Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: **Sonoma County Sheriff's Office** Case #: **SD200815005**

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Incident Information

Date/Time Reported: **08/15/2020 0821**	Occurred Between: **08/15/2020 0821** & **08/15/2020 0821**
Location: **15650 RIVER RD, GUERNEVILLE CA 95446**	
UCR Status:	Officer: **Vellis, Ted 1101021**

Summary: On the morning of 08/15/20, Deputies responded to a disturbance. While struggling to detain a suspect, he suffered a medical event, became unresponsive and died after lifesaving efforts were exhausted.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office invoked the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Employee-Involved Critical Incident Protocol (93-1), and the Santa Rosa Police Department assumed responsibility as the lead investigative agency.

Related Cases: SR200009334

Charges

Statute: **DOMESTIC INCIDENT - DOMESTIC RELATED INCIDENT**	Attempted/Completed: **Completed**
Classification: Other Offenses	Weapon:
Location: COMMERCIAL HOUSE (NON-GAS / SERVICE / CONVENIENCE / BANK)	

Statute: **000 - CRITICAL INCIDENT PROTOCOL**	Attempted/Completed: **Completed**
Classification: Other Offenses	Weapon:
Location: COMMERCIAL HOUSE (NON-GAS / SERVICE / CONVENIENCE / BANK)	

Offenders

Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
MILLER, DONALD TIMOTHY	[redacted]	**49/White/Male**	**/**
Address: ,			
Employer/School: -			

Victims

Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
[redacted]	[redacted]	**49/White/Female**	**/**
Address: ,			
Employer/School: -			
Victim of: 000			

Others Involved

Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Witness	[redacted]	[redacted]	**51/White/Male**	**/**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: -				

Others Involved

Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Witness	[redacted]	[redacted]	**47/White/Male**	**/**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: -				
Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Other	[redacted]	[redacted]	**71/White/Female**	**/**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: -				
Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Witness	[redacted]	[redacted]	**31/White/Female**	**/**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: -				
Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Witness	[redacted]	[redacted]	**56/White/Male**	**/**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: -				
Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Witness	[redacted]	[redacted]	**58/White/Male**	**/**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: -				
Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Witness	[redacted]	[redacted]	**57/White/Male**	**/**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: -				
Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Witness	[redacted]	[redacted]	**39/White/Female**	**/**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: -				
Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Witness	[redacted]	[redacted]	**73/White/Male**	**/**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: -				
Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Witness	[redacted]	[redacted]	**39/White/Female**	**/**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: -				
Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Witness	[redacted]	[redacted]	**58/White/Male**	**/**
Address: ,				

Others Involved

Employer/School: -	

Narrative

INITIAL NARRATIVE
Written by: **Vellis, Ted 1101021**
Date/Time: **08/26/2020 00:00:00**

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Case #200815-005

Santa Rosa Police Department Case #20-0009334

Sonoma County Coroner's Office Case #20-0000861

Marin County Coroner's Office Case #20-0000230

CRITICAL INCIDENT INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE DEATH OF DONALD MILLER

Detective Theodore Vellis

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office

Violent Crime Investigations Unit

On the morning of 08/15/20, Deputies assigned to the River Sub-Station were dispatched to the area of Hacienda Bridge on River Road. The reporting party (Ambulance Crew), reported seeing two people possibly fighting inside of a gray Dodge 3500 pick-up truck.

While responding to the disturbance, Deputies were flagged down in the 15000 block of River Road. A citizen reported hearing a female screaming inside a business located at 15650 River Road. Deputies responded to the location and contacted [redacted] and Donald Miller. [redacted] was yelling in distress and Donald was holding on to [redacted] from the back. Deputies separated Donald from [redacted]. While struggling to detain Donald, he suffered a medical event, became unresponsive and died after lifesaving efforts were exhausted.

As a result, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office invoked the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Employee-Involved Critical Incident Protocol (93-1). Members of the Santa Rosa Police Department Violent Crime Investigations Unit assumed responsibility as the lead investigative agency. Refer to Santa Rosa Police Department case #20-0009334, for their complete investigation.

NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT

FLUP - DIETRICK, M - 08/15/2020
Written by: **Dietrick, Michael 1102581**

Date/Time: **08/15/2020 13:00:35**

On 08/15/2020 at approximately 0821 hours, I responded to 15600 River Road to assist (see original report for details).

Upon arrival I activated my department issued body camera. I conducted traffic control for westbound traffic until the California Highway Patrol arrived on scene.

I was contacted by Sergeant K. Burris and I was assigned to sequester Deputy M. Matelli. I deactivated my body camera at that time. I transported Deputy M. Matelli to the Sonoma County Deputy Sheriff Association building. I waited with Deputy M. Matelli until we were cleared to leave by the Santa Rosa Police Department detectives investigating this case.

I later uploaded my body camera to evidence.com

FLUP - MINAGLIA, G - 08/15/2020
Written by: **Minaglia, George 1102402**
Date/Time: **08/15/2020 13:24:14**

On 08/15/2020, at approximately 0821 hours, I responded to the area of 15600 River Road (Guerneville) to assist other Deputies with a critical incident (See main report for more information).

A short time later, I arrived on scene and activated my body worn camera (BWC) to record the incident.

I spoke with a male subject, verbally identified as [redacted], and asked if he saw what happened. [redacted] told me he video recorded the incident. I obtained [redacted] information and advised him another Deputy would speak with him. I advised Deputy Taylor of [redacted] statements and he obtained a full statement from [redacted] (See his supplemental report for more details).

While on scene, Sgt. Burris requested I be the sequestering Deputy for Deputy Jensen. I deactivated my body worn camera at this time.

At the request of Sgt. Burris, I obtained photographs of Deputy Jensen and Deputy Matelli (uploaded). I transported Deputy Jensen to the Deputy Sheriff`s Association (DSA) hall and was later released by Santa Rosa Police Department Detectives.

Nothing further.

FLUP - BARONE, C - 08/15/2020
Written by: **Barone, Cory 1102808**
Date/Time: **08/15/2020 13:34:08**

On 08/15/2020 at approximately 0821 hours I was working in a fully marked patrol vehicle and full patrol uniform when I responded to 15600 River Rd, Guerneville to assist. (See original report for details).

Upon arrival I was directed to stop westbound traffic on River Rd. with my patrol vehicle. I parked my vehicle just west of the scene with my forward facing lights on in order to divert traffic. I exited my patrol vehicle and assisted with crime scene security.

While on scene Deputy Ordaz told me that [redacted] informed her that she had two dogs inside of her Gray Dodge pickup truck that was parked west of the scene. Deputy Ordaz provided me with [redacted] keys and I assisted Deputy Ordaz place the dogs on a leash. Deputy Ordaz escorted the dogs to [redacted]

I assisted breaking down the outer perimeter of the crime scene. Shortly after I cleared the scene and opened up westbound

traffic on River Rd.

EVID - LUCAS, J - 08/15/2020
Written by: **Lucas, Jason 1101696**
Date/Time: **08/15/2020 14:24:16**

On 8/15/20, I was the on duty Watch Commander for this incident. Upon my arrival to the scene, I contacted Deputy Jensen and Matelli who were separated. I collected both of their Body Worn Cameras (BWC`s) and placed them into my secure vehicle. I later transported the BWC`s to the main office and caused them to be downloaded onto the server and tagged them with the case number and categorized the videos as "Critical Incident".

FLUP - TAYLOR, R - 08/15/2020
Written by: **Taylor, Rowan 1102528**
Date/Time: **08/15/2020 15:07:09**

On 08/15/20 at approximately 0821 hours I responded to 15600 River Rd Guerneville to assist Deputies who called for "Code 20" emergency backup.

Upon my arrival I parked my car across the west bound lane of River Rd to block incoming traffic. I then contacted several witnesses on scene. These included the following:

[redacted]

He had been working on the deck of house across the street from the critical incident when he heard a "blood curdling scream" from a woman. He and his partner [redacted] ran across the street to help her. As they crossed the street they saw the door of 15650 River Road close. He did not believe they were associated with that house but saw someone let the woman inside with the man following her. At that point a Deputy drove by and they flagged him down and directed him to the house. The deputy knocked on the door and the couple came out. The man had his arm around her and it appeared he was trying to grab her phone. [redacted] could not tell if he was trying to restrain her or assault her.

