Supplement Report

Agency: **Santa Rosa Police Department** Case #: **SR220008672.023**

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Others Involved

Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Other	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Address: [redacted] 31ST AV, Clearlake CA 95422				
Employer/School: -				
Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Other	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Address: [redacted] 31ST AV, Clearlake CA 95422				[redacted]
Employer/School: -				

Narrative

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] (BROTHER)
Written by: **Rantissi, Gino 1060545**
Date/Time: **09/12/2022 09:23:00**

[redacted] **INTERVIEW:**

On Saturday, July 30, 2022, I traveled to 16030 31st Avenue in Clearlake, CA to locate any family members of David Pelaez Chavez. I was accompanied by Detective White, a uniformed Clearlake Police Officer and other VCI detectives. My intention was to definitively identify Pelaez, notify his family members, and obtain a better understanding of the events which led to the officer involved shooting. It should be noted that at the time Pelaez was searched by the Marin County Coroner, he was found to be in possession of a fictitious Mexican identification card bearing the name "[redacted]." At the time, I did not believe that this was Pelaez's true identity.

When I arrived at the residence, I met with [redacted] ([redacted]) and his son, [redacted] ([redacted]). Since [redacted] was a native Spanish speaker, [redacted] assisted us with interpretation.

I began by explaining the reason we were there. I told [redacted] that Pelaez was killed during an officer involved shooting and I was tasked with investigating the incident. [redacted] began by looking at a photo of Pelaez and he identified him as his brother.

After [redacted] was advised of the death, he took a few minutes to talk on the phone. In the meantime, I spoke with [redacted] about Pelaez. [redacted] told me that he did not have a close relationship with his uncle. [redacted] did not know where Pelaez lived and did not know what he did for work. [redacted] last saw Pelaez on New Year's Day when Pelaez visited them at their home.

When [redacted] finally ended his call, I spoke with him about his brother. [redacted] told me that he did not have a close relationship with Pelaez. [redacted] told me that he kept his distance because Pelaez was known to be "hot-headed" when he was under the influence. I asked [redacted] if Pelaez used drugs. [redacted] replied, "Maybe, yeah." [redacted] did not know what type of drugs Pelaez was known to use.

[redacted] stated that he hadn't had contact with Pelaez for the past two or three months. He did not know where Pelaez lived, but believed that he lived alone in a studio in Lower Lake, CA.

In order to find out why Pelaez was in a rural area in Healdsburg, I asked [redacted] if Pelaez had any associates in Sonoma County. [redacted] was not aware of any and did not know why Pelaez was in Sonoma County on the day of the officer involved shooting.

[redacted] described that Pelaez once worked for him doing construction labor, but the arrangement ended because Pelaez did not like people telling him what to do. [redacted] believed that Pelaez's behavior changed towards the end of their working relationship, and he believed that Pelaez had been abusing drugs.

In regard to family, [redacted] told me that he has a wife and children in Mexico. [redacted] did not have any contact information for these people.

I asked [redacted] if he knew what type of vehicle Pelaez drove. [redacted] told me that he did not know, but his wife who was listening in said that Pelaez drove either a Nissan or a Honda. [redacted] had heard that Pelaez was making payments on a vehicle, but he did not know what type. The information provided by [redacted] wife corroborated my belief that Pelaez was associated to the Nissan Sentra which was originally reported as a suspicious vehicle hours before Pelaez was contacted by sheriff's deputies.

I spoke with [redacted] about the events which led to Pelaez's death. [redacted] specifically asked if Pelaez was armed with a firearm at the time he was shot by sheriff's deputies. I told [redacted] that Pelaez was not armed with a firearm but was instead holding several other objects which could have been used as weapons. [redacted] responded by stating that Pelaez has always been "hot-headed," and he feared or assumed that Pelaez did have a firearm at the time. Based on the fact that [redacted] made numerous statements indicating that Pelaez was "hot-headed," I asked [redacted] to elaborate.

[redacted] told me that he believed Pelaez was "hot-headed" because he was involved in drugs. He also told me that when Pelaez was a child in Mexico, he was involved in a fight where he was "choked out." [redacted] believed that this incident led to a lack of oxygen in his brain which caused him to suffer from violent tendencies.

I asked [redacted] if he had ever seen Pelaez under the influence. [redacted] told me that he had never seen Pelaez under the influence, but he has heard from mutual friends that when Pelaez was using drugs or under the influence of alcohol, he would become violent. [redacted] could not provide any examples.

Prior to my departure, I explained the next steps of the investigation and offered my contact information in the event [redacted] or his family had any questions. I then ended the interview and departed.

It should be noted that my interview with [redacted] was recorded on my body camera. This report is a summary of my interview and not intended to be a transcript.

DISPOSITION:

Attach to report.