



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-
INVESTIGATION REPORT (DPS-302-E) (REVISED 2/3/06)**

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CFS NO 1700247593	INCIDENT DATE 05/09/2017	TIME 18:56	INCIDENT DATE 05/09/2017	TIME	PRIMARY OFFICER KIMBALL, JOHN P.	BADGE NO 0877
INVESTIGATING OFFICER KIMBALL, JOHN P.		BADGE NO 0877	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable		CASE STATUS Active	
INCIDENT ADDRESS 01000 Park Ave Bridgeport 06604					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD T015

Interview Report of Officer Mario Pecirep

On 06/14/2017 at approximately 1644 hours, I met with Bridgeport Police Officer Mario Pecirep at the WDMC Troop G office. Ofc. Pecirep was accompanied by Attorney Eric Daigle, the attorney secured by the Bridgeport Police Union to provide representation to Officers Pecirep and Boulay in this case. Ofc. Pecirep had come to the Troop G Barracks voluntarily in order to provide a written statement which documented his observations and involvement in the Use of Force event which occurred on 05/09/2017 at 1000 Park Avenue, Bridgeport CT.

Prior to this meeting, I had provided a DPS-633-C Witness Statement form to Attorney Daigle to facilitate Ofc. Pecirep's preparation of his statement prior to our meeting. Upon his arrival, Ofc. Pecirep provided me with his pre-prepared (3-page) typewritten statement, which he had previously reviewed with Attorney Daigle. Upon reviewing the statement with Ofc. Pecirep, I provided the oath to the officer, who then signed the form attesting to its accuracy. The administration of the oath was witnessed by Detective Frechette.

On 05/09/2017, Ofc. Pecirep and Ofc. Boulay were working together in a two-man car during the evening ("C Shift") as police officers with the Bridgeport Police Department. Their sector designation for that shift was "Amber 23." Ofc. Pecirep was driving the assigned patrol vehicle and Ofc. Boulay was riding in the front passenger seat while operating the radio.

While on routine patrol, Ofc. Pecirep was driving on Washington Avenue at James Street when he heard a radio transmission on BPD Channel 1 from a gang officer (Detective James Borrico) who was driving an unmarked BPD car. The detective transmitted that he was following a suspected stolen blue Subaru

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Forester. Ofc. Pecirep stated at this time he began traveling west on Washington Avenue towards Park Avenue. Upon arrival at the intersection of Park and Washington Avenues, Ofc. Pecirep reported observing the stolen motor vehicle and he immediately turned around to follow the vehicle.

What appears below is a direct quotation of a portion of Ofc. Pecirep's written statement:

[Beginning of Quoted Segment]

As we started to follow the vehicle, I observed the suspect vehicle turn into the Walgreens parking lot from Washington Avenue, and proceeded at a slow pace to the exit on the opposite side of the parking lot. The gang officer had asked for confirmation of the stolen vehicle via the radio.

At this time, I attempted to initiate a motor vehicle stop inside the parking lot, activating emergency lights and siren as people were walking in the parking lot. The suspect vehicle refused to pull over as it maintained its speed, going down the exit ramp out of the parking lot, and then turned east onto Fairfield Avenue (One Way Street) against oncoming traffic. As it turned onto Fairfield Avenue, the Subaru struck another vehicle that was traveling west on Fairfield Avenue. Upon the suspect vehicle striking the civilian vehicle, Officer Boulay got out of the patrol car and made his way to the suspect's driver's side door. I don't remember how he got to the door of the Subaru, but when I looked up he was at the door.

I stayed inside of my patrol car fearing that the suspect vehicle would continue to travel down the wrong way on a congested Fairfield Avenue, endangering oncoming traffic, pedestrians, and as [sic] my partner. When I pulled up behind the suspect with my patrol car, I noticed the suspect vehicle's reverse lights come on and the vehicle abruptly going into reverse striking my marked patrol car with its rear bumper. As the vehicle was moving I heard multiple shots fired, not knowing if they came from my partner or the suspect, I immediately advised the radio of shots fired and an emergency 10-32 (Emergency Officers Need Assistance).

Upon getting out of my vehicle, I drew my firearm as I was unaware of where the shots had come from, and noticed the driver's side door of the suspect vehicle was open with my partner on the inside of the driver side door area. I initially ran towards the driver's side of the suspect vehicle to apprehend the driver. In doing so, I noticed there was a passenger in the vehicle. I decided to head to the passenger side of the vehicle to secure the passenger. I ran behind the suspect vehicle and jumped over the hood of my car. I recall that the suspect vehicle was still in reverse as the reverse lights were on, and the vehicle was

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in contact with my patrol vehicle. I was still unclear if there was a firearm inside of the vehicle from the previous shots fired, so at gunpoint I gave the passenger suspect numerous loud and clear verbal commands to show me his hands, which were tucked beneath him. The suspect immediately complied. I attempted to open the passenger side door and it appeared to be locked. I gave numerous loud and clear verbal commands to the passenger to unlock the car, he indicated with his hands that he was unable to do so. At that time, the passenger side door appeared to be jammed. I then tried to break the passenger side window with several strikes of my elbow, fearing that there was still a possible firearm in the vehicle, but was unable to do so. A uniformed officer arrived shortly thereafter and was able to assist me in yanking the door open. We immediately gave numerous loud and clear verbal commands to the passenger suspect to get on the ground, to which he complied, and was guided to the ground by me and assisting officers.

The passenger suspect was handcuffed (double-locked). Upon doing so, I observed what appeared to be blood on my hands consistent with dark wet marks on the passenger suspect's shirt. I immediately called for two ambulances over the radio and advised them to enter through the Park Avenue side of the street as the opposite side was still congested with heavy traffic. I conducted a pat-down for weapons of the suspect passenger for my safety and the safety of everyone else on scene. No weapons were found on the passenger suspect at the time. As other officers, arrived, Officer Bobby Jones took me to St. Vincent's Hospital for evaluation and treatment of my injuries. I had sustained an injury to my left ankle when I jumped over the hood of the cruiser, and sustained an injury to my right elbow trying to break the passenger window.

[End of Quoted Segment]

Attachment:

Written Statement of Officer Mario Pecirep

Case Status: Active

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