

# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 83

**Author:** Massingill, Matthew

**Activity Date:** 07/19/2024

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/19/2024

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

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Recovery of Evidence - MNPDP Supplement Reports- Kozen and Aziz

(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 19, 2024, at approximately 6:01 AM, 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 for Sgt Amanda Kozen. At approximately 6:47 AM, SA Massingill received a second email from DT Roland that contained an MNPDP supplement report for Ofc Fady Aziz.

The following supplement reports were recovered:

1. Sgt Amanda Kozen
2. Ofc Fady Aziz

A copy of both supplement reports will be serialized separately from this investigative report.

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<b>Author:</b>	Massingill, Matthew	<b>Activity Date:</b>	07/19/2024
<b>Case Agent:</b>	Massingill, Matthew	<b>Report Date:</b>	07/19/2024
<b>SAC/ASAC:</b>	Neese, Nathan L	<b>Approved By:</b>	Neese, Nathan L
<b>Description:</b>	Departmental Report - 24-426520 (C) Sgt. Amanda Kozen- Supplement		

(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]



3. Arrest No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		4. Offense and Classification / Charge <b>Officer Involved Shooting</b>		5. Page No. _____	
6. Kind of Report Continued <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incident <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest		7. Multiple Clear-up <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If Yes, List Other Incident No's. and/or Victims in Narrative)		8. Further Police Action and Report Required <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. Value of Property Recovered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A \$ _____					
10. Narrative <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Record all developments in the case subsequent to the last report. Describe and record value of any property recovered. Clearly show disposition of recovered property and inventory no's. List names and arrest numbers of any persons arrested. Explain any offense / classification change and cite prior offense / classification. For multiple clearance information, list each case by incident number and respective victim(s). Record crime scene protection information.					
<p>On the morning of June 27th at approximately 0730 hours, I was contacted by Lt McNamara to respond to the scene of an officer involved shooting. Once I arrived at the scene, I was relocated to the top part of the complex, closest to the where the incident occurred. Sergeant Crisman, the OIC at the time, briefed me on what still needed to take place. I took over command of the scene. While there, I observed TBI conducting their investigation as well as the deceased on the ground near an apartment door. After their investigation was complete, I gathered the belongings (medical kits) of the officers that were left on scene. I was also informed there were three Driver License IDs on the outdoor staircase. I collected the property and gave them to another officer on scene for proper turn in and documentation.</p>					
11. Body Worn Camera or In-Car Camera Evidence May Exist Related To This Incident: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Known At Time of Report					
12. Signature of Recipient/Authorizer: 				13. Advisory Notice Issued <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Notice <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Information Notice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
14. Reporting Officer (Print Name: First, MI, Last) (Date/Time) 430 Employee No. Radio Call Sign Amanda E. Kozen 7/18/24 [REDACTED] 2180				18. Case Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded <input type="checkbox"/> Cleared by Arrest Cleared by Exception (Select One Below) <input type="checkbox"/> Death of Offender <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecution Declined <input type="checkbox"/> Extradition Declined <input type="checkbox"/> Refused to Cooperate <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile, No Custody	
15. Approving Supervisor (Signature)		Employee No.			
16. Reviewer		Employee No.		17. Date/Time Reproduced	
				Employee No.	

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<b>Case Agent:</b>	Massingill, Matthew	<b>Report Date:</b> 07/19/2024
<b>SAC/ASA C:</b>	Neese, Nathan L	<b>Approved By:</b> Neese, Nathan L
<b>Description:</b>	Departmental Report - 24-426520 (C) Ofc. Fady Aziz- Supplement	

(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]

M.N.P.D. FORM 104 Supplement: Document Seq: 58 Document Title: DR-24-426520 (C) Ofc. Fady Aziz- Supplement.pdf Report		Metropolitan Police Nashville, TN		1. Name <input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Driver No. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Fady Aziz - Fady Aziz-		2. M.N.P. D. Incident No. 20240426520	
3. Arrest No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		4. Offense and Classification / Charge OIC				5. Page No. 1 of 1	
6. Kind of Report Continued <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incident <input type="checkbox"/> Missing Person <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up or Supplemental		7. Multiple Clear-up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If Yes, List Other Incident No's. and/or Victims in Narrative) <input type="checkbox"/> No		8. Further Police Action and Report Required <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		9. Value of Property Recovered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A \$	
10. Narrative <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;">           Record all developments in the case subsequent to the last report. Describe and record value of any property recovered. Clearly show disposition of recovered property and inventory no's. List names and arrest numbers of any persons arrested. Explain any offense / classification change and cite prior offense / classification. For multiple clearance information, list each case by incident number and respective victim(s). Record crime scene protection information.         </div> <p>On 06/27/2024 at around 0620 hours, I, Officer Fady Aziz, was requested to respond to Police Headquarters at 600 Murfreesboro Pike to relieve a West Precinct C-detail Officer. When I arrived at Police HQ, I relieved the C-detail Officer that had just transported a witness, Mr. David Van Sickle, to be interviewed by TBI. After the interview, I transported Mr. Van Sickle to [REDACTED] to get his vehicle that was parked at the location.</p>							
11. Body Worn Camera or In-Car Camera Evidence May Exist Related To This Incident: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> None Known At Time of Report							
12. Signature of Recipient/Authorizer: 						13. Advisory Notice Issued <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Notice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Information Notice <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
14. Reporting Officer (Print Name: First, MI, Last) (Date/Time) Fady, M, Aziz 07/19/2024-0626				Employee No. [REDACTED] Radio Call Sign 342A		18. Case Status <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open  <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded  <input type="checkbox"/> Cleared by Arrest         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Death of Offender  <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecution Declined  <input type="checkbox"/> Extradition Declined  <input type="checkbox"/> Refused to Cooperate  <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile, No Custody         </div> </div>	
15. Approving Supervisor (Signature)				Employee No.			
16. Reviewer Employee No.		17. Date/Time Reproduced Employee No.					

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IR # : 86

**Author:** Massingill, Matthew

**Activity Date:** 07/19/2024

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/22/2024

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

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Recovery of Evidence - MNPd Justifiable Homicide Report- DT Mike 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]

On July 19, 2024, at approximately 3:31 PM, TBI Special Agent (SA) Matthew Massingill received an email from Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPd) Detective (DT) Mike Roland. DT Roland's email contained an MNPd Justifiable Homicide report that DT Roland completed. A copy of the report will be serialized separately from this investigative report.

