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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

September 12, 2024

Robert Newman, Chief
Corona Police Department
730 Public Safety Way
Corona, CA 92880

Dear Chief Newman:

Subject: Sergeant Robert Montanez, ID# 1607
Agency Report # 23-015838

Please be advised that our office has completed its review of the incident involving the above-mentioned sergeant from your department. After careful review, we have concluded that there is no evidence of criminal liability on the sergeant's part.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL A. HESTRIN
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BY: JOHN AKI
Chief Assistant District Attorney

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Dear Chief Newman:

Subject: Officer Mark Tarrant, ID# 3128
Agency Report # 23-015838

Please be advised that our office has completed its review of the incident involving the above-mentioned officer from your department. After careful review, we have concluded that there is no evidence of criminal liability on the officer's part.

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Dear Chief Newman:

Subject: Officer Matthew Grier, ID# 4357
Agency Report # 23-015838

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Dear Chief Newman:

Subject: Corporal Robert Slane, ID# 2279
Agency Report # 23-015838

Please be advised that our office has completed its review of the incident involving the above-mentioned corporal from your department. After careful review, we have concluded that there is no evidence of criminal liability on the corporal's part.

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Dear Chief Newman:

Subject: Officer Sean Sturgis, ID# 4248
Agency Report # 23-015838

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Corona Police Department

Officer Report for Incident 23-015838

Nature: Assist Othr Dpt
Location: 4A

Address: VIA DEL RIO & BORDER AVE
CORONA CA 92880

Statute Codes: 2800.2(A) VC F (48101) EVADE PEACE OFFICER WITH WANTON DISREGARD FOR SAFETY, 211 PC F (12004) ROBBERY, 664/187(A) PC F (09189) ATTEMPTED MURDER

Received By: Amber Alvarez - **How Received:** T **Agency:** CPD
004363

Responding Officers: Tyler Piconke - 004268, Sean Slane - 002852, , Daryl Sailer - 001813, AIR1, Jesse Marquez - 11231, John Maldonado - 003931, Elizabeth Jolin - 002834, Ryan Hubbard - 001659, Erik Escoto - 004388, Eric Pablo - 004513, Karla Sosa - 004420, Eric Fox - 003546, Carlos Gutierrez - 003124, Daniel Brazeal - 003224, Ramiro Escatel - 004213, Cory Kennedy - 003547, Robert Slane - 002279, Kevin Matty - 003187, Gary Griffiths - 001242, Russell Siemer - 001531, , Sean Sturgis - 004248, Daniel Alvarez - 001219, Daniel Murphy - 004324, Mariel Vega - 003723, Kyle Newman - 004456, Robert Montanez - 001607, John Rangel - 003659, Johnathan Drylie - 003152, Ryan Lambert - 004425, Robert Bejines - 002674, Chad Sisco - 004351, Wade Arens - 003021, John Goodman - 003568, John Healy - 001249, David Dopson - 001226, Kayla Cates - 004247, Mahmoud Shilleh - 004358, , Daniel Clary - 003226

Responsible Officer: Tyler Piconke - **Disposition:** D 03/03/23
004268

When Reported: 14:59:04 03/03/23 **Occurred Between:** 14:58:59 03/03/23 and 14:59:05 03/03/23

Assigned To: Larios L
Status: CLO

Detail: PER
Status Date: 04/24/24

Date Assigned: 03/16/23
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: **First:** **Mid:**
DOB: **/**/** **Dr Lic:** **Address:**
Race: **Sex:** **Phone:** **City:** ,

Offense Codes

Reported:

Additional Statute: 2800.2(A) VC F (48101) EVADE PEACE OFFICER WITH WANTON DISREGARD FOR SAFETY

Additional Statute: 211 PC F (12004) ROBBERY

Additional Statute: 664/187(A) PC F (09189) ATTEMPTED MURDER

Observed:

Circumstances

2UOFF Force - Pointed Firearm
 DAY Day (6 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
 LT23 Service or Gas Station
 INV Investigation
 WRIFL Rifle Used
 CIT Critical Incident - OIS
 HOME Homeless Related Call

Responding Officers:**Unit :**

Tyler Piconke - 004268	141
Sean Slane - 002852	K94
	ZONT
Daryl Sailer - 001813	D42
AIR1	AIR1
Jesse Marquez - 11231	S21
John Maldonado - 003931	131
Elizabeth Jolin - 002834	215
Ryan Hubbard - 001659	S13
Erik Escoto - 004388	221
Eric Pablo - 004513	122
Karla Sosa - 004420	112
Eric Fox - 003546	245
Carlos Gutierrez - 003124	G473
Daniel Brazeal - 003224	111
Ramiro Escatel - 004213	241
Cory Kennedy - 003547	A30
Robert Slane - 002279	Z10
Kevin Matty - 003187	M29
Gary Griffiths - 001242	KL1
Russell Siemer - 001531	S5
	RSO
Sean Sturgis - 004248	D45
Daniel Alvarez - 001219	232
Daniel Murphy - 004324	PAC16
Mariel Vega - 003723	ACO1
Kyle Newman - 004456	231
Robert Montanez - 001607	S3
John Rangel - 003659	M21
Johnathan Drylie - 003152	M25
Ryan Lambert - 004425	K55
Robert Bejines - 002674	D43

Chad Sisco - 004351	211
Wade Arens - 003021	D15
John Goodman - 003568	325
John Healy - 001249	S4
David Dopson - 001226	D9
Kayla Cates - 004247	D54
Mahmoud Shilleh - 004358	331
	TOW1
Daniel Clary - 003226	D12

Responsible Officer: Tyler Piconke - 004268
Received By: Amber Alvarez - 004363
How Received: T Telephone
When Reported: 14:59:04 03/03/23
Judicial Status:
Misc Entry:

Agency: CPD
Last Radio Log: 04:11:31 03/04/23 CMPLT
Clearance: LOK LOCK - RECORDS ONLY
Disposition: D **Date:** 03/03/23
Occurred between: 14:58:59 03/03/23
and: 14:59:05 03/03/23

Modus Operandi:	Description :	Method :
Day of Week	Preferred Day of Week	Friday
Time of Day	Preferred Time of Day	Midday

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
04/26/23	Name		Other
03/09/23	Name		Witness
03/09/23	Name		Witness
03/07/23	Name		Other
03/07/23	Name		Other
03/07/23	Name		Other
03/07/23	Name		Witness
03/07/23	Name		Witness
03/06/23	Name		Other
03/05/23	Name		Other
03/05/23	Name		Witness
03/04/23	Name		Victim
03/04/23	Name		Witness
03/04/23	Name		Witness
03/04/23	Name		Witness
03/04/23	Name		Witness

03/04/23	Name	[REDACTED]	Other
03/04/23	Name	[REDACTED]	Other
03/03/23	Name	GONZALEZ, BENJAMIN	Offender
03/03/23	Offense	Offense#: 25664 - F - 1 count	Charged With
03/03/23	Offense	Offense#: 25666 - F - 1 count	Charged With
03/03/23	Offense	Offense#: 25677 - F - 1 count	Charged With
03/06/23	Vehicle	[REDACTED]	Involved
03/04/23	Vehicle	BLU 2005 MERZ LK3 CA	Impounded
03/03/23	Vehicle	SIL 2010 MERZ E550 CA	Stored
03/03/23	Vehicle	[REDACTED]	Stolen/Recovered
03/23/23	Property	BLK Rifle BUSHMASTER MCDXM15-E2S 0	Evidence

Narrative

INCIDENT RECORDED ON BODY/DASHBOARD CAMERA:

Yes

SCENE:

This incident occurred at the Shell Gas Station located at 1550 E. Ontario Ave. Corona, CA 92881. The Shell Gas Station is located east of the 91 freeway. The gas station consists of 16 gas pumps that are located north of the food mart. The gas pumps are divided into 4 columns that go from north to south. This incident occurred at pump #13 which is located on the north side of the pumps, closer to Ontario Ave.

POINT OF ENTRY/EXIT:

█ left the driver side door open after he ran away from the location. Benjamin made entry into the vehicle from the open driver side door.

WEAPON/INSTRUMENT:

A black rifle was used during the incident.

EVIDENCE:

Digital photographs of the victim
BWC Footage

INJURIES:

█ did not suffer any injuries during the incident. █ was offered medical, but he declined.

PROPERTY TAKEN:

█ was taken from the scene.

ASSISTING PERSONNEL:

Detective D. Sailer - Witness statements from █
Detective W. Arens - Detective on scene
Officer J. Maldonado - Witness statements from █
Officer B. Sanhamel - Witness statement from █
Officer M. Shilleh - Following Hamner Tow

CSO R. Lambert - CHP 180

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS:

Sr Detective L Larios - Investigative report
Detective D. Sailer - Witness statements
Officer J. Maldonado - Witness statements
Officer B. Sanhamel - Witness statements
Officer C. Kennedy - Hearing the gun shot at the gas station.
Officer M. Shilleh - Following Hamner Tow
Officer L. Mundt - Obtaining Air-1 and Ontario-30 video footage
Officer R. Escatel - Pursuit involvement
Officer C. Sisco - Pursuit and suspect arrest

DETAILS:

On 03/03/2023 at approximately 1500 hours, I was dispatched to the area of Via Del Rio and Border Ave. in the City of Corona; County of Riverside reference assistance for an outside agency. Ontario Police Departments Helicopter, Ontario-30, was flying over the City of Corona when they notified Corona Police Dispatch they were following a Silver 2010 Mercedes Benz E550 (CA #8UDP879) in the area of Via Del Rio and Border Ave. Ontario-30 advised the vehicle

they were following was wanted for V.C. 20002 - Hit and Run, V.C. 23103 - Reckless driving, and V.C. 2800.2 - Felony evading. Ontario-30 followed the vehicle until it stopped at 19300 Rising Sun Rd. El Cerrito, CA 92881, an unincorporated area of Corona.

