

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Case Number: OR-27-0409

Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida



Investigative Summary

Use of Force Investigation

Winter Park Police Department

Incident Date: February 19, 2022

Case Agent:

Special Agent David Snowden

Subject:

Daniel Patrick Knight
Black, Male
January 15, 1983

Involved Deputies:

[REDACTED]
Winter Park Police Department
500 North Virginia Avenue
Winter Park, Florida, 32789

Incident Location:

Winter Park Events Center
1050 West Morse Boulevard
Winter Park, Florida, 32789

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Summary of Events

On Saturday, February 19, 2022, at approximately 2139 hours, Winter Park Police Department (WPPD) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] responded to the scene of a disturbance at a wedding reception located at the Winter Park Events Center. Upon arrival, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] contacted Knight on the exterior east side of the facility. Knight refused to listen to the commands of officers. Knight struck [REDACTED] with his fist and knocked him unconscious. [REDACTED] attempted to utilize his Taser without success. Knight then attacked [REDACTED] who fired multiple rounds striking Knight. Knight was transported to Advent Health South Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were transported to Advent Health Winter Park where they were treated for their injuries and released.

Radio Communications and CAD report

On February 24, 2022, FDLE Special Agent (SA) Gus Mendoza and SA Billy Long received a flash drive from WPPD Detective Amy Dicarlo. The drive contained the WPPD Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) report and WPPD radio transmissions.

Radio Traffic

SA Mendoza conducted a thorough review of the WPPD Radio Traffic. The following is a synopsis of the radio traffic:

[File Name: 2022-46-000200R_NDA] this recording was 37 minutes and 30 seconds long.

Elapsed Time	Description
00:00	Communication Center [CC]: 650 [Officer Justina Cabarcas], 635 [Officer Dalton Millard], copy 22 [Disturbance].
00:09	Officer Millard: 635
00:11	Officer Cabarcas: 650
00:13	CC: It is going to be at the Events Center, 1050 West Morse Boulevard. Can you do an area check on the east side of the building, by the building by the dumpsters? White male, black tank top, tattoos, black pants. He's irate trying to fight people, shoving people's heads, and trying to hit them. I'm trying to pull it up here [REDACTED].
00:43	[REDACTED] I'll be 51 [en-route].
00:50	[REDACTED] Units, let's expedite over there.
01:55	[REDACTED] 10-97 [arrived on scene] on the 22.
02:00	Unidentified Officer: Can we get some more units?
02:58	Unidentified Officer: Unintelligible. (Screaming was heard in the background.)
03:10	[REDACTED] Got one down! (Screaming was heard in the background.)
03:30	Unidentified Officer: Have FD [Fire Department] rolling if they're not.
04:05	Unidentified Officer: We're going to need FD.
04:55	Unidentified Officer: We have an officer down?
05:00	CC: Unknown, but I'll put out officer needs assistance. [REDACTED] Advise your status. [Emergency Tone] Officer needs assistance at 1050 West Morse Boulevard - Winter Park Events Center.

05:25	Unidentified Officer: We need FD. Scene is secure for FD.
05:44	Unidentified Officer: Someone please advise what we have.
05:50	Unidentified Officer: Requesting more units for crowd control please.
06:24	Unidentified Officer: I need someone to give me an update.
06:27	Unidentified Officer: We got a pulse, breathing.
09:56	██████████ Do we have FD on the way?
09:59	CC: They're pulling in.

The remainder of the audio recording contained post-incident radio traffic and was not relevant to the use of force.

CAD Report

After a thorough review by SA Mendoza, it was determined that the CAD report was consistent with the radio traffic and contained no significant differences. The CAD report was recorded in actual time. The following is a synopsis of the information entered into CAD by the WPPD Communications Center:

Time	Comments
21:38:16	Signal 87 [Area check] for white male with black tank top, tattoos, black pants, being irate and trying to fight.
21:38:26	On side of building by dumpsters.
21:38:36	East side of the building facing the lake.
21:38:49	Shoving people's heads and trying to hit them.
21:39:27	Grabbing an older woman now and shoving her.
21:39:50	Unknown injuries at the moment.
21:39:56	Shoved several to the floor.
21:40:01	Grabbing female by the neck.
21:40:27	Come by the Arthur's Catering truck by loading zone and dumpsters- Manager is there and will show the way to the male.
21:43:32	██████████ advised one down.
21:43:46	Heard 5 gunshots.
21:44:33	Fire Department (FD) en-route.
21:44:58	Second caller ██████████ heard 5-6 gunshots fired and people screaming.
21:47:51	Staging at Penn & Canton
21:48:12	Maitland Police Department en-route with 3.
21:48:23	Orange County Sheriff's Office en-route with 2.
21:48:45	FD Needs to confirm the scene is secure.
21:48:47	Female saying police shot a person- requesting medical.
21:49:24	Scene secure FD entering.

9-1-1 Calls

SA Mendoza conducted a thorough review of the 911 calls provided by WPPD. The following is a synopsis of the 911 calls as they relate to the use of force incident:

File Name: 2022-46-000200 P1: This recording was 4 minutes and 8 seconds long.

The caller ██████████ said there was a very "irate," intoxicated guest at the Winter Park Events Center beating people up. ██████████ described the person [Daniel Knight] as "violent." ██████████ described Knight as a White, possibly Hispanic male wearing a black "wifebeater" and black pants. Knight was at the east side of the Events Center. Knight pushed people's heads, beat people up, and hit "older ladies." ██████████ gave her name and information. The Communications

Operator asked [REDACTED] what Knight was doing at that moment [REDACTED] stated, "He's grabbing an older woman and shoving her." [REDACTED] indicated that anyone of authority was making Knight angry. Knight was grabbing people's necks, including an older woman who [REDACTED] thought was his mom. Knight pushed two people to the floor. [REDACTED] continued to give direction to the Communications Operator. An officer arrived on scene. The call concluded.

File Name: 2022-46-000200 P3: This recording was 4 minutes and 35 seconds long.

The Communications Operator and caller both said, "Hello," several times, but they could not hear one another. Unintelligible communication was heard. The caller said, "There's police but no ambulance." The Communications Operator asked the caller to text 9-1-1. The caller moved to a location where she was able to be heard and said, "The police shot him." Yelling and screaming was heard. The caller started speaking with a police officer, asking where was the ambulance. The call concluded.

File Name: 2022-46-000200 P4: This recording was 13 seconds long.

The caller said she was in a wedding and she heard someone got shot. The Communications Operator advised her to stay inside and there were units en-route. The call concluded.

File Name: 2022-46-000200 P5: This recording was 29 seconds long.

The caller said he heard six gunshots coming from the Winter Park Civic Center and a lot of people were screaming and running. The Communications Operator said units were in the area. The call concluded.

File Name: 2022-46-000200 P6: This recording was 23 seconds long.

The caller said she heard five gunshots at the "library." The Communications Operator advised the caller that units were already responding. The call concluded.

File Name: 2022-46-000200 P7: This recording was 1 minute 50 seconds long.

The caller said she heard "a shooting" at the Winter Park Event Center. The caller said she heard five or six gunshots and people screaming. The call concluded.

Law Enforcement Interviews

Requested Statement of [REDACTED]

On March 1, 2022, FDLE Special Agent (SA) David Snowden was contacted by Attorney David Bigney. Bigney advised he had been retained to represent [REDACTED] in the WPPD use of force shooting. At Bigney's direction, [REDACTED] would not be providing a statement regarding the events from the incident.

Compelled Statement of [REDACTED]

On March 10, 2022, at approximately 1009 hours, SA Snowden and SA Mendoza conducted a sworn, recorded, and compelled interview with [REDACTED] at the State Attorney's Office for the Ninth Judicial District. Chief Assistant State Attorney (CASA) Alfredo Zamora and Chief Investigator (CI) Eric Edwards were present for the interview. This interview was conducted under a court-ordered subpoena. CASA Zamora informed [REDACTED] that he was compelled to

give a statement and explained use immunity. CASA Zamora explained his reason for being present at the interview and advised if [REDACTED] knowingly provided a false statement he could be charged with perjury. Attorney Warren Lindsey was present. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

[REDACTED] reviewed his body-worn camera (BWC) recording of the incident at the police department "a few days" after the incident occurred. It was shown to him by Carla Sundvall, the BWC video custodian at WPPD. He did not view any other BWC video.

[REDACTED] has been with WPPD for one year. He has previous law enforcement experience of 26 years. On the night of the incident, [REDACTED] had the call sign of [REDACTED]. He was operating his marked WPPD vehicle [REDACTED]. He was wearing his blue WPPD uniform with his badge and name tag affixed to the chest. WPPD shoulder patches were on each sleeve and he had a BWC on the left pocket. The duty belt held his gun, Taser, extra magazines, handcuffs, and radio. The radio mike was attached to his left lapel.

[REDACTED] was working in another area that evening. He was called out of his normal area and dispatched to Publix at the Village Center, near the Events Center. Upon completing the call at Publix, [REDACTED] heard a disturbance call dispatched at the Events Center. He heard [REDACTED] say to send some extra officers and [REDACTED] volunteered to help. [REDACTED] thought the call would be an intoxicated person where he could tell them to "relax, chill out."

[REDACTED] indicated he typically reads the CAD notes before going into a call; however, he did not have an independent recollection of the CAD notes for that evening. He parked on the east side of the Events Center near a catering truck. [REDACTED] recognized a female that worked at the Events Center. It appeared to [REDACTED] the female "was under duress." The female told [REDACTED] "He's right down there, he's outside."

[REDACTED] recalled the description indicated the subject was wearing a black tank top. People were pointing and [REDACTED] heard a loud voice. As he approached the loud voice, [REDACTED] saw Knight in a black tank top and a female [Katrina Brown-Knight] wearing a gown. "Things were not easy between" Daniel Knight and Katrina Brown-Knight. It looked as if Katrina Brown-Knight was trying to calm Daniel Knight down and Daniel Knight "was irate." Katrina Brown-Knight told [REDACTED] that Daniel Knight had consumed too much alcohol.

[REDACTED] intent was to separate Daniel Knight and Katrina Brown-Knight in an effort to determine what the problem was. [REDACTED] saw [REDACTED] had also arrived on the scene. Due to Daniel Knight's size, skin tone, and tattoos, [REDACTED] said, "I thought he might have been Samoan." Daniel Knight "was thick, he was stocky. You could tell he was in the gym. He's a big boy." Referring to Daniel Knight's size, [REDACTED] said, "I'm not gonna say I wasn't, I was scared," and, "if we went hands-on, he could hurt me." Knight's demeanor caused [REDACTED] to think he "was a 'roid monster," (referring to a person using anabolic steroids causing fits of rage).

Daniel Knight took notice of [REDACTED] and referred to him as "a bitch." [REDACTED] said he was in full uniform and Daniel Knight knew he was an officer. "Based upon my experiences throughout my years, if you know who I am and you call me a bitch, that shows me you have no regard for me, and that everything else is going to be out the door."

██████████ attempted unsuccessfully to get Daniel Knight to talk to him. ██████████ told Katrina Brown-Knight to come to him. He tried to pull Katrina Brown-Knight away from Daniel Knight, but Daniel Knight refused to release her. Daniel Knight had his arm around Katrina Brown-Knight's throat. At some point, Daniel Knight pushed ██████████ away. ██████████ felt he had to move out of the "reactionary gap" and into the "danger zone" to remove Katrina Brown-Knight from Daniel Knight's grasp. Other patrons started walking up, and two or three of them began to "engage" ██████████. One male got ██████████ attention as he ██████████ stepped into the "danger zone" and "that was it."

██████████ did not remember being struck. He did not know what happened, "I remember hearing voices and somebody trying to help me," and, "I may have come to, but I was trying to get my bearing together." ██████████ heard four gunshots. He immediately reached down to feel for his firearm "because I thought somebody took my gun." The impact from the punch knocked ██████████ radio mike off of his uniform. A male in all white [John Baldwin] helped ██████████ with the microphone.

██████████ said, "It was rough for me. I was embarrassed. I've been through some stuff in my life but I haven't been through something like that. When my peers came around, I was trying to play it off. They took me back to the car – I didn't want to be at the car. I still felt that I had to work. The military has trained me you don't leave people. I don't get down like that."

██████████ did not see ██████████ or Daniel Knight at the time the use of force occurred.

██████████ was taken to the hospital and received four stitches in his lower lip. There was a laceration on his left wrist and his left elbow was sore. He was assessed (CT scan) for a concussion, although he did not reveal the results. He said he has blurry vision in his eye and is having recurring headaches.

Sworn Statement of Officer Justina Cabarcas

On March 1, 2022, at 1845 hours, SA Snowden and SA Mendoza conducted a sworn, voluntary, and recorded interview with WPPD Officer Justina Cabarcas at the WPPD. Detective Amy DiCarlo was present for the interview.

Officer Cabarcas and Officer Dalton Millard were individually dispatched to the Events Center regarding a disturbance. Officer Cabarcas read the call notes indicating a male subject was grabbing a female's neck. As she arrived near the dumpster area, Officer Cabarcas saw a crowd of people outside. There was a lot of yelling, but Officer Cabarcas did not see a physical fight. As she got closer, she saw a hand come up and fire two shots. She realized it was ██████████ on his back on the ground. ██████████ then got to his feet.

Almost simultaneously, she saw ██████████ unconscious on the ground. He was bleeding from the mouth. Officer Cabarcas called out to ██████████. He started to come to and tried to get up, but, "He was out of it. It wasn't him. He had a blank look on his face". Officer Cabarcas did not know what happened to ██████████. She was trying to figure out what was going on due to the scene being so dynamic. Officer Cabarcas did not think ██████████ had been shot because "the shots weren't next to him... and he began to get up."

Officer Cabarcas went to ██████████. Officer Cabarcas did not see any injuries on ██████████ and ██████████ did not make any statements about what happened. At that moment,

Officer Cabarcas described [REDACTED] by saying, "He was out of breath, and he wasn't him[self] as well. He was kind of blank-look as well."

It was then that Officer Cabarcas saw Knight on the ground. A female [Mellisa Cruz] was on top of Knight. Officer Cabarcas removed Cruz from Knight so that they could assess him and provide aid. Officer Cabarcas described Knight as a heavy set white male with several tattoos, wearing a tank-top. Knight had two bleeding injuries to his rib area. Several officers and wedding patrons began switching off, providing medical aid to Knight. It was not until that point when she heard someone ask why the police had to shoot Knight, that Officer Cabarcas began to figure out what happened.

Officer Cabarcas indicated the scene was chaotic; some of the patrons were angry and upset. Their actions concerned Officer Cabarcas regarding the on-scene officers' safety. Other patrons were supportive and helping law enforcement.

After Knight was transported from the scene, Officer Cabarcas stayed for scene security. She advised she took photographs of the scene as part of crime scene documentation.

Officer Cabarcas did not see any weapons on the ground at the scene.

Officer Cabarcas was wearing her body-worn camera that evening, which was activated for the incident. It was in her possession until she docked it for downloading at WPPD. She reviewed her BWC footage the day she was interviewed on her computer before providing her statement.

Sworn Statement of Officer Dalton Millard

On March 1, 2022, at 1830 hours, SA Snowden and SA Mendoza conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary interview with Officer Dalton Millard at WPPD in an interview room. Detective Dicarlo was also present in the interview.

Officer Millard heard on the radio that there was an intoxicated individual at the Winter Park Events Center. The call notes on his computer indicated that a male was hitting people and "choking a woman." [REDACTED] said on the radio to, "hurry it up." Officer Millard drove quickly from the station, responding with lights and sirens and parked on the west side of the Events Center. Upon arrival, some of the guests indicated to Officer Millard that the incident was occurring on the east side of the building. As Officer Millard was walking to that side, he heard approximately five or six shots being fired. Officer Millard sprinted to the east side with his gun out. Officer Millard saw [REDACTED] with his gun out and a crowd of people screaming. A male [Daniel Knight] was laying on the ground face down and a female with a black dress was on top of Knight. Officer Millard moved the female from on top of Knight and saw blood underneath Knight. Officer Millard and [REDACTED] : [REDACTED] turned Knight over onto his back, unbuckled Knight's pants, and looked for wounds. Officer Millard noticed two chest wounds. Officer Millard called on the radio for the fire department to respond. One of the female guests stated she was a nurse and started doing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Knight while Officer O'Hara applied pressure to the wounds with her gloved hands. [REDACTED] was on the ground struggling to get up. [REDACTED] looked dazed, confused, and not like himself. Officer Millard knew [REDACTED] was injured. Officer Millard described [REDACTED] demeanor as extremely "stressed out" and worried about the crowd surrounding them.

Officer Millard went to meet the fire department and assisted with crowd control and crime scene duties. Many of the guests were screaming that the police shot Knight. Officer Millard was

unaware of who shot Knight. Officer Millard had his BWC activated during the incident. Officer Millard reviewed his BWC inside his patrol car before the interview.