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<b>Author:</b>	Massingill, Matthew	<b>Activity Date:</b> 07/19/2024
<b>Case Agent:</b>	Massingill, Matthew	<b>Report Date:</b> 07/22/2024
<b>SAC/ASAC:</b>	Neese, Nathan L	<b>Approved By:</b> Neese, Nathan L
<b>Description:</b>	Departmental Report - MNPB Report-24-435562 (A) Justifiable Homicide- Mike 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]



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Homicide- Mike Roland.pdf

Incident Report  
Metropolitan Nashville Police Department  
Nashville, Tennessee

ZONE	RPA	1. MPD Incident No.
123	4815	2024-0435562

**Part 1 Incident**

2. Related Incident

2024-0426520

2024-0426902

3. Other Police Agency and Case Incident No.

TBI NA-5U-000067

4. Report Type  
DISPATCHED5. Report Date Time  
07/03/2024 08:036. Incident Date Time  
From: 06/27/2024 04:23  
To: 06/27/2024 04:23Precinct  
WEST

7. Reporting/Dispatched Location

8. Address of Incident

9. Offense Code

09C - Justifiable Homicide

10. Offense Description

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE

11. Status

COMPLETED

12. Location Type Code

APARTMENT

13. Weapon Code (Enter up to 3)

HANDGUN SEMI-AUTOMATIC

14. Activity Code (Enter up to 3)

15. Hate Crime Suspected  
NO16. Suspected Gang Activity  
NO16a. Terrorism Suspected  
NO16b. Cybercrime  
Suspected17. (For Burglary)  
Forced EntryIf Hotel/Motel/Rental Storage  
No of premises entered

18. (For Burglary/Robbery) Home Invasion?

**Part 2 Victim**Victim  
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31. Victim Type

INDIVIDUAL (18 AND OVER)

19. (Last, First, Middle Name or Business Name)

VAN SICKLE, MAXWELL SCOTT

Officer ENO

20. Social Security Number

21. Driver's License Number

Address of Victim

Email

23. Sex  
MALE24. Race  
WHITE25. Ethnicity  
NOT HISPANIC OR LATI27. County Resident  
YES

28. D.O.B.

29. Age  
25 Y29.1. Language  
ENGLISH29.2. Phone Numbers  
Home:

Work:

Cell/Pager:

30. Victim of Offenses:  
(Ref Block #9)

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32. Local College Student? (If yes, last name of college/university)  
N/A33. Employment  
N/A34. Domestic Disturbance?  
N/A

35. Victim to Suspect

Number: 1

Name: SCULL, JONATHAN W

Relationship: VICTIM WAS STRANGER

36. Aggravated Assault/Homicide Circumstances

37. Negligent Manslaughter

38. Justifiable Homicide

CRIMINAL KILLED BY ATTACKED POLICE OFFICER  
CRIM KILLED BY ATTACKED OFFICER

38.1. Will Victim Prosecute? NO

38.2. Can ID Suspect: NO

123. Signature of Recipient/Authorizer:

N/A

127. Advisory Notice Issued  
NOT APPLICABLE**Part 3 Suspect**Suspect  
192. (Last, First, Middle Name)  
SCULL, JONATHAN W94. SSN and/or Driver's License Nbr.  
Unknown

93. Address of Suspect

5500 CHARLOTTE PK, NASHVILLE, TN 37209

95. Phone Number

(615) 862-7747

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97. Sex MALE	98. Race WHITE	99. Ethnicity NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO	100. D.O.B. [REDACTED]	101. Age 37 Years	104. Height 5 feet 03 inches	105. Weight 155 lbs
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102. Suspected of Using N/A	103. Status (Enter up to 2) AT LARGE
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108. Scars and Other Identifiers	109. Clothing MNPD Uniform
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107. Eyes BLUE	110. Vehicle Used N/A
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96. Weapon/Tool (Enter up to 3) HANDGUN SEMI-AUTOMATIC	111. Vehicle Used N/A
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Year Unknown	Make Unknown	Model Unknown	Body Unknown	Color Unknown	License Plate Number Unknown	State Unknown	Year Unknown
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Year Unknown	Make Unknown	Model Unknown	Body Unknown	Color Unknown	License Plate Number Unknown	State Unknown	Year Unknown
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## Part 4 Other Person

OP 1	39. Other Person Type (Non-Victim) WITNESS	40. (Last, First, Middle Name) POULOS, GEORGE K
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41. Address 5500 CHARLOTTE PK, NASHVILLE, TN 37209	42. Place of Employment/School MNPD
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43. Status N/A	44. Sex MALE	45. Race WHITE	46. D.O.B. [REDACTED]	47. Age 30 Years	47.1 Can ID Suspect YES
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48. Phone Numbers Home: Work: (615) 862-7747 Cell/Pager:
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OP 2	39. Other Person Type (Non-Victim) WITNESS	40. (Last, First, Middle Name) MINER, BENJAMIN
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41. Address 5500 CHARLOTTE PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37209	42. Place of Employment/School MNPD
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Status N/A	44. Sex MALE	45. Race WHITE	46. D.O.B. [REDACTED]	47. Age 26 Years	47.1 Can ID Suspect YES
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48. Phone Numbers Home: Work: (615) 862-0408 Cell/Pager:
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## Part 5 Property N/A

60. If Offense was arson and Property was structure, was the structure occupied?
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Complete Items 50-58 and 81-84 for Drug/Narcotic Violation
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## Drugs N/A

## Part 6 Injury and Transport

1	85. Injured VICTIM 1 VAN SICKLE, MAXWELL SCOTT
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86. Injury Code (Enter up to 5) GUNSHOT
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87. Describe Injury Multiple GSW to head, abdomen, and left arm
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88. Medical Treatment NASHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT	89. Transported By OTHER ME TRANSPORT
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90. Examining Physician MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE	91. Status RELEASED
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## Part 7 Search by Officer N/A

## Part 8 Other Units Requested

113. I.D. Section Called to Scene N/A	Yes for:	Other:
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CID
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Part 9 LEOKA	115. Police Assault Cleared	116. First Weapon Encountered	117. Type of Activity
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118. Officer Assignment	119. LEOKA Incident Type
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## Part 10 Narrative

120.

Police Officers responded to a domestic call. Upon arrival, David Van Sickle reported his brother, Maxell Van Sickle, 5'10", 160 lbs, was in a fight with a knife during an argument. David Van Sickle further reported the victim was using drugs and had threatened to kill him as well as having made suicidal statements. Officers approached the apartment to further investigate the incident when Maxell Van Sickle pulled out a large butcher knife. Commands were made for him to stop and drop the knife by the Officers but Maxell Van Sickle continued his charge. Officer Scull discharged his weapon at Van Sickle to stop the assault against him and Officers Poulos and Mincer. The Officers began life saving techniques but Maxwell Van Sickle died at the scene.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is taking lead in this investigation per MOU.

120.1 Fingerprints Lifted: **NO**

121. Body Worn Camera or In-Car Camera Evidence May Exist Related To This Incident: **Yes**

122. Report is Continued on: **N/A** (Check all that apply)

130. Primary Investigative Unit: **HOMICIDE** Reporting Agency: **METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

128. Case Status: Cleared by Exception:  
**OPEN**

124. Reporting Officer (First, MI, Last)	Employee No.	Agency	Radio Call Sign	District
<b>William Roland</b>		<b>TN0190100</b>	<b>3114</b>	

125. Approving Supervisor	Employee No.	Agency
<b>Robert Nielsen</b>		<b>TN0190100</b>

126. Data Entry	Employee No.	Agency	Date
<b>Robert Morris</b>		<b>TN0190100</b>	<b>07/18/2024</b>

Comments

**Crime Scene Photos**

# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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**Activity Date:** 07/24/2024

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/24/2024

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

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Recovery of Evidence - Autopsy report and Photos- Maxwell Van Sickle

(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 24, 2024, at approximately 11:50 AM, TBI Special Agent (SA) Matthew Massingill retrieved the completed autopsy report for MAXWELL VAN SICKLE via the online portal of Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office (ME). SA Massingill also retrieved approximately 76 autopsy photographs via the ME's portal.

