

# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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**Description:** Interview - Audio - Jonathan Scull (MNPD)

(V) DAVID BARDWELL VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]  
(LE-A) JONATHAN WILLIAM SCULL, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]  
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On July 1, 2024, at approximately 10:52 AM, TBI Special Agent (SA) Matthew Massingill and SA Jonathan McGowen interviewed JONATHAN SCULL, at TBI HQ. After proper identification and explanation for the interview, SCULL voluntarily provided the following information. Below is a brief synopsis of that interview (not a transcription):

It should be noted that JONATHAN SCULL had his attorney, John Brown, present with him during this interview. SA Massingill completed the TBI Statement on Use of Force form with SCULL at approximately 10:51 AM. The form was signed by SA Massingill, SCULL, and SA McGowen signed the form as a witness. A copy of the form will be serialized separately from this investigative report.

SCULL said that he is employed by the Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPD) as a Police Officer. SCULL explained that the MNPD has employed him since October 2022. SCULL stated that he injured his shoulder while in the MNPD Academy, so he did not start patrolling until November 2023. SCULL recalled that he reported to work on June 26, 2024, at approximately 2100 hours. SCULL remembered that his shift was set to end on June 27, 2024, at approximately 0736 hours.

SCULL advised that he is assigned to MNPD's West Precinct on patrol. SCULL explained that he rotates zones and is normally 1-21 zone, and on June 26, 2024, to June 27, 2024, he was working zone 1-21 with the call sign of 1-21Charles. SCULL said that he was wearing his MNPD-issued uniform during his shift. SCULL expressed that he was driving his MNPD-marked patrol vehicle, a Ford Taurus.

SCULL recalled that calls for service were steady during the beginning of his shift. SCULL remembered that he responded to a call where a sixteen-year-old female had made suicidal threats to a friend. SCULL explained he was sure that he responded to other calls that night but did not recall any other calls at the time of this interview. SCULL expressed that calls for service were slower later in the shift, so he conducted extra patrols. SCULL stated that prior to Dispatch giving out the call of the incident, he was parked at 636 Old Hickory Blvd with MNPD Officer George Poulos.

SCULL said it was the parking lot for McKay's bookstore and a safe location for Officers to work on their reports. SCULL explained that while in the parking lot with Poulos, Dispatch gave out a

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call of a stabbing at an apartment complex at [REDACTED] SCULL stated that he closed off his extra patrol, and Poulos left the parking lot a little before him. SCULL recalled that it was an active call where a brother had been stabbed and had a knife put to his neck. SCULL expressed that he responded to the call code three by using his lights and sirens.

SCULL remembered that by the time he pulled into the apartment complex, MNPd Sgt Michael Hunnicutt was in front, followed by Poulos and himself. SCULL said almost immediately as they pulled into the apartment complex, Sgt Hunnicutt called out that there was someone walking towards them. SCULL recalled that he did not know who was walking towards them, but he did not see a weapon, observed the male on the phone, and could see that the male was actively bleeding from his arm.

SCULL told Agents that he believed the only thing he asked the male was if he was bleeding or hurt anywhere else, and the male said no. SCULL recalled that he could tell the male was actively bleeding from his arm, but the bleeding appeared to be controlled. SCULL said that the male said his brother either ran back into his apartment or ran into the wood line. SCULL stated that Sgt Hunnicutt stayed with the victim while he and Poulos went to find the apartment.

SCULL explained that at this point, he knew an aggravated assault occurred because he observed the bleeding, so he could not just walk away from the call. SCULL said that he was obligated to look for the suspect because he had already stabbed someone, and who knows if the individual was capable of stabbing whoever else he came into contact with. SCULL expressed that he also needed to conduct a welfare check on the apartment to make sure no one else was injured inside the apartment.

SCULL recalled that he and Poulos got into their cars to go find the apartment. SCULL said that the male brother with Sgt Hunnicutt told them the apartment where the incident occurred was [REDACTED] SCULL said they missed the first turn and drove around the apartment complex to find the correct building. SCULL remembered that they parked in the lower parking lot when they found the correct building.

SCULL stated that after they exited their cars, they walked up to the apartment complex and approached the bottom floor walkway area. SCULL described the lighting conditions as dark and said you could not see anything in front of you. SCULL said that he may have been able to see a person's silhouette, but once inside the breezeway area, it was really dark with zero light. SCULL recalled that once he crossed the threshold into the breezeway area, he unholstered his handgun and held it down at his side.

SCULL told Agents that he used his flashlight to see the numbers on the apartment doors. SCULL said that either MNPd Officer Benjamin Mincer or Poulos approached apartment [REDACTED] and started knocking on the door. SCULL recalled thinking he might have heard the apartment number wrong and that [REDACTED] was the correct one. SCULL explained that he believed that at this time, Mincer had his handgun out down at his side, and Poulos had his taser out for non-lethal. SCULL remembered that the door of apartment [REDACTED] was knocked on a couple of times, but no one answered.

SCULL stated that he felt that [REDACTED] was the correct apartment, so he asked over the radio, and Sgt Hunnicutt confirmed that the correct apartment was [REDACTED] SCULL said he briefly put his gun back into his holster and realized they needed to go up the apartment staircase. SCULL explained that, at this time, they were on the bottom level of the apartment complex, and as he

got to the base of the staircase, he drew his gun out of the holster again. SCULL said that he might have held his gun at the low ready position around chest height while he walked up the stairs.

SCULL recalled that at the top of the stairs, they were on a platform on the second level of the apartment complex, and he lowered his gun back down to his side. SCULL said it was so dark they were using their flashlights to read the apartment number on the doors to find [REDACTED]. SCULL stated that they learned by looking at the apartment numbers that apartment [REDACTED] was not on the second level. SCULL tried to explain that something was said and did not remember if it was words or something else.

SCULL described that something up the stairs brought their attention to the third level of the apartment complex that was above them. SCULL said that as he looked up the staircase, he heard a noise that he described as an AHH sound. SCULL told Agents that he perceived the noise as someone psyching themselves up for something. SCULL said that he shined his handheld flashlight up the stairs and could see the suspect holding a large knife that he perceived to be a kitchen knife. SCULL recalled that the knife appeared to be ten to twelve inches long.

