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From: 04/01/2021 To: 04/01/2021

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DEFICER REPORT.
On 04/01/2021 at approximately 0015 hours, I conducted an extra patrol in the area of Proctor Valley Road and Aqua Vista Drive. I observed the four way stop intersection from my parked patrol vehicle on the east curb line of just south of the intersection. Officer DeRosier was also with me and his patrol vehicle was parked directly in front of mine. I had a clear and unobstructed view of the east bound lanes of and their intersection with and . I had a clear and unobstructed view of the stop sign the associated limit line.
observed a dark colored PT Cruiser travel eastbound on approach and . The vehicle did not stop at the stop sign and continued eastbound through the intersection at approximately thirty-five niles per hour. Officer Derosier advised me he observed the same traffic violation and said he would conduct a traffic stop or he vehicle. Moments later, the vehicle travelled westbound back into the intersection without stopping at the stop sign and ravelled south bound onto and . Officer DeRosier followed the vehicle and was behind it at the intersection of and . Officer DeRosier activated his overhead red and blue lights and audible siren. I activated my overhead red and blue lights and audible siren. The vehicle did not stop.
Officer Derosier communicated on his Police radio the vehicle failed to yield. Officer DeRosier directed me to communicate the pursuit details on my Police Radio as we pursued the vehicle. I activated my body worn camera. I described the vehicle and aqua colored PT Cruiser. The vehicle traveled at twenty miles per hour on with no traffic. The vehicle traveled at eighteen miles per hour southbound on and approached at twelve miles per hour. At this time Officer DeRosier mentioned on his Police Radio the vehicle had failed to stop at a total of three stops signs.
requested support from dispatch for a Police Helicopter. The vehicle traveled at ten miles per hour, failed to stop at the stop sign as it turned southbound onto. I advised the initial traffic stop was initiated because the vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign. The vehicle traveled at nineteen miles per hour and approached approached. The vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign as it made a west bound turn onto the stop at the stop sign as it made a northbound turn onto the stop at the stop sign as it made a northbound turn onto the stop sign as it ma
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The vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign as it turned south bound on south bound on the vehicle stopped. Officer DeRosier and I exited our vehicles and initiated a vehicle hot stop. The vehicle traveled again and made a westbound turn onto the vehicle stopped. Officer DeRosier and I returned to our vehicles and continued to pursue. The vehicle traveled twenty-two miles per hour and approached the vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign as it turned north bound onto the vehicle failed to stop at the stop at the stop sign as it turned southbound onto the vehicle traveled twenty-five miles per hour.
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Officer Salvador joined the pursuit and positioned himself directly behind the suspect vehicle. Officer DeRosier started to communicate the pursuit details on his police radio.

The pursuit of the vehicle continued for approximately another hour and ten minutes. The pursuit continued through the communities of Spring Valley, San Diego, and National City. At one point while in San Diego, I observed a San Diego Police Officer attempt to deploy spike strips at the suspect vehicle. The deployment of the spike strips was unsuccessful. I observed the San Diego Police Officer make a quick and sudden retreat towards the sidewalk away from the suspect vehicle that was approximately fifteen feet away from him. The Police Helicopter aired on their Police radio the suspect vehicle nearly struck a pedestrian. Officer DeRosier communicated on his Police Radio the pedestrian was a Police Officer. For more details regarding the remainder of the pursuit, see Officer Derosier's report.

At the end of the pursuit, the vehicle came to a stop at Main Street in San Diego. The I exited my vehicle and ran towards the suspect vehicle. I observed an adult female individual wearing no clothes, run out from the driver door and into the street. The Chula Vista Police dog was deployed by K9 Officer Salvador. The Police Dog apprehended the suspect. Officer DeRosier and I grabbed onto the rams of the suspect. I grabbed the suspects left arm and placed it at her lower back. Officer DeRosier grabbed the suspects right arm and placed it at her lower back. I placed handcuffs on the suspects wrists. I checked the handcuffs for appropriate tightness and I double locked them. Officer DeRosier and I sat the suspect up so she could be in a seated position. I asked the suspect if she had any complained of pain and she said no. I stood by with the suspect until she was treated by medical staff. This concluded my involvement in the pursuit and the final crime scene.

