Supplement Report

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Scene walk-through
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SCENE WALK-THROUGH

On Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at approximately 0800 hours, myself and the VCI team conducted a scene walk-through. Our intention was to start in the area of east of [redacted] Thomas Road, travel through the mountainous terrain and ultimately end at the scene of the officer involved shooting. We attempted to follow a similar path as Deputy Dietrick and Deputy Powers using their body camera footage as general guide.

While walking in the eastern direction through the thick hillscape, I located a pair of gardening snips on top of a ridge approximately 1,500 yards east of [redacted] Thomas Road. The approximate GPS location of these snips was [redacted].

I inspected these snips and noticed that they appeared to be in decent condition which made me believe that they had not been exposed to the outside elements for very long. Based on their location and apparent condition, I suspected that these snips may have possibly belonged to Pelaez while he was fleeing through the area. I collected the snips and booked them into SRPD evidence (SRPD item #39).

Detectives continued our trek through the terrain and ultimately into the creek bed where the officer involved shooting occurred. While I was at the scene, I attempted to determine the location of Pelaez and Deputy Dietrick at the time of the officer involved shooting. I used a combination of landmarks (trees, distinctive rocks, etc.) seen in photos as well as crime scene diagrams completed by FET Brady to best determine where the involved parties were standing. In addition, I relied on Detective Avina to provide me with the best insight since he was present at the crime scene while it was being processed.

After conducting a survey of the scene, I used a tape measure to estimate that Pelaez was approximately 10 to 12 feet away from Deputy Dietrick at the time Deputy Dietrick fired his duty weapon. Please note that this is not an exact measurement and was determined using the best information I had available at the time. Please see the diagrams completed by FET Brady in supplemental report #19 for further detail.

After conducting a survey of the scene, the VCI team departed.

At the conclusion of this walk-through, I was able to fully comprehend the ruggedness terrain as described by Deputy Dietrick and Deputy Powers during their interviews. Especially during my travels into the creek bed, I was unsteady on my feet and lost balance several times. I noted that Detectives Avina, Andrews, White, Gillotte and O'Neill each commented on how difficult the terrain was and we were all exhausted by the time we were completed. I will also add that I suffered a laceration approximately 4 inches long to my left shin after I tripped on hidden barbwire along the creek bed near the scene of the shooting. This unexpected injury allowed me to fully comprehend the dangers of the terrain.

DISPOSITION:

Attach to report.