Officer Millard did not witness the use of force.

Sworn Statement of Officer Kiara O'Hara

On February 20, 2022, at 0156 hours, SA Snowden conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary interview with Officer Kiara O'Hara in his department-issued vehicle in front of the Winter Park Events Center. Detective Pam Woehr was present for the interview.

Officer O'Hara was dispatched to the Winter Park Events Center for an intoxicated male. Officer O'Hara responded with lights and sirens upon hearing "Expedite," on the radio.

Officer O'Hara parked on the west side of the event center and approached from the south side of the building. As she approached, Officer O'Hara heard shots being fired and called, "Shots fired," over the radio. Officer O'Hara did not remember how many shots she heard. Officer O'Hara saw a crowd of people outside and a male [Knight] on the ground bleeding. Officer O'Hara did not know what happened, but she heard people screaming, "He's been shot." Officer O'Hara put on gloves and applied pressure on Knight's chest wounds. Multiple people were trying to help Knight. Some of the guests said they were nurses and assisted with CPR.

Officer O'Hara observed a Taser on the ground next to Knight. She could not recall if someone handed it to her or if she picked it up, but she put it in an evidence bag. Officer O'Hara put the Taser in her patrol vehicle before turning the Taser over to Orange County Sheriff's Office crime scene personnel.

NOTE: A review of the BWCs showed Officer Mariano Roman gave the Taser to Officer O'Hara.

Officer O'Hara had a BWC, but it was not activated at first. Officer O'Hara noticed it was on standby mode while she rendered aid and asked a fellow officer to turn her BWC on. Officer O'Hara continued to render aid until medical personnel transported Knight to the hospital.

Officer O'Hara did not witness the use of force.

Sworn Statement of Officer Jeancarlo Rojas

On February 20, 2022, at 0133 hours, SA Snowden conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary interview with WPPD Officer Jeancarlo Rojas in SA Snowden's issued vehicle in front of the Winter Park Events Center. Detective Woehr was also present.

On the night of the incident, Officer Rojas was working a detail at The Village, which is about a block-and-a-half from the Events Center. Officer Rojas heard a call for service dispatched to the Events Center regarding a disturbance. After the initial officers arrived on the scene, they called on the radio, but Officer Rojas was unable to discern what was said. Someone else clarified the officers called for assistance. This caused Officer Rojas to respond with his emergency equipment activated.

It took Officer Rojas "about 10 seconds" to pull up to the venue. As he arrived on the east side of the building, Officer Rojas described a large number of people had gathered and [REDACTED] sitting on the ground, trying to get up, but he was not able to do so." A male dressed in all white was helping [REDACTED]. Officer Rojas ran to [REDACTED] and assisted him to his feet. Officer Rojas had to hold [REDACTED] up because he was unsteady on his feet.

[REDACTED] was bleeding from the mouth. He told Officer Rojas he was "knocked out." Officer Rojas had [REDACTED] sit down because he was so unsteady. [REDACTED] insisted he was okay and wanted to help, but he did not have any balance.

Officer Roman and Officer O'Hara were around Knight who was lying on the ground. Officer Rojas asked Officer Roman to take [REDACTED] out of the area for medical treatment while Officer O'Hara provided aid to Knight.

Officer Rojas ran back to his car to get latex gloves. When he returned to Knight, he saw "multiple people trying to go to this person" [Knight.] Officer Rojas told them to move back so that they could provide aid to Knight. [REDACTED] was also attempting to contain the scene.

Officer Rojas noticed [REDACTED] had blood on his lip, although he could not tell if the blood resulted from an injury or if it was cast upon [REDACTED]

Knight was "lightly breathing." A female nurse from the event was administering chest compressions to Knight. Officer Rojas relieved the female and took over doing the chest compressions. Officer Rojas observed a Taser dart embedded in Knight's right shoulder.

Officer Rojas observed what he believed to be a duty belt on the ground. He opined the belt came off as a result of a struggle, although he did not know who it belonged to. There was broken glass on the ground, too. Officer Rojas also saw a Taser on the "corner." The Taser was not in a holster and its flashlight was on. Because of the way it was positioned, Officer Rojas could not tell if the Taser had been deployed. Officer Rojas did not know who the Taser belonged to.

Officer Rojas estimated 50 to 100 people from the wedding at the scene. Most were outside during the first few minutes, although some remained inside the venue.

Officer Rojas indicated he never heard any gunfire. He was unaware if either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] used any force. Officer Rojas advised he was wearing his body-worn camera and it was activated for the incident.

Officer Rojas did not witness the use of force.

Sworn Statement of Officer Mariano Roman

On February 20, 2022, SA Roy Long conducted a sworn interview with Officer Mariano Roman at Advent Health Orlando, 601 East Rollins Street, Orlando, Florida. WPPD Detective Nick Carpenter was present during the interview.

Officer Roman was responding to a disturbance call at the Winter Park Events Center when on-scene units requested responding units to "step it up." Upon arrival Officer Roman observed [REDACTED] sitting off to the side. Officer Roman described [REDACTED] as "out of it" and his lip was bleeding. Officer Roman evaluated [REDACTED] injuries and determined he had not been shot. [REDACTED] stated that he had not been shot, but had been knocked out. Officer Roman stated once [REDACTED] regained his bearings they continued to assist with scene security duties.

Officer Roman then observed Knight laying on the ground. Officer Roman stated as he was attempting to ascertain information about the incident, [REDACTED] stated that he had shot Knight and that there were no additional suspects at large. Officer Roman then relieved an officer

providing CPR chest compressions to Knight. Officer Roman continued providing chest compressions until Knight was placed into the ambulance. Officer Roman then followed the ambulance to Advent Health Orlando. Upon arrival at Advent Health Orlando, Officer Roman advised that Knight was placed into a trauma room, where he was later pronounced deceased by Doctor Arkesh Brahmhatt. Officer Roman remained with Knight's body until released to the 9th District Medical Examiner's Office.

Officer Roman stated that Knight was unconscious and made no statements in his presence.

Officer Roman did not witness the use of force.

Sworn Statement of Detective Jonathan Maingot

On March 1, 2022, at 1809 hours, SA Snowden and SA Mendoza conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary interview with Detective Jonathan Maingot at WPPD in an interview room. Detective Dicarlo was present.

Detective Maingot was working an off-duty detail at Margaret Square when he heard the call on the radio as a disturbance with a combative subject at the Winter Park Events Center. While responding, Detective Maingot heard Officer O'Hara say on the radio, "Shots fired." Detective Maingot responded in an unmarked vehicle with his lights and sirens activated.

Upon arrival, Detective Maingot ran to the scene where he saw a male laying on the ground. Officer O'Hara and Officer Millard were rendering medical aid. [REDACTED] looked unbalanced and confused. Detective Maingot described [REDACTED] as "woozy... like he was coming out of anesthesia." Officer Roman helped [REDACTED] walk away from the scene.

Detective Maingot ran back to his vehicle to grab his medical bag to assist the officers rendering aid. When Detective Maingot returned to his vehicle to grab the bag, he also obtained his BWC and activated it. When Detective Maingot returned, he gave some medical supplies to Officer O'Hara and noticed Taser wires next to Knight. Detective Maingot and some wedding guests (who were nurses) assisted with CPR. Detective Maingot described Knight as a "big guy" and it was difficult to do compressions. Officer O'Hara and Officer Rojas also performed CPR compressions.

The Fire Department arrived and took over treatment of Knight. Detective Maingot assisted with controlling the scene and coordinating with the Fire Department. Detective Maingot described the scene as highly emotional. Many of the guests were yelling at the officers, arguing with the officers, saying that Knight was drunk and unarmed.

Detective Maingot had known [REDACTED] for well over a year and had worked with him closely. Detective Maingot described [REDACTED] as very friendly, one of the best people he knows at "deescalating" and talking to people. Detective Maingot had his BWC on and off at the scene. Detective Maingot "docked" the BWC at the station to be uploaded to the server.

Detective Maingot did not witness the use of force.

Fire Department Interviews

On February 25, 2022, SA McGinley spoke with members of the Winter Park Fire Department (WPPD) that responded to the use of force incident. Two different stations (Station 61, Station and 62) responded. Detective Dicarlo and WPPD Deputy Chief Ryan Fischer were present during the interviews. These interviews were conducted at the WPPD station located at 343 West Canton

Avenue, Winter Park, Florida. No one interviewed in this report witnessed the use of force incident.

Station 61

Battalion Chief Michael Ulmer responded to the scene but established a command post and did not treat patients.

The following WPPD personnel did not speak to anyone about the incident. They provided life support measures to Knight before transporting him to the hospital. All of the WPPD personnel said that Knight was unresponsive during care and did not provide information related to the use of force incident.

Lieutenant Damian Pillay, Fire Fighter (FF)/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Nick Petravith, FF/EMT Kevin Powers, FF/Medic Kevin Dixon, FF/Engineer Brandon Williams, FF/Paramedic David Hughes, FF/EMT John McCormick, FF/Paramedic Connor Heiskell, and FF/EMT David Iraldo.

Station 62

The WPPD personnel from Station 62 responded to the scene and assisted with the patient care of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. They contacted both officers outside of the scene.

On February 25, 2022, at 0941 hours, SA McGinley conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary statement with Paramedic Aaron Cravey. Paramedic Cravey has worked for the WPPD for 16 years. He responded to the use of force incident at approximately 2200 hours, on February 19, 2022, and attended to both WPPD Officers. Paramedic Cravey did not mention the patient's names to protect himself from policy violations. Paramedic Cravey said both officers had minor injuries and were transported to the hospital. Paramedic Cravey said one patient [REDACTED] had a fat lip that was bleeding and abrasions on his wrists, but there did not seem to be any broken bones. [REDACTED] told Paramedic Cravey that he was punched in the face and "blacked out." Paramedic Cravey informed the hospital personnel that [REDACTED] may have a concussion. Paramedic Cravey said the second [REDACTED] had visible abrasions to his face.

Paramedic Cravey did not discuss the use of force incident with anyone else on the scene.

On March 9, 2022, SA McGinley returned to the WPPD and spoke to WPPD personnel that were not present during February 25, 2022 interviews. Detective Dicarolo and Deputy Chief Fischer were present during the interviews. No one interviewed witnessed the use of force incident. The following is a synopsis of the interviews.

SA McGinley conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary statement with Captain Brad Grainger. Captain Grainger has worked for the WPPD for 25 years. On February 19, 2022, Captain Grainger responded to the Winter Park Events Center regarding a gunshot victim.

Captain Grainger assisted with providing medical care to Knight. Captain Grainger described Knight as a light-skinned black male, and approximately in his 30's or 40's. Knight had no signs of life. Captain Grainger walked around the Events Center in an attempt to locate more victims. Captain Grainger believed it was an active shooter call for service.

Captain Grainger spoke with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and discovered they had been injured in the altercation. Captain Grainger said he assisted in getting [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] medical attention. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told Captain Grainger they were "struck" but did not elaborate who did it.

Captain Grainger said [REDACTED] had some facial injuries around his eye, lip, and jaw. [REDACTED] had some lacerations on the side of his head.

SA McGinley conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary statement with FF/Paramedic Thomas Thorne. Paramedic Thorne has worked for the WPFD for one year. On February 19, 2022, Paramedic Thorne responded to the Winter Park Events Center regarding a gunshot victim.

Paramedic Thorne's unit was not on the initial call and his response was delayed. Captain Grainger instructed Paramedic Thorne to complete patient care on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Paramedic Thorne took care of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told Paramedic Thorne he was struck in the back of the head with a fist and fell to the ground. [REDACTED] told Paramedic Thorne he did not hit his head on the ground when he fell. Paramedic Thorne observed a minor abrasion on the back of [REDACTED] left hand and the left side of his face. Paramedic Thorne did not observe any injuries to the back of [REDACTED] head, and he was not bleeding.

[REDACTED] did not tell Paramedic Thorne who struck him and did not elaborate on the call for service.

Witness Interviews

Sworn Statement of Mellisa Cruz

On February 20, 2022, SA Roy Long conducted a sworn interview with Mellisa Cruz at Advent Health Orlando, 601 East Rollins Street, Orlando, Florida. Detective Carpenter was present during the interview.

Cruz stated that she and Knight have been together for eight years and are not legally married; however, they are legal domestic partners who reside together and have children in common.

On February 19, 2022, Cruz attended a family wedding in Winter Park with Knight. During the cocktail hour and reception, Knight had a few drinks. The reception was coming to an end and everyone was dancing. Cruz went on to explain that the family was trying to get Knight away from the 360 Camera because he was joking around and taking his shirt off. They were trying to get Knight to go outside so he could cool off and sober up. Knight eventually went outside with Cruz and other family members. Cruz said, "Danny just had a few drinks, but I honestly couldn't even tell you why the cops were called. I will say that Danny did have a little too much to drink, he was, umm, a little bit drunk." Cruz said she went inside the venue momentarily and when she returned outside the police had contacted Knight.

Cruz heard the police telling Knight repeatedly to, "Get on the ground." Cruz said as she got to Knight, "That's when he [Knight] did strike one of the officers by fist. Danny was not armed, he didn't have any kind of weapons on him at all. He did strike one of them. They Tased him - he didn't go down. He went towards the other officer and that's when I just heard several - I mean

probably - I don't know - four or five shots, several shots. They immediately went down to the ground and then it happened so quickly, I was like, no way, those must have been rubber bullets. No way those were actually gunshots, you know like, you know, with a regular bullet."

Cruz explained that she pushed her way to Knight, where she and other wedding guests began providing first aid. Cruz provided aid to Knight until additional police officers arrived and she was removed from the area.

Cruz was recounting her statement when she provided the following additional information, "I seen them Tase him, and he didn't go to the ground when they Tased him. And you know he kept going forward, and there was a cop. And the cop grabbed him and then he did strike one of the officers that was, umm, a White man. And then the African American man, when he [Knight] started walking towards him, that's I believe, that's the officer that shot him was the African American, umm, officer. I honestly only seen two cops - there was a White cop and there was a Black cop." Cruz stated she witnessed Knight strike the "White officer." When asked where Knight struck the officer, Cruz stated, "In the face, he knocked him to the ground. He may have hit the Black officer too but, umm, I know the first officer was ... the White officer." Cruz continued by stating, "I know he was walking towards him. I was right on his left side when it all happened. I know he hit one of the officers and it may have been momentarily that he got Tased, at the same time that he hit the first officer, as he's walking towards them." Cruz stated after Knight hit the "White officer," he fell to the ground and then, "He [Knight] was going towards the Black officer and I remember the Black officer shooting him, umm, multiple times. Like I said, I just heard five, four or five shots."

Sworn Statement of Alexis Young

On February 20, 2022, SA Long conducted a sworn interview with Alexis Young at Advent Health Orlando, 601 East Rollins Street, Orlando, Florida. Detective Carpenter was present during the interview.

Young stated that Knight was her uncle; however, he became a father figure to her after the death of her own father.

On February 19, 2022, Young attended a family wedding at the Winter Park Events Center. Knight was dancing at the 360 Camera platform when it became time for the equipment crews to begin shutting down for the night. Knight did not want to stop dancing, but family members were able to get him away from the camera. Family members then attempted to get Knight to go outside and cool down because he had been drinking. The family was trying to get Knight to stop drinking. Young said, "It wasn't because he was aggressive when he drinks, but it's because he becomes too much to handle. Like, he'll want to stay longer or he'll want to party more." Knight eventually went outside with some immediate family members.

Young was standing near the door when someone approached her and told her that the police were responding. Young relayed the information to her grandmother, who was outside with Knight. When the police arrived, Young walked outside as they approached Knight. The police never introduced themselves to Knight, they just immediately grabbed him. Young stated that Knight pulled himself away from the officer and began walking away. The officer then attempted to detain Knight and tried to Tase him. Young said, "When they went to Tase him, I don't know if it was from shock or what, but he pushed the officer. When he pushed the officer, the officer did fall down and hit his head, like on the back of a - like a little wall that was kind-a right there." Young continued, "Then the other officer went to Tase him - there was another officer - went to Tase him and I think that he pushed that one down too, but then that's when the officer had gotten up and

started shooting him. And I get it, you guys are trying to protect yourselves and do your job, but it's the point of, for one officer to have shot that many times was unnecessary."

Young stated that when the shooting occurred, she was approximately ten feet away from Knight, with no one in front of her. Young was asked to describe the officers that were present with Knight, she said, "I cannot describe the second one to you, no, but the first one he was kind-a short. He was Black." Young stated, "The same one that got knocked down and hit his head, is the same one that shot."

After the shooting occurred, Young was taken inside because she was pregnant.

Sworn Statement of Dwayne Knight

On February 19, 2022, at 1134 hours, FDLE SA Mendoza conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary interview with Dwayne Knight inside of the Winter Park Events Center. Detective Pam Woehr was present for the interview.

