

**Case Synopsis: Shawn Igers Death - 04/12/2017**

On Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:39PM, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LISO) Deputy Samuel Steckbauer was dispatched to a reckless vehicle/vehicle in the ditch call on County Highway FF, West of Hill Road in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County. Upon arrival, Dep. Steckbauer passed the subject's vehicle twice before stopping his squad alongside the ditch where the vehicle was located. Dep. Steckbauer observed a man standing next to the driver's door of the green Ford pickup truck. The man was later identified as Shawn Igers. Dep. Steckbauer stated during his interview that he believed he was responding to a stranded motorist or possible operating while intoxicated situation.

Dep. Steckbauer said something like, "Hey, Partner" to which Igers responded, "Good, how are you?" Dep. Steckbauer then observed that Igers was holding a dark object in his left hand. Igers fired one round into the ground next to his leg and Dep. Steckbauer realized the object was a handgun. Dep. Steckbauer then ordered Igers, "Put the gun down!" and Igers responded, "Fuck you!" and fired two shots at Dep. Steckbauer. One of the rounds struck Dep. Steckbauer's squad's windshield within a couple of feet of where Dep. Steckbauer was standing. Dep. Steckbauer radioed, "Shots fired!" then returned fire and Igers fell.

While still down, Igers again fired twice and Dep. Steckbauer again returned fire. Igers then raised his chest off of the ground and pointed his gun at Dep. Steckbauer. Dep. Steckbauer ordered, "Drop the gun, drop the gun!" Igers did not drop the pistol so Dep. Steckbauer fired again. Igers rose to his knees then fell to his right while still holding the pistol in his left hand. Igers then raised his head and looked at Dep. Steckbauer and Dep. Steckbauer ordered Igers to "Show me your hands!" Igers raised his right hand and opened the fingers on his right hand then raised his left hand, still holding the pistol, and pointed the pistol at Dep. Steckbauer.

Dep. Steckbauer continued to order Igers to "Drop the gun!" and Igers continued to point his gun at Dep. Steckbauer. Dep. Steckbauer fired again and Igers continued to hold the gun. Between the times he fired, Dep. Steckbauer reloaded. During this reload, Dep. Steckbauer encountered an unknown malfunction that Dep. Steckbauer was able to clear.

Approximately two and one-half minutes after Dep. Steckbauer's first contact with Igers, LISO Deputy Blade Mikula arrived and parked his squad behind Dep. Steckbauer's squad. Dep. Mikula ordered Igers to "Show me your hands!" and "Drop the weapon!" several times and Igers continued to hold his pistol.

Deputies Steckbauer and Mikula then approached Igers and Dep. Mikula took Igers' pistol out of Igers' left hand and tossed it aside. Dep. Mikula then handcuffed and searched Igers. Deputies performed life saving measures until EMS arrived on the scene.

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The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office requested the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) to conduct the officer-involved death investigation. DCI Special Agent Bradley Kust was assigned lead investigator.

The Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory – Wausau processed and documented the scene. The Wisconsin State Patrol (WSP) Technical Reconstruction Unit (TRU) responded and conducted a to-scale mapping of the scene.

The investigation determined that Igers' firearm was a Colt “Gold Cup” .45 ACP semi-automatic pistol. Dep. Steckbauer fired a total of twenty-five rounds and twenty-four fired cartridges from Dep. Steckbauer's pistol were recovered.

Dep. Steckbauer's squad dashboard-mounted camera captured a video and audio recording of the incident. The camera was pointed at Igers and Igers' vehicle during the entire incident. The video confirmed Dep. Steckbauer's account of the incident. In the video Igers can clearly be seen holding a pistol and firing the pistol at Dep. Steckbauer. Dep. Steckbauer is not visible during the incident but his position can be ascertained by the location of Dep. Steckbauer's flashlight beam. The camera also recorded most of the dialog between Dep. Steckbauer and Igers.

The scene was in a rural area with no occupied residences within visual range of the incident. No critical witnesses were identified during the canvass.

Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Michael Stier, conducted an autopsy on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the University of Wisconsin Hospital's Pathology Unit in Madison. Two bullets were recovered from Igers' body during the autopsy. Dr. Stier determined that Igers' death was the result of “firearm injury.”

Reports, photographs and video and audio recordings were forwarded for review to Lincoln County District Attorney Galen Bayne-Allison as they were approved.