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On Friday, March 6, 2015 at 12:38am, Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Christina McNichol was contacted by Milwaukee Police Department Lieutenant Warren Allen in regards to an "Officer involved death" (OID) investigation. The Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Milwaukee field office was requested to be the lead investigative agency pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 175.47.

SAC McNichol contacted SA's Aaron Koehler, Raymond Taylor and Ricardo Tijerino and directed them to respond. SAC McNichol contacted SAC Klabunde and advised of the assignment. SAC Klabunde contacted Lt. Allen and obtained a brief summary of the event describing how uniform Milwaukee Police Officers responded to a "man with a knife" call at 469 E. Plainfield Ave. A Milwaukee Police officer heard the call and updated dispatch with the correct address of 468 E. Plainfield and his knowledge that there was a subject wanted on a "violation of restraining order" warrant from that location. Milwaukee Police officers responded and subsequently forced entry into the residence where they were met with the suspect holding his wife in a chair with the blade of a knife to her throat threatening to kill her. A Milwaukee Police officer fired one shot striking the suspect in the head. The suspect died at the scene.

The Milwaukee DCI office responded with 8 Special Agents and 2 Special Agents in Charge to the scene. SA Gilbert Hernandez was designated as the lead investigator with SA Ricardo Tijerino as the secondary. The WI DOJ-DCI conducted interviews of witnesses and officers, processed the crime scene along with the Wisconsin State Crime Lab mobile response team, collected evidence and attended the autopsy of the suspect. The suspect was later identified as Tyrone Lawrence b/m 45 yoa.

The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office Investigator W. Scott Lafleur was also present at the crime scene.

REQUEST FOR POLICE SERVICE:

On March 05th, 2015 at approximately 11:45PM the Milwaukee Police Department received a phone call from JT reporting a domestic dispute between Tyrone Lawrence and his wife (SL) at their home located at 469 E. Plainfield. JT reported that Tyrone was threatening his wife (SL) with a knife.

MPD RESPONSE TO CALL FOR SERVICE

SA Hernandez reviewed a disc containing the 911 calls and radio dispatch regarding this incident. The below is a summary of the 911 calls and Police dispatch.

The assignment was created at 23:45:17 dispatch assigned squad #6343 Police Officer (P.O.) Joshua P. Dummann to a man holding his wife at knife point. This call was originated from a third party identified as JT.

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JT reported to the 911 operator that his friend and his friend's wife are going through a divorce. JT reported that his friend is threatening his wife with a knife and that the friend's wife is crying.

Squad #6331 (P.O. Mark Flessert and P.O. Mathew Wagner) was also dispatched as a backup at 23:52:04.

At 23:50:04, the dispatcher identified the husband as Tyrone Lawrence and his wife as SL. Squad #6341 (P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski) cancelled squad #6331 at 23:52:20, and responded to the assignment.

At 23:54:43, Squad #6240 reported that they are familiar with the parties involved and that the correct address is 468 E Plainfield. Squad #6240 reported that Tyrone Lawrence has open warrants for violation of a restraining order.

At 00:03:11, Squad #6341 requested squad # 6331 P.O. Mark Flessert and P.O. Mathew Wagner to respond to their location at 468 E. Plainfield.

At 00:05:13, Squad #6341 requested a sergeant for forced entry.

At 00:10:32, Squad #6310, Sergeant Christopher Bennett is dispatched to meet squads regarding forced entry into residence.

At 00:13:43, Squad # 6331 P.O. Mark Flessert and P.O. Mathew Wagner notified dispatch of shots fired and called for medical attention.

At 00:13:43 Squad # 6331 P.O. Mark Flessert and P.O. Mathew Wagner notified dispatch of W/M 30 years of age with a gunshot wound to the head, not conscious and not breathing. Sergeant Christopher Bennett, a supervisor, was updated of the shooting.

At 00:15:46, Sergeant Christopher Bennett squad #6310 requested a second supervisor to stand by with the officer.

At 00:24:59, P.O. Dustin Langfield squad #6333 reports medical have arrived and they are continuing with CPR.

At 00:24:59, Sqd.#6331 reports B/M 30 YOA - gunshot wound to head not conscious not breathing – officer involved

At 00:27:30, Sergeant Christopher Bennett, supervisor squad #6310, established a command post at East Plainfield and S. Adams St.

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At 00:29:22, Sergeant Christopher Bennett, supervisor squad #6310, reported all officers are accounted for and ok.

WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE INCIDENT

INTERVIEW OF DP

On Friday, March 6th, 2015 at approximately 3:44AM, Special Agent Nathan Peskie of the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation along with Milwaukee Police Detective Brian Stott interviewed DP who is the owner of 468 E Plainfield Ave.