FOLLOW UP.

On 04/01/2021 at approximately 0445 hours, I conducted witness checks in the area of where the vehicle pursuit took place. I activated my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to. I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident I spoke to residents at the conducted my body worn camera for each resident my body worn camera
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This concluded my follow up.

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Steele continued northboo	und on the 125 Freeway and	exited on Jamacha	Blvd. There, we drove in numerous directions

throughout the residential neighborhoods in Spring Valley and Paradise Hills. On 4-1-21, at approximately 0100 hours, we were traveling eastbound on Division St approaching 61st St. I observed San Diego Police Department Sergeant Fitzgerald in position on the south curb line of the intersection in attempts to deploy spike strips to terminate the pursuit. Steele was swerving into both lanes of traffic at a slow speed with her driver door open. As Sergeant Fitzgerald was on the sidewalk, Steele closed the door, swerved, accelerated and drove directly in his direction. I observed Fitzgerald jump out of the way,

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nearly being struck and attempt to deploy spike strips, which were unsuccessful. Based on my observations, I believed Steele had intentionally tried to strike Sergeant Fitzgerald with her vehicle, in violation of 245(c) PC, a felony. The vehicle continued throughout the neighborhood of Paradise Hills and into National City. During the pursuit, Steele threw numerous items out of the vehicle onto the roadway, at nearby parked cars, at pursuing officers' vehicle and in the direction of uninvolved citizens in the area. These items included papers, trash bags, backpacks, numerous empty glass bottles and other items. At various times, Steele would open both the driver door and front passenger doors while driving, nearly striking nearby parked vehicles. She occasionally would stop in the middle of the roadway and exit the driver's seat. When I would exit my vehicle to initiate a high-risk vehicle stop, Steele would throw items at me, get back into the vehicle and flee again. Due to the fluid and rapidly evolving situation, I was unclear as to what was thrown. Additionally, based on Steele's erratic and unpredictable behavior, I believed she was under the influence of a controlled substance. Based on my training and experience, I know that people under the influence of controlled substances can be erratic and display violent behavior. These observations concerned me during the pursuit and I believed Steele would continue these behaviors and be violent towards uniformed officers or citizens within the community.

As we pursued Steele into National City, National City Police Department (NCPD) Officers deployed numerous spike strips, all successfully. Steele's vehicle tires were completely deflated and she continued to drive on her rims at varying speeds up to approximately 50 mph. As she did, she had very little control of her vehicle, drove without due regard and caused a hazard to the general motoring public. There were numerous vehicles traveling on the roadway through the business districts. Steele continued driving westbound through National City until she reached the Main St. At approximately 0140 hours, nearly an hour and a half after the initial traffic enforcement stop, Steele lost control of her vehicle and collided with the east curb line, disabling her vehicle. Steele exited her vehicle and as she did, I made a loud and clear announcement to get on the ground or she would be bit. Steele failed to comply with my warnings and continued northbound on Main St.

Prior to deploying my Police Services Dog (PSD), I took the following factors, circumstances and observations into consideration per the Chula Vista Police Department Policy and Procedures.

