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NA-5U-000067

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June 27, 2024

**Deceased
Max Van Sickle**

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Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 1

Author: Massingill, Matthew

Activity Date: 06/27/2024

Case Agent: Massingill, Matthew

Report Date: 06/28/2024

SAC/ASAC: Neese, Nathan L

Approved By: Savley, Joshua Paul

Description: Request for Investigation

(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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REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

DIRECTOR
TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

DATE: 8/29/2024

Dear Director:

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

TYPE OF INCIDENT & DATE: Officer Involved Shooting, June 27, 2024

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Bellevue, Davidson County, Tennessee

DECEASED: Max Van Sickle

SUBJECT'S NAME(S): MNPB Officer

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Man called 911 to report he was stabbed by his brother. MNPB officers responded and encountered suspect who was armed with a knife coming down flight of stairs. Suspect was shot and killed by responding officer.

For further information contact: Roger Moore, Deputy District Attorney,
rogermoore@jnsnashville.gov, 615-862-5537


This case is assigned to:

TBI Case No.: NA-5U-000067

If oral, request made on the 27th day

Of June, 2024 _____

Sincerely,



Roger D. Moore #5616
Deputy District Attorney General
20th Judicial District

Special Agent

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TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 2

Author: Massingill, Matthew

Activity Date: 06/27/2024

Case Agent: Massingill, Matthew

Report Date: 06/28/2024

SAC/ASAC: Neese, Nathan L

Approved By: Neese, Nathan L

Description: Preliminary Investigative Report

(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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SA Massingill arrived at the scene at approximately 6:28 AM and was met by Officers with the MNPd. SA Massingill observed the area of [REDACTED] to be an apartment complex. SA Massingill recognized that the incident did not occur on Ridgeline Parkway but instead occurred on Spring Creek Dr. SA Massingill observed the apartment complex to consist of multiple levels.

SA Massingill met with MNPd Detective (DT) Mike Roland, who is assigned to the MNPd Cold Case Unit and is SA Massingill's liaison to the MNPd. DT Roland said that MNPd Officers responded to a domestic violence call that involved two brothers. DT Roland explained that one of the brothers, DAVID VAN SICKLE, DOB [REDACTED] had called 911 and said that his brother had assaulted him and cut him with a knife.

DT Roland said that when MNPd Officers made contact with DAVID's brother, MAXWELL VAN SICKLE, DOB [REDACTED] MAXWELL allegedly charged MNPd Officers with a large knife. DT Roland explained that at this time, not all details were known, but one Officer, JONATHAN SCULL, DOB [REDACTED] fired his pistol. DT Roland stated that the incident occurred in the second-story stairwell of the apartment complex on Spring Creek Dr in Nashville, Tennessee.

DT Roland went on to say that the domestic violence incident occurred at [REDACTED] and the officer-involved shooting occurred in the stairwell of the second floor. DT Roland explained that MAXWELL was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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DT Roland explained that three MNPB Officers were present at the time of the shooting. DT Roland said the Officers were SCULL, Benjamin Mincer, and George Poulos. DT Roland stated that MNPB Officers SCULL, Mincer, and Poulos were being represented by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). SA Steven Kennard made contact with FOP Attorney John Brown, and Brown explained that he would contact SA Massingill to set up interviews at a later date.

DT Roland said that MNPB Domestic Violence (DV) Detectives would be working on the domestic violence incident between DAVID and MAXWELL. SA Massingill met with DV DT Jason Door, who informed SA Massingill that the MNPB was currently drafting a search warrant for MAXWELL's apartment, [REDACTED]. DT Roland stated that DAVID had been transported to Nashville General Hospital in Nashville via ambulance.

SA Massingill, SAC Savley, and SA Reed conducted a preliminary walk-through of the scene. SA Massingill walked to the scene via a walkway from Mountain Valley Dr that came to the second floor of the apartment complex. SA Massingill observed a large knife with a gray handle on the walkway close to the corner of the walkway. The walkway the knife with a gray handle was observed on was the walkway that connected to Mountain Valley Dr. SA Massingill observed a white male, who SA Massingill was told was MAXWELL, deceased, lying close to the foot of the breezeway stairs on the second floor. SA Massingill saw a second large knife with a dark colored handle located behind a red medical bag on the second floor close to the stairwell.

SA Massingill noted that MAXWELL was lying on his back, and his hands were handcuffed behind his back. SA Massingill observed tourniquets applied to the body of MAXWELL. SA Massingill could see medical bags, and it appeared that someone had attempted to provide medical aid to MAXWELL.

SA Massingill conducted a neighborhood canvass while SA Reed and SA Kennard started to process the scene.