DP stated she has owned the residence and lived there since 1960 and that she leased the upper unit to SL and Tyrone Lawrence for about the last four years. DP stated that there have been constant problems between SL and Tyrone with the two of them yelling and arguing often. DP stated that she has not seen Tyrone at the house for the last few months, maybe longer. DP stated that she had talked to SL as recently as the previous evening when SL told her about the divorce proceedings and that they had a court date scheduled for sometime in June or July. DP stated that SL told her that Tyrone keeps trying to get her to take him back, this conversation occurred at about 5:30PM on Thursday, March 5, 2015.

DP said that SL had come to her in the spring or early summer and asked if she could change the locks to prevent Tyrone from coming in, DP said that she didn't hesitate to allow SL to change all the locks describing her as a good tenant. DP said that SL never talked to her about specific problems, and was not aware of any threats made to her.

DP did state that she has heard Tyrone yell at SL often about getting a job. DP also said that Tyrone has been heard yelling at the children a lot. DP said that Tyrone did not own a car and that she did not know where he stayed when he was not at the residence. DP said that in the past Tyrone was sleeping on a couch in the basement and said that SL and Tyrone stored some of their property in the shared basement. DP said that SL had a vehicle that was parked in the garage, unknown make or model.

DP did not hear any of the events that transpired during this incident, stating that she was woken up to the Milwaukee Police Department knocking on her door and did not hear any yelling, the doors being kicked in, or any gun shots.

INTERVIEW OF JT

On March 6, 2015, DCI agents met with and interviewed the 911 caller regarding this incident. JT stated that he received a phone call from Tyrone Lawrence about the situation between Tyrone and his wife, (SL). Tyrone Lawrence called JT again at 11:36PM on March 5th, 2015 during

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which time Lawrence informed JT that he was at his wife's house, which JT understood to be SL's residence. JT indicated he was surprised at this because JT was aware that there was a restraining order between the two. JT heard Tyrone and SL arguing during this call. JT reported hearing SL crying and screaming in the background and saying "He has a knife". JT reports he attempted to get Tyrone to leave the residence, but Tyrone kept repeating that SL did not love him anymore. Tyrone was also telling JT that SL had called the cops on him and lied to them about him. Tyrone told JT to call the police at the end of the call, but did not say why, and the phone was disconnected. According to JT's phone, this call lasted 8 minutes and 11 seconds.

INTERVIEW OF SL

On Friday, March 6, 2015, between approximately 1:56 AM and 3:06 AM, Special Agent (S/A) Aaron Koehler conducted an interview of SL regarding an incident that occurred at her residence at 468 E. Plainfield Ave., Milwaukee, WI, late in the evening on Thursday, March 5, 2015 through early Friday morning, March 6, 2015. City of Milwaukee Police Department Detective Michael Sarenac was present for the interview.

S/A Koehler noted that SL had blood on her face and clothing, along with several small cuts and red marks on her face and neck area. Initially, SL was asked if she wanted any medical attention, however she declined. At approximately 6:15 AM, S/A Koehler drove SL to Froedtert Hospital to be examined by medical staff. SL was given discharge paperwork and released from the hospital.

SL essentially related the following information regarding the incident that occurred at her residence at 468 E. Plainfield Ave., Milwaukee, WI, during this incident.

SL had been dating Tyrone Lawrence since approximately October of 2009; she and Tyrone got married to each other on July 6, 2010. They have two children. Tyrone and SL had lived together at 468 E. Plainfield Ave., until September 24, 2014. Tyrone was then arrested for a domestic incident with SL which occurred on August 16, 2014. SL advised that during this incident, Tyrone had strangled her by placing his hand on her neck and squeezing, she referred to this as "the eagle claw." SL applied for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against Tyrone which was granted on September 26, 2014. SL had not had contact in person with Tyrone since October of 2014.

SL reports that since Tyrone's arrest in September, 2014, he was no longer staying at the Plainfield address and was believed to have been staying with a couple known to SL, in the City of Milwaukee, WI. Tyrone had made several attempts to contact SL by telephone and text message. As a result, Tyrone was arrested on January 9, 2015, due to violating the TRO. SL saw Tyrone near the Milwaukee County Courthouse on March 4, 2015, shortly before 10:00 AM, as she believed that she had a court date related to their divorce and was headed to the court date. SL reports that while walking from the parking structure near the courthouse, she saw Tyrone and

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he told her that he did not want the divorce. SL reports that she was followed by Tyrone as she entered the building until she got near a security checkpoint, prompting him to turn around and exit. SL advised that Tyrone had warrants for his arrest at the time and she believed them to be related to his arrests for their past domestic incidents.

SL reports after leaving the courthouse, Tyrone had attempted to contact her via phone and she did go to Milwaukee Police Department District #6 to report the TRO violation. SL advised that she talked to Officer Garcia and asked that he stop by her residence to talk further regarding the incident which Officer Garcia and another officer did around 10:30 PM. SL showed the missed phone calls and texts to the Officers who documented the incident. While the Officers were with SL, Tyrone did call her phone, which she answered with permission from the Officers on scene. They spoke long enough for SL to recognize Tyrone's voice, but they did not converse enough for her to know why he had called. Tyrone also tried to call back, but she did not answer the call. The Officers departed from her residence a short time later. SL advised that the rest of the evening of March 4, 2015 was uneventful, but she was nervous from having seen Tyrone earlier in the day.