One of the Deputies went to grab him and pushed him up against a car and "it was on". [redacted] described the decedent as follows:

"this guy was strong"
"Incredibly strong"
"It looked likeyour knee jerk reaction is drugs"
"He was combative the whole time"
"They warned him about tasing" and He said "fuck you I don`t care", "I will resist", "I won`t stop"
They were warning him before deploying the taser
I asked if he heard the Deputies give the decedent clear commands -and he replied "Oh absolutely, repeatedly, before they would tase him, stop, stop resisting, we will have to tase you" he would reply "fuck you!" I asked [redacted] how many times the taser was deployed and he said "for sure 3, I`m going to say 4 but it might not be accurate".

Then he went to the ground and continued to resist. The Deputies asked [redacted] for help clearing the taser wires out of the way. After struggling on the ground "it just stopped" and when they rolled the decedent over his eyes were open but "nobody was home" and he was not breathing. [redacted] said it was a long fight and the decedent looked like a big guy and suggested with a hand motion that his heart would have been beating out of his chest.

[redacted]

It "started off with a horrific scream, couldn`t tell if it was a person or an animal". He saw there was a woman screaming with a guy with his arms around her. He ran up to them and said "Hey are you ok?" As he was approaching he saw the man shuffle the woman into the house.
[redacted] knocked on the door and got no response. The deputy arrived and knocked on the door. A different man came out and opened the door and said he had been sleeping inside. Then the deputy went into the house and the couple came out. The

decedent had his arms around the woman and it looked like he was trying to get a phone that she was holding. I asked what the demeanor of the man was and [redacted] said "it looked like he was just focused on that phone". The first deputy tried to separate them but could not. The second deputy arrived and they were able to separate the couple.

The Deputies began to struggle with the decedent who would not comply and was tased. The Deputies were giving clear commands such as:
"you need to relax"
"Put your hands behind your back"
"Don`t fight us"
The Deputies "could not control him" and he responded to their commands by "totally ignoring them" and looked "like a controlled rage".

While the decedent was on the ground [redacted] told him to relax and that the Deputies were there to help him. The decedent said "I don`t care" repeatedly.

[redacted] - Group of women from out of state who rented a house across the street from the incident

I spoke with three women who were visiting from out of state and had rented a house ([redacted] River Rd) across the street and approximately three parcels east. All three women said they heard a woman screaming but none of them could distinguish any words and they did not hear the Deputies yelling. None of the women saw what occurred.

[redacted] - Eye witness who partially recorded the critical incident
I contacted [redacted] who told me he had recorded part of the incident on his cell phone. He allowed me to view the video on his cellphone. I recorded the entirety of the video on my body worn camera. He was attempting to upload the video when I spoke with him but due to the large size of the video and the poor cellular reception at the scene I told him to try to upload the video when he could find a wifi network. He agreed and I provided him my email to send me a link to the video and a copy of the footage.

[redacted] - Eye witness to disturbance preceding critical incident

I spoke with [redacted] who told me he had been picking berries near the Hacienda Bridge when he saw a pick-up truck parked at a stop sign with a couple inside having a loud verbal argument. There was a female in the driver`s seat and a male in the passenger seat. The male was screaming "let me out" and yelling bible verses. [redacted] could not see if there was any kind of physical altercation between the two. He observed the truck leave at a high rate of speed west bound on River Rd, almost hitting a mail box.

[redacted] - Dada Hardware employee
I observed several security cameras on the exterior of the Dadas Hardware building. It appeared several faced in the same direction as the critical incident but looked unlikely to have captured the incident due to the placement of the surrounding buildings. I spoke to an employee named [redacted] who said the cameras did operate and record and that he would speak with a manager to get footage. I provided him my business card and he said he would contact me if he obtained footage.