After the vehicle was stopped, Riverside Police Department's helicopter, Air-1, was in the area and advised CPD officers the suspect, later identified as Benjamin Gonzalez, had exited the vehicle and went into the residence. He later exited the residence with what appeared to be a long rifle. Benjamin was seen getting back into the Silver Mercedes Benz and proceeded to drive to the area of the Shell Gas Station located at 1550 E. Ontario Ave. Corona, CA 92881. Air-1 advised Benjamin entered the parking lot of the gas station and was driving around the gas pumps of the Shell before he parked the Mercedes Benz in front of the food mart. Air-1 advised they lost visual of Benjamin due to their positioning but believed he may have entered the business. Air-1 advised they saw Benjamin walk out of the business and around a vehicle. At this time, Officer Kennedy arrived on scene, heard a gunshot and saw a black truck drive away, see Officer Kennedy's supplemental report for further information.

Before my arrival, Benjamin had fled the scene in the victim's, [REDACTED] and CPD Officers were in pursuit. See attached supplemental reports from Officers involved in the vehicle pursuit for further information.

Upon my arrival, Officer Sanhamel and I located the Silver Mercedes Benz that was being followed by Ontario-30 in front of the food mart with the driver side door open. After verifying no one was inside of the Mercedes Benz, I contacted [REDACTED] who was standing on the west side of the business. [REDACTED] stated he was the victim and Benjamin shot a round from an assault rifle. I checked [REDACTED] person and verified he had no gunshot wounds or injuries. [REDACTED] was offered medical, but he declined. [REDACTED] advised me he was parked at pump #13 when the incident occurred. I checked the area of pump #13 and located 1 shell casing on the ground in front of pump #13. Officer Maldonado was already on scene and entered the food mart of the gas station to contact anyone inside of the business.

Once I was able to get the gas station secured, I spoke with [REDACTED] and the following is a summary of his statement. [REDACTED] stated on 03/03/2023 at approximately 1505 hours, he arrived at the gas station in his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated he parked at gas pump #13 and began to get gas. [REDACTED] stated he had his driver's side door open and was standing in between the door and driver's seat while on his cell phone. [REDACTED] stated he saw Benjamin approach from the food mart with what he thought was a spray bottle. [REDACTED] thought Benjamin was homeless and trying to get a couple of dollars from him. [REDACTED] stated he then saw the rifle in Benjamin's hands but thought it was fake. As Benjamin approached [REDACTED] he told [REDACTED] to back his truck up to which [REDACTED] waved him off. [REDACTED] stated he took his eye off of Benjamin, that's when [REDACTED] heard Benjamin say, "hey I need your truck". [REDACTED] shook his head no (side to side) hoping Benjamin would leave. [REDACTED] believed he may have heard Benjamin ask for his truck a third time but was not certain. [REDACTED] stated he recalled Benjamin was resting the rifle on one of his forearms when he heard a shot come from the rifle. [REDACTED] stated he was unsure which direction the rifle was pointing when the round was fired. At this point, [REDACTED] was in fear for his safety and ran away from his truck. [REDACTED] stated he proceeded to run towards the Mountain View Tire Center located at 1630 E. Ontario Ave. Corona, CA 92881. [REDACTED] stated he recalled hearing Benjamin asking for the keys and [REDACTED] told him they were in his cup holder. At this point Benjamin shut the door to the [REDACTED] and left the area. This concluded my interview with [REDACTED]

Officers Maldonado, Sanhamel and Detective Sailer assisted with obtaining witness statements, see their supplemental reports for further information.

I stood by at the scene until Detective Arens arrived and control of the scene was turned over to him. See Detective Arens report for further information.

Once the scene was processed, the Silver Mercedes Benz was stored for an evidence hold per V.C 22655.5 and was towed by Hamner Towing. CSO Lambert assisted in completing the CHP 180. Officer Shilleh followed the tow truck to the secured facility, see Officer Shilleh's supplemental report for further information.

DISPOSITION:

Arrest - Forward to Detective Bureau

Supplement

Sequence: 1

Officer: John Maldonado - 003931

PREPARED BY: Officer J. Maldonado #003931 (Corona Police Department)

INCIDENT RECORDED ON BODY/DASHBOARD CAMERA:
Yes.

EVIDENCE:

1. (1) Crime Scene Log

NOTE:

For ease of reading, the persons mentioned in this report will be referred to by their first names.

DETAILS:

On 03/03/2023 at approximately 1515 hours, I responded to the Shell Gas Station located at 1550 E Ontario Ave in the City of Corona, Riverside County, in reference to a male who was involved in a pursuit from Ontario, CA. With live updates from Ontario PD's airship "Ontario-30", and Riverside PD's airship "Air-1" the pilots advised the male walked into the gas station with a long gun in his hand. As units were responding to the gas station, Air-1 advised that the male walked out of the gas station and Ontario-30 advised they heard a shot. Air-1 then advised officers that a black truck left the Shell Gas station and it was unknown if that truck had been carjacked by the male suspect with the long gun or not. A few moments later, the black truck got on the 15 northbound freeway at Ontario Ave and it was determined that the male suspect with the long gun was in the black truck.

As law enforcement units from the Corona Police Department and California Highway Patrol pursued the truck on the 15 northbound freeway, I exited the 15 freeway northbound off-ramp at Ontario Ave and arrived at the Shell Gas Station along with Officers Piconke and Sanhamel.

Officers Piconke and Sanhamel cleared the suspect vehicle and once cleared, I checked on the individuals who were inside the Food Mart at the time of the shooting.

No one inside was injured and I began speaking to the clerks, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that they were working behind the front counter when they witnessed the suspect walk into the store with a long gun. [REDACTED] said she thought it was weird and thought to herself it (the rifle) could not be real. [REDACTED] advised that the male suspect walked towards the energy drink/juice aisle and grabbed a few items. He then asked for some cigarettes' and [REDACTED] gave them to him. They both advised that the male suspect exited the store, and approached a customer who was filling up his black truck (at pump #13). The suspect then took the pump out of the truck, shot the rifle in an unknown direction, and got in the black truck. They advised the male suspect then left the scene in the black truck.

After speaking to [REDACTED] I spoke to several witnesses. I first spoke with [REDACTED] who advised he was buying energy drinks when he turned to his left and saw the suspect with an assault rifle grabbing a drink. [REDACTED] looked at him but could not understand if he had a real gun. [REDACTED] advised he did not

know how to react and advised he heard the suspect ask for cigarettes. [REDACTED] stated the cashier lady yelled at the suspect as the suspect walked out. [REDACTED] then heard one gunshot and saw the truck "take off". [REDACTED] stated he did not know if the truck was the suspect's or not. [REDACTED] advised he saw tattoos on the male and advised he was a white male adult.

I then spoke to [REDACTED] who advised the same thing as her [REDACTED]. She did not give a statement other than advising that she witnessed the same thing as her [REDACTED].

After speaking to [REDACTED] I spoke with [REDACTED] who advised he pulled up to the gas station as the suspect had already driven away from the scene. He advised police officers were already on the scene and he was stuck inside the crime scene as his vehicle was at pump #13.

I spoke to [REDACTED] who advised he was inside the food mart getting coffee when he heard one gunshot outside. [REDACTED] advised he looked outside to see what happened but advised the clerk told him to get down.

At around 1740 hours, I took over the crime scene log from Officer Matty and at 2041 hours, the crime scene log was closed. I later scanned the crime scene log and uploaded it to Spillman. I then logged the crime scene log into the Corona Police Department evidence room as evidence.

DISPOSITION:

Refer to initial report.

Supplement

Sequence: 3

Officer: Brett Sanhamel - 004154

INCIDENT RECORDED ON BODY/DASHBOARD CAMERA: YES.

DETAILS:

On March 3, 2023, at approximately 1459 hours, I responded to a call for service at the Shell Gas station, located at 1550 E. Ontario Ave. Corona, Ca 92880, reference a male who was involved in a pursuit in a nearby city. Prior to my arrival, I was advised by CPD dispatch the male subject had fired rounds from a gun and fled the scene in a truck. I arrived on scene and located the male suspect's vehicle parked in the parking lot of the gas station. Ofc. Piconke and I cleared the vehicle and determined nobody else was inside of it. I walked into the gas station and made sure all of the customers and gas station clerks were unharmed and did not need medical attention.

After the scene had been contained, I spoke with two witnesses about the incident, (WT) [REDACTED] and (WT) [REDACTED]. I spoke with [REDACTED] first and the following is a summary of his recorded statements.

[REDACTED] stated he and his girlfriend ([REDACTED]) were walking into the Shell gas food mart at approximately 1510 hours and saw a police unit drive eastbound on Ontario Ave. with its lights and sirens on. [REDACTED] stated they walked into the food mart and he stood by the area where the chips were being sold. [REDACTED] said he saw a Hispanic male adult walk into the food mart and carrying a black assault rifle. [REDACTED] stated he noticed the male walk towards the drink section and grab a juice from it. [REDACTED] said the male walked to the front register, asked for a pack of cigarettes, and walked outside. [REDACTED] stated he saw the male get into an argument with another male (VM) outside by the gas pumps. [REDACTED] said he could not hear what they were arguing about and saw the male still holding the rifle and pointing it at the ground. [REDACTED] said he heard one gunshot shortly later and took cover behind one of the food shelves. [REDACTED] stated he saw the male holding the rifle get into a black truck and drive away. [REDACTED] described the male as a Hispanic male adult (HMA) with short black/white hair, wearing a black Raiders jersey, black shorts, black shoes, and had tattoos on the right side of his face and neck. [REDACTED] stated he did not get a good look at the male and would possibly be able to identify him if seen again.

