

**Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation Case Report**  
**Case/Report Number: 19-3220/36 Investigative Overview-Synopsis Report**

**SYNOPSIS**

On 5/22/2019 at approximately 4:40 pm, City of Ashland Police Department Captain Willis Hagstrom contacted Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Robert Powell and requested that Wisconsin Department of Justice/Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) be the lead investigative agency for an officer-involved shooting death that occurred in the City of Ashland, WI. The request was made on behalf of a United States Marshal Service Supervisory Deputy (SDUSM) at the scene.

Since the incident involved members of a United States Marshal Service (USMS) Fugitive Task Force and not the Ashland Police Department, the Ashland Police Department agreed to assist with the investigation. DCI Special Agents from the Eau Claire and Wausau Field Offices responded at the direction of SAC Powell.

Special Agent Adam Frederick responded as the Assistant Supervisor in Charge (ASAC), supervising the investigation on-scene. Special Agent Gerald Katchka was assigned as the lead investigator.

The following initial information was obtained:

On 5/22/2019 at approximately 3:27 P.M., members of a United States Marshal Service (USMS) Fugitive Task Force were serving an arrest warrant for Joseph Tedrick at his residence located in the City of Ashland, WI.

During the warrant service, Tedrick was observed arming himself with an AR-15 rifle. While still carrying the rifle, Tedrick ran into the garage and got into a vehicle that had been previously blocked in by a USMS vehicle. Tedrick rammed his vehicle into the USMS vehicle, pushing it out of the way. Tedrick then drove his vehicle toward Deputy United States Marshal (DUSM) and USMS Task Force officers who were positioned in a neighboring back yard. While sitting in the front seat of the vehicle, Tedrick started manipulating his rifle, raising it upward.

DUSM Emily Krueger, Supervisory Deputy United States Marshall (SDUSM) Jeremy Loesch and USMS Task Force Officer Alex Jaeger fired their weapons at Tedrick while he was still driving toward them. Tedrick continued to drive through a neighboring yard and crashed his vehicle into the back wall of a garage. The vehicle entered through the wall and was lodged inside the garage.

USMS Task Force members secured the vehicle and observed that Tedrick had been struck by gunfire. The officers removed Tedrick from the vehicle and carried him to the driveway where they rendered medical aid. Emergency Medical Services from the City of Ashland Fire Department responded and continued life saving measures; however, Tedrick was pronounced dead at the scene.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASS**

A neighborhood canvass was conducted by members of the Bayfield County Sheriff's Office and Ashland Policed Department in support of the investigation. No civilians witnessed the actual

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shooting event due to surrounding foliage. Several civilian witnesses had heard shots being fired and officers issuing orders. The few videos and photographs taken by the civilians were reviewed and found to have been taken after the shooting occurred and from locations outside the actual scene.

**OFFICER INTERVIEWS**

Interviews were conducted with nine (9) United States Marshal Service Fugitive Task Force members and Deputy United States Marshals that were involved in the operation to take Tedrick into custody, not including the three (3) officers that fired their weapons. Six (6) of the officers involved observed Tedrick to ram a USMS vehicle and then drive towards the officers whom had fired their weapons, again not including the firing officers.

SDUSM Jeremy Loesch and USMS Fugitive Task Force officer Alex Jaeger were interviewed by SA Katchka and SA Frederick on 5/29/2019.

DUSM Emily Krueger was interviewed by SA Gibbs and SA Tijerino on 5/29/2019.

**WSCL and WSP RESPONSE**

The Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory Crime Scene Response Team (WSCL CSRT)-Madison processed the scene, collecting evidence and taking photographs. DCI Special Agent David Kleinhans assisted the WSCL CRST with the scene processing.

Wisconsin State Patrol Total Reconstruction Unit responded and conducted a survey and scan of the scene.

Numerous items, including but not limited to firearms, fired cartridge casings, fired projectiles, live ammunition, and cell phones were recovered as evidence.

**AUTOPSY**

An autopsy of Joseph Tedrick was conducted on 5/23/2019. DCI Special Agent Rafael De La Rosa attended the autopsy.

The preliminary result revealed that Tedrick suffered three gunshot wounds to his upper left chest/arm area and one gunshot wound to his left thigh. Damage to his left lung and spinal column resulted in his death.

**WSCL FORENSIC EXAMINATION**

Thirty-eight (38) items of evidence were sent to the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory for forensic examination.

**DEATH NOTIFICATION**

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On 5/23/2019, Special Agents Reimer and Indermuehle provided death notification to the next of kin for Joseph Tedrick. He was provided with crime victim's rights information and contact information for the Office of Crime Victim Services. A signed Crime Rights Acknowledgment form was obtained.

**DA NOTIFICATION**

Following the incident, DCI agents contacted Ashland County District Attorney David Meany. Continued contact with him occurred during the course of the investigation. It is anticipated that DCI's interactive case file will be turned over to DA Meany during the week of 6/24/2019.