERWE advised he did command BROWN to drop the knife, but BROWN did not. VAN-DER-MERWE then drew his taser and fired both cartridges, but the taser had minimal to no effect on BROWN. BROWN then began to move towards VAN-DER-MERVE at a fast pace with the knife still in his hand causing VAN-DER-MERWE retreat. While retreating, or walking backwards, VAN-DER-MERWE drew his duty weapon and shot BROWN approximately one time. VAN-DER-MERWE recalled THOMAS firing his duty weapon first. After firing the one shot, BROWN fell to the ground and VAN-DER-MERWE ceased fire. VAN-DER-MERWE and

[^3][^4]THOMAS then placed BROWN into custody and began giving medical aid to BROWN. They also called for an ambulance. VAN-DER-MERWE advised that the reason he fired his duty weapon was because BROWN was attacking him with a lethal weapon, and he had to match BROWN's level of force with lethal force as well.

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From information and observation, the following descriptive data was noted:
NAME: Cameron Van-Der-Merwe
RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB:
DL:
SSN:
ADDRESS:
600 Murfreesboro Pike Nashville, TN 37210 TELEPHONE:

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Case \#: NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 21

Author: Reed, Eric<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Description: Interview - Audio - Ryan Thomas

Activity Date: 11/18/2022
Report Date: 11/21/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 18, 2022 at approximately 10:55 a.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed and SA Bobby Simmons interviewed RYAN THOMAS in person at the TBI Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Office, located at 901 RS Gass Blvd Nashville, TN. Also present during the interview was THOMAS's attorney John Brown. The interview was in reference to the death of DRANDON BROWN that occurred at the 3000 block of River Rd Nashville, TN. After proper identification and explanation of the purpose of the interview, THOMAS voluntarily provided the following audio recording. Beneath is a synopsis of THOMAS's interview:

On November 12, 2022, THOMAS was dispatched to a Code 3 call in reference to a disorderly white male on River Rd jumping in front of cars and throwing things at them. When THOMAS arrived in the area, he did not see BROWN. THOMAS advised he met with his partner CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE at a nearby church parking lot and made contact with a female parked in the lot. THOMAS asked the female if she saw a male walking along the road and the female knew exactly who THOMAS was referring to before he could give the description. The female then directed THOMAS and VAN-DER-MERWE to where BROWN was last seen.

THOMAS then located BROWN walking in the outbound lane going towards Nashville. THOMAS exited the vehicle and began conversing with BROWN. THOMAS asked BROWN what he was doing, but he could not understand what BROWN was saying. As VAN-DER-MERWE approached BROWN, he advised THOMAS Code 54, armed subject. THOMAS recalled two knives being on BROWN's hip. THOMAS advised BROWN appeared to be agitated from the beginning of the conversation. THOMAS then advised that he decided to close the gap between he and BROWN so he could detain BROWN due to the amount of calls received about him BROWN and because BROWN was a danger to himself and the public. THOMAS wanted to detain BROWN and see what type of help they could provide BROWN, whether that was taking him to the hospital, calling mobile crisis, or taking him to jail.

THOMAS then advise he asked VAN-DER-MERWE if he was ready, but realized VAN-DER-MERWE was too far away to assist him getting BROWN detained before BROWN could draw a knife. THOMAS then saw VAN-DER-MERWE raise his taser and fire both cartridges at BROWN. There taser had no effect on BROWN. THOMAS did not know what made VAN-DER-MERWE fire his taser. After the taser was deployed, BROWN drew a knife and

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began to run towards VAN-DER-MERWE. THOMAS advised BROWN was gaining ground on VAN-DER-MERWE faster than he could retreat. When BROWN presented the knife, THOMAS drew his duty weapon. THOMAS advised he was in fear for VAN-DER-MERWE's life, so he fired his duty weapon at BROWN. THOMAS did not recall how many times he fired his weapon.
THOMAS advised he commanded BROWN to stop before firing, but he only knew this because he was able to view the media release of the incident on MNPD's YouTube channel. After BROWN was no longer a threat, both VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS ceased fire and gave BROWN medical aid. After additional units arrived, THOMAS placed crime scene tape around the scene.

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From information and observation, the following descriptive data was noted:
NAME: Ryan Thomas
RACE: White
SEX:
DOB:
DL:
SSN:
Male


ADDRESS: 600 Murfreesboro Pike Nashville, TN 37210 TELEPHONE:


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Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 22

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/18/2022
Report Date: 01/25/2023
Approved By: Saviey, Joshua Paul

Description: Recovery of Evidence - CAD Report, Drandon Brown Criminal Record, Incident Report - From - William Roland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

On November 18, 2022 at approximately 1:47 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received an email from William Roland, with Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD), containing the CAD Report, DRANDON BROWN's Criminal Record, and Incident Report regarding the officer involved shooting involving Officers CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS. These documents have been serialized separately and added into the ongoing case file.

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Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 23

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/21/2022
Report Date: 01/25/2023
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Recovery of Evidence - EMS and Nashville Fire Dept. Reports - From - William Roland

(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:

(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 21, 2022 at approximately 7:11 a.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received an email from William Roland, with Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD), containing the EMS and Nashville Fire Department reports regarding the medical status of DRANDON BROWN after the officer involved shooting involving Officers CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS. These documents have been serialized separately and added into the ongoing case file.

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| Author: | Reed, Eric | Activity Date: 11/25/2022 |
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| Case Agent: | Reed, Eric | Report Date: 01/25/2023 |
| SAC/ASAC: | Savley, Joshua Paul | Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul |
| Description: | Recovery of Evidence - Ryan Thomas and Cameron Van-Der-Merwe Taser <br>  <br>  <br> Certifications - From - Jason Spencer |  |

(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

On November 25, 2022 at approximately 12:39 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received an email from Jason Spencer, with Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD), containing the taser certificates for Officers CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS. These documents have been serialized separately and added into the ongoing case file.

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Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 25

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SACIASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/28/2022
Report Date: 01/25/2023
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Recovery of Evidence - 911 Audio Recordings - From - William Roland

## (LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB <br> (LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

On November 28, 2022 at approximately 7:55 a.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received an email from William Roland, with Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD), containing the 911 audio from the night of the officer involved shooting (OIS) involving Officers CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS, and subject DRANDON BROWN. These audio recordings will be maintained in SA Reed's working case file and made available upon the DA's request.

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IR \# : 26

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SACIASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/28/2022
Report Date: 01/25/2023
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Recovery of Evidence - Academy Certificates and Curriculum - From - Cary Briley

## (LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:

(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 28, 2022 at approximately 9:57 a.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received an email from Cary Briley, with Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD), containing the police academy certificates for Officers CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS. Also included in this email was the academy curriculum covered. These documents have been serialized separately and added into the ongoing case file.

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Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 27

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul
Description: Recovery of Evidence - Supplement Reports - From - William Roland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On November 28, 2022 at approximately 7:32 a.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received an email from William Roland, with Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD), containing all supplemental reports from MNPD personnel who played a role in setting up the perimeter to the scene after the OIS involving Officers CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS, and subject DRANDON BROWN. These reports have been serialized separately and added into the ongoing case file.

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IR \# : 28

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 12/07/2022
Report Date: 02/21/2023
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Investigative Activity - Provided Jeff Gibson Cameron Van-Der-Merwe and Ryan Thomas Interviews

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(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
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On December 7, 2022 at approximately 1:37 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed provided a black thumb-drive containing a copy of his interviews with CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS to Metropolitan Nashville Police Department Sergeant (SGT) Jeff Gibson.

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## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 29

Author: Reed, Eric<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Activity Date: 11/18/2022<br>Report Date: 01/25/2023<br>Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Description: Document - 22-0572632 (O) CAD from RMS - From - William Roland

(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

## DISPOSITION


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Thomas，Ryan Christopher
Vandermerwe，Cameron Lemieux，Mark James Clingan，Thomas Ryan Huber，Zachary A Nielsen，Robert C． Hones，Michael lason Leon Odom，Geoffrey P．
Whited, Blaine K Jordan，Tyler Bruce

## CALLER TELEPHONE

 $\square$

11／13／2022 8：55：26 AM 11／12／2022 7：55：56 PM

## REMARKS

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| PRECINCT |

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CHEATHAM CB W/ UPDATE: SUBJ MW CARHARTT JACKET AND BJ W/ LONG BEARD IN
JUMPING INTO TRAFFIC DIRECTLY IN FRNT OF CARS....STATES IT IS TOO DARK TO SEE
HIM UNTIL HE JUMPS IN FRNT OF CARS
Pers 2 |SON, CINDY: OLDER MW WAVING SOMETHING AROUND IN THE ROAD NEAR CUMBERLAND HEIGHTS // CMP WORRIED HE WILL GET HIT // COULD NOT TELL WHAT
WAS IN HIS HAND BUT THOUGHT IT MAY BE A GUN

WAS IN HIS HAND BUT THOUGHT IT MAY BE A GUN
CHEATHAM CB AND ADVD THAT THE SUBJ IS NOW THROWING TREE LIMBS INTO
VEHICLES AND HAS HIT AT LEAST ONE CAR AT THIS TIME...UPDATED LOCATION
Pers 3|HOLT, MICHELLE: OLDER MW W/ BEARD TAN CARHART JCKT HITIING CARS W/
STICK // CMP HAD NO FURTHER
Pers 4|TAYLOR, SPENCER: CMP ADV SAME // JUST THREW A STICK AT HIS CAR // LAST
SEEN AT THE CHURCH JUST PAST CUMBERLAND HEIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD 121B AND $115 B$ OUT W/ SUBJ NEAR $\square$ AIR IS CLOSED (PD/121B)
<Incid \#:FFD22111200143443 Incid Type: GUNSHOT(FD) Priority: 1(0)> 121B - ONE MALE DETAINED

PD OUT W/ PT AT
NOTI CHEATHAM CO // 1810
1218 MW MULTI GUN SHOT WOUNDS TO CHEST / FD IS CLEAR TO ENTER 110B EST CMD

## MNPD COMMAND STAFF PAGED

 SGT GREGS DIRECT
## STAGING IS AT $\square$

 CORRECTION ON STAGING** WILL BE A 720B IS SETTING UP STAGING AT $\square$ SGT NEILSEN (3110) CALLED MSV DESK TO SAY HE'S DIR ON THE CALL \& WILL BE EN RTETO LOC

