

Investigative Synopsis of the Officer Involved Death (OID) of Tyler J. Meier

On Saturday, March 2, 2019, at 11:02 A.M., Eau Claire Communication Center dispatched an Eau Claire County Deputy to a report of a suspicious male that attempted to stop a farmer in his tractor while following him and the male put his car in the ditch at the farmer's mailbox.

Eventually the male walked to the farmer's house completely nude. Eau Claire County Sheriff's Deputy and an Augusta Police Department Officer arrived in the area. The aforementioned vehicle was located in the ditch on Kempton Road. The nose of the vehicle was oriented in a southwest direction next to the mail box post.

Deputy Eaton and Officer Stumo located a male, later identified as Tyler J. Meier, wearing clothing, walking south on Kempton Road. As Meier approached a bridge on Kempton Road he made utterances to the officers indicating the water looked clear and he would like to be baptized. Meier continued to say religious statements and began removing his clothing.

Eventually Meier turned on the officers and a lengthy struggle ensued that resulted in several items of police gear being ripped from the officer's belts. After attempting to gain control through less than lethal means, Officer Stumo fired his service weapon at Meier shooting him in the chest. Officers notified dispatch that a shot was fired and requested medical services.

Life saving measure was provided to Meier by law enforcement and continued to be provided by EMS as they arrived. Meier was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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 mother of Tyler J. Meier was provided with the death notification. The Wisconsin Office of Crime Victim Services contacted the sons of Tyler J. Meier.

An autopsy of Tyler J Meier was conducted at the University of Wisconsin Hospital by Forensic Pathologist Dr. Michael Stier and assisted by Autopsy Technician Lindsay Smith. The autopsy took place on Sunday, March 3, 2019. The autopsy was attended by the following:

- S/A Lourdes Fernandez, Wisconsin DOJ – DCI
- S/A William Boswell, Wisconsin DOJ – DCI

The preliminary autopsy report revealed:

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- The decedent died from firearm injuries sustained during an engagement with law enforcement. The decedent had one gunshot wound to the chest.

An interactive case file was turned over to the Eau Claire County District Attorney's Office on April 5, 2019