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REPORT OF INVESTIGATIONS

Laboratory Case Number: 23-00362
Agency Case Number: 2023-110-0022

Report Date: January 25, 2023

Case Officer: Trooper Francis E. Torres #4636, MSP Middlesex County
 Detective Unit

Town: Cambridge

Subject: Fatal Shooting

Victim(s): Sayed Faisal

Date of Incident: January 04, 2023

Suspect(s):

Report Number: 3

1. On Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at approximately 1400 hrs, I was notified by the Troop-H Duty Lieutenant to respond to 59 Chestnut Street in Cambridge to assist in the above investigation.
2. At approximately 1450 hrs, I arrived at 59 Chestnut Street, Cambridge. The weather was currently cloudy and approximately 40°F. Chestnut Street, along with several surrounding streets, was taped off with yellow crime scene tape and uniformed officers from the Cambridge Police Department were present. Members of the Cambridge Police Department advised me of the initial investigation and apprised me of the various locations where their department had placed yellow evidence placards marking items of evidence. At this time, Trooper Gabrielle Reardon #4777 & Sergeant Ryan Hodgdon #3286, both of the MSP Crime Scene Services Section in Boston, arrived on scene to assist.
3. I subsequently met with case officer Trooper Francis Torres #4636, and several additional members, of the MSP Middlesex County Detective Unit, who requested I document the scene with digital photography. Trooper Reardon was then assigned to complete video and a rough sketch of the scene.
4. I was first requested to photograph two service weapons, one firearm and associated magazines with ammunition and one less-lethal weapon, in the custody of and provided by a member of the Cambridge Police Department. The firearm was then collected by members of the MSP Firearms Identification Section.
5. At the request of Trooper Torres, and with written consent from the residents, I then documented the view points from two reported witnesses of the incident. Trooper Eric Hayes of the MSP Middlesex County Detective Unit and I first responded to the second floor residence of 59 Chestnut Street. The view looking out from the kitchen window along the right side of the residence above the driveway, along with the rear porch door facing the backyard, were photographed as described by the witness. We then responded to the second floor residence of 55 Chestnut Street. The view looking out from the dining room windows along the left side of the residence directly above the driveway of 59 Chestnut St, along with the rear window of the kitchen overlooking the backyards of both 55 and 59 Chestnut Street, were photographed as requested.

6. Forensic Scientists Brian Cunningham and John Rufo of the MSP Crime Laboratory arrived on scene, at which time we responded to Putnam Ave. The building located at 625 Putnam Ave, a multi-level residential apartment complex, was taped off with yellow crime scene tape and uniformed officers from the Cambridge Police Department were present. I was directed to the right side of the building where a broken window from an apartment on the 1st floor was visibly broken with the screen and shards of glass scattered on the mulch below. The window appeared to be open several inches, in addition to the glass being broken, and red/brown stains were visible along the white areas of the window and surrounding frame.
7. A cement walkway surrounded the building, leading to the rear of 625 Putnam Ave and connecting and additional buildings on the property. Visible red/brown stains were observed from the broken window along the cement walkway throughout the property. Adjacent to the broken window was a large area of red/brown stains with four large pieces of broken glass. The broken glass was later collected and turned over to the Middlesex County Detective Unit. On the walkway at the rear of the building was a white sweatshirt with visible red/brown stains, later collected by the Forensic Scientists. The area surrounding 625 Putnam Ave was documented as requested.
8. At this time, I, along with the Forensic Scientists, walked the reported path of the victim, with a detective from the Cambridge Police Department. Forensic Scientist Cunningham labeled numerous areas of red/brown stains beginning at the broken window, the walkway on the property of 625 Putnam Ave, the sidewalks of Sidney Street, Grove Ave, Waverly Street, and Chestnut Street. All areas of labeled red/brown stains were photographed as requested.
9. Upon completion, I returned to 59 Chestnut Street. I photographed the exterior of the residence and the immediate surrounding area. I proceeded into the driveway towards the backyard of the residence. In the driveway, to the left of a parked red Ford Focus bearing MA registration 7YXW30, was a part of a less-lethal projectile marked with evidence placard #1. Along the right side of the driveway, slightly behind the red Ford Focus, was an additional part of a less-lethal projectile, marked with evidence placard #2. Both of these items were collected at the completion of documenting the scene and turned over to the MSP Middlesex County Detective Unit.
10. The end of the driveway opened up into a fenced-in backyard, surrounded by additional buildings and residences. Towards the rear of the yard, I observed numerous additional yellow evidence placards from the Cambridge Police Department. Placards #3 through #8 were each placed next to discharged cartridge casings located in a small area closely together in the center of the yard. These items were photographed and later collected by members of the MSP Firearms Identification Section.
11. Directly behind the discharged cartridge casings, further towards the rear of the yard, was evidence placard #10. This placard was placed next to an area of disturbed dirt in the yard that was explained by Cambridge Police to be a possible area of where the officer involved may have been standing at some point during the incident. This area was documented as observed.
12. Near the fence bordering the right side of the backyard, was a large machete style knife with a curved blade marked by evidence placard #9. I photographed this item in place and later collected it for processing at a later date.
13. Additional items were observed in the center of the yard. A green hard-covered Qur'an with red/brown stains was photographed, placed in a brown paper bag and turned over to the MSP Middlesex County Detective Unit. A pair of gray sweatpants with red/brown stains were also photographed in the same area and collected by the forensic scientists from the MSP Crime Laboratory.
14. Upon completion of all scenes on Chestnut Street, I responded back to 625 Putnam Ave for a consent search of apartment #107 with members of the MSP Middlesex County Detective Unit, Cambridge Police Department, and the forensic scientists. Inside the bedroom in question, was a broken window with shards of broken glass scattered on the floor and throughout the bedroom. A large amount of red/brown stains were observed on the broken window, windowsill, floor directly below the broken window and continuing on the floor through the bedroom. Various items of interest from the bedroom, to include a sheath from a machete with a curved blade, desktop computer, and a folder of paperwork, were documented as requested and collected by the MSP Middlesex County Detective Unit.

15. At approximately 2100 hrs, I cleared from all scenes in Cambridge and returned to the Crime Scene Services Section Boston Laboratory. The machete from the backyard of 59 Chestnut Street was logged into evidence as Item #2-1 and secured in the appropriate evidence room for processing at a later date. All photographs were sent to the appropriate personnel.

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