PER OEM BDOT WILL BE ENRTE TO ASSIST W/ ROAD CLOSURES 123B- REQ TIME CHECK
<Incid \#:OE-00039725 Incid Type: OEMBDOT(OEM) Priority: 1C(1)>

## MNPD CAD History Activity Reports

## OE

OEM ADV BDOT SUPV ERNIE KURGAN
PW ALERT PAGED
;PW148 ENR
NOTIFY: PD SUPERVISOR OF INCIDENT[Agency/IRF]
EVERYTHING BLOCKED FROM CUB CREEK RD DOWN CAP002 PAGED

CHEATHAM CO ADV NOT ENOUGH UNTTS $10-8$ TO ASSIST W/ TRAFFIC CMD WILL BE MOVING TO P113 110B TERM CMD

REH55 STLLL ON SCENE
PW14898
110B ADV THEY STILL NEED CMD CHANNEL AT THIS TIME

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Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/21/2022
Report Date: 01/25/2023
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Document - Brown Report EMS - From - William Rolland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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[^5]Report:
Narrative: MED37 DISPATCHED TO SCENE FOR A GUNSHOT WOUND. MED37 DELAYED FOR DISTANCE TO SCENE. UA PT FOUND LYING ON GROUND. MNPD ON SCENE REPORTS THAT PT WAS SHOT IN MID THORAX APPROXIMATELY 5 TIMES BY MNPD. HEAVY BLEEDING NOTED. CPR BEING INITIATED BY EN34 PTA OF MED37. PT PUPILS FIXED AND DILATED. PT PLACED ON CARDIAC MONITOR. PT ASYSTOLE IN MULTIPLE LEADS. PT HAS NO VISIBLE RESPIRATORY EFFORT. VUMC CONTACTED. DR. AMANDA SMITH NOTIFIED OF SITUATION AND ADVISED TO TERMINATED RESUSCITATION EFFORTS. PT TOD 1830.





Discontinued:

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Arrival at
Destination:
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End of EMS Cardiac Expired in the Field Arrest Event:

Cardiac Arrest Trauma
Etiology:
CPR Care Provided Yes
Prior to EMS Arrival:
Arrest Witnessed Witnessed by Lay Person
By:


| Time | Crew | Medication | Route | Dosage | Response | PTA |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Time | Eye | Motor | $\underline{\text { GCS }}$ |  | Score Qualifier |  |


| Call Type/Location/Disposition |  |  |  |
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| Call Type: <br> EMD Card Number: <br> Resp. Mode: <br> Urgency: <br> Response: <br> Locatiress: <br> Incident Address: | Stab/Gunshot Wound/Penetrating Trauma GUNSHOT <br> Lights and Sirens <br> Immediate <br> 911 Response (Scene) <br> Street and highway $\square$ RIVER ROAD PIKE <br> Nashville, TN 37209 | Disposition: <br> Transport Mode: Destination: Dest. Determ.: Diverted From: Response Delay: Transport Delay: | Resuscitation Attempted (TOR - No Transport) <br> , TN <br> Patient's Choice <br> None/No Delay <br> : None/No Delay |
| Patient Transport/Positioning |  |  |  |
| Patient Moved to Ambulance: Patient's Position in Transport: Patient Moved From Ambulance: | Patient Belongings: <br> Patient Belongings Other: Patient Belongings Left with: Patient Belongings Left with Other: |  |  |
| Unit Persanne! |  |  |  |
| Crew Member | Level of Certification |  | Role |
| Lind, Michael | EMT-Paramedic |  | Primary Patient Caregiver |
| Finch, Dale | EMT-Advanced |  | Oriver |

## Response Times and Mileage

| PSAP: | $11 / 12 / 2022$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| Disp. Notified: | $18: 08: 21$ |
| Unit Disp.: | $18: 11 / 120: 43$ |
|  | $12 / 2022$ |
| Enroute: | $181081 / 43$ |
|  | $18: 10: 2020$ |

Incident Number: FFD221112143443

| Call Sign: MED37 | To Scene: |
| ---: | ---: |
| Veh.\#: 4781AG | To Dest: |
| Start Odom: | To End: |



## Signatures

Type of Person Signing: EMS Primary Care Provider (for this event)
Signature Reason: EMS Provider
Paragraph Text: I acknowledge that I have provided the above assessments/treatments for this patient.

## Status:

Signature Graphic:


Printed Name: Michael Lind
Signature Date: 11/12/2022 20:10:03

# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT 

Case \#: NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 31

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SACIASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/21/2022
Report Date: 01/25/2023
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Document - Brown Report Fire (1) - From - William Roland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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## Cardiac Arrest

Cardiac Arrest: Yes, Prior to NFD Arrival
First Monitored Asystole
Arrest Rhythm of the Patient:
Cardiac Rhythm on Asystole
Arrival at
Destination:
Cardiac Arrest Trauma Etiology:

AED Use Prior to No
EMS Arrival:
Reason Medical Control Order
CPR/Resuscitation
Discontinued:
End of EMS Cardiac Expired in the Field
Arrest Event:
Resuscitation Initiated Chest Compressions; Attempted
Attempted By EMS: Ventilation

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## Signatures

Type of Person Signing: EMS Primary Care Provider (for this event)
Signature Reason: EMS Provider
Paragraph Text: I acknowledge that I have provided the above assessments/treatments for this patient.

## Status:

Signature Graphic:


Printed Name: Victoria Hulan
Signature Date: 11/12/2022 21:30:44

## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

IR \#: 32

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/21/2022
Report Date: 01/25/2023
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Document - Brown Report Fire (2) - From - William Roland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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## Call Type/Location/Disposition



## Insurance

Billing Insurances
Hospital Record Numbers
Record Number
Type of Record Number

## Stignatures

Type of Person Signing: NFD Officer
Signature Reason: EMS Provider
Paragraph Text:
Status:
Signature Graphic:
 (2: H REPORT FIRE (2)- From - William Roland.pdf

Printed Name: Stephen Spurlock
Signature Date: 11/13/2022 02:22:32

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

IR \# : 33

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/18/2022
Report Date: 01/25/2023
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Document - 22-0572632 Incident Report - From - William Roland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:







32. Local College Student? (IfYes, List Name of College/Universily)

N/A




| 52. Serial No, | Owner Applied No. |  | 53. QTY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 54. Type CODE |  | 55. Cond CODE | Condition CODE (Other) |
| 56. Est \$ Value | 57. Date Recovered | Recovered \$Value |  |
| 58. Stored By CODE |  | Stored By (Other) |  |


| Part 6 Injury $\square$ N/A | 85. Injured |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| \& Transport | victim | 1 | THOMAS, RYAN |

86. "Injury" Code (Enter Up to 5)

NONE
87. Describe Injury NONE

| 88. Medical Treatment N/A | 89. Transported By | N/A |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 90. Examining Physician $\triangle$ N/A | 91. Status |  |  |



[^7]| Part 9 LEOKA | 715. Folice Assault Cleared Yes |
| :---: | :---: |
| 118. Officer Assignment |  |
| One officer assisted |  |
| Part 10 | Narrative |


#### Abstract

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|(VAPIT=N|BWC=Y)

THIS incident is being investigated by the tennessee bureau of investigation.
*THE SUSPECT'S ADDRESS IS LISTED AS IT IS SHOWN ON HIS TENNESSEE DRIVERS LICENSE. IT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME IF THAT IS A GOOD ADDRESS.




Comments

## Crime Scene Photo(s) Taken: NO

## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

IR \# : 34

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/18/2002
Report Date: 01/25/2023
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Document - 22-0579148 (A) Justifiable Homicide Report - Drandon J. Brown - From William Roland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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32. Local College Student? (If Yes, List Name of College/University)

N/A


Incident Report


|  <br> 22-0579148 (A) Justifiable Homicide Report - Drand don J. Brown From - William |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | $\underset{\substack{\text { THOMAS }}}{\substack{\text { stifiable } \\ \text { THA }}}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 93. Address Street 5500 CHARLOTTE PIKE |  | Unk | Apt \# | City |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { State } \\ \hline \text { IN } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Zip Code } \\ 37209 \\ \text { V } \end{array}$ | 95. Phone No. $\square$ UNK <br> (615) 862-7747 |  |
| Cross Street: |  |  |  | NASHVILLE |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 97. Sex } \\ & \text { MALE } \end{aligned}$ | 98. Race White |  |  | 99. Ethnicity NON HISPANIC | 100. DOB $\square$ |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { 101. Age } \\ 24 \\ 24 \\ \text { UNK } \end{gathered}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { 104. Height } \\ 6 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 105. Weight } \\ & 230 \mathrm{lbs} \end{aligned}$ |



| Part 3 |  | 92. (Last, First, Middle Name) $\square$ Alias $\square$ UNKMNI <br> VAN DER MERWE <br> CAMERON |  |  |  | 94. SSN or Driver Lic. No. DL |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 93. Addre 5500 CH | Street <br> TTE PIKE | Unk | Apt \# | City NASHVILLE |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Zip Code } \\ & 37209 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 95. Phone No. $\square$ UNK <br> (615) $862-7747$ |  |
| Cross Street: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 97. Sex } \\ & \text { MALE } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 98 . \text { Race } \\ & \text { White } \end{aligned}$ |  | 99. Ethnicity NON HISPANIC |  | 100. DOB $\square$ UNK | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} 101 \text {. Age } \quad \square \text { UNK } \\ 23- \end{gathered}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \hline \text { 104. } & \text { Height } \\ 5 & 11 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\text { 105. Weight } \mid$ |


| 106. Hair | 107. Eyes |
| :---: | :---: |
| Brown | Green |


| 108. Scars and Other Identifiers |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

109. Clothing

## MNPD UNIFORM

103. Status (Enter up to 2) at large
104. Weapon/Tool (Enter Up To 3) HANDGUN SEMI-AUTOMATIC

| 110. Vehicle Used | None | $\bigcirc$ Seized (If seized, complete Part 5, Motor Vehicle Section) |  | $\square \mathrm{MVI}$ |  |  |  |
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| (Year) | (Make) | (Model) | (Style) | (Color) | (License No.) | (State) | (Yr) |

