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On Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at approximately 4:45 PM, the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) received a request from the City of Racine Police Department to respond to the scene of an officer involved death/shooting, at 1409 Park Avenue, Racine, WI.

Starting at approximately 2:55 PM, Racine PD Investigator Chad Stillman and Police Officer Peter Boeck received information that DONTE D. SHANNON, B/M, had a gun, which belonged to his father, NAKIA D. SHANNON, and an unknown amount of Marijuana in his possession. The Officers also learned that the vehicle SHANNON was driving (1995 Toyota Camry - bearing WI License Registration Plate 628-ZBU) also belonged to his father, NAKIA D. SHANNON.

The Officers conducted a background search of DONTE D. SHANNON and found him to be a convicted Felon currently on Probation & Parole with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. The officers also found SHANNON to have a revoked Wisconsin drivers' license. The officers obtained a booking photo of SHANNON from the Racine County Sheriff's Office. Through surveillance, the Officers observed the above listed Toyota Camry (628-ZBU) being operated by SHANNON and confirmed the identity of the driver of the Toyota Camry to be SHANNON. Further observations revealed that the above listed Toyota Camry did not have a front license registration plate.

At approximately 4:00 PM, Inv. Stillman and PO Boeck attempted to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle (628-ZBU) being operated by SHANNON. After activating their emergency lights and siren, indicating their intent to stop the vehicle (628-ZBU), SHANNON abruptly pulled into a driveway south of 515 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Racine, WI and ran eastbound. The Officers exited their RAPD Squad after parking behind SHANNON's vehicle and pursued on foot as SHANNON ran eastbound on the sidewalk towards Park Avenue.

Stillman and Boeck both reported that they broadcasted throughout the foot pursuit of SHANNON and shouted verbal commands for SHANNON identifying themselves as Police Officers and also for SHANNON to stop running. Stillman and Boeck reported that the foot pursuit continued until SHANNON entered the rear of 1409 Park Avenue, Racine, WI, at which time SHANNON pointed a black handgun at them. Stillman and Boeck reported that SHANNON's actions caused them to fear for each other's lives and their own so they fired their weapons at SHANNON in an attempt to stop the threat. Stillman and Boeck reported that SHANNON kept sitting up and pointing his gun at them which caused them to continue firing at SHANNON. Stillman and Boeck further stated that they continuously gave SHANNON verbal commands of "Drop the gun!" "Police!" and "Show us your hands!"

Stillman and Boeck both reported that they were unsure as to how many shots they fired at SHANNON, but they continued to fire until the threat stopped. At that time, they requested medical assistance to tend to SHANNON.

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DCI responded to the scene with ten (10) Special Agents (SA) and one (1) Special Agent in Charge, Jake Jansky. S/A Ricardo Tijerino was assigned as the lead investigator.

Between Wednesday, January 17, 2018 and Thursday, January 18, 2018, the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory (WSCL) collected evidence from the scene and the Pleasant Prairie PD Traffic Reconstruction Unit (TRU) assisted with the investigation and subsequently took measurements at the scene. The WSCL recovered twenty (20) spent casings from the scene fired by the LEOs, fired bullet(s), and one (1) Handgun – PT111 9mm Taurus Millennium G2 (Serial Number: TJN 12037). On Monday, 01-22-2018, S/A's from DCI and WSCL personnel went back to the scene and recovered bullet fragments, fired bullets and one (1) additional spent casing which had been uncovered after heavy rains melted the approximately six (6) inches of accumulated snow. That evidence was turned over to SA Courtney Parkhurst who conducted the scene investigation. The evidence was later transmitted to the WSCL for examination.

A neighborhood canvass was conducted by DCI Special Agents and FBI Agents which produced the following key witnesses:

Witness #1 - S/A's Peskie and S/A Hatch made contact at a residence on College Avenue and were met by its occupant. Witness #1 explained that he was in the bathroom getting ready for work when he heard yelling, and stated that he clearly heard an officer yell: "police, get your hands in the air, and get down on the ground now." Witness #1 stated that the officer yelled it again: "police, get your hands in the air and get down" and then heard gunfire. Witness #1 stated that it was very clear the officers had identified themselves and were ordering someone to show their hands and must have seen a gun based off the reaction he heard. Witness #1 stated that he looked out a window and saw officers running through the yards and said he saw one plain clothed officer and several uniformed officers. Witness #1 emphasized that he wanted people to know the police officers did things "by the book" and said officers were giving clear orders to the guy and that he obviously didn't obey them.

Witness #2 - S/A's Ward and Conrad made contact at a Park Avenue residence and were met by its occupant. Witness #2 explained that she was home all day working around the house and laid down to take a nap when she was awakened by the sound of shouting. Witness #2 stated that she could hear someone yelling "Put the gun down, put it down!" Witness #2 stated that the statement got progressively louder each time she heard it. Witness #2 further stated that the next thing she knew she heard a number of gunshots. Witness #2 stated that she went up to the window and looked into the rear yard of her neighbor (1409 Park Place Avenue) and she could see two or three police officers crouched behind an auto parked near her neighbor's garage and she recognized them as police officers by what they were wearing and believed they had regular police uniforms. Witness #2 stated that she then observed another officer in an adjacent yard to

the east, emerging from College Avenue and the officers in the yard then started to yell: "He's moving, he still has the gun, we need a shield."

Witness #3 - S/A's Gajevic and Ward made contact at a residence on College Avenue and were met by its occupant. Witness #3 explained that she was sitting at home when she heard some yelling originating from somewhere at the back of her house. Witness #3 stated that she heard someone yelling "Get on the ground." Witness #3 stated that she heard this same individual yelling more things but was not able to discern exactly what was being yelled. Witness #3 stated that she heard gunshots immediately after the yelling. Witness #3 stated that she looked out her window and could see a Police Officer in uniform standing in her neighbors' back yard.

