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Related Addresses	
<u>Address</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
3340 W Greenfield Ave, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215 , United States of America	Location of Event

Related Subjects					
<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Young, Bruce J.	Person	Male	White	01/06/1976	Deceased

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**INVESTIGATIVE SYNOPSIS OF THE OFFICER INVOLVED DEATH OF BRUCE YOUNG**

On Thursday, December 15, 2016, Assistant Special Agent in Charge Joel Lee of the United States Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives Bureau contacted Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation OIG Director Tina Virgil regarding an officer involved death at 3430 W. Greenfield Ave. Lee advised Virgil that the subject, identified as Bruce Young, of an attempted arrest sustained a gunshot wound to the head, and was deceased. A request was made for DCI to be the lead investigating agency pursuant to Wis. Stat. 175.47. Preliminary information was that Young fled on foot for a period of two city blocks, while armed with a handgun that he held to his head, from officers who were attempting to take him into custody. Young proceeded into the intersection at S. 34th St. and W. Greenfield Ave. where he was struck by an unmarked ATF vehicle driven by ATF Agent Andrew Elmer. Young was knocked to the ground, then shot himself in the head, causing his death.

The Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) responded to the scene with fourteen Special Agents: Gibbs, Caballero, Martinez, Taubel, Novak, Hale, Gray, Culver, Roskam, Conrad, Fus, Taylor, Wendorf and Condon, and one Special Agent in Charge, Klabunde. SA Gibbs was assigned as the lead investigator. The Wisconsin Regional Crime Lab was contacted and a mobile response team responded to conduct the forensic evidence collection. DCI conducted officer equipment inspections, (23), critical witness interviews,(6), and the scene investigation. The Wisconsin State Patrol Technical Reconstruction Unit was contacted to respond for a scene diagram. The scene revealed a loaded Sig Sauer model P290, 9mm pistol near the Young's body, as well a fired 9mm casing. Young also had a light bulb attached to the collar of his coat, (possible improvised explosive device), which was later removed with a robot by the Milwaukee County Sheriff Department Bomb Squad. A duffle bag discarded by Young was recovered at 1515 S. 34th St., and was disrupted by the Milwaukee Police Bomb Squad. The bag was later found to contain a DPMS model A-15 5.56 caliber semi-automatic rifle, a Smith and Wesson model 629-5 44 magnum revolver, a Heckler and Koch model USP 40 caliber semi-automatic pistol, as well as various suspected explosive items.

DCI and the Milwaukee Police Department conducted a neighborhood canvass that resulted in several witnesses to portions of this incident, as well as recovery of four video recordings that captured various portions of the incident. An additional dash cam video was recovered from a citizen that captured the ATF vehicle striking the decedent. No officers were equipped with body cameras or squad cameras.

A review of the citizen dash cam video depicted Young walking north into the intersection of W. Greenfield and S. 34th St., into the path of two vehicles. After the vehicles veered to avoid

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Young, a dark mini-van struck him from the rear and stopped. Young rolled forward and stopped in the intersection, lying on his side. Officers approached Young, but stopped prior to reaching him, then backed away. Video recovered from the business at 35th and Greenfield depicted the same, except from the opposite direction and considerably further away than the dash cam video.

Video was recovered from two private residences on S. 34th St. One video showed Young running from officers holding a bag that he discarded in the street. Young was observed holding an object to the right side of his head as he continued to run out of the camera's view. The second video showed Young continuing to run from officers with an object held in his right hand against his head.

ATF Agents, MCSO deputies and MPD officers were interviewed regarding the OID by DCI Special Agents at the DCI Milwaukee Office.

The autopsy of Bruce Young was conducted at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office on December 16, 2016 by Dr. Tlomak, and was attended by DCI Special Agents. The autopsy revealed Young sustained one gunshot wound to the right side of his head. Dr. Tlomak indicated that the entrance wound contained soot on skin and bone indicating contact range. Dr. Tlomak recovered projectile fragments from Young's head. In addition, Dr. Tlomak also noted no blunt trauma except small abrasions and contusions on the left and right knees. The bullet fragments were turned over to DCI Agents.

All items of evidence recovered at the scene and autopsy were transmitted to the WSCL for analysis.

The family of Bruce Young was located and informed of his death on Friday, December 16, 2016. Young's sister proceeded to the Medical Examiner's Office for identification. On Tuesday, December 20, 2016, DCI Agents met with Young's sister. During this meeting, crime victim services printed resources were provided.

On Friday, January 13, 2017, completed investigative reports as of that date were turned over to Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm for review. On Tuesday, February 6, 2017 the Interactive case file was delivered to DA Chisholm for his review.