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

(LE-A)

Name: Jonathan William Scull

Sex: M

Race: W

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

TN DL# : [REDACTED]

(O-A)

Name: Maxwell Scott Van Sickle

Sex: M

Race: W

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

TN DL# : [REDACTED]

(Victim)

Name: David B Van Sickle

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 # : 3

Author: Reed, Eric

Activity Date: 06/27/2024

Case Agent: Massingill, Matthew

Report Date: 06/28/2024

SAC/ASAC: Neese, Nathan L

Approved By: Scarbro, James H

Description: Crime Scene Investigation - Apt. [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]

On June 27, 2024, the District Attorney General for the 20th Judicial District, Glenn Funk, requested the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to investigate the facts and circumstances regarding the officer involved shooting that resulted in the death of MAXWELL SCOTT VAN SICKLE at Apt. [REDACTED]

On June 27, 2024, at approximately 5:18 a.m., SA Reed was informed by Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Joshua Savley that an officer involved shooting occurred at an apartment complex located at Apt. [REDACTED] that resulted in the death of one male. The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPd) was dispatched to a domestic assault call, and upon arrival the now deceased male charged officers on scene with a knife in his possession. The male, later identified as SICKLE, was pronounced deceased at the scene. SA Reed, SA Mathew Massingill, SA Steven Kennard, and SAC Savley were responding to the scene. SA Massingill was assigned case agent over the investigation.

At approximately 6:30 a.m., SAC Savley and SA Reed arrived on scene at the Bellevue West Apartment Homes Complex. The scene was secured with crime scene tape that had been set up by MNPd. Before entering the scene, SA Reed and SAC Savley had to enter their names on the already established crime scene log that was maintained by MNPd as well. SA Kennard was already on scene upon arrival. SA Massingill arrived shortly after SA Reed. SA Reed noted the temperature to be 74 degrees and cloudy with 87% humidity. SA Reed observed the building number the incident occurred at was labeled Building 1273-1296. Shortly after SA Massingill's arrival, SA Reed, SA Massingill, and SAC Savley performed a preliminary walk-thru of the scene.

The scene consisted of the body of SICKLE with multiple gunshot wounds lying close to the foot of the breezeway stairs on the second floor. SICKLE's head was facing towards the west wall and his feet were facing the east wall of the breezeway hallway on the second floor. SICKLE had two tourniquets applied to his left arm, above his elbow, and left leg, above the knee.

Once the walk-thru of the scene was complete, SA Reed began taking overall photographs. SA Reed then took overall photographs of all the officers on scene at the time of the shooting, later identified as Officers Poulos, Officer Mincer, Sergeant (Sgt.) Hunnicutt, and shooting officer, Officer SCULL. After taking these photographs, SA Reed and SA Kennard collected and

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secured the duty weapon, a Glock 17 bearing S/N: [REDACTED] assigned to Officer (Ofc.) SCULL at approximately 7:50 a.m. SA Reed took photographs of the firearm and the cartridges that remained inside of the firearm prior to SA Kennard securing the items inside of a cardboard evidence gun box. A total of 14 cartridges were collected. During the collection process, Ofc. SCULL advised he keeps 18 cartridges inside of his duty weapon. It should be noted that FOP Attorney John Brown was present during this collection process. While SA Reed and SA Kennard did this, SA Massingill performed a canvass of the building where the incident occurred.

At approximately 7:58 a.m., crime scene processing continued. SA Reed utilized the Nikon D3500 camera to take photographs. SA Reed located several items deemed to be of evidentiary value. These items were located outside on the first and second floor of the building. All items deemed to be of evidentiary value were photographed without and with a crime scene evidence marker. SA Kennard completed a sketch of the scene as the search for evidence continued. The final crime scene sketch will be serialized separately and added into the case file.

Once all items deemed to be of evidentiary value were located, marked, and photographed, the Triangulation Method was used to document the approximate location of the items. The Hilti Laser measuring tool was utilized to measure the evidence. Because there was evidence located on two different floors, the crime scene was divided into two areas. The following items were located on the first floor breezeway area:

Item #:	Description:	Location:	Reference Point 1:	Reference Point 2:	Collected By:
8.	Bloodstain (Drip Pattern) (1)	Foot of Stairs	16'02"	16'09"	Not Collected
9.	Bloodstain (Drip Pattern) (2)	Foot of stairs	15'06"	14'08"	Not Collected
11.	Projectile	On the 6 th stair	20'11"	21'9"	SA Kennard (TBI)
12.	Bone Fragment	Foot of stairs	16'6"	16'6"	SA Kennard (TBI)

- Reference Point 1= Innermost Southwest corner of the apartment building
- Reference Point 2= innermost Southeast corner of the apartment building

The following items were from the second floor breezeway hall and wooden walkway:

Item #:	Description:	Location:	Reference Point 1:	Reference Point 2:	Collected By:
1a.	SICKLE's Head	Breezeway	16'2"	14'7"	Krista Hammonds (ME Office)
1b.	SICKLE's Hands	Breezeway	14'10"	14'5"	Krista Hammonds (ME Office)
1c.	SICKLE's Feet	Breezeway	14'2"	15'4"	Krista Hammonds (ME Office)