SCULL said that the individual was holding the knife in his left hand like an ice pick at shoulder level. SCULL described the way the individual was holding the knife was in the manner that he was ready to come down the stairs and stab SCULL with the knife. SCULL recalled that everything happened so fast that he could only remember yelling as loud as he could drop it now. SCULL stated that as he was yelling, the individual was coming at him quickly. SCULL told Agents that the individual with a knife was coming at him very, very fast, like intentionally coming at SCULL with everything he had.

SCULL recalled that when he yelled drop it, now SCULL did not receive a response from the individual. SCULL said the individual was still actively running at him with the knife above his head. SCULL explained that he felt that he had no other option but to discharge his firearm. SCULL expressed that he had zero doubt in his mind that if he did not discharge his firearm, he probably would not be here today. SCULL stated that he knew the MNPd-issued vest would not stop that knife from stabbing him. SCULL told Agents that from there, he did not know what would have happened to his other partners if he was stabbed with the knife.

SCULL advised that he believed he shot four rounds from his pistol. SCULL recalled that when he first saw the individual with a knife, SCULL was basically at the base of the stairs that went up to the third floor from the second floor. SCULL explained that he knew Poulos and Mincer were off to his left but did not recall exactly where they were. SCULL stated that shortly after discharging his firearm, he took steps backward to create more distance between himself and the individual with a knife.

SCULL said that after discharging his firearm, the suspect went down on the stairs on his back/left side. SCULL recalled that he, Poulos, and Mincer all went back as far as they could, but they were in a contained area, so there was nowhere to run. SCULL stated that after going down on the stairs, the individual was still grasping the knife and what SCULL perceived to be an attempt to get back up. SCULL remembered that he could see that the individual was losing control of his body.

SCULL explained that while the individual was still a threat, SCULL did not perceive the individual as an immediate threat at that time. SCULL said that he gave the individual multiple commands to drop the knife. SCULL stated that he did not remember if he holstered his gun then or if it was after he told Poulos to cover him as he attempted to take the knife from the individual so they could start first aid. SCULL recalled that he took the knife from the individual and threw it in the walkway between the staircases. SCULL remembered that he pulled the individual down to the second floor from the stairs and did not see any other weapons.

SCULL recalled telling Poulos and Mincer to stay there and administer first aid while he ran to his car to get his medical bag. SCULL explained that he knew Poulos and Mincer had tourniquets with them, but they were also going to need chest seals and other medical equipment. SCULL said that when he returned with his medical bag, other MNPD Officers were on the second level of the apartment complex. SCULL recalled that he gave Poulos a chest seal to apply to the individual.

SCULL stated that he remembered Mincer saying he needed another Officer upstairs, but MNPD Officer Theodore Mesker told SCULL they had it from there and walked SCULL to his car. SCULL recalled that once at his car, he waited for additional units and supervisors to arrive on the scene.

SA Massingill asked SCULL that once he arrived at the apartment complex did, SCULL know who the male was with a cut on his arm. SCULL explained that he did not know the male's name then but quickly identified him as the victim of the call for service they were responding to. SCULL recalled that they contacted the male victim at the apartment complex's entrance by the leasing office. SCULL remembered that off to the right of the leasing office was a body of water, and the apartment they were looking for was on the other side of that body of water.

SA Massingill asked SCULL to describe the lighting conditions during the call. SCULL said that he believed there was some lighting by the leasing office, but it was still very dim. SCULL stated that once you get to the apartments, there were zero lights outside that he recalled and absolutely zero lights inside the breezeways/stairwells. SA Massingill asked SCULL once he exited his vehicle at the apartments if everything outside and inside was very dark, and SCULL said yes.

SCULL explained that when walking outside, there was enough light to tell there were stairs, but he could not read building numbers without a flashlight. SCULL said that once he entered the breezeway, it was very dark, and there was zero light. SCULL expressed that once inside the breezeway, it was inside, so the moonlight or starlight was not entering the breezeway. SA Massingill asked SCULL if the lights by each of the apartment doors were turned off, and SCULL said that he did not remember those lights being on and that it was dark enough for him to use his flashlight to see.

SA Massingill asked SCULL if he had any prior Law Enforcement experience before working for the MNPD. SCULL said he was employed as a Police Officer for the City of San Diego in California from around August 2014 to October 2022. SCULL explained that the department's name was the San Diego Police Department (SDPD). SCULL recalled that he worked as a Patrol Officer for SDPD. SCULL stated that he was in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) from 2006-2010 and served as an infantryman (0311).

SA McGowen asked SCULL what type of weapon he was carrying during the incident, and SCULL said he was carrying his MNPd-issued Glock 17 with a light and red dot optic attached to it. SA McGowen asked SCULL when he arrived on the scene and saw the male with Sgt Hunnicutt if he had any prior knowledge of that male or responded to any other incidents related to that male, and SCULL said no.

SA McGowen asked SCULL once he saw the individual involved in the shooting incident did SCULL recognize the individual. SCULL explained that he had not ever seen the individual before the shooting incident. SA McGowen asked SCULL if he had ever responded to any other calls at apartment [REDACTED] before, and SCULL said not to his knowledge. SA Massingill asked SCULL, to the best of his knowledge, he never came in contact with either the male that was with Sgt Hunnicutt or the individual with the knife, and SCULL said yes.

SA Massingill asked SCULL where the individual with the knife was located when SCULL first saw him, and SCULL said that the individual was at the top of the stairs holding the knife at chest/shoulder position like an ice pick where he could come down and easily stab him or one of the other Officers. SA Massingill asked SCULL to describe the speed at which the individual with a knife came down the stairs. SCULL described the speed at which the individual with a knife came down the stairs as close as a person can come to running down the stairs as you can run down the stairs straight at SCULL. SCULL expressed the individual was moving with a purpose.

SCULL explained that the individual with a knife was not stopping and was not going to stop. SA McGowen asked SCULL if anyone said anything when Officers knocked on the door of apartment [REDACTED]. SCULL said that he honestly did not remember if anything was said. SCULL expressed that he did not say anything but did not recall if any of the other Officers said anything while knocking on the door of apartment [REDACTED].

SA McGowen asked SCULL at the point of the individual coming down the stairs with a knife if SCULL felt that, based on that individual's actions, he had any other options. SCULL said no, absolutely not, and that if he did not do exactly what he did, he honestly felt he would not be here. SA McGowen asked SCULL to clarify what he meant by he would not be here. SCULL expressed that there was a very good chance he would be dead right now based on that individual's actions toward SCULL. SA Massingill asked SCULL if he felt it was fair to say that SCULL felt fear of serious bodily injury or death. SCULL responded by saying one hundred percent, and he also felt fear of serious bodily injury or death for his fellow Officers.