I attempted to contact possible witnesses at [redacted] River Road with no results. I also checked the exterior of all the houses across from the scene and did not observe any security cameras. I knocked on the door of the Auto Shop business just east of the critical incident but received no reply. I also checked the plant nursery to the west of the incident but it was closed and I could not see anyone inside.

After interviewing witnesses I drove [redacted] from the scene of the critical incident back to the Sheriff`s Main Office in Santa Rosa. Deputy Thez and I remained with [redacted] until a Santa Rosa detective came to interview her.

My BWC was activated during my contact. This report is not intended to be an exact transcription of my contact but a summary. Nothing further

WITS - MARTINEZ ORDAZ, V - 08/15/2020
Written by: **Martinez Ordaz, Veronica 1102274**
Date/Time: **08/15/2020 17:25:08**

On 08/15/2020 at approximately 0821 hours, I overheard the River deputies asking for a code 20. I cleared the call I was on and at 0823 hours, I attached to the call and proceeded to drive to Dada`s Hardware, 15600 River Rd, in Guerneville, CA.

I activated my body worn camera. The video was later downloaded pursuant to department policy.

Once I arrived on scene I proceeded to close down the eastbound lanes on River Rd along with Deputy Barone.

I assisted with directing traffic for a short period of time. I was asked to standby with a female who was later identified as [redacted]. I was also informed that [redacted] husband, later identified as Donald Miller, suffered a medical emergency and was being assisted by medical personnel. [redacted] stated the following in essence:

Donald and [redacted] reside in Elk Grove, on Wednesday (08/12/2020) they arrived at Duncan Mills Camping Club (D53). Donald has been diagnosed with [redacted]. In the past, Donald has voluntarily admitted himself to a [redacted] on two occasions. On 08/11/2020, Donald began taking new [redacted]. Donald was not, "acting right" since they arrived at Duncan Mills Camping Club (08/12/2020). Donald was having a hard time doing day to day functions, he appeared disoriented, and unable to follow simple directives like getting dressed.

According to [redacted], Donald has never been violent with her and said, "This was just completely out of the blue, screaming about god." In addition, this morning Donald was rubbing hand sanitizer all over his head and arms, and was rubbing it on [redacted] as well. Donald has been talking about conspiracy theories and has been acting paranoid.

[redacted] was on her way to take Donald to Mather Hospital in Rancho Cordova to have him examined when the incident happened.

During my conversation with [redacted] she stated that Donald took her cellphone when she was trying to call 911.

Donald was later pronounced dead by medical personnel. Deputy Barone and I later removed [redacted] two dogs from her vehicle and brought them to her. Per [redacted] request I later drove her two dogs to Duncan Mills Camping Club and dropped them with her mother.

I contacted [redacted] mother [redacted], at the camping grounds. She stated the following in essence:

Donald had recently changed his [redacted] because his old [redacted] was causing him to blink. On 08/14/2020 early afternoon, Donald began exhibiting unusual behavior. Donald was taking the dogs for excessive walks, which was unusual for him. Donald was in a confuse state, and did not appear to process simple directives. [redacted] believed that Donald was up all night because she kept hearing movement in the bedroom. [redacted] agreed that Donald needed to be taken to the hospital to be examined. On 08/15/2020 at approximately 0740 hours, Donald and [redacted] left the campgrounds and were headed to Mather Hospital to take Donald to the hospital. [redacted] did not have any more relevant information.

I later returned to the scene and helped with scene security until Santa Rosa Police Department took over with the investigation.

Nothing else to report.

FLUP - THEZ, K - 08/15/2020

Written by: **Thez, Kenneth 1102530**
Date/Time: **08/15/2020 17:50:26**

On 08/15/2020 at 0821 hours I was dispatched to a "Code 20" request for emergency backup at 15650 River Road in Guerneville. I responded Code 3, with my emergency lights and sirens activated. I arrived on scene at 0841 hours and contacted witness [redacted] who told me the following in summary:

[redacted] lived in the [redacted]. The shop and residence were connected by a door. [redacted] was in the residence sleeping when he was suddenly awoken by a woman screaming loudly. [redacted] went into the upholstery shop and saw a man and woman walking into the store. [redacted] said "she`s screaming, call 911!" The man was holding the woman`s arms on both of her shoulders and talking about her cell phone. [redacted] had never seen the subjects before, so he told them they needed to leave the store. The subjects walked outside and were met by a Deputy.