2.	Cartridge Casing	Door mat of [REDACTED]	11'2"	12'8"	SA Kennard (TBI)
3.	Cartridge Casing	Door mat of [REDACTED]	8'08"	10'4"	SA Kennard (TBI)
4.	Cartridge Casing	Entrance of Breezeway	3'7"	4'10"	SA Kennard (TBI)
5.	Bullet Fragment	Entrance of Breezeway	5'05"	3'	SA Kennard (TBI)
6.	Bone Fragment	Entrance of Breezeway	3'	6'6"	SA Kennard (TBI)
7.	Butcher Knife (silver handle)	Intersection of Wooden Walkway	-10'3"	-9'9"	SA Kennard (TBI)
10.	Butcher Knife (black handle)	Between the stairway rails on the 2 nd floor	24'1"	23'8"	SA Kennard (TBI)
13.	Bullet fragment	In front Apt. [REDACTED]	7'8"	8'9"	SA Kennard (TBI)
14.	Bullet Defect (1)	2 nd floor East Stairwell Wall	21'02"	22'03"	Not Collected
15.	Bullet Defect (1)	2 nd floor East Stairwell Wall	20'8'	21'11"	Not Collected
16.	Bullet Defect (1)	2 nd floor East Stairwell Wall	16'9"	18'3"	Not Collected
17.	Bullet Defect (1)	2 nd floor East Stairwell Wall	16'8"	18'1"	Not Collected

- Reference Point 1= Innermost Southwest corner of the apartment building
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- Item #7 is negative due to it being located to the south of the reference points. Anything located North of the Reference Points were classified as being on the positive side of the scene.

Following the documentation of measurements, SA Kennard collected the evidence from the scene. SA Kennard maintained the evidence collection log by documenting the date, time, location and description of each item on the respective evidence bag or container the evidence was being sealed in. After the evidence was collected, it was transported to the TBI Headquarters by SA Kennard to be submitted to the TBI Lab for forensic testing and/or to be placed inside of the TBI evidence vault.

While waiting for the medical examiner death investigator to arrive, SA Reed and SA Masingill completed the canvass of the building. Each interview conducted was recorded with an Olympus audio recorder. The information received from the interviews will be serialized separately and added into the case file.

SICKLE's body was removed from the scene at approximately 10:35 a.m. by Transport Team Robert Phelps and David Foster. Medical Death Investigator Krista Hammonds, employed with

the Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office, was present time the body was removed. The preliminary examination and removal of SICKLE's body was documented photographically by SA Reed. After the body was removed from the scene, SA Reed released the scene to MNPD at approximately 10:40 a.m.

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TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT	Case # :	NA-5U-000067
	IR # :	4

Author:	Massingill, Matthew	Activity Date:	06/27/2024
Case Agent:	Massingill, Matthew	Report Date:	07/04/2024
SAC/ASA C:	Neese, Nathan L	Approved By:	Neese, Nathan L
Description:	Recovery of Evidence - Ring Doorbell Video Footage		

(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 7:24 AM, TBI Special Agent (SA) Matthew Massingill received an email from SA Steven Kennard that contained approximately nine videos from the ring doorbell camera at [REDACTED]. SA Massingill observed that the email originated from Ashli Gareau and was sent to Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPD) Officer George Poulos. Officer Poulos forwarded the email to MNPD Detective Mike Roland, who then forwarded the email to SA Kennard.

The following is a summary of what is observed in the video footage:

Video number	Date and time	Description
Video	6-27-2024, what appears to read as 05:02 CDT	A male in an MNPD Police uniform is observed putting crime scene tape across an apartment with an open door. SA Massingill knows that the apartment is [REDACTED] because it is directly across from [REDACTED]. The video is dark, and the Officer can be seen utilizing his flashlight. The video ends with the Officer knocking on the door of [REDACTED].
Video 1	6-27-2024, what appears to read as 04:28 CDT	Police Officers can be observed clearing the residence of [REDACTED] to look for anyone that may be inside the residence. Police Officers can be heard saying Metro Police while they are moving through the apartment.
Video 2	6-27-2024, what	A shirtless male with a light skin complexion and longer dark-colored hair exits the apartment at [REDACTED].

POULOS recalls that at some point, the residents of the third-floor apartment across from the suspect's apartment came forward, advising that she had Ring doorbell camera footage if they needed it. POULOS advises that a supervisor later requested that he make contact with this resident and collect her doorbell footage for detectives. POULOS advises he received multiple emails from this resident containing the related footage; he forwarded this footage to a detective who had arrived on the scene.

When questioned, POULOS advised his call sign that night was 123C. POULOS explains he was wearing his full MNPd uniform with an assigned body camera. He was driving a marked MNPd sedan. When questioned, POULOS described the apartment breezeway as poorly lit, causing him to use his flashlight to see.

Agents Note: During this interview, Officer POULOS was provided with a pen and paper to draw a picture/diagram of the approximate location of this incident and the locations of the persons involved. A copy of this drawing 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 30 minutes in length.

