

SYNOPSIS REPORT FOR OFFICER-INVOLVED DEATH OF NASH W. FISKE

On Tuesday, November 05, 2019, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) - Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) received a formal request from Two Rivers Police Department (TRPD) to investigate an officer-involved death (OID). The incident occurred on the property of Sauve's Auto Service, 1421 Washington Street, Two Rivers, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. During a traffic stop, a passenger inside an automobile identified as Nash W. Fiske was shot by law enforcement and died as a result of gunshot wound injuries sustained during the incident.

On Monday, November 04, 2019, at approximately 11:47 p.m., TRPD Officer Dakota E. Gamez initiated a traffic stop with an automobile after a query upon the license plate number affixed to the automobile [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The traffic stop occurred on the property of Sauve's Auto Service. During the traffic stop, Officer Gamez smelled an odor of raw marijuana and observed piles of cash inside the automobile. Officer Gamez requested back-up. TRPD Lieutenant (Lt.) John Reimer later arrived to assist Officer Gamez. Lt. Reimer removed the operator of the automobile and performed a pat down search of the operator. While Lt. Reimer was interacting with the operator behind the automobile, Officer Gamez opened the front, right passenger door of the automobile in order to have Fiske step out. As Fiske began to step out, Officer Gamez observed Fiske "manipulate" a handgun. At 11:58 p.m., Officer Gamez discharged his duty pistol at Fiske because he reported to be afraid for his life and that of Lt. Reimer's. An ambulance crew responded and removed Fiske from inside the automobile. Fiske was transported to a hospital by ambulance for emergency medical treatment. Fiske died as a result of his sustained gunshot wound injuries.

DCI Special Agent (S/A) Yerges was assigned as the lead case investigator and DCI S/A Schallhorn was assigned as the secondary case investigator. DCI special agents received scene assistance from the DOJ Crime Laboratory Bureau and the Wisconsin State Patrol, Technical Reconstruction Unit. DCI special agents were also assisted by the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office, the Manitowoc Police Department and the Manitowoc County Coroner's Office.

Fiske's parents were identified by the DCI. Death notifications were made to Fiske's family members on November 05, 2019. DCI received assistance with the death notifications by the DOJ Office of Crime Victim Services and the Green Bay Police Department.

DCI special agents conducted the following case interviews: one (1) witness (automobile operator) interview, seven (7) neighborhood canvass interviews, one (1) back-up law enforcement officer interview and four (4) ambulance crew member interviews. DCI special agents interviewed Officer Gamez on November 07, 2019.

During the investigation, five (5) law enforcement body-worn video camera recordings were acquired for examination. One (1) patrol vehicle and two (2) commercial business video recordings were also acquired for examination during the investigation.

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DCI special agents collected and maintained all articles of case evidence. Evidence that was seized during the investigation included: Fiske's body, an automobile, four (4) cellular telephones, currency, [REDACTED] three (3) firearm pistols, fired bullet casings, fired bullets, ammunition, audio and video recordings, clothing articles, personal effects, biological specimens, forensic evidence and other miscellaneous articles of evidence.

An autopsy upon Fiske was performed at the Fond du Lac County Medical Examiner's Office on November 05, 2019 by Fond du Lac County Medical Examiner and forensic pathologist, Dr. Adam Covach, MD. The autopsy revealed Fiske died as a result of injuries sustained by multiple gunshot wounds during the engagement with law enforcement.

On November 27, 2019, the completed DCI investigative file, as of that date, was submitted to the Manitowoc County District Attorney's Office for the legal review of the case.