In the morning of March 5, 2015, SL observed that she had 5 text messages from Tyrone. The texts stated something similar to him telling her that she had ruined his life, and now he was going to ruin hers, also that she had until 1:00 PM to get back to him. SL advised that she went on with her day. SL advised that she returned home from grocery shopping at approximately 8:30 PM, she and her children were in her residence, she was doing chores; the kids were watching TV and snacking.

SL reports at approximately 11:00 PM; she was near the living room/kitchen area of the residence when she heard a crash from the kitchen and observed that her second story door that leads to her porch was forced open by Tyrone. Once inside the residence, Tyrone ran toward her and SL began to scream as she went to the kitchen to grab her cellular telephone in an effort to call 911. Tyrone knocked the phone out of her hand, SL picked it up, and Tyrone again knocked it from her hand then threw it to the ground possibly damaging it.

Tyrone then threw SL to the ground, and squeezed her neck (SL again referred to this as the "Eagle Claw" during the interviews). SL advised that she could not breathe as a result of Tyrone squeezing her neck. SL stated that a short time later, Tyrone produced a knife. SL described the knife as having an approximately 6 inch long blade, was a folding type knife with a red handle. SL advised that she recognized the knife as one that Tyrone had bought a couple years prior to the incident from the 7 Mile Fair. SL advised that she knew the knife to be sharp from having seen Tyrone use it in the past. Tyrone put the knife to SL's throat several times as she struggled to get away from him while she was on the ground in the kitchen. SL recalled being near the stove and then having her head hit the metal piece of a missing drawer on the cabinets in the kitchen. SL advised that Tyrone's actions caused her pain.

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SL reports that the children were present at the time Tyrone forced entry to the residence, and had observed as he held the knife to her throat in the kitchen. SL advised that she tried to get her children to go into her son's room which they did, but they would also return to the kitchen area to check on the situation. SL advised that at one point she had asked her son to go into her bedroom and get her green phone, but he did not do so. SL recalled that at one point her daughter was behind the kitchen table crying as the incident occurred. Tyrone also told their son, while in the kitchen, to say goodbye to his mother because daddy was going to kill her. SL advised that she believed her children to have been disturbed by the incident.

SL further advised that while she was on the ground in the kitchen, Tyrone was asking her questions like who her boyfriend was, who was paying her bills, where her wedding ring was, and he also asked why she was not wearing it. SL stated that after being on the floor and struggling as Tyrone held the knife to her throat, she advised that Tyrone called his best buddy "JT," stating something similar to, the only person that could talk him out of killing her was him. "JT" answered the phone and talked with Tyrone who advised him of the current situation and stated something similar to "have JT give Tyrone one good reason why he shouldn't kill her". SL stated that "JT" stated something similar to, she isn't worth it, just get out of there and run. At some point, "JT" ended the phone call with Tyrone and SL believed that "JT" had called 911. SL advised that Tyrone had the knife to her throat during the phone call with "JT." SL believed Tyrone to have used his cellular telephone to make the call to "JT." SL advised that "JT" is a childhood friend of Tyrone's, he was close with his family. SL did not know his phone number, but believed it to have a 262 area code. SL estimated that the phone call from Tyrone to "JT" occurred on March 5, 2015, shortly before 12:00 AM on March 6, 2015. SL reports that after the phone call to "JT," Tyrone told SL to get up and sit on the couch so she can be comfortable when he killed her.

SL advised that she got up and sat on her leopard print saucer chair in the living room of the residence. Tyrone sat on the chair as well, on SL's right side, half on her right leg and half on the chair. Tyrone still had the knife on SL's neck and was holding it in his right hand. SL advised that she could not get out of the chair and that she feared Tyrone would stab her with the knife if she fought with him more than she was, as she was trying to push his arms away from her. SL recalled looking at a clock in the residence while sitting on the chair and recalled that it was approximately 12:00 AM. SL reports a short time later, SL and Tyrone could hear knocking at the downstairs outside door of the residence. Tyrone stated that it was the Cops, and SL advised that she told him it was probably "JT," and that he should go answer the door. Further, SL stated that the downstairs outside door was locked with a dead bolt lock. SL believed that this door was forced open by the people knocking at it.