/JBM

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

NAME: George K. Poulos

RACE: White

SEX: Male

DOB:

SSN:

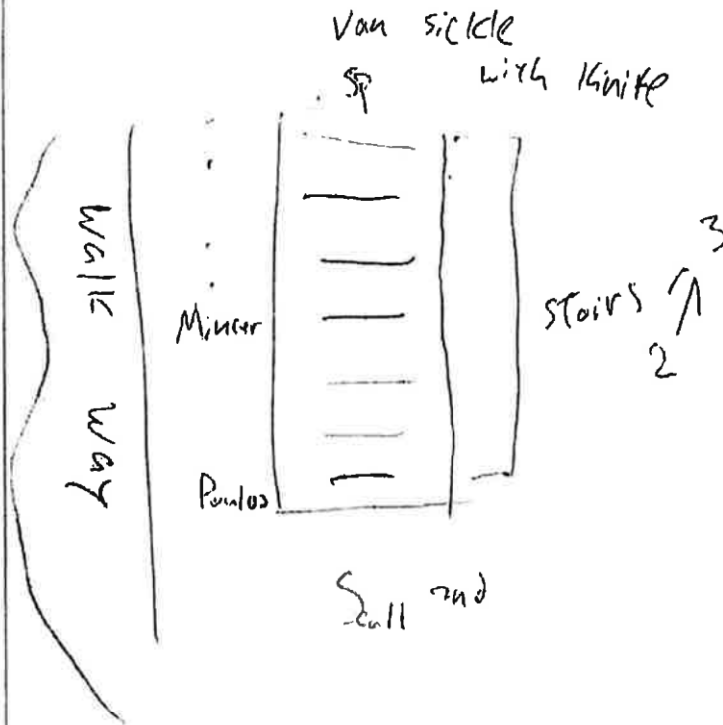
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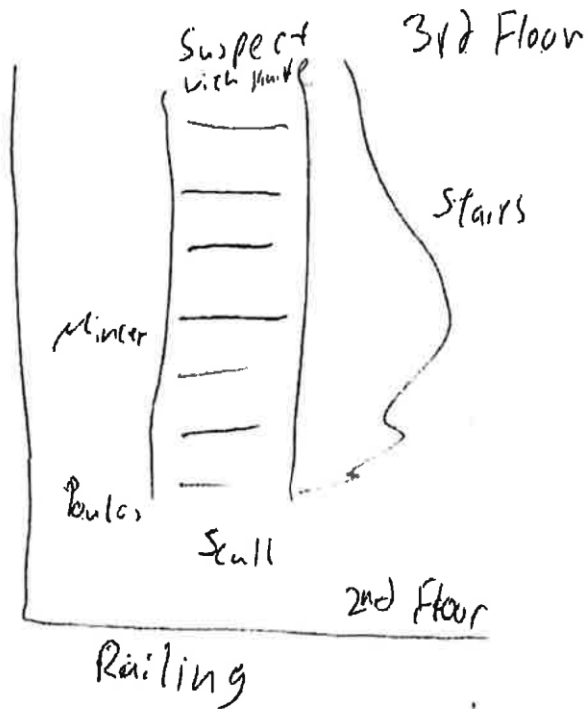
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TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 96

Author: Massingill, Matthew

Activity Date: 08/14/2024

Case Agent: Massingill, Matthew

Report Date: 08/21/2024

SAC/ASAC: Neese, Nathan L

Approved By: Neese, Nathan L

Description: Investigative Activity - Evidence from ME's Office

(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 August 14, 2024, TBI Special Agent (SA) Matthew Massingill went to the Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office (ME). SA Massingill met with ME's Evidence Technician, Danielle Caceres, and took custody of the evidence from the autopsy of MAXWELL VAN SICKLE. SA Massingill transported the evidence to the MIDCID temporary evidence locker, secured at 10:55 AM.

On August 16, 2024, at approximately 9:20 AM, SA Massingill removed all evidence from the MIDCID temporary evidence locker and transported it to TBI Evidence Receiving. At approximately 9:35 AM, Forensic Technician Allison Swift took custody of all evidence. A property receipt was completed and will be serialized separately from this investigative report.

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT		Case # : NA-5U-000067 IR # : 97	
Author:	Massingill, Matthew	Activity Date:	08/14/2024
Case Agent:	Massingill, Matthew	Report Date:	08/21/2024
SAC/ASA C:	Neese, Nathan L	Approved By:	Neese, Nathan L
Description:	Property Receipt - Autopsy Evidence		

(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]

Forensic Medical Management Services PLC

TRANSFER RECEIPT

CaseNum: 24-2240

Decedent Name: Maxwell Scott Van Sickle

Date/Time

Container: Item Barcode Quantity Item Description

Uncontainerized

Container Type:

