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**To:** Jeri L. Williams  
Police Chief

**Date:** June 3, 2021

**From:** Dennis Orender, Commander *DO*  
Professional Standards Bureau

**Subject:** TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION – PUR20-0026

**Internal Investigators:** Lieutenant Ryan Junas (Investigative Review)  
Sergeant Tadd Cline (Primary Investigator)  
Sergeant Chris Sullivan (Secondary Investigator)

DAC#	Date Received:
Check one as appropriate: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Police initiated driving incident where suspect flees/refuses to stop resulting in injury, fatality, or damage exceeding \$5000.00.	
Reporting Supervisor: Sergeant Tadd Cline	Precinct/Bureau: PSB
Incident/DR Number/s: 20-1513182	Date Report Completed: 9/13/20
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Memoranda is required from each person involved, (e.g., primary, secondary, support, and/or paralleling units, etc.) chronologically detailing their involvement in addition to the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The location where the suspect took evasive action to ignore the officer or otherwise avoid apprehension</li> <li>• The time and location where the officer made a conscious decision to chase/apprehend the suspect</li> <li>• Statements regarding complying with policy requirements (e.g., advisement of emergency lights and siren, use and duration of lights and siren, making it known that the officer is in pursuit, etc.) or statements regarding non-compliance (with explanation)</li> <li>• Minimum/maximum speed of the vehicles involved at locations and traffic control devices during the pursuit, (e.g., speeding up or slowing down, etc.)</li> <li>• Presence of any citizens, bystanders, or other hazards throughout the pursuit</li> <li>• Point at which the officer or supervisor terminated the pursuit and the reason/s why</li> <li>• Information regarding the continuance of any unit in the pursuit after termination.</li> </ul>	

Initiation/Communications				
Officer initiating pursuit/driving incident:	Officer Benson #10691	Precinct/Bureau:	900/Patrol	
Officer observing initial violation:	Officer Pollard #10545	Precinct/Bureau:	900/Patrol	
Reason for the pursuit at the <u>time of initiating</u> , (e.g., violations, etc.):		<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen (Suspected)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic (Civil)	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic (Criminal)	<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal (Misdemeanor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal (Felony)	
<input type="checkbox"/> DUI (Suspected)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain):			
Vehicle traffic conditions:	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Light	<input type="checkbox"/> None
Pedestrian traffic conditions:	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Light	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
Did the initiating officer state they were "In Pursuit?"				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Did the initiating officer activate emergency lights?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did the initiating officer activate the siren?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did the initiating officer give location, direction of travel, and speed of vehicle?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Did the initiating officer state the offense for which the suspect was wanted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Did the initiating officer give a description of the vehicle being pursued?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Did the initiating officer give the number of occupants and their descriptions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Was the air unit requested?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If not currently flying was the air unit contacted to respond?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Was the air unit able to respond?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Did the air unit arrive before the pursuit concluded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Did the air unit take over calling the pursuit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Pursuit			
<b>Note:</b> Attach all associated documentation to this report, e.g., DRs, accident reports, memorandums, etc.			
Date of pursuit:	09/13/20		
Start time (military):	2047	End time (military):	2050
Elapsed time:		Three minutes (3)	
List exact route of pursuit from start to conclusion: [REDACTED]			
and [REDACTED].			
Distance total (miles):	1.4 miles	Top speeds: Officer:	62 mph
Suspect:		30 mph	
Distance between vehicles during pursuit:	Minimum:	15 feet	Maximum:
.3 miles			

Pursuit Conclusion			
<input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor order	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No decision or order
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) or check apprehension and/or accident below:			
Reason for termination:	<input type="checkbox"/> Left jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety concern
<input type="checkbox"/> Known suspect	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspect eluded officers		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPREHENSION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspect arrest	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspect abandoned vehicle (bail out) not arrested	
How many other arrests? (passengers):	One (1)		
Describe all traffic violations or criminal acts committed by the driver of the suspect vehicle <u>during</u> the pursuit:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No improper action	<input type="checkbox"/> Speed too fast for conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Exceeded lawful speed	<input type="checkbox"/> Failed to yield right-of-way		
<input type="checkbox"/> Followed too closely	<input type="checkbox"/> Ran stop sign                      How many?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disregarded red light                      How many?                      One (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Made improper turn		
<input type="checkbox"/> Drove in opposing lane of traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> Knowingly operated with faulty/missing equipment		
<input type="checkbox"/> Required motorcycle safety equipment not used	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed in no passing zone		
<input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe lane change	<input type="checkbox"/> Other unsafe passing		
<input type="checkbox"/> Inattention			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):			