SL reports a short time later, she could hear knocking on the upstairs door that led to her residence from the outside and that the persons knocking announced that they were the police. SL advised that the knife was still on her neck at this time and she felt if she screamed that Tyrone may stab her with it. SL advised that the door was forced open and that she believed that three Police Officers entered the residence and stood approximately 6 feet away from where she

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and Tyrone were seated. SL advised that the Officers had a flashlight on them, making it hard for her to make out their profiles. SL advised that the Police Officers were giving Tyrone verbal commands to get the knife off of her and to pull his arm away. SL confirmed that the knife was still on her throat at this time. SL also stated that the Officers again identified themselves as Police Officers at least two times while also giving Tyrone the verbal commands to get the knife away from her. SL informed S/A Koehler that she was in fear for her life from Tyrone's actions at this time. SL believed that the Police Officers gave Tyrone enough time to comply with their verbal commands to get the knife away from her, which he did not do. SL stated that there was a pause and then one gunshot from an Officer. SL advised that initially she believed that Tyrone had been "tased," but shortly after figured out that he had been shot.

SL stated that shortly after being shot, Tyrone vomited on her and she could smell alcohol as a result. SL stated that the Officers told her to get off the chair; she complied and went to check on her children who were in her son's bedroom. SL remained in the hallway area as the officers attended to Tyrone, a bit later, medical personnel arrived on scene.

POLICE OFFICER INTERVIEWS

P.O. MARK FLESSERT'S STATEMENT

On Thursday, March 05, 2015, at 11:00 PM, P.O. Flessert reported starting his tour of duty with P.O. Wagner on squad #6331.

P.O. Flessert related that squad #6343, P.O. Dummann, was dispatched to a "man with a knife threatening his wife." P.O. Flessert and P.O. Wagner were dispatched to back up P.O. Dummann. P.O. Flessert reported that there was an update correcting the right address and history that the wife has a restraining order against the man. P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski, squad #6341, decided to back up squad #6343, P.O. Dummann, and canceled P.O. Wagner and P.O. Flessert. P.O. Flessert reported that P.O. Wagner proceeded back to District #6 to obtain his taser unit. P.O. Flessert indicated that after a few minutes P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski requested P.O. Wagner and P.O. Flessert to respond to 468 E. Plainfield Avenue for possible forced entry.

Upon their arrival, P.O. Flessert indicated P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski was containing the front portion of the residence. P.O. Flessert and P.O. Wagner proceeded to the rear of the residence and met with P.O. Dummann. P.O. Flessert reported that P.O. Wagner and P.O. Dummann discussed the probable cause for the forced entry. The officers were concerned for the woman's safety at which time it was decided that forced entry would be made. P.O. Flessert indicated, while standing in the rear yard, P.O. Flessert was able to see lights on in the upstairs apartment. P.O. Flessert indicated that officers announced themselves several times "Milwaukee Police open the door." P.O. Flessert reported that he kicked the door approximately four times before it was forced open. P.O. Flessert indicated that P.O. Wagner and P.O. Dummann proceeded up the stairs. P.O. Flessert stayed at the lower entrance holding containment to the stair

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case that went to the basement along with a door to the lower residence. P.O. Flessert reported that P.O. Dummann and P.O. Wagner proceeded up the stairs. P.O. Flessert indicated Upon P.O. Wagner and P.O. Dummann reaching the upstairs door, P.O. Wagner announced several times "Milwaukee Police open the door." P.O. Wagner kicked open the upstairs door which leads into the apartment. Upon officers entering the apartment, P.O. Wagner started screaming "drop the knife." P.O. Wagner reported that by the stress in P.O. Wagner's voice he (P.O. Flessert) knew that something was terribly wrong.

P.O. Flessert reported that he looked up the staircase and could see that P.O. Dummann had his weapon drawn. P.O. Flessert stated that P.O. Wagner was still screaming orders to drop the knife. At this time, P.O. Flessert felt that the situation upstairs was more dangerous. P.O. Flessert left his containment so he (Flessert) could backup officers in the upstairs apartment. P.O. Flessert had his weapon drawn and preceded upstairs. P.O. Flessert indicated upon entering the apartment he entered the living room area and was positioned to the right of P.O. Wagner. P.O. Flessert indicated that there was a suspect sitting in a wide chair. P.O. Flessert reported that the suspect had a woman sitting on his left knee. This suspect was holding a knife in his right hand. The suspect had the knife's edge across the woman's neck. P.O. Flessert indicated that the woman was scared and emotionally upset. P.O. Flessert reported that he did not hear the woman say anything. P.O. Flessert indicated that P.O. Wagner continued to order the suspect to drop the knife. P.O. Flessert stated that he (Flessert) had his pistol raised to his eye level and had the suspect in his pistol sights. P.O. Flessert stated that he did not have a clear shot and was unable to discharge his (Flessert) weapon.