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010000547135	1	Nail Clippings	from R and L hands	8/14/2024 10:49:16AM
010000547136	1	Palm Print Ca	from R and L hands	8/14/2024 10:49:16AM
010000547137	1	Blood Spot	Blood Spot for Agency	8/14/2024 10:49:16AM
010000547142	1	Belt	brown	8/14/2024 10:49:16AM
010000547143	1	Pant	brown	8/14/2024 10:49:16AM
010000547144	2	Shoe	brown boots	8/14/2024 10:49:16AM
010000547145	1	Undershirt	green	8/14/2024 10:49:16AM
010000547146	1	Cell Phone	black	8/14/2024 10:49:16AM
010000547147	1	Key	key chain	8/14/2024 10:49:16AM
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010000547173	1	Bullet	Bullet from abdomen	8/14/2024 10:49:16AM

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CaseNum: 24-2240

Decedent Name: Maxwell Scott Van Sickle

Container: Item Barcode

010000547174

Quantity Item

1 Bullet

Description

Bullet from left arm

Date/Time

8/14/2024 10:48:16AM

Notes:

FMMS Person:

Danielle N Caceres

To Organization: TBI

To Person:

S.A. Matthew Massingill

DC

Matthew Massingill

SA *Matthew Massingill*
8-14-24 10:55 AM

Evidence Locker 8-14-24 10:55AM

Evidence Locker
8-16-24 9:20 AM

SA *Matthew Massingill*
8-16-24 9:20 AM

SA *Matthew Massingill*
8-16-24

Allison Smith
8/16/24 9:35am

**TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT****Case # :** NA-5U-000067**IR # :** 98**Author:** Massingill, Matthew**Activity Date:** 08/16/2024**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew**Report Date:** 08/21/2024**SAC/ASAC:** Neese, Nathan L**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L**Description:** Recovery of Evidence - David Van Sickle Medical Records

(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 August 16, 2024, TBI Special Agent (SA) Jonathan McGowen retrieved the medical records from Nashville General Hospital for DAVID VAN SICKLE via the Ciox portal. At approximately 10:23 AM, SA McGowen transferred all digital records to SA Massingill. Due to the records' voluminous nature, they will be maintained in SA Massingill's digital case file.

**TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT****Case # :** NA-5U-000067**IR # :** 99**Author:** Massingill, Matthew**Activity Date:** 08/16/2024**Case Agent:** Massingill, Matthew**Report Date:** 08/21/2024**SAC/ASAC:** Neese, Nathan L**Approved By:** Neese, Nathan L**Description:** Recovery of Evidence - MNPDP- Case Summary

(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 August 16, 2024, at approximately 5:40 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 case summary report. A copy of the report will be serialized separately from this investigative report.

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		IR # : 100
Author:	Massingill, Matthew	Activity Date: 08/16/2024
Case Agent:	Massingill, Matthew	Report Date: 08/21/2024
SAC/ASAC:	Neese, Nathan L	Approved By: Neese, Nathan L
Description:	Departmental Report - 24-426520 (A) Case Summary- MNP	

(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**

Victim : **Ofc. Jonathon Scull, Ofc. George Poulos, Ofc. Benjamin Mincer**

Offense Classification: **Aggravated Assault – Police Officer - Weapon**

Reporting Detective: **Mike Roland**

Related numbers: 24-0426902

24-0435394

24-0435562

CASE SUMMARY

On Thursday June 27, 2024, at approximately 0410 hours, David Van Sickle called 911 and reported his brother, Maxwell Van Sickle stabbed him with a knife, held the knife to his throat, and tried to strangle him. Officers were immediately dispatched to that location, [REDACTED]

Officers began arriving, the first at approximately 0414 hours. The personnel arriving was:

- **Sergeant Michael Hunnicutt**
- **Officer Jonathan Scull**
- **Officer George Poulos**
- **Officer Benjamin Mincer**

The officers made contact with David Van Sickle who advised his brother was inside the apartment.

Officers Scull, Poulos, and Mincer proceeded to the victim's apartment located at [REDACTED]. The area was very dark with little or no lighting. Once they found the correct breezeway, they began to ascend the stairs. As the Officers continued up, they heard the suspect a level above them. Suddenly, the suspect (Maxwell Van Sickle) appeared at the top of the stairs and began coming down the steps quickly. He was armed with a large butcher knife.

Commands were given for the suspect to drop the knife but he continued quickly down the stairs while raising the knife and ignoring the commands. Officer Jonathan Scull was

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



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Nashville, Tennessee
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Offense Classification: Aggravated Assault – Police Officer - Weapon

Reporting Detective: Mike Roland

immediately below the steps with nowhere to retreat when he fired his service weapon at the suspect in defense of himself, Officer Poulos, and Officer Mincer.

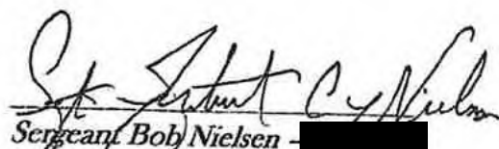

The suspect fell to the floor and was taken into custody and they immediately began administering life saving measures. MedCom was called to the scene and after their assessment, found that the suspect died at the scene.