Part $4 \boxtimes$ N/A ${ }^{\text {39. Other Person Type (Non-Victim) }}{ }^{40 .}$. (Last, First, Middle Name) $\quad \square$ mN Other Person \# 1



## Crime Scene Photo(s) Taken: NO

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

IR \# : 35

Author: Reed, Eric<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SACIASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Description: TIBRS Report - Drandon Brown

Activity Date: 11/18/2022
Report Date: 11/18/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul
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Fartamdonidesotw?: Peffiled IncidentN/A 2022-0579148
3. Other Police Agency \& Case Incident No. $\boxtimes$ N/A

32. Local College Student? (If Yes, List Name of College/University)

N/A


| 34. Domestic Disturbance? <br> If Yes, Answer <br> N/A VAPIT <br> the Following Questions | Was Order of Protection Violated? | Was Victim taken fo Safe Place? | Were Children taken to Safe Place? | Were Children Present During Inciden!? |
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| 35. Victim to Suspect 1 BROWN, DR | BROWN, DRANDON | Relationship VICTIM WAS STRANGER |  |  |
| 36. Aggravated Assault/Homicide Circumstances ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICEF | 37. Negligent Manslaughter |  | 38. Justifiable Homicide |  |




| 52. Serial No. |  | Owner Applied No. |  | 53. QTY |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 54. Type CODE |  | 55. Cond CODE |  |  | Condition CODE (Other) |
| 56. Est \$ Value | 57. Date Recovered |  |  | Recovered \$Value |  |
| 58. Stored By CODE |  |  | Stored By (Other) |  |  |
| Part 6 Injury N/A \& Transport | 85. Injured <br> $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Victim } & 1 & \text { THOMAS, RYAN }\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |

86. "Injury" Code (Enter Up to 5)

NONE

## 87. Describe Injury NONE

| 88. Medical Treatment N/A |  | 89. Transported By N/A |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 90. Examining Physician 区 N/A | 91. Status |  |  |


| Part 6 Injury $\square$ N/A | 85. Injured <br> \& Transport | Victim | 2 |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :--- |$\quad$ VAN DER MERWE, CAMERON

86. "Injury" Code (Enter Up to 5)

## NONE

87. Describe Injury NONE

| 88. Medical Treatment N/A |  | 89. Transported By N/A |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 90. Examining Physician $\triangle$ N/A | 91. Status |  |  |

Part 7 Search By Officer $\square$ N/A

| 111. Search Type | 112. Searched Location (Address, Area, Etc.) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Evidence | AREA OF | RIVER ROAD |

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Part 8 Other \(\square\) N/A \(\left.\right|^{\text {113.I.D. Section Called To Scene: }}\)
Units Requested Yes Yes, for: \(\quad\) Photos \(\square\) Prints \(\boxtimes\) Other Other: vONE
\(\square\) DNA \(\square\) Firearms \(\boxtimes\) Brass Casings
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114.Other Units Called: G:IISIS_Submittals\MCID\EricReed\Submit\NA-5U-000052\TB - TIBRS Report -

| 118. Officer Assignment <br> One officer assisted | 119. LEOKA Incident Type: <br> Law Enforcement Official Assaulted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Part 10 Narrative ${ }^{120 .}$ |  |

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|(VAPIT=N|BWC=Y)

## THIS INCIDENT IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

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121. Body Worn Camera or In-Car Camera Evidence May Exist Related To This Incident: $\boxtimes$ Yes $\square$ None Known At Time of Report

| 122. Report is Continued on: $\triangle$ N/A (Check all that apply) | $\square$ Supplement Report | $\square$ Addendum Report |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 123. Signature of Recipient/Authorizer: $\boxtimes$ N/A $\square$ Refuse to Sign Victim 1 | THOMAS, RYAN | 127. Advisory Notice Issued |
| 123. Signature of Recipient/Authorizer: $\boxtimes$ N/A $\square$ Refuse to Sign <br> Victim 2 | VAN DER MERWE, CAMERON | 127. Advisory Notice Issued |

## Will Victim Prosecute:

Victim 1 THOMAS, RYAN Ves Victim 2 VAN DERMERWE, CAMERON Yes

Primary Investigative Unit: WEST INVESTIGATIONS
Can Victim/Other Person Identify Suspect(s):
Victim 1 THOMAS, RYAN Ves Victim 2 VAN DER MERWE, CAMERON Yes
Reporting Agency:
METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
128. Case Status

1. M.P.D. Incident No.: 2022-0572632 Radio Call Sign District


| 125. Approving Supervisor /S/ROBERT NIELSEN | Employee No. | Agency <br> TN0190100 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 126. Reviewer | Employee No. | Agency | Date |
| /S/ROBERT MORRIS |  | TN0190100 | 11/17/2022 |

Comments

## Crime Scene Photo(s) Taken: NO

## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

IR \#: 36

| Author: | Reed, Eric | Activity Date: $11 / 15 / 2022$ |
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| Case Agent: | Reed, Eric | Report Date: 11/15/2022 |

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## SUMMARY

| START DATE | Nov 12, 2022 |
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| START TIME | $18: 07: 35$ |
| EVIDENCE DURATION | 14 m 11 s |
| TRIGGER PULLS | 2 |
| CARTRIDGES DEPLOYED | 2 |


| DEVICE MODEL | TASER 7 |
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| DEVICE SERIAL |  |
| CEW | $\times 4000 \mathrm{M} 8 \mathrm{XX}$ |
| BATTERY | $\times 44614415$ |
| CARTRIDGE | X 4823 H 1 ER |
| CARTRIDGE | X 492 H 55 E 5 |
| CURRENT STATUS | 1.10 .9 |
| FIRMWARE | May 21,2027 |

## TIMELINE

| Title |  | Date/Time | Description | Graph |
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| Armed Event |  | Nov 12, 2022 18:07:35 | Duration: 14m 10.96s |  |
| 1 | Firmware Version | 18:07:35.095 | 1.10 .9 |  |
| 2 | Safety OFF | 18:07:35.119 | CEW Armed |  |
| 3 | Cartridge | 18:07:35.269 | TASER 7 Live 12 Cartridge in Bay 1 Serial Number: X492H55E5 |  |
| 4 | Cartridge | 18:07:35.306 | TASER 7 Live 3.5 Cartridge in Bay 2 Serial Number: X4823H1ER |  |
| 5 | Battery | 18:07:35.330 | Serial Number: X44614415 Charge: 86\% |  |
| 6 | Trigger | 18:07:36.698 | Trigger Pull Detected |  |
| 7 | Cartridge AFID | 18:07:36.709 | Serial Number: X492H55E5 <br> Handle Serial Number: X4000M8TX <br> Deployment Date/Time: Nov 12, 2022 18:07:36 |  |
| 8 | Bay 1 Deployed | 18:07:36.737 |  |  |
| 9 | Discharge | 18:07:36.959 | Duration: 1.53 s Electrical Discharge | See Attached Pulse Graphs (Discharge 1) |
| 10 | Trigger | 18:07:38.493 | Trigger Pull Detected |  |
| 11 | Cartridge AFID | 18:07:38.504 | Serial Number: $\times 4823$ H1ER <br> Handle Serial Number: X4000M8TX <br> Deployment Date/Time: Nov 12, 2022 18:07:38 |  |
| 12 | Bay 2 Deployed | 18:07:38.562 |  |  |
| 13 | Discharge | 18:07:38.794 | Duration: 4.95 s Electrical Discharge | See Attached Pulse Graphs (Discharge 2) |
| 14 | CEW Inactive for Five Minutes | 18:12:42.424 | Power Save Mode Entered |  |
| 15 | Safetv ON | 18:21:46.020 | CEW Disarmed <br> Bay 1 Cartridge Status: Spent |  |

# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT 

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/15/2022
Report Date: 11/15/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Document - TASER 7 (X4000M8TX) CEW Log 2022-11-12 1807 Pulse GraphDOC From - MNPD
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

Duration
1.53s

TASER 7
X4000M8TX
Assignee
Van Der Merwe, Cameron


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## Duration

1.53s

TASER 7
X4000M8TX
Assignee
Van Der Merwe, Cameron


Time [Seconds]

- Stim
- Arc




|  | Duration <br> 4.95 s <br> - <br> Path 3 |
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|  | TASER 7 |
|  | X4000M8TX |

$\triangle$ Path 4
Assignee
Van Der Merwe, Cameron



Time [Seconds]


CEW Log 2022-11-1 28.188038 Pulse GraphDOC - FROM - MNPD.pdf
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Assignee
Van Der Merwe, Cameron






Time [Seconds]
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## Assignee

Van Der Merwe, Cameron


Time [Seconds]


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Duration
4.95s

TASER 7
X4000M8TX
Assignee
Van Der Merwe, Cameron


Time [Seconds]


Assignee
Van Der Merwe, Cameron


Time [Seconds]

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- Arc


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## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

IR \# : 38

| Author: | Reed, Eric | Activity Date: 11/2 |
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| Case Agent: | Reed, Eric | Report Date: 11/2 |
| SAC/ASAC: | Savley, Joshua Paul | Approved By: Sav |
| Description: | Document - 22-0572632 (D) Sgt. Bob Nielsen Report - F |  |

(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

Incident Number: 2022-0572632
Victims: Officer Ryan Thomas, Officer Cameron Vandermerwe
Offense Classification: Aggravated Assault/Officer Involved Shooting
Reporting Detective: Sgt. Robert C. Nielsen

On Saturday 11/12/2022, I was notified of an officer involved shooting on River Road Pike, near River Road Pike. I was informed the called originated as a "10-87," a safety hazard, in which a male white subject had been jumping in and out of traffic; yelling at cars; and swinging tree branches at cars. I was informed the subject produced a knife and was shot by officers when he approached them with the knife brandished towards them. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene by NFD. I responded to the scene along with Cold Case Detectives Liz Mills and Mike Roland. I designated Detective Roland as the lead detective. TBI investigators also responded to the scene.