The following items were recovered:

1. Autopsy report for Maxwell Van Sickle
2. Approximately 76 photographs

Assistant Medical Examiner Dr Scott Collier, MD, completed the autopsy report. Dr. Collier stated that the cause of death was gunshot wounds, the manner of death was homicide, and the circumstances of death were shot by other(s). Dr Collier listed multiple gunshot wounds under pathologic diagnoses. Dr Collier reported gunshot wound of the chest, gunshot wound of the abdomen, gunshot wound of the head, and gunshot wound of the left arm.

Dr Collier stated that the autopsy examination had findings of multiple gunshot wounds with devastating injuries to bilateral lungs, the aorta, the large intestines, skull and brain. The toxicology report listed a positive finding for Delta-9 THC.

A copy of the autopsy report will be serialized separately from this investigative report. A copy of all photographs recovered will be maintained in SA Massingill digital case file, and a copy will be provided to the District Attorney's Office upon request.

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<b>Case Agent:</b>	Massingill, Matthew	<b>Report Date:</b> 07/24/2024
<b>SAC/ASAC:</b>	Neese, Nathan L	<b>Approved By:</b> Neese, Nathan L
<b>Description:</b>	Document - Autopsy Report- Maxwell Van Sickle- 24-19-4201	

(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]

**OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER**  
**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

District Attorney: Honorable Glenn Funk

State Number: **24-19-4201**

Case Number: **MEC24-2240**

<b>Name of Decedent</b> Maxwell Scott Van Sickle		<b>Age</b> 25 Years	<b>Race</b> White	<b>Date of Birth</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Sex</b> Male
<b>Address</b> [REDACTED]					
<b>Date of Death</b> 06/27/2024 5:04 AM		<b>Investigating Agency/Complaint #:</b> TN Bureau of Investigation			
<b>Place of Death</b> near [REDACTED] Nashville, TN					
<b>Narrative Summary</b> <p>Reportedly, this 25 year-old male sustained multiple gunshot wounds at the hands of a law enforcement officer earlier this date. EMS responded and Medic 7 confirmed death at 05:04 hours. Detective Mike Roland with the Metro Nashville Police Department notified the Office of the Medical Examiner and advised the TN Bureau of Investigation was ready this office to respond. This investigator responded to the scene to perform a brief body exam, documented with photography. The decedent was then transported to the Center for Forensic Medicine by the Middle Tennessee Removal Service for further examination.</p> <p>Investigator Krista Hammonds 6/27/2024 11:16 hours</p>					
<b>Jurisdiction Accepted</b> Yes		<b>Autopsy Ordered</b> Yes		<b>Toxicology Ordered</b> Yes	
<b>Physician Responsible for Death Certificate</b> Scott J Collier, M.D.					
<b>Funeral Home</b> Woodlawn Funeral Home					
<b>Cause of Death</b> Gunshot wounds					
<b>Contributory Cause of Death</b>					
<b>Manner of Death</b> Homicide					

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

CASE: MEC24-2240  
County: DAVIDSON

AUTOPSY REPORT

NAME OF DECEDENT: VAN SICKLE, MAXWELL      SEX: Male      AGE: 25 years

DATE AND TIME OF AUTOPSY: June 28, 2024 at 9:40 a.m.

FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST: Scott J. Collier, M.D.

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**PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES**

1. Multiple gunshot wounds:

- A. Gunshot wound of the chest:
  - a. Entrance wound on the right lateral aspect of the chest.
  - b. Injury to the ribs, liver, diaphragm, lungs, aorta.
  - c. Exit wound on the left shoulder.
  - d. Trajectory: Right to left and upwards.
  - e. No bullet is recovered from the wound.
- B. Gunshot wound of the abdomen:
  - a. Entrance wound on the right lateral aspect of the abdomen.
  - b. Injury to the large intestines, mesentery.
  - c. Incomplete exit wound on the left aspect of the abdomen.
  - d. Trajectory: Right to left.
  - e. A bullet is recovered from the left aspect of the abdominal wall.
- C. Gunshot wound of the head:
  - a. Entrance wound on the right aspect of the forehead.
  - b. Injury to the skull and brain.
  - c. Trajectory: Front to back and right to left.
  - d. A bullet is recovered from the left aspect of the parietal scalp.
- D. Gunshot wound of the left arm:
  - a. Entrance wound on the anteromedial aspect of the left arm.
  - b. Injury to the muscle and soft tissue of the left arm.
  - c. Trajectory: Front to back.
  - d. A bullet is recovered from the muscle of the left arm.

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CAUSE OF DEATH:      Gunshot wounds

MANNER OF DEATH:      Homicide

CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH:      Shot by other(s)

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*The autopsy was performed at the Center for Forensic Medicine. The purpose of this report is to provide a certified opinion to the County Medical Examiner and District Attorney General. The facts and findings to support these conclusions are filed with the Tennessee Department of Health. The autopsy was performed in the presence of Shannon Crook, M.D.*

**EVIDENCE OF INJURY** - *The following description reflects the order in which the injuries were examined and is not intended to indicate the order in which they may have occurred.*

**1. Multiple Gunshot Wounds**

**A. Gunshot wound of the chest:**

Located on the right lateral aspect of the chest, 51.0 centimeters below the vertex of the head and 15.0 centimeters to the right of the posterior midline is a 0.7 x 0.6 centimeter, entrance-type gunshot wound. The wound has a concentric red-brown abrasion and no soot or gunpowder stipple. The bullet perforated the posterolateral aspect of the right 10<sup>th</sup> rib, the superior aspect of the liver, diaphragm, lower lobe of the right lung, aorta, upper and lower lobes of the left lung, the lateral aspect of the left 5<sup>th</sup> rib, and the muscle and soft tissue of the left axilla and shoulder. Associated findings include bilateral hemothoraces (800 milliliters each side). The bullet exited the posterolateral aspect of the left shoulder, 8.0 centimeters below the top of the left shoulder through a 1.2 x 1.0 centimeter, irregular exit-type gunshot wound with lacerated edges. No bullet is recovered from the wound. With the body in standard anatomic position the trajectory is right to left and upwards.

**B. Gunshot wound of the abdomen:**

Located on the right lateral aspect of the abdomen, 67.0 centimeters below the vertex of the head and 11.5 centimeters to the right of the anterior midline is a 0.9 x 0.7 centimeter, entrance-type gunshot wound. The wound has an eccentric red-brown abrasion and no soot or gunpowder stipple. The bullet perforated the muscle and soft tissue of the abdomen, large intestines and mesentery. Associated findings include minimal hemoperitoneum. An incomplete exit wound measuring 1.8 x 1.0 centimeters is on the left aspect of the abdomen, 66.5 centimeters below the vertex of the head and 3.5 centimeters to the left of the anterior midline. A mushroomed, jacketed bullet is recovered from the left aspect of the abdominal wall. The bullet is secured in a sealed evidence envelope labeled "Bullet from abdomen" with the decedent's name and case number. With the body in standard anatomic position the trajectory is right to left.