Dwayne Knight is Knight's uncle and a law enforcement officer in Virginia.

Knight had been taken outside of the Events Center since he was heavily intoxicated and causing problems. Knight was excessively drunk and was dancing at the platform with the 360-degree rotating camera. He was being aggressive with the other guests. Dwayne Knight's wife asked him to go outside to try and calm Knight down. Two officers were talking to Knight trying to calm him down. Dwayne Knight stated that Knight, "Didn't want to listen," and "You weren't dealing with [Knight] at this point, you are dealing with the spirits." One [REDACTED] was trying to talk to Knight and the second [REDACTED] had his Taser out.

Dwayne Knight described the demeanor of the officers as good and trying to reason with Knight. Dwayne Knight explained that Knight had Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) from his time in prison. Knight's sister [Katrina Brown-Knight] was trying to hold Knight and shield him from the police. Knight struck [REDACTED] knocking him unconscious. Dwayne Knight heard the "pop" from [REDACTED] Taser. [REDACTED] ran away as Knight advanced toward him, causing him to stumble backward and "lose his footing." Dwayne Knight was unsure if Knight tried to take [REDACTED] Taser. Dwayne Knight then heard about five gunshots and saw Knight on the ground. Dwayne Knight believed he heard [REDACTED] say, "Get back."

Dwayne Knight stated, "I believe the officer did what he could to prevent this from happening," because officers were talking to [Knight] and were trying to calm him down, but [Knight] did not want to listen. [REDACTED] tried to Taser Knight before shooting him.

After the shooting, Dwayne Knight described the scene as chaotic and people were everywhere. Officers were trying to get people back inside the building. Dwayne Knight went to check on [REDACTED] to make sure he was okay. [REDACTED] had blood coming from his mouth. [REDACTED] was disoriented and another officer came and took [REDACTED] away.

Some of the guests were nurses and performed CPR on Knight. A police officer took over CPR on Knight. Dwayne Knight stated, "I think the officers were doing their job. I mean that's my nephew, but I give credit where credit is due...I think that they acted in the way that they could."

Sworn Statement of Melville King

On February 20, 2022, at 0137 hours, SA Mendoza conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary interview with Melville King inside of the Winter Park Events Center.

King was dancing inside of the wedding reception located at the Winter Park Events Center. King saw Knight dancing on a platform with a 360-degree rotating camera that was set up for people in the venue. King noted that Knight was intoxicated. Knight began acting erratic and was taking too long on the platform as a line had formed. King saw Knight's family take him outside.

King stayed inside dancing. King heard a commotion outside causing him to go and look. King saw Knight laying on the ground face down. King did not know Knight had been shot at first. King began to assist helping to get people back inside. King remained at the door and tried to keep people inside.

Several people attempted to get to Knight to give CPR, as several of the guests were registered nurses. King stated that none of the officers gave CPR or rendered aid, but instead attempted to keep people from getting to Knight. King stated Knight was laying down face down approximately three to four minutes before one of the guests was able to perform CPR.

King said it was about four to five minutes before the ambulance personnel were able to come render aid to Knight. Police officers were trying to get the guests inside the Events Center and told guests that medical personnel could not come until everyone went inside. King did not hear any of the shots as the music was too loud. King did not witness the use of force.

Sworn Statement of Julie Largent

On the night of the incident, SA Snowden spoke with Julie Largent, a guest at the wedding. Largent did not want to give a statement that night but provided her phone number. Largent indicated she was leaving the following day to return home to Georgia.

On February 24, at 1038 hours, SA Snowden called Largent. Largent said she was the groom's [Giovanni Paul] cousin. On the day of the wedding, she arrived at the Events Center around 1600 hours. When the wedding finished, everyone convened inside the Events Center. Largent did not know Knight before that evening, but was introduced to him while in line at the photo booth.

Later that evening, everyone was having a good time as the reception continued. Largent said Knight was at the 360-degree camera and, "They (family) were trying to move him from the area." Largent did not know why they were trying to move Knight away, but Knight and his sister went to the door where some of their family was located. Largent could not tell what conversation took place due to the loud atmosphere of the wedding. The family and Knight moved outside. Largent did not see Knight get aggressive with anyone, but it appeared the family was trying to calm Knight down.

Largent then saw police lights and an officer approach outside from the left (east). Knight was with his sister [Katrina Brown-Knight]. Largent advised Knight, "had his sister by the waist at one point." The officer was on the left, Knight was on the right, and Katrina Brown-Knight was in the middle. Knight had one of Katrina Brown-Knight's arms and the officer had the other. She described their actions being tug-of-war. Largent advised, "I'm like, something bad is about to happen. I don't want to possibly be hit or anything if shooting did happen so I was trying to get away from that area," and, "I felt that things were going to get more out of control so I tried to get myself away from that area. As I was walking away I ended up on the window that was to the side of the door...there was windows in front of me, which was where the door was, and there was windows to the right of me; I ended up on the side where the windows were to the right." Largent said at that time she was pushed and when she looked back she saw, "There was an officer on the ground, he was facing [Knight]," and Knight was facing the officer. The officer was on his side

or his back. Largent then saw Knight "kind of shake" and blood hitting the sidewalk. Largent could not tell who shot from her vantagepoint. Largent estimated Knight was 10-15 feet from the window and the officer was "a step or two" from Knight. Largent did not know if the officer on the ground was the same officer as the one that had Katrina Brown-Knight's arm.

Largent left the window area and went to find her child. Largent advised she did not see the Taser used during the incident. She did not see nor did she know how much, if any, alcohol Knight drank that evening.

NOTE: A review of the interior security video captured a female by the windows at the time and location of the use of force. The female had her cell phone held up in front of her as if she was recording. On March 11, 2022, the female was positively identified as Largent. SA Snowden contacted Largent and inquired if she captured the activity. Largent verified she attempted to record the incident but alleged she did not hit the record button on her phone.

Sworn Statement of Freddy Williams

On February 20, 2022, at 0120 hours, SA Mendoza conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary interview with Freddy Williams inside of the Winter Park Events Center.

Williams noticed a "commotion" outside of the Events Center with the mother of the bride [Katrina Brown-Knight]. Williams went outside to make sure she was ok. Williams noticed the lights from the police vehicles. One of the police officers came on the scene and "automatically tackled" Knight. Williams clarified there were a lot of people and chaos on the scene, and he could not see everything.

One of the officers grabbed Knight's arm. Knight pushed the officer away. Williams looked away and heard about seven gunshots and saw Knight on the ground.

Knight was on the ground for a "long time." Williams did not see any police officers render aid. Many of the party guests were trying to assist Knight, as many of the guests were nurses. Police officers were initially keeping people away from Knight.

After the shooting Williams confronted the officer who shot, and asked the officer why he shot Knight. Williams accused the officer of shooting Knight, pointing out that the officer was Black and that it should not have happened. The [REDACTED] allegedly told Williams he needed to get back or he would be shot. Other guests had to pull Williams away from [REDACTED]. Williams advised he heard [REDACTED] say, "I had to shoot him because he took my gun and my Taser."

Sworn Compelled Statement of Patricia Keeby

On March 2, 2022, at approximately 0938 hours, SA Snowden and SA Long conducted a sworn, recorded, and compelled interview with Patricia Keeby at the State Attorney's Office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. CASA Zamora and CI Edwards were present for the interview.

The interview was conducted under a court-ordered subpoena. CASA Zamora informed Keeby that she was compelled to give a statement and explained use immunity to her. CASA Zamora explained his reason for being present at the interview and advised if Keeby knowingly provided a false statement she could be charged with perjury. Attorney Farnita Hill was present as representation for Keeby.

Patricia Keeby is the mother to Knight, Katrina Brown-Knight, and Jennel Knight-Smith. According to Keeby, "we all were" drinking at the wedding. She estimated she had "six or eight" vodka and cranberry drinks that night and stated, "I don't remember anything (about that night) clearly."

Knight was at the 360-dance platform. Knight took his shirt off and later grabbed part of the photography equipment. The attendant took the equipment from Knight and Knight grabbed it a second time. The attendant told Knight to stop. One of Knight's relatives came up and "coaxed" Knight into getting off the platform. Knight went to get another drink.

Shortly afterward, Keeby went outside with Knight, Katrina Brown-Knight, Jennel Knight-Smith, and Theodore Keeby (her husband) "to get some air." SA Snowden told Keeby the interior security video from the venue showed everyone going outside and it appeared that Knight was agitated. When asked to explain, Keeby said, "Just that he was drunk. I don't think he was agitated." Keeby recalled Knight saying, "I love you mom," and, "I'm having a good time. Are you having a good time?" and, "I'm so happy."

Keeby was asked if she saw Knight touch anyone. She replied, "I mean, we were hugging – the family, we were hugging." Keeby was told several witnesses reported Knight had her in a headlock or a chokehold. Keeby denied being held in that manner. She restated that they only hugged or "group-hugged," and that there was nothing that could have been misconstrued as aggressive. Keeby speculated Knight's actions could have been misinterpreted by saying, "Well, he's a big guy, so, his arms would reach out to, maybe three of us." and, "Maybe, as we were going through the door, we all couldn't fit." Keeby said she talks loudly and someone might have mistaken her loud talking as yelling.

Keeby continued by saying she had diabetes and her feet often hurt. After being outside for what she described as, "just for a second," Keeby had to sit. Keeby provided another reason for Knight's interaction with her, "Maybe he thought I still needed to be held up." Knight knew his mother had neuropathy in her feet. She told Knight to, "sit her down," and he complied by getting a chair. Knight then sat Keeby in the chair. Keeby reiterated Knight's word by saying, [Knight]"... just continued to say, 'I love you mom.' He was feeling so good... and he was drunk - 'Mom, I'm drunk.'" When asked if she was sure Knight brought the chair for her, she said she believed it was.

NOTE: The interior venue security video showed a female retrieving a chair from inside and taking it outside to Keeby's location at 9:40:14. Keeby identified the female from a screenshot from the security video as "my ex-husband's sister-in-law...Jonisha Knight." Keeby did not remember Jonisha bringing a chair or being present when the family was "group hugging." Exterior venue security footage showed Knight walking away from the area where he and Keeby were at 9:39:50. Knight did not return to the area until 9:41:44.

Keeby indicated the chair was inside the door they were near; she sat on the left side of the door. Keeby was shown a screenshot of the exterior door and did not recognize the area. Keeby drew a diagram on the reverse of the screenshot indicating where she was seated.

Theodore Keeby came in and checked on his wife. As he started to go outside, he said he heard a gunshot. Keeby thought she heard something too, but there was so much yelling she could not tell what it was. Theodore came back in and said that Knight was shot. One of Keeby's granddaughters [Alexis Young] came in saying, "They killed him, they killed him." Keeby said she was frozen and could not move.

Keeby did not see any police officers before the gunfire and did not know who shot. From where Keeby was seated she advised, "I couldn't see anything past that door. Because it's dark outside and the only thing you can see on the glass is your reflection." She indicated she may have seen a flashlight outside.

Later, as the door was open, Keeby saw Knight being taken away on a stretcher. Keeby said she was worried because, "They're not even caring for him... there was no oxygen or nothing " Keeby told Theodore Keeby they needed to go to the hospital where Knight was taken.

Upon their arrival at the hospital, a guard took Keeby to the room where Knight and his fiancé [Mellisa Cruz] were. A "detective" intercepted Keeby and they relocated to a room where she was asked if she saw what happened. Keeby told the detective she did not see anything. The detective told Keeby at that time of Knight's passing.

Keeby denied watching any video(s) from that evening. Keeby then said she watched a video Shawn Nies "accidentally" recorded of the officer who shot while on the scene, although it was after the shooting occurred.

Keeby said she was unaware of anyone who saw Knight strike any police officer.

Sworn Compelled Statement of Theodore Keeby

On March 2, 2022, SA Snowden and SA Long conducted a sworn, recorded, and compelled interview with Theodore Keeby at the State Attorney's Office for the Ninth Judicial District. CASA Zamora and CI Edwards were present for the interview. This interview was conducted under a court-ordered subpoena. CASA Zamora informed Keeby that he was compelled to give a statement and explained use immunity to him. CASA Zamora explained his reason for being present at the interview and if Keeby knowingly provided a false statement he could be charged with perjury. Attorney Famita Hill was present as representation for Keeby.

Theodore Keeby is the stepfather of Knight. According to Keeby, he and his wife, Patricia Keeby were attending a family wedding. Keeby advised that he did not consume any alcoholic beverages at the wedding or reception.

Keeby stated during the reception, he noticed that Knight was becoming intoxicated, so he told Knight's sisters, "no more drinks for him." Approximately thirty minutes later, Keeby saw Knight dancing near the 360 Camera and removing his shirt. Keeby said that Knight's sisters then moved him from the area of the camera and took him outside to get some air.

While outside, Keeby stated that Knight was, "Hugging us and squeezing us." but there was no violence. Keeby said his wife's feet were hurting, so Knight sat her down. Keeby then stated, "I came back out the door, and that little bit of time, I came out the door, I seen the officers running up. One officer had his gun drawn, never introduced themselves, didn't follow protocol."

Keeby stated, "He [Knight] was very intoxicated, we didn't know why he was that intoxicated." Keeby explained that he believed Knight's sisters had the situation under control.

Keeby said, "I stepped in the door to check on my wife, to see if she was feeling alright, cause she was sitting at the door. As I stepped in the door, I could hear, out of the corner of my eye I see the Taser hit him [Knight]. Before the door can close, I heard the gunshots." Keeby further stated, "I stepped out the door and I seen my son falling and I screamed, 'No, you shot my son, you shot my son,' and I froze." Keeby said that he then returned inside to check on his wife.

Sworn Compelled Statement of Jennel Knight-Smith

On March 2, 2022, at approximately 1508 hours, SA Snowden and SA Long conducted a sworn, recorded, and compelled interview with Jennel Knight-Smith at the State Attorney's Office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. CASA Zamora and CI Edwards were present for the interview. This interview was conducted under a court-ordered subpoena. CASA Zamora informed Knight-Smith that she was compelled to give a statement and explained use immunity to her. CASA Zamora explained his reason for being present at the interview and if Knight-Smith knowingly provided a false statement, she could be charged with perjury. Attorney Fannita Hill was present as representation for Knight-Smith.

On February 19, 2022, Knight-Smith attended the wedding and reception of Janisha Knight-Paul [Bride] and Gionni Paul. Knight-Smith is the sister of Knight.

Knight-Smith stated on the night of the incident, Knight had a lot to drink and Knight was not known as a drinker. At some point in the night, Knight helped his mother, who suffered from diabetes sit down at a table. After this, Knight and Knight-Smith began to dance on the dance floor. While dancing Knight noticed a 360 camera and thought it would be fun to dance in front of it. Knight went to the 360 camera and began dancing in front of the camera. As Knight was dancing, he began to undress and removed his shirt. Knight threw his shirt at his uncle Dwayne Knight, who was seated at a table nearby. Knight-Smith stated due to concerns of Knight possibly removing any more clothing, she and her sister [Katrina Brown-Knight] took Knight outside to get some fresh air and some water. Knight-Smith stated once outside they were trying to calm Knight down. Knight-Smith described Knight's demeanor as a happy drunk guy. Knight's parents came outside for a few minutes and returned inside, while Knight-Smith and Brown-Knight stayed outside with Knight.

Knight-Smith noticed two police officers arrive, which she described as a [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED]. Knight-Smith identified them as police officers because of their "gun belts and accessories." Brown-Knight was holding on to Knight's arm when the police officers began to give commands to, "Get back." Knight-Smith was not sure who the police officers were directing their commands towards, but she complied and backed up. Knight-Smith recalled Brown-Knight stating, "He's unarmed, please," and, "He's just had a lot to drink." Knight-Smith told the police officers Knight suffered from PTSD, had a lot to drink, and just needed air.

Knight-Smith stated [REDACTED] advanced toward Knight and grabbed Brown-Knight's arm in an attempt to pull her away from Knight. Knight told the officer, "Let go of my sister," when [REDACTED] Tased Knight. Knight-Smith stated that Knight, "went to swat the little Taser things away, and I don't know if contact was made with his, his, face, but the cop, the [REDACTED] fell back, and um, I immediately remember someone from the party come and help him up, asking if he was okay." [REDACTED] was up "instantly," within seconds. Knight-Smith was unsure if [REDACTED] fell on his own or if Knight had swiped the Taser contact probes causing [REDACTED] to pull him forward and then fall, or if Knight physically contacted [REDACTED].

After [REDACTED] fell, [REDACTED] stumbled back. Knight-Smith described [REDACTED] as losing his footing, and when [REDACTED] caught his footing, he started shooting at Knight from a standing position. Knight-Smith stated [REDACTED] never fell to the ground. When [REDACTED] fired his weapon, [REDACTED] had already returned to his feet.