P.O. Flessert reported hearing one shot. P.O. Flessert indicated that the suspect slumped forward and fell toward the floor. P.O. Flessert indicated that after the shot was fired he ran to the entryway and held containment on the third step just outside of the apartment. P.O. Flessert indicated that he attempted to use his radio to call for medical assistance and backup but was having problems transmitting. P.O. Wagner was able to use his radio and communicate for medical attention and backup. P.O. Wagner started CPR on suspect until the Milwaukee Fire Department arrived. Upon the MFD's arrival, the knife was still on the floor. P.O. Flessert removed the knife from the floor and placed it on the table. P.O. Flessert reported that the woman ran toward his (Flessert) direction and started to hug P.O. Flessert. P.O. Flessert questioned the woman if she knew why this happened. The woman replied "yes, yes, he had a knife to my throat." P.O. Flessert indicated that the woman was covered with blood and he was not sure if the woman was injured. P.O. Flessert reported that he was surprised when the woman mentioned that her children were also in the house. P.O. Flessert indicated that the children were located and secured with P.O. Laroque-Wishowski, who came running up the stairs when she heard the shot fired. P.O. Flessert reported that he (Flessert) feared for the woman's life and knew if officers would not have used deadly force the suspect would have killed the woman. P.O. Flessert stated that he would have shot but he (Flessert) did not have a clear shot.

P.O. MATHEW WAGNER'S STATEMENT

P.O. Wagner is assigned to District #6 and is assigned to squad #6331. P.O. Wagner reported that his tour began at 11:00PM. P.O. Wagner related that he has a probationary officer assigned to him, P.O. Mark Flessert, who graduated from the Police Academy approximately 10 weeks ago. P.O. Flessert reports at approximately 11:00 PM, they were dispatched to a "man with a knife threatening a woman". P.O. Wagner reported that another squad gave an update that the man's wife has a restraining order against him and that the husband also had open warrants. P.O. Wagner indicated that squad #6341 P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski canceled P.O. Wagner and P.O. Flessert.

P.O. Wagner reported that after the cancelation that P.O. Wagner stopped at District #6 to pick up his taser unit. Upon recovering the taser unit P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski requested P.O. Wagner and P.O. Flessert to respond to their location for a possible forced entry. P.O. Wagner Upon arrival parked at approximately 441 E. Plainfield Ave. P.O. Wagner reported that P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski was standing in front of the residence maintaining containment on the residence. P.O. Wagner indicated that P.O. Dummann was concerned for the welfare of the woman, because of the nature of the call.

It was decided that forced entry was needed to gain entry into the residence, and check on the welfare of the woman. They knocked and announced "Milwaukee Police" several times. P.O. Wagner reported that P.O. Flessert was advised to kick the lower door open. P.O. Wagner and P.O. Dummann proceeded up the stairs. P.O. Wagner reported that P.O. Flessert remained on the first level to hold containment on the lower basement stair case, and the door leading into the lower residence. P.O. Wagner reports that he and P.O. Dummann proceeded up the stair case together. P.O. Wagner indicated that upon reaching the upstairs apartment door they announced themselves "Milwaukee Police Department, open the door" numerous times. P.O. Wagner indicated that he heard a women's voice saying "help me". P.O. Wagner indicated that the woman repeated herself three to four times saying "help me". P.O. Wagner reported that upon hearing the woman calling for help that he again announced himself "Milwaukee Police Department open the door." P.O. Wagner reported that the occupant's refused to open the door at which time P.O. Wagner kicked the door open.

P.O. Wagner reported that upon kicking the door open he drew his weapon. He entered the residence and he turned to his right which is the living room area, while P.O. Dummann stepped to the left along the wall. P.O. Wagner observed a man sitting on a chair holding a woman on his lap. P.O. Wagner indicated that there was light illuminating from the adjacent kitchen area. P.O. Wagner was able to see that this man was holding a knife. P.O. Wagner reports that this knife was in the suspect's right hand. P.O. Wagner reported that the man was holding the knife edge across the woman's neck. P.O. Wagner indicated that P.O. Dummann was on P.O. Wagner's left side while entering the living room area. P.O. Wagner reported that he began to order the suspect to drop the knife, while entering the living room area. P.O. Wagner indicated that upon first

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entering the living room area P.O. Wagner and P.O. Dummann were approximately ten to twelve feet away from the male suspect.

P.O. Wagner indicated that P.O. Wagner and P.O. Dummann continued approaching the suspect with their weapons drawn. P.O. Wagner reported that he continued to order the suspect to drop the knife. P.O. Wagner stated that the woman was in a panicked state, crying and afraid saying "help me". P.O. Wagner indicated that the male suspect was angry and stating "if you come any closer I'll cut her". P.O. Wagner indicated that while approaching the suspect P.O. Wagner continued ordering the suspect to drop the knife. P.O. Wagner indicated that while approaching the suspect P.O. Wagner had his gun in the "the low ready position" allowing P.O. Wagner to view the suspect. P.O. Wagner reports that the situation was getting out of control with the suspect becoming more agitated. P.O. Wagner reports that the suspect was using profanity advising officers to "fuck off". P.O. Wagner indicated that suspect started to talk about his brother coming over. P.O. Wagner reports that the suspect was losing control. P.O. Wagner indicated that the situation was going to end badly. The suspect continued to refuse to drop the knife. The suspect continued to repeat that he was going to cut the woman's throat.

