

SYNOPSIS REPORT FOR OFFICER INVOLVED DEATH OF DUANE W. RICH:

On Friday, November 27, 2020, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (WI DOJ/DCI) received a request for assistance from the Marinette County Sheriff's Office with an officer involved death (OID) investigation. The incident occurred on Smiley Road, Amberg, Town of Athelstane, Marinette County, Wisconsin. Prior to the OID incident, Marinette County Sheriff's Office received a 911 emergency call from A. Rich who indicated her father-in-law, Duane W. Rich was in the driveway of her residence threatening suicide with a firearm. Marinette County Sheriff's Office Deputy Jesse Parr responded to the incident. Duane was shot by Deputy Parr and ultimately died of his gunshot wound injuries.

On Friday, November 27, 2020, the Marinette County Sheriff's Office was called to assist with a suicidal male on Smiley Road, Amberg, WI. A family member called 911 to report Duane was in her driveway with a gun to his head threatening suicide. R. Rich was outside with his father Duane attempting to negotiate with him. Marinette County Sheriff's Deputy's Jesse Parr and Charles Haws responded to assist. While en-route Deputy Parr requested an ambulance on stand by and a crisis negotiator to respond to assist.

Upon arrival Deputy Parr and Haws attempted to take cover behind a large tree alongside the residence to provide a safe way to communicate with Duane. As Deputy Parr and Haws were setting up, Duane left in his Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) proceeding North on Smiley Road. Deputy Parr and Haws got back into their patrol squads and pursued Duane who would not stop for the deputies. Duane lead deputies on a chase which circled back to the driveway on Smiley Road. Upon stopping Duane exited his SUV, immediately pulling a handgun from his jacket pocket, motioning it towards his head. As Duane was exiting his vehicle, Deputy Parr had also exited his patrol squad with his patrol rifle. Deputy Parr gave verbal commands saying "Show me your hands!" and "Drop the weapon"! Deputy Parr fired multiple shots, incapacitating Duane. Duane was conscious and verbal while Deputies attempted life saving measures. Duane was transported by Ambulance to the Dickenson County Memorial Hospital located in Iron Mountain, Michigan, where he succumbed to his injuries.

WI DOJ/DCI S/A Waterstreet was assigned as lead case agent. S/A Sleeman was assigned as secondary case agent. DCI agents were assisted by the Wisconsin State Patrol (Technical Reconstruction Unit), the Marinette County Medical Examiner's Office, Pembine Rescue Squad, Marinette County District Attorney's Office, and the WI DOJ-Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS).

Duane's wife was identified by WI DOJ/DCI and an in-person death notification was made by S/A Sleeman on Friday, November 27, 2020. Duane's immediate family was offered support services and assistance by WI DOJ-OCVS.

The following case interviews were conducted: Five (5) victim witness interviews, one (1) primary law enforcement officer interview, two (2) witness law enforcement officer interviews,

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and four (4) ambulance personnel interviews. Deputy Jesse Parr was interviewed on Monday, November 30, 2020 by WI DOJ/DCI Special Agents.

WI DOJ/DCI Special Agents collected two patrol squad camera videos for examination. WI DOJ/DCI Special Agents collected and maintained all articles of case evidence. Evidence collected were Duane's body, one (1) AR-15 patrol rifle, agency duty ammunition, one (1) .22 caliber handgun and associated ammunition, six (6) fired bullet casings, extracted bullet fragments, personal affects, clothing articles, biological specimens, forensic evidence and other miscellaneous articles of evidence.

An autopsy of Duane was conducted on Friday, December 4, 2020 at the Fond du Lac County Medical Examiner's Office by Dr. Covach. Duane died as a result of five (5) gunshot wound injuries sustained to the abdomen, groin and leg.

On Thursday, December 17, 2020, the WI DOJ/DCI investigative case file, completed as of that date, will be submitted to Marinette County District Attorney DeShea Morrow for her legal review.