Upon my arrival, patrol officers had the scene secured. TBI investigators were present on the scene along with OPA, CSIS, COB, and the Professional Wellness Section. The Medical Examiner's Office was also notified and responded. I remained outside of the crime scene and coordinated with TBI investigators. Once I was permitted to enter the scene, I observed the subject, later identified as Drandon Brown, lying supine on the shoulder of the road. He was covered with an emergency blanket and part of his clothing that had not been cut off by NFD. I remained on the scene until he was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. Once Mr. Brown was transported, I checked back into service.


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Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 39
Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/28/2022
Report Date: 11/28/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Document - 22-0572632 (D) Det. Mike Roland Report - From - William Roland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:



Incident Number: 2022-0572632
Victim: Ryan Christopher / Cameron Van Der Merwe (MNPD)
Offense Classification: Aggravated Assault - Police Officer
Reporting Detective: Mike Roland

On Saturday November 12, 2022,at approximately 1845 hours, Sergeant Bob Nielsen called me and advised me to respond to the area of $\square$ River Road on an Officer Involved Shooting. (OIS) There was not a lot of information at this point except two officers responded to a call that a suspect was in the street jumping in front of traffic and striking vehicles with tree branches. Apparently when they arrived, the suspect pulled a knife on them, and they had to discharge their firearms to stop the threat. The suspect is deceased on the scene and the TBI is on the way. Sgt. Neilsen requested I take lead.

I was not the on-call detective currently, so I was out of Davidson County. I immediately responded, but it took me some time to arrive.

I arrived at approximately 2040 hours. Sgt. Neilsen and Det. Liz Mills were present. I was briefed. I was advised the Officers arrived, they attempted to speak with the suspect. The suspect pulled out a hunting type knife and went towards the Officers. Officer Van Der Merwe discharged his Taser at the suspect twice, with no apparent effect. The suspect continued and both Officer discharged their handguns at the suspect to stop the threat. The two victim Officers are:

- PO2 Ryan Christopher Thomas ENO $\square$
- PO2 Cameron Van Der Merwe


## ENO

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation was on the scene, and I was advised Special Agent Eric Reed would be the lead. I located him and advised him I would be his liaison with the MNPD. I asked for the victim's information and was provided:

- Drayden Brown

I stood by and did not enter the crime scene while the TBI conducted their investigation. When the Medical Examiner's Office arrived, I asked SA Reed if I could enter and view the remains. I did briefly enter the crime scene at this point. The victim had several gunshot wounds to his chest. See the M.E.'s report for details.

The scene was shut down a short time later.

> Det. Mike Roland/
> Homicide - Cold Case Unit

# Incident Number: 2022-0572632 <br> Victim: Ryan Christopher / Cameron Van Der Merwe (MNPD) <br> Offense Classification: Aggravated Assault - Police Officer <br> Reporting Detective: Mike Roland 

On Monday November 14, 2022, I emailed the following police department personnel requesting information to send to the TBI:

* Widener, Charles (MNPD) charles.widener@nashville.gov
* Burke, Harold (MNPD) harold.burke@nashville.gov
* Whited, Blaine K. (MNPD) blaine.whited@nashville.gov
* Orsbon, Angela (MNPD) Angela.Orsbon@ nashville.gov

I sent the following email request:

Ladies and Gentlemen,
As you are aware, there were multiple Officer Involved Shooting's (OIS) that occurred on 11-12-2022. I am the liaison to the TBI on the following incident:

2022-0572632
11-12-22 1646 hours
River Road
Officer Ryan Thomas, Officer Cameron Vandermerwe
The lead Special Agent with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is SA Eric Reed. He has been Cc'd in this email. Some of you may have already provided the things he will need. Please work with SA Reed to provide him with the following:

D Departmental policies concerning use of force / custadial deaths - copies of use of force / firearms / taser / OC spray training records

- Old use of force reports for specific officers

Det. Mike Roland/<br>Homicide - Cold Case Unit

## Incident Number: 2022-0572632

Victim: Ryan Christopher / Cameron Van Der Merwe (MNPD)
Offense Classification: Aggravated Assault - Police Officer
Reporting Detective: Mike Roland
>Personnel file
> Body worn / in car cameras

I will be happy to hand carry the items on a thumb drive to SA Reed once complete.

Sincerely,

## Mike

## Defective Mike Roland

I also prepared an offense report for the Aggravated Assault against the Officers and a Justifiable Homicide report (2022-0579148) for the death of the offender.

We learned that there was a misspelling of the suspect's name. The suspect is actually:


All reports, to include supplement reports will be turned over to SA Reed as they come in.


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Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/28/2022
Report Date: 11/28/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Document-22-0572632 (C) Sergeant Victor Alexander Report - From - William Roland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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On Saturday, November 12, 2022, I responded to an officer involved shooting near River Road Pike. Enroute to the scene I established command. Once on the scene I check on Officer Camron Van Der Merwe and Officer Ryan Thomas to make sure they were uninjured and mentally and emotionally okay. I directed Officer Wells and Officer Lemieux to establish a perimeter and try to turn cars around on River Road. Officer Jordan from North Precinct responded to the scene as well. I directed Officer Jordan to go further down River Road closer to Charlotte Pike to close the road. I made a call out for BabyDOT to close the road. Cheatham County closed River Road on their side of the county line. I tasked Sergeant Clingan to find asset up a staging area for resources and the media as they arrived. I then tasked Officer Lemieux to keep the scene log of personnel coming and going from the scene. I made sure the scene was preserved and notified investigators, Deputy Chief Gourdin, Commander Corman, Don Aaron and other necessary personnel as they arrived. After the investigation was concluded I terminated command.

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| 12. Signature of Recipient/Authorizer: |  |  | ```13. Advisory Notice Issued Bonestry Violence Notice N/A Oburen infomamori Nolice Other``` |
| 14. Reporting Officer (Print Name: First Victor Alexander, Jr. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { t. MI, Last) (Date/Tmes) } \\ & \qquad 11 / 18: 202216: 45 \end{aligned}$ | Employee No. Radio Call Sign $1108$ | 18. Case Stsus <br> Cleared by Exception (Select One Below) |
| 15. Approving Supervisor (Signature) |  | Employee No. | $\square$ Jopen $\square$ Death ol Offender <br> $\square$ Unfounded $\square$ prosecution Declined <br> $\square$ Cleared by Arrest $\square$ Extradiclion Declined |
| $1 \hat{s}$ Reviewer Employee No. | 17. Date/Time Reproduced | Employee No. | $\square$ Refused io Cooperate |

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Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/28/2022
Report Date: 11/28/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Document-22-0572632 (C) Officer Tyler Jordan Report - From - William Roland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB

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| 10. Narrative N/A |  <br>  respective vicllm(s). Record crime scene prolection informatlon. |
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On 11/18/2022 I responded to an officer involved shooting in the area of River Rd Pike. Upon arriving on scene I determined the area to have no safe staging area. I traveled to the 7400 block of River Rd Pike and located a gravel lot in front of several houses. I established the staging area and immediately closed the street to all traffic other than those living between the incident scene and the road block. I allowed all essential personnel to travel to the incident scene. I advised media personnel where to park in the staging area and notified the command they were on scene. I had no contact with the involved officers and never entered the incident scene. I requested assistance from Tennessee Department of Transportation to close the roadway. I assisted motorist to turn around but had no further action involving the incident until command was terminated and I reopened the roadway.



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Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \#: 43

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/28/2022
Report Date: 11/28/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul
Description: Document - 22-0572632 (C) Officer Mark Lemieux Report - From - William Roland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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10. Narrative Record all developments in the case subsequent to the last report. Describe and record value of any property recovered, Cleatity show disposhion of recovered proparty and inventory no's .. Lst namas $\square_{\text {N/A }}$ raspective victin(s). Record celrne scene protection information

I responded to the area of River Road Pike after I heard units on the scene of a call request additional units. While en-route I heard an Officer say over the radio that shots had been fired. Upon arrival I observed Officers Van Der Merwe and Thomas rendering medical aid to a male later identified as Dardon Brown.

I assisted them in rendering aid. While doing so, I observed a fixed blade knife with an approximate blade length of between 3-4 inches in close proximity to Brown. Eventually, Nashville Fire arrived and took over medical aid. Additional units began to arrive including Sergeants $V$ Alexander and T Clingan. SGT Alexander established command.

As I was returning to my patrol vehicle to get crime scene tape I observed two shell casings in close proximity the the NFD ambulance. In order to preserve the position of the casings to the best of my ability, I used index cards (folded in half) to cover them so they didn't get kicked or run over. I later found a third casing in front of where the ambulance was which I marked as well. After marking the casings, I began a crime scene log and annotated the individuals coming and going from the scene to the best of my ability. I continued to do that until the scene was broken down.