- Steele had committed a traffic violation and when a traffic stop was initiated, she fled from Officers Derosier and Marquez.
- During the pursuit, Steele drove through numerous red lights and stop signs at high rates of speeds on residential streets, with no due regard to public safety.
- Steele's driving actions amounted to a felony evading (2800.2 VC).
- Based on my training and experience, I know that suspects involved in high speed pursuits are often involved in criminal activity more significant than a mere traffic violation.
- During the pursuit, a SDPD Sergeant was in position to deploy spike strips to terminate the pursuit. When Steele saw this, she accelerated her speed, intentionally drove in his direction and attempted to strike him, but narrowly missed.
- Should Steele have collided with the SDPD Sergeant at the speed she was traveling, she would have caused life threatening, severe injuries or death.
- Steele displayed the willingness and capability to assault officers with a deadly weapon. Her actions amounted to an assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer (245(c) PC), utilizing her vehicle.
- Steele had thrown numerous items at pursuing Officers vehicles and their person. Some of the items, to include empty glass bottles, could have caused serious injury should they have made contact.
- Throughout the pursuit, Steele failed to comply with Officers orders and reached around the vehicle at will. It was unknown if she possessed any weapons or any items that could be used as weapons.
- Steele had not been searched.
- Based on her erratic and unpredictable behavior, I believed she was under the influence of a controlled substance. Based on my training and experience, I know that people under the influence of controlled substances can be erratic and display violent behavior.
- Using my Public Announcement (PA) system, I made no less than 30 K9 announcements for Steele to surrender peacefully and they were ignored. Numerous attempts at de-escalation were attempted and were ineffective.
- Steele had already proved her intent to avoid arrest by flight and violent resistance.
- The area where Steele crashed and began to flee was a densely populated area, consisting of various businesses and military installations. Her escape would have allowed her to commit further crimes and presented a clear danger to public safety and the community.

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- Due to the rapidly evolving fluid situation, distance and Steele fleeing, less than lethal force options such as a collapsible baton, Oleoresin Capsicum Spray (OC) and a taser were not viable options.

Without the use of a PSD, Steele had a likely chance to commit further crimes within the community.

- Based on all of these facts and potential hazards, we needed to affect the arrest immediately to prevent further crimes, injuries and potential life-threatening actions by Steele.

After Steele ignored my K9 warning as she exited the vehicle, I deployed my PSD and gave him the command to apprehend. Steele was walking away and stripping off her clothes. My PSD made contact with Steele on her left shoulder as Officer Derosier, Officer Marquez and I were approaching her. Due to the short distance between us and Steele and to gain control of her, I pushed Steele down to the ground. Steele turned towards us, yelled "Fuck you, fuck you, no" and swung her fists and arms. My PSD made contact with Steeles right thigh as I took control of her left arm to prevent her from striking us. Officer Derosier and Officer Marquez took control of her upper body to place her in handcuffs and she was still resisting our efforts. As Officer Derosier and Officer Marquez started to place Steele into handcuffs, I gave my PSD the command to release, which he did.

I immediately requested medical attention for Steele and I secured my PSD in my patrol vehicle. Medics arrived on scene shortly after and provided medical attention to Steele. AMR transported her to UCSD for medical clearance. Officer Derosier rode with Steele and I followed. Once at the hospital, I conducted a pre-Miranda K9 interview with Steele. I asked if she heard my K9 announcements during the pursuit and she responded with, "I don't hear mortals." I asked if she heard my K9 announcements when she was stopped briefly during the pursuit and she said she did not speak to mortals. I asked if she heard any of my K9 announcements when she eventually stopped and she responded, "You are excused." Steele refused to answer any further questions.

Officer Derosier spoke with UCSD Medical Doctor Anshus and reported Steele's injuries were not life threatening. She had a small puncture on her left arm, near her armpit as well as three lacerations on the inside and outside of her right thigh.

I contacted SDPD Sergeant Fitzgerald and he gave me the following paraphrased statement. Sergeant Fitzgerald said he overheard, via police radio, CVPD units in pursuit throughout southeast San Diego. He heard the requests for spike strips and responded to our moving location to assist us. Sergeant Fitzgerald arrived on scene at 61st St and Division St with spike strips. As he was on the sidewalk, Sergeant Fitzgerald said she drove at him, so he took a couple steps out of the way and attempted to deploy strike strips, but Steele drove around him. Sergeant Fitzgerald believed she was intentionally trying to strike him to prevent the successful deployment of spike strips.

Lieutenant Oyos notified me that San Diego Sheriffs Department Air Support (ASTREA) sent video surveillance of the incident. I later retrieved the video and uploaded it to Evidence.com.

