Investigative Synopsis of the Officer Involved Death (OID) of Robert E. Domine

On September 12, 2019 Clark County Sheriffs Office (CLSO) Deputie were attempting to contact Robert Domine after a previous vehicle pursuit in which Robert was successful in eluding the police and returned home. During the pursuit Robert brandished a firearm and pointed it at the pursuing deputy.

Robert barricaded himself inside his house. The CLSO Emergency Response Team (CLSO ERT) responded and attempted to negotiate with Robert. After unsuccessful attempts to negotiate with Robert, CLSO requested additional tactical teams from Marathon County Sheriff’s Office (MNSO), Marshfield Police Department (MPD), and Eau Claire County Regional SWAT (ECCRS).

After several hours of negotiation, tactical teams deployed and introduced gas into the residence. An attempt to gain access to the residence was made at the rear service door on the exterior of the attached garage. While attempting access the CLSO ERT members were shot at by Robert striking CLSO Sgt. Wade Hebert. Sgt. Hebert was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. It was reported that two shots were fired at the direction of the rear entry team. Additional canisters of gas were deployed into the residence. An attempt to utilize the robot from the MNSO Bomb Squad was unsuccessful due complications with the building construction.

The MNSO SWAT utilized an armored vehicle (MARV) to do tactical damage to the front picture window of the residence.

On September 13, 2019, at approximately 1:50 A.M. announcements were made on the PA system to Robert. Shortly after the announcements, MNSO SWAT and MARV were fired upon by Robert. MNSO Deputy Russell Gage was in the turret of MARV and returned fire striking Robert. Robert succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead on scene.

Numerous DCI agents responded to the scene. 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.

Family members of Robert E. Domine were provided with the death notifications. The Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS) was in communication with the Domine family.

An autopsy of Robert E. Domine was conducted at the Dane County Medical Examiner’s Office by Forensic Pathologist Dr. Eli Goodman and assisted by Morgue Technician Sean Mahoney. The autopsy occurred on September 13, 2019. The autopsy was attended by the following:

- S/A Rafael De La Rosa – WI DOJ-DCI
- S/A Tyler Lange – WI DOJ-DCI
- Eleanor M. Stark – Intern WI DOJ-DCI

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The preliminary autopsy findings revealed:

The decent sustained a total of three gun shot wounds. One gun shot penetrated the left and right lung.

An interactive case file was turned over to the Clark County District Attorney’s Office on Monday, October 14, 2019.