Knight-Smith heard multiple gunshots and thought it was rubber bullets being fired. Knight-Smith backed up and began to break down emotionally on the ground. Knight-Smith never observed Knight strike anyone nor run or advance towards anyone. Knight-Smith described [REDACTED] behavior as aggressive that evening.

Knight-Smith stated the officers never explained why they were there or their purpose for responding to the wedding reception. Knight-Smith did not recall Brown-Knight ever telling Knight that the police had arrived and were approaching them but stated she did recall hearing sirens.

Sworn Compelled Statement of Gianni Paul

On March 2, 2022, SA Snowden and SA Long conducted a sworn, recorded, and compelled interview with Gianni Paul at the State Attorney's Office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. CASA Zamora and CI Edwards were present for the interview. This interview was conducted under a court-ordered subpoena. CASA Zamora informed Paul that he was compelled to give a statement and explained use immunity to him. CASA Zamora explained his reason for being present at the interview and if Paul knowingly provided a false statement he could be charged with perjury. Attorney Farnita Hill was present as representation for Paul.

On February 19, 2022, Paul was married to Janisha Knight. Daniel Knight is Janisha Knight's uncle, and he attended the wedding. Paul and Knight were very close and enjoyed fishing together. Paul described Knight as a hard-working, responsible family man.

SA Snowden asked Paul if Knight was, "overly intoxicated at the wedding." Paul replied, "He was having the time of his life. The last time I saw him having the time of his life was on the 360 booth." Paul continued, "Overly intoxicated he was not."

Paul said he was notified by someone at the party that the police were responding to his wedding. None of the event staff told him there was a problem before the police were called. Paul noticed a gathering by the back door, and he ran to the area to investigate.

Paul heard people saying, "He's unarmed, he has just been drinking a little bit. Don't touch him, don't touch him." Paul continued to say that Janisha Knight's mom [Katrina Brown-Knight] said Knight was intoxicated. Paul said, "From that point on it escalated ten times forward."

Paul said the Caucasian police [REDACTED] pulled out his taser and shot Knight. Two prongs hit Knight and he stumbled towards [REDACTED]. Paul said, "If his arm hit the police officer it was probably the effect of him being shot with the taser. He is not trying to go after anybody. He is not trying to harm anybody." Paul continued to say that Knight did not deliberately hit [REDACTED]. Paul said as soon as [REDACTED] was hit by Knight he got straight up. Officer [REDACTED] was not bleeding nor was he unconscious. Paul said, "The White officer got helped up as soon as possible. He was on the ground for two or three seconds. He did not have a scratch on him." Paul said both [REDACTED] and Knight returned to their feet and it stopped. Knight did not advance on either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Paul saw Jashina Knight Paul was trying to grab on to Knight, but he said, "The [REDACTED] backed up and unloaded on Danny. He shot about five or six times." Paul thought it could have been some kind of rubber bullets because it did not sound as loud as a firearm. Paul said, "He shot to kill that man for no reason." Paul was asked by CI Edwards if Knight made any movements towards [REDACTED] and Paul replied, "No, not at all - he did not." Paul continued and said [REDACTED] did not try to render aid he just started getting forceful with

other guests. Paul described [REDACTED] as, "He was yelling at everybody. He was pushing everybody. He pushed his own guy. He had no self-restraint. It was disgraceful. This had nothing to do with race, it had to do with untrained police officers."

Paul was provided a picture of the offense location and he pointed out approximately where he was standing during the use of force incident. Paul said, "I had a clear eye view of what happened. I saw everything." Paul explained that he was about six feet away from the altercation. Paul inquired about the body-worn cameras on the scene. Paul explained, "When you watch a movie you remember the good parts and the bad parts when you watch a movie. Sometimes you got to go back a second time and watch the movie again so you catch every detail. I feel like this is one of those cases. I feel like I need to watch the horror movie again to confirm what you saw."

Paul commented that he had a video of both officers and was asked to provide this video. Paul said he would provide the video to his attorney and she could release it. Paul was again questioned about the video evidence he had and said, "It's time-stamped and we are still trying to go over everything we have."

Paul concluded with, "Thinking about our special day we had a police officer coming in and shooting someone at our wedding. He is supposed to be drunk at our wedding. We did it the right way. We aren't out on the street hooding."

The picture Paul was provided to show his location was marked, signed, and dated by Paul.

Sworn Compelled Statement of Janisha Knight-Paul

On March 2, 2022, at approximately 1300 hours, SA Snowden and SA Long conducted a sworn, recorded, and compelled interview with Janisha Knight Paul at the State Attorney's Office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. CASA Zamora and CI Edwards were present for the interview. This interview was conducted under a court-ordered subpoena. CASA Zamora informed Paul that she was compelled to give a statement and explained use immunity to her. CASA Zamora explained his reason for being present at the interview and if Paul knowingly provided a false statement she could be charged with perjury. Attorney Farnita Hill was present as representation for Paul.

Paul was married on February 19, 2022, and Knight attended the wedding and reception. Knight was Paul's uncle.

Paul was on the dance floor when she discovered there was a commotion by the back door of the venue. Paul described it as a "commotion of some sort and a crowd build-up." Paul ran to the area to investigate. Paul observed two officers standing by Knight and Katrina Brown-Knight (Paul's mother). Katrina Brown-Knight was telling the officers, "He is unarmed. He hasn't done anything." Paul said, "The [REDACTED] pulled out his Taser and shot the Taser. I don't know if they hit him - It was all too fast. I didn't have on shoes and I didn't know what I was going to do. I see the Taser on the floor. I am trying to tiptoe around it so I don't get tased." Paul looked at Knight and [REDACTED] and they stumbled. Paul continued to approach Knight and tackle him, but [REDACTED] took two steps back and shot Knight. Paul said [REDACTED] shot Knight more than four times but did not know an exact number. Paul watched as Knight fell to the ground. She did not believe he was shot with real bullets.

Paul identified both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as law enforcement officers. Paul described [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] is the officer that Tased Knight. Paul described [REDACTED] as the [REDACTED] that shot Knight. Paul did not hear either officer saying anything to Knight before the use of force

incident nor did she hear Knight saying anything to the officers. Paul said that Knight was not being belligerent, and she did not see Knight strike [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Paul said, "I knew as a Black man he was not safe here. He was murdered." CASA Zamora asked Paul what Knight was doing when he was shot and Paul replied, "He was being killed."

Someone grabbed Paul and escorted her back inside the venue. Paul watched from inside the venue as members from the wedding party were giving Knight first aid. Paul said the officers did not want to give Knight CPR, so her bridesmaids had to do it. Paul said it was very dark and everyone needed to use their flashlights to see. Knight was taken from the scene in an ambulance.

Paul said Knight was drinking at the wedding, but it was not in excess. SA Snowden asked Paul if there was any point that Knight should have been "cut off" from drinking and Paul said, "No."

Paul was provided a picture of the offense location, and she pointed out approximately where she was standing during the use of force incident. Paul said she did not see [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] fall to the ground during the incident.

SA Snowden asked Paul if there was anything she wanted to address that she was not asked about the investigation and she replied, "I can tell you the officers afterward were so uncompassionate. The officers did not want anyone doing compressions on him. The bridesmaids were fighting to do compressions on him. I feel like the way this whole thing is so unjustified."

Sworn Compelled Statement of Marsha Paul

On March 2, 2022, SA Snowden and SA Long conducted a sworn, recorded, and compelled interview with Marsha Paul at the State Attorney's Office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. CASA Zamora and CI Edwards were present for the interview. This interview was conducted under a court-ordered subpoena. CASA Zamora informed Paul that he was compelled to give a statement and explained use immunity to him. CASA Zamora explained his reason for being present at the interview and if Paul knowingly provided a false statement he could be charged with perjury. Attorney Farnita Hill was present as representation for Paul.

Marsha Paul stated that he was attending his son's wedding at the Winter Park Events Center. Paul advised that he did not consume any alcoholic beverages at the wedding or reception. Paul stated that he had never met Knight before the wedding. Paul said when he saw Knight at the wedding that he was happy and dancing with the children. Paul stated during the wedding reception, he heard that there was something going on outside. Paul said that he walked over and briefly spoke to Theodore Keeby, who told him that nothing was happening. Paul said he then went back into the reception. A short time later, people began saying that something had happened outside. Paul went outside and saw Knight lying on the ground. Paul observed the police pushing people back, and no one was rendering aid to Knight. Paul began pushing people back inside so that Knight could receive aid. Paul stated that eventually, some wedding guests were able to get to Knight and render aid. Paul did not witness the incident but believed the police could have done more to deescalate the situation after the shooting.

Sworn Compelled Statement of Shawn Nies

On March 2, 2022, SA Snowden and SA Long conducted a sworn, recorded, and compelled interview with Shawn Nies at the State Attorney's Office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. CASA Zamora and CI Edwards were present for the interview. This interview was conducted under a court-ordered subpoena. CASA Zamora informed Nies that he was compelled to give a statement and explained use immunity to him. CASA Zamora explained his reason for being present at the

interview and if Nies knowingly provided a false statement he could be charged with perjury. Attorney Farnita Hill was present as representation for Nies.

On February 19, 2022, Nies attended the wedding and reception of Janisha Knight and Gianni Paul. Nies is engaged to Jennel Knight-Smith, who is the sister of Daniel Knight. Nies had known Knight since 2017, when he began dating Knight's sister. Nies is employed as a Trauma nurse for the past 25 years.

Nies stated during the night of the incident, Knight was just having a good time. Nies had no recollection of Knight consuming any alcoholic beverages or getting physical with any guests. SA Snowden asked Nies about a specific moment when Knight was observed dancing on a 360 camera and then brought aside to talk to family. SA Snowden advised Nies after this moment Nies interacted with Knight (shown on surveillance camera). Nies denied this interaction ever occurred. SA Snowden showed Nies a still frame photograph from the interaction and Nies admitted that was him and Knight interacting in the picture, but he had no recollection of this interaction occurring nor what was said. Nies stated he spoke to Knight approximately 20 - 30 times throughout the evening but did not recall any specific interaction.

Nies did recall Knight-Smith advising him that she and Brown-Knight were going outside with their brother (Knight). Nies interpreted this as a normal activity to occur at a wedding and did not find it odd. Nies said he planned to join them outside five minutes later, so he retrieved Knight-Smith's cell phone from their table when he observed a little gathering outside. As Nies walked towards the door, his camera was recording and he heard screaming and observed police officers outside.

Nies learned that Knight had been shot, but he never heard nor observed the incident. Nies approached a police officer and advised him he was a paramedic and trauma nurse and offered to assist in first aid when the officer motioned to go and assist.

As Nies walked over to Knight, he observed unknown people along with Janisha Knight-Paul performing CPR on Knight. Nies stated an unknown Hispanic officer told him to back up and after Nies told the officer he was a nurse the officer replied, "We don't need nurses," and asked him to stop recording. This officer asked Nies to relocate to a different area. Nies stated approximately 10 minutes later EMS responded.

SA Snowden asked Nies if he knew who shot. Nies replied that he saw a video that showed an officer stating, "I was on the ground, on my back and um, it was self-defense," or something like that. Nies believed he watched that video within a few days after the event but did not recall whose video that was or knew who recorded the video.

Nies never recalled seeing Taser probes, shell casings, or any weapons on the ground outside and never observed any officers on the scene injured.

Sworn Statement of Katrina Brown-Knight

On March 2, 2022, SA Snowden and SA Long conducted a sworn, voluntary, and recorded interview with Katrina Brown-Knight at the State Attorney's office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. CASA Zamora was present for the interview. Attorney Farnita Hill was present representing Brown-Knight.

An Investigative Subpoena was prepared compelling Brown-Knight's appearance; however, she was unable to be located for service. While conducting an earlier interview with Patricia Keeby,

SA Snowden asked for Brown-Knight's phone number. Attorney Hill said she would arrange for Brown-Knight to provide a statement. Brown-Knight came in voluntarily later the same day.

Brown-Knight is Knight's sister. She indicated that Knight typically does not drink, but he had "a lot" to drink at the reception. He was at the 360-camera taking his shirt off and, "acting like a stripper." Brown-Knight asked Knight to come down, but he stayed on the platform and began grabbing the rotating light. Brown-Knight spoke to Mellisa Cruz and they decided it was time to leave. They got Knight and began to walk out of the door when Patricia Keeby and Theodore Keeby approached. Patricia Keeby and Theodore Keeby asked if they were leaving. They began to hug and say their goodbyes. Knight was hugging Patricia Keeby and saying repeatedly, "I love my mom." Patricia Keeby reportedly told Knight he was hugging her too tightly and hurting her. Patricia Keeby also said her feet hurt. Brown-Knight told Knight to let their mom go. Brown-Knight affirmed that Knight was holding Patricia Keeby too tightly but said, "It wasn't in an aggressive, violent way." Patricia Keeby and Theodore Keeby then went back into the Events Center.

Brown-Knight estimated they were near the door for two minutes. Brown-Knight denied there was any time that Knight had his arm around their mother's neck. Brown-Knight did not remember a chair being brought to her mom (as reported by her mother) or her mom sitting down outside. Brown-Knight said her mom might have sat inside afterward due to her feet hurting.

Cruz came outside after Patricia Keeby and Theodore Keeby walked in. Knight called Cruz a bitch. Brown-Knight said Knight never does that and it took them by surprise. Cruz returned inside to get Dwayne Knight to come out and talk to him.

Brown-Knight and Jennel Knight-Smith remained outside with Knight. At that time the police arrived. Brown-Knight heard the officers before she first saw them. They did not identify themselves as the police when they got on the scene. Brown-Knight did not recall telling Knight the police had arrived.

Brown-Knight told the officers Knight had not done anything wrong, he was unarmed, and he was drunk. She did that to let the officers know, "You're not in any danger here with this guy." The officers were screaming. "Get away, get away, get back, get back!" They "were grabbing on me, and Danny [Knight] was like, 'Get off my sister!'" Brown-Knight could not say which officer was grabbing her because her back was to them. Brown-Knight did not want to move away from Knight because she thought the officers would "run up and start grabbing him [Knight] and hurt him."

Brown-Knight described one officer as a Black male who was taller and bald. The other officer was shorter and lighter-skinned. Brown-Knight clarified lighter-skinned as being White, possibly Hispanic. Brown-Knight said she backed up because she did not want Knight to think the police were trying to hurt her. As Brown-Knight backed away from Knight "they Tased him." Knight "went to go swing and stumble around and one of the officers, like, got hit on his arm, right here, and fell down." "He swung his arm around and that's when, like, the side of his arm hit the officer somewhere on his body and knocked him down." Brown-Knight said the officer who Tased Knight was the officer who was knocked down. "It's insane to me, that it's getting reported that he [redacted] was unconscious, or that he was ever incapacitated, because my friend Freddy [Williams] helped him up immediately and asked was he was okay." When asked when Williams came outside, Brown-Knight replied, "He was already out there the whole time."

As soon as [redacted] got up, Brown-Knight heard several shots. SA Snowden asked if she only heard the shots, or if she saw the shooting. "No, I saw it." She thought the gunshots she heard were shots from the Taser. The Black officer backed up a little bit and stumbled on some

concrete before shooting six or seven times. "He lost his footing a little bit on this thing, but he didn't fall." "Danny [Knight] was walking away from the officer that was on the ground and when he was walking away - this [REDACTED] was backing up." Brown-Knight did not remember [REDACTED] having his gun out while backing up. She thought he must have drawn it right before shooting. According to Brown-Knight, [REDACTED] never fell to the ground and Knight never got near to [REDACTED]. Brown-Knight estimated Knight was "ten to twelve" feet away from [REDACTED] when he was shot.

Brown-Knight did not believe Knight had been shot; "Maybe that's rubber bullets, maybe that's how a Taser works." Once Knight fell to the ground, Brown-Knight fell to the ground in disbelief. [REDACTED] was yelling for people to back away. Multiple people had come outside. Someone asked [REDACTED] why he shot. Brown-Knight said [REDACTED] replied that he was on his back on the ground because Knight knocked him down and tried to take his Taser. Brown-Knight also alleged when Freddy Williams questioned [REDACTED] about the shooting, [REDACTED] replied, "You better back up or I'll shoot you too."

Neither officer said anything about using the Taser or shooting before the use of force; although, Brown-Knight did see the red dot from the Taser being unholstered, but not on Knight. Brown-Knight said, "They never said, 'We're the police.' They never said 'Hey, who are you - you guys okay?' They never said, 'We're going to Tase you.' They never said, 'I'm going to shoot you, back up, stop.' They never even said, 'Stop.'"

Brown-Knight began to show photos from inside the venue that night before the incident. She advised she had video screenshots from after the shooting and also wanted to show them. Attorney Hill interjected and asked for a break in the interview. After Brown-Knight and Attorney Hill met, the interview resumed. Brown-Knight admitted to having video footage from that night. Attorney Hill advised any videos from any of her clients would be provided to FDLE.

NOTE: On March 4, 2022, SA Snowden received several videos from Attorney Hill's office.