P.O. Wagner realized that he was going to have to use deadly force against the suspect. P.O. Wagner indicated that he was approximately four to five feet from the suspect. P.O. Wagner, fearing for the woman's safety, started to raise his weapon sights onto the suspect's head area to acquire target acquisition. P.O. Wagner reports that he was uncomfortable with his target acquisition to the head area of suspect and was unable to take the shot. P.O. Wagner reported that he was in the process of readjusting to the left to get target acquisition when he heard one shot and realized that P.O. Dummann fired one shot striking the suspect to the head area. P.O. Wagner indicated that after the shot the suspect's body went limp and fell forward toward the floor. P.O. Wagner reports that the suspect was still holding the knife. P.O. Wagner indicated that the suspect's hand went in a downward position onto the suspect's knees.

P.O. Wagner reports that he grabbed the victim and advised her to go toward P.O. Flessert. P.O. Wagner indicated that P.O. Dummann handcuffed the suspect and then he (P.O. Wagner) started CPR until the arrival of Milwaukee Fire Department. P.O. Wagner indicated that in his opinion the suspect was about to slash the woman's neck when P.O. Dummann discharged his weapon. P.O. Wagner reports that he was about to fire his weapon, but was trying to get target acquisition when P.O. Dummann shot.

P.O. JOSHUA DUMMANN'S STATEMENT

P.O. Dummann reported that it was around midnight when he took the assignment: "man with a knife threatening his wife." P.O. Dummann indicated that the squad CAD indicated that a third party was reporting that a man was holding a knife and threatening his wife. P.O. Dummann reported that squad #6341, P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski, volunteered to go as a "back up" on the assignment. P.O. Dummann reported that early shift P.O. James Floriani (squad #6240)

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reported that the address of the assignment, 469 E. Plainfield, was the wrong address. P.O. Floriani corrected the address indicating that the correct address is 468 E. Plainfield Avenue, Milwaukee, WI. P.O. Dummann stated that P.O. Floriani had prior knowledge and information regarding the husband and wife who resided at that address. P.O. Floriani stated that the wife had a restraining order against her husband and the husband had restraining order warrants.

P.O. Dummann observed P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski arrive on the scene and parked her squad a few houses west of the location. P.O. Dummann reported parking his squad behind P.O. Laroque-Wishowski. P.O. Dummann reported that P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski approached the residence with P.O. Dummann. P.O. Dummann indicated that they walked along the eastside of the house where they observed a door located on the eastside of the house. P.O. Dummann stated that while walking on the east Portion of the house, P.O. Dummann could see that the lights were turned on in the upstairs apartment. P.O. Dummann stated that he and P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski reached the back door which was located on the north side of the residence. P.O. Dummann indicated that the back door had a window where P.O. Dummann was able to see a common staircase which lead upstairs to the second floor apartment. The lights in the common staircase were turned off. P.O. Dummann knocked on the back door for about thirty seconds, along with announcing "Milwaukee Police." P.O. Dummann reported that P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski proceeded to the side door for containment. P.O. Dummann indicated that he continued to knock on the back door and announced "Milwaukee Police" several times. P.O. Dummann indicated that he walked to the side door were P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski was standing. P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski stated she did not see any movements.

P.O. Dummann indicated that he decided not to walk away because P.O. Dummann was concerned for this woman's safety. P.O. Dummann indicated that he was concerned about the lights being on and this man having a knife on this woman. P.O. Dummann decided to call for a "back up." P.O. Dummann decided to walk to the back door while P.O. Susan Laroque-Wishowski stayed at the side door for containment. P.O. Dummann indicated while waiting for backup that he (Dummann) continued to knock on the door and continued to announce: "Police! Open the door." P.O. Dummann indicated that he rang the upstairs door bell but could not hear it. P.O. Dummann indicated that he rang the downstairs doorbell indicating that he could hear the bell. P.O. Dummann indicated that he could hear footsteps and could hear movements coming from inside of the house. P.O. Dummann reported that someone was clearly upstairs but was apparently ignoring his commands. P.O. Dummann stated that due to the lights being on, hearing movement and the nature of the initial call he was concerned for the safety of the woman allegedly inside of the house. P.O. Dummann stated that at that time he decided to

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start kicking the door in an attempt to gain entry to the residence and check on the welfare of the woman but was unable to gain entry.

P.O. Dummann reported that squad #6331, P.O. Mathew Wagner and P.O. Flessert, arrived on the scene. P.O. Dummann and P.O. Wagner were discussing if they had enough probable cause to kick the rear door open. P.O. Dummann indicated that he was concerned about the woman allegedly being held by the man with a knife and knowing that he had heard movement in the upper it was his belief that they needed to take action. P.O. Dummann and P.O. Wagner agreed to kick the door open. P.O. Flessert kicked the back door open. P.O. Dummann and P.O. Wagner announced "Milwaukee Police" and continued to proceed up the stairs.

