Memorandum

DATE: September 19, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine R. Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: Administrative (Police) Reports

I. A. D. Cases to be presented to the Public Safety Committee on September 22, 2014

NEW CASE PRESENTATION:

Control #2014-281

Council District: 11

Involved Officers:
(1) White Male
(1) White Female

Suspect:
(1) White Male

On August 20, 2014, at approximately 11:44 p.m., Officers #1 and #2, in full police uniforms and driving a marked police vehicle, were patrolling through the Grand Hotel parking lot located at 7921 LBJ Freeway which is within the Maham/Spring Valley TAGG area. The officers had knowledge of stolen vehicles being recovered from the rear parking lot as well as several drug arrests in the area. As the officers drove through the parking lot, they were running license plate numbers when they observed a silver Chevrolet, bearing Texas license plate number 14KCS9, parked with the engine running. Due to the dark window tint, officers were unable to see inside the vehicle. Officer #1 stopped his vehicle, backed up a few feet while angling the police vehicle towards the suspect’s vehicle. At this point, the suspect’s reverse lights illuminated momentarily and the vehicle moved backwards, then stopped. After turning on the emergency lights, Officers #1 and #2 exited the vehicle. Officer #1 approached the driver’s side as Officer #2 approached the passenger side. Officer #2 looked into the passenger side of the vehicle, tapped on the window, and directed the suspect to roll the window down. The suspect moved forward in the driver’s seat and then returned to a sitting position. Officer #2 heard Officer #1 yell, “gun.” Officer #2 observed the suspect armed with a silver handgun pointing it in the direct of Officer #1 while he was looking at Officer #2. Both Officers #1 and #2 immediately retreated and began firing their weapons at the suspect. The officers took hard cover behind the police vehicle and put out an assist officer over the police radio. At that time they heard a single gunshot from inside the suspect’s vehicle. When responding officers arrived, they organized into teams, utilizing a ballistic shield, to secure the suspect. The team tactically advanced toward the suspect’s vehicle, securing the suspect’s weapon. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene by Dallas Fire and Rescue #22.

Video was recovered from the officers’ vehicle and the hotel security cameras. An Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant offense was made. The suspect had an active warrant for a Probation Violation for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender.

STATUS: Under Investigation

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On August 21, 2014, at approximately 6:40 p.m., the witness was traveling northbound in the 4800 block of Veterans Drive when she stopped the vehicle she was driving at the stop sign at 52nd Street. The suspect who was traveling behind the witness, pulled to the right of the witness’ vehicle. The witness and suspect exchanged words at which time the suspect produced a handgun and shot into the witness’ vehicle, striking her in the face. The suspect’s vehicle proceeded through the intersection where it stopped a short distance from the intersection. The Involved Officer, who was off-duty in plain clothes and in his personal vehicle with his family, was stopped at the intersection of 52nd Street and Veterans Drive when he observed the suspect shoot the witness. The Involved Officer exited his vehicle and in the defense of a third person, he fired his weapon at the suspect. The witness and suspect were transported to a nearby hospital and are expected to survive their injuries. The Involved Officer was not injured.

There were additional witnesses who observed the incident, including the officer’s wife and the other occupants of the suspect’s vehicle.

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On August 25, 2014, at approximately 7:21 a.m., the witness called 9-1-1 to report her boyfriend had taken two of her children, ages nine and one, at gunpoint. The witness stated the suspect was the father of the children. The witness gave officers the phone numbers used by the suspect. Using the phone numbers, Fusion began to ping the phone in an attempt to locate the children. At approximately 10:00 a.m., Fusion and patrol officers located the suspect vehicle unoccupied in an apartment complex at 1700 Pratt Street. Deployment officers set up at the location and at approximately 10:45 a.m., the suspect entered the vehicle and left the location. Officer #1, in full police uniform and driving a marked police vehicle, followed immediately behind the suspect’s vehicle. Officers #2 and #3 were in the second police vehicle and Officer #4 was the third police vehicle. At this point, the officers attempted to perform a felony stop but the suspect refused to stop and a vehicle pursuit ensued. During the pursuit, the suspect was traveling eastbound on Lake June Road when he ran the red light at North Prairie Creek Road and struck a white van. The suspect exited the suspect’s vehicle, reached down and removed an object from the vehicle. The suspect fled on foot toward a mechanic shop at 9000 Lake June Road while being pursued by the officers. The suspect stumbled and as he was falling into the bay area, he turned and pointed a handgun in the direction of Officer #1. Officer #1 fired his duty weapon, striking the suspect multiple times. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene by Dallas Fire and Rescue. The witness and her children were not injured. No officers were injured during this incident.

