



**RANTOUL POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

R23-00977

#23-01055

SUPPLEMENTAL DETAIL

Case Number: RR2300977 Supp: #A2301055	Officer: 4172	Date Entered: 02/07/2023	Date/Time of Orig. Rpt. 02/06/2023 22:40	
Incident Adr: [REDACTED] X STR N SCOTT ST. RANTOUL			Title of Report: SERGEANT KING SUPPLEMENTAL	
Officer Injured:		Use of Force: Y		

PROPERTY

Tag# 96693 Description MEDICAL AID PHOTOS				
Loss 1 Recv	Quantity Measure Value 6.000 .00	Serial # Evidence? YES	Loc [REDACTED] BACKYARD	Disposition EVIDENCE.COM
Drug Code NA	Evidence Pkg Type None		Property Code 970-PHOTOS-DIGITAL	
Tag# 96695 Description BODY CAMERA VIDEO				
Loss 1 Recv	Quantity Measure Value 1.000 .00	Serial # Evidence? YES	Loc	Disposition EVIDENCE.COM
Drug Code NA	Evidence Pkg Type None		Property Code 905-BODY CAMERA VIDEO	

NARRATIVE

On Monday, February 6th, 2023, at approximately 10:40 p.m., Rantoul Police Officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] for a report of a stolen car. The car was described as a silver Ford Focus and I began checking the area for it.

The stolen car did not show up on any of the Flock License Plate Readers in town which made me think it may not have been driven far from the owners apartment. I began checking the neighborhood around [REDACTED] and located the car parked near the intersection of W. Campbell Ave. and Scott St. The 2005 silver Ford Focus bearing IL registration [REDACTED] was parked unoccupied, unlocked, and with the keys missing. No one in the area saw anyone exit the vehicle. The location of the car was one block straight North from where it was stolen from.

I notified Officer Mennenga, who was with the owner of the car, that I had located it and the keys were missing. Officer Mennenga brought the owner, Arionna Nesby, to my location. Arionna planned to remove some personal items from the car and would attempt to retrieve her set of spare keys at a later time. Officer McComas also arrived at my location. Officer Aceves began checking the area for anyone matching the description (black male with a gray jacket) of the suspect provided by Arionna.

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As I stood by with Arionna and Officer Mennenga, I overheard Arionna say she believed the suspect would be Azaan Lee. Arionna believed Azaan stole her car because he had been standing in the area of her apartment when she left her car running to warm it up. Azaan had then disappeared when the car was stolen, but he showed back up a short time later. Now that the car was located nearby, it made sense that Azaan could've made it back to the apartments so quickly.

Officer Aceves notified dispatch he was going to get out with a black male wearing a black coat, gray sweatshirt, and jeans walking on N. Tanner St. Officer McComas left my location to provide back up for Officer Aceves. Once on scene, Officer McComas confirmed the male they were with was Azaan Lee.

Less than five minutes later, I heard one gunshot come from the area of N. Tanner St. and N. Ohio Ave. where I knew the Officers were out with Azaan. A few seconds after the first gun shot, I heard two more shots in quick succession. Officer McComas radioed "shots fired" and that "he was running Eastbound toward Garrard". Officer McComas then added that the gun went off in his sweatshirt and he may be hit. "He" was referring to Azaan. Officer McComas provided the last known location of Azaan to be running Northbound in the 300 block of N. Garrard St.

At this point it was unclear to me if any Rantoul Officers had fired their weapon or if Azaan had been the only one. I asked for clarification on who fired their weapons and Officer Aceves responded, "He fired with his own weapon". With the previous information given about Azaan's gun going off inside his sweatshirt pocket and now hearing Officer Aceves's response, I was under the impression that only Azaan had fired his weapon. It wasn't until after Azaan was located and loaded into the ambulance that I had the opportunity to ask again about who fired their weapons. I asked Officer McComas in person if any Officers had fired their guns, and Officer McComas responded, "Jose shot twice", referring to Officer Aceves. Now that I was aware this was an Officer Involved Shooting, I contacted Deputy Chief Bouse to begin protocol for calling in a Use of Force team to investigate.

My role in locating Azaan after the initial foot pursuit consisted of creating a perimeter around a one block radius of where Azaan was last

seen. I then had AMT Ambulance Service stage at the Rantoul Police Department, which was one block South of our perimeter. Dispatch advised the resident of [REDACTED] called in with information that they could hear someone moaning in their backyard. Several Champaign County Sheriff's Office Deputies had arrived on scene to provide assistance. I requested we collapse the perimeter in to enclose the backyard of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Azaan had dropped a gun at the initial shooting scene, and although it was possible he could still have a second weapon, I wanted to move in as quickly as safely possible due to the amount of blood he was likely losing. Officer McComas and Deputy Reifsteck moved towards the backyard of [REDACTED] with Deputy Reifsteck's K9 partner. They advised they could see a male down on the ground near the fence at the rear of the lawn. I moved in from the North side of the residence and we could then see Azaan laying face down on the ground. There was a white picket fence that it appeared Azaan tried to climb over and it broke in the process. There was a large amount of blood on the white fence. I pointed my hand gun at Azaan while Officer McComas gave him commands to put his hands behind his back. Azaan was not responsive to any commands and we quickly determined he was unconscious.

Azaan was rolled over onto his back so we could begin searching for any wounds. The large amount of blood appeared to be coming from his groin area and was later determined to be from a gun shot wound to his left inner thigh. A bandage and tourniquet were applied by Officers as the medical crew moved up to our location. Azaan was loaded onto the cot and put in the ambulance. Officer Mennenga drove the ambulance so the two person medical crew could both focus on providing aid to Azaan. Azaan was taken to Carle Hospital in Urbana where he would eventually succumb to his injuries.

I took six digital photographs with the Axon Capture app while on scene trying to provide aid to Azaan. Those photos were uploaded to evidence.com.

After Azaan was in the ambulance is when I learned Officer Aceves had fired his weapon. I then began giving directives for those on scene to mark any evidence they may have, but not to collect anything because we would be turning the investigation over to a Use of Force team. I had Officer Aceves meet with Sergeant Darr from the Sheriffs Office and go to



the Rantoul Police Department. Sergeant Darr would be Officer Aceves companion for the time needed until someone from the Use of Force team could meet with him. The same care was taken with Officer McComas who would be paired with Detective Bross from the Rantoul Police Department. The only information I asked of Officer Aceves was how many rounds he shot and where he believed they went. Officer Aceves believed he shot three or four shots and pointed Northeast as to where he was aiming.

I then began canvassing the neighborhood houses in the potential path of the bullets fired by Officer Aceves. Sergeant Moody and Deputy Reifsteck assisted me in checking the houses and speaking with residents to ensure their safety. No bullet holes were found and no one else was reported to be hurt.

My involvement in the incident from this point on was limited to standing by as a cover Officer as the IL State Police CSI Troopers processed the scenes.

My body camera video of this incident was uploaded to evidence.com. I wrote this report without watching my body camera video or anyone else's.

End of Supplemental Report

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