## NOTHING FURTHER

| 11. Body Worn Camera or In-Car Camera Evidence May Exist Related To This Incident: |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 14. Reporting Officer (Print Name: First Mark Lemieux | , MI, Last) (Date/Time) 111820221540 | Employee No. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Radio Cail Sign } \\ & 1118 \end{aligned}$ | 18. Case Status | Cleared by Exception (Select One Below) |
| 15. Approving Supervisor (Signature) |  | Employee No. |  | 区 ${ }^{\text {Open }}$ <br> $\square$ Unfounded <br> $\square$ cleared by Arrest | $\square$ Death of Offender $\square$ Prosecution Declined $\square$ Exrabiction Declined |
| 16. Reviewer Employee No. | 17 DatefTime Reproduced | Employee No. |  |  | $\square$ Refiused to Cooperale $\square$ Juvenile, No Cuslody |

## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

IR \# : 44

| Author: | Reed, Eric | Activity Date: $11 / 28 / 2022$ |
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| Case Agent: | Reed, Eric | Report Date: $11 / 28 / 2022$ |
| SAC/ASAC: | Savley, Joshua Paul | Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul |
| Description: | Document $-22-0572632$ | (C) Officer Justin Wells Report - From - William Roland |

(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB (LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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| I was dispatched to River Road Pike after Officer Vandermerwe requested another unit to the scene. As I was on my way to the location, Officer Thomas stated over the radio "shots fired." Officer Vandermerwe stated over the radio that the Victim had three gunshot wounds to the chest and that he was in custody. When I arrived on scene Officer Vandermerwe, Officer Thomas, and Officer Lemieux were providing medical treatment to the Victim. I began assisting in securing the crime scene and redirecting traffic. After medics cleared the scene, I assisted in setting up crime scene tape and took a post on the perimeter to direct traffic. I stayed on scene until the investigation was complete and I was cleared to leave by Sgt. Clingan and Sgt. Alexander. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| 11. Body Worn Camera or In-Car Camera Evidence May Exist Related To This incident: |  | Q Yes $\square$ None Known At Time of Report |  |
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| 12. Signature of Recipienl/Authorizer: |  |  |  |
| 14. Reporting Officer (Print Name: Firs Justin Wells | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4. MI, Last) (Datalime) } \\ & \qquad 111820221540 \end{aligned}$ | Erriployee No. Radio Call Sign $123 E$ | 18. Case Status <br> Cleared by Exception <br> (Select Dne Below) |
|  |  | Employee No. | $\square$ Open $\square$ Unfounded $\square$ Cleared by Arrest Death or Offender $\square$ Prosecution Declined $\square$ Extradiclion Declined |
| 16. Reviewer Employee No. | 17. Date/Time Reproduced | Employee No. | $\square$ Refused to Cooperale $\square$ Juvenile. No Custody |

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT<br>Author: Reed, Eric<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Activity Date: 11/28/2022<br>Report Date: 11/28/2022<br>Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Description: Document - 22-0572632 (C) Lieutenant Zachary Huber Report - From - William Roland<br>(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:<br>(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:<br>(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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On November 12th, 2022 I, Lt. Zachary Huber, was serving as the acting Executive Officer for the Community Services Bureau. I was notified by Commander David Corman that Officer Ryan Thomas and Officer Cameron Van Der Merwe had been involved in a shooting. While en route to River Road, I notified the following MNPD sections of the incident: Professional Wellness Services, Training Academy, Office of Professional Accountability, Community Oversight liaison Cmdr. Carlos Lara, Fraternal Order of Police, Public Information Office, and the Body-worn/In-car Camera division. Once on scene, I remained available to assist with any logistical needs and provided updates to MNPD leadership. I never entered the area where the incident took place, I did not collect or touch any evidence, I did not interview any involved parties. My role on scene was one of support to ensure all the necessary MNPD resources responded and to assist with any logistical needs. Once the involved officers were transported to West precinct for their interviews and the TBI took control of the incident scene, I left the scene and returned to an off-duty status.


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IR \#: 46

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 11/28/2022
Report Date: 11/28/2022
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Document - 22-0572632 (C) Lieutenant Kris Delap Report - From - William Roland
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB. (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB

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|  | 7. Multiple Clear-up | 凶NA | B. Further Police Actio and Report Required | $\begin{aligned} & \text { X Yes } \\ & \text { nes }_{\text {No }} \end{aligned}$ | 9. Value of Property Recovered <br> 区 NA $\$$ |  |


| 10. Narrative N/A | Record all developmenta in the case subsequent to the last report Describe and record value of any property recovered Clearly show diaposilton of recoverad property and inventory no's ., Litit mames and arrest numbers of any persons arrested Explaln any offanse / classifcallon change and cite pror offense / classlifation For mulluple clearance Information, list each case by Incident number and respectiva vicilm(s) Record crime acene protaction Informallon. |
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I was never inside the crime scene. I only brought a sergeant and an officer to the location of the shooting so they could drive the officers' cars back to West Precinct.

Lt. Brion K. DeLap
West Precinct B-Detail

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| 11. Body Worn Camera or In-Car Camera Evidence May Exist Related To This Incident: $\square$ Yes $\square$ None Known At Time of Report |  |  |
| 12. Signature of Recipjent/Authorizer: Lt 3 n $<123$ |  | 13. Advisory Notice Issued $\boxed{N} / A$ <br> $\square$ Domestic Violence Notice $\boxed{\text { N/A }}$ <br> $\square$ citizen Information Notice $\square$ Other |
| 14. Reporting Officer (Print Name: Firs Lt. B. Kris DeLap |  Employee No Radio Call Sign  <br> NI, Last) (Date/Time)  104 | 18. Case Status <br> Cleared by Exception (Select One Below) |
| 15. Approving Supervisor (Signature) | Employee No. | $\square$ Open $\square$ Death of Offender <br> $\square$ Unfounded $\square$ Prosecutlon Declined <br> $\boxed{\text { Cleared by Arrest }}$ $\square$ Extradiclion Declined <br>  $\square$ Refused |
| 16. Reviewer Employee No. | 17. Date/Time Reproduced Employee No. | $\square$ Refused to Cooperate |

## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 47

Author: Reed, Eric<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Activity Date: 12/14/2022<br>Report Date: 02/22/2023<br>Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Description: Recovery of Evidence - Firearms Analysis - From - TBI

(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB.
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On December 14, 2022, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received the official TBI Firearms Analysis Report for Officers CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS's duty weapons submitted for testing. The report has been serialized separately and added into the ongoing case file for review.

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TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 48

Author: Reed, Eric<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Description: Summation of Investigation

Activity Date: 02/23/2023
Report Date: 02/23/2023
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, WIM, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB
This case is predicated on the written request by District Attorney General for the $20^{\text {th }}$ Judicial District, Glenn Funk on Saturday, November 12, 2022. General Funk requested for agents with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the officer-involved shooting involving DRANDON BROWN and Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD) officer's CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS that occurred in the 3000 block of River Rd Nashville, TN 37209.

On November 12, 2022, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received a call from Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Josh Savley asking him to respond to the abovementioned address to investigate an officer-involved shooting. ASAC Savley advised that several 911 complaints were called in to the Cheatham County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) dispatch in reference to a male walking along River Rd towards Davidson County yelling at and hitting vehicles with tree branches as they passed by. These complaints were forwarded to MNPD since the male was close, or in, Davidson County. ASAC Savley further advised SA Reed that upon MNPD officer's arrival, the male was not cooperative with officer commands. At some point during contact with the male, the male charged officers with a knife, and the officers used deadly force to stop him.

SA Reed then arrived to the scene and performed a walk-thru of the crime scene. After performing the walk-thru, SA Reed asked Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) representatives John Brown and Jack Byrd if they would be alright with allowing Officers VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS to show him where they were when they fired their duty weapons. Both representatives advised they would allow them to do so. SA Reed then marked the officer's positions within the scene with latex gloves as they showed SA Reed their approximate location within the scene. SA Reed then had SA Bobby Simmons and SA Steven Kennard process the scene while SA Reed collected the duty weapons of VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS. SA Reed was advised by Jack Byrd and John Brown that VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS would give their statement on a later date. SA Reed asked that the officers not review their body cameras prior to giving their statements. After the statement was given, SA Reed would allow the officers the opportunity to review their body cameras and then amend their statements if they chose to do so. Byrd, Brown, VAN-DER-MERWE, and THOMAS advised they understood.

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Once the scene was processed, SA Reed contacted the on call investigator with the Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office. Investigator Sunny Lusins arrived to the scene to transport BROWN to the Medical Examiner's Office. SA Reed then exited the scene to review the body camera footage at the MNPD Headquarters. Upon review of both body cameras, SA Reed observed BROWN had slurred speech and was noncompliant when approached by both officers. Officers VAN-DER-MERWE and RYAN THOMAS attempted to speak with BROWN, but BROWN refused. Both officers then gave BROWN verbal commands to stop walking away from them before BROWN brandished a knife. Officers commanded BROWN to drop the knife and BROWN refused. VAN-DER-MERWE then attempted to tase BROWN, but it had no effect. BROWN then began sprinting towards VAN-DER-MERWE with the knife in hand. Both officers then fired their duty weapons striking and killing BROWN. SA Reed then transported all evidence located on the scene to the TBI CID Office located at the TBI Headquarters.

SA Reed then found the next-of-kin for BROWN with assistance from TBI Fusion Analysts. SA Reed was informed BROWN had a son located in Louisville, KY. SA Reed contacted the Louisville Police Department and was put in touch with Officer Leffler. SA Reed then gave Officer Leffler BROWN's son address and advised he needed his assistance with making the death notification. Officer Leffler advised he would advise SA Reed when the notification was made. Officer Leffler later called SA Reed and informed him the notification was made. Officer Leffler further advised he made contact with Christopher Brown, the son, and he advised he BROWN was his father, but he did not have anything to do with BROWN due to his addictions.

On November 14, 2022, SA Reed attended the autopsy for BROWN. The autopsy was performed by Dr. Shannon Crook. Dr. Crook advised her preliminary findings were that BROWN was struck by a bullet in his aorta artery and this could have been one of the major contributing factors leading to BROWN's death.

On November 18, 2022, SA Reed interviewed both VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS at the TBI CID Office located at the TBI Headquarters. During the interviews, both officers advised there were several calls that come in via 911 about BROWN walking on River Rd hitting vehicles with objects. Both officers responded and contacted BROWN. Both officers had blue lights initiated on their patrol vehicles. THOMAS was the lead officer while VAN-DER-MERWE played more of a back-up role. BROWN was not compliant with any of THOMAS's commands to stop walking away. THOMAS advised due to BROWN's incompliance he was going to apply soft hands to gain control of BROWN. When THOMAS went to apply soft hands, BROWN presented a knife. THOMAS advised he then drew his duty weapon and commanded BROWN to drop the knife. VAN-DER-MERWE advised he drew his taser and fired two cartridges at BROWN. The taser did not get a good connection. BROWN then began running towards VAN-DER-MERWE with the knife still in his hand, so VAN-DER-MERWE drew his duty weapon and fired it. THOMAS fired his duty weapon as well. THOMAS did not recall how many times he fired his weapon. VAN-DER-MERWE advised he shot approximately one time.

Once all tests were completed on the duty weapons at the TBI Lab, SA Reed returned them to MNPD Sergeant Jason Spencer at the MNPD Police Academy. SA Reed then received MNPD 911 audio, CAD Report, Incident Report, Taser L.og, and Supplemental Reports from William Roland via email. All of these items have been added into the case file individually. No further investigative activities are necessary for this case. In light of all the facts revealed during the course of this investigation, SA Reed believes there is sufficient evidence showing VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS were justified in their actions of using deadly force against BROWN. All reports shall be made available upon the DA's request.

