

West Allis Police Department		Supplemental Report	
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<p>NARRATIVE</p> <p>WEST ALLIS P.D. SWAT - CITIZEN RESCUE - 25 AUG 2020</p> <p>Captain Saftig reports...</p> <p>On Tuesday 25 August 2020, I was the tactical commander for the West Allis Police Department SWAT team. Seven (7) West Allis Police Department SWAT operators were deployed to Kenosha to assist with civil unrest. We were mobile throughout the night in our MRAP Police Rescue Vehicle, assisting with crowd control efforts and holding a perimeter in the area of Sheridan Rd. from approximately 54 St. to 60 St. Throughout the night, we observed several individuals armed, mostly with long guns in the area of 60th St. and Sheridan Rd. Our vehicle, as well as other armored police vehicles and crowd control officers on the ground had been subjected to rocks, bricks, bottles, fireworks and unknown fluids being thrown at us. Our team deployed various less-lethal munitions at target specific individuals who were actively engaged in throwing items at officers and vehicles throughout the night.</p> <p>My body worn camera (BWC) was activated and captured the following activity. The following is based on my memory and review of my BWC. For continuity and exact quotations, please refer to the recording in its entirety.</p> <p>At approximately 2345hrs., we were positioned on the north side of the intersection of 60th St and Sheridan Rd. Our Police Rescue Vehicle was facing south. Sgt. Corwin was positioned in the hatch and was monitoring crowds on the south side of the intersection. There were numerous people in the following areas:</p> <p>5900blk. of Sheridan Rd. - both sides of the street 6000blk. of Sheridan Rd. - in the roadway S/E corner of 60th St. and Sheridan Rd. - vast majority of crowd congregated on gas station parking lot</p> <p>At approximately 23 minutes into my BWC recording footage, Sgt. Corwin indicated something was going on approximately two (2) blocks in front of us (south on Sheridan Rd.). He said individuals were sprinting to the south.</p> <p>At approximately 23:30 into the recording, a white male armed with a long gun approached the driver's side of our vehicle. He was gesturing and attempting to tell us something. It is nearly impossible to hear from inside of the vehicle when it is running, but Sgt. Corwin (from his elevated and partially exterior hatch position) confirmed the male was saying someone might have been shot south of our location.</p>			
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At approximately 24 minutes into the recording, someone from inside of our vehicle (possibly Officer Behnke) said someone was getting dragged in the street, south of our location. A short time later, the command post radioed there might be shots fired in our area. From my position in the back of the vehicle, I could now see a lot of the crowd running back north on Sheridan Rd. towards 60th St. All of this information indicated shots were fired south of our location and we believed there were victims in the roadway. The command post radioed that any armored police vehicles should attempt to respond to the area and assess possible rescue of injured people.

At approximately 25:20 into the recording, West Allis SWAT planned a rescue attempt of victims that might be accessible in the roadway. We proceeded south on Sheridan Rd. and Sgt. Corwin indicated someone was down in the roadway ahead of us. Officer Mussatti was told to position our rescue vehicle beyond the victim and Sgt. Corwin told us the victim would be located at our "11 o'clock."

The rear ramp of our vehicle was dropped and I was the first operator to deploy. Facing north/northwest (from the rear of our vehicle), I immediately observed a white male standing in the street (on Sheridan Rd.) with what appeared to be a significant injury to an arm. I was close enough to see he already had a tourniquet in place above the injury. I called this out to other operators (approximately 25:51 minutes into recording), but this male was not our intended victim, was already receiving medical care and was standing on his feet.

I turned to my right and saw a white male lying in the street. (It was determined shortly thereafter we were directly in front of 6103 Sheridan Rd.) An unknown individual was performing chest compressions on the victim. Several people were yelling at me/us to help the victim. I told people to back up and that we had a medic. Det. Madden and I held a perimeter beyond the victim, while Sgt. Gold and Det. Binter picked up the victim and began to load him in the rear of our rescue vehicle.