P.O. Dummann reported that the staircase was very narrow and P.O. Dummann and P.O. Wagner were shoulder to shoulder while proceeding up the stairs. P.O. Dummann and P.O. Wagner continued to walk up the stairs while announcing: "Police." P.O. Dummann reported that while going up the stairs P.O. Flessert was behind them on the first floor. P.O. Dummann indicated that upon reaching the top step, the apartment door was locked. P.O. Dummann knocked on the door announcing "Milwaukee Police open the door." P.O. Dummann and P.O. Wagner could hear a faint voice of a female. They knocked and announced again. They then heard the woman's voice sounded scared and was saying: "help me." P.O. Dummann reported that P.O. Wagner looked at P.O. Dummann confirming that he (P.O. Wagner) also heard the woman's voice.

P.O. Dummann advised P.O. Wagner to kick the door open. At this time, P.O. Wagner kicked the door twice at which time the door flew open. P.O. Dummann reported upon kicking the door open, P.O. Wagner was on P.O. Dummann right side (shoulder to shoulder). They each drew their weapons and began to enter the apartment. P.O. Dummann indicated that P.O. Wagner and P.O. Dummann turned to their immediate right, entering the living room. P.O. Dummann reported P.O. Wagner saw the suspect first and P.O. Wagner started to scream ordering to the suspect: "let me see your hands." P.O. Dummann indicated within seconds while turning into the living room, still shoulder to shoulder with P.O. Wagner, he (P.O. Dummann) observed the suspect sitting on a large cushion chair (saucer chair) with a woman sitting next to the suspect. P.O. Dummann reported that the suspect and the female were sitting on a chair located in the corner of the living room. P.O. Dummann reported that while facing the suspect, the suspect was on the left and the female was on the right. P.O. Dummann explained that he was facing the suspect and P.O. Wagner was facing the female. P.O. Dummann reported that the suspect was holding the female on top of the suspect's thigh on his (suspect) left side. P.O. Dummann reported that there was an open room next to the chair where some light was illuminating from. P.O. Dummann reported that he could see that the suspect had a bladed knife in his right hand. The suspect was reaching across the female's body holding the blade of the knife against and

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across the female's neck. The suspect was holding the female partially on top of the suspect while holding the knife.

P.O. Dummann reported that P.O. Wagner was yelling at the suspect to drop the knife. P.O. Dummann indicated after numerous orders to drop the knife the suspect continued to hold the knife against the female's neck. The suspect responded: "No, if you come closer I will cut her." P.O. Dummann indicated that the suspect was becoming angrier and agitated. P.O. Dummann reported that he had his weapon pointed at suspect in a "low ready position" with his finger off the trigger. P.O. Dummann indicated that while holding his handgun in the "low ready position," P.O. Dummann was able to have a clear view of what the suspect was doing. P.O. Dummann reported that P.O. Wagner continued to order the suspect to drop the knife. The female was upset and fearful for her safety and continued to cry. P.O. Dummann indicated that the female was clearly in distress and continued saying: "help me." P.O. Dummann indicated that the suspect was now asking to talk to his brother. P.O. Dummann indicated that the suspect was becoming more agitated, angry and unstable. The female continued asking for help. P.O. Dummann indicated that P.O. Wagner continued to order the suspect to drop the knife. P.O. Dummann reported he felt that the suspect was not going to drop the knife. P.O. Dummann believed that the suspect was going to slash the female's neck.

P.O. Dummann fearing for the safety of the female, started to raise his pistol in an upward position and lined up his pistol sights at the suspect's head. P.O. Dummann indicated that he believed that he had to neutralize the threat quickly in order to save the female's life. P.O. Dummann reported that he had learned during his training at the Police Academy that he (P.O. Dummann) had to discharge his weapon in the direction of suspect's head in order to effectively stop the threat immediately. P.O. Dummann indicated that the suspect's attention was focused on P.O. Wagner who was still ordering the suspect to drop the knife. P.O. Dummann reported that he believed that he had a clear shot at the suspect. P.O. Dummann indicated that he made sure that their heads were not overlapping. P.O. Dummann, fearing for the female's life, fired his weapon striking the suspect in the head area.

P.O. Dummann reported that upon firing the shot he was standing approximately five to eight feet away from the suspect. The suspect, upon being shot, did not drop the knife that had been pressed against the female's neck. P.O. Dummann grabbed the suspect's arm, which contained the knife, and moved the arm and knife away from the female's neck. P.O. Dummann reported that when the suspect was shot the suspect's body went limp and slumped forward toward the floor. P.O. Dummann guided the suspect to the floor and the suspect's body landed on the floor face down. P.O. Dummann reported hand cuffing the suspect. P.O. Dummann indicated that he (Dummann) rolled the suspect onto his back. P.O. Dummann reported that the suspect lost a large amount of

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blood from the head area. P.O. Dummann stated that P.O. Wagner immediately called for medical assistance while P.O. Flessert also checked on the suspect's condition.

