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To: Chief Stephen Doherty
From: Ptlm. William Foster
Re: Officer involved shooting
Date 07/02/2013

On the above date I was scheduled to work the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM day shift. I was assigned to cruiser A6 in the middle sector. At approximately 10:00 AM I was in the station working on pistol permit application. I heard on my portable radio Officer Piers calling dispatch for a warrant check. A short time later I heard dispatch confirm that there was two warrants For Andrew Stigliano. Then Officer Piers requested another car on Metropolitan Ave. I then started for my cruiser, to head that way. I knew of the address and the two parties that live there from numerous calls I had responded to there in the past. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lt. Briggs then came down the hall and said that he was going to head that way also. Lt. Briggs was in '16, and I took my assigned cruiser A6.

On the way to Metropolitan Ave. I heard Officer Piers ask dispatch if the address on the warrant was, 13 Metropolitan Ave. Dispatch confirmed that it was. Lt. Briggs then advised me that he would go through Papa Gino's parking lot and go to the rear of the residence. I turned onto Metropolitan Ave and parked my cruiser slightly beyond the house. I heard Officer Piers call in the plate number of a vehicle parked in the driveway. The plate was registered to an Oak St. resident. I then exited my vehicle and went to the driveway to speak with Officer Piers.

Officer Piers told me that he had observed Andrew Stigliano driving the vehicle now parked in the driveway take a left onto 135 out of the Rite Aid parking lot. Officer Piers said that he then turned his cruiser around and headed to the house on Metropolitan Ave. Officer Piers told me that by the time he arrived Andrew was gone and he saw [REDACTED] running toward the back of the garage. Officer Piers said that he was sure that Andrew ran into the house.

I then walked over to the garage, which is connected to the house with a closed in breezeway and looked through the window to see if he might be in the garage. I asked Officer Piers if he had looked the garage. Piers responded, "no not yet". We then entered the breezeway though the open door. Officer Piers then knocked on the

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inside exterior door to the house. He got no response. We then went into the Garage through an open door. I stayed in the doorway watching the area as Officer Piers searched the garage. Officer Piers cleared the garage, and then came back out into the breezeway. Officer Piers then knocked on the door again and called out to Andrew by name. Officer Piers got no response. We then left the breezeway. I went to the A - B corner of the house to make sure Andrew did not try to get out through a window or the front door. I did recall that he did try to escape out a window one of the times the police were there. I then heard Officer Piers ask Lt. Briggs if he was making noise out back. Lt. Briggs responded "no".

As I was covering my area I saw Lt. Briggs come through a back gate in the rear of the yard. I then heard a female (Later identified as [REDACTED]) screaming that we had no right to be on her property and to "get the fuck out". I was not able to see her but I could hear her. Ms. [REDACTED] continued yelling and saying that we had no right to be there. I then saw [REDACTED] heading toward Officer Piers, who was now in the driveway. I then headed to Officer Piers. [REDACTED] was still screaming at Officer Piers that he had no right to be on her property and that she was on the phone with her lawyer. [REDACTED] told officer Piers "he's not here" I assumed she was talking about Andrew Stigliano. Officer Piers was trying to get [REDACTED] to calm down, and explain what we were there for. At this time Lt Briggs came around from the back of the garage. Lt. Briggs told [REDACTED] to calm down. [REDACTED] continued yelling.

Lt. Briggs then told [REDACTED] to put her hands behind her back, that she was under arrest. Lt Briggs then moved towards [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] then started stepping away from Lt Briggs and yelling for what. Lt Briggs then grabbed [REDACTED]'s right arm and told her for disorderly, [REDACTED] started to struggle. Officer Piers then took her left arm. [REDACTED] was placed up against the car and handcuffed. Lt. Briggs then called Officer Oestreicher to search [REDACTED] and secure her in her cruiser. Officer Oestreicher placed [REDACTED] in the rear of her cruiser and stayed with her.

I heard Lt. Briggs on the radio asking for another car at the scene. Lt. Briggs also requested dispatch to contact the K9 officer to see if he was available. Lt. Briggs requested A2 Sgt. Fawkes to respond with the 40mm (a less lethal soft baton launcher) because there were dogs inside the house. A short time later Sgt. Fawkes arrived on scene. Sgt. Fawkes retrieved the launcher from A2 and went to speak with Lt. Briggs.

