

**Investigative Synopsis of the Officer-Involved Death (OID) of Christopher M. Klein**

On Sunday, December 16, 2018, at approximately 7:51 p.m., the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) received a request from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department (MTSO) to assist with an officer-involved death that occurred at the intersection of State Highway (STH) 147 and Crystal Springs Road located in Two Rivers, (Manitowoc County) WI.

At approximately 5:39 p.m. on December 16, 2018, MTSO Deputy Brandon Radke attempted a law enforcement traffic stop of a 2006 Lincoln Town Car on STH 147 for multiple traffic violations. Deputy Radke's was operating a fully marked Manitowoc Sheriff's Department Chevy Tahoe SUV squad with attached police light bar on the roof. Deputy Radke activated his red and blue police lights on his light bar and turned on his audible sirens. The driver of the Lincoln failed to stop his vehicle for the deputy, and a high speed pursuit continued southbound through Two Rivers, WI, on STH 147. A 1995 Mazda pickup was at the stop sign on Crystal Springs Road at STH 147, facing east. At 5:42 p.m. the driver of the Mazda turned northbound on STH 147. The Lincoln, while traveling at over 100 MPH southbound on STH 147, collided with the Mazda at the intersection. Both vehicles came to rest in the east ditch of the roadway.

The driver of the Mazda, Christopher M. Klein, M/W, was pronounced deceased at the scene of the crash. The driver of the Lincoln, Timothy J. Hallet, M/W, was transported to Aurora Bay Care in Green Bay with serious injuries.

The Wisconsin State Patrol (WSP) responded to the accident scene and was the lead law enforcement agency handling the accident investigation and collecting evidence. The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department (MTSO) handled the investigation of Timothy Hallet and notification of Christopher Klein's family.

DCI was assigned to handle the Officer Involved Death (OID) investigation and interview of Deputy Radke and on-duty MTSO supervisor, Lt Michael Polich. S/A Jeff Wisch was assigned as the lead investigator, and SA Kust was assigned as the secondary investigator.

DCI agents interviewed Deputy Radke and on-duty MTSO supervisor, Lt Michael Polich on December 18, 2018.

Video collected from Deputy Radke's squad documented most of the high speed pursuit. The squad video did not show the accident as, moments before the accident, Hallet's vehicle was out of view on a bend in the road on STH 147. The video did show that Hallet drove at a very high rate of speed away from Deputy Radke while Deputy Radke had his red and blue lights illuminated and siren audible in an attempt to stop Hallet's vehicle. Hallet numerous times drove his vehicle in a very reckless manner, causing a serious threat to other vehicles driving on STH 147.

**Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation Case Report**  
**Case/Report Number: 18-9271/8**

An autopsy of Klein was conducted at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office on December 18, 2018, by Assistant Medical Examiner Dr. Brian Linert. The autopsy revealed that Klein died as a result of multiple blunt force injuries sustained during the traffic accident.

Hallet's blood was obtained after the accident. The blood was tested and was found to have a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.137, which is over the legal limit to drive of 0.08.

S/A Wisch completed two interviews with Hallet regarding this investigation. Hallet stated the last thing he remembered, prior to being in the hospital for severe injuries, was putting up Christmas decorations at his residence on Sunday, December 16, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. Hallet advised that he was a former alcoholic, and the last alcoholic drink he remembered drinking was in September 2018. Hallet stated that he must have been drinking, due to his high BAC, and he must have been driving, since he was injured in a traffic accident and was the only occupant of his girlfriend's vehicle. Hallet stated he was sorry for his actions and had remorse for killing Klein.

On Thursday, January 10, 2019, the completed investigative file as of that date was turned over to Manitowoc County District Attorney (DA) Jacalyn LaBre for her review.

On Tuesday, February 5, 2019, DA LaBre advised she would not issue criminal charges against Deputy Brandon Radke, and Lt. Michael Polich.