A photograph of the incident scene was given to Brown-Knight. She drew where she was and where the officers were during the incident. She signed and dated the photograph.

Sworn Compelled Statement of Alexandra Pate

On February 23, 2022, at approximately 1810 hours, SA Kevin McGinley and SA Long obtained a sworn and recorded statement from Alexandra Pate at 6769 North Wickham Road, Suite 104 Melbourne, Florida 32901 (FDLE Brevard Field Office). CASA Zamora and Investigator Raul Revas were present during the interview. This interview was conducted under a court-ordered subpoena. CASA Zamora informed Pate that she was compelled to give a statement and explained use immunity to her. CASA Zamora further explained his presence at the interview.

Pate works for the City of Winter Park and is the event and vending manager for the Winter Park Events Center and the Winter Park Library. Pate facilitated a wedding for Janisha Knight and Gianni Paul on February 19, 2022, at the Winter Park Events Center. The wedding was a standard wedding for this location and the staff (including Pate) was present to assure a seamless event.

Pate met Paul and Janisha Knight many months before their wedding, where she exchanged phone numbers with Janisha Knight to plan the event. Pate did not anticipate there would be any problems at the wedding.

On February 19, 2022, the wedding was running about an hour behind schedule, but the ceremony finished without issues. The wedding party convened into the Events Center and Pate said, "They were trouble from the start." Pate had to address several family members for smoking on the property. Pate said some members of the party smelled like marijuana. Pate addressed one guest on the rooftop and asked him to put his cigarette out. Several vendors approached Pate and told her the guests were smoking in the Events Center, and they brought alcohol in that they were not supposed to have because it was against the contract.

A member of the party was doing a toast and Pate saw a very tall Hispanic male with a black tank top and multiple tattoos [Knight] heckling the speaker. Knight was saying, "Let me speak, let me speak." According to Pate, it appeared that Knight was already extremely intoxicated and obnoxious. Shortly after the reception started, Pate was approached by another staff member and informed Paul had a bottle of liquor on the dance floor pouring alcohol into other guests' mouths. Pate attempted to retrieve the bottle, but Paul got angry. An unknown groomsman assisted Pate to get the bottle from Paul.

Pate returned to her office and was again approached by a staff member to inform her Knight was causing a commotion and guests were gathering outside. Pate left her office and returned to the reception area. Pate saw a group of people that appeared to be wrestling each other. Pate said, "I could not tell what was going on and it appeared to be getting violent." Pate did not feel comfortable intervening and (

Pate saw Knight grab Patricia Keeby (Knight's Mother) by the neck and "strangle" her. Pate said, "I did see him basically grab her neck and strangle her in whatever way." Keeby was screaming as Knight held her. Pate said, "She was just screaming, she was just screaming. It was like when someone is beating someone else up they are like stop, no!" The commotion was just outside the Events Center and a guest was holding the door open. There was a lot of screaming and yelling. When the WPPD arrived at the location, she grabbed members of her staff and they locked themselves into the library.

SA McGinley asked Pate to describe how Knight was strangling Keeby. She demonstrated that Knight and Keeby were face to face and Knight had his forearm across the front of Keeby's neck and held her shoulder with the other hand.

Pate did not see the use of force incident, but she did hear approximately two or three gunshots.

Pate has been receiving unwanted texts, and phone calls regarding this incident. Pate has received approximately ten text messages from Janisha Knight-Paul, Gionni Paul, and Freddy Williams. The majority of the text messages came from Janisha Knight and contained pictures of Knight. A message from Williams said, "An eye for an eye."

Pate left Winter Park and is staying in an undisclosed location in [REDACTED] because she is afraid for her safety. Pate believed these messages are threatening and harassing and she desired prosecution.

SA McGinley asked Pate who threatened her and she replied, "The groom and his family as well as the bride and her family." Pate recalled the night of the wedding, she and several other employees were locked in the library and Paul walked up to the door and attempted to get in, but she would not let him. He said he was getting an attorney and wanted to discuss the incident. Paul was asked to leave the area by a WPPD officer.

Later that evening, Pate was preparing to leave the Event Center, and she returned to her office to collect her belongings. Pate discovered her office had been vandalized. Pate reported this offense to the WPPD. Pate was encouraged to return a text to Janisha Knight-Paul, Gionni Paul, and Freddy Williams and instruct them to stop texting her. This should be done to confirm they get the message that the communications are unwanted.

Sworn Statement of Joel Perez

On February 20, 2022, at 1226 hours, SA Mendoza and SA Snowden conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary interview with Joel Perez inside the library located next to the Winter Park Events Center. Detective Woehr was present during the interview.

Perez was the Manager working with the Event Coordinator that night. Perez arrived at 1450 hours. Early on, the staff smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the groomsmen's room. The staff was on high alert since then.

During the reception, Knight became belligerent when others were giving their speeches. He would interrupt them by saying, "Let me talk, let me talk."

Perez heard from the bartenders that Knight antagonized them and tried to get them to "over-pour" him. Later that night, Perez saw Knight put his mother in a "chokehold." Knight was being aggressive with who Perez believed was Knight's girlfriend or wife. Perez said he saw Knight "swing at his wife." Perez was in fear for his staff, who were primarily smaller females, he told them to leave the area.

As things escalated, Perez saw Pate call 911. Perez saw guests go by her and say, "They're calling the cops." Perez told Pate to run away and leave as he tried to get guests to come back inside. While Knight and some others were outside, Perez saw Knight, "yelling at another man and then he pushed the man, and grabbed the older lady."

Perez then saw two police officers sprinting up to Knight. Perez could tell they were officers by their uniform, vest, and gun belt. When Perez walked outside he saw an officer [REDACTED] on the ground like he had been knocked unconscious.

Perez saw Knight's sister in the purple dress [Katrina Brown-Knight] fighting people as she said, "That's my brother." Perez then heard five -seven gunshots. After the shots, Perez ran inside and tried to get people to come back inside. Perez saw a police officer perform CPR.

Sworn Statement of Tanya Bitar

On February 20, 2022, at 0040 hours, SA Snowden and SA Mendoza conducted a sworn, voluntary, and recorded interview with Tanya Bitar at the Winter Park Library adjacent to the Events Center. Detective Woehr was present for the interview.

Bitar is an employee with Arthur's Catering. She works in various capacities, including serving food and tending bar. She was present for the wedding reception.

Bitar first took notice of Knight as he participated in drinking from bottles of liquor that were being passed around at the reception. Knight was "chugging a bottle of vodka" that the groom had. One of the female employees attempted unsuccessfully to get the bottle from them. Some guests were trying to take bottles off the bar. Bitar saw a bottle of Crown Royal on a table and a bottle of

Patron, which are not supplied by Arthur's Catering. There was also "tons of marijuana" being smoked at the event, which staff repeatedly asked the offenders to stop.

After drinking from the bottle of Vodka, Knight got on the 360-degree video dance platform and took his shirt off as he danced. Knight was told to get down. Bitar saw Knight "getting physical with people inside." She advised at one point Knight had his mother in a choke hold.

"Everyone kind of told them, you need to get outside," which caused Knight and some of his family to exit the side door. Bitar saw the police pull up and heard loud arguing as the first two officers approached Knight. Knight was being louder than the officers and was backing away from them. Bitar moved outside to help load the catering truck with Kyle Easter and Philomina Freeman. Three males from the event "aggressively" ran out of the vendors' doors, followed by three females telling them not to go. The males were saying, "They're going to arrest him, we've got to get him." Bitar did not know if they were referring to saving Knight from being arrested or "getting" the officer(s).

By this time a crowd gathered outside, blocking Bitar's view. Bitar heard a Taser deployment, followed by five gunshots about three seconds later. Bitar did not know if the police shot or if someone else shot.

Joel Perez yelled for Bitar and the other employees outside to come inside. They ran into the Events Center and hid in the upstairs kitchen.

Sworn Statement of Kyle Easter

On February 20, 2022, at approximately 0015 hours, SA McGinley obtained a voluntary, sworn, and recorded statement from Kyle Easter at the Winter Park Library. WPPD Detective Ronald Budde was present during the interview.

Easter was working for Arthur's Catering as a server and was at the Events Center on February 19, 2022. Easter was working at a bussing station at the back of the location and observed an altercation. Easter thought he heard several people attempting to calm a guest [Knight] down by the name of "Andy."

Easter described Knight as a tall, muscular, Hispanic male wearing a black tank top. Easter said Knight had a lot of tattoos. Easter watched Knight grab a woman in a headlock, and other guests told him to let go of his mother.

Easter jumped up onto his truck for a closer look and saw two police officers respond to the scene. Easter said the officers were trying to calm Knight down. Easter saw Knight punch someone. Easter heard a Taser cycle, and someone fell to the ground. Easter further advised multiple people rushed towards the altercation, four or five gunshots were heard, and everyone ran from the area.

Easter escorted employees up the stairs and away from the gunfire. When Easter returned to the first floor, he heard more banging but did not know what it was. Easter gathered other employees and left the Events Center. They took refuge in the Winter Park Library.

Easter recorded a portion of the altercation on his cellphone, but it did not include the use of force. Easter provided a copy of the recording to SA McGinley.

Sworn Statement of Erica Fernstrom

On February 20, 2022, at approximately 0051 hours, SA McGinley obtained a voluntary, sworn, and recorded statement from Erica Fernstrom at the Winter Park Library. Detective Budde was present during the interview.

Fernstrom works for Arthur's Catering as a bartender and was at the Events Center on February 19, 2022. Fernstrom was serving drinks in the upstairs bar during the cocktail hour. The guests at the bar were smoking marijuana and the staff had to remind them several times to stop.

Fernstrom said, "The guy in the black tank-top [Knight] was obnoxious the whole night." Fernstrom described Knight as a tall White guy with a full beard and multiple tattoos. Fernstrom explained that Knight was dancing by the 360-degree camera and continued to take it from the staff. Fernstrom said, "He [Knight] was just so trashed. The next thing you know his shirt came off, and he kept going back to the thing." Fernstrom explained that several people in the party attempted to calm Knight down and took him outside. Fernstrom said, "Nobody could get through to him." Fernstrom was instructed to stop serving alcohol to the guest. Fernstrom assisted in taking all of the alcohol off the bar and securing it in the kitchen.

Fernstrom and several other employees ran upstairs and hid in the kitchen for approximately twenty minutes. Fernstrom did not hear the gunfire, nor did she witness the use of force incident.

Sworn Statement of Robert Flick

On February 20, 2022, at approximately 0104 hours, SA McGinley obtained a voluntary, sworn, and recorded statement from Robert Flick at the Winter Park Library. Detective Budde was present during the interview.

Flick works for Arthur's Catering as a server and was at the Events Center on February 19, 2022. Flick said after the dinner was complete, he noticed Knight. Flick described Knight as a Black male with a white shirt and a lot of tattoos. Flick said, "Everyone... there was a lot of people trying to calm him down, and it seemed like he was grabbing his mom. That is when I thought this is getting out of hand." Flick heard someone tell Knight, "If they call the cops you are going to get in trouble." Flick believed that comment amplified the situation. Flick said, "This got a lot out of control." Flick predicted the party was not going to be lasting much longer.

Flick saw the first police officer arrive to the scene. Flick went inside and assisted other employees to take all of the alcohol out of the reception. Flick said he was cleaning up and did not witness the use of force.

Flick relocated to the library and was waiting to give a statement. Flick saw members of the wedding party trying to get into the library and he felt they were going to harm him.

Sworn Statement of William Gallagher

On February 20, 2022, at approximately 0037 hours, SA McGinley obtained a voluntary, sworn, and recorded statement from William Gallagher at the Events Center. Detective Budde was present during the interview.

Gallagher works for Arthur's Catering as a server and was at the Events Center on February 19, 2022.

Gallagher observed a tall Hispanic male with lots of tattoos [Knight] dancing around the panoramic camera on the dance floor. Gallagher said Knight was, "Very intoxicated." Knight took his shirt

off and had a black tank-top on. Gallagher saw Knight push another guest to the ground, but he did not know if it was done unintentionally or with malice.

A short time later, Gallagher saw Knight outside of the establishment arguing with other guests. Knight grabbed his mother [Patricia Keeby] and guests were yelling, "Look what you're doing to your mother." Patricia Keeby was complaining and an unknown guest told Knight that the police were called for assistance. Gallagher said that information seemed to further anger Knight. Gallagher said, "Things got more amped up. There was more yelling, and more pushing and shoving." SA McGinley asked Gallagher, "Was Knight the only guest that appeared to be out of control?" Gallagher replied, "Yes, people were trying to calm him down, but he kept pushing them away."

Gallagher walked back into the Events Center and started cleaning up dishes. Gallagher was instructed to assist in removing all of the alcohol from the bars. Gallagher did not see the police arrive on the scene. Gallagher did not observe the use of force incident nor did he hear gunfire. Gallagher saw Knight lying motionless on the ground and no one was near him.

Sworn Statement of Antonio Ingram

On February 25, 2022, at approximately 1029 hours, SA McGinley obtained a voluntary, sworn, and recorded statement from Antonio Ingram the Winter Park Police Department. Detective Dicarolo was present during the interview.

Ingram works for the City of Winter Park in the Parks and Recreation Department and has worked there for approximately two years. Ingram was working at the Events Center on February 19, 2022. He was there to break the tables and chairs down after the party broke up.

Ingram saw several patrons at the wedding that appeared to be intoxicated, but it appeared they were all having fun. Ingram said many of the attendees were leaving when he arrived. Ingram said, "It was nothing out of the ordinary."

Ingram was in the office when he discovered two WPPD officers had arrived on the scene. Ingram stepped outside to see what happened. Ingram said there was a lot of screaming and yelling. Ingram said, "When they got there it got out of hand." Ingram did not know who was fighting or what the cause of the altercation.

Ingram assisted in gathering employees and taking them away from the commotion. Ingram heard a couple of pops, but he believed this was the taser being deployed. Ingram said he did not hear the gunfire.

Ingram was locked in the Winter Park Library with other employees until he was permitted to leave. SA McGinley asked Ingram if he saw anyone from the wedding party try to get into the library, and he replied, "No." Ingram said he did not discuss the disturbance with other employees in the library and they avoided the topic.

Sworn Statement of Natalie Caudle

On February 28, 2022, at approximately 1219 hours, SA McGinley and SA Long obtained a voluntary, sworn, and recorded statement from Natalie Caudle at the Orlando Regional Operations Center at 500 West Robinson Street, Orlando, Florida.

Caudle was working for Bella Sposa Events as an event planner and was at the Winter Park Events Center. Caudle was working at the location on February 19, 2022. Bella Sposa Events was contracted by the bridegroom to coordinate the wedding and facilitate an enjoyable event.

Caudle arrived at the Winter Park Events Center at approximately 1130 hours to work on event preparations. Caudle said the wedding party was running late, and it started a little difficult. Caudle explained, "They were running late, and there were a few occurrences of marijuana. The scent of it was extremely evident and I went to Alex [Pate] and said, 'I am not sure if they are smoking it in here.'" Caudle thought that some of the groomsmen were smoking it. Caudle walked into the groomsmen's dressing area and they were smoking a "blunt." Caudle told Pate again, and she spoke to them about the facility rules.

When the reception started, Caudle was approached by an unknown staff member and told there was an intoxicated wedding guest [Knight] and she needed to keep an eye on him. Caudle described Knight as, "Big, big guy, 6'4" tall, burly, light-skinned, yeah - big guy." Caudle believed Knight was wearing a white tank top. Caudle said that she had not recognized or spoken to Knight up to this point. Caudle explained, "This is nothing new, it happens every event. There is always one."

Caudle was informed by an unknown staff member that Gianni Paul stole a "handle" of alcohol from the bar, and he was pouring it into guests' mouths on the dance floor. Caudle confronted Paul and asked him to stop, but he argued with Caudle and refused. An event employee was able to get the bottle of alcohol from Paul.

Caudle went to the vendor room to eat and she was interrupted and informed there was an altercation and they needed her assistance. Caudle ran to the reception and observed approximately seven guests outside, including Knight. Caudle said she saw an elderly woman with Knight and he was shaking, pulling her hair, and shoving her. Caudle explained, "And anyone one that tried to step in and stop him he would swing at." Caudle described the elderly woman as having gray hair, shorter stature, a little heavy, with wrinkles, and was frail. Caudle said, "I remember being shocked. I specifically remember him pulling her hair. He almost whipped her neck and grabbed her shoulders aggressively." SA McGinley asked Caudle who was present when this was happening, and she replied, "I know the mother of the bride [Katrina Brown-Knight] and the aunt [Jennel Knight-Smith] and he would swing at them."

Joel Perez told Caudle there would be no more alcohol served at the reception and she assisted in removing bottles of alcohol and taking them to the kitchen. Caudle said that the altercation grew. She said, "There was a lot of screaming and yelling." Caudle tried to get the disc jockey to keep the guest on the dance floor. Caudle attempted to get Janisha Knight-Paul away from the altercation, but she shoved Caudle out of her way.