SA Massingill asked SCULL if Sgt Hunnicutt was still with the male at the entrance when the shooting occurred, and SCULL said yes. SA McGowen asked SCULL if he was using any personally owned recording equipment during the incident, and SCULL said no. SA McGowen asked SCULL if he was injured during the incident or needed medical attention, and SCULL said no. SA McGowen asked SCULL if he knew if any of the other Officers were injured during the incident and SCULL said not to his knowledge.

SA Massingill asked SCULL if he had ever been to that apartment complex before, and SCULL said yes because he believed he had responded there to a carjacking in the past. SCULL said he believed he had done an extra patrol at that apartment complex before and responded to a large group of people in the apartment pool after hours. SA Massingill asked SCULL if he was on the second floor of the apartment complex when the shooting occurred because the layout of the apartment complex was confusing. SCULL stated that he believed that the shooting occurred on the second floor of the apartment complex.

SA Massingill asked SCULL what was behind him when the shooting occurred. SCULL said there was a wall with a door to another apartment and what he believed might have been a railing. SCULL explained that he was not completely sure what was behind him but knew there was nowhere to go to try to run backward more than a couple of feet. SA Massingill asked SCULL that it was not just the ground behind SCULL when the shooting occurred, and he could not just easily go around the corner, and SCULL said correct. SA Massingill was clarifying that SCULL was on the second floor of the apartment complex when the shooting occurred, with the ground being on the first floor.

SA McGowen asked SCULL if he would draw a diagram of where he was when the shooting occurred. A copy of the diagram will be serialized separately from this investigative report. SCULL explained the diagram to SA Massingill and SA McGowen. SA McGowen asked SCULL if he was on the second floor when the shooting occurred, and SCULL said he believed it was the second floor because he would consider the level below them as the first floor. SA McGowen asked SCULL if he could recall what was behind him when the shooting occurred. SCULL explained that he did not know exactly what was behind him but knew there was no avenue of escape behind him. SCULL expressed that it was really dark during the incident and he does not remember.

SA Massingill asked SCULL if he felt confined during the shooting incident, and SCULL said yes, one hundred percent. SCULL said there was nowhere he could have gone to get away from the immediate threat running at him. SCULL recalled that when he first saw the individual SCULL described in barely a blink of an eye, the individual started to run at them. SCULL remembered saying drop it now, and it was the only time he had to try any de-escalation techniques. SCULL told Agents that he immediately realized that the individual was not going to listen to his command.

SCULL explained that he felt the individual was determined to come straight at him. SCULL said that he believed he one hundred percent made the only choice he had, and there was no other choice; otherwise, he or one of the other Officers were not going to walk away from that scene. SA McGowen asked while looking at SCULL's diagram where the individual was when SCULL decided to use force. SCULL stated that he believed the individual was about midway down the stairs when he decided to use force.

SA McGowen clarified with SCULL that SCULL had not decided to use force when the individual was at the top of the stairs, and SCULL said no. SCULL said that on his drawing, he drew where the individual was when SCULL first saw him and SCULL perceived the threat of the large knife being held around shoulder height. SCULL explained the individual was running at him the entire time; SCULL yelled drop it now, but the individual did not drop the knife, so about midway down the staircase, SCULL made the decision to use force.

SCULL expressed that after the shooting, the individual's upper body was on the steps, but was not sure where the individual's lower body was at. SCULL noted on the diagram where the individual was at when he first saw him and where the individual was at after the shooting occurred. SA Massingill asked SCULL to describe the individual. SCULL recalled and wanted to back up a little in the interview and say that he received information from the victim or Dispatch that the individual was wearing a gray hoodie and blue jeans. SCULL described what the individual looked like when SCULL made contact with him as a thin-built, shirtless white male,

around five foot eight inches to five foot ten inches in height, and wearing what SCULL believed were blue jeans.

SCULL recalled that the male had longer hair that was possibly shoulder length. SA Massingill clarified with SCULL that not only did SCULL feel that there was not an avenue of escape behind him when the shooting occurred, but he could not retreat back down the walkway because it was narrow and being blocked by other Officers. SCULL said that was correct. SA McGowen asked SCULL if the darkness was an element that he had to deal with during the incident, and SCULL said yes, it was an element he had to deal with. SCULL explained that, ultimately, the darkness had nothing to do with why he ended up having to use force. SCULL expressed that in daylight or darkness, the individual was a threat, and SCULL felt he was determined to come straight at SCULL with a knife.

SCULL stated that he honestly believed he would not be here if he did not make that decision. SA Massingill asked SCULL if he could only clearly see what he had his flashlight beam shined on and SCULL said correct. SCULL recalled everything in his peripheral vision was dark unless a flashlight beam was directly shined on it. A copy of the diagram was made for attorney Brown.

SA McGowen asked SCULL if he had viewed his body camera footage, and SCULL said that he had not viewed his body camera footage but had seen the footage that was released to the news media.

**AGENT NOTE: This interview was audio recorded by SA Matthew Massingill, and a copy will be maintained in SA Massingill's working case file. For further details of this interview, please refer to the audio recording in its entirety. A full copy of the audio interview will be provided to the District Attorney's office upon request.**

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From observation and information received, the following descriptive data was noted:

Name: Jonathan William Scull

Sex: M

Race: W

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

TN DL# [REDACTED]



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**TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**



STATEMENT ON USE OF FORCE

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has been requested by the District Attorney General to determine the facts of the use of force incident you were involved in on 6-27-2021 at approximately 4:23 AM in the vicinity of  
Date Time

Area near

Location/Address

This is not an administrative or disciplinary investigation. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. Your cooperation is voluntary.