[redacted] made the following statements regarding the incident: "He would not obey any orders from the Police Officers," "That dudes eyes, I`ve never seen anything like that before," "He fuckin` fought pretty good," "He kept fighting, and fighting, and fighting," "they gave him every opportunity to comply," and "I`m gonna tell you right now, it wasn`t the Police Officers fault." [redacted] said the Deputies gave numerous commands to the subject, which he failed to obey.

Due to the nature of the incident, I transported [redacted] to the Sheriffs Main Office to be interviewed by Santa Rosa Police Department Detectives.

This investigation was captured on my body worn camera.

Nothing further.

FLUP - KELLER, F - 08/15/2020
Written by: **Keller, Francine 1102608**
Date/Time: **08/15/2020 18:41:22**

On 08/15/20 at approximately 0821 I was dispatched to assist Deputies at 15650 River Road. Deputies were out with a combative subject and were requesting additional Deputies and medical.

I arrived at approximately 0835 hours.

Shortly after I arrived, medical personnel, that was performing CPR requested that I remove the handcuff on Miller to better facilitate their life saving efforts. I proceeded to remove one of the handcuffs off Miller`s wrist.

While on scene I photographed the scene and later uploaded them into evidence.

I remained on scene as scene security until SRPD Officers arrived to take over the scene.

I collected the cellphone that Miller had with him during the incident and later released custody of the cellphone to SRPD Detectives on scene.

I transported Deputy Jensen`s Patrol vehicle (A900) back to the Sheriff`s Office and released the keys to the vehicle to Sgt. Burris.

Nothing Further

FLUP - GEDDES, Z - 08/16/2020
Written by: **Geddes, Zachary 1102047**
Date/Time: **08/16/2020 09:36:33**

On 08/15/2020 at approximately 0821 I responded to the area of 15650 River Rd for a Code 20 call for help from Deputy Jensen and Deputy Matelli. I arrived on scene approximately 14 minutes later and activated my body worn camera.

I started a crime scene log for the incident and stood by for scene security. I logged members of the sheriff`s office, Sonoma County Fire, Monte Rio fire and Bells Ambulance that were inside of the crime scene. I stood by handling the crime scene log till approximately 1320 hours when I was relieved by a Santa Rosa PD Officer.
While we were on scene Deputy Barone entered the truck belonging to V-[redacted] to retrieve her dogs that were inside of it.

While on scene security I was flagged down by a local resident W-[redacted] who owns the residence at [redacted] Riverside Dr Guerneville, CA. W-[redacted] stated the following in summary: W-[redacted] and his wife were sitting on their porch drinking coffee when they heard a woman scream very loudly. W-[redacted] described the scream as "Blood Curdling" and stated he thought the woman needed help.

W-[redacted] went towards the sound of the scream but by the time he had reached his road he saw a Sheriff`s Deputy SUV pull up to the area. W-[redacted] thought that he couldn`t offer any more help than Deputy so he did not continue towards the sound. W-[redacted] stated he heard a male voice state "get on your belly and put your hands behind your back" and shortly thereafter he heard what he described as four pops. W[redacted] stated he was prior military and felt that the pops were not firearms but something else. W-[redacted] stated he didn`t see any of the events but merely heard them.

I later booked the crime scene log into the evidence.

Attach to original report.

Nothing further.

WITS - PASERO, J - 08/16/2020
Written by: **Pasero, Jason 1102341**
Date/Time: **08/16/2020 11:48:35**

On Saturday, 08-15-20, at 0821 hours I responded to assist Guerneville Deputies on an incident that occurred at 15600 River Road (Dadas Hardware). Upon my arrival I met with Sergeant Burris who tasked me with speaking to any possible witnesses that were with Deputy Taylor. There was one remaining witness I spoke with at the scene as follow:

Witness Statement:
[redacted]

[redacted] was staying at a property just east and south of Dadas Hardware on River Road. Prior to law enforcement arriving heard "blood curdling screaming" and she knew something had happened based on the screaming. She at first thought the screaming was because a child or dog had been struck out on the road. [redacted] was "very scared to see that" and did not want to come out of the residence. [redacted] went outside and saw someone run across the street as a Sheriff`s vehicle was pulling up to the location near Dadas Hardware. [redacted] noted there were no lights or siren from the patrol vehicle and then later stated maybe the lights were on.