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Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul

Activity Date: 02/15/2023
Report Date: 03/02/2023
Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Recovery of Evidence - Autopsy Report - Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

On March 3, 2023, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed received the official autopsy report for DRANDON BROWN. BROWN's autopsy was completed by Dr. Shannon Crook. The manner of death according to Dr. Crook was due to the gunshot wounds BROWN received. The autopsy report has been added to the case file individually for further review.

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TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

IR \# : 50

Author: Reed, Eric<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SACIASAC: Savley, Joshua Paul<br>Description: Document - Autopsy Report - From - Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office<br>(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:<br>(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:<br>(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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Center for Forensic Medicine
Nashville, Tennessee
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER
Davidson County Medical Examiner: Feng Li M.D., J.D., Ph.D.
Judicial District Number: 20
State Number: 22-19-7834
District Attorney: Honorable Glenn Funk
Case Number: MEC22-4293

| Name of Decedent <br> Drandon John Brown |  | Age 64 Years | Race <br> White | Oate of Birth | Sox <br> Male |
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| Address |  |  |  |  |  |
| Date of Death 11/12/2022 6:24 PM | Type of Death <br> Suspected Homicide | Investigating Agancy/Complalnt \#: <br> TN Bureau of Investigation |  |  |  |
| Place of Death$\square$ River Road Pike, Nashville, TN |  |  |  |  |  |



# OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER <br> Center for Forensic Medicine. <br> 850 R.S. Gass Blvd. <br> Nashville, Tennessee 37216-2640 

CASE: MEC22-4293
County: DAVIDSON

## AUTOPSY REPORT

NAME OF DECEDENT: BROWN, DRANDON RACE: White SEX: Male AGE: 64
DATE AND TIME OF DEATH: November 12, 2022 at 6:24 p.m.
DATE AND TIME OF AUTOPSY: November 14.2022 at 10:00 a.m.
FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST: Shannon M. Crook, M.D.
COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER: Feng Li iv.D., J.D., Ph.D.

## PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES

I. Gunshot Wounds:
A. Gunshot Wound of the Anterior Mid-Chest (GSW " $A$ "):

1. Entrance: anterior mid-chest.
2. Apparent range of fire: no soot or gunpowder stippling.
3. Injuries: perforations of the chest, sternum, medial left upper lung lobe, pericardial sac, left atrium of the heart, pulmonary artery, aorta, superior vena cava, pericardial sac, medial right upper lung lobe, and penetrates the right side of the ninth thoracic vertebral body; bilateral hemothoraces and hemopericardium.
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B. Gunshot Wound of the Upper Laf Amm nat Leat Gige of the Chest (GSW "B"):
5. Entrance: upper left arm
6. Apparent range of fire: no soot or gumpowder stippling.
7. Iriunies perforations of the skin, suboutaneous lissue, and musculature of the upper left arm.
8. Exil upper left arm.
9. Re-entrance: left axilla.
10. Injuries: perforations of the skin, subcutaneous tissue, and musculature of the left side of the chest.
11. Re-exit: left side of the chest.
12. Direction: left to right.
C. Gunshot Wound of the Left Elbow (GSW "C"):
13. Entrance: dorsal upper left arm.
14. Apparent range of fire: no soot or gunpowder stippling.
15. Injuries: perforations of the skin, subcutaneous tissue, and musculature of the upper left arm with fracture of the left humerus.
16. Exit: medial left arm.
17. Direction: left to right.
D. Gunshot Wound of the Lateral Left Side of the Chest (GSW "D"):
18. Entrance: laterai left side of the chest.
19. Apparent range of fire: no soot or gunpowder stippling.
20. Injuries: perforations of the left side of the chest, left anterolateral ninth rib, diaphragm, stomach, pancreas, and penetrates into the right-sided retroperitoneal soft tissues; left hemothorax and hemoperitoneum.
21. Recovery: separated, deformed, apparent medium caliber gray metai bullet core and yellow metal jacket recovered from the abdomen ("Bullet and jacket from abdomen").
22. Direction: left to right.
II. Deep abrasion of the left cheek and upper left side of the lip.
III. Abrasions and contusions of the head, torso, and extremities.
IV. Evidence of attempted resuscitation.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wounds
MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide
CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATE: Shot by another person(s)

I hereby certify that I, Shannon M. Gook, M. D. have porlommad an atmpsy pan me body of 5 Drandon Brown on November 14,2022 , al 10we an, athe Whar for honsm Medine. The purpose of this report is to provers a cotified opmon to the Comby modical Exammar and District Attorney General. The tadk and findings bo smopor these condusons ara flod with the


## EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is identified "Dardon Brown" by tags at the time of autopsy. Photographs, fingerprints, palm prints, and bilateral fingernail clippings are taken. The body is subsequertly identified as "Drandon Brown" by updated information.


#### Abstract

When first viewed, the body is clad in two white socks, two black socks, and iwo brown boots. The hands are bagged. White metal handcuffs are around the wrists, and the wrists are behind the back. A black watch is around the left wrist. A gray metal ring is around the left fourth finger. A previously cut tan jacket is within the body bag. Two electrical probes are identified, one of which is free within the body bag and the second is within the tan jacket. Received with the body are two boxes of cigarettes and a black radio. All items are retained for law enforcement retrieval.


The body is that of a well-developed, well-nourished white male whose appearance is compatible with the stated age of 64 years. The body, when nude, is 151 pounds and 69-1/2 inches long. The calculated body mass index is $22 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$. There is good preservation in the average amount of body hair is in a normal male distribution. The irides are blue, the corneae are clear, and there are no petechiae of the bulbar or palpebral surfaces of the conjunctivae.
The ears, nose, and lips are normally developed. The maxillary and mandibular gingivae are edentulous. The neck is unremarkable. The chest is symmetrical, and the abdomen is flat. Two 1 inch, thin, linear scars are on the lateral right side of the chest. The external genitalia, anus, and perineum are unremarkable. The penis is circumcised, and the testes are descended into the scrotum. The extremities are well-developed and symmetrical. The fingernails are intact, elongated, and dirty. Nonspecific irregular scars are on the arms and legs. A $3 / 4$ inch red-brown ulcer with surrounding white-purple raised borders and superficial skin sloughing is on the dorsal right hand at the base of the fourth finger. The back is unremarkable.

## IDENTIFYING MARKS AND SCARS:

Tattoos are located on the anterior, cight, and left sides of the neck, right and left sides of the chest, lateral right side of the chest, left flank, dorsal and ventral upper night arm, dorsal and ventral right forearm, dorsal right hand, dorsal and ventral upper left amm, dorsal and ventral left forearm, dorsal left hand, posterior lower right leg, and upper back.

EVIDENCE OF THERAPY:
Adhesive seal dressings cover wounds on the lafi sicie of the chest, ieft side of the abciomen, and left upper arm.

Internally, the left anterolateral secona through seventh mibs are aculely fracured with a mild 0 amount of associated soft tissue hemorihage.

## EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

## I. Gunshot Wounds:

There are multiple gunshot wounds of the body, which will be described below by anatomic location and without regard to sequence or severity. All measurements and descriptions are given with the body in the standard anatomic position.

## A. Gunshot Wound of the Anterior Mid-Chest (GSW "A"):

An entrance gunshot wound is on the anterior mid-chest, centered approximately 16 inches below the top of the head and $1 / 4$ inch left of the anterior midine. The $1 / 4 \times 1 / 4$ inch round perforation has a marginal lacerations measuring $3 / 16$ noch at 9 o'clock and $1 / 8$ inch at 11 and 12 o'clock. No soot or gunpowder stippling is on the surrounding skin.

After perforating the skin, subcutaneous tissue, and musculature of the chest, the bullet sequentially perforates the sternum at the insertion of the third ribs, medial left upper lung lobe, pericardial sac, left atrium of the heart, pulmonary artery, aorta, superior vena cava, pericardial sac, medial right upper lung lobe, and penetrates the right side of the ninth thoracic vertebral body. The underlying thoracic spinal cord is intact. The wound track is hemorrhagic and pulpified. Associated with this wound are approximately 900 mL and 300 mL of liquid and clotted blood within the left and right pleural cavities, respectively, and 50 mL of liquid and clotted blood within the pericardial sac.

A deformed, apparent medium caliber, yellow metal partially jacketed bullet and three small bullet fragments are recovered from the spine. The bullet and fragments are collectively photographed and sealed in an envelope labeled "Bullet and fragments from spine."

The direction is froni to back, slightly left to right, and very slightly downward.
B. Gunshot Wound of the Upper Left Arm and Left Side of the Chest (GSW "B"):

An entrance gunshot wound is on the upper left arm, centered approximately 16-1/2 inches below the top of the head and 2 inches lateral to the ventral midline of the upper left arm. The $1 / 2 \times 1 / 4$ inch perforation has a $3 / 16$ inch wide red manginal abrasion extonding from the 2 to 4 o'clock positions of the wound. No soot or gumpoweder stippling is on the surrounding skin. The bullet perforates the skin, subcutaneous tissue, and musculature of the upper left arm prior to exiting the upper left arm. The wound track is hemomagic and oulpified.

An exit gunshot wound is on the upper left arm, centered approximately $16-1 / 4$ inchas below the top of the head and inline with the ventral midhe of the upper lefi arm. The $3 / 8 \times 3 / 8$ inch irregular perforation is lacerated, and the wound margins re-approxmate to each other. No firearm residue is on the surrounding skin.

An atypical re-entrance gunsho wound is on the leff axima, centered approximately 16 inches below the top of the head and 7 inches left of the anterior miclline. The $1 / 4 \times 3 / 8$ inch perforation has a $1 / 4$ inch marginal laceration extending from the 4 o'dock postion. No soot or gunpowder stippling is on the surrounding skin

The bullet perforates the skin, subcutaneous tissue, and musculature of the upper left side of the chest prior to exiting. The wound track is hemorrhagic and pulpified.

