



Ofc. Joseph Matt

Prior to his time as a Spokane Police Officer, Officer Joseph Matt was a police officer for Coeur d' Alene Tribal Police Department for 6 years. During his time with Tribal Police, he served as a Field Training Officer for 2 years and received awards for outstanding work dealing with domestic violence and DUI's. He has been a Spokane Police Officer since September of 2013.

Officer Matt is currently a member of the Spokane Police Department's TAC (Tactical) Team.



Ofc. Stanley Stadelman

Officer Stanley Stadelman has been a Spokane Police Officer since June of 2014. Officer Stadelman is also currently a captain in the Army National Guard and as such, runs the Intelligence Section at the Battalion Level. As part of the National Guard Homeland Response Force, he responded to the Oso Mudslide in March of 2014.



Ofc. Chris McMurtrey

Prior to his time as a Spokane Police Officer, Officer Chris McMurtrey served in the Army for 4 years and was an officer with Eastern Washington University Police Department in Cheney for 2 ½ years. During his military career, he served one tour in Iraq in 2004. He has been a Spokane Police Officer since September of 2008.

Officer McMurtrey is currently a member of the SWAT Team, a SWAT Team Medic/Certified EMT and a Use of Force instructor for SPD.

**Spokane County Sheriff
Additional Report**

Date: November 31, 2015

Incident Classification: ASSAULT-SIMPLE
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF
ASSAULT-SUB BDLY HARM

Location: [REDACTED] SS.1.1

Victim - Individual: Matt, Joseph
Victim - Individual: McMurtrey, Christopher #1047
Victim - Individual: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] SS.1.2
Victim - Individual: Stadelman, Stanley SS.1.3

Suspect: Smith, Jason M, Sex: M DOB: 11/23/1978

X-Reference #'s:

Department Status: Previously Settled/Adult Arrest

NIBRS Status: Adult-Arrest

Detective Mike Ricketts

On 11/30/15, I was requested by SCSO Captain John Nowels to prepare a timeline and analysis regarding the dispatch of the DV call and the shooting for Sheriff Knezovich. In order to do this I listened and analyzed the audio dispatch recordings, and viewed and analyzed the body camera recordings of Officer McMurtrey and Officer Matt, that had been provided to me on a thumb drive from Captain John Nowels. My investigative copies were at the Spokane County Prosecutor's Office. I subsequently obtained my investigative copies of the dispatch recordings from the Spokane County Prosecutor's Office to review and analyze.

Dispatch recordings :

10/12/15 @ 001626 Hours - Call dispatched (Per CAD) - (per the audio recording of dispatch)(start of recording)

00:00:00 minutes - Dispatch advises responding officers to start for a DV, [REDACTED] SS.1.4
Jason Smith called in stating he was high and intoxicated, he had a rambling story about his [REDACTED] SS.1.5
[REDACTED] trying to kill himself, that [REDACTED] had guns in the home, he (Jason Smith) just wanted to SS.1.6
go to jail for his warrants, he changed his mind and hung up on 911. He was status 1 (Rhode SS.1.7
Island felony fraud warrant, non-extraditable) and status 9 out of Airway Heights, DOL clear.
Next dispatch advises that Jason Smith's [REDACTED] called in saying Jason was tearing up the house,

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he left, and would be in a Silver 2006 Dodge Pickup. (that information is supplied within the first minute of the dispatch traffic)

00:01:44 minutes- Dispatch advises responding officers that [REDACTED] was reporting that Jason was outside starting his truck. SS.2.1

00:05:03 minutes - An officer is advising that he is arriving on scene, he (the suspect) is wanting to leave, and the officer is asking to get another police unit.

00:05:18 minutes - Dispatch requests that back up "step it up" and the officer emphasizes that request at 05:21 minutes (step it up, with the sound of urgency in his voice).

00:05:29 minutes - The officer asks again for responding officers to "step it up", and mentions "he (the suspect) is revving it up".

00:05:35 minutes - Dispatch requests officers to "step it up" again.

00:05:44 minutes - The responding officer requests to have the driveway blocked.

00:06:01 minutes- Another officer (believed to be McMurtrey) asks if the first responding officer if he wanted the driveway blocked.

00:06:56 minutes - Officers advise dispatch that the suspect is ramming the cars.

00:07:17 minutes - Officers advise shots fired.

McMurtrey – Body Camera:

00:00:00 minutes - Mc Murtrey pulls up his marked police vehicle in front of the suspect vehicle, and blocks the suspect vehicle in the driveway. The suspect vehicle lights are on and the engine is on.

00:00:30 minutes – audio comes on, McMurtrey opens the door and exits his vehicle. He is standing to the rear of his vehicle and near the driver's side. He draws his pistol.

Officers are giving the suspect commands to get out of the truck and turn it off now, and continue to tell the suspect to get out of the truck.

McMurtrey backs way up to the other patrol vehicles parked just to the west of him, in front of the residence.

You hear the engine of the suspect vehicle revving up.

00:00:59 minutes - McMurtrey is advising dispatch that the suspect is uncooperative, he is smashing my car and that is "the second one this week". You can hear the suspect vehicle

engine accelerating (this portion of audio was later determined to be on channel three instead of the main channel)

00:01:06 minutes - McMurtrey states to other officers if he tries to break/or crash through it is lethal force.

00:01:11 minutes - McMurtrey and other officers are telling the suspect's [REDACTED] to get in the house. SS.3.1

00:01:14 minutes - The suspect engine is revving up, his lights are on, and he begins ramming McMurtreys vehicle pushing it out of the driveway.