Witness #4 - S/A's Ward and Conrad made contact at a residence on Park Avenue and were met by its occupant. Witness #4 explained that he was out in front of his residence taking out the garbage when he saw a black male in his early 20's, approximately 5'09", wearing a red jacket running towards him. Witness #4 explained that the black male was being chased by two (2) police officers. Witness #4 stated that he immediately recognized them as police officers by what they were wearing. Witness #4 also stated that he recalled seeing "POLICE" on their outer garments. Witness #4 stated that he could hear the Police Officers yelling: "Stop, stop running!" Witness #4 stated that the Police Officers were yelling at the subject the entire time he saw them coming from the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue. Witness #4 stated that the subject ran east into his neighbor's driveway (1409 Park Avenue) and he heard one of the Officers yelling "I'm going to have to shoot you!" Witness #4 stated that the next thing he heard was one of the Officers yell something like "Don't!" and then he heard what he thought were six gun shots in quick succession. Witness #4 stated that he could hear the Officers shouting "He's got a weapon!" The next thing he heard was an officer yell "Don't!" Witness #4 stated that he went inside and watched other Officers and medical personnel arrive on scene.

Witness #5 - S/A's Jones and Gates made contact at a residence on Villa Street and were met by two (2) occupants. Both witnesses, hereinafter referred to as Witness #5A and Witness #5B, stated that they were walking out the door of their residence at approximately 4:00 PM and they heard the sound of a police siren which gained their attention. Witness #5A stated that as the siren went off, a white car was pulling into the driveway of 515 14th St. (Racine, WI). Witness #5A further stated that she looked into the street and saw a dark colored sedan with police-like blue and red flashing lights illuminated, stopped behind the white car. Both witnesses stated that it did not appear the driver was in a hurry to leave after he stopped the car and placed it in park as it appeared he was jogging down the street. Witness #5B stated that the subject could have been cautious due to the icy conditions. Witness #5A described the subject as a black male wearing a red jacket or hoodie. Both witnesses stated that both Officers were white males and were wearing Gang Unit Uniforms. Both witnesses stated that one Officer was running on the

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sidewalk behind the subject and one officer was running down the street, paralleling the subject's path. Witness #5B stated that the officer who exited the passenger's seat pointed his gun at the subject prior to giving chase down the sidewalk. Both witnesses stated that they could not see if the other Officer running in the street had his weapon drawn. Both witnesses stated that the Officer running on the street yelled "Stop! Police!" as they ran eastbound on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Both witnesses stated that the subject ran east down the sidewalk until turning right at the corner of 14th and Park St. and Officers continued to chase the subject and turned the corner. Witness #5A lost sight of the subject and the officers. Witness #5B stated that she went back inside the house and remained inside. Witness #5A stated that he began to walk east on 14th St towards Park Ave. and approximately 20 seconds after losing sight of the officers, he heard three to four (3-4) gunshots. Witness #5B stated that he was approximately 100 feet east of his residence when the first set of shots happened and as he turned to run away someone yelled "Stop! Don't run!" Witness #5B stated that he stopped and then heard a second volley of gunshots. Witness #5B estimated this pause to be about two or three seconds (2-3) and Witness #5B estimated five to seven shots (5-7) were fired during the second volley. Witness #5B stated that as he continued to walk away, he heard a third volley of gunshots. Witness #5B estimated the number of shots to be five to seven (5-7) within the third volley. Witness #5B estimated a two to three (2-3) second delay between the second and third volley.

Family members of the SHANNON family were identified and a death notification was made by DCI Special Agents Ricardo Tijerino and Shannon Jones. Wisconsin Crime Victim Services forms were also provided to the family.

DCI Special Agents personally conducted twelve (12) Law Enforcement Interviews, seven Racine Fire Department personnel interviews, and reviewed two (2) reports filed by Mount Pleasant PD Officers, twenty five (25) reports filed by Deputies of the Racine County Sheriff's Office, and thirty eight (38) reports filed by Officers from the Racine Police Department.

DCI Special Agents along with FBI Special Agents conducted a neighborhood canvass throughout the first 48 hours of this incident which resulted in fifty five (55) contacts throughout the neighborhood. Follow up interviews were conducted on the contacts that were deemed critical.

DCI Special Agents interviewed Racine Police Department Investigator Stillman and Officer Boeck on Saturday, January 20, 2018.

Squad Video obtained from twenty one (21) City of Racine PD Squads and two (2) Mount Pleasant PD Squads was recovered and reviewed by agents during this investigation. No video was ever shown to Law Enforcement Officers. DCI Agents collected dispatch recordings including one (1) 911 call and radio traffic regarding this incident. Racine PD does not have

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Body Cameras as part of their equipment. Surveillance video was identified as a result of the neighborhood canvass. DCI Agents recovered and reviewed the aforementioned video and found no video that captured the incident, but did find audio of the incident. Body camera footage was obtained from two (2) Racine County Deputies from the Hospital.

An autopsy of SHANNON was conducted at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office on Thursday, January 18, 2018 by Medical Examiner Dr. Brian S. Linert and was attended by DCI Special Agent Nick Gates. During the Autopsy a search of SHANNON's clothing revealed a small plastic baggie containing a green leafy substance which tested positive for the presence of Tetrahydro Cannabinoids (THC - AKA: Marijuana) and weighed approximately 11.7 grams.

The preliminary autopsy revealed:

- Ten (10) gunshot wounds (five (5) penetrating and five (5) perforating)
- Multiple Entrance and Exit locations
- Projectiles recovered from multiple locations
- Trajectories: variable

On Friday, 02-23-2018 the completed investigative file as of that date will be turned over to Racine County DA Patricia Hanson.