Caudle and Pate observed the altercation escalate, and Caudle told Pate to call the police. Caudle said there were approximately 20 people involved in the altercation by this time. SA Long asked Caudle if she would have called the police if Pate had not. Caudle replied, "One hundred percent - If Alex wasn't going to it was going to be me."

When the police arrived many of the guests started screaming, "No, no who called the cops?" As Caudle and Pate watched from afar, she heard a gunshot and an unknown staff member said, "There is a shooting, there is a shooting, run for your life."

Caudle and Brook Causey ran to the second floor of the Events Center and locked themselves in a room. Caudle did not know who had the firearm but thought it may be an active shooter situation.

Caudle and Causey ran out of a side door when the opportunity presented itself and approached an unknown officer on the scene and he allowed them to leave the location.

Sworn Statement of Brook Causey

On March 02, 2022, at approximately 1124 hours, SA McGinley and SA Mendoza obtained a voluntary, sworn, and recorded statement from Brook Causey the FDLE Orlando Regional Operations Center located at 500 West Robinson Street, Orlando, Florida.

Causey was working for Bella Sposa Events as an event planner and was working at the Events Center on February 19, 2022. Bella Sposa Events was contracted by the bridegroom to coordinate the wedding and facilitate an enjoyable event.

Causey arrived at the Winter Park Event Center at approximately 1230 hours. Causey assisted Natalie Caudle prepare for the wedding and reception. Causey said things got a little "chaotic" and the scheduled events were about one hour behind. Causey confirmed this was a common occurrence with weddings.

During the reception, Causey was advised by Pate to watch out for Knight because he appeared to be intoxicated. Causey observed a commotion during the reception. Causey and Caudle approached the area to investigate. Causey was approximately 10 feet away from the altercation, and she saw Knight pushing, shaking, and being aggressive with his mother. Causey described Keeby as having gray short hair, fragile, and a little heavier set. Causey described Knight as wearing a white "wife-beater" and being a big guy. Causey said it appeared that Keeby was trying to keep Knight from re-entering the Events Center and she was trying to be assertive with Knight.

The commotion grew in size and Causey asked Caudle, "What do we do about this?" Events Center staff told Causey and Caudle to get away from the disturbance to avoid injury.

Causey said catering staff came running in the room and said, "Shots were fired, run." Causey and Caudle ran up the stairs and hid in the kitchen. Causey did not know who was shooting. she said, "I thought these people were armed." Causey and Caudle left the location after they thought it was safe. Causey could not take her vehicle because it was blocked in by crime scene tape, but Caudle gave her a ride home.

Causey did not witness the use of force incident nor did she hear the gunfire.

Sworn Statement of Philomena Freeman

On February 20, 2022, at 1215 hours, SA Mendoza and SA Snowden conducted a sworn, recorded, and voluntary interview with Philomena Freeman inside the library located next to the Winter Park Events Center. Detective Woehr was present during the interview.

Freeman indicated that Knight was drinking excessively all night. Knight was dancing on the platform with the 360-degree rotating camera, took his shirt off, and grabbed the camera almost breaking it. Knight's mother and sister grabbed Knight and tried to take Knight out the side door. Knight was screaming, "I want to fight somebody." Freeman saw Knight had his mother in a "headlock." Knight's mother was crying and Freeman heard party members say, "Look what you're doing to your mother."

Freeman was outside and saw Knight, his mother, and his sister outside facing the Events Center when two police officers arrived. Freeman clearly identified them as police officers, as they came in their patrol cars with lights, sirens, and were wearing police uniforms.

Freeman heard the sister [Katrina Brown-Knight] say, "Look who's behind you." Freeman heard Knight reply, "I don't give a fuck who's behind me."

Freeman saw two males come out from inside the Events Center, "pulling their pants up like they were going to fight." The police were there for maybe a minute. Freeman then heard a Taser, followed by approximately five gunshots. Freeman was standing by the catering truck approximately 25-30 feet away behind some hedges, so she did not get a clear view of the use of force.

Evidence Summary

Crime Scene Reports

On February 20, 2022, members of the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Crime Scene Unit responded to the scene to conduct a crime scene investigation at the direction of FDLE. Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) Alexandra Benedetto was the lead CSI. She was assisted by Crime Scene Supervisor (CSS) Chelsea Johnson. CSI Melissa Roughgarden assisted with ancillary responsibilities.

On June 20, 2022, SA Snowden was notified by CSI Benedetto that the crime scene reports were complete. SA Snowden responded to the OCSO and obtained the documentation from CSS Ronald Murdock. The reports documented the scene, photographs taken, evidence collected, identified what crime scene processes were completed, and acknowledged which CSI was responsible for their specific assignments. The full report should be referred to for the exact duties, items collected, and responsibilities of individuals.

Medical Examiner's Report

On February 20, 2022, SA Mendoza attended the autopsy performed by Dr. Sara Zydowicz with the District Nine Medical Examiner's Office.

On June 30, 2022, SA Snowden received the Report of Autopsy from the District Nine Medical Examiner's Office. The cause of death was determined to be multiple gunshot wounds, with the manner of death listed as homicide.

Dr. Zydowicz noted Knight was shot five times; three in the torso, one in the left lower extremity, and one in the left upper extremity. Four projectiles were recovered from Knight, while the fifth exited the body.

Blood analysis revealed no narcotics in Knight's system. Blood analysis revealed a blood alcohol content of 0.179 (peripheral blood) and 0.176 (vitreous blood).

Refer to Dr. Zydowicz' report for specific details.

Hospital Response

On Saturday, February 19, 2022, SA Long responded to Advent Health Orlando where Knight had been transported. Knight was deceased in the trauma room. Officer Roman was also present.

Officer Roman was assigned to follow the ambulance that was transporting Knight from the scene to Advent Health Orlando. Upon arrival at Advent Health Orlando, Knight was placed in a trauma room where hospital staff continued to perform life saving measures. At 2221 hours, on February 19, 2022, Knight was pronounced deceased by Doctor Arkesh Brahmhatt. Officer Roman remained with Knight's body until released to the District Nine Medical Examiner's Office.

An external examination of Knight's body revealed several apparent gunshot wounds to the chest, left side, left leg and left forearm. Additionally, a single Taser probe was observed penetrating the skin on Knight's upper right shoulder.

SA Long was notified that several of Knight's family members were present at the hospital in a family waiting area. SA Long met with Theodore Keeby, who stated that he did not witness the use of force incident, but indicated that he heard four gun shots. Theodore Keeby declined to make further statements and stated that his wife, Patricia Keeby, did not witness the use of force and was also declining to make any statement. Jordann Cruz (14-year-old daughter of Mellisa Cruz) was also present in the waiting area and stated that she did not witness the incident. Mellisa Cruz and Alexis Young both provided sworn interviews in reference to the incident.

Evidence Collection

On February 24, 2022, SA Long met with OCSO Evidence Section to take custody of the evidence collected from the WPPD officer-involved shooting. SA Long entered the collected items at the FDLE Orlando Regional Operations Center Evidence Section. A chain of custody receipt was provided. The following items were received by SA Long:

FDLE ITEM #	OCSO ITEM #	Description
DS1	1 (Q60943)	Seven (7) .40 S&W, silver, fired cartridge cases
DS2	2 (Q60943)	Taser wires
DS3	3 (Q60943)	Taser wire with prong attached
DS4	4 (Q60943)	Projectile
DS5	5 (Q60943)	Taser blast doors
DS6	6 (Q60943)	Swabs from blood on sidewalk
DS7	7 (Q60943)	Glock 35, GEN 4, .40 S&W handgun, SER# UGG487, with light attachment and 15-round capacity magazine
DS8	8 (Q60943)	Nine (9) .40 S&W live rounds from item # 7
DS9	9 (Q60943)	AXW Taser, SER# X1200846V, with one (1) empty cartridge and one (1) live cartridge
DS10	1 (Q60944)	Officer [REDACTED] Uniform
DS11	2 (Q60944)	[REDACTED] Uniform

Firearm Report

On March 18, 2022, SA Snowden reviewed the FDLE Laboratory Report, dated March 18, 2022, authored by Senior Crime Laboratory Analyst (SCLA) Amy Siewert, Firearms Section. The report referenced evidence submitted to the FDLE laboratory on February 28, 2022, by FDLE Evidence Technician Indirha Meulens. The analysis conducted by SCLA Siewert determined Item DS7 (the pistol used by [REDACTED] on February 19, 2022) was functional and properly operational.

Refer to SCLA Siewert's full report for a detailed explanation of all analysis completed and findings.

Round Count

On Saturday, February 19, 2022, SA Daniel Wallace responded to the WPPD to conduct the round count of [REDACTED] firearm. SA Wallace met with Crime Scene Technician (CST) Annabelle Arciniega and Detective Matthew Wright for this purpose. Also present during the round count was [REDACTED] and WPPD Attorney Erin DeYoung.

The round count of [REDACTED] firearm occurred in a room near the WPPD Evidence Intake. [REDACTED] was assigned a Glock, model 35, .40 caliber, handgun bearing serial number UGG487. An inspection of the firearm revealed a 15-round magazine in the firearm with 8-live rounds within. One live round was removed from the chamber, for a total of 9 live rounds in the firearm. Also, attached to the firearm was a TLR-1 light. This information was confirmed by CST Arciniega.

[REDACTED] did not answer any questions related to the investigation. Therefore, it is unknown if [REDACTED] tops off his magazine.

A visual inspection of [REDACTED] duty belt showed that he had two magazines that appeared to be unused and a taser holster with no taser.

CST Arciniega photographed [REDACTED] before the round count and also photographed the Glock, model 35, .40 caliber, handgun bearing serial number UGG487, magazine, and live rounds. The items photographed were also collected by CST Arciniega.

Taser Download

On February 24, 2022, SA Long completed an electronic download of the data contained on the Taser (serial # X1200846V) utilized by [REDACTED] during the use of force incident.

The data obtained from the Taser included an activation log from the time the device was entered into service by the WPPD. Information specific to the use of force investigation is as follows:

SEQ#	Local Time	Event	Duration (Seconds)	Temp (Celsius)	Batt Remaining
1994	19 Feb 2022 21:46:26	Armed		29	27
1995	19 Feb 2022 21:47:25	Trigger	5		27
1996	19 Feb 2022 21:59:04	Safe	758	32	24
1997	24 Feb 2022 10:33:56	USB Connected			
1998	24 Feb 2022 10:29:16	Time Sync - 24 Feb 2022 10:33:58 to 24 Feb 2022 10:29:16			

Video Analysis

SA Sean Coyle received and conducted a thorough review of the WPPD BWC videos. WPPD BWC's are set to record audio immediately when the officer activates them, but the recording will

include thirty seconds of video before activation with no audio. Therefore, the first thirty seconds of most BWC's will have no audio.

For the complete details, please refer to the video files. All of the times reflected are the elapsed time on the video that the actions occurred.

All video was reviewed, however, only videos relative to the use of force are included in the Investigative Summary.

██████████ BWC

File Name: ██████████

The video began with ██████████ driving in his vehicle responding to the call for service.

- [00:00 - 00:34] - ██████████ exited his vehicle and began running.
- [00:35] - Alexandra Pate stated, "Right by the lake, right there, he's yelling. Yeah right there, the big guy."
- [00:47] - Knight stated, "I don't give a fuck." Katrina Brown-Knight and Jennel Knight-Smith stated, "It's okay, he's our brother."
- [00:55] - ██████████ told Knight to put his hands behind his back multiple times. ██████████ told Katrina Brown-Knight to step away from Knight.
- [01:03] - ██████████ requested additional units over the radio.
- [01:06] - ██████████ told Katrina Brown-Knight to step away from Knight.
- [01:10] - ██████████ stated, "Let her go," unholstered his Taser and stated, "Taser, Taser, Taser."
- [01:16] - ██████████ stated, "Get away from him, get away from him now. Step back, Ma'am, step back."
- [01:30] - Knight held Katrina Brown-Knight in front of him while Officer ██████████ was trying to grab Knight's left arm.
- [01:35] - Mellisa Cruz approached ██████████ and stated, "Hey, hey, hey, wait, wait, wait, he's just drunk, listen, he's just drunk." ██████████ instructed Cruz to get back.
- [01:41] - ██████████ stated, "Put your hands behind your back, now."
- [01:42] - Knight punched Officer ██████████ with his right fist, causing him to fall to the ground.
- [01:47] - ██████████ fell to the ground (a Taser was heard in the background and Sergeant ██████████ was heard making moaning sounds).
- [01:49] - Janisha Knight-Paul ran toward ██████████ while he was lying down on the ground. (Janisha Knight-Paul was observed running and looking in the direction of Knight yelling, "No.")
- [01:51] - ██████████ was lying on the ground while Knight was striking him. Sergeant ██████████ discharged his firearm seven times.
- [01:53] - Knight turned away from ██████████ and fell into a grassy area.
- [02:00] - ██████████ stood up and Cruz ran toward him and began striking him. Sergeant ██████████ stated, "Get off me."
- [02:28] - ██████████ instructed people to get back that this is a crime scene.
- [02:30] - Jay Michael Mertz III was yelling, "What the fuck bro, are you serious? Why the fuck didn't ya'll just tase him, bro?" ██████████ replied, "He punched me in the back of my head, get back."

- [02:38] – Freddy Williams approached [REDACTED] and stated, "Call a fucking ambulance." [REDACTED] replied, "They're coming now, get back."
- [03:07] - Officer Millard was observed tending to Knight, who is lying on the ground.
- [03:50] – Officer Roman was heard asking, [REDACTED] "Officer [REDACTED] where are you shot?" [REDACTED] approached Officer Roman who was supporting Officer [REDACTED] to stand up and stated, "We are not shot, he's shot."
- [03:50] - Officer Roman told [REDACTED] he was taking Officer [REDACTED] to the hospital (Officer [REDACTED] is observed with blood coming out of his mouth and down the left side of his face.)
- [03:54] - [REDACTED] told Freddy Williams, "Get back, I'm not going to tell you again." Williams replied, "Or what?" [REDACTED] replied, "Or, I am going to take you to jail, get back now!"
- [03:58] - Officer Roman told Officer [REDACTED] "Come on, I am taking you to the hospital." Officer [REDACTED] replied, "I'm alright, he just knocked me out."
- [04:00] - [REDACTED] approached a crowd and stated, "You have a problem with me?" An unknown female pushed [REDACTED] and stated, "Relax, please, please." [REDACTED] stated, "You want a problem, you are going to find one, you better find something to do."
- [4:15] Multiple people were providing first aid to Knight. [REDACTED] directed a female to get back who stated she was a registered nurse. [REDACTED] informed the female enough people are helping and to stay back.
- [05:25] - [REDACTED] was talking to Shawn Nies and stated, "We are getting the Fire Department here sir, what do you want me to do? He punched me in the back of my head, took my Taser, I'm on my back, ok. My life is in jeopardy."
- [07:50] - [REDACTED] approached Officer [REDACTED] who is talking to a wedding guest [John Baldwin]. [REDACTED] asked Officer [REDACTED] "You alright man?" Officer [REDACTED] replied, "Yeah, I'm okay." [REDACTED] stated, "He swung on me, he hit me too in the back of my head." Officer [REDACTED] stated, "Yeah, yeah, he got me, he knocked me out, he knocked me out." [REDACTED] asked, "He knocked you out?" Officer [REDACTED] replied, "Yeah, he knocked me out cold!" (Officer [REDACTED] was observed with a laceration on the left side of his lip and blood dripping down his jaw)
- [08:49] - [REDACTED] approached Officer [REDACTED] and asked, "Are you, okay man?" Officer [REDACTED] replied, "Yeah I'm okay, I'm just dazed."
- [09:30] - An unknown female asked, "Why would you not use a Taser?" [REDACTED] replied, "I did Tase him, I did Tase him, hey bro, I did tase him, he punched me in the back of the head."
- [11:00] - Officer [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he was hurt and if he was good? [REDACTED] replied, "I think, I know he hit me in the back of my head, I started seeing stars, I went down, I tried to Tase him, I was on my back and I fired. Because he was going, he was going, he was going to knock me out man, he was going to knock me out."
- [13:37 - 14:59] - [REDACTED] approached Officer [REDACTED] and stated, "You need to see FD [Fire Department] bro, he got hit in the head. [REDACTED] come on man". [REDACTED] and Officer [REDACTED] continue to talk and the conversation is as follows:

Officer [REDACTED] "Huh."

[REDACTED] "Come on"

Officer [REDACTED] "Alright, okay."

[REDACTED] "You might have a concussion or something."

Officer [REDACTED] "Huh?"

[REDACTED] "You went black for, for, a couple, a couple of seconds?"

Officer [REDACTED] "Dude."

[REDACTED] "He was going to kill us, man."