After speaking with [REDACTED] I spoke with his [REDACTED]. The following is a summary of [REDACTED] recorded statements.

[REDACTED] stated she and [REDACTED] were walking into the food mart of the gas station at approximately 1515 hours, when she noticed a police unit drive eastbound on Ontario Ave with its lights and sirens on. [REDACTED] stated she was shopping for snacks inside the food mart when [REDACTED] pulled her towards him and said that guy has a gun. [REDACTED] stated she was confused and did not see anybody with a gun inside of the food mart. [REDACTED] stated she heard a cashier say "hey, wait wait." [REDACTED] stated she looked around the store and did not know who the cashier was talking to. [REDACTED] stated she then heard one gunshot outside in the parking lot of the gas station and saw a black truck drive away. [REDACTED] stated she never saw a male subject with a gun and did not see the firearm either.

After speaking with both of the witnesses, I established a security position by the suspect's vehicle and contained the crime scene until it was later cleared. I also filled out a CHP 180 form for [REDACTED] stolen vehicle (victim of the carjacking). It should be noted the CHP 180 form was filled out after [REDACTED] had been removed from the scene and his signature was not obtained for the form.

DISPOSITION: Refer to original report for further details.

Supplement

Sequence: 4

Officer: Mahmoud Shilleh - 004358

Officer Shilleh prepared this supplemental report.

On 3-3-2023 at approximately 2016 hours, I was working Corona Police patrol in full uniform and was contacted by Detective Arens to assist with ensuring the safe storage of the suspect vehicle 2010 silver Mercedes E550 CA license plate 8UDP379.

I responded to the Shell gas station located at 1550 E Ontario Ave. in the City of Corona, Riverside County. I followed the Hamner tow truck to the tow yard located at 2125 Railroad St. City of Corona, Riverside County.

Upon arrival the vehicle was removed off of the tow truck bed and placed inside of a secure storage. I insured the vehicle was locked and secure by pressing the lock button and hearing the audible tone of the cars alarm system indicating it was locked. I visually inspected the locking mechanisms of the car ensuing they were in a down position and flush with the car doors interior indicating the vehicle was locked.

I then observed the main door of the storage unit be shut and locked from the interior. The exterior was then locked and secured by Hamner tow operator Steven. I then left the location and delivered the vehicle's key to Detective Arens.

DISPOSITION:

Refer to original narrative for further details of this incident.

Supplement

Sequence: 5

Officer: Landon Mundt - 004455

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT: Officer Mundt

DETAILS:

On 03/03/23, at approximately 1900 hours, I contacted Flight Officer Mike Ayala #80545 from Ontario Police Department, at the Corona Airport. Officer Ayala provided me with video footage from Ontario Police Department helicopter of a pursuit Corona Police Department officers were involved in.

At approximately 2000 hours, I contacted Flight Officer Bryan Moulton from the Riverside Police Department, at the Riverside Airport. Officer Moulton provided video footage from Riverside Police Department helicopter of the pursuit.

I provided both copies of the pursuit footage to Sergeant Glenn.

DISPOSITION:

Please attach to initial report.

Supplement

Sequence: 6

Officer: Ramiro Escatel - 004213

INCIDENT RECORDED ON BODY/DASHBOARD CAMERA: YES or NO (Explanation required NO)

Yes-The incident was recorded on my body worn camera and unit dash camera (79302)

DETAILS:

On March 3rd, 2023, I was employed as a police officer for the City of Corona, County of Riverside. I was driving a marked black and white police vehicle, unit #79302. Corporal A. Gutierrez (Field Training Officer) was in the passenger seat of the vehicle. We were wearing full Corona Police Department uniforms.

At approximately 1459 hours, Corona Police Dispatch was advised of a male who was involved in a vehicle pursuit with officers from the Chino Police Department. Officers stopped pursuing the vehicle, however, the Ontario Police Department's airship (Air-30) was following the vehicle by air. The pilot advised the male possibly walked into the Shell Gas Station located at 1550 E Ontario Ave, in the City of Corona, with a rifle in his hand. At approximately 1512 hours, I arrived to the Shell Gas Station. I saw a male driving a black truck through the parking lot while holding a rifle. The black truck left the gas station heading westbound on Ontario Ave. Officers at the scene and I initiated a pursuit. I remained in the pursuit until I was directed to cancel pursuing by a supervisor. Refer to the assisting officers' reports for details on the pursuit.

I was then assigned to help secure and preserve the scene of an Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) in the area of Myrtle Ave & E. Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach, Ca. Members of the Long Beach Police Department subsequently took over the OIS scene. Refer to Long Beach Police Department's case #23-11495 for further. While Long Beach Detectives were interviewing witnesses, I recorded the interviews on my department issued body worn camera. The following are the interviews I recorded on my department issued body worn camera.

1.
Interviewer: Long Beach Police Detective Hutchinson.
Interviewee: [REDACTED] (witness), date of birth [REDACTED] CDL: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Phone # [REDACTED]

2.
Interviewer: Long Beach Police Detective Colliee.
Interviewee: [REDACTED] (witness), date of birth [REDACTED] CDL: [REDACTED]
Phone # [REDACTED]

DISPOSITION:

Refer to Initial and supplemental reports for further details.

Supplement

Sequence: 7

Officer: Chad Sisco - 004351

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT CREATED BY OFFICER C. SISCO (#004351)

NOTE:

During the pursuit, Ontario Police Department, Riverside Police Department, and other allied agencies helicopters assisted in providing real-time updated information to all assisting officers via radio communication. The following is a summary of the vehicle pursuit.

DETAILS:

On 03-03-2023, I was employed as a full-time police officer by the City of Corona Police Department, wearing a full police uniform and driving a marked black and white police car (79327). At about 1501 hours, I assisted other Corona Police Officers in a vehicle pursuit of a carjacking suspect, later identified as (Offender) Benjamin Gonzalez, armed with a rifle. Officer Sean Slane had attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, a Black [REDACTED] (CA# [REDACTED]) in the area of East Ontario Avenue and the Northbound I-15 onramp by activating his emergency lights, with a forward-facing red light, and sirens; however, Benjamin failed to yield. As a result, Benjamin began traveling at a high rate of speed onto the I-15 Northbound.

After hearing this information, I activated my emergency lights and sirens, entered the Eastbound 91 Freeway from South Main Street, and continued to the I-15 Southbound. During this time, it was relayed over the radio by the pursuing Corona Police Officer that Benjamin was traveling I-15 Northbound in the "FasTrak" lanes, approaching the Magnolia Avenue exit at speeds exceeding 100 MPH. I exited from the I-15 Southbound onto Magnolia Avenue exit and entered the I-15 Northbound in an attempt to catch up to the pursuit. Due to the heavy traffic conditions, I crossed all lanes of traffic and entered the "FasTrak" lanes. Benjamin continued Westbound on the 91 Freeway, at speeds exceeding 100 MPH in the "FastTrak" lanes. As he neared the Lakeview Avenue exit, Corona Police Officer Sturgis had seen the vehicle continuing to travel Westbound on the 91 Freeway. Officer Sturgis activated his emergency lights, with a forward-facing red light, and sirens, and took over as the primary unit in the pursuit, informing Corona Police Dispatch he was behind the vehicle. Shortly after, at the interchange to the 55 Freeway Southbound from the 91 Freeway Westbound, Benjamin stopped his truck in the #2 lane, obstructing the flow of traffic, and an Officer Involved Shooting Occurred.

Benjamin began accelerating at a high rate of speed away from pursuing Officers and onto the 55 Freeway Southbound. Benjamin immediately exited from the 55 Freeway onto the North Tustin Street Off Ramp. Benjamin continued North on North Tustin Street at speeds reaching 70+MPH and entered onto the Westbound 91 Freeway onramp. Benjamin once again continued evading pursuing Corona Police Officers by failing to yield and traveling at a high rate of speed. Because of the heavy traffic, Benjamin was driving without due regard for public safety by committing unsafe lane changes, which almost caused multiple traffic collisions, as well as driving alongside the emergency lanes in order to bypass traffic. Benjamin later exited the 91 Freeway Westbound onto the Artesia Boulevard offramp and continued Westbound Artesia Boulevard. As Benjamin was approaching the Bloomfield Avenue intersection, due to the heavy traffic conditions and his

persistence to evade arrest, Benjamin entered opposing traffic lanes (eastbound) while traveling west. Benjamin, again, traveled against opposing traffic as he approached the Norwalk Boulevard intersection and continued Westbound. At the intersection of Artesia Boulevard and Woodruff Avenue, Benjamin made a left turn and began traveling southbound. Benjamin was traveling at speeds reaching 80MPH while approaching the Allington Street intersection. At this intersection was a school (Mayfair High School and Middle School) that had just been let out, leading to many children walking through the crosswalk. Benjamin slowed down; however, he still proceeded through the first crosswalk without stopping, while children were still in the crosswalk. Benjamin drove through the intersection and approached the second crosswalk and due to the heavy volume of children crossing, he was forced to come to a complete stop.

