

Supplemental Report

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Title: Summary Voluntary Supplemental Q&A Minnetonka Police Officer Olson on 7-30-2019**Created By:**

Christofer Nybeck

**HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

This report is a summary of the report titled "Voluntary Supplemental Q&A Minnetonka Police Department Officer Olson on 7-30-2019". For greater details refer to the above listed report and all reports and attachments in this case file for greater details.

OFFICERS INVOLVED:

From the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Investigative Unit: Det. Nybeck

From the Minnetonka Police Department: Officer Olson

NARRATIVE:

On 7-30-2019 Det. Nybeck conducted a digitally recorded voluntary interview of Minnetonka Police Officer Olson at the Minnetonka Police Department. Officer Olson's interview on this date is a supplement to his initial report for Hennepin County case number 19000783 and Minnetonka PD case number 19000272. This report is a summary of Officer Olson's statements to Det. Nybeck's questions during this interview. The complete interview is saved to this case file in both digital and transcription form. Refer to both forms for greater details.

Officer Olson stated that he was assigned to work for the Minnetonka Police Department on 1-19-2019. Officer Olson stated that he heard over his police radio that the St. Louis Park Police Department required assistance related to an OIS (Officer Involved Shooting) in the City of St. Louis Park. Officer Olson stated that he along with Minnetonka police officer Mace went to assist the St. Louis Park Police Department.

Officer Olson stated that he arrived at the incident scene (2760 Louisiana Ct) met with an unknown St. Louis Park police officer and entered this address with Officer Mace. Officer Olson stated that after entering this address he entered apartment #7 (scene of OIS) and observed the following: One St. Louis Park police officer and two firefighters towards the end of the apartment's hallway by a back bedroom. Officer Olson stated that he penetrated to approximately the door way for this bedroom and observed a firefighter and a St. Louis Park police officer in this bedroom along with an unknown individual who was laying on the ground (Matthew Tuhkanen/deceased). Officer Olson stated that he could only observe approximately 1/3 of the body that was laying on the ground.

Officer Olson stated that he was able to determine that his and Officer Mace's assistance was not needed further in the apartment based upon his observations and one of the firefighters stating that the individual (Tuhkanen) was deceased. Officer Olson stated that he did not observe or hear anyone in the apartment speaking about the OIS. Officer Olson was then directed to maintain a crime scene log outside of the doorway for apartment #7. Officer Olson stated that a crime scene log is done to document who and when an individual enters a crime scene and to account for anyone that may come into contact with potential evidence.

Officer Olson stated that he maintained the crime scene log for approximately 15 minutes before he was advised that he could return to the City of Minnetonka and resume his normal duties.

Officer Olson stated that at no time did he hear any St. Louis Park police officers or anyone present at the incident scene talk about any specific details related to this OIS.

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Title: Voluntary Supplemental Q&A Minnetonka Police Officer Olson on 7-30-2019

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Statement of Officer Tim Olson, DOB:, taken at 17:34 HOURS on July 30th, 2019. Questioned by Detective Christofer Nybeck. Steno Samantha Grates typing. Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Case No. 19000783.

CLN Detective Christofer Nybeck
TO Officer Tim Olson, Minnetonka Police Department

CLN Alright today's date is 7/30/2019 it's approximately 5:34 in the evening. Detective Nybeck Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. I'm in the, I'm at the Minnetonka Police Department in relation to Hennepin County case number 19000783 and Saint Louis Park case number 19000303. And I'm here with, can I get your full name and your rank?

TO Yep. Officer Tim Olson badge 135.

CLN And how long have you been an officer with the Minnetonka Police Department?
TO Uh a little over 15 years.

CLN Have you worked for another law enforcement uh, department prior to Minnetonka?

TO Not as a peace officer.

CLN Okay. Before I ask you any questions related to what occurred, what you did at this uh crime scene for this case number. I just want to let you know this is a voluntary consensual interview related to Saint Louis Park Police Department case number 19000303. This case is related to an OIS, officer involved shooting that occurred in the city of Saint Louis Park on January 19th, 2019 involving Officer Heffernan of the Saint Louis Park Police Department. Additionally before I ask you any questions is it correct that I did not threaten you, coerce you, or demand you to provide me a statement for this interview?

TO That is correct.

CLN And it's your choice and your, of your own volition to speak with me for this interview? Correct...?

TO ...yes.

CLN Okay. Uh the purpose for this, of this interview and the subsequent accompanying report based upon this interview is to provide supplemental information related to your original report regarding your actions and knowledge related to the above listed case number. Were you assigned to work on January 19th, 2019?