Officer [REDACTED] "Yo, he was, damn straight, he was going to fucking kill us."

[REDACTED] "I went down, he hit me so hard."

Officer [REDACTED] "He hit me so hard, I blacked out bro, I blacked out, I blacked out, I ain't even gonna lie."

[REDACTED] "Alright man, I got you."

Officer [REDACTED] "You alright bro?"

[REDACTED] "Yeah, I shot. I had to do what I had to do man."

Officer [REDACTED] "You had to do what you had to do man, he was gonna hurt us, man."

[REDACTED] "Yeah man, he was."

Officer [REDACTED] "He was gonna hurt us."

[REDACTED] "Don't worry man, let's just..."

Officer [REDACTED] "Oh, fuck man. Yo, he knocked me the fuck out."

[REDACTED] "Yeah."

Officer [REDACTED] "He did."

[REDACTED] "Yeah he did."

Officer [REDACTED] "I didn't even see that shit coming man."

[REDACTED] "He was a big dude man."

Officer [REDACTED] "I knew he was a big, I knew he was a big dude, I knew he was a big dude but damn."

██████████ "I don't think there is nobody over here."

Officer ██████████ "Oh fuck man, damn."

██████████: "Where you hit in, in the mouth?"

Officer ██████████ "Yeah."

- [14:57 – 16:44] - ██████████ and Officer ██████████ approached Lieutenant Jeffrey Hershone and conversed with him. The conversation is as follows:

██████████ "All of us are okay, nobody else, to my knowledge, is hurt. I'm the only one who."

Lieutenant Hershone: "Who was shot?"

██████████ "I fired shots. I tried to Tase him, he had his sister or his family members or somebody else."

Officer ██████████ "He had his sister. I got knocked out."

██████████ "Him too, was in the way trying to uh."

Lieutenant Hershone: "Do you know who that was?"

██████████ "I don't know who the suspect was."

Lieutenant Hershone: "Was it a male or female?"

██████████ "Yeah, they was trying to get in the way. We was trying to get him secured to get his hands behind his back. He kept grabbing the females up towards him."

Officer ██████████ "And he put the female in a headlock."

██████████ "Right, he started cursing him."

Officer ██████████ "And then when he got the female separated and I'm like talking, hey man it ain't that serious then all the sudden he cold-cocked me and knocked me cold out."

Officer ██████████ "Knocked him out okay. I fired my Taser, it didn't work. He swung on me, hit me, hit me once, hit me again in the back of my head, I saw stars and I go on my back and that's when I roll over and. (They were interrupted by arriving deputies.) I'm seeing stars, I'm on my back at this point and all I see is this dude coming over me. I roll over, I had no...

Lieutenant Hershone: "We're going to have the fire department check you out. You okay?"

Officer [REDACTED] "Yeah, I am alright, I'm alright."

[REDACTED] "I had no other, I had no other, I had no other choice."

Lieutenant Hershone: "That's fine. So the only threat was the one guy right now?"

[REDACTED] "Yeah, yeah."

Lieutenant Hershone: "You guys both off"

[REDACTED] "Yeah, I'm off right now."

[REDACTED] BWC

File Name: [REDACTED]

The video began with Officer [REDACTED] driving in his vehicle, responding to the call for service.

- [00:32] - Officer [REDACTED] exited his vehicle and began walking when Pate stated, "Yeah, it's getting pretty violent. So, he's in a black wife-beater, black pants, he's grabbing his mom."
- [00:36] - Officer [REDACTED] asked, "Where's he at?"
- [00:41] - Pate responded, "He's right by the lake right there he's yelling." Knight yelled, "I don't give a fuck who's behind me, shut up, I don't give a fuck."
- [00:50] - Katrina Brown-Knight stated, "He's okay, he's okay, he's our brother, it's his first wedding."
- [00:52] - Knight turned toward Officer [REDACTED] and stated, "Man, that bitch ain't got nothing to do with me." Knight pointed at Officer [REDACTED] and stated, "You shut up, you shut up."
- [00:58] - Officer [REDACTED] instructed Brown-Knight to back up away from Knight. Brown-Knight stated, "It's his first wedding." Jennel Knight Smith stated, "He's got PTSD and he's not going to hurt anybody."
- [01:07] - Officer [REDACTED] continued to instruct Brown-Knight to step away from Knight who ignored Officer [REDACTED] commands.
- [01:09] - Brown-Knight stated, "He doesn't have any weapons, stop it."
- [01:15] - Officer [REDACTED] pulled Brown-Knight's right arm to get her away from Knight when Brown-Knight resisted and Knight pulled her back. Knight stepped toward Officer [REDACTED] and stated, "Don't you grab my motherfucking sister."
- [01:30] - Officer [REDACTED] grabbed Knight's left arm multiple times and Knight continued to pull away from him.
- [01:46] - Officer [REDACTED] approached Knight and attempted to grab him by both wrists while stating, "What's up man, talk to me."
- [01:47] - Knight punched Officer [REDACTED] with his right hand (Screaming is heard). Officer [REDACTED] BWC is pointed toward the sky for approximately six seconds.
- [01:56] - Multiple gunshots are heard in the background.
- [01:59 - 02:59] - Officer [REDACTED] rolled over and stated, "Shit, oh shit, shit, oh shit, shit." Officer [REDACTED] is on the ground on all fours.
- [02:32] - Multiple people [Dwayne Knight and John Baldwin] approached Officer [REDACTED] while he is on the ground asking him if he was alright.

- [02:38] - Baldwin instructed Officer [REDACTED] to sit and asked him if he wanted some water. Baldwin instructed someone to get him a napkin and handed Officer [REDACTED] his radio mic and stated, "Make a call, get some backup here." Baldwin advised Officer [REDACTED] he was a former law enforcement officer and helped Officer [REDACTED] stand up.
- [03:12] – Officer Jeancarlo Rojas approached Officer [REDACTED] and asked him, "Hey, what happened, what happened here?" Officer [REDACTED] replied, "The guy knocked me out!" Officer Rojas instructed Officer [REDACTED] to sit down.
- [03:30] - Officer [REDACTED] was seated on the ground and then got up assisting with crowd control.
- [03:49] – Officer Mariano Roman approached Officer [REDACTED] and asked him where he was shot? Officer [REDACTED] replied, "I'm not shot, I got knocked out." Officer Roman stated he was going to take Officer [REDACTED] to the hospital. Officer [REDACTED] says he's okay, he just knocked him out.
- [04:53] – Detective Jonathon Maingot asked Officer [REDACTED] if he'd been hit by anything? Officer [REDACTED] replied, "The dude, the dude, the dude hit me, man, he, he, he punched me out, he punched me out." Officer [REDACTED] was placed in Officer Roman's vehicle.
- [05:37 – 06:20] - Officer [REDACTED] and Officer Roman continue to talk while Officer [REDACTED] was seated in the WPPD patrol vehicle. Their conversation is as follows:

Officer Roman: "Were you shot?"

Officer [REDACTED] "No, I wasn't shot."

Officer Roman: "How do you know that? Did you hear a bang?"

Officer [REDACTED] "Nah, nah, he punched me out. The dude punched me out. He, he knocked me out."

Officer Roman: "Okay."

Officer [REDACTED] "He knocked me out, ah shit man."

Officer Roman: "Can you breathe?"

Officer [REDACTED] "Yeah, I can breathe!"

Officer Roman: "Does it hurt anywhere?"

Officer [REDACTED] "Nah, just my head."

Officer Roman: Just your head? Where did he hit you?

Officer [REDACTED] "He punched me in the face, look, look."

Officer Roman: "Let me get a flashlight."

Officer [REDACTED] "Shit, damn, ah man, hey."

Officer Roman: "Let me see, he just knocked you out? You ain't got no holes?"

Officer [REDACTED] "No, I ain't got no holes in me!"

***Officer [REDACTED] exited the vehicle and he and Officer Roman returned to the crime scene to assist with crowd control. ***

- [07:56] - [REDACTED] approached Officer [REDACTED] and asked him if he was okay? [REDACTED] stated, "He hit me, too."
- [08:02 – 11:03] - Officer [REDACTED] assisted with crowd control.
- [11:04] - Officer [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] "You hurt, you good?" Sergeant [REDACTED] replied, "I think, I know he hit me in the back of my head, I started seeing stars, I went down, I tried to Tase him, I was on my back, and I fired. Because he was going, he was going, he was going to knock me out man, he was going to knock me out."
- [11:22] - Officer [REDACTED] replied, "Well, he already knocked me out, so you were the second one."
- [11:23 – 13:50] - Officer [REDACTED] continued with crowd control and is given a napkin by Baldwin.
- [13:51 - 13:53] – [REDACTED] stated to Officer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] "You might have a concussion or something." Officer [REDACTED] replied, "Huh?" [REDACTED] asked, "You went black for, for, a couple, a couple of seconds?"

Officer Jeancarlo Rojas' BWC

File Name: Officer Jeancarlo Rojas 02.42.43

The video began with Officer Rojas driving in his vehicle responding, to the call for service. (Officer Rojas arrived after the use of force incident occurred.)

- [01:02] - Officer Rojas exited his vehicle and began running.
- [01:21] - Officer Rojas approached Officer [REDACTED] who is being helped up off the ground by Baldwin.
- [01:24] - Officer Rojas asked Officer [REDACTED] "What happened?" Baldwin replied, "He struck him."
- [01:35] - Officer Rojas asked Officer [REDACTED] "What happened? What happened here?" Officer [REDACTED] replied, "The guy knocked me out, man."
- [01:44] - Officer Rojas told Officer [REDACTED] to sit down.
- [01:45 - 02:37] - Officer Rojas is assisting in crowd control and containing the crime scene.
- [02:37] - Officer Rojas returned to his vehicle.
- [03:25 - 07:33] - Officer Rojas returned to the crime scene and assisted with crowd control and then rendered first aid to Knight.
- [07:37] - Officer Rojas assisted with crowd control.
- [11:33] - An unknown female approached Officer Rojas and asked for more medical supplies to assist, in providing first aid.
- [12:10] - Officer Rojas approached the Fire Department and asked them if they had quick clot. Officer Rojas then briefed the FD about the injuries Knight sustained.
- [13:00 - 14:36] – FD was observed administering first aid. Officer Rojas escorted a female who provided first aid to the restroom to wash her hands.

- [14:49] - Officer Rojas was approached by Gionni Paul, who stated this was his event and he was, "Suing the fuck out of y'all, y'all department."
- [15:44] - Officer Rojas walked back outside and assisted with crime scene activities.
- [21:44 - 27:12] - Officer Rojas is approached by Paul, who stated he was there and witnessed the entire incident. Paul continued to talk about police protocols and lawsuits.
- [27:16] - Officer Justina Cabarcas approached Officer Rojas and advised him there was a Taser that had been left on the ground and asked who it belonged to?
- [27:47 - 37:56] ***Nothing related to the use of force incident. ***
- [37:58] Officer Rojas approached Lieutenant Hershone. Lieutenant Hershone told Officer Rojas to obtain a statement from Mellisa Cruz.
- [39:47] - Officer Rojas approached Cruz, who was seated in the driver's seat of a white truck. Officer Rojas gave Cruz a statement form. Their conversation is as follows from [40:39].

Officer Rojas: "The lieutenant told me that you wanted to provide a statement."

Cruz: "Yeah, because I was there, I seen everything. I know he hit the officers, but he was not armed. Like, they didn't have to shoot him."

Officer Rojas: "I wasn't here. I don't know what happened Mellisa."

Cruz: "Yeah I did, I did, I seen it. I asked if they had bodycams too."

Officer Rojas: "I was working something else okay, and I came after the fact."

Cruz: "I understand, but this is just so unnecessary, this is his niece's wedding. He just drank too much. I mean, he didn't know where he was. But he wasn't going to kill anybody. He wasn't armed, he just hit them with his fist. I understand"

Officer Rojas: Look, I don't know what happened, okay. But now, is it okay to hit an officer just because?

Cruz: No, I know it's not, but do they need to shoot and kill him for that? Just Tase him again or something.

Officer Rojas: Again, I wasn't here. I don't know what happened first, second, third.

Cruz: I know, I know.

- [41:30] - (The remainder of the conversation is not relevant to the use of force incident.)
- [55:40] - Paul approached Officer Rojas and stated he needed to speak to whoever was in charge of the investigation.
- [59:55] - Officer Rojas asked an unknown female and Dwayne Knight if anything happened inside the event? The female stated Knight was dancing and had too much to drink when he was taken outside by his family. The female stated, Knight suffered from PTSD and had been incarcerated before. He wasn't calming down like the family wanted him to. She stated, no altercation took place with Knight and if the police were not called, the incident probably would not have occurred.

- [1:03:41] - (The remainder of the video did not capture anything relevant to the use of force incident.)

File Name: Officer Jeancarlo Rojas 02.42.42

The video began with Officer Rojas walking in front of the Winter Parks Events Center.

- [02:31] - Brown-Knight told other guests, "I said hey, he doesn't have any weapons, he's not armed. I said he just had too much to drink tonight, we're at a wedding. This is his niece's wedding we're very happy it's a big family celebration, he's just had too much to drink. And then they pull out a gun and shoot, and shoot."
- [02:57] (The remainder of the video did not capture anything relevant to the use of force incident.)

File Name: Officer Jeancarlo Rojas 05.47.04

The video began with Officer Rojas inside the Winter Park Events Center. Officer Rojas's BWC captured FDLE Special Agent in Charge Lee Massie and CASA Zamora speaking with Brown-Knight. Throughout the video, Brown-Knight discussed the incident with FDLE and other guests. Officer Rojas provided scene security and his BWC did not capture the use of force.

Detective Jonathon Maingot's BWC

File Name: Officer Jonathon Maingot 02.56.02

The video began with Detective Maingot standing in the area of Knight while first aid was being rendered. Detective Maingot assisted in providing chest compressions to Knight and helped load him onto the stretcher.

- [02:50] - An unknown firefighter stated, "Hey, he has Taser probes in him."
- [02:53] - An unknown female stated, "He has one in his arm."
- [02:55 - 28:22] - Detective Maingot assisted with crime scene security activities.
- [28:24] - Detective Maingot approached Officer Rojas who was talking to Cruz, who was seated inside her vehicle.

File Name: Detective Jonathon Maingot 03.03.14

The video began with Detective Maingot walking around the crime scene and providing crime scene security.

- [08:30] – Gionni Paul approached Detective Maingot and stated he needed to speak to whoever was in charge of the investigation.
- [12:40] - Detective Maingot talked to an unknown female and Dwayne Knight and asked if anything happened inside the event? The female stated Knight was dancing and had too much to drink when he was taken outside by his family. The female stated Knight suffered from PTSD and had been incarcerated before. Knight wasn't calming down like the family wanted him to. She stated no altercation took place with Knight and if the police were not called the incident probably would not have occurred.

- [14:33] – Marsha Paul approached Detective Maingot and asked why WPPD was originally dispatched to the event?

File Name: Officer Jonathon Maingot 03:55:54

The video began with Detective Maingot standing in front of the Winter Park Events Center.

- [07:14] - Brown-Knight told other guests, "I said hey, he doesn't have any weapons, he's not armed. I said he just had too much to drink tonight, we're at a wedding. This is his niece's wedding, we're very happy, it's a big family celebration, he's just had too much to drink. And then they pull out a gun and shoot, and shoot."

Officer Mariano Roman's BWC

File Name: Officer Roman Mariano 02.42.59

The video began with Officer Roman running into the crime scene after the use of force incident occurred.

- [00:29] - Officer Roman asked, "Where's the shooter?"
- [00:31] - [REDACTED] replied, "I shot him."
- [00:47] - Officer Roman asked Officer [REDACTED] where he was shot? Officer [REDACTED] replied, "I'm not shot, I got knocked out."
- [01:05] - Officer Roman told Officer [REDACTED] he would take him to the hospital and escorted him out of the crime scene. Officer [REDACTED] stated, "He just knocked me out, I'm alright, I'm alright."
- [01:50] - Detective Maingot asked Officer [REDACTED] if he was hit by anything? Officer [REDACTED] replied, "The dude, the dude, hit me, man he punched me out."
- [02:35 - 03:18] - Officer Roman and Officer [REDACTED] conversation is documented in Officer [REDACTED] BWC.
- [04:03] - Officer Roman returned to the crime scene and then went back to his vehicle to retrieve crime scene tape.
- [09:03] - Officer Roman assisted with crowd control.
- [14:02 - 17:20] - Officer Roman assisted with providing first aid.
- [17:19] - Officer Roman handed a Taser to Officer O'Hara and stated, "This is someone's Taser. It was on the floor."
- [18:15] - Officer Roman entered his vehicle.

Officer Justina Cabarcas' BWC (1Video)

File Name: Officer Justina Cabarcas

The video began with Officer Cabarcas entering the crime scene after the use of force incident occurred.

