Supplement Report

Agency: **Sonoma County Sheriff's Office** Case #: **SD220729008.004**

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Incident Information

Date/Time Reported: **07/29/2022 0820**	Occurred: **07/29/2022 0820**
Location: **LL(-122:44:36.6601,38:36:52.0799),**	
UCR Status:	Officer:
Related Cases: No Associated Cases	

Narrative

SUPPLEMENT
Written by: **Haas, Christopher 1101649**
Date/Time: **08/06/2022 12:57:00**

On 07-29-2022, at approximately 0912 hours, I was off duty, but available on call as the Tactical Flight Officer for the Sheriff`s Helicopter "Henry-1." In addition to myself, the aircrew consisted of Pilot N. Cooper.

On the above noted date and time, I was contacted, via telephone, by Sheriff's Office Dispatch who requested we respond to the area of [redacted], Geyserville, to assist with searching for a person/suspect in a remote area.

I responded to the Sheriff's Hangar and subsequently flew to the above noted area.

Upon our arrival we began a search for said suspect and eventually located them in a creek bed while they were being contacted/detained be patrol Deputy Sheriffs.

Shortly after locating the above noted suspect, one of the deputies on scene advised, via radio, that the suspect had been shot and that deputies were initiating lifesaving measures.

Due to the remoteness of the location, and lack of vehicle access to the scene, I felt it necessary to rendezvous with a Bell's Ambulance, staged out of the area, in order to airlift a paramedic to the scene.

We flew to and landed in a driveway off Chalk Hill Road, where we picked up a Bell's Ambulance Paramedic. I loaded the paramedic and their medical supplies/equipment into the aft passenger compartment of the helicopter.

We subsequently flew to a hilltop closer to the scene and I simultaneously coordinated with both Sheriff's Dispatch and REDCOM to start a medevac helicopter to said hilltop to potentially airlift the suspect to the hospital.

Upon landing at said hilltop, I set the helicopter up with a 100-foot-long line. After setting up the long line, I connected the above noted medical supplies/equipment to the line, as well as additional rescue equipment. Additionally, I placed the paramedic in a "Hot Seat" rescue device and attached both the paramedic and me to the line.

Pilot Cooper then flew us to the location of the incident, and I disconnected everything and everyone from the line. The paramedic began providing patient care to the suspect and I flew, via 100-foot-long line, to the location of Sergeant N. Berg, as well as an additional Deputy Sheriff, who were located in a creek bed north of our location. Once at their location, I placed Sergeant Berg in a "Horse Collar" rescue device and the deputy in a "Hot Seat" rescue device. Pilot Cooper then flew us to the location of the scene, and I disconnected us from the line.

Shortly after my arrival back at the scene, the paramedic advised me the suspect was dead.

Due to our poor radio reception, I relayed to Pilot Cooper to advise Sheriff's Dispatch that the suspect was deceased.

A short time later, and at Sergeant Berg's direction, I flew both deputies involved in the critical incident, via long line, to a landing zone (LZ) north of our location (2 separate flights, with each flight being one of the involved deputies and I). Once at said LZ the

involved deputies were received by deputies who would be coordinating the sequestering of the involved deputies.

Throughout the remainder of the day, we conducted numerous long line operations from the above noted LZ, to the location of the scene. This included long lining deputies assigned to crime scene security, a Santa Rosa Police Department Detective and Evidence Technicians, District Attorney Investigator, and both Sonoma and Marin County Coroners.

At the direction of the Marin County Coroner, I assisted in packaging the decedent into a "Traverse Stretcher" rescue device and subsequently flew the decedent, Marin Coroner, and I to the LZ; via 100-foot-long line.

It should be noted that all our long line operations throughout the day were necessitated by the remote location of the incident. The location was such that it was inaccessible by ground vehicles and hiking to the location was tedious, time consuming, and difficult task. This hike would also expose ground personnel to potential injury.

End of supplemental report.