This concluded my involvement in this case. For further details, please see the attached case and supplemental reports. Officers activated their Body Worn Cameras during this incident, which were later uploaded to Evidence.com.

End of Report

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Division Commander Phil Collum (619) 691-5218

K9 Program Manager Lt. John English (619) 476-2574

K9 Program Supervisor Sgt. Joel Monreal [619] 476-2439

K9 Handlers

Off. Tyler Wall K9 Booker

Off. Gen Murofushi K9 Ranger

Off. Thomas Luhta K9 Bob

Off. Brian Olson K9 Jax

Off. Jordan Salvador K9 Titan

Off. Alfonso Perdomo K9 Mattis

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PATROL OPERATIONS K9 PROGRAM

Protecting today. Securing tomorrow.

Date: April 2, 2021

To:

Lieutenant John English

From:

Sergeant Joel Monreal

Subject: K9 Administrative Review CVPD Case # 2104061

I conducted a K9 Administrative Review of a K9 Deployment involving K9 Officer Jordan Salvador (ID 1190) and his assigned Police Service Dog (PSD) Titan (CVPD Case # 2104061). I reviewed three specific aspects of the incident. First, if K9 Officer Salvador used his PSD properly and according to policy. Two, if K9 Officer Salvador properly documented the incident. Three, K9 tactics and/or training issues seen.

I have been the K9 Program Supervisor for almost three (3) years. Previously, I was a K9 Handler for over six (6) years. During my career, I participated in hundreds of public demonstrations, I participated in three K9 trials, and I apprehended hundreds of suspects using my assigned PSD. I provided training to new K9 Handlers and Patrol Officers. I have also received in excess to 500 hours related to K9 training and best practices. I have attended the California Narcotic Canine Association (CNCA) Conference, K9 Liability 360 Course, Canine Narcotics Detection Liability Course, Canine Legal Updates and Opinions Class, Canine Program Management Course, and the Canine team Evaluator Course. I am also a member in good standing of the Terry Fleck K9 Legal Updates.

During this Administrative Review, I only viewed K9 Officer Salvador's Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage and I read his K9 Apprehension Report. I will not be rendering my opinion or reviewing other Officers involvement and or actions. K9 Officer Salvador recorded four (4) videos:

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<u>FIRST VIDEO</u> – April 1, 2021 at 0030 hours – 1 hour and 15 min recording. Video covers pursuit and K9 Deployment.

<u>SECOND VIDEO</u> - April 1, 2021 at 0147 hours - 2 min and 23 sec recording. Video covers vehicle search.

<u>THIRD VIDEO</u> - April 1, 2021 at 0258 hours - 1 min and 26 sec recording. Video covers post K9 Deployment Interview.

<u>FOURTH VIDEO</u> - April 2, 2021 at 0944 hours - 4 min and 18 sec recording. Video covers helicopter pursuit footage and K9 Deployment.

<u>INCIDENT:</u>

On April 1, 2021 at approximately 0018 hours, several officers responded to a failure to yield around the area of and Road in the City of Chula Vista, County of San Diego. The vehicle was described as blue Chrysler PT Cruiser with CA License Plates K9 Officer Salvador responded to assist with his assigned PSD Titan. The driver and suspect was later identified as Misty STEELE. ASTREA (San Diego Sheriff Department Helicopter) assisted during the vehicle pursuit.

STEELE drove recklessly without any due regard for public safety and led officers on an hour and a half long pursuit through numerous cities, in violation of 2800.2(a) VC. During the pursuit, a San Diego Police Department (SDPD) Sergeant attempted to deploy spike strips. STEELE intentionally drove at a high rate of speed at the SDPD Sergeant, nearly striking him and in violation of 245(c) PC. STEELE's vehicle later became disabled and she fled on foot. PSD Titan was deployed and apprehended her. STEELE was taken into custody and later transported to UCSD for treatment. STEELE received non-life-threatening injuries to her left arm and to her right thigh.

During a post K9 Apprehension interview of STEELE, STEELE made incoherent statements and she appeared under the influence.