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The suspect’s handgun was recovered from the scene. There were additional witnesses to the incident who stated that they had observed the suspect point a handgun at Officer #1. The witness and suspect had a history of Domestic Violence.

**STATUS:** Under Investigation

**Control #2014-283**

**Council District:** 11

**Involved Officers:** (1) Hispanic Male

**Suspects:** (1) Hispanic Male

On August 27, 2014, at approximately 12:38 a.m., witnesses stated Suspects #1 and #2 were attempting to rob the complainant at the Murphy USA gas station. During this confrontation, Suspect #1 shot the complainant. After being shot, the complainant drove his vehicle northbound out of the gas station and through the parking lot of the Walmart, colliding with several vehicles parked near the front door of the store. Suspect #1 pursued the complainant in the suspect’s vehicle through the parking lot and stopped near the complainant’s vehicle. The suspect’s vehicle was occupied by Suspects #1 and #2 and Witnesses #1 and #2. Suspects #1 and #2 then approached the complainant’s vehicle and appeared to reach inside. The Involved Officer, who had just completed an off-duty job at the Walmart, was in his personal vehicle in the parking lot. The Involved Officer had removed his uniform shirt and was preparing to leave when he observed the suspicious activity. As the Involved Officer drove up to the suspect’s vehicle, Suspect #2 got into the suspect’s vehicle and drove away, leaving Suspect #1 on foot. The Involved Officer followed the suspect’s vehicle southbound through the parking lot, stopping prior to entering the roadway at Midpark Road. Suspect #2 and Witnesses #1 and #2 then exited the suspect vehicle. Suspect #2 and Witness #2 walked to the front of the suspect’s vehicle. Witness #1 approached the Involved Officer and began a verbal dialog with the officer. Witness #2 states the Involved Officer identified himself as a police officer. During this conversation, Suspect #2 and Witness #2 walked away from the location. Suspect #1 walked across the parking lot and entered the driver’s side of the suspect’s vehicle. The Involved Officer observed a handgun in Suspect #1’s left front shorts pocket. The Involved Officer told Suspect #1 not to touch the weapon but Suspect #1 reached down and put his hand on the weapon. The Involved Officer fired his duty weapon at Suspect #1, striking him multiple times. Suspect #1 drove the suspect’s vehicle across Midpark Road onto the Denny’s parking, went up over the curb and collided with several parked vehicles. At this point, Witness #1 exited the suspect’s vehicle. The complainant and Suspect #1 were pronounced deceased at the scene by Dallas Fire and Rescue. The Involved Officer was not injured.

Witness #1 stated Suspects #1 and #2 were going to rob the complainant. Witness #2 also confirmed that robbery was the motive. Video surveillance was obtained from surrounding businesses. A Capital Murder case will be filed. Surveillance and Witness #2 confirm Suspect #1 shot the complainant. Detectives will obtain a Probable Cause Affidavit for Suspect #2’s arrest because he was an active participant in the Aggravated Robbery of the complainant that resulted in his death.

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Control #2014-284  Council District: 2
Involved Officers: (1) White Male
Suspects: (1) White Male

On September 7, 2014, at approximately 10:45 p.m., the Involved Officer, in full police uniform, was assisting a Special Agent of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations, who was in plain clothes, in locating a fugitive. During the surveillance at the Knights Inn Hotel located at 1550 Empire Central, the Involved Officer and the Special Agent, who were in a covert vehicle, observed suspicious activity in the southeast corner of the parking lot. The Involved Officer and Special Agent observed the suspect drive onto the parking lot in a red 2013 Chevrolet Aveo. The suspect exited his vehicle and made contact with an individual at the southeast corner of the parking lot and engaged in suspicious activity. As the suspect returned to his vehicle, the Involved Officer and Special Agent exited their vehicle and approached the suspect. The Involved Officer was attempting to speak with the suspect, who had entered his vehicle, when the suspect drove his vehicle in the direction of the Involved Officer, striking the officer. The Involved Officer landed on the hood of the suspect’s vehicle and was carried on the hood for a short distance. While the Involved Officer was on the hood of the suspect’s vehicle, he was able to access his duty weapon and fired multiple rounds at the suspect. The Involved Officer was then thrown from the hood as the suspect fled the location. The suspect fled southbound on I-35E and took the Inwood Road exit where he became involved in a one vehicle accident on the service road.

The Involved Officer received multiple injuries during this incident and was transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released. The suspect has a gunshot wound to the chest and is in critical condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital. Video evidence was retrieved and is being reviewed and evaluated.

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