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Investigative Synopsis of the Officer Involved Death (OID) of Nicholas D. O'Brien

On March 1, 2018, the Milwaukee Area Investigative Team (MAIT) responded to 3222 S 25th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 175.47. The request was made by the City of Greenfield Police Department (GFPD). The involved agency was the Greenfield Police Department. The deceased was subsequently identified as Nicholas D. O'Brien. Agencies participating in the investigation were the Oak Creek Police Department (Lead Agency), Milwaukee Police Department, and the Waukesha Police Department.

Pursuit

On March 1, 2018 at approximately 11:38pm, Greenfield Police Officer Nicholas Meyer attempted to make a traffic stop on a tan 2004 Dodge Ram bearing Wisconsin registration plate #NR8901. The traffic stop was initiated in the area of S 27th St and Howard Ave. Officer Meyer activated the squad's emergency lights and the suspected vehicle accelerated and fled east on Howard Ave. Officer Meyer activated the squad's siren and a pursuit ensued. The operator of the Dodge Ram, fled into the City of Milwaukee and north into a residential area. The operator failed to stop for numerous stop signs and the vehicle's speed was well over the speed limit, reaching over 70mph. The suspected vehicle travelled onto S 25th St. and Officer Meyer initiated a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) in an effort to stop the vehicle. Officer Meyer's squad impacted the right rear of the Dodge Ram; and the Dodge Ram subsequently struck a tree, causing fatal injuries to the driver. The entire pursuit and traffic accident were captured on squad dashboard video.

MAIT Response and Investigation

On March 2, 2018 at 12:30am, the Milwaukee Area Investigative Team responded to the City of Milwaukee to investigate the Officer Involved Death at 3222 S 25th St, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Oak Creek Police Department was assigned lead investigative responsibilities. Detectives from the Oak Creek Police Department, Milwaukee Police Department, and the Waukesha Police Department (MAIT members) assisted in crime scene investigation, involved and assisting officer interviews, surveillance video collection and review, and a neighborhood canvass. The State Crime Lab (Milwaukee) responded to collect and preserve evidence and take photographs. The Wisconsin State Patrol responded to reconstruct the accident scene. The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene and conducted the autopsy. Involved officer interviews were conducted at the Greenfield Police Department.

Suspect Identification

Milwaukee Police detectives showed Jaimie O' Brien (father) a photograph of his son Nicholas O'Brien which was taken at the accident scene. Jaimie positively identified Nicholas as the decedent.

Medical Examiner

The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's report determined that the immediate cause of Nicholas O' Brien's death was multiple blunt force injuries and the final manner of death was an accident. The Toxicology report, dated 5/24/18, revealed the confirmed presence of amphetamines in O' Brien's system.