**C. Gunshot wound of the head:**

Located on the right aspect of the forehead, 9.5 centimeters below the vertex of the head and 5.0 centimeters to the right of the anterior midline is a 3.0 x 1.5 centimeter, atypical entrance-type gunshot wound. The wound has an eccentric red-brown abrasion and no soot or gunpowder stipple. The bullet perforated the right aspect of the frontal bone causing fracture with internal beveling of the inner table of the calvarium, the right and left frontal lobes causing pulpification of the parenchyma, and the left temporal-parietal bones causing fracture with external beveling of the outer table of the calvarium. Associated findings include subgaleal and subarachnoid hemorrhages overlying the frontal and left temporal-parietal bones; basilar skull fractures to include bilateral orbital plates and the cribriform plate; diffuse subdural and



subarachnoid hemorrhages; and deflated and hemorrhagic right ocular globe. A deformed jacketed bullet and bullet fragments are recovered from the left aspect of the parietal scalp. The projectiles are secured in a sealed evidence envelope labeled "Bullet from head" with the decedent's name and case number. With the body in standard anatomic position the trajectory is front to back and right to left.

**D. Gunshot wound of the left arm:**

Located on the anteromedial aspect of the left arm, 30.0 centimeters below the top of the left shoulder is a 1.3 x 1.1 centimeter, atypical entrance-type gunshot wound. The wound has no soot or gunpowder stipple. The bullet perforated the muscle and soft tissue of the left arm. A jacketed bullet is recovered from the muscle of the left arm. The bullet is secured in a sealed evidence envelope labeled "Bullet from left arm" with the decedent's name and case number. With the body in standard anatomic position the trajectory is front to back.

- 2. Other Injuries:** A 0.3 centimeter red-brown abrasion is on the left cheek. Multiple tan abrasions up to 0.4 centimeters are on the left postauricular skin.

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION** - Injuries are described in "EVIDENCE OF INJURY"

**Rigor:** Present in the jaw, neck, and extremities.  
**Livor:** Purple-pink, posterior, and [fixed/blanching].  
**Algor:** Cold.  
**Length:** 66 inches.  
**Weight:** 133 pounds.  
**BMI:** 21.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Hair:** Brown scalp hair. Facial hair consists of goatee and mustache stubble.  
**Eyes:** Brown.  
**Dentition:** Natural.  
**Scars:** As photographed and diagrammed.  
**Therapy:** Automated external defibrillator pads, electrocardiogram leads, hydro-seal patches, tourniquet around left arm, tourniquet around left thigh.  
**General:** The decedent is received in a body bag. The bag is opened to reveal the unembalmed body of a well-nourished, well-developed adult male who appears consistent with the reported age. The left cornea is cloudy, the sclera is tan-white and the conjunctiva is pale with no petechiae or hemorrhage. The right eye is injured as previously described.

**INTERNAL EXAMINATION** - Injuries are described in "EVIDENCE OF INJURY"

**GENERAL:** The body is opened by a standard Y-shaped thoraco-abdominal incision. All body organs are in their normal anatomic positions.

**BODY CAVITIES:**

Right pleural cavity: 800 milliliters (hemothorax)  
Left pleural cavity: 800 milliliters (hemothorax)

**ORGAN WEIGHTS:**

Brain: 1360 grams  
Heart: 260 grams  
Right lung: 210 grams  
Left lung: 170 grams  
Liver: 1050 grams  
Spleen: 70 grams  
Right kidney: 80 grams  
Left kidney: 100 grams

**NERVOUS SYSTEM:** See EVIDENCE OF INJURY.

**NECK STRUCTURES:** The cervical spine is structurally intact. The hyoid bone and thyroid and cricoid cartilages are intact. The soft tissues and strap muscles have no abnormalities. The larynx is clear.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:** The heart has a smooth and glistening pericardial surface. The pericardial sac is free of significant fluid and adhesions. The epicardium is shiny and unremarkable. The coronary arteries arise normally and follow the usual courses with no evidence of atherosclerotic stenosis. The chambers and valves exhibit the usual positional relationships. The tricuspid, pulmonic, mitral, and aortic valve circumferences are 8.5 centimeters, 6.0 centimeters, 8.0 centimeters, and 5.0 centimeters, respectively. All valves are thin, pliable, and translucent. The chordae tendineae and papillary muscles have no abnormalities. The myocardium is brown-red and firm. The left and right ventricular walls are 1.1 centimeters and 0.2 centimeters thick, respectively. The endocardium is thin and glistening. The atrial and ventricular septa are intact. The aorta is injured as previously described.

**RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:** See EVIDENCE OF INJURY.

**DIGESTIVE SYSTEM:** The tongue is atraumatic. The oropharynx is unobstructed. The esophagus is lined by gray-white, smooth mucosa. The gastroesophageal junction is well-defined. The stomach is normal in size and shape and contains approximately 250 milliliters of tan fluid. The gastric mucosa has no ulcerations or masses. The large intestines are injured as previously described. The small intestines are grossly unremarkable. The appendix is present. The pancreas is pink-tan and the lobular architecture is intact.

**HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:** See EVIDENCE OF INJURY. The gallbladder contains a small amount of viscid bile and no calculi. The gallbladder mucosa is green and velvety. The extrahepatic bile ducts are patent.

**HEMATOPOIETIC SYSTEM:** The spleen has a smooth, intact capsule covering red-purple, firm parenchyma. Regional lymph nodes have a normal distribution and appearance.

**URINARY SYSTEM:** The renal capsules are smooth, thin, and semi-transparent and cover smooth, red-brown cortical surfaces. The renal cortices are normal in thickness, slightly congested, and have well delineated corticomedullary junctions. The calyces, pelves, and

ureters are not dilated. The urinary bladder contains approximately 20 milliliters of urine and the bladder mucosa is gray-tan and wrinkled.

**REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM:** The testes have tan parenchyma without evidence of trauma. The prostate gland has rubbery, tan-white parenchyma and is not enlarged.

**ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:** The pituitary, thyroid, and adrenal glands are grossly unremarkable.

**MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:** As described in EVIDENCE OF INJURY.

#### **ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES**

**Toxicology:** Samples of vitreous fluid, urine, and postmortem blood are submitted for toxicology analysis. See separate report.

**Evidence Collected:** Documentary photographs, blood spot card, and portions of tissue retained in 10% formalin.

**Radiographs:** None.

**Clothing and personal effects:** Visual inspection of the clothing revealed no defects. The body was received without a shirt.

#### **SUMMARY AND INTERPRETATION**

This 25-year-old man, identified as Maxwell Van Sickle, was reportedly shot multiple times during an altercation with law enforcement. Emergency medical services responded and death was pronounced at the scene.

Autopsy examination had findings of multiple gunshot wounds with devastating injuries to bilateral lungs, the aorta, the large intestines, skull and brain.

Based on all currently known and available information, the cause of death is best attributed to gunshot wounds, and the manner of death is homicide.

***\*\*Electronically signed by Scott J. Collier, M.D. on Thursday, July 11, 2024\*\****

Scott J. Collier, M.D.  
Assistant Medical Examiner

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### Toxicology Report

Report Issued 07/10/2024 10:10

To: 10341  
Forensic Medical Management Services - Nashville  
850 R.S. Gass Blvd.