Describe all final charges <u>after</u> investigation, (e.g., warrants, drugs, DUI, etc.):			
Driver: Armed Robbery and Aggravated Assault on a PO			
Passenger: Armed Robbery			
<input type="checkbox"/> COLLISION:		Officers involved:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Injuries:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Officer/s:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Fatalities:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Officer/s:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other injuries:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Suspect:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Describe: Suspects sustained gunshot wounds (SH20-0016)			
Damage to property/vehicles:		Describe:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Suspect vehicle sustained bullet holes and strikes due to the police involved shooting (SH20-0016) but not because of the pursuit.	
Total (how many) law enforcement vehicles involved:	Marked:	Unmarked:	
	Four (4)	0	
Other agencies involved: N/A			
Type of aircraft involved: Yes			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PSB investigation		<input type="checkbox"/> VCU investigation	

Stop Sticks			
Were stop sticks deployed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Deployment location/s:			
Deployed by:			
Was the suspect vehicle spiked?		Did spikes end pursuit?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Environment			
Weather conditions:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear	<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy	<input type="checkbox"/> Rainy	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe winds
<input type="checkbox"/> Blowing sand/dirt	<input type="checkbox"/> Fog/smoke/smog	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain):	
Road conditions:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry	<input type="checkbox"/> Wet	<input type="checkbox"/> Sand, mud, dirt, oil, gravel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Obstructed	<input type="checkbox"/> Flooded	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-Road
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain):			

Suspect Vehicle/s			
Total occupants: Two (2)		Stolen: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Year: 2015	Make: Kia	License: [REDACTED]	State: AZ
Other information: Vehicle stolen at gunpoint			

Involved Officer/s (In Order of Involvement)				
Unit	Driver name and serial #	Passenger name and serial #	Call Sign	Memo Attached *
Primary	Officer Rayonte Benson #10891	N/A	922G	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Equipment#	Decals	Siren (*)	Emergency Lights (*)	Vehicle Year/Make
811569	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2018 / Chevy Tahoe

Unit	Driver name and serial #	Passenger name and serial #	Call Sign	Memo Attached *
Secondary	Officer Jordan Pollard #10545	Officer Nathan Jewell #01261	924I	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Equipment#	Decals	Siren (*)	Emergency Lights (*)	Vehicle Year/Make
911638	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2019 / Chevy Tahoe
Unit	Driver name and serial #	Passenger name and serial #	Call Sign	Memo Attached *
Support	Officer Roberto Alvarado #10061	N/A	915L	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Equipment#	Decals	Siren (*)	Emergency Lights (*)	Vehicle Year/Make
811567	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2018 / Chevy Tahoe
Unit	Driver name and serial #	Passenger name and serial #	Call Sign	Memo Attached *
Support	Sergeant Mayra Reeson #8997	N/A	92G	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Equipment#	Decals	Siren (*)	Emergency Lights (*)	Vehicle Year/Make
811260	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2018 / Chevy Tahoe
Unit	Driver name and serial #	Passenger name and serial #	Call Sign	Memo Attached *
None				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Equipment#	Decals	Siren (*)	Emergency Lights (*)	Vehicle Year/Make
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Unit	Driver name and serial #	Passenger name and serial #	Call Sign	Memo Attached *
None				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Equipment#	Decals	Siren (*)	Emergency Lights (*)	Vehicle Year/Make
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Note:</b> List any additional units in the DR or supervisor summary		* If no is checked it must be explained in the DR or supervisor summary		

Monitoring Supervisor Responsibilities			
Supervisor name:	Sergeant Mayra Reeson	Serial #:	8997
Duty hours/N-Days	1400-0000 / M T W		
What time did the supervisor begin monitoring?	2047		
Status and location during pursuit:	Part of the pursuit and was on-scene when the suspects were apprehended.		
Involved in pursuit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Terminated pursuit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Supervisor's reasons for termination or continuation of pursuit:			
Armed robbery of a vehicle and the suspects attempted to run over a police officer.			
Was monitoring supervisor aware of the following:			
Reason for pursuit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Traffic conditions?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Speeds involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Total units involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Was supervisor notified by radio of the pursuit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Radio operator's name:	Alexa Boudreaux (resigned 11/1/2020)	Serial #	#A8286

**SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:**

On September 13, 2020, at 8:47 p.m., officers were involved in a shooting after stopping a vehicle that was taken at gunpoint. The suspects fled in the stolen vehicle and a slow speed police pursuit ensued. The stolen vehicle later stopped, and both suspects were apprehended. Both suspects sustained gunshot wounds. As a result of the police involved shooting and the subsequent pursuit, administrative investigations were conducted by the Professional Standards Bureau.<sup>1</sup>

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On September 13, 2020, at 8:44 p.m., officers responded to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] regarding an armed robbery where the victim's vehicle was stolen at gunpoint. The stolen vehicle was a 2015 gray Kia Soul, AZ [REDACTED], and the suspects were described as two younger males, one of which was armed with a black semi-automatic handgun.