A re-exit gunshot wound is on the left side of the chest, centered approximately 17-1/2 inches below the top of the head and $3 / 4$ inch left of the anterior midline. The $3 / 4 \times 1 / 4$ inch perforation is lacerated, and the wound margins re-approximate to each other. A 2 inci? purple contusion surrounds the wound. No firearm residue is on the surrounding skin.

No projectile or projectile fragments are recovered.
The direction is left to right.

## C. Gunshot Wound of the Left Elbow (GSW "C"):

An entrance gunshot wound is on the left upper arm just above the elbow, centered approximately 12 inches below the left acromioclavicular joint and 1 inch lateral to the dorsal midline of the upper left arm. The $1 / 4 \times 1 / 4$ inch round perforation has a thin pink marginal號 stippling is on the surrounding skin.

After perforating the skin, subcutaneous tissue, and musculature of the upper left arm, the bullet perforates and fractures the left humerus prior to exiting the left arm. The wound track is hemorrhagic and pulpified. A $3 / 4$ inch laceration with protruding fractured bone is on the left elbow.

No projectile or projectile fragments are recovered.
An exit gunshot wound is on the medial left arm, centered approximately 10 inches below the left acromioclavicular joint and 2-1/2 inches medial to the ventral midline of the left arm. The 1$3 / 4 \times 3 / 4$ inch perforation is irregular, lacerated, and the wound margins re-approximate to each other. No firearm residue is on the surrounding skin.

The direction is left to right.
D. Gunshot Wound of the Lateral Left Side of the Chest (GSW "O"):

An atypical entrance gunshot wound is on the lateral leff side of the chest, centered
approximately 23 inches below the lop of the head and 7 inches left of the anterior midine. The $5 / 8 \times 1 / 2$ inch irregular perforation has an irregular $3 / 8$ inch wide pini-white marginal abrasion
extending from the 12 to 5 o'clock positions of the wound. No soot or gumpowder stippling is on the surrounding skin.

After perforating the skin, subculaneous fissue, and musculature of the left side of the chest, the bullet sequentially perforates the left anterolaterai ninth rib, diaphragm, stomach, pancreas, and penetrates into the right-sided retroperitoneal soft tissues. The wound irack is hemorthagic and pulpified. Associated with this wound are approximately 900 mL of liguid and crotted bood within the left pleural cavity and 100 mL of admixed blood and dastric contents within the peritoneal cavity.

A separated, deformed, apparent medium caliber gray metal bullet core and yellow metal jacket are recovered from the abdomen. The bullet and jacket are collectively photographed and sealed in an envelope labeled "Bullet and jacket from abdomen."

The direction is left to right.

## II. Other Injuries:

Scattered red-brown irregular abrasions, ranging from $1 / 4$ inch to $1-1 / 4$ inches, are on the forehead. A $1 / 2$ inch red-brown abrasion is on the nasal bridge. A $1 / 2$ inch red abrasion is on the right cheek.

A $1-1 / 2 \times 1 / 4$ inch horizontal, red-brown, deep abrasion extends through the left side of the upper lip and onto the left cheek. No firearm residue is on the surrounding skin.

A $3 / 4 \times 3 / 16$ inch horizontal red abrasion is on the right side of the chest. A $3 / 4$ inch purple contusion is on the lower mid-chest. A $5 / 16$ inch gray abrasion with red borders is on the lateral
thin red-brown abrasion and a $1 / 8$ inch irregular red-brown abrasion are on the dorsal right thumb. Two $1 / 4$ inch superficial skin avulsions are on the dorsal left fourth and fifth fingers. A few small red-orange abrasions measuring up to $1 / 4$ inch are on the dorsal left fourth and fifth fingers.

A $1 / 2$ inch purple contusion is on the left thigh. A $3 / 16$ inch red-brown abrasion is on the left knee.

These injuries, having been once described, will not be repeated.
EVIDENCE COLLECTED: The following items are collected and retained for law enforcement retrieval:

- Fingerprint and palm pmat derds
- Pulled head hair
- Bilateral fingernail clamings and clppat.
- Blood spot card
- Personal items
- Clothing items
- Taser probes
- White metal handcu:
- Bullet and fragment trom opma
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## INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

BODY CAVITIES: See Evidence of Injury. The thoracic and abdominal organs are in their normal anatomic positions. Fibrous adhesions are between the right lung and rignt parietal pleura.

HEAD: See Evidence of Injury. The subscalp area and skull are unremarkabie. The dura and dural sinuses are unremarkable. There are no epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid hemorrhages. The leptomeninges are thin and delicate. The cerebrai hemispheres are symmetrical with an unremarkable gyral pattern. The cranial nerves and blood vessels are unremarkable. The brain weighs 1380 grams. Sections through the cerebral hemispheres, brainstem, and cerebellum are unremarkable. There are no hemorrhages of the deep white matter or the basal ganglia. The cerebral ventricles contain no blood. The spinal cord, as viewed from the cranial cavity, is unremarkable.

NECK: The soft tissues and prevertebral fascia are unremarkable. The hyoid bone and laryngeal cartilages are intact. The lumen of the larynx is not obstructed.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: See Evidence of Injury. The intimal surface of the aorta contains scattered atherosclerotic plaques. The aorta and its major branches and the great veins are normally distributed. The pulmonary arteries contain no thromboemboli. The heart weighs 360 grams. The pericardium, epicardium, and endocardium are smooth and glistening except in the areas of previously described injuries. The coronary arterial system demonstrates approximately $50-60 \%$ stenosis of the left anterior descending coronary artery and 30-40\% stenosis of the right coronary artery by atherosclerotic plaques. There are no thrombi in the atria or ventricles. The foramen ovale is closed. The atrial and ventricular septa are intact. The cardiac valves are unremarkable. The myocardium is dark red-brown and firm, and there are no focal abnormalities. The wall thicknesses measure as follows: left ventricle -1.4 cm ; interventricular septum - 1.5 cm ; and right ventricle -0.3 cm .

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: See Evidence of Injury. The upper airway is not obstructed. The laryngeal mucosa is smooth and unremarkable. The right and left lungs weigh 640 grams and 300 grams, respectively. The pleural surfaces are smooth and glistening except in the areas of previously described injuries and adhesions. The major bronchi are unremarkable. Sectioning of the lungs discloses a pink-red, spongy parenchyma in the uninjured areas.

HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM: The liver weighs 1010 grams and is covered by a simooth, glistening capsule. The parenciyma is dark red-brown and moderately congesied. The gallbladder contains approxima dy 40 mL of yellow/-green bile and a $0.8 \times 0.6 \times 0.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ green gallstone.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEI: See Evidence of Injury. The esophageai mucusa is gray, smooth, and unremarkable. The stomach coniains approximately 50 mL of residual green fluid and soft partially digested food matter. There are no tablets or capsules. The gastric mucosa has normal rugal folds, and the eare no ulcers. The small and large intestines are externally unremarkable. The appendix is present. The pancreas shows no addilional focal abnormalities.
GENITOURINARY SYSTEM: The capsules of both kidneys strip with ease to reveal smooth, pale, and slightly lobulated surfaces. The right and left kidneys wergh 130 grams and 150 grams, respectively. The cortices are of normal thickness, with well-demarcated
corticomedullary junctions. The calyces, pelves, and ureters are unremarkable. The bladder contains approximately 50 mL of clear yellow urine. The mucosa is gray, smooth, and unremarkable. The prostate gland is unremarkable externally and upon sectioning. The testes are unremarkable externally and upon sectioning.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The thyroid and adrenal glands are unremarkable externally and upon sectioning.

LYMPHORETICULAR SYSTEM: The spleen weighs 60 grams and is covered by a smooth, blue-gray, intact capsule. The parenchyma is dark red with no focal lesions. The cervical, hilar, and peritoneal lymph nodes are unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: See Evidence of Injury and Evidence of Therapy. The clavicles and pelvis have no fractures. Osteophytes are on the spine.

TOXICOLOGY: Blood, urine, and vitreous are submitted for toxicologic analysis. See separate report.

POSTMORTEM RADIOGRAPHY: Postmortem radiographs are taken prior to autopsy and are reviewed.

CONCLUSION:
By history, the decedent is a 64 -year-old male who was shot during an interaction with police on November 12, 2022. Resuscitative efforts were performed, and he was pronounced deceased at the scene. An autopsy is performed on November 14, 2022.

Autopsy examination reveals gunshot wounds of the left arm and torso. Two bullets are recovered during the autopsy.

Postmortem toxicology of femoral blood detected amphetamine ( $25 \mathrm{ng} / \mathrm{mL}$ ) and methamphetamine ( $150 \mathrm{ng} / \mathrm{mL}$ ).

Based on the available investigative information, autopsy examination, and toxicologic analysis, it is my opinion that Drandon Brown, a 64-year-old male, died as the result of gunshot wounds. The manner of death is homicide.
**Electronically signed by Shannon M. Crook, M.D. on Wednesday, February 15, 2023**
Shannon M. Crook, M.D.
Assistant Medical Examiner


## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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Author: Reed, Eric<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SAC/ASAC: Scarbro, James H<br>Activity Date: 11/12/2022<br>Report Date: 11/12/2022<br>Approved By: Scarbro, James H<br>Description: Property Receipt - Cameron Van-Der- Merwe Duty Weapon - From - Cameron Van-Der- Merwe

(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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On the above date. $\qquad$ received from


Prim Name of Releasor the below listed Items pursuant to an official investigation conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.


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## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case \# : NA-5U-000052
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Activity Date: 11/12/2022
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Approved By: Scarbro, James H

Description: Property Receipt - Ryan Thomas Duty Weapon - From - Ryan Thomas
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
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 Ryan Thomas Duty Weapon - From - Ryan Thomas.pdf

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On the above date, $\qquad$ received from $\qquad$ Print Name of Releasor the below listed items pursuant to an official investigation conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.