I asked [redacted] to describe the subject that ran across the street. The subject was described by [redacted] as a White male wearing casual green khaki looking clothes. It was noted the subject ran from the south side of River Road across the roadway north towards the area of Dadas Hardware. After law enforcement arrived [redacted] believed everything was probably under control so she started walking back towards the residence she was staying at.

While standing on the deck with her friends [redacted] heard "Get out we need you to come out get off of her!" [redacted] could not tell who was yelling this but it sounded like the person saying it was doing so with authority. [redacted] next heard, "Get on the ground". [redacted] heard "Two Tasers". I asked her if she heard the Taser and she stated, "I thought it was a gunshot. First it went poppop". [redacted] went back inside and heard someone yelling, "Get off of me put your hands behind your back!" [redacted] believed the person yelling "Get off of me!" was the assailant and the person responding "Put your hands behind your back!" was the Police. [redacted] never saw either party and drew an assumption on which person made the previous statements. [redacted]

never went towards the scene and did not see any of the involved parties during the altercation. [redacted] saw the ambulance and medical personnel arrive on scene and she went inside. At this point I concluded my interview with [redacted]

This incident was captured via my body worn camera.

I request this supplement be attached to the original investigation.

Nothing further.

FLUP - BURRIS, K - 08/16/2020
Written by: **Burris, Kelly 1101889**
Date/Time: **08/16/2020 16:32:25**

On 08/15/2020 at approximately 0821 hours, I heard Deputy Jensen call out over the radio "CODE 20". I immediately got into my patrol vehicle and began driving CODE 3 (full lights and siren) to the area of 15600 River Rd, Guerneville from Santa Rosa. It took me approximately 15 minutes to get on scene.

Upon my arrival I saw Sonoma County Fire performing CPR on a white male adult who was lying on the ground in front of 15650 River Rd. I found Deputy Jensen and Deputy Matelli who had placed crime scene tape up. I asked if either of them were injured or needed medical attention. They both declined medical attention. I noticed both Deputies had red faces and were sweaty. I provided them both with a bottle of water. I asked them for a safety statement in which I learned the suspect physically fought with them, Deputy Matelli used his taser and at some point during the fight, the suspect became unresponsive. They began CPR and were eventually relieved by Sonoma County Fire. I asked Deputy Minaglia to sequester Deputy Jensen and Deputy Dietrick to sequester Deputy Matelli.

I noticed a male inside the business where the suspect was in front of (15650 River Rd). I had Deputy Thez go inside the business where he interviewed the male, who was a witness.

Deputy Geddes began a crime scene log.

At approximately 0842 hours, Bells Ambulance arrived on scene. Life saving measures continued. At some point during life saving measures the medic on Bells Ambulance asked if we could take the handcuffs off of the suspect and Deputy Keller removed one handcuff. I noticed CHP Officer Harvey talking with the victim near Dada`s Hardware Store (15600 River Rd). I asked Deputy Ordaz to standby with the victim and CHP Officer Harvey went on to do traffic control at River and Old River Rd. I learned from the victim that the suspect takes mental health medications and pain medications.
At 0902 the suspect was pronounced dead.

I later asked the victim if she wanted me to contact a victim advocate on her behalf and she requested we try to contact her mother who was camping in Duncan Mills. Inside the suspect and victim`s dodge truck were 2 dogs. They were removed from the vehicle and given to the victim.

We learned there were no cameras nearby the scene or on the business.

Sonoma County Roads eventually took over the traffic control point at River Rd and diverted traffic onto Old River Rd. A NIXLE was sent out advising of the traffic diversion.

I was eventually relieved by SRPD LT Marincik, Detectives and Officers.

My BWC was activated during this incident.

Nothing further.