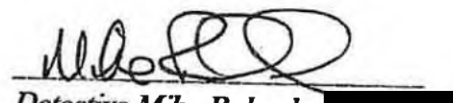

All of the Officers' actions were captured and recorded on their Body Worn Cameras. (BWC) There was also at least one Ring camera that captured some of the events.

The proper notifications were made to include Cold Case Unit, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), and the Medical Examiner's Office. The determination was made per MOU the TBI would take the lead.

According to the Medical Examiner's Investigator at the scene, the suspect received a gunshot wound to the right eyebrow (forehead), a GSW to the left upper arm, a gunshot wound to the left elbow, two gunshot wounds to the right abdomen, and two gunshot wounds to the right mid lower back. These wounds are not labeled as entrance or exit as this will be determined at autopsy.

This case will remain open until the TBI completes their investigation and provides their findings to the Davidson County District Attorney's Office.


Sergeant Bob Nielsen - 
Homicide - Cold Case Supervisor


Detective Mike Roland - 
Homicide - Cold Case Unit

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 101

Author: Massingill, Matthew

Activity Date: 08/14/2024

Case Agent: Massingill, Matthew

Report Date: 08/21/2024

SAC/ASAC: Neese, Nathan L

Approved By: Neese, Nathan L

Description: Recovery of Evidence - Thumb Drive - DT 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 August 14, 2024, at approximately 3:01 PM, Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPd) Detective (DT) Mike Roland dropped off a USB drive for TBI Special Agent (SA) Matthew Massingill at TBI HQ with the TBI Police Officers. On August 15, SA Massingill retrieved the USB drive from the TBI Police officer's office.

The USB drive contained the following:

1. 911 call from June 27, 2024
2. Video recording of DAVID VAN SICKLE at MNPd HQ with SA Jonathan McGowen
3. MNPd Dispatch radio recordings of June 27, 2024
4. A copy of all other MNPd reports already placed in the case file by SA Massingill

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Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 102

Author: Massingill, Matthew

Activity Date: 08/29/2024

Case Agent: Massingill, Matthew

Report Date: 08/29/2024

SAC/ASAC: Neese, Nathan L

Approved By: Neese, Nathan L

Description: List of Exhibits

(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]

The following is a list of exhibits in this investigation:

Items from the scene: (IR 3)

1. Projectile on stairwell
2. Cartridge casing by door of 1280 on ground
3. Cartridge casing by door of 1280 on ground
4. Cartridge casing on walkway
5. Projectile fragment on walkway
6. Possible bone fragment on walkway
7. Butcher knife (silver handle) on walkway
8. Butcher knife (black handle) by stairs
9. MNPd Glock 17 from Officer SCULL
10. Possible bone Fragment on lower level by [REDACTED]
11. Projectile jacket on walkway
12. Ring Doorbell footage from [REDACTED]

MNPd Body worn camera and in-car camera footage: (IR 10)

13. JONATHAN SCULL
14. Benjamin Mincer
15. George Poulos
16. Cara Allen
17. John Robish
18. Theodore Meskers
19. Michael Hunnicutt
20. Bradley Turner
21. David Crisman
22. Bradley Nave
23. Fady Aziz
24. Joel Callies
25. Matthew Cammarn

NFD EMS reports: (IR 12)

26. NFD EMS report for DAVID VAN SICKLE
27. NFD EMS report for MAXWELL VAN SICKLE

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MNPD report: (IR 15,24, 39,47,50, 52, 86, 100)

28. MNPD Graduation certificate for SCULL
29. MNPD Graduation certificate for Mincer
30. MNPD Graduation certificate for Poulos
31. In-Service record for SCULL
32. In-Service record for Mincer
33. In-Service record for Poulos
34. MNPD Aggravated Assault report
35. MNPD found property report
36. Cad report
37. MNPD DV property report
38. MNPD Records for Officers SCULL, Mincer, and Poulos
39. MNPD Aggravated Assault on an Officer report
40. MNPD Justifiable homicide report
41. MNPD Case Summary
42. MNPD USB Drive containing 911 audio, video of DAVID VAN SICKLE at MNPD HQ, MNPD dispatch radio traffic, and a copy of all other reports sent from MNPD
43. MNPD Crime scene entry log
44. MNPD Arrest report MAXWELL VAN SICKLE DUI
45. MNPD Arrest report MAXWELL VAN SICKLE Implied Consent
46. TN Driver's License for MAXWELL VAN SICKLE
47. TN Driver's License for DAVID VAN SICKLE

MNPD Supplement report: (IR 24, 56,60, 69, 76, 79)