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1. Was the use of the PSD proper and according to policy?

Based on my training and experience, I believed the use of the PSD during this incident was done properly and without violating the Chula Vista Police Department Policy. I based my opinion on the following observations:

- STEELE had committed a traffic violation and when a traffic stop was initiated, she fled from Officers.
- During the pursuit, STEELE drove through numerous red lights and stop signs at high rates of speeds on residential streets, with no due regard to public safety.
- STEELE's driving actions amounted to a felony evading.
- Based on my training and experience, I know that suspects involved in high speed pursuits are often involved in criminal activity more significant than a mere traffic violation.
- During the pursuit, an SDPD Sergeant was in position to deploy spike strips to terminate the pursuit. When STEELE saw this, she accelerated her speed, intentionally drove in his direction and attempted to strike him, but narrowly missed.
- Should STEELE have collided with the SDPD Sergeant at the speed she was traveling, she would have caused life threatening, severe injuries or death.
- STEELE displayed the willingness and capability to assault officers with a deadly weapon. Her actions amounted to an assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer (245(c) PC), utilizing her vehicle.
- STEELE had thrown numerous items at pursuing Officers vehicles and their person. Some of the items, to include empty glass bottles, could have caused serious injury should they have made contact.
- Throughout the pursuit, STEELE failed to comply with Officers orders and reached around the vehicle at will. It was unknown if she possessed any weapons or any items that could be used as weapons.
- STEELE had not been searched.
- Based on her erratic and unpredictable behavior, it was believed she was under the influence of a controlled substance. Based on my training and experience, I know that people under the influence of controlled substances can be erratic and display violent behavior.

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- Using his Public Announcement (PA) system, K9 Officer Salvador made no less than 30 K9 announcements for STEELE to surrender peacefully and they were ignored. Numerous attempts at deescalation were attempted and were ineffective.
- STEELE had already proved her intent to avoid arrest by flight and violent resistance.
- The area where STEELE crashed and began to flee was a densely populated area, consisting of various businesses and military installations. Her escape would have allowed her to commit further crimes and presented a clear danger to public safety and the community.
- STEELE selected the area where she came to a stop, it was unknown if she was planning an ambush on officers.
- Due to the rapidly evolving fluid situation, distance and STEELE fleeing, less than lethal force options such as a collapsible baton, Oleoresin Capsicum Spray (OC), bean bag, hands on, and a taser were not viable options.
- Without the use of a PSD, STEELE had a likely chance to commit further crimes within the community.
- Based on all these facts and potential hazards, Officers needed to affect the arrest immediately to prevent further crimes, injuries and potential life-threatening actions by STEELE.

2. Did K9 Officer Salvador document the incident properly?

K9 Officer Salvador completed a report documenting his observations, actions, and K9 deployment. Additionally, K9 Officer Salvador completed a K9 related activity entry in our K9 database "Kats". Kats is a web-based reporting system located at www.katsonline.net. He also completed a Blue Team entry. Based on my review of the documents and video footage obtained, K9 Officer Salvador's written narrative accurately reflects what occurred.

3. Tactics, Best Practices, and Training Issues?

In my opinion, K9 Officer Salvador acted within policy and the deployment of a PSD was appropriate. There was proper communication by all involved Officers making the scene safe. K9 Officer Salvador gave STEELE multiple K9 announcements and multiple opportunities to surrender. STEELE disregarded the announcements and refused to give up.

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Once STEELE was apprehended and, on the ground, K9 Officer Salvador took control of his PSD and gave additional commands to STEELE. Once STEELE complied, K9 Officer Salvador removed his PSD from the bite. STEELE was safely handcuffed by other Officers at the scene. Photographs of STEELE' injuries were taken. There are no tactics or training concerns during this deployment.