I backed up to the ramp of our vehicle and continued to provide cover for our operators. The scene was still chaotic, with people yelling and moving around in the street and east side of Sheridan Rd. We still had no idea where the gunshots had come from, who was shooting or if there was more than one (1) person shooting. Citizens were indicating there was another victim south of our location. It sounded as if this was another victim, not the male with the arm injury or the victim we were tending to.

At approximately 26:20 into the recording, an unidentified male came up to me and gave me a cell phone, telling me it belonged to the victim. I recall the phone having a reddish-orange colored case. I tossed the phone into the rear of our rescue vehicle.

At approximately 26:28 into the recording, a Sauk County Sheriff's ERT Medic joined us. (He was later identified as Deputy Mark Willer.) He and Sgt. Gold began to assess the victim in the rear of our rescue vehicle. At approximately 28 minutes, we were making plans to evacuate the victim from the scene. I attempted to call the FBI Rescue team (via radio) to the scene, but did not receive a response. Shortly thereafter, we decided to drive the victim to the designated medical staging area

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at 22 Ave. and Washington Rd. We left Det. Binter and Det. Madden on scene, as we did not have enough room in our rescue vehicle.

At approximately 29:05 into the recording, I began chest compressions on the victim. Sgt. Gold was given a 'bag valve mask' (BVM) by Dep. Willer. He used this to provide rescue breaths to the victim. After a short time, I was replaced by Dep. Willer. At approximately 32:00 into the recording, Dep. Willer finally located a gunshot wound to the victim's upper left side.

While enroute to the medical staging area, I radioed the command post and confirmed we evacuated the victim, providing pertinent information. While westbound on 52 St., I remembered there was a much closer Kenosha Fire Station on 52 St. at 22nd Ave. At approximately 32:54, we pulled into KFD Fire Station #1. There was a firefighter standing outside and I yelled that we had a 'PNB' gunshot victim. Other fire personnel came out of the station. By the time I walked around the north side of our vehicle, Sgt. Gold and Dep. Willer already removed the victim and had him lying in the driveway.

At approximately 33:58 into the recording, I radioed the command post and confirmed KFD personnel were working on the victim. Shortly thereafter, I assisted by resuming chest compressions while Dep. Willer provided information to KFD personnel.

At approximately 35:43 into the recording, KFD personnel indicated the victim was dead and no further aid was rendered. The deceased was moved into a bay of the building and covered with a blanket.

At approximately 38:20 into the recording (approximately 0004hrs. on Wed 26 August 2020 based on call time), I called LT Ken Urquhart of the Kenosha Sheriff's Office at the command post. I told him the male was recovered in front of 6103 Sheridan Rd., that we evacuated him from the scene, rendered aid, drove to KFD Station #1, but the male victim was dead.

At approximately 39:52 into the recording, Sgt. Daniel Cooper of the Kenosha Police Department arrived on scene. I gave him details of the incident and turned the scene and deceased over to him shortly thereafter. At this time, Sgt. Gold turned my BWC off. The phone that was turned over to me at the scene was left with the deceased at the fire station. At no time during this incident did I learn the identity of the deceased.

West Allis SWAT personnel and Dep. Willer returned to the scene at 6103 Sheridan Rd. Upon returning, I made contact with Kenosha Police Department Sgt. Dusty Nichols. I gave him details of our involvement and that we turned the scene at the fire station / deceased over to Sgt. Cooper.

Sgt. Gold told me another cell phone was located in the rear of our rescue vehicle. The phone was an iPhone in a black 'OtterBox' protective case. The phone did not belong to any West Allis SWAT personnel or Dep. Willer. It was turned over to Sgt. Nichols at the scene.

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On Wednesday 26 August 2020 at approximately 1900hrs., I turned over discs of all BWC footage obtained from the night before over to Kenosha Police Department Captain Joseph Labatore while at the command post.

On Friday 28 August 2020, I corresponded several times with KPD personnel and learned Det. Sgt. Jason Melichar and Detective Ben Antaramian were contacts for the continuing homicide investigation.

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