[Signature]  
Signature of Interviewee

[Signature]  
Signature of Special Agent

Witness: [Signature] SA 103

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 7-1-2021 TIME: 10:51 AM

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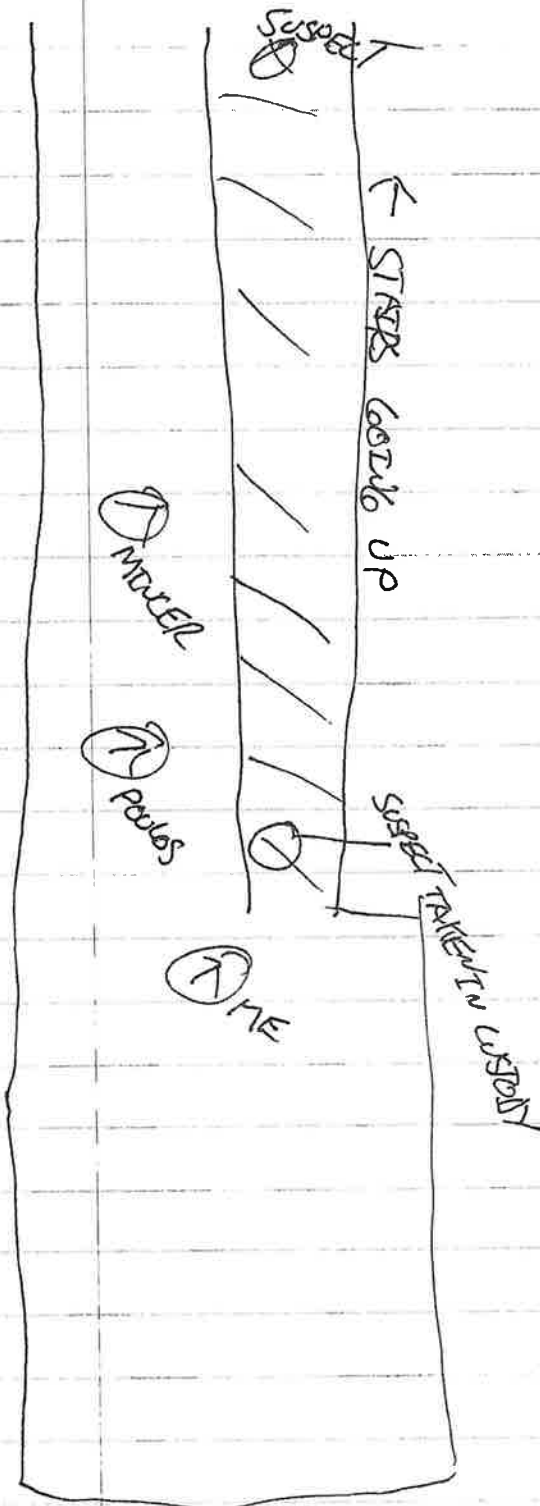
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On July 1, 2024, at approximately 11:58 AM, TBI Special Agent (SA) Matthew Massingill and SA Jonathan McGowen interviewed BENJAMIN MINCER, at TBI HQ. After proper identification and explanation for the interview, MINCER voluntarily provided the following information. Below is a brief synopsis of that interview (not a transcription):

It should be noted that BENJAMIN MINCER had his attorney, Kristin Berexa, present with him during this interview. SA Massingill read MINCER the TBI Statement on Use of Force form, explaining that this is not an administrative or disciplinary investigation and that his cooperation is voluntary. MINCER said that he understood the form that SA Massingill read to him.

MINCER said he is employed by the Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPDP) as a Police Officer. MINCER stated that the MNPDP had employed him for a little over two years. MINCER explained that on June 27, 2024, he was working as a MNPDP Police Officer in the Patrol Division. MINCER expressed that he came to work on June 26, 2024, but his shift did not end until June 27, 2024.

MINCER said that on June 27, 2024, he was assigned to West Precinct as a Patrol Officer with a call sign of 1-25C, working zone 1-25. MINCER explained that he was wearing his MNPDP-issued Police uniform and drove an MNPDP-marked patrol car, a 2023 Ford Explorer. MINCER stated that his only Law Enforcement experience is from MNPDP. MINCER recalled that his shift started on June 26, 2024, at 9:00 PM and was set to end on June 27, 2024, at 7:38 AM.

MINCER expressed that he did not remember any calls that he went on prior to the 51Paul call. MINCER remembered that he was on an extra patrol in a parking lot when Dispatch, gave out a 51Paul call where a brother had stabbed another brother. MINCER said that he ran lights and sirens to the scene and believed the address that was given to him was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MINCER stated that he was familiar with that address because it was in his previous zone. MINCER went on to say that he believed he was last on scene because he could hear MNPDP Officers JONATHAN SCULL and George Poulos on the radio talk around channel.

MINCER said that SCULL and Poulos were trying to find the apartment. MINCER explained that when he arrived on the scene, he noticed an MNPDP-marked Police vehicle. MINCER claimed that the MNPDP-marked Police vehicle was an SUV and belonged to Sgt Michael Hunnicutt.

MINCER stated that he asked Sgt Hunnicutt where SCULL and Poulos were, and Sgt Hunnicutt directed him up and to the right.

MINCER remembered that he saw the victim of the domestic violence incident at the front of Sgt Hunnicutt's vehicle, but MINCER did not speak with the victim. MINCER said that he drove up and to the right of the apartment complex, and MINCER said the road was Spring Creek Dr. MINCER recalled that he drove all the way to the dead end of the street but did not see SCULL and Poulos.

MINCER said that he turned around at the dead end and, as he drove back down the road, met SCULL and Poulos. MINCER explained that he spoke to Poulos who told him they were looking for apartment 12 something. MINCER told Poulos where the [REDACTED] apartments were and told them to go back behind where he was in his vehicle. MINCER recalled that he turned his vehicle around and drove to where SCULL and Poulos were and parked in a line behind their vehicles.

MINCER explained that after getting out of the vehicle, they verified the apartment they were looking for was [REDACTED]. MINCER said that he, SCULL, and Poulos found the building apartment [REDACTED] was in. MINCER expressed that it was completely pitch black and dark when they got into the corridor/stairwell on the bottom floor. MINCER remembered that they could not see anything without their flashlights because there was no ambient lighting.

MINCER recalled that he and SCULL went up the back stairwell of the apartment complex. MINCER explained that there were two stairwells on the bottom floor of the complex. MINCER remembered that Poulos went up the other set of stairs to the second floor while he and SCULL went to the second floor via the back stairwell. MINCER stated that when he was going up the stairwell with SCULL, he noticed SCULL had his pistol drawn.

MINCER said that he told SCULL he was going to go less lethal with his taser and drew his taser. MINCER recalled that SCULL walked first down the second-floor corridor hallway. MINCER stated that SCULL walked down the hallway first, followed by Poulos and then himself. MINCER remembered that SCULL went to the bottom of the staircase that led up to the third floor. MINCER claimed that SCULL turned around and said I don't know where [REDACTED] is located.