Respectfully,

Joel Monreal K9 Program Supervisor CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Incident Report

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Assault With A Weapon

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Incident Details

Weather:

Clear Sky, Wind: 6 mph, Dir: ENE, Temp: 65°F, Humidity: 17%, Press: 1013 hPa

Outside Agency:

Unit Assigned:

K9 Unit

District:

Approved/Locked:

Yes

Locked by:

Joel Monreal

Deployment

Team:

Titan/Salvador

Deploy Time:

2021/04/01 1:40

Clear Time:

2021/04/01 8:00

Callout:

Summary of Event

Activities

Criminal Apprehension

Announcement Date:

2021/04/01 1:40

Surface Type:

Asphalt

Unit Count:

1.00 Arrest(s)

Environment:

ROADWAY

Comments:

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Vehicle Pursuit Announcement Date:

Surface Type:

Asphalt

Unit Count:

1.00 Each

Environment:

ROADWAY

Comments:

Narratives

On 04-01-21, at approximately 0018 hours, I was wearing full police uniform, driving a marked K9 vehicle and on patrol in <u>City of Chula Vist</u>a, County of San Diego. I overheard Officer Derosier conduct a traffic stop in the area of . The vehicle was blue Chrysler PT Cruiser with CA License Plates Officer Derosier advised the vehicle failed to stop for emergency lights and sirens and he was in pursuit of the vehicle. Officer Derosier advised the driver, later identified as Misty Steele, committed numerous moving vehicle code violations as she attempted to evade him, in violation of 2800.2 VC, a felony crime. I responded code 3 (lights and sirens) to Officer Derosier's location to assist. Upon arriving on scene, the pursuit was driving southbound on near As Steele approached the intersection, she stopped facing southbound and I initiated a high risk vehicle stop. Based on my training and experience, I know that suspects involved in vehicle pursuits and attempting to evade

