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To: Chief Doherty
From: Officer Piers
Date: July 3, 2013
Subject: Shooting- 13 Metropolitan Ave.

On Tuesday July 2, 2013 I was working the 0700-1500 shift as a Uniformed Patrol Officer. I was assigned to the South Sector of Ashland in marked unit A-9. At approximately 1045 hrs I was operating Westbound on Union St. Rt. 135 in the area of the Rite Aid Pharmacy located at 399 Union St.

I observed a grey 2004 Volkswagen Sedan pull out of the Rite Aid Parking lot and take a left in front of my cruiser heading Eastbound on Union St. I had to slow my vehicle almost to a stop to avoid a collision. I observed the driver of the Volkswagen and immediately recognized him as Stigliano, Andrew. I have had many previous interactions with Stigliano and his girlfriend [REDACTED] including various disturbance calls at their residence located at 13 Metropolitan Ave. I also had recent knowledge that Stigliano had active warrants for his arrest.

I reversed my direction and radioed dispatch to confirm if Stigliano had warrants. As I turned around I observed the Volkswagen turn right onto Metropolitan Ave. When I turned onto Metropolitan Ave. I observed the vehicle parked in the driveway of 13 Metropolitan where I know Stigliano to reside. As I pulled up I radioed for an additional unit to respond to my location and observed [REDACTED] exit the passenger side of the vehicle and run to the right side of the garage. I did not observe Stigliano in the vehicle.

I drove down the alley behind the CVS to ensure that Stigliano had not run in front of [REDACTED] to the west behind the house towards CVS. When I observed that he was not there I made the conclusion that he had entered the house. From the time observed the vehicle turn onto Metropolitan Ave until I saw it in the driveway was less than 10 seconds and there was no other logical place Stigliano could have escaped to.

I confirmed with dispatch that the listed address on the warrants was 13 Metropolitan Ave. Shortly after my arrival Officer Foster and Lt. Briggs arrived on scene and we began to set up a perimeter with Lt. Briggs in the rear and Officer Foster in the front while I knocked on the door and called out from Stigliano to exit the house. I heard a noise coming from the house or the backyard and asked Lt. Briggs if he was making any noise in the backyard. He indicated that he was not.

At some point I was in the back yard with Lt. Briggs when [REDACTED] reappeared on the other side of the fence and began to yell at me stating "fuck you guys, get the fuck off my property" She was screaming very loudly and carrying on. Eventually she was placed under arrest by Lt. Briggs with my assistance. Officer Oestreicher was called to the scene to take custody of [REDACTED]. Once Officer Oestreicher arrived [REDACTED] was secured in her vehicle.

Lt. Briggs requested that Sgt. Fawkes respond to the scene with the less lethal munitions. I continued to knock on the door loudly and called out to Andrew by name and stated that if he did not come to the door that I would kick it in. Once Sgt. Fawkes arrived I continued to knock on the door and called to Andrew to surrender. Lt. Briggs called dispatch and requested that Officer Alberini respond to the scene with K-9 Dax. After a short amount of time Officer Alberini arrived and we forced entry into the home through the breezeway door. Two pit bulls were secured from the house and placed in the garage.

Shortly after the dogs were secured, we received information that Stigliano was texting his attorney and that his attorney had called the station to tell us to use caution because Stigliano had made threats to harm us. Officer Alberini then made announcements into the home that he intended to deploy the K-9 into the house and gave Andrew an opportunity to surrender. Officer Alberini received no response and deployed Dax into the house. Dax searched the first floor of the house with negative results.

Officer Alberini then pointed out that the scuttle to the attic was open and there was a step ladder leaning

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against the wall under it. He relayed that Andrew was most likely in the attic and he intended on deploying Dax into the attic. Officer Alberini, Lt. Briggs, Sgt. Fawkes, and I were standing under the scuttle. Officer Alberini then announced into the attic that he was going to deploy the dog and that he would find him and bite him and that it would hurt. Officer Alberini used Andrew's name during this announcement. Lt. Briggs also called out to Andrew to surrender. We received no response.

At that time Officer Alberini hoisted Dax into the attic and began to follow him up. After a few seconds I heard Dax scurry across the ceiling and I heard screaming coming from the attic. A short time later I heard Officer Alberini yell "GUN, GUN, GUN" I then heard two gunshots.

At that time I did not know who had fired the shots. Lt. Briggs had entered the attic and I followed him. I observed Stigliano lying on his back across the rafters. Dax had made contact with his ankle, Officer Alberini was securing his hands and Lt. Briggs was attempting to secure a shotgun from under Stigliano's leg. I observed Stigliano to be ashen gray. Within seconds of my entering the attic Stigliano arched his back and gasped for air before his body relaxed and it was clear to me that he was deceased.

Officer Alberini secured K-9 Dax and began to remove him from the attic. Lt. Briggs then handed me the shotgun that had been under Stigliano's leg. I in turn handed the gun to Sgt. Fawkes who had entered the attic behind me. I was wearing gloves and Sgt. Fawkes grabbed the gun using a bag he found in the attic.

I then turned my attention back to Lt. Briggs and Stigliano. I quickly searched Stigliano for our safety. In his right front pocket I recovered a cell phone and an ID with other items. I then assisted Lt. Briggs in moving Stigliano's body towards the scuttle because we were unable to provide medical attention in the confines of the attic where he was located. We were able to move him over the center tress of the attic and then Sgt. Fawkes assisted me with moving him towards the scuttle.

At that time I was informed that paramedics from Ashland Fire had arrived and were coming into the attic to attend to Stigliano. I got out of the way and allowed the medics to access the body. I then exited the attic due to the extreme heat and the fact that more medically trained personnel were on scene. I exited the house and assisted Officer Alberini with cleaning blood from his face. I instructed him to take off his duty belt as well because it was covered in blood. I then took his department issued Glock 22 from his holster and brought it to my cruiser. Officer Foster assisted me with placing the firearm in an evidence bag because it was covered in blood. We sealed the evidence bag and secured the gun in the trunk of A-9. Officer Foster then stood at the trunk of the car. I remained on scene for a period of time and at times assisted with setting up a perimeter. Eventually I was cleared from the scene and returned to the Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer Kevin M Piers 47