MINCER described that since he was familiar with the area, he knew [REDACTED] was located on the floor above where they were at. MINCER said that he told SCULL that [REDACTED] was one floor above them. MINCER stated that SCULL turned around, and MINCER heard a human making some noise above them. MINCER went on to say that he did not know how to describe the noise other than it was him making a noise. MINCER claimed that the noise was not like a grunt or speech.

MINCER said that with it being the time of night that it was and knowing apartment [REDACTED] was right above them, MINCER assumed it was probably their suspect making the noise. MINCER recalled right after he heard the sound; he heard SCULL and Poulos yelling stop. MINCER remembered a split second later, he looked up the staircase and saw the suspect barrel down the stairs with a massive knife in his hand. MINCER told Agents that SCULL and Poulos were towards the bottom of the staircase, and he was behind them in the hallway.

MINCER stated that at first, he thought he heard a taser shot but realized that four or five rapid gunshots were fired. MINCER described that as soon as the gunshots happened, he turned and called that there were shots fired over his radio. MINCER said that after he called shots fired he

observed SCULL and Poulos were drawn down on the man. MINCER explained that he told Poulos that he needed to get over where they were, and Poulos yelled just get over here.

MINCER recalled that he got in between SCULL and Poulos with SCULL to his right. MINCER said that he still had his taser out, but SCULL still had his pistol out and did not know what Poulos was holding. MINCER explained that SCULL, Poulos, and himself all gave commands to the suspect to drop the knife. MINCER stated that the male still had a knife in his hands and was lying on the stairs. MINCER went on to say that the male was not responding to their commands to drop the knife.

MINCER said that SCULL told MINCER and Poulos to hold by keeping their tasers on the male. MINCER explained that SCULL grabbed the knife out of the suspect's hand but was not sure what SCULL did with the knife. MINCER expressed that SCULL, Poulos, and himself knew they needed to provide medical aid to the male. MINCER recalled that SCULL went and grabbed a medical bag after they had called for medical assistance.

MINCER remembered that Poulos grabbed the suspect and pulled him off of the stairs. MINCER said that they started providing medical aid to the male. MINCER recalled that he went upstairs in the apartment complex and waited for another MNPD Officer to arrive on the scene so they could clear the apartment. MINCER stated that they cleared apartment [REDACTED], but no one was inside the apartment. MINCER explained that they came back down and knocked on other apartments' doors to ensure other residents were not injured.

SA Massingill asked MINCER if he received any updates from Dispatch while he was en route to the call, and MINCER said that he did not recall getting any updates. SA Massingill asked MINCER if he had received any information about a description of the male they were looking for, and MINCER said that he did not recall getting a description. SA Massingill asked MINCER about the lighting conditions of the apartment complex. MINCER said that the entire complex is dark, but there is more lighting in the parking lots of the apartment complex.

MINCER stated that the apartment complex is known for being very dark. SA Massingill asked MINCER if the lights outside of each apartment were turned off, and MINCER said the lights were turned off, and he had to use a flashlight to see where he was going. SA Massingill asked MINCER if they had knocked on any other apartment doors before they made contact with the male, and MINCER said that they had knocked on a door. MINCER recalled asking Poulos what apartment they were looking for, and Poulos said [REDACTED].

MINCER explained that SCULL, Poulos, and himself knocked on the door of [REDACTED] and announced Metro Police. MINCER recalled asking Poulos if [REDACTED] was the right apartment and said they better verify what apartment it was. MINCER said that SCULL got on the radio and asked Sgt Hunnicutt to verify the apartment number. MINCER remembered Sgt Hunnicutt said that the apartment they were looking for was [REDACTED].

SA Massingill asked MINCER if he would describe the level that apartment [REDACTED] was on as the first level of the apartment complex, and MINCER said yes. SA Massingill asked MINCER that once they climbed the stairs, they would have been on the second level where the shooting occurred, and MINCER said yes. SA Massingill asked MINCER if you could just walk off onto the ground at the second level, and MINCER said that you could not because you are a level above the ground.

MINCER described the male with the knife as a white male with long hair and a knife. SA Massingill asked MINCER at the time he described a male barreling down the stairs with a knife if he felt in fear of serious bodily injury or death for himself or any other Officers. MINCER explained that he was not in fear for his life because he had SCULL and Poulos in front of him and knew they would do their job, but he was in fear for the lives of SCULL and Poulos. MINCER recalled that he thought SCULL and Poulos were going to die when the male with a knife was barreling down the stairs because it was so quick.

MINCER expressed that he was the furthest Officer from the male with a knife because SCULL and Poulos were in front of him. SA McGowen asked MINCER when he saw the individual at the top of the stairs. Was it with the assistance of his flashlight? MINCER said that he did not remember if it was his flashlight or the other Officer's flashlights, but multiple flashlights illuminated the male.

SA Massingill asked MINCER if it was so dark that a flashlight had to be used to read apartment numbers inside the complex, and MINCER said that he had to use a flashlight to read apartment numbers. SA Massingill asked MINCER if it would be hard to see inside the apartment complex in any other area where a flashlight beam was not directly shining, and MINCER said that was correct.

SA McGowen asked MINCER if they had administered aid to the individual once he was down, and MINCER said that aid had been administered. MINCER said that he did an overlook of the male's body and could see blood everywhere but noticed blood on the male's leg, so MINCER applied his tourniquet to the male's leg. MINCER explained that the tourniquet he used was the one that was on his vest. MINCER recalled that Poulos told MINCER to hold the top of the stairs due to any other unknown threat.

MINCER explained that he cleared apartment [REDACTED] with MNPD Officers Cara Allen and Theodore Meskers. MINCER said that Allen and Meskers were not there when the shooting occurred, but they had called them up to assist in clearing apartment [REDACTED]. MINCER stated that they did a security sweep of apartment [REDACTED] and he was fixated only on looking for a person inside the apartment. MINCER recalled that they did not locate anyone else inside apartment [REDACTED].

SA McGowen asked MINCER if he was using any personally owned recording equipment during the incident, and MINCER said that he did not. SA McGowen asked MINCER if he had discharged his taser during the incident, and MINCER said he had not. SA McGowen asked MINCER if he had been injured during the incident, and MINCER said he had not. SA Massingill asked MINCER if, before this call, he had ever been in contact with the male with the knife or the male that was with Sgt Hunnicutt, and MINCER said not, that he was aware of.