As soon as the children finished using the crosswalk, Benjamin continued traveling southbound, accelerating at a high rate of speed, and turned right (West) onto South Street. Continuing west onto South Street, Benjamin then turned left (South) onto Autry Avenue. Benjamin then made a right (West) onto Michelson Street before making a right (North) on Fidler Avenue. Once on Fidler Avenue, Benjamin immediately made a right (East) on Bigelow Street and then a left (North) on Pearce Avenue. Benjamin continued his route, making a right (West) onto South Street and a right (South) into the alleyway rear of the 5700 block of Autry Avenue. At this time, Benjamin began turning left (East) onto Montair Avenue to exit the alleyway before coming to a stop, and at this time, a second Officer Involved Shooting occurred.

Benjamin subsequently fled, making a right (South) onto Bellflower Boulevard at speeds exceeding 100 MPH. Benjamin then entered the I-405 Northbound and continued until he exited onto North Temple Avenue offramp and made a left (South). Benjamin drove the following route of making a right (West) onto Willow Street, left (South) onto Cherry Avenue, right (West) onto Pacific Coast Freeway. At the intersection of Pacific Coast Freeway and Harbor Avenue, Benjamin began slowing down once more in his vehicle at the intersection; a third Officer Involved Shooting occurred.

Benjamin continued traveling West onto Pacific Coast Freeway and began the route of making a right (North) onto South Normandie Avenue, a right (East) onto 253rd Street, a left (North) onto Petroleum Avenue, a left (West) onto 252nd Street, a left (South) onto Marigold Avenue, and approximately at this time the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department took over the pursuit from the Corona Police Department. At 255 Marigold Avenue, a fourth Officer Involved Shooting occurred. Benjamin accelerated after the incident and made a right (West) onto 257th Street, immediately stopping, and a fifth Officer Involved Shooting occurred.

Benjamin once again, began accelerating away from Officers and drove the following route by making a right (North) onto Belle Porte Avenue, left (West) onto 256th Street, left (South) on President Avenue, a right (West) onto 258th place, a right (North) onto South Western Avenue until Benjamin had struck a marked black and white police vehicle. This caused Benjamin to lose control of the truck, colliding into a traffic light pole located on the northeast corner of the intersection at 253rd Street.

As I approached the collision location, I saw Benjamin exit the driver seat of the truck and begin running west through the lanes of traffic. I exited my vehicle, un-holstered my firearm, and pointed it at Benjamin, who, at the time, was attempting to open the driver's door of a bystander's Ford Beige Truck who was in southbound South Western Avenue traffic. Benjamin saw me with my firearm

and began running west toward the west sidewalk. Based on the totality of the circumstances, the urgent need to apprehend Benjamin to prevent escape and great bodily injury to himself or others, as well as Benjamin being an outstanding Felony suspect, I pursued Benjamin on foot and tackled him to the ground. Immediately upon tackling Benjamin, Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies arrived to assist me and handcuffed Benjamin.

It should be noted during the vehicle pursuit of Benjamin, Benjamin's driving was reckless and without due regard for public safety. Benjamin had made multiple traffic violations in order to evade arrest, such as but not limited to, driving through red lights, excessive and unsafe speeds, unsafe lane changes, traveling on the opposing lanes of traffic, etc. The pursuit travelled approximately 52 miles and lasted approximately 60 minutes.

Immediately after the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies subdued Benjamin, which required a T. A. R. P. (Total Appendage Restraint Position), he was placed in the backseat of one of their patrol vehicles. As soon as the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Ambulance #85 arrived, Benjamin was removed from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's patrol vehicle and placed into the back of the ambulance. During this time, Corona Police Officer Sosa remained in the ambulance with Benjamin while he was transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Center, located at 1000 West Carson Street in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, for an "ok-to-book" and I followed in my patrol vehicle.

Once at the Harbor UCLA Medical Center, it was determined by Physician Specialist Jessica Keeley and Doctor Sophia Fornbacher, Benjamin had sustained an injury to his "right rear flank" (right back). In addition, I was informed the injury Benjamin had sustained was not life-threatening and did not require surgery. I remained at the Hospital until I received documentation approving Benjamin to be transported to jail for booking at approximately 0200 hours. I escorted Benjamin out of the Hospital and placed him in the backseat of my vehicle. I subsequently transported Benjamin to the Riverside County Jail to be booked and processed for the listed charges.

Supplement

Sequence: 9

Officer: Eric Pablo - 004513

INCIDENT RECORDED ON BODY/DASHBOARD CAMERA: YES or NO

Yes - the incident was recorded on my body-worn/dash camera (79272) and is available upon request.

WEAPON/INSTRUMENT:

A black assault rifle.

DETAILS:

On Friday, 03/03/23, I was working uniformed patrol in my marked black and white Corona Police vehicle (79272) in the City of Corona, County of Riverside. The police vehicle was equipped with overhead emergency lights and sirens which includes a forward facing red light.

At approximately 1459 hours, I was dispatched to Shell Gas station located at 1550 E Ontario Ave in the City of Corona, Riverside County, in reference to a pursuit suspect from Chino Police currently at the location. The Riverside Police Department's airship (Air 1) advised prior, that the male had stopped at a residence located at 19300 Rising Sun Rd in the City of El Cerrito where they observed a male exit the vehicle, run into the residence, and return back to the vehicle with a "long gun" (rifle). The male was then observed driving to the Shell gas station.

Prior to my arrival, I heard Officer Kennedy say "we heard shots" over the radio. Due to public safety, I pulled into the parking lot of the Shell Gas station in attempt to locate the suspect. Due to not knowing where the suspect was located at, I parked behind Officer Kennedy's gray police pick-up truck. While I stepped out of my vehicle, I observed a black truck parked by the gas pumps immediately speed off. Soon after, I heard an officer over the radio say the suspect is possibly in the black truck that took off. Responding officers and I drove after the truck and a pursuit was initiated.

The black truck drove onto the 15 N/B freeway where it continued to flee onto the toll road that transitions onto the 91 westbound freeway. The pursuit continued throughout Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles County. Due to officer safety reasons, I remained in the pursuit until I was advised to cancel pursuing by a supervisor via the radio. I was advised to cancel the pursuit in the City of Long Beach.

DISPOSITION:

Supplemental report only. Refer to initial report for additional.

Supplement

Sequence: 10

Officer: Cory Kennedy - 003547

INCIDENT RECORDED ON BODY/DASHBOARD CAMERA: YES or NO (Explanation required for NO)

ASSISTING PERSONNEL:

- Cpl Rodriguez (Partner with me during the incident)

NOTE:

- The following is a summary of the incident:

DETAILS: On 03-03-2023 Cpl. Rodriguez and I were working a two man unit assigned to Corona Police Departments' Homeless Outreach and Phycological Team (H.O.P.E. Team). I was driving my assigned unit (72061) which is a Ford F150 police vehicle equipped with emergency lights and sirens which includes a forward facing red light. Cpl Rodriguez and I were both in full Corona Police Department uniforms.

At approximately 1459 hours, I responded to the area of Shell Gas station located at 1550 E Ontario Ave in the City of Corona, Riverside County, regarding Riverside Police Departments airship (AIR1) had followed a suspect of a pursuit that Chino Police initiated. Air 1 advised that the male had stopped at a residence on Rising Sun Rd in the City of El Cerrito where they observed a male exit the vehicle before returning with a rifle and driving to the Shell gas station.

As Cpl Rodriguez and I arrived in the area, AIR1 had lost observations of the suspect in the gas station parking lot. Due to AIR1 losing sight of the suspect, Cpl Rodriguez suggested we stop our vehicle on the off ramp to gain the high ground until AIR1 obtains visual again. As we were stopping on the 15N/B offramp at Ontario Ave, I heard a gun shot come from the area of the gas station. For public safety concerns, I exited the offramp and drove into the parking lot of the Shell Gas station in attempt to locate the suspect. As I pulled into the gas station, I saw an unknown male running eastbound through the parking lot from a black pickup truck that was stopped at a gas pump. I also saw a silver Mercedes sedan that matched the description of the suspect vehicle parked with the driver's door open, in front of the front doors of the store.

Due to not knowing the suspects location, I stopped my vehicle in the gas station near pump #11. I exited my vehicle and observed the black truck start to drive away from the pump it was stopped at. As it was driving away, bystanders pointed out the truck. Assisting officers and I drove after the truck and a pursuit was initiated.

The vehicle drove onto the 15 N/B freeway where it continued to flee onto the toll road that transitions onto the 91 westbound freeway. Due to officer safety reasons, I remained in the pursuit until I was advised to cancel pursuing by a supervisor via the radio.

DISPOSITION:

Refer to Initial and supplemental reports for further details.

Supplement

Sequence: 11

Officer: Ryan Eddy - 003679

PURPOSE: The purpose of this supplemental is to document interviews I conducted and the search warrant service at 19300 Rising Sun.

EVIDENCE:

RE1- Digital recording of interviews with [REDACTED] and Benjamin Gonzalez.

DETAILS:

On March 3rd 2023, I received a notification that an officer involved shooting had occurred, involving Corona Police Officers. I responded to the station and was tasked with interviewing the victim of the carjacking, VM [REDACTED] and his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been interviewed at the scene (See Officer Piconke's report for further information), however, I conducted a sit down interview away from the scene. I spoke with both of them in an interview room located in the lobby of the police station. Officer Neuman was also present during the interviews. I first spoke to [REDACTED] and the following is a summary of his statement. Both interviews were captured on my digital recorder.

INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

I first advised [REDACTED] he was not in any trouble and the door to the interview room was unlocked and he could leave at any time. [REDACTED] was seated closest to the door with an unobstructed path to the door. I told him he did not have to answer any of the questions, prior to speaking to him about the incident. I also provided him with instructions on how to exit the lobby by pressing the silver button located on the wall. I then asked [REDACTED] to describe the details about what occurred. [REDACTED] was at El Cerrito Middle School, where he is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and was talking to co-workers prior to leaving. [REDACTED] left work, drove to the freeway and entered the north bound 15 Freeway. He exited the freeway at Ontario Avenue and pulled into the Shell Gas station, located at 1550 E Ontario Avenue, at about 1500 hours. He pulled up to pump number thirteen, facing toward the gas station convenience store. [REDACTED] exited the truck to fill up, and as he waited, [REDACTED] stood with his driver's side door open and was on his phone, facing the driver's seat. He saw SU- Benjamin Gonzalez approaching him from the the direction of the convenience store. [REDACTED] stated he saw the silver Mercedes in front of the convenience store, parked blocking the stalls in front of the store. He did not see Gonzalez exit the car or the store, but believed the Mercedes was the car he arrived in. [REDACTED] did not see if there were any other passengers in the Mercedes.

As Gonzalez approached him, [REDACTED] looked over the door and saw Gonzalez was carrying a pink bottle in his hand with a rag. [REDACTED] also noticed Gonzalez was carrying a, "Long black thing" but at first did not believe it was a rifle. Gonzalez told [REDACTED] "I need you to back up your truck." [REDACTED] initially believed Gonzalez may have wanted money, but as he walked closer to him, [REDACTED] could see Gonzalez was holding a "High power rifle." Gonzalez then said, "I need your truck brother." [REDACTED] did not respond, but looked at him with disbelief. Within seconds of telling him he needed his truck, Gonzalez pull the trigger and shot off a round. [REDACTED] described the shot as, "A shockwave through the gas station, super loud." [REDACTED] estimated he was two or three feet away from Gonzalez when the shot was fired.

After hearing the shot, [REDACTED] dropped his cell phone and began backing up to get away because he did not want to get shot. [REDACTED] was unable to find his phone after the incident. Gonzalez proceeded to move toward the truck and entered the truck through the open driver's side door. As Gonzalez was inside the truck he screamed, "Where are the keys at!" [REDACTED] responded that the keys were in the truck. As he was backing up, [REDACTED] saw police vehicles enter the gas station parking lot. Gonzalez then drove away, and entered on to Ontario Avenue from the east exit. After leaving the gas station, Gonzalez drove onto the freeway. [REDACTED] was then contacted by the police and told them his truck was taken. They asked if he was injured and visually inspected him to see if he had been shot.

[REDACTED] was not sure which direction the shot was fired, or which hand was used to pull the trigger. He described when Gonzalez approached him, he saw Gonzalez holding the trigger end of the rifle in one hand and the barrel of the rifle was resting on his forearm. [REDACTED] was not sure which direction the barrel of the gun was facing and said Gonzalez never pointed the rifle at him. [REDACTED] saw people in the parking lot near the Jiffy Lube, just east of the gas station, but did not recall seeing anyone else in the area.

[REDACTED] described Gonzalez's demeanor when he first approached him as, "Disheveled." [REDACTED] stated after the shot was fired, Gonzalez's body language changed and he, "Looked angry." Based on Gonzalez firing a round, still in possession of the rifle and becoming more aggressive, [REDACTED] stated he was in fear he may be shot and continued to move away. [REDACTED] described Gonzalez as 5'06"-5'07" tall, mid to late forties, "salt and pepper" facial hair, and was wearing a Raiders jersey. [REDACTED] also remembered Gonzalez had a tattoo on the right side of his neck, but was unable to see what it was. [REDACTED] said he would be able to identify the suspect if he saw him again. I later spoke to [REDACTED] and he agreed to come to the station to look at a photograph lineup on 03/06/23.

[REDACTED] does not know Gonzalez and has never seen him or the Mercedes before. [REDACTED] desires prosecution of Gonzalez for taking his vehicle. I asked [REDACTED] if we could conduct a forensic search of his phone and he consented. He then signed the Corona Police Department consent to search form for his electronic device. I then concluded the interview with [REDACTED]

INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

I then spoke to [REDACTED] who had just arrived to the police station at the conclusion of the interview with [REDACTED]. The following is a summary of the her statements:

[REDACTED] lives and works in [REDACTED] and was leaving work at about 1549 hours. She called [REDACTED] phone number and heard an unknown male answer the phone. The male, who later identified himself as "Benji, told her he had taken her [REDACTED] truck. In a later interview with Gonzalez, he admitted he answered the phone in the truck he was driving and spoke to the [REDACTED] of the owner of the truck, and her name started with the letter "A."

When she asked Gonzalez why he took the truck, he told her he needed the truck and he did not hurt her [REDACTED]. Gonzalez proceeded to tell her he took the truck from the Shell station, and she could hear sirens in the background. As soon as she realized the situation was serious, she decided she needed to get as much information as she could about what was happening. He told her he had mental health issues, and has taken medication in the past but was not currently taking it.

[REDACTED] continued to talk to him and as they spoke, he told her he was Hispanic

and was on his way to Long Beach. [REDACTED] shares location information with [REDACTED] and was able to pull up the location of [REDACTED] cell phone as she spoke to Gonzalez. She did not have the data available, but recalled pulling up the location of [REDACTED] phone on her app at the time Gonzalez told her where he was going and it showed [REDACTED] phone was in the LA area. She recalled looking at the location of the phone on several occasions, and said she saw that the locations showed he was traveling on the freeway, on the streets and had also driven by a school during their conversation. Being a [REDACTED] she told him he needed to be careful driving by the school after he stated, "There's all these fucking kids." The data for the locations of [REDACTED] phone at the time, was not stored in her phone and unable to be recovered.

She asked him what his plan was, and he said, "They're going to kill me" over and over and, "You can hear them, they're there." She told him he could pull over and he replied, "That's not going to fucking happen, there's no way." [REDACTED] asked if he was not going to pull over, what was he going to do and he said he didn't know. She again asked if pulling over was an option and he replied, "No absolutely not and I'm not going to jail." He tells her he does not want to die, but said it was going to happen. Gonzalez told her she could watch him on the news, which she felt was so she would believe what he was telling her was happening. Gonzalez told her he had three kids, a twenty five year old, a ten year old and fifteen year old. [REDACTED] told him her first name and asked him his name, to which he replied "Benji." Gonzalez again told her he was not going to pull over, and she would not be able to convince him.

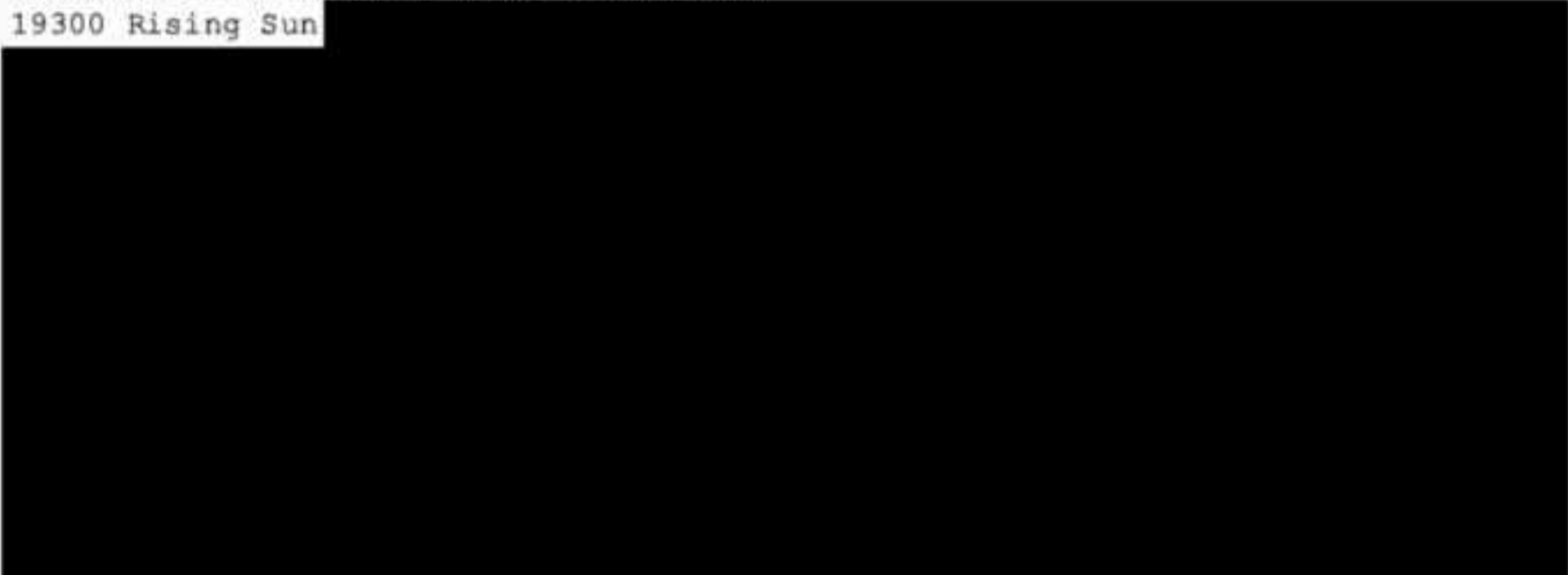
[REDACTED] then began to explain that on two separate occasions she heard shots fired on the phone. She could not tell how many, or if the shots were inside or outside of the vehicle. [REDACTED] explained after she heard a set of shots, Gonzalez replied, "These fucking bastards just shot me in the arm." When she asked if he was going to pull over now, he replied, "No absolutely not, I'm going to have to shoot them to let them know I'm not playing around." [REDACTED] then asked him if he had a gun in the car and he replied, "Yeah." [REDACTED] then heard several shots and he told her he had to, "Shoot one in the air so they knew I wasn't playing around." She told him if he was shooting at police officers, he was now a threat.