TO Yes.

CLN For the city of Minnetonka correct?

TO That is correct.

CLN At some point on that night were you advised of an officer involved shooting in the city of Saint Louis Park?
TO Yes.

CLN How were you notified?
TO Um we, we heard about a, the officer involved shooting via our Hennepin County radio.

CLN And were you directed or did you make the choice to help?
TO We offered our assistance to Saint Louis Park.

CLN And was your assistance needed?
TO Yes.

CLN Did you proceed to the city of Saint Louis Park?
TO Yes.

CLN And at what location did you respond to?
TO Uh we responded to 2760 Louisiana uh, Court. Louisiana Court.

CLN When you arrived who did you speak to?
TO Uh we offered assistance a to the Saint Louis Park officers that were on scene. And were directed to go into that building um to apartment number 7.

CLN Do you recall what Saint Louis Park officer directed you into apartment 2760?
TO I do not.

CLN When you entered uh, apartment 2760 did you enter apartment number 7 inside that apartment complex?
TO Yes.

CLN And when you entered that apartment complex were you with another Minnetonka officer?
TO Yes.

CLN And who was that?
TO Officer Joe Mace.

CLN When you initially entered the apartment or I'm sorry when you initially entered apartment number 7. What did you observe?
TO Uh there uh there was at least one Saint Louis Park officer. Uh and uh I believe two Saint Louis Park fire personal.

CLN And where were they when you entered the apartment?
TO Uh they were towards the middle of the apartment uh kind of in the living room uh hallway area that lead towards what appeared to be a, at least one bedroom.

CLN And when you entered were, was the, excuse me, was the officer speaking with the firefighters or were they separated?
TO I believe they were separated at the time.

CLN Were the firefighters speaking with each other?

TO I don't, don't recall.

CLN Was the Saint Louis Park officer speaking to anybody or were they on phone?
TO Not that I recall no.

CLN Okay. And so you've encountered these three individuals when you first entered.
What did you do?
TO Uh we inquired uh if they needed any assistance a as we made our way into the uh towards the back of the, uh apartment.

CLN And was this a, question asked of the firefighters and the Saint Louis officer?
TO It was just a general question that was directed um kind of towards everyone that was inside a, the apartment complex at the time.

CLN Did you receive a response to your question?
TO Yes.

CLN And what were you directed to do?
TO Uh at the time we, I was notified by a Saint Louis Park uh fire personal that the shooting victim was deceased. And then I offered any assistance to the Saint Louis Park officer that was a, on scene. And we were then uh redirected towards the entrance of the apartment a, to guard the doorway a, of the apartment number 7.

CLN The firefighter and the officer, excuse me. Were these the ones you encountered in the living room hallway area? Or was it...
TO ...yes...
CLN ...somewhere else?
TO Nope they were the same officers or personal that were inside the apartment.

CLN Okay how far did you penetrate into the apartment?
TO Uh we walked through what I would describe as a living room area and into the hallway that led towards the bedroom on the, the back left side as you walked down the hallway.

CLN Did you go as far as that back left bedroom?
TO Uh to the threshold of that doorway yes.

CLN And what did you, did you look inside that apartment, or the b-, back bedroom?
TO I saw that there was a fire personal inside the bedroom and there was a one person that was lying uh on the floor.

CLN Did you observe any Saint Louis Park police officers in that back bedroom?
TO Not that I recall.

CLN How many firefighters were in that back bedroom?
TO Um from my recollection uh at least one possible two.

CLN And then you said you observed a, a body on the ground back, in that back bedroom?
TO Correct.

CLN Uh how much of that body did you observe?

TO Um. I would say I can't recall if it was the legs or, or the uh, the torso area. Um but it was I would say a third of the body.

CLN Did you observe that body clothed or semi clothed or nude?
TO Uh I believe the, the party had clothing on.

CLN Did you observe any gunshot wounds to that body?
TO No.

CLN Did you overhear S-, the Saint Louis Park firefighters make any statements, statements while you were in that threshold for the door?
TO No.

CLN And then who, who gave you direction to either come inside the bedroom or to leave the apartment?
TO Uh I believe Officer Mace and I made a, made the decision not to enter the threshold um there was a, there was really no further need for us to be in the apartment at the time. And so we consciously made the decision to exit the apartment. Um but at the same time offered assistance to, to help the Saint Louis Park Police personal on scene with any other duties that they might need.