officers are often times involved in criminal activity more significant than a mere traffic violation. I exited my vehicle and
pointed my department firearm at Steele and the passenger compartment of the vehicle. She was the only occupant inside. I
ordered her to stop the vehicle and instead of complying, she started reaching around the passenger compartment of the
vehicle, yelling inaudible words and then drove off again. I took the number one position in the pursuit and activated my
overhead emergency lights and sirens. Officer Derosier and Officer Marquez were behind me and had their overhead
emergency lights and sirens on as well.
intersection, Steele failed to stop at the stop sign, in violation of 22450 VC. As she committed this violation, there were no
attempts to slow down or verify the intersection was safe to enter. Steele was driving at varying speeds between 10 mph and
30 mph and as she did so, she swerved all over the roadway, almost colliding with numerous vehicles. Although the time of
night was late, I observed several uninvolved people walking around and several vehicles traveling on the roadway. This area
was a residential area and the maximum posted speed limit was 25 mph. Based on Steele's driving behavior, it was very
clear that she posed a danger to the community and the general motoring public. I utilized my Public Announcement (PA)
system and made numerous announcements to Steele to stop the vehicle or she would be bit by the police dog. Officer
Lawrence advised that he called Steele, who was the registered owner of the vehicle. Officer Lawrence attempted to
deescalate the situation and convince her to stop. He stated that Steele was rambling and said she was not driving the
vehicle. Officer Lawrence advised that he could hear the police sirens in the background.
Steele drove northbound on and continued onto an and continued onto an and continued onto an and continued driving erratically. Steele was driving at approximately 35 mph and was
southbound turn on and continued driving erratically. Steele was driving at approximately 35 mph and was
driving on both sides of the roadway. As she continued southbound on an an analysis and approximately support and the support of the roadway. As she continued southbound on the support of the roadway and the support of the roadway and the support of the roadway.
out of the way to avoid a collision. Steele drove westbound on and failed to stop at the stop sign at
and . Steele continued westbound on and then northbound on the
125 Freeway. Throughout the pursuit on city streets, I made approximately 30 K9 announcements on my PA system, warning
Steele to stop the vehicle or she would be bit by the police dog. I made those K9 announcements at varying points to ensure
they were heard such as when she rolled down her windows or when she stopped and a high risk vehicle stop was initiated.
Steele failed to comply with any of my orders or announcements.
Steele continued northbound on the 125 Freeway and exited on Jamacha Blvd. There, we drove in numerous directions
throughout the residential neighborhoods in Spring Valley and Paradise Hills. On 4-1-21, at approximately 0100 hours, we
were traveling eastbound on Division St approaching 61st St. I observed San Diego Police Department Sergeant Fitzgerald in
position on the south curb line of the intersection in attempts to deploy spike strips to terminate the pursuit. Steele was
swerving into both lanes of traffic at a slow speed with her driver door open. As Sergeant Fitzgerald was on the sidewalk,
Steele closed the door, swerved, accelerated and drove directly in his direction. I observed Fitzgerald jump out of the way,
nearly being struck and attempt to deploy spike strips, which were unsuccessful. Based on my observations, I believed Steele
had intentionally tried to strike Sergeant Fitzgerald with her vehicle, in violation of 245(c) PC, a felony. The vehicle continued
throughout the neighborhood of Paradise Hills and into National City. During the pursuit, Steele threw numerous items out of
the vehicle onto the roadway, at nearby parked cars, at pursuing officers' vehicle and in the direction of uninvolved citizens in
the area. These items included papers, trash bags, backpacks, numerous empty glass bottles and other items. At various
times, Steele would open both the driver door and front passenger doors while driving, nearly striking nearby parked vehicles.
She occasionally would stop in the middle of the roadway and exit the driver's seat. When I would exit my vehicle to initiate a
high-risk vehicle stop, Steele would throw items at me, get back into the vehicle and flee again. Due to the fluid and rapidly
evolving situation, I was unclear as to what was thrown. Additionally, based on Steele's erratic and unpredictable behavior, I
believed she was under the influence of a controlled substance. Based on my training and experience, I know that people
under the influence of controlled substances can be erratic and display violent behavior. These observations concerned me
during the pursuit and I believed Steele would continue these behaviors and be violent towards uniformed officers or citizens
within the community.
As we pursued Steele into National City, National City Police Department (NCPD) Officers deployed numerous spike strips,
all successfully. Steele's vehicle tires were completely deflated and she continued to drive on her rims at varying speeds up
to approximately 50 mph. As she did, she had very little control of her vehicle, drove without due regard and caused a hazard
to the general motoring public. There were numerous vehicles traveling on the roadway through the business districts. Steele
continued driving westbound through National City until she reached the Main St. At approximately 0140 hours,
nearly an hour and a half after the initial traffic enforcement stop, Steele lost control of her vehicle and collided with the east
curb line, disabling her vehicle. Steele exited her vehicle and as she did, I made a loud and clear announcement to get on the
ground or she would be bit. Steele failed to comply with my warnings and continued northbound on Main St.
Prior to deploying my Police Services Dog (PSD), I took the following factors, circumstances and observations into
consideration per the Chula Vista Police Department Policy and Procedures

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- Steele had committed a traffic violation and when a traffic stop was initiated, she fled from Officers Derosier and Marquez.
- During the pursuit, Steele drove through numerous red lights and stop signs at high rates of speeds on residential streets, with no due regard to public safety.
- Steele's driving actions amounted to a felony evading (2800.2 VC).
- Based on my training and experience, I know that suspects involved in high speed pursuits are often involved in criminal activity more significant than a mere traffic violation.
- During the pursuit, a SDPD Sergeant was in position to deploy spike strips to terminate the pursuit. When Steele saw this, she accelerated her speed, intentionally drove in his direction and attempted to strike him, but narrowly missed.
- Should Steele have collided with the SDPD Sergeant at the speed she was traveling, she would have caused life threatening, severe injuries or death.
- Steele displayed the willingness and capability to assault officers with a deadly weapon. Her actions amounted to an assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer (245(c) PC), utilizing her vehicle.
- Steele had thrown numerous items at pursuing Officers vehicles and their person. Some of the items, to include empty glass bottles, could have caused serious injury should they have made contact.
- Throughout the pursuit, Steele failed to comply with Officers orders and reached around the vehicle at will. It was unknown if she possessed any weapons or any items that could be used as weapons.
- Steele had not been searched.
- Based on her erratic and unpredictable behavior, I believed she was under the influence of a controlled substance. Based on my training and experience, I know that people under the influence of controlled substances can be erratic and display violent behavior.
- Using my Public Announcement (PA) system, I made no less than 30 K9 announcements for Steele to surrender peacefully and they were ignored. Numerous attempts at de-escalation were attempted and were ineffective.
- Steele had already proved her intent to avoid arrest by flight and violent resistance.
- The area where Steele crashed and began to flee was a densely populated area, consisting of various businesses and military installations. Her escape would have allowed her to commit further crimes and presented a clear danger to public safety and the community.
- Due to the rapidly evolving fluid situation, distance and Steele fleeing, less than lethal force options such as a collapsible baton, Oleoresin Capsicum Spray (OC) and a taser were not viable options.
- Without the use of a PSD, Steele had a likely chance to commit further crimes within the community.
- Based on all of these facts and potential hazards, we needed to affect the arrest immediately to prevent further crimes, injuries and potential life-threatening actions by Steele.