Nashville, TN 37216

Patient Name VAN SICKLE, MAXWELL  
Patient ID 24-2240  
Chain NMSCP367978  
DOB Not Given  
Sex Male  
Workorder 24267016

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#### Positive Findings:

Analyte	Result	Units	Matrix Source
Delta-9 THC	23	ng/mL	001 - Heart Blood

See Detailed Findings section for additional information

#### Testing Requested:

Test	Test Name
8041B	Postmortem, Basic w/Vitreous Alcohol Confirmation, Blood (Forensic)

#### Tests Not Performed:

Part or all of the requested testing was unable to be performed. Refer to the Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits section for details.

#### Specimens Received:

ID	Tube/Container	Volume/ Mass	Collection Date/Time	Matrix Source	Labeled As
001	Gray Stopper Glass Tube	7.75 mL	06/28/2024 11:08	Heart Blood	24-2240
002	Red Stopper Glass Tube	2.25 mL	06/28/2024 11:08	Vitreous Fluid	24-2240
003	White Cap Plastic Container	15 mL	06/28/2024 11:08	Urine	24-2240

All sample volumes/weights are approximations.

Specimens received on 07/02/2024.

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**Detailed Findings:**

Analysis and Comments	Result	Units	Rpt. Limit	Specimen Source	Analysis By
Delta-9 THC	23	ng/mL	0.50	001 - Heart Blood	LC-MS/MS

Other than the above findings, examination of the specimen(s) submitted did not reveal any positive findings of toxicological significance by procedures outlined in the accompanying Analysis Summary.

**Reference Comments:****1. Delta-9 THC (Active Ingredient of Marijuana) - Heart Blood:**

Delta-9 THC is the principle psychoactive ingredient of marijuana (cannabis, hashish). It is also the active component of the prescription medication Marinol®. Marijuana use causes relaxation, distorted perception, euphoria and feelings of well being, along with confusion, dizziness, somnolence, ataxia, speech difficulties, lethargy and muscular weakness.

After smoking a user-preferred 300 mcg/kg dose average plasma THC concentrations at 35 minutes were reported at 16.1 (range 4.7-30.9) ng/mL, and had declined to 1.5 (range 0.4-3.2) ng/mL after 190 minutes. Usual peak levels in serum for 1.75% or 3.55% THC marijuana cigarettes: 50-270 ng/mL at 6 to 9 minutes after beginning smoking, decreasing to less than 5 ng/mL by 2 hrs. Whole blood THC concentrations are typically half those in a corresponding plasma sample.

**Sample Comments:**

001 Physician/Pathologist Name: Dr. Collier

Unless alternate arrangements are made by you, the remainder of the submitted specimens will be discarded one (1) year from the date of this report; and generated data will be discarded five (5) years from the date the analyses were performed.

Workorder 24267016 was electronically signed on 07/10/2024 09:36 by:

Justin O. Brower, Ph.D., F-ABFT  
Forensic Toxicologist

**Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:**

All of the following tests were performed for this case. For each test, the compounds listed were included in the scope. The Reporting Limit listed for each compound represents the lowest concentration of the compound that will be reported as being positive. If the compound is listed as None Detected, it is not present above the Reporting Limit. Please refer to the Positive Findings section of the report for those compounds that were identified as being present.

**Test 52198B - Cannabinoids Confirmation, Blood - Heart Blood**

-Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/ Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) for:

Analyte	Rpt. Limit	Analyte	Rpt. Limit
11-Hydroxy Delta-9 THC	N/A	Delta-9 THC	0.50 ng/mL
Delta-9 Carboxy THC	N/A		

**Not Reported:** 11-Hydroxy Delta-9 THC: Canceled due to an interfering substance.

**Not Reported:** Delta-9 Carboxy THC: Canceled due to an interfering substance.

**Test 8041B - Postmortem, Basic w/Vitreous Alcohol Confirmation, Blood (Forensic) - Heart Blood**

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**Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:**

-Analysis by Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) for:

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Amphetamines	20 ng/mL	Fentanyl / Acetyl Fentanyl	0.50 ng/mL
Barbiturates	0.040 mcg/mL	Methadone / Metabolite	25 ng/mL
Benzodiazepines	100 ng/mL	Methamphetamine / MDMA	20 ng/mL
Buprenorphine / Metabolite	0.50 ng/mL	Opiates	20 ng/mL
Cannabinoids	10 ng/mL	Oxycodone / Oxymorphone	10 ng/mL
Cocaine / Metabolites	20 ng/mL	Phencyclidine	10 ng/mL

-Analysis by Headspace Gas Chromatography (GC) for:

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Acetone	5.0 mg/dL	Isopropanol	5.0 mg/dL
Ethanol	10 mg/dL	Methanol	10 mg/dL

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Final data review may have taken place remotely by qualified NMS staff utilizing a secure VPN connection for some or all of the reported results. This is in accordance with CLIA regulations.

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# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 90

**Author:** Massingill, Matthew

**Activity Date:** 07/24/2024

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/25/2024

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

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Interview - Audio - Michael Hunnicutt (MNPDP)

(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 24, 2024, at approximately 3:07 PM, TBI Special Agent (SA) Matthew Massingill interviewed MICHAEL HUNNICUTT, at Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPDP) West Precinct. After proper identification and explanation for the interview, HUNNICUTT voluntarily provided the following information. Below is a brief synopsis of that interview (not a transcription):

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

HUNNICUTT explained that the MNPDP employs him and has worked for the MNPDP for approximately 17 years. HUNNICUTT said he is a Sergeant assigned to West Precinct B-Detail. HUNNICUTT stated that B-Detail hours are from 14:45 to 01:20. HUNNICUTT recalled that on the morning of June 27, 2024, he was working on a special crime reduction initiative. HUNNICUTT remembered that he was patrolling the areas of Old Hickory Blvd, Charlotte Pike, and Hwy 70.

HUNNICUTT said that he had started his shift on June 26, 2024, which carried over to June 27, 2024. HUNNICUTT explained that he drove a marked MNPDP patrol car while working that shift. HUNNICUTT stated that he and all other Officers who responded to the incident wore MNPDP Class B uniforms. HUNNICUTT explained that he worked his B-Detail hours and then worked over for the crime reduction initiative.

HUNNICUTT said he stopped at a Mapco Gas Station at 481 Old Hickory Blvd in Nashville, Tennessee. HUNNICUTT explained that the Mapco he had stopped at was at the entrance of the Bellevue West Apartment Complex, [REDACTED] HUNNICUTT recalled that Dispatch gave out a call for service that was either a 51P (Paul) or 54 that involved a domestic-type situation with a knife. HUNNICUTT remembered that Dispatch had given the address 108 Ridge Lake Parkway and knew he was right next to that address.

HUNNICUTT said that Dispatch gave out updates as he entered the Apartment Complex, but he waited at the entrance for another MNPDP Officer. HUNNICUTT explained that while entering the Apartment Complex, he asked for a description of the clothing of the involved parties. Dispatch

gave HUNNICUTT a clothing description of gray clothing on one of the parties. HUNNICUTT stated that at that moment, he and another Officer came upon a white male wearing gray clothing.

HUNNICUTT explained that the white male in gray clothing ran up towards him, and he was identified as the complainant on the original call for service. HUNNICUTT said he made contact with this male around the office area of the Apartment Complex. HUNNICUTT recalled speaking with the male about what had occurred and where it had occurred. HUNNICUTT stated that he could see a slight laceration to the male's right arm, and his left hand had been cut up somehow.

