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SUBJECT: Interview of Lt Richard Briggs, Ashland Police Department

CS# 2013-110-0224

1. On 07-09-13 at 0930hrs, this officer went to the Law Offices of Timothy Burke in Needham, and interviewed Lt Richard Briggs of the Ashland Police Department, relative to his involvement and observations on 07-02-13 when Andrew Stigliano was fatally shot, at 13 Metropolitan Avenue, Ashland, MA.
2. Lt Briggs was the on duty day shift commander for the Ashland Police, and responded to 13 Metropolitan Ave, following radio transmissions. Lt Briggs took command of the scene at the residence, as they attempted to locate Stigliano, who had fled from Officer Piers, and ran, inside the residence. Lt Briggs stated that they confirmed that arrests warrants were active and listed 13 Metropolitan Ave, as Stigliano's place of residence. Officers made verbal requests for Piers to exit, and received no response. Lt Briggs stated that a side door from the breezeway was forced open and exited orders and several warnings were given that a K-9 dog would be deployed, these orders also received no response.
3. Lt Briggs stated that officer Alberini, utilized the K-9 and cleared the first floor of the residence, following other dogs within the residence being secured for safety. As officer Alberini completed searching the first floor a radio transmission was received from the police station, stating that Stigliano's attorney had called and warned officers to use caution (no basis for the caution was given)
4. Lt Briggs stated that Officer Alberini felt that Stigliano was hiding in the attic. There was a ladder at the crawl space entrance and it there was no cover on the ceiling opening. Officer

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Alberini again issued surrender orders and warned the K-9 would be deployed. Officer Alberini deployed the K-9 to the attic, and Lt Briggs heard the dog move to the north end over the kitchen area. Officer Alberini followed into the attic. Lt Briggs stated he believed the dog made contact, and he began to enter the attic from the ladder.

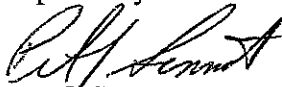
5. As Lt Briggs began to stand in the attic, he stated he could see nothing as the attic was completely dark, and he heard Officer Alberini call out "Gun, Gun, Gun" Lt Briggs stated Alberini yelled "Gun, Gun" again and he repeated the same to officers behind him. Then 2 shots were fired.

6. Lt Briggs stated he called for Alberini with no response and feared Alberini had been shot. He moved towards the gun shots, and found Alberini holding Stigliano's arms to the ground, and the K-9 still engaged on the leg of the suspect. Lt Briggs stated Alberini directed him to remove the gun, which was now under the suspect's leg, and he located a pump shot gun, and passed it back to the door opening.

7. First aid was rendered and Ashland Fire was summoned. Lt Briggs stated he then attempted to assist in moving Stigliano in the cramp space, firefighters arrived with medical equipment. Lt Briggs secured the scene, and had officers exit the residence. Chief Doherty arrived on scene, and the State Police were called.

8. For a complete account of the events, refer to the attached CD recording of Lt. Briggs.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sergeant

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