[REDACTED] explained in detail that when she heard the first set of shots, it was about three to five minutes into the phone conversation. That was when she believed he told her he had been shot. She then explained she heard the second set of gunshots at about two minutes before the crash occurred, but she was not certain about the time frame.

Just prior to Gonzalez discontinuing the call, [REDACTED] heard tires skidding and the sound of the sirens getting louder. She also recalled the wind noise got louder. Gonzalez then said, "What the fuck, o fuck, fuck, fuck." She then heard crunching sounds and sirens closing in. The phone then went quiet. [REDACTED] said the duration of the phone call was about twenty-two minutes. [REDACTED] took a screenshot of the last location she looked at, which was at the point the truck crashed. It wasn't until after the phone call, that she saw the news footage of the truck crash and Gonzalez running from the truck.

[REDACTED] allowed me to take a photograph of the screenshot she took of the location where the crash occurred. I also took a photograph of the call log, which included the call to [REDACTED] phone when Gonzalez answered. I confirmed the time she stated the call occurred was accurate and the time of the call was twenty-two minutes. I then concluded the interview with [REDACTED]

SEARCH WARRANT SERVICE 19300 RISING SUN
19300 Rising Sun



At about 2020 hours, I relocated to the residence located at 19300 Rising Sun, reference the search warrant service. Upon arrival, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was in the process of the search warrant service. Once the residence was deemed safe, we searched the residence. During the search of



INTERVIEW WITH GONZALEZ

On March 5th 2023, at about 1000 hours, I responded to the Robert Presley Detention Center where Gonzalez was in-custody. I met with deputies and they brought Gonzalez to an interview room. Det. Hutchinson with the Long Beach Police Department, accompanied me into the interview room with Gonzalez. We then spoke to Gonzalez and the following is a summary of his statement:

Gonzalez sat with his back to us and hung his arms and head over the back of the chair. We requested he turn and talk to us, but answered my questions when I asked which confirmed he could hear me. Gonzalez said he was on medication for depression (Zoloft) and taking medication to help sleep, which were prescribed by a doctor. He had been taking the medication for a couple years but was not current on his medication. It had been a couple weeks since he took his medication, since discharging his parole. Gonzalez said he has also been using fentanyl, and last used on Friday 03/03/23 around 0400 hours. He also stated he used methamphetamine at about the same time. Gonzalez then stated he had wanted to die, but was not feeling that way now.

I then read Gonzalez his Miranda advisement from a Corona Police Department form. I read "You have the right to remain silent" and asked him if he understood. He seemed unsure of what I read and asked for clarification. I explained he did not have to talk to us and when I asked if he understood he said, "Yeah." I read "Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law" and he again asked for clarification. I explained anything he tells us can be used in court and asked him if he understood and he said, "Yeah." I then read "You have the right to talk to a lawyer and have him present with you while you are being questioned." He replied, "What?" and I re-read that advisement and asked if he understood. He then responded "Yeah." I then read "If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you before any questioning if you wish." I asked if he understood and he acknowledge that he did. He then stated he had his own lawyer and was waiting for him to call. Det. Hutchinson asked if Gonzalez wanted me to repeat his Miranda advisement and he said he was, "Good." He also responded he didn't need a free lawyer.

We began to talk to Gonzalez and asked to hear his side of the story regarding what happened during the incident. He responded by saying what's that going to change. He stated he was supposed to die, but he didn't have the right people behind him shooting. I then asked him what happened on the day of the incident, and he stated he was having problems with his family. He was not right in the head and he was scaring his kids, so he left. He provided the ages for his children as fifteen, ten and twenty five. Gonzalez said he lived with his kids and wife in Long Beach. He had been gone for a couple of weeks and that created a problem. He made the statement that when he is off his medication he sees things. Gonzalez said he was sleeping in his car, a Dodge Charger SRT8. He was not working and sold cars to make money. The type of work he normally did when he was working was metal work.

He typically stays in Harbor City, the area where he was from. When I asked if that was his neighborhood, he said it was but he "Dropped out." I know from training and experience when a gang member said he has, "Dropped out" it means he is no longer an active gang member. When I asked why, he said he was tired of the, "Bullshit." He then explained because he walked away he had a "Hit" on him. I know from training and experience, "A hit" in the gang culture means he is targeted to be assaulted.

I asked how he got to where he now was, and he stated he got on the freeway in his Charger. He got a flat tire and he called his [REDACTED] to come get him. She came out and he got in her car to drive. He does not remember where he got the flat tire, but remembered he took off fast when he drove away in his nieces car. He saw there was a police officer who saw him drive away fast, but doesn't remember the police trying to stop him. He drove for a while and ended up in the driveway of a house. He did not know whose house it was, and did not go inside. He saw the helicopter when he stopped, and was wondering where the cops where. He later stated he let his niece out of the car when he stopped at the house because she was scared and told him to get out because she did not want him to die. He then left the house by himself.

Gonzalez got back on the freeway, and saw police cars but they were not behind him and thought they were going after someone else. When I asked what he was driving when he got on the freeway, he said he was driving a car but got shot in a truck. He said he got shot on the freeway, three or four times. He had no idea who was shooting at him. Gonzalez does not remember where he was, only remembered feeling blood on his back and feeling dizzy. After feeling the blood,

he said he stepped on the gas. He also stated he wanted to die. Gonzalez owns a truck, but it is an old truck not a new truck. He did not know whose truck he was driving. The only time he said he stopped was when he crashed the truck and then got jumped on and beat up. He does not know who jumped on him.

Gonzalez knows a girl in Corona, but has not been there in a while and does not know where she lives. Gonzalez did not remember going to the Shell Gas station and taking a truck. When I asked why he would take the truck, he stated he was in a hurry to die and that was what he wanted to do. Gonzalez then explained he always has problems with the law. He got into the truck because he didn't remember which vehicle he was driving.

Gonzalez admitted he answered the cell phone in the truck he was driving. He described it was the [REDACTED] of the victim whose truck he took. She told him she did not want him to die. He explained to her, he was going to die and there was nothing he could do about. He might have told her he was shot, and doesn't remember if he told her his name. Gonzalez believed the conversation started after he was shot. Gonzalez said he didn't remember if any guns were in the truck, but stated there were no other occupants in the truck. He remembered the girl's name he was talking to on the phone because she told him her name about, "A hundred times." He would not tell me her name, but when I asked if her name started with an "A" he said it did. He doesn't remember how long he was on the phone, but knew it was for a while.

Gonzalez said he was more familiar with the LA area and was driving on the "Beach freeway" at some point. He said his family's house in Long Beach by the Sheriff's station near the Lakewood mall. Gonzalez confirmed again he was currently being targeted by his former gang and "Probably" had a gun on him the day the incident occurred. Gonzalez stated that the reason he shot at the police was because he wanted to die. He did not want to hurt any of the police officers. Gonzalez remembered being shot at and said it was four times when he was shot at, but doesn't remember if he was shot after he shot at the police. Gonzalez also remembered being at the hospital and being told he was shot.

I asked if he was shot at when he was in the car, and Gonzalez said he was also shot at when he was driving his Charger. He said someone shot his tire and that was the reason it went flat. He did not provide any further details regarding being shot at in the Charger.

Gonzalez stated he was done talking and the interview was concluded.

Supplement

Sequence: 12

Officer: Lisa Larios - 001110

Supplemental report
Detective Lisa Larios

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to follow up with scene(s), witness statements, victim statements, DA paperwork and arrest warrant declaration for suspect Benjamin Gonzalez.

Attachments:

- DA statement of case form
- DA complaint assignment form
- Signed search Warrant for 19300 Rising Sun Rd., Corona
- Bail enhancement for suspect, Benjamin Gonzalez

Evidence:

I logged in the listed evidence into the Corona Police Department Digital on Q System.

- Three digital videos taken from WT [REDACTED] Item LL01(digital only)
- One digital interview with WT [REDACTED] and myself that occurred on 030523. Item LL02 (digital only)

Case Summary:

On 030323, Corona Police Officers were advised that the Ontario Police Department airship (Ontario-30) was following a suspect vehicle, a silver Mercedes that was involved in a reckless driver call and pursuit in the City of Chino, County of San Bernardino. Riverside Police Department's air unit (Air-1) took over observation and said that the suspect vehicle had pulled up to a residence located at 19300 Rising Sun Dr., Corona (unincorporated area of Corona, County of Riverside) and entered the residence. Per Air-1, they stated that the suspect exited the residence armed with a long rifle, got back into the silver Mercedes and drove to the Shell Gas Station located at 1550 E. Ontario Ave., Corona. The suspect then carjacked a black [REDACTED] at the gas pumps and fled onto the freeway. Corona Police Officers initiated a pursuit which traveled through Riverside County, Orange County and Los Angeles County. Several Corona Police Officer involved shootings occurred throughout the pursuit and terminated at 253rd St. and Western Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90717 where the suspect was taken into custody.