P.O. Dummann reported that after the shooting of the suspect, the female was covered with blood. P.O. Dummann reported that the female immediately started to run away. P.O. Dummann advised P.O. Flessert to grab the female. P.O. Dummann started to yell if she (victim) was ok. P.O. Dummann was not sure if the blood was the female's or the suspect's. P.O. Dummann indicated that when he questioned the female if she was ok, the female responded that she did not know. P.O. Dummann reported that the female made a comment regarding her children.

P.O. SUSAN LAROQUE-WISHOWSKI'S STATEMENT

On March 6th, 2015, at approximately 6:10AM, SA Jake Jansky and SA Nathan Peskie interviewed Milwaukee Police Officer Susan LaRoque-Wishowski. The interview was conducted in the Milwaukee Police Mobile Command vehicle which was parked in front of 468 East Plainfield St., Milwaukee, WI. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski indicated that she is assigned to District 6. P.O. LaRoque-Wishowski is assigned to squad #6341.

Officer LaRoque-Wishowski stated that on March 5, 2015, at approximately 11:45 PM she was on a traffic stop when she heard a call on the radio in regards to a subject with a knife. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski concluded her traffic stop and informed other officers that she was heading in that direction, and canceled a different squad that had already been dispatched to the residence.

Officer LaRoque-Wishowski reported while in route to the address, Officer James Floriani, who works early shift, came on the radio and indicated that the address was incorrect and that it was an address across the street from what was originally given. Officer Floriani informed Officer LaRoque-Wishowski that the address was 468 East Plainfield St. and to enter the residence, they had to go all the way around the building to the back.

Officer LaRoque-Wishowski indicated she arrived at the same time as Officer Dummann. They parked their squads approximately a half a block to a block away from the residence. As they approached the residence officer LaRoque-Wishowski noticed a large window or patio door on the second floor facing the road. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski then covered the front of the residence while officer Dummann and Officers Wagner and Flessert attempted to contact residents at the back door. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski heard them knocking on the door and indicating they would have to force entry. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski then notified a supervisor of the possible use of force to enter the residence. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski could hear a loud crash when the 1st floor door was breached. She stated there was a very short time period, approximately 1 to 2 minutes and she heard another loud crash, at which time radio traffic began indicating that shots had been fired and that they needed medical to respond. Officer

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LaRoque-Wishowski indicated she did not hear anything other than the loud crash of the door and the gun shot. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski then entered the residence and observed a female covered in blood.

Officer LaRoque-Wishowski stated the female appeared to be in shock, and Officer LaRoque-Wishowski took the female and two children into a side bedroom. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski remained with the children, assisted in getting them dressed and took them out to her squad car. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski remained in the vehicle with the female and two children, until the female, later identified as SL, was interviewed by agents from the Department of Justice. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski indicated that while waiting with the children she was playing movies and music for them on her computer to try and keep them calm. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski stated that the juvenile female continually told Officer LaRoque-Wishowski that “dad broke the phone”. The juvenile female also asked Officer LaRoque-Wishowski several times if her mother was okay during the time her mother, SL, was being interviewed. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski indicated that while SL was sitting with her in her vehicle, she made a comment indicating “he got what he wanted, he wanted to die”. Officer LaRoque-Wishowski indicated that her squad microphone was on during her contact with the mother and children.

AUTOPSY

Special Agent Peskie attended the autopsy and observed that Mr. Lawrence had one entry gunshot wound above the right eye brow. SA Peskie reported that the bullet was lodged under the skin at the left portion of the back of head. The autopsy was conducted by Deputy Chief Medical Examiner Wieslawa Tlomak, who reported that Mr. Lawrence’s cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head. Items of evidence collected during the autopsy were turned over to SA Peskie and placed on WI DOJ-DCI inventory.

WISCONSIN STATE CRIME LAB FORENSIC RESULTS:

Numerous evidence items involved in this incident were collected at the scene and submitted to the Wisconsin State Crime Lab for analysis including a Police firearm, fired cartridge casing and spent bullet.

REVIEW OF FACTUAL INFORMATION WITH THE LAWRENCE FAMILY:

On March 12, 2015 at 10:00AM, SA Gilbert Hernandez met with Tyrone Lawrence’s sister, AS of Houston TX, and also present was a brother in law (also AS) and AD.

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AS (suspect's sister) reported that her brother Tyrone suffered physical abuse while growing up. AD indicated that Tyrone had brain trauma while growing up and had a lot of anger issues. The family related that Tyrone was also bipolar and at times refused to take his medication.

SA Hernandez advised the family of the circumstances of the event and DCI's investigation.

FINAL REVIEW:

On April 24, 2015, a copy of DCI's complete investigative file, as of that date, was turned over to Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm for his review. DCI will continue to document any additional investigative activities that may occur. Reports of those investigative activities will be provided to the district attorney as soon as they are completed.