- [00:08] - Officer Cabarcas approached Officer [REDACTED] who was on his knees (blood observed coming down his jaw.)
- [00:32] - Officer Cabarcas assisted with crowd control.
- [01:12] - Officers and wedding guests administer first aid to Knight.
- [08:33] - Officer Cabarcas went to her vehicle to get additional medical supplies.

- [10:24] - Officer Cabarcas returned to the crime scene and brought additional medical supplies.
- [15:13] - An unknown firefighter pointed to a Taser probe on the ground.
- [16:28] - Officer Rojas told Officer Cabarcas to take pictures of the crime scene.
- [18:05] - Officer Cabarcas took pictures of the crime scene.

FDLE received BWC videos from Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), Maitland Police Department (MPD), Ocoee Police Department (OPD), and the University of Central Florida Police Department (UCF).

SA McGinley received and conducted a thorough review of the BWC videos from the OCSO. OCSO responded to the scene to assist WPPD with this investigation. This was a review of the responding OCSO deputies' BWCs. All of the times reflected are the elapsed time on the video that the actions occurred.

Deputy Carlos Cabrera's BWC

File Name: Carlos Cabrera OCSO

Deputy Cabrera's BWC video did not capture the use of force. The video was 35 minutes and 42 seconds long. The video began at 02:52:46 Zulu time with Deputy Cabrera arriving at the crime scene.

- [00:00-00:45] Deputy Cabrera approached Mellisa Cruz and asked her to move away from the scene. Cruz told Deputy Cabrera she was performing CPR on Knight, but she was moved back.
- [00:45-01:00] Deputy Cabrera asked Officer [REDACTED] if he was ok. Officer [REDACTED] said, "Yeah, I am good."
- [03:39-04:35] Deputy Cabrera approached Shawn Nies. Nies said, "He was dancing a little wild. My wife is his sister and she's like don't mess with Danny [Knight] and I am like I am not messing with Danny."
- [04:35-04:55] Deputy Cabrera approached Cruz again and asked her to move away from the crime scene. Cruz said, "I am not going over there. I am sorry, I am not, I am not. I got to stay here. I am sorry. I am a nurse and I was doing CPR, but they moved me out of the way. I did respectfully give him the opportunity to do the CPR, but I need to be right here right now. This was so uncalled for. He wasn't armed at all." Deputy Cabrera said, "I do not know what happened." Cruz said, "I do, I was here for it. He assaulted the police, but he wasn't armed. We were at a wedding."
- [05:51-05:59] Cruz said, "They tased him and shot him. They did both."
- [11:07-1155] Gionni Paul approached Deputy Cabrera and requested to speak to an investigator. Paul said, "I was right there when this shit happened and the police could have deescalated this situation. I am a first-hand witness."
- [14:13-15:00] Paul said, "The second lawsuit is because you all shot a man. That's it, I saw it. You all shot him six times, why? I mean you all could have tased him."
- [15:01- 35:42] The remainder of the video was Deputy Cabrera conducting crime scene activities.

Sergeant Margaret Keltz's BWC

Sergeant Keltz recorded two separate times throughout the call for service but did not capture the use of force.

File Name: Margaret Keltz OCSO 2

The video was 8 minutes and 04 seconds long. The video began at 03:17:33 Zulu time with Sergeant Keltz walking on the crime scene.

- [00:01-00:32] The video began and Sergeant Keltz was walking on the crime scene. [00:32-00:45] Sergeant Keltz approached Cruz in her vehicle. Cruz asked Sergeant Keltz if she could leave the area to go to the hospital.
- [04:37-04:57] Cruz was talking on her phone and said, "The cops shot him. He was drunk. They tased him and he didn't go down and they shot him."
- [05:50-06:00] Cruz was speaking to an unknown Winter Park Police Officer and said, "I seen everything. I know he hit the officers, but he was not armed. He wasn't going to kill anybody."
- [08:04] The remainder of the video did not capture anything relevant to the use of force incident.

File Name: Margaret Keltz OCSO

The video began at 05:01:32 Zulu time with Sergeant Keltz standing by the front entrance to the Winter Park Event Center.

- [00:01-00:56] The video and audio began. Sergeant Keltz was standing by the front entrance to the Winter Park Event Center.
- [00:56-00:57] Paul was informed that Knight died due to his injuries and he is escorted from the entrance by family members.
- [00:57-08:53] The remainder of the video was Sergeant Keltz conducting crime scene activities.

Sergeant Nicole Hansen's BWC

File Name: Nicole Hansen OCSO

Sergeant Hansen's BWC video did not capture the use of force. The video was 8 minutes and 53 seconds long. The video began at 03:59:12 Zulu time with Sergeant Hansen standing by the front entrance to the Winter Park Event Center.

- [00:01-00:54] The video and audio began. Sergeant Hansen was standing by the front entrance to the Winter Park Event Center.
- [00:54-00:56] Paul is informed that Knight died due to his injuries and he is escorted from the entrance by family members.
- [00:56-08:53] The remainder of the video was Sergeant Hansen performing crime scene activities.

Deputy Victoria Peter's BWC

Deputy Peter's BWC recorded four separate times throughout the call for service. Two of the recordings were relative to the use of force, although none captured the use of force.

File Name: Victoria Peters OCSO 3

The video was 6 minutes and 01 seconds long. The video began at 02:52:58 Zulu time with Deputy Peters running on the crime scene.

- [00:00-00:20] The video and audio began. Deputy Peters was running on the crime scene.
- [00:28-02:36] Deputy Peters put on a pair of gloves and assisted with giving medical attention to Knight. Deputy Peters conducted CPR on Knight. Deputy Peters was relieved by emergency medical personnel.
- [04:03-04:05] Deputy Peters approached Cruz and asked if there were gunshots. Cruz replied, "The officer shot him. He wasn't armed at all."

- [04:06-06:01] The remainder of the video was Deputy Peters conducting crime scene activities.

File Name: Victoria Peters OCSO 1

The video was 22 minutes and 02 seconds long. The video began at 03:44:05 Zulu time with Deputy Peters in Florida South Advent Health with Cruz and Alexis Young.

- [00:00-07:20] The video and audio began. Deputy Peters was in Florida South Advent Health with Cruz and Alexis Young.
- [07:20-22:02] Cruz was escorted to the emergency room and informed of Knight's death. The remainder of the video did not capture anything relevant to the use of force incident.

SA McGinley received and conducted a thorough review of the BWC videos from MPD. MPD responded to the scene to assist WPPD with this investigation. MPD BWCs are set to record audio immediately when the officer activates them, but the recording will include thirty seconds of video before activation with no audio. This was a review of the responding MPD Officers' BWCs. For the complete details, please refer to the video files. All of the times reflected are the elapsed time on the video that the actions occurred.

Officer Anthony Cilenti's BWC

Officer Cilenti's BWC did not capture the use of force.

File Name: MPD Cilenti 2150

The video was 58 minutes and 32 seconds long. The video began at 21:50:02 Zulu time with Officer Cilenti walking on the crime scene.

- [00:00-00:36] Officer Cilenti was walking from his vehicle towards the disturbance.
- [04:26-04:40] Officer Cilenti is approached by Christian Baldwin who says, "That is unbelievable what happened here tonight, and you guys need to answer to that. Do you understand? I am talking to this [male points at the BWC] I am not talking to you, but I want to let you know what happened tonight is unbelievable."
- [14:23-17:37] Officer Cilenti was approached by Nies. Nies asked Officer Cilenti if he could leave the area and Officer Cilenti told him he could not. Nies told Officer Cilenti that he did not see anything and walked back into the complex.
- [18:12-25:37] Officer Cilenti was approached again by Baldwin and he was informed that the use of force incident occurred because of racial disparities. Officer Cilenti asked Baldwin if he gave a statement to WPPD and Baldwin said he was making a statement to Officer Cilenti's BWC. Baldwin did not indicate that he witnessed the use of force incident but wanted to make his opinion known.
- [27:38-28:51] Officer Cilenti is again approached by Baldwin and his wife (Shyrell Baldwin-Roundtree). Shyrell introduced herself to Officer Cilenti's BWC and commenced to give a statement. Shyrell said, "I was standing by the window and the guy was standing out there and talking or whatever. He had one of the women with the purple dress and the police was trying to pull the lady away and he was trying to hold her. He hit one of the cops and the cop was like, out on the ground. I think one of them shot his taser because I seen like, a string, and then after that, he went behind a wall and fell on the ground and he was shot." Officer Cilenti asked Shyrell if she wanted to write a statement and she declined.
- [34:22-37:43] Officer Cilenti is approached by John Baldwin. Baldwin told Officer Cilenti, "I had a clear view and I am ex-law enforcement." Baldwin said, "The guy you're dealing with is my size or bigger, and about 275. He was drunk, intoxicated, and maybe drugs. He

hit one cop and knocked him cold, like Mike Tyson. The cop was out and he is a big black guy too. I went out and grabbed him by the vest and leaned him up against the post." Officer Cilenti asked, "He was out?" Baldwin replied, "When I looked at him he was on Mars." Baldwin continued, "I said, 'Man you okay? What do you need?'" The officer was bleeding from his lip and I said, 'Do you want me to make a call?' Baldwin said, "He knocked the one guy out and he turned around to confront officer number two and when I turned around the officer had to shoot. There weren't enough people to handle all this situation. If you would have had more people it would have turned out different. The second cop was telling him to back up and all that."

- [58:32] The remainder of the video did not capture anything relevant to the use of force incident.

Officer Nicholas Lawrence's BWC

File Name: MPD Lawrence 2221 hrs

The video was 4 minutes and 33 seconds long. The video began at 22:20:50 Zulu time with Officer Lawrence standing on the crime scene.

- [00:33-03:26] Officer Lawrence was approached by Greg Ossinac, who provided his phone number (772) 310-1290, and Shanta L. Ossinac. Ossinac was requesting to leave the venue. Officer Lawrence told him he would have to wait for WPPD to release him. Ossinac said he did not witness the use of force incident but his wife Shanta did.
- [04:09-04:20] Officer Lawrence turned the information over to a WPPD Corporal.
- [04:33] The remainder of the video did not capture anything relevant to the use of force incident.

Security Video

Detective DiCarlo provided the security video captured on the night of the incident from inside and outside of the Winter Park Events Center. The videos showing the series of actions leading up to the use of force incident are labeled Grand Ballroom East, Service Entrance, and Library Parking. The Grand Ballroom video is the best quality, while the other two videos are lesser quality and are best viewed in a zoomed-in format. The following table is a synopsis of the events.

Camera	Time	Person	Detail
Grand Ballroom	9:22:57	Daniel Knight	Danced at the 360-camera
Grand Ballroom	9:24:42	Daniel Knight	Grabbed camera
Grand Ballroom	9:28:15	Daniel Knight	Grabbed camera again
Grand Ballroom	9:29:16	Shawn Nies	Approached Daniel Knight. They appear to exchange words. Mellisa Cruz puts her arm between the two of them. Nies walked away.
Grand Ballroom	9:33:07	Daniel Knight	Football stance, backed guest into wall

Camera	Time	Person	Detail
Grand Ballroom	9:33:35	Patricia Keeby, Theodore Keeby	Intervene because of Daniel Knight's actions
Grand Ballroom	9:33:50	Patricia Keeby, Theodore Keeby	Daniel Knight goes outside followed by Mellisa Cruz, Patricia Keeby, Theodore Keeby, Katrina Brown-Knight, and Jennel Knight-Smith
Grand Ballroom	9:35:32	Alexandra Pate, Brooke Causey, & Natalie Caudle	Approached the exterior window and observed Daniel Knight's behavior.
Grand Ballroom	9:37:17	Alexandra Pate	Called 911.
Grand Ballroom	9:37:37	Joel Perez	Approached Causey and Caudle and had them relocate. Wedding guests began to look outside and observe what was occurring.
Service Entrance	9:37:48	Daniel Knight	Held Patricia Keeby from behind.
Grand Ballroom	9:38:14	Unknown male	Walked outside (see Service Entrance Video)
Grand Ballroom	9:38:28	Freddy Williams	Approached the window
Service Entrance	9:38:35	Daniel Knight	Pushed unknown male
Grand Ballroom	9:38:40	Freddy Williams	Quickly goes outside
Grand Ballroom	9:38:44	John Baldwin	Approached the window
Grand Ballroom	9:39:06	Unknown male	Returned inside
Service Entrance	9:39:10	Daniel Knight	Grabbed Patricia Keeby
Grand Ballroom	9:39:38	Jonisha Knight	Approached the window
Service Entrance	9:39:50	Daniel Knight	Walked away from family
Grand Ballroom	9:40:15	Jonisha Knight	Takes chair to Patricia Keeby (out of frame)
Grand Ballroom	9:40:43	Jonisha Knight	Takes napkins to Patricia Keeby (out of frame)
Service Entrance	9:41:15	Theodore Keeby	Went inside with most of the family.
Grand Ballroom	9:41:39	Marsha Paul	Approached the window
Service entrance	9:41:47	Daniel Knight	Walked back to Jennel Knight-Smith and Katrina Brown-Knight
Service Entrance	9:41:49		██████████ and Officer ██████████ arrived on the scene. Refer to their BWCs for dialogue.
Grand Ballroom	9:41:58	Marsha Paul	Walked back to his table
Grand Ballroom	9:42:04	Dwayne Knight	Walked out to Daniel Knight. (see Service Entrance Video)
Grand Ballroom	9:42:15	Julie Largent	Videod from behind the bar
Grand Ballroom	9:42:42	Gionni Paul	Walked out to Daniel Knight

Grand Ballroom	9:42:46	Janisha Knight-Thomas	Walked out to Daniel Knight
Service Entrance	9:42:47	Daniel Knight	Struck Officer [REDACTED]
Service Entrance	9:42:48	Officer Justina Cabarcas	Arrived on the scene
Service Entrance	9:42:50	Daniel Knight	Struck Officer [REDACTED]
Service Entrance	9:42:51	Daniel Knight	Swung at (struck?) [REDACTED]
Service Entrance	9:42:52	Daniel Knight	Struck [REDACTED]
Service Entrance	9:42:52	[REDACTED]	Fell to the ground
Service Entrance	9:42:53	Daniel Knight	Continued to strike [REDACTED]
Library Parking	9:42:55	[REDACTED]	Fell to the ground
Library Parking	9:42:56	Daniel Knight	Continued to strike [REDACTED]
Service Entrance	9:42:58	[REDACTED]	Fired his gun, Knight fell to the ground
Library Parking	9:42:59	Daniel Knight	Knight fell to the ground
Service Entrance	9:43:00	Officer Cabarcas	Found Officer [REDACTED] and checked on him.
Service Entrance	9:43:00	Officer Cabarcas	Saw Daniel Knight and checked on him.
Service Entrance	9:43:22	John Baldwin	Checked on Officer [REDACTED]
Service Entrance	9:43:31	Dwayne Knight	Checked on Officer [REDACTED]

Additional Agency Documents

During the investigative process, additional items were provided to FDLE that were not recorded in previous Investigative Reports. The following list of items will be attached to the related item sections of the case file.

External drive containing WPPD records received from WPPD Detective DiCarlo on February 24, 2022.

Videos recorded from the 360-degree camera and labeled as RTW 360 Video.

Witnesses

Law Enforcement Witnesses

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➤ SA David Snowden (Case Agent)	➤ SA Roy Long
➤ SA Gus Mendoza	➤ SA Kevin McGinley
➤ SA Danny Wallace	➤ SA Sean Coyle
➤ SCLA Amy Siewert	

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➤ Officer Dalton Millard	➤ Officer Kiara O'Hara
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➤ Officer Mariano Roman	➤ Detective Amy DiCarlo
➤ Detective Pam Woehr	➤ Detective Ronald Budde

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➤ Captain Brad Grainger	➤ Lieutenant Damian Pillay
➤ FF / EMT Nick Petravith	➤ FF/EMT Kevin Powers
➤ FF/Medic Kevin Dixon	➤ FF/Engineer Brandon Williams
➤ FF/Paramedic David Hughes	➤ FF/EMT John McCormick
➤ FF/Paramedic Connor Heiskell	➤ FF/Paramedic Connor Heiskell
➤ FF/EMT David Iraldo	➤ Paramedic Aaron Cravey
➤ FF/Paramedic Thomas Thome	

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Conclusion

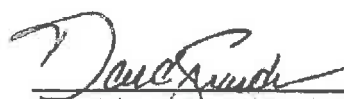
FDLE has completed a comprehensive investigation into the use of force by WPPD [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. This presentation of facts is based on interviews of law enforcement personnel, the interviews of witnesses, review and analysis of documents, videos and photographic evidence.

FDLE submits this investigative summary to the Office of the State Attorney for their review and disposition.

Notarizations

I swear that the foregoing is a true and accurate summary of facts either personally known to me, or derived from statements provided to me or other law enforcement officers during the course of this investigation.

SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED this 4th day of August, 2022



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