CLN What factors did you or Office Mace take into account to determine that your assistance wasn't need, needed further in the bedroom?
TO Uh the fact that a, from our obser-, from my observation that a, no further aid was being rendered to the victim. And that a, fire personal informed us that the party was deceased. Um that kind of made the decision for me that I didn't necessarily need to be inside the apartment at the time and didn't observe any other threats uh for police or fire personal in the apartment.

CLN So you and Officer Mace exited the apartment. What did you guys do next?
TO Uh when then held at a in the hallway uh in front of apartment number 7. And then I began um, uh crime scene log.

CLN Did you do that, was that your decision or did somebody direct you to do that?
TO Um I believe that was my decision initially and then I advised a Saint Louis Park police personal that I was uh beginning a crime scene log.

CLN And what is a crime scene log and what is the purpose of a crime scene log?
TO A crime scene log is just a documenting uh the time that uh any personal enters or exits a crime scene. And it's also for, um documenting any personal that may have contact with any sort of evidence a, that is found within that crime scene.

CLN And how, did Officer Mace help you do this? Or was he present when you were manning the crime scene log?
TO He was present.

CLN Approximately how long were you outside apartment number 7 manning the crime scene log?
TO I would venture to guess a fifth teen minutes.

CLN Were you directed by anybody on scene that your assistance was no longer needed to man a crime scene log?

TO Yes.

CLN Do you recall who advised you of this?
TO Uh I do not recall the specific person uh that advised us. I believe it was a Saint Louis Park uh, supervisor.

CLN And when you were dismissed from that duty did you provide any other assistance to a Saint Louis Park Police Department that night?
TO Uh not relating to that um specific scene.

CLN Okay did you stay on scene after you were relieved of your duty?
TO No we uh both myself and Officer Mace then returned a, to the city of Minnetonka.

CLN Okay. And did you generate a report for what you assisted with that night?
TO Yes.

CLN Okay. While at any point while you were on the scene whether it was the arrival, speaking with a supervisor prior to entering the apartment, inside the apartment, or manning the crime scene log or at any other time. Did you have any contact or conversation with Saint Louis Park police officers regarding what occurred inside of apartment number 7 during the OIS?
TO No.

CLN Okay. Do you have any questions for me?
TO No.

CLN Okay it's approximately 5:44 interview with Officer Olson is concluded.

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Title: Summary Voluntary Supplemental Q&A Minnetonka Police Department Officer Mace on 8-2-2019**Created By:**

Christofer Nybeck

**HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

This report is a summary of the report titled "Voluntary Supplemental Q&A Minnetonka Police Department Officer Mace on 8-2-2019". For greater details refer to the above listed report and all reports and attachments in this case file for greater details.

OFFICERS INVOLVED:

From the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Investigative Unit: Det. Nybeck

From the Minnetonka Police Department: Officer Mace

NARRATIVE:

On 8-2-2019 Det. Nybeck conducted a digitally recorded voluntary interview of Minnetonka Police Officer Mace at the Minnetonka Police Department. Officer Mace's interview on this date is a supplement to his initial report for Hennepin County case number 19000783 and Minnetonka PD case number 19000272. This report is a summary of Officer Mace's statements to Det. Nybeck's questions during this interview. The complete interview is saved to this case file in both digital and transcription form. Refer to both forms for greater details.

Officer Mace stated that he was scheduled to work on 1-19-2019 for the City of Minnetonka. Officer Mace stated that he was notified about an OIS (Officer Involved Shooting) in the City of St. Louis Park that night via radio and that he and Officer Olson of the Minnetonka Police Department drove to the incident location "code 3".

Officer Mace stated that upon arrival at the incident address (2760 Louisiana Ct. #7) he and Officer Olson were directed to apartment #7 and to assist as needed.

Officer Mace stated that he and Officer Olson entered this apartment and observed St. Louis Park police officers and firefighters in the back rear bedroom for this apartment. Officer Mace stated that he and Officer Olson never entered this rear bedroom but were able to observe firefighters administering what appeared to be medical aid to an individual inside this room. Officer Mace was not able to describe the medical aid being administered but at some point a firefighter informed both of them (Officers Mace and Olson) that the individual receiving medical attention was deceased.

Officer Mace stated that after learning that the individual inside the bedroom was deceased, he and Officer Olson exited the interior of apartment #7 and stood outside the this apartment for security purposes. Officer Mace stated that Officer Olson then began a crime scene log for apartment #7 and maintained the crime scene log until Officer Olson was relieved by Officer Peek of the St. Louis Park Police Department for this duty. Officer Mace stated he was present with Officer Olson as Officer Olson was maintaining the crime scene log. Officer Mace stated that Officer Olson maintained the crime scene log while standing outside apartment #7.