Officers Jordan Pollard #10545 and his partner, Nathan Jewell #10261 (call sign 924I) spotted the stolen vehicle in the southbound lane of North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, just south of Metro Parkway. They were driving north on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue in a 2018, fully marked police Tahoe. Officer Pollard, who was the driver, stopped the police Tahoe south of the stolen vehicle and both officers exited. Officer Pollard approached the front of the vehicle and Officer Jewell approached on the driver's side.

The stolen vehicle drove at Officer Pollard, while he was positioned in front of it, striking his left leg. Both officers responded by shooting at the driver, but the stolen vehicle drove south towards West Dunlap Avenue (See SH20-0016 for complete details). Officers Pollard and Jewell returned to their police Tahoe and notified the dispatcher of the shooting. As this occurred, Officer Rayonte Benson Sr. #10691 (call sign 922G) arrived on-scene, driving a fully marked, 2018 police Tahoe. He did not stop but continued after the stolen vehicle with his overhead lights and audible siren activated.

The stolen vehicle drove through the red light at West Dunlap Avenue and continued south on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Officer Benson caught up with the stolen vehicle after it went through the intersection at West Dunlap Avenue. Officers Pollard and Jewell caught up with Officer Benson and the stolen vehicle north of West Butler Road. Both police units pursued the stolen vehicle with lights and sirens activated. Officer Jewell and Officer Benson provided the dispatcher with their locations, but not their speeds, direction of travel and neither unit declared over the radio they were in pursuit. Lieutenant Jeff Clement #8566 (call sign P95) twice told the dispatcher to have the units following the stolen vehicle to declare they were in pursuit.<sup>2</sup>



The stolen vehicle continued south on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and failed to stop at the four way stop intersection at West Butler Road. Officer Roberto Alvarado #10061 (call sign 915L) caught up with Officers Pollard, Jewell, and Benson, and the stolen the stolen vehicle north of West Griswold Road. The stolen vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign at this intersection and continued south on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Officer Alvarado declared he was "In pursuit," said the stolen vehicle was traveling 20 mph and there was no traffic on the roadway. The stolen vehicle continued to slow down until it approached West Northern Avenue. Sergeant Mayra Reeson #8997 (call sign 92G) joined the pursuit before the stolen vehicle turned right (west) onto the frontage road of West Northern Avenue. The stolen vehicle came to a stop in front of the residence at [REDACTED].

Two male subjects were in the stolen vehicle and were subsequently taken into custody. Both were juveniles and both sustained gunshot wounds. They were transported to the hospital for medical treatment. [REDACTED] was charged for armed robbery and aggravated assault against a police officer and [REDACTED] was charged with armed robbery. Both were charged as adults.

The distance of the pursuit was 1.4 miles and lasted approximately three (3) minutes and 44 seconds.<sup>3</sup> Top speeds for the stolen vehicle were approximately 35 mph and minimum speed was approximately 15 mph. The maximum speed for Officer Benson was 62 mph and the maximum distance he was behind the stolen vehicle was .3 miles.<sup>4</sup> The maximum distance occurred between 9700 North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue (location of the shooting) and 9000 North 29<sup>h</sup> Avenue (West Dunlap Avenue). His maximum speed occurred south of West Dunlap Avenue where he caught up with the stolen vehicle. This information was obtained by the Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) affixed in Officer Benson's police Tahoe. AVL is a global positioning device affixed in all patrol vehicles that determines the vehicle's speed and location.

Officers Jewell and Pollard traveled approximately three quarters of a mile before they caught up to Officer Benson and the stolen vehicle. Their top speed was 70 mph between West Dunlap Avenue and West Butler Road.<sup>5</sup> Officer Alvarado traveled approximately one mile before he caught up with the other police units and the stolen vehicle near West Griswold Road. His top speed was 78 mph between West Dunlap Avenue and West Butler Road.<sup>6</sup> Sergeant Reeson was over a mile away before she caught up with the other pursuing officers and the stolen vehicle north of West Northern Avenue. Her top speed was 58 mph between West Dunlap Avenue and West Butler Road.<sup>7</sup>

The posted speed limit on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue between the scene of the shooting (9700 North 29<sup>h</sup> Avenue) and West Dunlap Avenue (9000 North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue) is 35 mph. The speed limit on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue between West Dunlap Avenue and West Northern Avenue is 25 mph.