HUNNICUTT recalled that EMS was requested to assist the white male in gray clothing. HUNNICUTT explained that EMS was staging at the entrance of the Apartment Complex. HUNNICUTT said that the male told him that he had been in an altercation with his brother, and a knife was involved. HUNNICUTT claimed the male, DAVID VAN SICKLE, told him that he had injured his arm by hitting the arm rail or stairwell while fleeing the apartment he was in with his brother. HUNNICUTT stated that the male was far away from the apartment when they made contact with him.

HUNNICUTT explained that he had identified the white male in gray clothing as the victim of the domestic incident. HUNNICUTT said that he was able to get a clothing description for the other male involved in the domestic incident. HUNNICUTT stated that three other Officers who had arrived on scene drove up the hill to locate the apartment. HUNNICUTT went on to say that the apartment where the incident occurred was [REDACTED]

HUNNICUTT said that while he waited with DAVID, he called EMS to respond to his location and treat DAVID's injuries. HUNNICUTT stated that Officers searched for the other brother, MAXWELL VAN SICKLE, and located MAXWELL in the vicinity of apartment [REDACTED]. HUNNICUTT recalled that he heard gunshots in the area where the Officers had gone to attempt to locate MAXWELL. HUNNICUTT remembered that after he heard the gunshots, he redirected EMS to the area where the Officers had gone.

HUNNICUTT said that he did not believe any Officers were injured based on the radio traffic from their Police radios. HUNNICUTT stated that he did not know what happened, but it sounded to him like the Officers had been engaged with MAXWELL. HUNNICUTT recalled staying with DAVID until he was relieved by a C-Detail Officer who followed DAVID to the hospital. HUNNICUTT explained that he stayed on scene in the staging area to assist everyone who was arriving to work the investigation.

HUNNICUTT said that he did not ever go to the scene where the shooting occurred. SA Massingill asked HUNNICUTT if he could see where the Officers went to try to locate MAXWELL. HUNNICUTT said that he could not see because the Apartment Complex is located on hills and the lighting was very dark. HUNNICUTT explained that the Officer had gone to a very dark area of the apartment complex. HUNNICUTT recalled that the utility pole lights were on, but the Apartment Complex lights were not on.

HUNNICUTT recalled that DAVID told him that he was trying to get MAXWELL off drugs. DAVID told HUNNICUTT that MAXWELL had been using either as a drug. DAVID said that he had taken all of MAXWELL's drugs, and that started the argument that led to the domestic incident. DAVID told HUNNICUTT that a knife was involved somehow, and that's when DAVID fled the



apartment. HUNNICUTT explained that after hearing the gunshot, DAVID asked him what was going on, and HUNNICUTT told DAVID that he did not know what was going on.

HUNNICUTT said that he thought he asked DAVID if MAXWELL had access to any guns prior to Officers going up to locate MAXWELL. HUNNICUTT claimed that he did not think that DAVID indicated that MAXWELL had any weapons in the apartment. HUNNICUTT stated that to the best of his knowledge, this was the first time he had ever had contact with DAVID, and he did not believe he had ever had an interaction with MAXWELL.

HUNNICUTT explained that he is not the direct supervisor for Officers JONATHAN SCULL, Benjamin Mincer, or Geroqe Poulos. HUNNICUTT said that he was not using any personally owned recording equipment during the incident. HUNNICUTT stated that he was using his MNPD-issued body-worn camera. HUNNICUTT recalled that he believed DAVID told him that MAXWELL had threatened him with a knife. HUNNICUTT did not recall if DAVID told him that MAXWELL had stabbed or cut DAVID.

HUNNICUTT recalled that DAVID told him that MAXWELL had a problem with drug usage in the past. SA Massingill asked HUNNICUTT if, at some point, Officers had gone to another apartment in the complex that was not [REDACTED] HUNNICUTT said that Officers had gone to [REDACTED] and then called over the radio to verify the apartment number. HUNNICUTT claimed that he verified the apartment number for MAXWELL with DAVID was [REDACTED] and relayed that to the Officers via radio.

**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: Michael David Hunnicutt

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 # : 91

**Author:** Kennard, Steven Edward

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

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/25/2024

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

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Crime Scene Diagram - [REDACTED] Nashville, Tennessee

(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]

- Breezeway of Apt [REDACTED]

Nashville, TN

Sketch by SA STEVEN J. KENNARD  
Document Seq 67 Document Title: Breezeway of [REDACTED]  
June 21, 2024 1:00 AM Not to Scale

Nashville

Breezeway

Stairs

#10



#2

Apt [REDACTED]

#3

#5

#4

#6

Walkway

#7

# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

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**Author:** Kennard, Steven Edward

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

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/25/2024

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

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Crime Scene Diagram - [REDACTED] Nashville, Tennessee

(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]

- Breezeway of Apt [REDACTED] Nashville, TN  
Document ID: 62 Document Title: Breezeway of [REDACTED] Nashville  
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Breezeway

← Stairwell

#11

#12 #8

#9

APT [REDACTED]

Stairs →

Sidewalk

# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 93

**Author:** Reed, Eric

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

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 07/31/2024

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

**Approved By:** Scarbro, James H

**Description:** Investigative Activity - Canvass

(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, Special Agent Eric Reed assisted case agent Matthew Massingill complete a canvass at [REDACTED] Bellevue, TN. SA Reed spoke with the residents at apartment 1273, Andrew Deloe and Alec Stanton. Deloe advised he heard most of the commotion and that the incident began around 4:00 a.m. Deloe advised that he heard stomping around upstairs, and it was loud enough to wake up him and his roommate. Deloe then heard the stomping coming down the stairs, and then he heard drop the knife followed by 3-4 gunshots. Deloe advised that he also heard stop and don't run. After the shooting, cops knocked on his door and advised them to stay inside. Deloe and his roommate advised they had heard their neighbors walking around before, but it was not loud like this incident. This was all the information they recalled from the incident.

SA Reed then spoke with Aryan Patel who resided at apartment [REDACTED]. Patel did hear someone speaking really loud and gunshots around 4:45 a.m. in the morning. Patel recalled hearing someone yell run, but he could not tell exactly what was said. Patel advised his mother and father lived in the apartment also. Their names were Pinakin and Hema Patel.

SA Reed attempted to contact the resident(s) of apartment [REDACTED] but received no answer. This concluded this investigative activity. All recordings associated with this canvass will be attached to this investigative report.