48. MNPD Officer Matthew Cammarn
49. MNPD Officer Roy Sain
50. MNPD Officer Samuel White
51. MNPD Sgt Brad Turner
52. MNPD Sgt Michael Hunnicutt
53. MNPD Officer Theodore Meskers
54. MNPD Officer Cara Allen
55. MNPD Officer Clint Gilleland
56. MNPD Officer David Crisman
57. MNPD Officer John Robish
58. MNPD Officer Kelly Turcios
59. MNPD Sgt Jason Door
60. MNPD Sgt Jason Baber
61. MNPD Sgt John Tuberville
62. MNPD Lt Bradley Nave
63. MNPD Officer Nelson Hemingway
64. MNPD Officer Mark Lovine
65. MNPD Lt Jill Weaver
66. MNPD Cpt Rachel Reese
67. MNPD Officer Tony Folad
68. MNPD Officer Jowl Callies
69. MNPD DT Teresha Pinho
70. MNPD Sgt Amanda Kozen
71. MNPD Officer Fady Aziz
72. MNPD JONATHAN SCULL diagram
73. MNPD George Poulos diagram

Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office: (IR 88, 96)

- 74. MAXWELL VAN SICKLE Autopsy report
- 75. Autopsy Photographs
- 76. Evidence recovered by Medical Examiner's office from the autopsy of MAXWELL VAN SICKLE

TBI Lab reports: (IR 38)

- 77. Official Firearms Report from SA/SF Savannah Houk for MNPD Officer SCULL's Glock 17 pistol

Medical Records: (IR 98)

- 78. DAVID VAN SICKLE medical records from Nashville General Hospital

All other exhibits consist of interviews, documents, photographs, recordings, and lab reports which are part of the case file or the digital case file.

It should be noted that the above list of exhibits is not all inclusive as the investigation is still ongoing.

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 103

Author: Massingill, Matthew

Activity Date: 08/29/2024

Case Agent: Massingill, Matthew

Report Date: 08/29/2024

SAC/ASAC: Neese, Nathan L

Approved By: Neese, Nathan L

Description: List of Witnesses

(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]

Citizens:

1. DAVID VAN SICKLE (IR 94)
2. David and Laura Van Sickle (IR 6)
3. Payton Goddard (IR 5)
4. Charles Smart (IR 5)
5. Edgar Gomez (IR 5)
6. Jessica Benevento (IR 5)
7. Kylie Matthews (IR 5)
8. Ashli Gareau (IR 5)

MNPD Officers:

9. JONATHAN SCULL (IR 54)
10. Benjamin Mincer (IR 57)
11. George Poulos (IR 95)
12. Matthew Cammarn (IR 24)
13. Roy Sain (IR 24)
14. Samuel White (IR 24)
15. Brad Turner (IR 24)
16. Michael Hunnicutt (IR 24, 90)
17. Theodore Meskers (IR 24)
18. Cara Allen (IR 24)
19. Clint Gilleland (IR 24)
20. David Crisman (IR 24)
21. Kelly Turcios (IR 24)
22. Jason Door (IR 24)
23. Jason Baber (IR 50)
24. Mike Roland (IR 58)
25. John Tuberville (IR 69)
26. Bradley Nave (IR 69)
27. Nelson Hemingway (IR 69)
28. Mark Lovine (IR 69)
29. Jill Weaver (IR 69)
30. Rachel Reese (IR 69)
31. Tony Folad (IR 76)

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- 32. Jowl Callies (IR 76)
- 33. Teresah Pinho (IR 76)
- 34. Amanda Kozen (IR 83)
- 35. Fady Aziz (IR 83)

TBI Agents:

- 36. SA Matthew Massingill (case agent)
- 37. SAC Josh Savley
- 38. SA Steven Kennard
- 39. SA Eric Reed
- 40. SA Jonathan McGowen
- 41. SA/FS Savannah Houk

It should be noted that the above list of witnesses is not all-inclusive, as the investigation is still ongoing.

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Case # : NA-5U-000067

IR # : 104

Author: Massingill, Matthew

Activity Date: 08/29/2024

Case Agent: Massingill, Matthew

Report Date: 08/29/2024

SAC/ASAC: Neese, Nathan L

Approved By: Neese, Nathan L

Description: Summation of Investigation

(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 5:16 AM, TBI Special Agent (SA) Matthew Massingill was contacted by Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Josh Savley. SAC Savley informed SA Massingill that 20th Judicial District Attorney General (DAG) Glenn Funk had requested the TBI to investigate an officer-involved shooting that occurred in the area of [REDACTED] in Nashville, Tennessee. DAG Funk explained to SAC Savley that an Officer with the Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPd) had been involved in a shooting. SAC Savley told SA Massingill that SAC Savley, SA Eric Reed, and SA Steven Kennard would be responding to the scene with SA Massingill. SAC Savley informed SA Massingill that SA Massingill would be the case agent on the investigation.

SA Massingill arrived at the scene at approximately 6:28 AM and was met by Officers with the MNPd. SA Massingill observed the area of [REDACTED] to be an apartment complex. SA Massingill recognized that the incident did not occur on Ridgelake Parkway but instead occurred on Spring Creek Dr. SA Massingill observed the apartment complex to consist of multiple levels.

SA Massingill met with MNPd Detective (DT) Mike Roland, who is assigned to the MNPd Cold Case Unit and is SA Massingill's liaison to the MNPd. DT Roland said that MNPd Officers responded to a domestic violence call that involved two brothers. DT Roland explained that one of the brothers, DAVID VAN SICKLE, DOB [REDACTED] had called 911 and said that his brother had assaulted him and cut him with a knife.