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IR \# : 53

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Scarbro, James H

Activity Date: 11/12/2022
Report Date: 11/12/2022
Approved By: Scarbro, James H

Description: Property Receipt - Evidence Collected at 8000 Block River Rd - From-8000 Block River Rd
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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$\qquad$ (If Applicable)

On the above date, $\qquad$ received from $\qquad$ Same 8000 black River R Ul Print Name of Reteasor Nashujlle, TN the below listed items pursuant to an official investigation conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

| No. | Quantity | Description of Items | Identifying Number |
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| 1 | 1 | Cartridge Case |  |
| 2 | 1 | Taser Cartridge |  |
| 3 |  | Blue Jeans, belt, Walk |  |
| 4 | 1 | Knife Cwooden handle) |  |
| 5 | 1 | Hat |  |
| 6 |  | Shirts |  |
| 7 | 1 | Cartridge Case |  |
| 8 | 1 | Cartridge Case |  |
| 9 | 1 | Knife Cblack handle) |  |
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Title (Print)


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Title (Print)
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BI-0061 (Rev.8/94)

## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Scarbro, James H

Activity Date: 11/14/2022
Report Date: 11/14/2022
Approved By: Scarbro, James H

Description: Property Receipt - Taser Probes and Handcuffs - From - M.E. Office
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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 Taser Probes and Handcuffs - From-M.E. Office.pdf

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On the above date, $\qquad$ Print Name of Receiver , received from Jennifer Led ford mG office the below listed items pursuant to an official investigation conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.


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Released By:
Investigator
Title (Print)

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2. Erin need 1:05; m Released By:

SA
Title (Print)


Original to Evidence Technician; Canary copy to Case File or Cl Jacket; Goldenrod Copy to Agent; Pink Copy to Person Bl-0081 (Rev.8/94)

## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Author: Reed, Eric<br>Case Agent: Reed, Eric<br>SAC/ASAC: Scarbro, James H<br>Activity Date: 01/10/2023<br>Report Date: 01/10/2023<br>Approved By: Scarbro, James H<br>Description: Property Receipt - Evidence Collected at the Medical Examiner Office - From - M.E. Office

## (LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:

(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

IR \# : 56

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Scarbro, James H

Activity Date: 11/18/2022
Report Date: 11/18/2022
Approved By: Scarbro, James H

Description: Document - Statement on Use of Force - From - Ryan Thomas
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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 Evidence collected at the Medical Examiner Office - From -init. Qffice.pdf

TEl CI \# $\qquad$ (If Applicable)
On the above date,_ Eric Reed received from Daniel Beard the below listed items pursuant to an official investigation conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.


## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 57

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Scarbro, James H
Description: Document - Statement on Use of Force - From - Cameron Van-Der-Merwe
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

Activity Date: 11/18/2022
Report Date: 11/18/2022
Approved By: Scarbro, James H

## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 58

| Author: | Reed, Eric | Activity Date: 11/14/2022 |
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| Case Agent: | Reed, Eric | Report Date: $11 / 14 / 2022$ |
| SAC/ASAC: | Scarbro, James H | Approved By: Scarbro, James H |
| Description: | Document - Ryan Thomas Use of Force Supplemental Information for Law <br> Enforcement Firearms Testing - From - TBI |  |

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Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge based on the facts known at the time of submittal. If facts that you deem pertinent to the investigation are still not known, please alert a Forensic Technician in the Evidence Receiving Unit.

| Name of Officer: Ryan Thomas |
| :--- |
| Make: Gluck 17 Ga |
| Model: Gen 5 |
| Serial Number: |

1. Do you have reason to believe the listed firearm was handled in any manner by a non-law enforcement (non-LE) participant during this incident? Was an attempt made by any non-LE participant to grab the above listed firearm? Yes $\square \quad \mathrm{No} \square$
If so, please describe the circumstances below (e.g., struggle, close contact, grab attempt in holster, etc.):
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2. Was the listed firearm handled without gloves by law enforcement personnel during collection and/or packaging of the firearm? Yes $\square$ No

If yes, by whom $\qquad$
3. What was the approximate shooting distance between the officers) and the non-LE participants)? $\qquad$ feet
4. Is electronic media (e.g., body cam, dash cam, surveillance video) available that may clarify any of the facts listed above? Yes No $\square$
Miscellaneous Notes:
Contact Case Agent for body cam.
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## Lab No.:

Exhibit No.:

## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Scarbro, James H

Activity Date: 11/14/2022
Report Date: 11/14/2022
Approved By: Scarbro, James H

Description: Document - Cameron Van-Der- Merwe Use of Force Supplemental Information for Law Enforcement Firearms Testing - From - TBI
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB: (LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB: (O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:

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Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge based on the facts known at the tine of submittal. If facts that you deem pertinent to the investigation are still not known, please alert a Forensic Technician in the Evidence Receiving Unit.

| Name of Officer: Cameron Van Der merwe |
| :--- |
| Make: Glock 17 |
| Model: Gen 5 |
| Serial Number: |

1. Do you have reason to believe the listed firearm was handled in any manner by a non-law enforcement (non-LE) participant during this incident? Was an attempt made by any non-LE participant to grab the above listed firearm? Yes $\square$ No If so, please describe the circumstances below (e.g., struggle, close contact, grab attempt in holster, etc.):
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If yes, by whom $\qquad$
3. What was the approximate shooting distance between the officers) and the non-LE participants)? $\qquad$ feet
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Miscellaneous Notes:
Contact Case Agent for body car.

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## TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

| Author: Reed, Eric | Activity Date: $12 / 14 / 2022$ |
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| Case Agent: | Reed, Eric |
| SAC/ASAC: | Scarbro, James H |
| Description: | Lab Report - Firearms Analysis - TBI |


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TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
NASHVILLE CRIME LABORATORY
901 R.S. Gass Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee 37216-2639
DAVID B. RAUSCH

## OFFICIAL FIREARMS REPORT

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TO: Eric Reed
TBI - Middle CID
AGENCY CASE NO: NA5U000052
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## LAW ENFORCEMENT

CAMERON VAN DERMERWE
RYAN THOMAS

## OTHER

DRANDON BROWN
Received From: Eric Reed $\quad$ Date Received: $11 / 14 / 22$

## DATE ISSUED: 12/14/22 <br> LAB CASE NO: 221020406 <br> COUNTY:

## EXHIBIT(S):

001-a
001-b

002-a
002-b

003-a
004-a
005-a
RESULTS:

Pistol, 9 mm Luger, Glock 17 Gen5, s/n and two (2) magazines from Ofc. Van Dermerwe Forty-two (42) unfired, 9 mm Luger cartridges submitted with 1 a - seven (7) of these were used for testing purposes and will remain at the TBI Crime Lab Pistol, 9 mm Luger, Glock 17 Gen5, s/n and three (3) magazines from Ofc. Thomas

Sixty-three (63) unfired, 9 mm Luger cartridges submitted with 2 a - seven (7) of these were used for testing purposes and will remain at the TBI Crime Lab One (1) fired, 9 mm Luger cartridge case from west side of 8000 River Rd.

One (1) fired, 9 mm Luger cartridge case from middle of 8000 River Rd.
One (1) fired, 9 mm Luger cartridge case from middle of 8000 River Rd.

Examination and test firing of the pistols in Exhibit 1a and Exhibit 2a revealed them to be in normal operating condition with their safety features functioning.

Test fired cartridge cases from the pistols in Exhibits 1a and 2a were microscopically examined in conjunction with the three (3) fired cartridge cases in Exhibits 3a, 4a and 5a. Based on these comparative examinations and sufficient agreement of class and individual characteristics it was determined that:
A) The cartridge case in Exhibit 3a had been fired in Exhibit 1a.
B) The cartridge cases in Exhibits 4a and 5a had been fired in Exhibit 2a.

Note: Seven (7) of the cartridges from Exhibit 1 b and seven (7) of the cartridges from Exhibit 2b were used for testing purposes and will remain at the TBI Crime Lab.


## LABORATORY CASE NO: 221020406 <br> DATE ISSUED:

DISPOSITION:
Test fires will remain on file. Please pick up evidence within thirty days.

Respectfully Submitted,


Alex Brodhag
Special Agent / Forensic Scientist
The above represents the interpretations and opinions of the analyst.
Technical notes and data supporting the conclusions/findings in this report are maintained within the laboratory case records. Information regarding NIBIN leads may be shared with law enforcement only databases.


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Case \#: NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 61

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SACIASAC: Scarbro, James H

Activity Date: 03/14/2023
Report Date: 03/14/2023
Approved By: Scarbro, James H

Description: Telphone Conversation - Roger Moore
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On March 14, 2023 at approximately 1:51 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed called and spoke with Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Roger Moore in reference to the officer involved shooting involving the death of DRANDON BROWN. SA Reed informed DDA that his investigation had been completed. DDA Moore advised he was up to date on the case file and would schedule a meeting with SA Reed along with District Attorney General Glen Funk at a later date. This concluded the conversation.

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Case \# : NA-5U-000052
IR \# : 60

Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Scarbro, James H

Activity Date: 12/14/2022
Report Date: 12/14/2022
Approved By: Scarbro, James H

Description: Lab Report - Firearms Analysis - TBI
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
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Author: Reed, Eric
Case Agent: Reed, Eric
SAC/ASAC: Scarbro, James H

Activity Date: 04/24/2023
Report Date: 04/25/2023
Approved By: Scarbro, James H

Description: Meeting - Glenn Funk and Roger Moore
(LE-A) RYAN THOMAS, W/M, DOB:
(LE-A) CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE, W/M, DOB:
(O-A) DRANDON JOHN BROWN, W/M, DOB:
On April 2, 2023 at approximately 2:00 p.m., Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Eric Reed met with District Attorney General (DAG) Glen Funk and Deputy District Attorney Roger Moore at their office located at 511 Union St Suite 1840 Nashville, TN 37219 to review the body camera footages of Officer CAMERON VAN-DER-MERWE and Officer RYAN THOMAS. While reviewing the video, the subject the officers were out with, DRANDON BROWN, was heard telling both officers he would take their lives. After completely watching the video, DAG Funk asked for a copy of VAN-DER-MERWE and THOMAS's interviews. SA Reed provided DAG FUNK with a copy of the interviews on a thumb-drive, and was advised by DAG Funk that he would finish reviewing the case. DAG Funk advised he doubted he would need SA Reed to do anymore investigative work regarding the case. This concluded the meeting.

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