ER

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

Name: Andrew Deloe

Sex: M

Race: W

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

TN DL# [REDACTED]

Name: Alec Stanton

Sex: M

Race: W

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

TN DL# [REDACTED]

Name: Aryan Patel

Sex: M

Race: Indian

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

TN DL# [REDACTED]



# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 94

**Author:** McGowen, Jonathan

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

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 08/07/2024

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

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Interview - Audio - DAVID VAN SICKLE - Brother of Maxwell Van Sickle

(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, at approximately 9:12 AM, TBI Special Agent (SA) Jonathan McGowen interviewed David Van Sickle at the Metro Nashville Police Department Headquarters located at 600 Murfreesboro Pike in Nashville, Tennessee. The interview was audio and video recorded, and a copy will be provided to the District Attorney's Office upon request. After proper identification and explanation of the purpose of the interview, DAVID VAN SICKLE, voluntarily provided the following information. The following is a synopsis of that interview:

DAVID says that his brother is named MAXWELL SCOTT VAN SICKLE, and he was 25 years old. DAVID and MAX lived together at an apartment located at [REDACTED] in Nashville-Bellevue, Tennessee. DAVID has been temporarily living at the apartment for approximately six months

DAVID says that approximately three days ago, MAX began saying weird things. DAVID explains that it was weird for him and MAX to communicate as they aren't big communicators. DAVID says that he and MAX had recently begun having deep, long conversations about life.

DAVID advises that yesterday he woke up to MAX accusing him of having people over at their apartment. DAVID says he was talking on the phone, so this is likely why MAX thought there were people over. DAVID says that MAX also accused him of moving out, as some dishes had been moved within the apartment.

DAVID says yesterday evening (8 to 9 PM) he left to hang out with a friend. DAVID advises that while away from the apartment, MAX texted him at 10:06 PM, saying they were making a lot of noise. DAVID advises that later, he returned to the apartment, where MAX was alone, acting nonchalant and annoyed at DAVID's concern of him hearing voices. DAVID says when he returned, it appeared like MAX had been in his (David's) bedroom while he was gone. DAVID says that MAX entering his room was weird and unnecessary, which was also concerning.

DAVID advises that in the last few days, MAX had been carrying around various knives, as he thought DAVID had people over visiting. DAVID says he confronted MAX, telling him that it was "weird and unacceptable" for him to be carrying around knives and doing other threatening things. DAVID says that MAX frequently carried a golden butterfly-type knife, which he would

play around with. DAVID recounts that the night prior, MAX was carrying around a large kitchen knife, as he thought DAVID had friends over again.

DAVID explains that upon his return to the apartment, he spoke to MAX about him hearing voices. DAVID says that previously, MAX had mentioned that he was huffing and using other drugs. DAVID recalls MAX saying it was "ether" but also recalls seeing a white baking soda-type crystal substance. DAVID recalls MAX saying the substance was basically meth but was something different. DAVID says MAX gave him these items so he could store them in his room, away from MAX. DAVID says he placed these items in his room near his standing desk.

DAVID says after collecting the huffing items and other unknown drugs from MAX, they sat down and had a long conversation. DAVID describes MAX as talking in "thought loops," saying things that hadn't been said. DAVID says MAX was saying random accusatory stuff, which didn't make sense since they had been together talking over the past few days. DAVID believes the conversations would have occurred in the apartment's living room, balcony, and kitchen areas around midnight until approximately 1 or 2 AM. DAVID advises that he encouraged MAX to go to therapy, to which MAX had an accepting and dismissive response, which at times escalated. DAVID says the way MAX acted was outside of his normal behavior, which DAVID assumed was related to items MAX had turned over. DAVID explains that he felt they were making really slow progress, yet things were just repeating. DAVID advises at some point, MAX began walking back and forth to his room, changing into various clothing, and then proceeding to approach him in a way that made it feel like MAX wanted to fight. DAVID says he tried to de-escalate but warned MAX that he needed to chill out or he would get knocked down.

DAVID recounts that MAX was sitting in a chair near the kitchen when he grabbed a big footlong silver sheathed kitchen knife and held it in his lap. DAVID recalls telling MAX that was a wild escalation and requesting he put the knife down. DAVID says he continues to ask MAX to chill out and let's talk about this. DAVID recalls that MAX put down the knife at some point, and then proceeds to his room, returning with a work bag of hammers. He recalls MAX getting a hammer out and then putting the hammer back down. DAVID advises that MAX proceeds to retrieve a renaissance-style knife from the wall in the living room. DAVID advises that MAX continued picking up and putting down various other knives from within the apartment. DAVID says that MAX's actions freaked him out, so he decided to leave. DAVID advises at this time MAX is pacing back and forth in the apartment hallway. DAVID says that he wanted to retrieve his computer from his bedroom before leaving. DAVID recalls retrieving his computer and then exiting the apartment.

DAVID says that MAX follows him outside the apartment, standing in front of the stairwell blocking his exit. DAVID recalls being unable to see outside in the stairwell as it was pitch black due to the stairwell lighting being broken. DAVID states that he believes MAX had a knife, so he agrees to return to the apartment to gather his other belongings. DAVID recalls MAX trying to help him pack, but instead, he only knocked things around in the bedroom. DAVID says they eventually end up in the living room, where MAX began talking about thoughts of suicide.

DAVID advises that MAX later goes to his bedroom and lies down, but then, within three seconds, gets back up. DAVID recalls standing in the doorway of MAX's bedroom, talking to him as he tried to push by into the kitchen. DAVID says he was attempting to calm down MAX by keeping him in his bedroom away from the multiple knives. DAVID says that MAX then seemed to escalate and began saying insane things like "I think your trying to rape me" and "are you trying to kill me". DAVID says he questioned MAX on where these rapid accusations were

coming from as he was only trying to get him to chill out and go to bed. DAVID says at this point MAX lunged at him and attempted to rip at his clothing. DAVID says he quickly reacts and pushes MAX to the ground. DAVID recalls looking into MAX's eyes and seeing them as confused, empty, and evil.

DAVID says he eventually lets MAX up from the ground, and they go into the living room. DAVID advises that he began to ask MAX for his computer back so that he could leave. DAVID recalls MAX accusing him of putting stuff on his computer so the people on the internet could access it. DAVID advises that, at this point, he realizes that he can do nothing to fix this situation, so he needs to get himself to a safe space.

DAVID recalls standing at the front door talking to MAX while MAX is pacing between the kitchen and living room, holding up various knives. MAX proceeds to chest bump into DAVID multiple times while holding knives. DAVID says during these times he was thinking he was going to be stabbed. DAVID explains that this occurred directly at the front door, with the closed door behind him. DAVID recounts on one occasion, MAX comes at him with a knife, but he (David) is able to get the knife away from him, during which he (David) cuts himself slightly on the hand. MAX immediately returns to the kitchen, grabs another knife, and returns to the front door. DAVID says that MAX is continuing to say odd things accusing him of rape and attempting to kill him.

DAVID says that MAX then quickly comes at him with the knife up. DAVID says he grabs MAX's hand with the knife while MAX's other hand is around his (David's) throat. DAVID explains that with one hand, he is holding MAX's hand, which is holding the knife, while his other hand is holding the knife he previously took from MAX. DAVID advises he somehow gets MAX off of him and proceeds to run out the apartment front door immediately.

DAVID recounts running out the front door traveling to the left, and says he overran the stairwell before he realized it. DAVID describes it as still very dark outside, around approximately 4 AM. DAVID recalls sprinting to the top parking lot areas, though his vehicle was parked in the lower lot. While running, DAVID recalls hearing yelling that he thought was MAX. DAVID recalls running out of the apartment with a large knife, but at some point he slipped and dropped it. DAVID says later he noticed an injury to his right forearm, but is unsure when the injury occurred exactly.