All officers involved in the pursuit were equipped with Body Worn Cameras (BWC) and were wearing seatbelts. Sergeant Reeson did not have her BWC activated during the duration of the pursuit.

PSB investigators discovered a motorist, Ms. Brianna Luster, witnessed the shooting and subsequent police pursuit.<sup>8</sup> Ms. Luster stated she was driving her vehicle and pulled over after noticing a police vehicle approach her with its overhead lights and siren activated. Officers exited and approached the vehicle stopped behind her which she said was a Kia Soul. One of the officers motioned for her to leave. She stated she drove away and then heard gunshots. See SH20-0016 for complete details. Ms. Luster said she stopped at a red light (West Dunlap Avenue), witnessed the Kia Soul go through the red light, with no headlights on, and was followed by several police vehicles.

Interview with Officer Benson:

On October 1, 2020, Officer Benson was interviewed by PSB investigators.<sup>9</sup> Officer Benson stated he was on an unrelated call when he heard the call of the armed robbery of the Kia Sole broadcast over the radio. He responded after hearing an off-duty officer at the Castles N' Coasters advise of a possible vehicle matching the description of the stolen vehicle about to travel south on North 29<sup>h</sup> Avenue. He heard the broadcast of the officer involved shooting and knew the stolen vehicle struck Officer Pollard before fleeing south on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Officer Benson said he traveled past the scene of the shooting and saw the Kia Soul with its headlights turned off. He indicated he activated his lights and siren and caught up to the stolen vehicle south of West Dunlap Avenue. He stated he was the primary police unit behind the stolen vehicle but did not declare he was in pursuit.

Officer Benson said he was able to hear his radio because the windows in his vehicle were rolled up and because he wears an earpiece.

Officer Benson was asked if he heard Lieutenant Clement request for officers to declare a pursuit if they were trying to stop the stolen vehicle. He replied, "Yes I did."<sup>10</sup> Officer Benson added, "I'm going to be honest, I heard him (Lieutenant Clement) multiple times."<sup>11</sup> Officer Benson said he was so focused on the stolen vehicle he was hoping someone else would declare they were in pursuit.

Officer Benson estimated they (he and the stolen vehicle) were traveling at speeds around 20 mph. He said he was approximately 20 feet behind the stolen vehicle and said there was no vehicle or pedestrians traffic seen.

Interview with Officer Jewell:

On September 14, 2020, Officer Jewell was interviewed by PSB investigators.<sup>12</sup> Officer Jewell said he advised the dispatcher of the shooting, that Officer Pollard was struck by the stolen vehicle and

the stolen vehicle fled southbound on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He stated he and Officer Pollard returned to their police Tahoe to pursue the stolen vehicle. Officer Jewell said they caught up with Officer Benson and the stolen vehicle south of West Dunlap Avenue. He said they (Officer Pollard and he) did not declare they were in pursuit. Officer Jewell said vehicle traffic was light and no pedestrians were seen. He said they pursued the stolen vehicle because it was taken during an armed robbery and it struck Officer Pollard's leg.

Interview with Officer Pollard:

On September 14, 2020, Officer Pollard was interviewed by PSB investigators.<sup>13</sup> Officer Pollard said after the shooting, he and Officer Jewell returned to their police Tahoe to pursue the stolen vehicle. He stated they caught up to the stolen vehicle and Officer Benson south of West Dunlap Avenue. He said they were approximately three car lengths behind the stolen vehicle and estimated their speed was approximately 20 mph. Officer Pollard described vehicle traffic as being light and did not see any motorist take evasive action because of the pursuit. He said they pursued the vehicle because it assaulted him and was taken during an armed robbery.

Interview with Officer Alvarado:

On October 24, 2020, Officer Alvarado was interviewed by PSB investigators.<sup>14</sup> He stated he was aware the stolen vehicle was taken at gunpoint and knew it struck Officer Pollard prior to driving south on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. After catching up to the other officers and the stolen vehicle north of West Griswold Street he declared he was "In pursuit." He gave their direction of travel and said they were traveling 20 mph. Officer Alvarado said no other vehicles or pedestrian traffic were on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Officer Alvarado estimated he was in pursuit for approximately a third of a mile which lasted approximately one minute before the stolen vehicle stopped and a high-risk stop was initiated.