00:01:17 minutes - The first shot is fired by McMurtrey

The suspect is still ramming McMurtrey's car.

00:01:18 minutes - A second shot is fired by McMurtrey

The suspect rams McMurtrey's car into the other marked police vehicle officers are using to stand behind, and McMurtrey has to retreat backwards and to the west away from the suspect vehicle.

00:01:20 minutes to 01:26 minutes - Multiple are shots fired by Officers Matt, Stadelman and McMurtrey toward the suspect vehicle and the suspect vehicle is still accelerating forward into the police cars.

00:01:27 minutes the vehicle is beginning to lose momentum and appears to be coming to a stop. McMurtrey takes his left hand off of his pistol and uses it to key his shoulder mic, advising shots fired.

00:01:32 - 00:01:36 minutes - The suspects head comes into view, and Officers Matt and Stadelman are yelling at the suspect to show them his hands.

From 00:01:27 minutes to 00:01:39 minutes no more shots are fired. The officers are trying to get the suspect to comply and show them his hands. From what I was seeing on the video, it seems that the officers are assessing the situation, the vehicle is not revving up, and they are giving the suspect the option of following their commands. This starts to change at 00:01:37 minutes.

00:01:37 minutes - The suspect's hands are beginning to raise and he is looking at the officers, at the same time the suspect vehicle engine is revving up at a high rate again, the suspect vehicle has a rocking momentum, as though the suspect is pressing on the accelerator and has started trying to break through the police cars again. This goes on for approximately two seconds to 00:01:39 minutes when McMurtrey fires the last shot. The suspect then falls towards the passenger side in the seat and the engine stops revving and accelerating. This last shot seems to be the shot that stops the suspect from continuing to accelerate and trying to break through the police cars, that would put citizens, responding officers, and any bystanders at risk

of being harmed by an intoxicated and high suspect that was willing to crash through a police barricade, using a large pick up truck to flee in. There are no more shots from that point on. The engine is no longer being revved up or accelerating anymore.

00:02:09 minutes - McMurtrey ejects his pistol magazine and reloads his pistol with another magazine. He informs the other officers he is reloading.

Officers are discussing using less lethal weapon options while they are commanding the suspect to exit the vehicle.

00:02:30 minutes - The officers are able to coax the suspect out of the truck, he exits and walks to the back of the suspect vehicle, and lies down on the ground. The back driver side wheel of the vehicle is still rotating, and is up off of the ground.

As the suspect is getting on the ground McMurtrey is donning on latex gloves to prepare to render first aid to the suspect, and is advancing to the suspect.

00:02:56 minutes - McMurtrey begins to cuff the suspect while the officers are covering the suspect with their pistols.

00:03:06 minutes - McMurtrey is still cuffing the suspect and telling other officers to get medics here now.

00:03:09 minutes - McMurtrey is going to his car to get his medics bag, and tells the other officers to start cutting his clothes off.

00:03:35 minutes - McMurtrey is back with the suspect and begins rendering first aid. He is also directing other officers to secure the scene more. He encourages the suspect to keep talking, breathing, and directs other officers to be with [REDACTED] and reassure him that his son is alive. SS.4.1

00:10:28 minutes – McMurtrey hands off first aid treatment to the medics.

Officer Matt's - Body Camera

Officer Matt's body camera captured this event from the west more that McMurtrey's body camera.

00:00:00 Minutes - Officer Matt pulls up in the street in front of the involved residence to the west of the driveway.

00:00:30 Minutes - The Audio comes on.

00:00:43 Minutes - I could hear Officer McMurtrey suggest using lethal force if the suspect breaks through the police cars.

00:00:49 - 00:00:58 Minutes - Several shots are fired toward the suspect vehicle. Officer Matt's vehicle is also being moved/pushed out towards the officers by the suspect vehicle.

00:01:03 Minutes - An officer advises the suspect car is still "going".

Officers are telling the suspect to show them his hands numerous times. The suspect starts to raise his hands, look towards the officers direction, something drops out of what appears to be the suspect's right hand, and the suspect vehicle engine is revving up and accelerating at the same time, indicating the suspect has his foot on the accelerator as though he is trying to break through the police barricade, which would pose a risk to responding officers, citizens and any bystanders in the area. Then the suspect turns his head slightly away from the officers, and the last shot is fired at that point at 00:01:11 minutes.

From that point on officers are able to coax the suspect out of the vehicle with verbal commands. The suspect exits the suspect vehicle and lays down near the back of the suspect vehicle. The back driver's side tire is still rotating and an officer has to shut the vehicle off.

Officers began rendering first aid.

I determined that Captain John Nowels had a third body camera recording from Spokane Police Officer Yeshua Mathew that I was not aware existed. Captain Nowels explained he was provided his copies from Spokane Police Department Director of Strategic Initiatives Tim Schwering. These are the same copies I reviewed when putting together this timeline and analyzes for Sheriff Knezovich.

Officer Yeshua Mathew arrived after the shooting had occurred, so, I did not analyze that recording to the extent of McMurtrey's and Matt's. I did send an email to Spokane Police Lt. Steve Wohl requesting one of the SPD detectives to obtain a copy of that recording to be put on police property.

Based on the recordings and the investigation I believe I had probable cause to refer charges to the Prosecutors Office against Jason Smith, which I previously did. I did not believe I had probable cause to refer charges against the involved officers. Therefore I did not refer any charges to the Prosecutor's office against the involved officers.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS



Detective Mike Ricketts

Spokane Regional Domestic Violence Team