Supplement Report

Agency: **Santa Rosa Police Department** Case #: **SR220008672.004**

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Others Involved

Inv Type:	Name (Last, First Middle):	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender:	Height/Weight:
Witness	[redacted]	[redacted]	**48/White/Male**	**5'10"/165**
Address: [redacted] Tre Monte Ln, Geyserville CA 95448				[redacted]
Employer/School: -				

Narrative

SUPPLEMENT
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT: Interview with [redacted].

On 7/29/22 at approximately 1030 hours, I was contacted by Sergeant Matthies regarding a critical incident that had just occurred in the Sheriff's Office Jurisdiction. Sergeant Matthies requested I respond to the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office for a briefing of the incident and an assignment at 1230 hours.

During the briefing, I learned that two Sonoma County Sheriff Deputies were involved in an incident where a suspect was shot during the encounter. I learned the incident took place in a heavily wooded area east of [redacted] Thomas Road in Geyserville. I was informed access to the area of the scene was only accessible by helicopter.

I responded to the area of [redacted] Thomas Road and met with several Sonoma County Deputies. Deputy Clegg informed me that he contacted (IO) [redacted] who had contact with the suspect during the incident. [redacted] was on his way down to my location to provide a statement.

I met with [redacted] and informed him of the reason for contacting him. I told [redacted] I was going to be recording his statement and he said that would be ok. I gathered basic identifying information from [redacted] and then asked him to provide a statement regarding his interaction with the suspect and what he did.

[redacted] stated he lived at [redacted] Tre Monte Lane. [redacted] stated at approximately 0845 hours, his wife woke him up because she heard people talking outside of their residence. [redacted] went outside of his residence and noticed a Hispanic male who he described as being dirty and disheveled. He had no shoes on and was barefoot. [redacted] described him as looking like a "bum." He was wearing a dark top, dark pants and again no shoes. The male was holding three rocks the size of cantaloupes.

[redacted] spoke to the male and asked him in Spanish if he could help him. The subject then knelt down to his knees and said, "help me help me, there is somebody trying to kill me". [redacted] stated he can speak English and Spanish. The subject was talking back to [redacted] in broken English which made [redacted] believe the subject spoke English also. [redacted] was trying to figure out if the subject was hurt or if there were others hurt as well on his property. [redacted] also said he was concerned as to why the suspect was there.

At that point, [redacted] went into his residence to grab his gun. He did this because he had never seen the male before and the fact that the subject had to go through numerous locked gates to get to [redacted] house, he knew there was something not right with the subject. He also stated he did not feel comfortable because the subject was holding large rocks in his hands and not speaking clearly and appeared out of it.

The subject then stood up and [redacted] pulled his firearm out. [redacted] stated the male appeared "methed out" and was not answering his questions. [redacted] then asked his wife to call 911 and while doing so, he received a call from his neighbor [redacted]. [redacted] advised [redacted] a subject had stolen a truck from his property, crashed through several fences and gates on a neighboring property and crashed onto [redacted] property in the stolen truck. [redacted] then believed the subject walked up towards [redacted] residence.

During this time, the subject began to walk away in an eastern direction. [redacted] ordered the subject to sit down on a rock and wait for the Sheriff. The subject then ran and went east towards a hill on [redacted] property. [redacted] followed him so that he could keep an eye on the subject. Once [redacted] got to the edge of the shorter grass near the longer grass on the property, the subject popped up with the three boulders in his hands and said, "shoot me shoot me". At that point, [redacted] realized he better not engage the subject anymore because he did not want to shoot him. [redacted] had the ability to get away from him and did not want to escalate the situation based on the subject's erratic behavior.

At this point, two Deputy's pulled up to [redacted] property. [redacted] showed the initial Deputies where he had last seen the subject. One Deputy walked on foot down the hill in the direction of the subject and the other Deputy got in a side by side with [redacted] in order to locate the subject. As they all went down the hill, they met up at the bottom of the hill and had not located the subject. At this point, they had met up at a locked gate of [redacted] Thomas Road.

The two Deputies jumped over the gate and began walking east on foot towards a barn area of the property. A ranch hand arrived and eventually opened the gate so [redacted] could drive through on his side by side. [redacted] again picked up the Deputies in the side by side and drove them up the [redacted] Thomas Road to check the house for any type of break ins or the subject.