Berexa asked MINCER if, when he saw the male with a knife coming down the stairs if he was looking at the male perpendicular. MINCER explained that he could see the male's right side and that he was standing perpendicular to the male coming down the stairs. SA Massingill asked MINCER if he could see the male through the stairwell and over the stairwell, and MINCER said yes. MINCER expressed that he could not see all of the male because of the railing, but he could see the male. MINCER went on to say that even from where he was standing and only seeing the male's right side, he could see the male was holding a large knife.



**AGENT NOTE:** This interview was audio recorded by SA Matthew Massingill, and a copy will be maintained in SA Massingill's working case file. For further details of this interview, please refer to the audio recording in its entirety. A full copy of the audio interview will be provided to the District Attorney's office upon request.

MTM/

From observation and information received, the following descriptive data was noted:

Name: Benjamin Robert Mincer

Sex: M

Race: W

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

TN DL# : [REDACTED]

# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 58

**Author:** Massingill, Matthew

**Activity Date:** 07/08/2024

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/10/2024

**SAC/ASAC:** Neese, Nathan L

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Recovery of Evidence - MNPDP Detective Supplement- 24-24-426520 (D) Investigative

(V) DAVID BARDWELL VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]

(LE-A) JONATHAN WILLIAM SCULL, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]

(O-A) MAXWELL SCOTT VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]

On July 8, 2024, at approximately 1:57 PM, TBI Special Agent (SA) Matthew Massingill received an email from Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPDP) Detective (DT) Mike Roland. DT Roland's email contained an MNPDP supplement report that DT Roland had completed. A copy of the supplement report will be serialized separately from this investigative report.

<b>TENNESSEE BUREAU OF</b> <b>INVESTIGATION</b> <b>INVESTIGATIVE REPORT</b>		<b>Case # :</b> NA-5U-000067 <b>IR # :</b> 59	
<b>Author:</b>	Massingill, Matthew	<b>Activity Date:</b>	07/08/2024
<b>Case Agent:</b>	Massingill, Matthew	<b>Report Date:</b>	07/10/2024
<b>SAC/ASAC:</b>	Neese, Nathan L	<b>Approved By:</b>	Neese, Nathan L
<b>Description:</b>	Departmental Report - DR-24-426520 (D) Investigative - Roland		

(V) DAVID BARDWELL VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]  
 (LE-A) JONATHAN WILLIAM SCULL, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]  
 (O-A) MAXWELL SCOTT VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]



**Metropolitan Police Department**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**  
**Cold Case Homicide Unit Supplement Report**



Incident Number: 2024-0426520

Related Numbers: 2024-0435562 / 2024-0426902

Victim : **Officer Jonathan Scull, Officer George Poulos, Officer Benjamin Mincer**

Offense Classification: **Aggravated Assault – Pol Off – Weapon**

**On Thursday June 27, 2024**, at approximately 0525 hours, Lieutenant Jill Weaver called me and advised me to respond to 108 Ridgelake Parkway. According to Lt. Weaver, there had been a domestic call to this location involving two brothers and knives. The police arrived and while investigating the call, one of the brothers attempted to assault the officers with a knife, resulting in a shooting incident. The suspect was deceased on the scene. The complainant brother was transported with minor injuries.

At approximately 0540 hours, I arrived on the scene. I was first met by Sergeant Jason Baber of the BWC unit. He responded to collect the officers involved body cameras. He did advise me that he collected cameras from the following Officers:

- 1) **Ofc. Scull**
- 2) **Ofc. Poulos**
- 3) **Ofc. Mincer**

I was directed further into the parking lot where I was met with Sergeant Brad Turner. According to Sgt. Turner, Patrol responded to a stabbing call. A man called in advising he and his brother had been in an altercation and the brother cut him with a knife. The officers arrived on the scene and the suspect came out at them wielding a knife. The officers fired 4, 5 or 6 shots at the suspect. The incident is on BWC as well as one tenant's RING camera.

Sgt. Turner directed me further into the parking lot, advising the officers involved were currently standing by each in their own vehicle, awaiting an FOP Attorney.

I approached each officer to obtain the very basic information needed for the TBI. I first briefly spoke with Officer Scull:

*Det. Mike Roland / [REDACTED]*  
*Homicide - Cold Case Unit*



**Metropolitan Police Department**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**  
**Cold Case Homicide Unit Supplement Report**

Incident Number: 2024-0426520

Related Numbers: 2024-0435562 / 2024-0426902

Victim: **Officer Jonathan Scull, Officer George Poulos, Officer Benjamin Mincer**

Offense Classification: *Aggravated Assault – Pol Off – Weapon*

**Officer Jonathan W. Scull** [REDACTED]

**DOB** [REDACTED]

**West Precinct**

**5500 Charlotte Pk**

**Nashville, TN 37209**

**(615) 862-7747**

Ofc. Scull gave a brief explanation, stating he responded to a domestic call at 0410 hours. The complainant advised his brother, Max Van Sickle DOB [REDACTED] had stabbed him with a knife and tried to strangle him. Ofc. Scull advised he would provide a full statement as soon as counsel arrived.

I then spoke with Officer Poulos:

**George K. Poulos** [REDACTED]

**DOB** [REDACTED]

**West Precinct**

**5500 Charlotte Pk**

**Nashville, TN 37209**

**(615) 862-7747**

Officer Poulos advised that Sergeant Hunnicutt was the first Officer to arrive on the scene, Ofc. Poulos was second. He further advises that the victim ran down the hill with his hands up. They assumed he was the victim, but still patted him down. He did have visible injuries. They asked this person who was identified as David Van Sickle where the suspect was. He advised the suspect was in apartment [REDACTED] He further stated the suspect is his brother Max Van Sickle.

Ofc. Poulos further advised that he, Ofc. Scull, and Ofc. Mincer ran up the hill towards the apartment. He added it was very dark, there were no lights in the breezeway. They found

*Det. Mike Roland* [REDACTED]  
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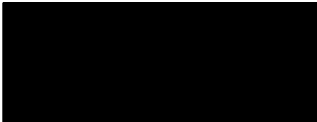
Victim: **Officer Jonathan Scull, Officer George Poulos, Officer Benjamin Mincer**

Offense Classification: *Aggravated Assault – Pol Off – Weapon*

the building and headed up the steps to the second floor. They heard the suspect running on the floor above them. The suspect came into view and had a large knife in his hand. The suspect continued running down the steps very fast towards them. Ofc. Scull commanded the suspect to stop and drop the knife. The suspect did not comply and continued running towards them when Ofc. Scull fired several shots at the suspect. The suspect went down and the officers immediately took the knife, handcuffed the suspect, checked for a pulse, and rendered aid.