Crimes:

Location: Shell Gas Station- 1550 E. Ontario Ave., Corona, County of Riverside

- PC 215 carjacking
- PC 245(A)(2) assault with a firearm
- PC 211 Robbery with a firearm
- CVC 2800.2 Felony evading (Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles Counties)

Location: Various locations in Los Angeles County

- PC 664/187 Attempt Murder on Peace Officer
- PC 245(d)(1) Assault with firearm against peace officer

Suspect:

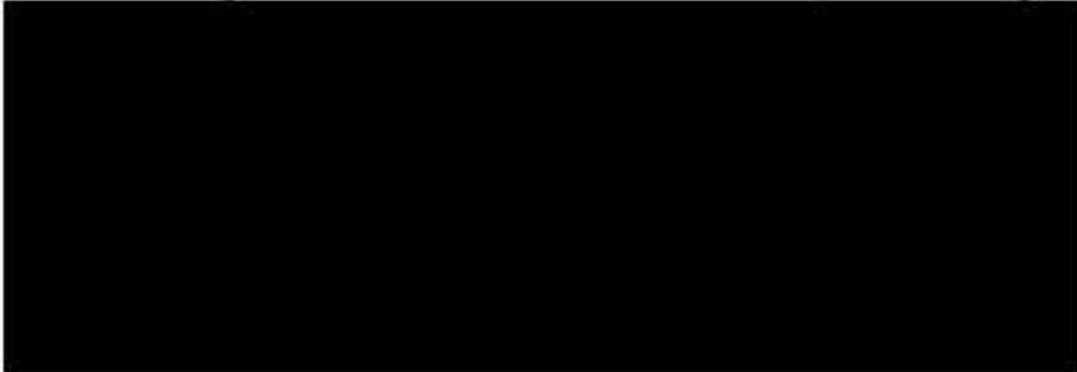
Benjamin (nmn) Gonzales

DOB: 04/01/1978

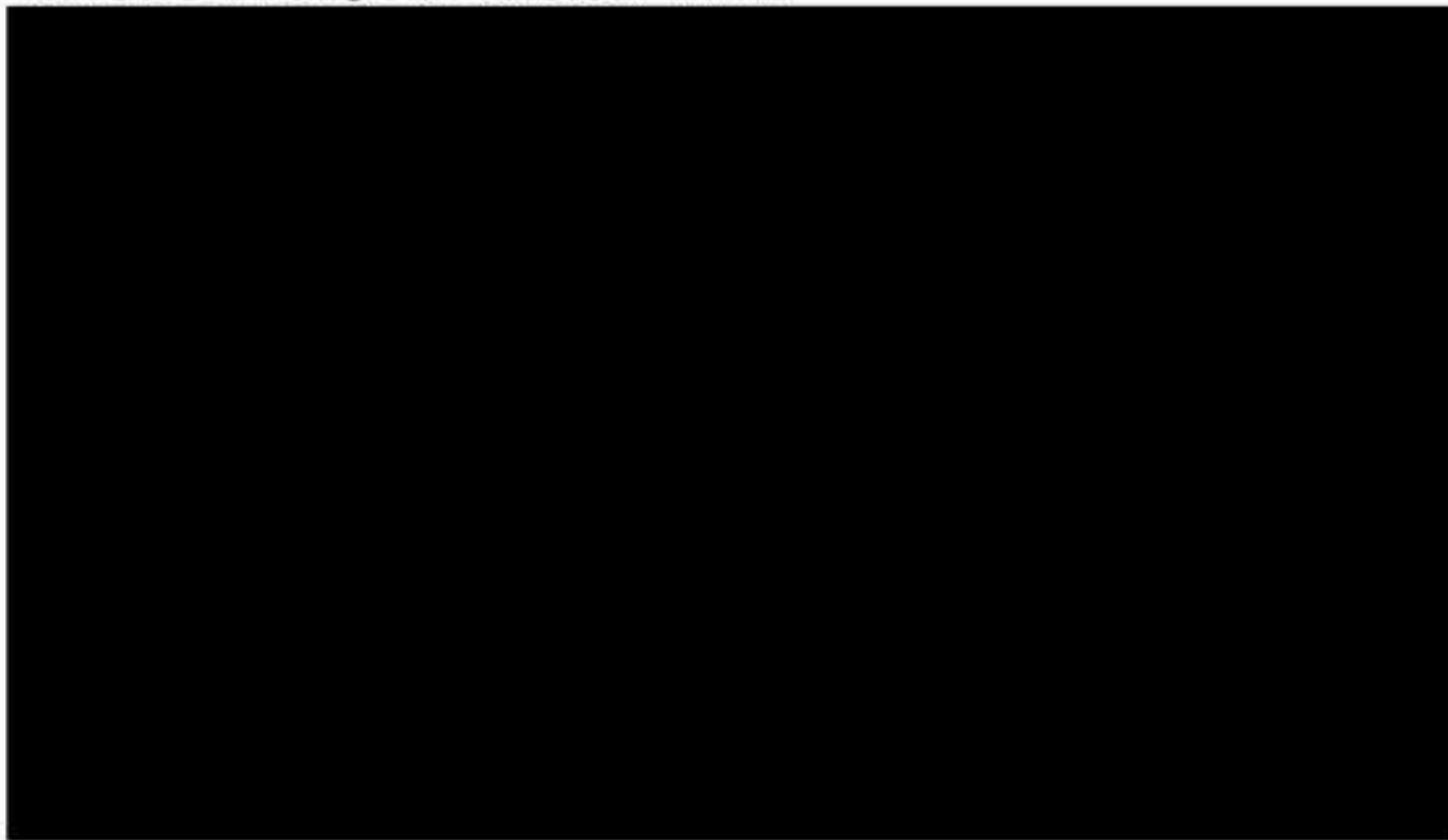
CDL: [REDACTED] Hispanic male, 511, 189, black, brown.

CII# [REDACTED]

ADDs: subject had several addresses (according to RAP and prior contacts):



Criminal History for Gonzalez (RAP):





Assisting Personnel:

*Sergeant M. Vega- scene supervisor for Shell Gas Station at 1550 E. Ontario Ave. and the residence at 19300 Rising Sun, Corona.

*Detective W. Arens- supplemental report
-Shell Gas Station scene at 1550 E. Ontario Ave., Corona

*Detective R. Eddy- supplemental report
-19300 Rising Sun Rd. scene
-Riverside Auto-theft Interdiction Detail unit- case #ZE23063001 (for stolen property located at Rising Sun location)

*Detective D. Dopson- supplemental report
OIS scene at 91 westbound freeway/55 freeway interchange
(Sergeant Healy- scene supervisor)
California Highway Patrol Investigator Kevin Futrell- report case #202300103-616

*Sergeant Painter- supplemental report
OIS scene at 5716 Autry Ave., Lakewood
Lakewood Detective J. Sumner (5716 Autry Ave. scene)- report case #023-04304-1321-055
OIS scene 257th St./Marigold Ave., Los Angeles
OIS scene 255th St./Marigold Ave., Los Angeles
LAPD Detective M. Casaliochico (both Marigold scenes)- report case #2303000003000

*Sergeant Bartlett-supplemental report
OIS scene at Myrtle/Pacific Coast Highway (Long Beach)
Long Beach Detective Hutchinson- report case #DR230011495

*Chino Police Department Detective Nick Roberts-report
Initial pursuit in Chino/arrest- case #23-020209

*Los Angeles Police Department Officer Braceda- traffic collision report
#230506310 (termination point of pursuit)

Details:

On 030323 at about 1459 hours, I was working as a detective with the Corona Police Department. I heard Ontario Police Departments air unit, Ontario-30

broadcast over Corona Police Department radio that Chino Police Department had been involved in a pursuit with a hit and run suspect vehicle in the City of Chino. Chino PD units were no longer following the suspect vehicle (silver Mercedes CA plate 8UDP379), however Ontario-30 said they had observations of the vehicle traveling through the City of Corona.

I then heard Riverside Police Department's air unit, Air-1 broadcast over Corona Police Department radio that they had visual of the suspect vehicle and that it had pulled into the driveway of 19300 Rising Sun Rd., Corona (unincorporated area of Corona). Air-1 said that they saw the suspect, later identified as Benjamin Gonzalez exit the Mercedes, confront a female in the driveway then go into the residence. Gonzalez exited the residence and was armed with a "long gun". Gonzalez got back into the silver Mercedes and proceeded to the Shell Gas Station located at 1550 E. Ontario Ave., Corona. Due to the house being in the unincorporated area of Corona, Riverside Sheriff Department was notified and was requested to respond to watch the residence.

Air-1 said Gonzalez was driving around the gas pumps and exited the Mercedes, leaving it unattended near the food mart. Air-1 lost sight of Gonzalez during orbit and stated they then saw Gonzalez walking around and people running. At about this time, Officer Kennedy arrived to the location and said he heard a gunshot and then saw a [REDACTED] pick up truck flee. Refer to Officer Kennedy's report for details.

Additional officers arrived to the Shell Gas Station where they confirmed Gonzalez carjacked victim, [REDACTED] discharged the rifle and fled in his black, [REDACTED] pick up truck. Officer Piconke and Detective R. Eddy spoke with [REDACTED] for his statement. Refer to Officer Piconke's initial report and Detective R. Eddy's report for [REDACTED] detailed statement and photo line up. Refer to the stolen vehicle/recovery (CHP 180 form) report for details.

[REDACTED] confirmed that Gonzalez told him that he needed his truck while holding a rifle in his hand. [REDACTED] motioned "no" at which time Gonzalez approached him and discharged the rifle. [REDACTED] said he thought he was going to be shot and ran away, a violation of PC 215 and PC 245(A)(2). Corona Officer's located the black pick up truck (CA plate [REDACTED] traveling northbound on the 15 interchange and initiated a pursuit (in a marked Corona PD unit with lights and sirens). Refer to Officer Sisco's report for details on the pursuit. Officer Sisco stated that the suspect was traveling at high rate of speed between 70 to 100 miles per hour on city streets and highways. He stated that there was heavy traffic during the pursuit and that the suspect failed to stop at several red lights, stop signs and went through a school zone while children were present, a violation of CVC 2800.2. He said the pursuit was about 52 miles long and lasted about 60 minutes.

