Memorandum



DATE: November 13, 2009

Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Administrative (Police) Reports

I. A. D. Cases to be Presented to the Public Safety Committee on November 16, 2009

NEW CASE PRESENTATION:

None

PREVIOUS CASE PRESENTATION:

Control #09-218 Council District: 8

Involved Officers: (2) White Males

(2) Black Males

Suspect: (1) Black Male

On May 24, 2009, at approximately 7:29 p.m., Officers #1, #2, #3 and #4 were working in full uniform and driving marked police vehicles, when they received a call over the police radio regarding a male suspect who had just fired a weapon and was walking two pit bull dogs near the intersection of Tioga and LaGrange Streets. All of the officers arrived at the location at approximately the same time, exited their vehicles and formed a semi-circle around the suspect. The officers then began instructing the suspect to show his hands. The suspect was holding on to the dogs with his left hand and held a beverage cup by his side with his right hand. As the officers questioned the suspect, they requested that he tie his dogs up to a nearby speed limit sign for their safety. The suspect refused to comply with the officers' request while telling the officers that if they came near him the dogs would bite them. As the officers questioned the suspect, the suspect stated several times, "Just shoot me." When the suspect became more agitated, Officer #1, who was the sergeant on the scene, instructed Officer #2 to deploy his taser on the suspect in order to gain control of the situation. At this point Officers #2 and #3 had taken a position behind a police vehicle. Officer #2 then fired his taser striking the suspect at which time the suspect's dogs became aggressive and lunged at Officers #2 and #3. Fearing for the safety of the officers on the scene, Officer #3 fired several rounds from his service weapon at the dogs which was effective in stopping the dogs. By this time the suspect was recovering from the effects of being tased, removed the taser prongs from his body and produced a .25 caliber automatic pistol. The suspect then fired one round in the direction of Officers #2 and #3. Officers #2 and #3, fearing for their lives, immediately returned fire striking the suspect. The suspect was transported by Dallas Fire Rescue to Methodist Hospital where he was listed in serious Officer #2 sustained a single gunshot wound to his right foot and was transported to Baylor Hospital where he was treated and released.

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The suspect has been charged with three counts of Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant and another count of Aggravated Assault for an incident that had occurred earlier in the evening.

UPDATE: The Internal Affairs Division investigation revealed the officers were

justified in their use of deadly force.

STATUS: Complete

Case #CN09-218 was presented at the June 15, 2009, Public Safety Committee Meeting.

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