Ofc. Poulos further advised me that one of the neighbors had RING camera video. He had that video and emailed the video to me. He also provided me with the following information about the owners of the RING camera:

❖ **Ashli Gareau**



❖ **Jonathan Reynolds**



I then spoke with Officer Mincer:

**Officer Benjamin R. Mincer**

**DOB**

**West Precinct**

**5500 Charlotte Pk**

**Nashville, TN 37209**

**(615) 862-7747**

*Det. Mike Roland /*  
*Homicide – Cold Case Unit*



**Nashville, Tennessee**  
**Cold Case Homicide Unit Supplement Report**



Incident Number: 2024-0426520

Related Numbers: 2024-0435562 / 2024-0426902

Victim: **Officer Jonathan Scull, Officer George Poulos, Officer Benjamin Mincer**

Offense Classification: **Aggravated Assault – Pol Off – Weapon**

Officer Mincer briefly advised they heard the suspect on the floor above them and the suspect charged them with a knife. Someone yelled for the suspect to drop the knife, but the suspect never stopped. Shots were fired, but Ofc. Mincer did not actually see the shots being fired.

I advised the Officers to continue to stand by. I also advised them the **Tennessee Bureau of Investigation** would take the lead in this investigation based on an MOU.

At this point, TBI SA Steven Kennard arrived on the scene. I briefed him with the information I had. SA Kennard advised SA Matthew Massingill would be the lead for the TBI.

I stood by as the liaison for the TBI, and briefed **MNPD Command Staff** with the information I obtained upon arrival. Below is some of the information I learned:

Address of actual incident:

- [REDACTED]
- **DV Victim**  
**David B. Van Sickle**  
[REDACTED]
- **DV / Aggravated Assault on Officer suspect**  
**Maxwell S. Van Sickle**  
[REDACTED]

**Information from 911 Communications for Thursday June 27, 2024:**

*Det. Mike Roland / [REDACTED]*  
*Homicide - Cold Case Unit*





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**Nashville, Tennessee**  
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Incident Number: **2024-0426520**

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- **0410 David Van Sickle calls 911**
- **0411 Dispatched call**
- **0414 First officer arrives.**
- **0423 SHOTS FIRED call on radio.**

At approximately 0900 hours, I notified the Medical Examiner's Office to respond to the scene, at the request of the TBI. I spoke with ME Death Investigator Krista Hammonds. She was aware of the call and advised she would be on the way.

At approximately 0910 hours, I spoke with SA in Charge Josh Savley and learned that they believe there were 4 gunshots by Ofc. Scull, but they have only located three shell casings. At this time, he allowed me to enter and observe the crime scene.

At approximately 0958 hours, ME Inv. Hammonds arrived and conducted her on scene examination of the victim's remains.

I learned from Inv. Hammonds the victim had the following gunshot wounds:

- **GSW Right eyebrow.**
- **GSW Left upper arm.**
- **GSW Left elbow.**
- **GSW X2 Right abdomen.**
- **GSW X2 Right mid lower back.**

*(This was Inv. Hammonds brief on scene investigation. The GSW's are not labeled entrance or exit. This will be determined during a more thorough examination conducted by the Medical Examiner at autopsy.)*

I remained at the scene until the TBI was ready to release it.

At approximately 1100 hours, I left the scene.

*Det. Mike Roland / [REDACTED]*  
*Homicide – Cold Case Unit*



# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 60

**Author:** Kennard, Steven Edward

**Activity Date:** 06/27/2024

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/10/2024

**SAC/ASAC:** Neese, Nathan L

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Recovery of Evidence - Glock 17 pistol with magazine and 14 unfired rounds - From - Jonathan Scull

(V) DAVID BARDWELL VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB [REDACTED]  
(LE-A) JONATHAN WILLIAM SCULL, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]  
(O-A) MAXWELL SCOTT VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]

On June 27, 2024, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent (SA) Steven Kennard responded to the area of 108 Ridge Lake Parkway in Nashville, Tennessee to an apartment complex. The purpose of the response was to assist SA Matthew Massingill in the investigation of an officer-involved shooting that had occurred in this area.

At approximately 7:50 AM, SA Kennard took possession of the issued duty weapon of Officer JONATHAN SCULL. This was the weapon that had been fired related to the officer-involved shooting. John Brown, the attorney representing SCULL was present as well as SA Eric Reed who was documenting the process with photographs. SA Kennard took possession of a Glock 17 pistol bearing the serial number [REDACTED]. Once the weapon was provided by Officer SCULL, SA Kennard removed the magazine and emptied it of all remaining unfired rounds. Thirteen (13) unfired rounds were in the magazine, along with one (1) unfired round which was in the chamber of the pistol. All fourteen (14) unfired rounds along with the pistol and the magazine were photographed and then packaged in an evidence box and sealed. SA Kennard kept the pistol in his possession until it could be transported to TBI headquarters and placed in the Evidence Management Unit.

At approximately 12:10 PM, SA Kennard turned the pistol over to Evidence Management personnel. A request for examination form was completed for the pistol to be sent to the TBI Firearms Unit for analysis. A property receipt was completed reflecting this activity, and will be serialized separately within the case file along with the request for examination form.

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# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 61

**Author:** Kennard, Steven Edward

**Activity Date:** 06/27/2024

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/10/2024

**SAC/ASAC:** Neese, Nathan L

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L



**Description:** Property Receipt - Glock 17 pistol with magazine and 14 unfired rounds - From -  
Jonathan Scull

(V) DAVID BARDWELL VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]  
(LE-A) JONATHAN WILLIAM SCULL, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]  
(O-A) MAXWELL SCOTT VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]



Date: 6-27-2024

the below listed items pursuant to an official investigation conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

1.	 Released By:  Title (Print)	 Released To: 6-27-2004 Special Agent 7:50 AM Title (Print)
2.	 Released By:  Title (Print)	 Released To:  Title (Print)
3.	 Released By:  Title (Print)	 Released To:  Title (Print)

(Serial Stamp)

**TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

**Case # :** NA-5U-000067

**IR # :** 62

**Author:** Kennard, Steven Edward

**Activity Date:** 06/27/2024

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/10/2024

**SAC/ASAC:** Neese, Nathan L

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Property Receipt - Items from scene - From - [REDACTED]

(V) DAVID BARDWELL VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]  
(LE-A) JONATHAN WILLIAM SCULL, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]  
(O-A) MAXWELL SCOTT VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]