I heard Officer Alberini (our K9 officer) call on the radio. He stated that he would let us know if he could respond in a couple minutes. I stayed at my post covering at A-B corner of the house using my cruiser A6 as cover. Officer Piers came to me and requested the patrol rifle out of A6. I retrieved the patrol rifle from A6 and gave it to Officer Piers. I took A9's patrol rifle from officer Piers. A couple minutes later I heard Officer Alberini advise us that he was on his way and would be here in a couple minutes.

Officer Alberini arrived of the scene. Lt. Briggs, Sgt. Fawkes, Officer Alberini, and Officer Piers spoke. The officers then entered the breezeway. I could hear someone banging on what I believed to be the door while calling for Andrew and identifying themselves as Ashland Police. Then I heard heavier banging. A short time later I heard over the air that the dogs were in the garage. A short time after that, I could hear movement in the house. Lt. Briggs came on the air and said that the dog was working. I could hear loud muffled voices in the house. I couldn't hear what was being said.

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At this time dispatch called on the radio. We were advised by the dispatcher that she were in contact with Andrew's attorney. We were told the attorney advised us to uses caution. I believed Sgt. Fawkes asked for more information. Dispatch responded he didn't say. Dispatcher then advised us that Andrew meant to do harm to officers.

Approximately minute and a half to two minutes later I heard more loud muffled voices again, then what I perceived to be two or three muffled gun shots. I then left my position and entered the house through the door in the breezeway. I then heard someone say on the radio Shots fired start the ambulance now. As I entered the house I saw Sgt. Fawkes standing beside a latter under scuttle hole in the hall way. I heard someone say "step it up" over the air.

Then I believe Lt Brigg requested over the air for A1 (Chief Doherty) to respond to the scene. I then approached Sgt. Fawkes who handed me the less lethal launcher. Sgt. Fawkes then started up the latter. Sgt. Fawkes then called to me to secure Officer Piers' patrol rifle. I took the rifle and slung it Sgt. Fawkes then entered the attic. I then heard Sgt. Fawkes report on the radio that the suspect was down. Seconds later Sgt. Fawkes called to me again to take a gun from the attic. Sgt. Fawkes told me to take the gun holding it by what appeared to be a small nylon bag. to avoid getting finger prints on it. The Gun appeared to be an older pump action shotgun with a black elastic ammunition holder on the stock with a number of shotgun shells in it.

I then called up in the attic to see if the officers needed a medical bag. And Someone said "yes". I couldn't see anyone though the scuttle hole as it was pitched black in the attic. I then went out to A9 which was the closest cruiser. I then unlocked the trunk and got the medical bag. I Closed the trunk and locked the cruiser.

At this time the ambulance arrived. I returned to the house and went to the scuttle hole where I called to the officers in the attic that I had the medical bag. I heard someone say that they were moving him to the scuttle hole so they had room to work. At this time one of the medics came in behind me. The medic spoke with the officers in the attic. One officer asked if they wanted to bring him down. The medic said "no we will come up". One of the medics entered the attic. The medic then called down for the monitor which was passed up through the scuttle hole.

I then headed out side to give the medics room to work. I then went back to A9 to secure the weapons. I placed

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the shotgun gently down in the trunk as I had not checked the chamber or the safety of the weapon. I did notice that there appeared to be a shell in the magazine. I then secured the patrol rifles and the less lethal in the trunk. I stood by the vehicle to make sure that no one gained access to the firearms in the trunk. A few minutes later Officer Piers came to me and asked me to get an evidence bag out of his duty bag that was in A9.

After getting the evidence bag Officer Piers placed a Glock pistol in the bag. He told me it belonged to Officer Alberini. I then sealed the bag and opened the trunk of A9. I placed the bagged firearm in the trunk with the other firearms. I continued to stand by A9.

At approximately 11:36AM Lt Briggs came to me and told me to return to the station and get the spare firearm for Officer Alberini. I told him that I was standing by A9. Lt. Briggs said that he would watch the car. I then returned to the station and picked up the spare Glock pistol Sel. # KDP734. After loading it, I then returned to the scene and handed the firearm to Officer Alberini. I advised Officer Alberini it was loaded.

At approximately 11:46 I advised Lt. Briggs that I was back to cover A9. At approximately 12:20 PM Sgt. Fawkes asked me to place more crime scene tape around the back of the residence. I advised him that I was covering A9. Sgt. Fawkes said he would watch it. I returned at approximately 12:24 PM and relieved Sgt. Fawkes. At approximately 12:30 PM Officer Muri relived me standing by A9.

A short time later all officers involved at the scene were dismissed by CPAK and told to return to the station. I Drove A15 back to the station with the K9.

Respectfully Submitted

Ptlm. William Foster

This report is subject to change pending new information and / or evidence.