I heard Officer Sturgis inform Corona Dispatch that he was behind the suspect vehicle westbound on the 91 freeway. I then heard him say, "Shots fired". It was later discovered that there was an officer involved shooting in the fast track lanes of westbound 91 freeway, east of the 55 interchange. Sergeant Healy, Detective Dopson and California Highway Patrol Investigator K. Futrell responded to the location and processed the scene. Refer to CHP report #202300103 for details.

I watched Officer Sturgis' dash camera video and discovered that Gonzalez had pulled over and waited for Officer Sturgis and fired several rounds at Officer Sturgis, causing Officer Sturgis to return gun fire.

The pursuit continued to Los Angeles County where Corona Police Officers were involved in multiple officer involved shootings at the following locations:

-OIS scene at 5716 Autry Ave., Lakewood

Handled by: Lakewood Detective J. Sumner (5716 Autry Ave. scene) - report case #023-04304-1321-055

(Sergeant Painter present)

-OIS scene 257th St./Marigold Ave., Los Angeles

Handled by: LAPD Detective M. Casaliochico (both Marigold scenes) - report case #2303000003000

(Sergeant Bartlett present)

-OIS scene 255th St./Marigold Ave., Los Angeles

Handled by: LAPD Detective M. Casaliochico (both Marigold scenes) - report case #2303000003000

(Sergeant Painter present)

-OIS scene at Myrtle/Pacific Coast Highway (Long Beach)

Handled by: Long Beach Detective Hutchinson - report case #DR230011495

(Sergeant Painter present)

There was a total of five (5) officer involved shooting scenes involving the following Corona PD officers:

-Officer Sean Sturgis #004248 (91 freeway/CHP)

-Sergeant Robert Montanez #001607 (LA County)

-Officer Matthew Grier #004357 (LA County)

-Officer Mark Tarrant #003128 (LA County)

-Officer Robert Slane #002279 (LA County)

It was determined that during several of these officer involved shooting locations, Gonzalez exchanged gunfire with several of the Corona Police Officers. I was able to confirm that Gonzalez discharged his firearm several times at Sergeant Montanez and Officer Grier during the pursuit by watching their body worn cameras and unit dash cameras. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Office will be conducting the involved officer interviews at a later time and further investigations and reports regarding the shooting will be submitted at a later time.

I heard officers involved in the vehicle pursuit state that Gonzalez had just collided into a Los Angeles School police unit and then collided into a pole (LAPD case #230506310). Due to the collision, the pursuit terminated at 253rd St. and Western Ave., Los Angeles and the suspect fled from the vehicle. He was taken into custody by Officer Sisco at about 1613 hours and a rifle was located inside the vehicle. Refer to his report for details. After Gonzalez was in custody, it was discovered he sustained an injury to his back and was transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Center (1000 W. Carson St., Torrance, Ca. 90502) where he was treated.

I responded to the Shell Gas Station to assist with the scene. Upon my arrival there, I met with Riverside Sheriff Sergeant Montalvo. He told me that he had several deputies maintaining observation on the residence that Gonzalez had entered which was located at 19300 Rising Sun Rd., Corona. He told me that they received a call from neighbor, WT [REDACTED] who lives at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that she was watching the pursuit on television involving Gonzalez when she heard police activity (sirens/helicopter) outside of her residence. She saw a male, later identified as Gonzalez pull into the driveway at 19300 Rising Sun Rd. She saw him speaking with a female, who she thought was Gonzalez' daughter in the driveway then enter the residence. She saw Gonzalez

exit the house with a rifle and leave the residence in a Mercedes. She said she had some video of the incident which she sent to Riverside Sheriff Deputies.

Sergeant Montalvo said that as RSO Deputies were watching the house they saw a [REDACTED] (CA plate [REDACTED]) arrive to the residence. The female that Gonzalez had confronted in the driveway earlier (when he had retrieved the rifle) got into the [REDACTED] and left the residence. He said no one followed the [REDACTED] and they did not have any further information. Sergeant Montalvo then told me that the [REDACTED] just returned to the residence. I requested that he have RSO Deputies conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle away from the residence in the event it left. Sergeant Montalvo told me that the vehicle was leaving again and that they would be conducting a traffic stop. At this time, I saw the [REDACTED] pull over onto E. Ontario Ave. across the street from the Shell Gas Station where I was standing with Sergeant Montalvo. After the vehicle was stopped, I requested that Detective DeRuyter and Detective Arens respond over to the traffic stop to get information on the occupants and attempt to obtain statements. Driver, [REDACTED] and front passenger, [REDACTED] stated they had no details as to what had happened with Gonzalez. Refer to Detective DeRuyter and Arens reports for details.

On 030523, I called [REDACTED] WT from [REDACTED] and spoke with her on the phone. The following is a summary of her recorded statement: I asked her what she knew about the residents at 19300 Rising Sun Rd. She said they moved in sometime in October 2022. There was a man she knew as "Ben", his [REDACTED] who has [REDACTED] and another unknown female. She believed that "Ben" was a mechanic because he had spoken to her in the past and told her that if she ever needed mechanical work, he could do it. She believed that he worked out of a large storage shed in his backyard. She has seen several different Mercedes Benz vehicles come and go, but believes Ben has a older model, red Toyota pick up truck. She said the blue Mercedes that was in the driveway was new to the house.

On 030323, she was inside her residence when she heard police activity outside. She looked outside and saw a silver Mercedes backed up into the driveway. She saw "Ben" (Gonzalez) get out of the car and saw [REDACTED] yelling at him. Gonzalez went into the house, then exited the house holding a long object that appeared to be covered with something. Gonzalez went inside a blue Mercedes that was parked in the driveway. He got out of the blue Mercedes and she noticed he was holding a rifle. He got back into the silver car and left the location.

Later, she saw [REDACTED] standing outside and frantically flagging down a white Camry that was approaching. The white Camry stopped, picked her up, left, then returned later. She had never seen the Camry there before and could not see who was inside. She went inside her house and turned her television on. She saw there was a pursuit involving Corona Police officers. She saw the driver pointing a rifle at officers and thought the rifle looked like the rifle Gonzalez had removed from the house. She saw the driver's face and realized it was Gonzalez. She saw more news footage of the silver Mercedes at the Shell Gas Station and realized that was the same car Gonzalez had drove away in. [REDACTED] sent me two additional videos which I watched and logged in as evidence. The videos supported [REDACTED] observations/statement. Our conversation concluded.

Detective Arens handled the scene at Shell Gas Station and stored the suspect vehicle for evidence. Refer to his report for details. A search warrant and search of the vehicle will be conducted at a later time. Officer Maldonado interviewed two clerks inside the Shell Gas Station, WT [REDACTED] and WT [REDACTED]. The two clerks told Officer Maldonado that they observed Gonzalez walk

into the Shell Gas Station food mart holding a rifle. Gonzalez retrieved a few items and then asked them for a pack of cigarettes at the counter. Gonzalez continued to hold the rifle. [REDACTED] took the items without paying for them and walked out of the store. [REDACTED] said that as Gonzalez was outside, they heard a gunshot. On 030523, I requested Detective Dopson contact [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to ascertain if they feared for their safety during the incident and to confirm that Gonzalez did not pay for the items. He was unable to contact [REDACTED] however spoke with [REDACTED] who said Gonzales did not pay for the items and that he was in fear due to Gonzalez being armed with a rifle. Detective Arens will be re-contacting [REDACTED] for further interviews/photo line up and will be collecting video from the interior surveillance video. Refer to Officer Maldonado's report for additional witness statements.

Detective Sailer and Officer Sanhammel also spoke with additional officers who saw Gonzalez armed with a rifle at the Shell Gas Station and leave the location in a black pick up truck. Refer to their reports for details.

I then responded to the Corona Police Department where I authored a search warrant for the residence at 19300 Rising Sun Dr., Corona due to Gonzalez going in and out of the residence. Honorable Judge B. Schwartz approved the warrant for night service on 030323 at 2001 hours (refer to attachments "Search Warrant 19300 Rising Sun Rd."). The Riverside Sheriff Department responded to the residence to assist with executing the search warrant. Detective R. Eddy handled the search and scene at 19300 Rising Sun Rd, Corona. Refer to his supplemental report for details. While searching the residence he told me that

[REDACTED]

I responded to 19300 Rising Sun to assist with the search. While there, I was informed that Gonzalez's injuries were non-life threatening and that he would be released from the hospital. I responded back to the Corona Police Department where I authored the PC sheets and obtained a bail enhancement granted by Honorable Judge Schwatz for the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Gonzalez was later transported to Robert Presley Detention Center where he was booked and currently being held.

Note: I called Detective Nick Roberts with the Chino Police Department and he sent me their CAD printout of their call. Refer to the scanned attachment. He told me that Chino PD received a call of a reckless driver involving a black Dodge Charger and Mercedes at the AMPM on Euclid Ave., Chino. As Chino PD arrived to the location, a silver Mercedes (suspect vehicle) evaded. A pursuit ensued and Chino PD terminated the pursuit.

Detective Roberts told me that they contacted a female, later identified as [REDACTED] who was with the [REDACTED]. They located a firearm inside the vehicle and placed [REDACTED] under arrest. Refer to Chino PD case #23-020209. [REDACTED] told Detective Roberts that on 030223, she was contact by [REDACTED] who resides at 19300 Rising Sun Rd., Corona. [REDACTED] asked her to pick up a blue Mercedes in Long Beach and bring it back to his residence. In return, she could spend the night at the house. She said she was the only one at the residence that night. The following day on 030323, Gonzalez showed up to the house and told her that they needed to help someone with a flat tire. She and Gonzalez went to an unknown location where they assisted with repairing a flat tire to a black Charger. They went to the gas