RECEIPT / RELEASE FORM

TBI Case # NA-SU-000067 (If Applicable)

Date: 6-27-2024

TBI CI # \_\_\_\_\_ (If Applicable)

On the above date, Steven Kennard, received from Scene -  
Print Name of Receiver Print Name of Releasor

the below listed items pursuant to an official investigation conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

No.	Quantity	Description of Items	Identifying Number
1-A	1	Glock 17 pistol w/ magazine - 14 unfired rounds	Serial # [REDACTED]
1	1	Body of Maxwell Van Sickle - photo only	
2	1	Cartridge case by door # [REDACTED] on ground	
3	1	Spent Cartridge case by door # [REDACTED] on ground	
4	1	Spent cartridge case on walkway	
5	1	projectile fragment on walkway	
6	1	possible base fragment on walkway	
7	1	Knife with silver handle on walkway	
8	1	blood stains pattern #1 - photo only	
9	1	blood stains pattern #2 - photo only	
10	1	Knife with black handle by stairs	
11	1	Projectile on stairwell	

Continued on Additional Form ☐

1. <u>Steve Kennard</u> Released By: <u>6-27-2024</u> <u>Special Agent</u> Title (Print) <u>12:10 pm</u>	<u>Leslie Hall</u> Released To: <u>Leslie Hall - Forensic Tech Supervisor</u> Title (Print)
2. _____ Released By: _____ Title (Print)	_____ Released To: _____ Title (Print)
3. _____ Released By: _____ Title (Print)	_____ Released To: _____ Title (Print)

(Serial Stamp)



RECEIPT / RELEASE FORM

TBI Case # NA-SU-000067 (If Applicable)

Date: 6-27-2024

TBI CI # \_\_\_\_\_ (If Applicable)

On the above date, Stewen Kennard received from Scene -  
Print Name of Receiver Print Name of Releasor

the below listed items pursuant to an official investigation conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

No.	Quantity	Description of Items	Identifying Number
12	1	possible bone fragment on lower level by # [redacted]	
13	1	projectile jacket fragment on walkway	

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1. Stewen Kennard  
Released By: 6-27-2024  
Special Agent 12:10 pm  
Title (Print)

Rui Hall  
Released To:  
Forensic Tech Supervisor  
Title (Print)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Released By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title (Print)

Released To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title (Print)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Released By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title (Print)

Released To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title (Print)

(Serial Stamp)



# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 63

**Author:** Kennard, Steven Edward

**Activity Date:** 06/27/2024

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/10/2024

**SAC/ASAC:** Neese, Nathan L

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Request for Examination - Officers pistol and knife - TBI

(V) DAVID BARDWELL VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB [REDACTED]  
(LE-A) JONATHAN WILLIAM SCULL, W/M, DOB [REDACTED]  
(O-A) MAXWELL SCOTT VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]

**TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Forensic Services Request for Examination – VCRT (Use of Force)**

Document Title: NA-5U-000067 - Request for Exam - Scull pistol and knife.pdf

Nashville

615-744-4000  
Nashville, TN 37216-2639

Knoxville

865-549-7800  
Knoxville, TN 37914

Memphis

901-379-3400  
6325 Haley Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38134

COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF FORM EXCEPT SHADED AREAS

**FROM:** Matthew Messingill  
Requesting Officer (case assigned)  
TBS  
Requesting Agency  
901 R.S. Glass Blvd  
Address  
Nashville TN 37216  
City ZIP  
Phone: ( )

Officer Email: Matthew.Messingill@TBI-TN.GOV  
Agency Case No: NA-5U-000067  
County of Offense: DAVIDSON  
Type of Offense: OIS  
Date of Offense: 6-27-2024

Other	Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Law Enforcement Officer	Sex	Race	Date of Birth
Max Van Sickles	M	W		Jonathan Scull	M	W	

Statement of Facts:

LAB ONLY	Item Number	Description of Evidence	Where Recovered
	1-A	Glock 17 pistol	- Scene
	10	Knife w/ black handle	- Scene

Examination Requested:

1-A - Firearms / 10 - LATENTS / DNA

Has other evidence been submitted on this case?

YES ☐ NO ☒ Lab No. \_\_\_\_\_

I certify this evidence is associated with a criminal or death investigation:

Signature:

Steven Kennard

Submitted by:

Steven Kennard

**FOR VCRT USE ONLY**

Type of packaging:

☐ Contents NOT verified at the time of receipt

☒ Gun Check OK

Initials/Date

Initials/Date

Received by:

Received from:

Date Received:

**FOR LABORATORY USE ONLY**

Type of packaging:

2SW box

☐ ALC

☐ DI

☒ FAID

☒ LP

☒ SERO

☐ TOX

MICRO

☐ Package opened to retrieve request form

☐ Request form on outer packaging

☒ Contents NOT verified at the time of receipt

☐ Gun Check OK

☐ Explosives Check

Initials/Date

Initials/Date

Received by:

Received from:

Date Received:

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Steven Kennard

6/27/24 12:10 pm

LAB #

241-011079

# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 64

**Author:** Kennard, Steven Edward

**Activity Date:** 06/27/2024

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/10/2024

**SAC/ASAC:** Neese, Nathan L

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Document - Lab OIS Form - Officer Jonathan Scull

(V) DAVID BARDWELL VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]

(LE-A) JONATHAN WILLIAM SCULL, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]

(O-A) MAXWELL SCOTT VAN SICKLE, W/M, DOB: [REDACTED]



# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION

Document Seq: 44, Document Title: NA-5U-000067 - OIS form - Scull.pdf

## Officer Involved Shooting / Use of Force Supplemental Information for Law Enforcement Firearms Testing

The questions listed below are designed to facilitate the proper testing sequence of law enforcement firearms within the Forensic Services Division.

Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge based on the facts known at the time of submittal. If facts you deem pertinent to the investigation are still not known, please alert the Violent Crime Response Team Lead or a Forensic Technician in the Evidence Receiving Unit as soon as possible.

Name of Officer:	Jonathan Scull
Make:	Glock
Model:	17
Serial Number:	[REDACTED]

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 ☐ No ☒

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 ☐ No ☒

If yes, by whom \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is there visible blood on the firearm? Yes ☐ No ☒

4. Is electronic media (e.g., body cam, dash cam, surveillance video) available that may clarify any of the facts listed above? Yes ☒ No ☐

Miscellaneous Notes:

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