Interview with Sergeant Mayra Reeson:

On October 1, 2020, Sergeant Reeson was interviewed by PSB investigators.<sup>15</sup> Sergeant Reeson said she responded to the armed robbery of the Kia Soul because she was close to where it occurred. She said she switched to the radio frequency working the call and heard an off-duty officer tell the dispatcher of a vehicle possibly involved on Metro Parkway by the Castles N' Coasters. Sergeant Reeson said she heard Officers Jewell and Pollard tell the dispatcher they were with the vehicle on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of Metro Parkway. Sergeant Reeson said she traveled south on Metro Parkway and activated her BWC. Seconds later, she said she heard Officer Jewell tell the



dispatcher they were involved in a shooting, the vehicle tried to run over Officer Pollard, and it drove away southbound on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Sergeant Reeson said she could see overhead lights and hear sirens as she drove past Castles N' Coasters. She indicated there was radio silence before Lieutenant Clement broadcast over the radio for units following the stolen vehicle to declare a pursuit if they were trying to pull it over.

Sergeant Reeson said she heard an officer tell the dispatcher about being at North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West Butler Road but was unsure if they were involved in the pursuit or were responding to the shooting.

Sergeant Reeson said she drove south on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and joined the pursuit just north of West Northern Avenue. She said the stolen vehicle was traveling approximately 5 mph and she followed it approximately .10 miles before it stopped on the frontage road on West Northern Avenue.

Sergeant Reeson said there was moderate to heavy vehicle traffic on North 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue north of West Dunlap Avenue but no vehicle traffic south of it.

Sergeant Reeson said she did not realize her BWC was not recording until her involvement in the incident was over. She indicated she had only been assigned a BWC for approximately seven weeks since being promoted to sergeant. Prior to her promotion, Sergeant Reeson said she worked in details where she was not assigned a BWC. Sergeant Reeson told PSB investigators she was sure she activated her BWC when she responded to the call but did not look down at her BWC to make sure it was activated.

**CLOSING:**

This Professional Standards Bureau investigation is complete. The investigation was reviewed by the involved employees and will be forwarded to the Driving Analysis Committee (DAC) for review. After review by the DAC, this investigation will be retained in the Professional Standards Bureau in accordance with retention policies/law.

**Endnotes:**

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- <sup>1</sup> Detectives from the Violent Crimes Bureau completed a criminal investigation of the armed robbery of a vehicle and the police involved shooting. Details of both are available through Public Records, IR#20-1513182
  - <sup>2</sup> Lt. Clement advised the dispatcher to have units declare they were in pursuit 41 seconds after Officer Jewell advised of the police involved shooting (3:22) and again 46 seconds after his first request (4:08). See Attachments section of the audio recording of the incident
  - <sup>3</sup> Distance determined by google maps (██) = .3 miles. 2900 West Dunlap Road to ██████ West Northern Avenue = 1.1 miles. Times determined by Officer Jewell's BWC and communications audio of the incident. 11 seconds after the 998 broadcasted by Officer Jewell, Officer Benson is seen driving past Officers Jewell and Pollard's location (info from Ofc Jewell's BWC). 998 broadcasted at (2:34). At (2:45) Officer Benson drove past Officers Pollard and Jewell. The suspect vehicle stopped at (6:29) which = 3:34 minutes. \*\*\*\*See Attachments section for the communications audio. Officer Jewell's BWC available through Evidence.Com
  - <sup>4</sup> See Attachments section for Officer Benson's AVL data
  - <sup>5</sup> See Attachments section, AVL for 924I (Pollard and Jewell), 1:14
  - <sup>6</sup> See Attachments section, AVL for 915L (Alvarado), :40
  - <sup>7</sup> See Attachments section, AVL for 92G (Reeson), 2:09
  - <sup>8</sup> Ms. Luster called criminal investigators after the shooting and gave a telephonic statement. See IR#20-1513182, available through Public Records for details
  - <sup>9</sup> Officer Benson reviewed his BWC and Communication's audio of the incident prior to being interviewed by PSB
  - <sup>10</sup> See Attachments section, PSB interview with Officer Benson, 31:58
  - <sup>11</sup> See Attachments section, PSB interview with Officer Benson, 32:05 – 32:07
  - <sup>12</sup> Officer Jewell reviewed his BWC but access to the Communication's audio was not available at the time of the PSB interview
  - <sup>13</sup> Officer Pollard reviewed his BWC but access to the Communication's audio was not available at the time of the PSB interview
  - <sup>14</sup> Officer Alvarado reviewed his BWC and Communication's audio of the incident prior to being interviewed by PSB
  - <sup>15</sup> Sergeant Reeson reviewed her BWC and Communication's audio of the incident prior to being interviewed by PSB