After Steele ignored my K9 warning as she exited the vehicle, I deployed my PSD and gave him the command to apprehend. Steele was walking away and stripping off her clothes. My PSD made contact with Steele on her left shoulder as Officer Derosier, Officer Marquez and I were approaching her. Due to the short distance between us and Steele and to gain control of her, I pushed Steele down to the ground. Steele turned towards us, yelled "Fuck you, fuck you, no" and swung her fists and arms. My PSD made contact with Steeles right thigh as I took control of her left arm to prevent her from striking us. Officer Derosier and Officer Marquez took control of her upper body to place her in handcuffs and she was still resisting our efforts. As Officer Derosier and Officer Marquez started to place Steele into handcuffs, I gave my PSD the command to release, which he did.

I immediately requested medical attention for Steele and I secured my PSD in my patrol vehicle. Medics arrived on scene shortly after and provided medical attention to Steele. AMR transported her to UCSD for medical clearance. Officer Derosier rode with Steele and I followed. Once at the hospital, I conducted a pre-Miranda K9 interview with Steele. I asked if she heard my K9 announcements during the pursuit and she responded with, "I don't hear mortals." I asked if she heard my K9 announcements when she was stopped briefly during the pursuit and she said she did not speak to mortals. I asked if she heard any of my K9 announcements when she eventually stopped and she responded, "You are excused." Steele refused to answer any further questions.

Officer Derosier spoke with UCSD Medical Doctor Anshus and reported Steele's injuries were not life threatening. She had a small puncture on her left arm, near her armpit as well as three lacerations on the inside and outside of her right thigh. I contacted SDPD Sergeant Fitzgerald and he gave me the following paraphrased statement. Sergeant Fitzgerald said he overheard, via police radio, CVPD units in pursuit throughout southeast San Diego. He heard the requests for spike strips and responded to our moving location to assist us. Sergeant Fitzgerald arrived on scene at 61st St and Division St with spike strips. As he was on the sidewalk, Sergeant Fitzgerald said she drove at him, so he took a couple steps out of the way and attempted to deploy strike strips, but Steele drove around him. Sergeant Fitzgerald believed she was intentionally trying to strike him to prevent the successful deployment of spike strips.

Lieutenant Oyos notified me that San Diego Sheriffs Department Air Support (ASTREA) sent video surveillance

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of the incident. I later retrieved the video and uploaded it to Evidence.com.

This concluded my involvement in this case. For further details, please see the attached case and supplemental reports. Officers activated their Body Worn Cameras during this incident, which were later uploaded to Evidence.com.

End of Report

Persons

Status:

Suspect

Name:

STEELE, MISTY

Sex:

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City:

DOB:

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Zip/Postal Code:

Race:

White

Build:

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Phone:

Height: Email:

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FPS/NCI#:

Arrested:

Yes

Arrest Time:

21-40-01 01:40:00

Charged: Yes

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