As they were checking the residence, the same ranch hand came up to them and stated another side by side had been stolen and there was an unlocked gate in the southeast portion of the property. The side by side was usually parked in front of the barn and it was gone. The gate is normally closed and should not be open. [redacted] then drove the Deputies in the direction of the open gate looking for tracks and got to a section of a three-way intersection. They noticed the stolen side by side was stuck in a ravine up against a wall. As they approached it, it was still running an nobody around it. One of the Deputies turned the side by side off and took the key.

[redacted] explained the Deputies then went on foot in the direction of the side by side looking for the subject. [redacted] explained it was an easterly direction. [redacted] then began circling the area in his side by side in an attempt to locate the subject. [redacted] thought he may have been helpful to be in the area once the Deputies apprehended the subject to provide them a ride. [redacted] then walked around on foot for a while and was not able to locate the Deputies or the subject. As [redacted] drove out of the area back towards the gate of the property, he came across two more Deputies. [redacted] pointed them in the direction of where the initial first two Deputies went.

I asked [redacted] about his initial contact with the subject when he approached the front of his residence. [redacted] perceived the subject as a threat because he was holding several rocks when he initially contacted him. [redacted] stated he was not afraid because he has dealt with people like that before; but he was scared for his wife and the fact that there could be people chasing this subject. [redacted] described him as being "strung out" with big eyes looking around. [redacted] stated he knew there was something off with the subject because he was saying "someone is trying to kill me" and "shoot me shoot me."

[redacted] explained he did not see a weapon, only the boulders which [redacted] perceived as weapons. [redacted] knew that the subject had broken into a house, stole a truck and a side by side. [redacted] stated he knew there were potential weapons in the side by side such as knives and other sharp objects. [redacted] noted he also saw the boulders in the side by side that he stole and left some of the boulders in the side by side.

[redacted] said he would have done the same thing as the Deputies. Going into this area not knowing what the subject was doing assuming he was armed with weapons from the side by side. [redacted] said the area was extremely rugged and difficult to get to.

Deputy Clegg provided me with the keys to the stolen side by side. Deputy Clegg informed me that one of the initial responding Deputies involved in the incident gave him the keys.

I asked [redacted] if he could drive me to the area of where the stolen side by side was. [redacted] agreed. I got into [redacted] side by side and went to the area of the stolen one. I noted the terrain was extremely rough and uneven as we drove there. Upon coming up to the side by side, I noted there were several large rocks in the passenger area. I noted there were tools in the rear cargo area and some of them appeared to be missing out of the tool rack. The side by side appeared to be stuck between some rocks and the edge of the ravine. I placed the keys on the front seat for later processing by the Evidence Technicians.

[redacted] gave me a ride back to the staging area where my vehicle was parked. [redacted] informed me that he had video surveillance of the subject approaching his residence and agreed to provide it to me. He also informed me that his wife witnessed

their initial encounter with the subject as stated she would be willing to provide a statement.

I met with Detective Rantissi and responded to [redacted] Tres Monte Lane to obtain the video footage. Detective Rantissi spoke to [redacted] wife. Refer to his supplemental report for further details.

[redacted] was able to airdrop the surveillance videos from his phone to my phone. I later uploaded the videos into Evidence.com. I began to review the surveillance footage from the residence. At approximately 0840 hours, I observe a Hispanic male approaching [redacted] residence from the west. The camera view is facing west. I noted he is wearing a dark colored top, dark pants and is barefoot. The male is carrying what appears to be 4 rocks varying in size. The subject has 3 under his right arm and has a larger one in his right hand. He appears disoriented and is looking around as if someone is following him. He continues to look around in all directions.

In the next set of videos from an east facing camera at approximately 0842 hours, I observe [redacted] come out of his residence and begin to communicate with the subject. [redacted] communicates with the subject briefly and then returns back into his house. It appears as though [redacted] feels like he is in danger because he comes back out with his gun and instructs his wife to call the Sheriff's Office.

As [redacted] comes back out of the residence with his firearm, the subject sees [redacted] draw it out of the holster and gets up off the ground. The subject then begins walking east out of the camera view. Minutes later a Sonoma County Deputy arrives on scene.

My interview with [redacted] was recorded with my body worn camera. I later booked the recoding into SRPD Evidence. Please refer to the recording for further details regarding the interview.

DISPOSITION:

Attach to the original report.