DT Roland said that when MNPd Officers made contact with DAVID's brother, MAXWELL VAN SICKLE, DOB [REDACTED], MAXWELL allegedly charged MNPd Officers with a large knife. DT Roland explained that at this time, not all details were known, but one Officer, JONATHAN SCULL, DOB [REDACTED] fired his pistol. DT Roland stated that the incident occurred in the second-story stairwell of the apartment complex on Spring Creek Dr in Nashville, Tennessee.

DT Roland went on to say that the domestic violence incident occurred at [REDACTED] and the officer-involved shooting occurred in the stairwell of the second floor. DT Roland explained that MAXWELL was pronounced deceased at the scene.

DT Roland explained that three MNPd Officers were present at the time of the shooting. DT Roland said the Officers were SCULL, Benjamin Mincer, and George Poulos. DT Roland stated

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that MNPB Officers SCULL, Mincer, and Poulos were being represented by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). SA Steven Kennard made contact with FOP Attorney John Brown, and Brown explained that he would contact SA Massingill to set up interviews at a later date.

DT Roland said that MNPB Domestic Violence (DV) Detectives would be working on the domestic violence incident between DAVID and MAXWELL. SA Massingill met with DV DT Jason Door, who informed SA Massingill that the MNPB was currently drafting a search warrant for MAXWELL's apartment, [REDACTED]. DT Roland stated that DAVID had been transported to Nashville General Hospital in Nashville via ambulance.

SA Massingill, SAC Savley, and SA Reed conducted a preliminary walk-through of the scene. SA Massingill walked to the scene via a walkway from Mountain Valley Dr that came to the second floor of the apartment complex. SA Massingill observed a large knife with a gray handle on the walkway close to the corner of the walkway. The walkway the knife with a gray handle was observed on was the walkway that connected to Mountain Valley Dr. SA Massingill observed a white male, who SA Massingill was told was MAXWELL, deceased, lying close to the foot of the breezeway stairs on the second floor. SA Massingill saw a second large knife with a dark-colored handle located behind a red medical bag on the second floor close to the stairwell.

SA Massingill noted that MAXWELL was lying on his back, and his hands were handcuffed behind his back. SA Massingill observed tourniquets applied to the body of MAXWELL. SA Massingill could see medical bags, and it appeared that someone had attempted to provide medical aid to MAXWELL. See (IR #2)

Agents processed the scene, collected evidence, and interviewed all known witnesses. See (IR #3). While Agents processed the scene, SA Jonathan McGowen interviewed DAVID at MNPB HQ. See (IR 94) SA Massingill conducted a next of kin death notification via telephone with the parents, David and Laura Van Sickle) of MAXWELL, because they were out of town and in the process of driving back to Nashville. See (IR 6)

SA Massingill recovered all body-worn & in-car camera footage of MNPB Officers, supplement reports, and the original 911 call from DAVID on June 27, 2024. SEE (IR 10) SA Massingill recovered Ring Doorbell video footage from the apartment across from MAXWELL's apartment. (See IR 4)

The TBI lab tested SCULL's Glock 17 pistol, and on June 28, 2024, SA Massingill returned SCULL's Glock 17 pistol to MNPB Officer Mike Lee at the MNPB training academy. (IR 8)

On July 1, 2024, SA Massingill and SA McGowen interviewed SCULL and Mincer at TBI HQ with their FOP Attorneys present. See (IR 54 & 57). On July 2, 2024, SA Massingill and SA McGowen interviewed Poulos with his FOP Attorney present. See (IR 95)

SA Massingill received a copy of all MNPB Reports from DT Roland throughout this investigation. SA Massingill attended the autopsy of MAXWELL and, on July 24, 2024, recovered the autopsy report from the Davidson County Medical Examiner's Officer (ME). See (IR 88)

On July 10, 2024, SA Massingill placed a copy of the interviews with SCULL, Mincer, and Poulos on a thumb drive. SA Andrew Graves took the thumb drive to MNPD DT Jeff Gibson of the Professional Standards Division. (IR 66)

On July 18, 2024, SA Massingill served a subpoena to Nashville General Hospital for DAVID's medical records from June 27, 2024. On August 16, 2024, SA Massingill recovered the medical records from Nashville General Hospital. See (IR 98)

On August 14, 2024, SA Massingill recovered all evidence that was collected by the ME's office from MAXWELL's autopsy. See (IR 96)

All pertinent parties involved were interviewed as part of the investigation, and all necessary evidence was collected and submitted for forensic testing. All necessary documentation was collected and is serialized separately within this case file.

The summation of the investigation serves only as a brief synopsis of the facts of the investigation, for further details, refer to all investigative reports and related items within this case file.

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Interview - Audio - Aryan Patel.MP3, Sequence Number: 64

Interview - Attempted - [REDACTED] Bellevue, TN.MP3, Sequence Number: 65