

**Investigative Synopsis of the Officer Involved Death (OID) of Kelly G. Abbott**

On Friday, May 11, 2018, the Department of Justice – Division of Criminal investigation received a request from the Clark County Sheriff’s Office to investigate an officer-involved death (OID). The OID occurred in the area of County Road K and Pelsdorf Avenue near Granton, Wisconsin.

A traffic stop was attempted by Loyal Police Officer Jacob Schar that occurred at the City limits of Loyal. As a result, the vehicle that was operated by Kelly G. Abbott began to flee and a pursuit ensued. During the pursuit spike strips were utilized successfully and the fleeing vehicle eventually came to a stop on County Road K near Pelsdorf Avenue.

Abbott exited his vehicle and confronted law enforcement officers with a .22 caliber handgun. Law enforcement officers were giving Abbott commands and Abbott failed to comply. Abbott shot the handgun in the direction of Loyal Police Officer Jacob Schar three times. As the suspect shot in the direction of Officer Schar, Officer Schar and Clark County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Nicholas Klemm returned fire at the suspect.

Abbott fell to the ground and lives saving measures were provided to Abbott by law enforcement and eventually EMS. Abbott was transported by EMS to a medical facility where Abbott was pronounced deceased.

Numerous DCI agents responded to the scene. Special Agent in Charge (SAIC) Robert C. Powell supervised the OID investigation. S/A Adam L. Frederick was lead investigator. The Wisconsin State Patrol Traffic Reconstruction Unit (WSP TRU) assisted with the investigation/created a scene diagram. The Office of Crime Victim Services assisted in the investigation (OCVS).

The father of Kelly G. Abbott was provided with the death notification by Monroe County Sheriff’s Office. The Wisconsin Office of Crime Victim Services attempted contact with the family of Kelly G. Abbott.

An autopsy of Kelly G. Abbott was conducted at the University of Wisconsin Hospital by Forensic Pathologist Michael Stier and Autopsy Technician Kate Weber on May 13, 2018. The autopsy was attended by the following:

- S/A Lourdes Fernandez, Wisconsin DOJ – DCI
- Trevor Naleid, Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory (WSCL)
- Samantha Delfosse, Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory (WSCL)

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**Case/Report Number: 18-3390/29**

The final autopsy report was received on July 26, 2018 and revealed:

- The decedent died from firearm injuries sustained during an engagement with law enforcement. The decedent had multiple gunshot wounds to thorax.

An interactive case file was turned over to the Clark County District Attorney's Office on June 12, 2018.