DAVID recalls calling 911 at approximately 4:05 AM from the top parking lot near a dog park. DAVID recalls hiding behind a tree as he was unsure where MAX was. DAVID says the officers eventually located him, and he informed them what had happened. DAVID described the responding officers as "nice", explaining that initially, they approached him with caution. DAVID says one officer stayed with him while the other officers went around the apartment complex. DAVID recalls giving officers his apartment number and advising them that he believed MAX may have chased him around. DAVID recalls telling the officers that MAX had been saying crazy stuff and had come at him with a knife. DAVID believes it was approximately ten minutes between him briefing the officers and hearing gunshots. DAVID recalls hearing approximately five to seven gunshots. DAVID recalls the officer with him not knowing the situation but recalls him advising the other officers were using tourniquets.

DAVID says that later, an ambulance came to the scene and transported him to General Hospital, where he was treated for his injuries. DAVID recalls speaking to detectives at the hospital, and he was later brought to the police headquarters. DAVID recalls that while at police

headquarters, a detective informed him that his brother had passed away. DAVID says he contacted their parents and told them what happened. DAVID says he informed his parents of MAX's behavior over the past few days.

When questioned, DAVID advised he was afraid for his life when he ran from the apartment, explaining that he kept a knife while running as he was unsure if MAX was going to chase after him. When questioned, DAVID recalled texting his mother at 3:57 AM, advising her that MAX was attacking him with a knife and requesting she call the cops.

When questioned, DAVID advised that he believes MAX's behavior changed around the past Sunday or Monday. When asked, DAVID advises that MAX occasionally used marijuana, and he recalls recently smelling a strong odor of nail polish remover within the apartment. DAVID advises that MAX has previously talked about his memories of using meth. DAVID says that MAX is also a recovering alcoholic and had recently destroyed his vehicle.

**Agent Note:** During this interview, DAVID sent SA McGowen a screenshot of a text message he had sent to his mother during this incident. A copy of this text message will be attached to this report as a case document.

**The information above is meant to be a summary only and is not intended to be an exact transcript of the interview. A copy of the above-mentioned full audio interview will be maintained on a secure TBI server and with the case agent in the digital case file.**

This audio recording is approximately 1 hour and 36 minutes in length.

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

NAME: DAVID BARDWELL VAN SICKLE

RACE: White

SEX: Male

DOB:

SSN:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

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Mom >

Hey, My goal is actually to come by and drop off a card, if that's cool with you.

Of course!!!

We are home all day!



Does 4 work for you? I have to wake up max/go to the bank.

Today 3:57 AM

Mom, max is attacking me and threatening me with a knife. I don't know what to do... I'm really scared, should I call cops

Please call cops

Call

Delivered

Document 2ed: 88' Document Title: mom text message - David.bqt

Today 5:51 AM

I'm up now - dad has updated me with what little he knows. Call me as soon as you can.



iMessage



# TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

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**Author:** McGowen, Jonathan

**Activity Date:** 07/02/2024

**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew

**Report Date:** 08/17/2024

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

**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L

**Description:** Interview - Audio - George Poulos - MNPDP Officer

(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 2, 2024, at approximately 11:07 AM, TBI Special Agent (SA) Jonathan McGowen interviewed George Poulos at the TBI Headquarters located at 901 R.S. Gass Boulevard in Nashville, Tennessee. Also present was his attorney, Kristin Berexa and SA Matt Massingill. The interview was audio recorded, and a copy will be provided to the District Attorney's Office upon request. After proper identification and explanation of the purpose of the interview, GEORGE POULOS, voluntarily provided the following information. The following is a synopsis of that interview:

Prior to this interview, SA McGowen read over the TBI Statement on Use of Force form with Officer George Poulos. Officer Poulos verbally acknowledged he understood the statement and agreed to speak to agents.

POULOS has been with the Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPDP) for approximately two years, starting May 16, 2022. He currently works as a patrol officer assigned to the West precinct on the "C" shift. He advises his work hours are from 2100 hours to 0737 hours.

POULOS advises he was sitting in his MNPDP patrol vehicle when dispatch advised they were pulling him from an extra patrol for a 51P (Stabbing), Code Three response.

POULOS says he acknowledged and headed towards the location. While en route, he recalls hearing Sergeant Hunnicutt advise that he was also responding. POULOS advised that upon arrival at the dispatch location, he observed Sergeant Hunnicutt's vehicle was already there. POULOS remembers officers asking for updated information as they had arrived at the area quickly.

POULOS recalls seeing a white male further ahead of them wearing a gray smiley face shirt or hoodie. From the dispatch call text, POULOS remembers this being a description of one of the involved parties. POULOS advised that he and Sergeant Hunnicutt took necessary precautions when interacting with this male as they were unsure of his role in the incident. POULOS advises upon contact with the white male, they observed the male was bleeding from his arm. POULOS advises they patted down this male and no weapons were located. POULOS says they got more information from the male as other officers arrived.

POULOS recalls the white male advising that his brother (suspect) was near the apartment or somewhere in the woods. POULOS recalls the male advising that his brother still may have the knife with him. POULOS says the brother was pretty frantic, so when asked his address several times, he advised apartment [REDACTED]

POULOS advises that the apartment complex is not very well-lit, so he and other officers drove around for a bit, looking for the correct apartment building. POULOS recalls seeing a [REDACTED] building. POULOS says he stopped near the building, put on his patrol vehicle cruise lights, and upon checking the area, later put on his vehicle's flood lights to assist in lighting up the area.

POULOS recalls Officer SCULL pulling his vehicle nearby. POULOS says it was very dark outside, and they are unsure where the suspect is located. POULOS recalls using flashlights to light up the areas around them to ensure they were clear.

POULOS says that upon approaching the building, they locate apartment [REDACTED] and proceed to knock on the door announcing, "Metro Police". POULOS recalls looking in the apartment's balcony and noticing all interior lights were off. POULOS says he advised the other officers to ensure they were at the correct apartment.

POULOS advises he had pulled his Taser, as he was aware they were looking for a person who may or may not have a weapon. POULOS advises they learned that the correct apartment was [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. He says they began looking for the correct apartment, with Officer SCULL leading up the stairs and him following behind.

POULOS says that upon arriving at the base of the stairs leading to the third level, he hears the sound of someone running. POULOS says when he turns around, he hears a voice say, "I'm here" or "Up here". POULOS recalls looking up the stairs and seeing the suspect holding a knife. POULOS says he yells stop, yet the suspect comes barreling down the stairs directly towards Officer SCULL. POULOS recalls Officer SCULL gave some type of command, though he is unsure exactly what was said. POULOS recalls seeing the suspect continuing at Officer SCULL, at which point SCULL fires his weapon, and the suspect goes down. POULOS says that he immediately got on the radio announcing, "shots fired, shots fired".

POULOS explains that he did point his powered-on Taser at the suspect, yet with the suspect moving so quickly, he was unable to line up the probes to get a stun on the suspect. POULOS advises that upon the suspect going down, he holstered his Taser and switched to his service pistol, holding it on the suspect. POULOS recalls Officer SCULL pulling the weapon from the suspect's hand, to which he then placed the suspect facedown, placing him in handcuffs.

POULOS says that with the suspect in custody, he and Officer Mincer immediately began rendering aid.

POULOS says that due to this occurring in an apartment complex, he and other officers began to check on residents in the surrounding apartments.