Officer Mace stated that at no time did he hear or overhear any Law Enforcement Officer or firefighter

Speak about this OIS.

DISPOSITION/FOLLOW UP:

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Title: Voluntary Supplemental Q&A Minnetonka Police Officer Mace on 8-2-2019

Created By: Christofer

Nybeck

Statement of Officer Joseph Richard Mace, taken at 15:01 HOURS on 08/02/2019. Questioned by Detective Christofer Nybeck. Steno Anna Villani typing. Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Case No. 19000783.

CLN Detective Christofer Nybeck

JRM Officer Joseph Richard Mace

CLN Alright today's date is August 2nd 2019 it's approximately 3:01 in the afternoon. Detective Nybeck, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office I'm conducting a phone interview with Officer Joe Mace of the Minnetonka Police Department in relation to Hennepin County case number 190000783 and Saint Louis Park Police Department case number 190000303. Ahhh, this case number the 303 case number is related to an OIS that occurred in the city of Saint Louis Park on January 19th involving Officer Heffernan of the Saint Louis Park Police Department. Ahhh, again, ahhh this is a voluntary and consensual, consensual interview umm, additionally ahhh, is it correct Officer Mace that I haven't threatened, coerced or demanded that you provide this interview to me?

JRM Correct.

CLN Okay. Ahhh, the purpose of this interview and subsequent accompanying report, based upon this interview is to provide supplemental information related to your original report regarding your actions and knowledge related to the above listed case number. Do you have any questions about anything I've said to you so far?

JRM No.

CLN Okay. Ahhh, were you scheduled to work on January 19th of this year?

JRM Yes.

CLN For the city of Minnetonka Police Department?

JRM Yes.

CLN And were you advised of an Officer Involved Shooting at some point that night?

JRM Yes.

CLN Okay and how were you notified?

JRM Ahhh, the ahhh, my portable radio.

CLN Okay and upon being notified of this OIS, what did you do?

JRM Umm, myself and Officer Tim Olson ahhh, responded umm code 3 emergency lights to the address of where the OIS occurred.

CLN And do you recall the address of the location of where you guys were responding to?

JRM 27..60 Louisiana Court apartment number 7.

CLN Okay. Ahhh when you and Tim got there, what did you guys do?
JRM I got on scene, umm went for my medical bag and then dropped the other officer out, he didn't have any medical gloves. Umm ask for some medical gloves and they directed us to apartment number 7 to ahhh, assist in rendering aide. [Inaudible 00:02:36].

CLN Was it so that, you and Tim then entered apartment number 7?
JRM Yes.

CLN Okay when you guys ahhh got to the door and you entered, what did you see, initially when you came through the doorway?
JRM Umm, we came to the door way, umm, we saw some Saint Louis Park officers and then ahhh, some fire personnel inside the apartment. I think they were attempting to give medical aid to the victim. Umm, the umm, we met the Saint Louis Park firefighter, ahhh he stated that the victim was deceased.

CLN And what, when you guys encountered the Saint Louis Park police officers and the firefighters, where in the department did you guys kind of meet up with them?
JRM Kind of like in the, ahhh, in the, in the general area, I think the majority of the, there like the firefighters, I think were in the back bedroom, but myself and Officer Olson never made it into the back bedroom where I believe the victim was.

CLN Ahhh, do you recall if the back bedroom was straight ahead, to the right, to the left or?
JRM Believe it was straight ahead and to the left, walking into the doorway.

CLN Okay and I'm sorry did you and Officer Olson make it inside that bedroom where the firefighters and the police officers were at?
JRM No.

CLN Were you guys able to look inside that room at any point?
JRM I just saw, ahhh, appeared to be like a, I think like a, my recall a double bed and that was about it.

CLN Okay. Ahhh, could you tell what ahhh the police officers, the firefighters were doing when you guys looked inside the, through the doorway?
JRM Ahhh, I could not, I think that, you know, wrapping up rendering aid or still trying to render aid. At that point they were telling, you know, the firefighter told us that ahhh, the victim was deceased.

CLN Okay, now when you say rendering aid, ahhh, could you tell what they were doing to the individual in the bedroom?
JRM No.

CLN Okay. Ahhh, did you hear the firefighters communicate with the police officer or amongst themselves about anything that was going on inside that room? Ahhh, err, could you actually hear them talk about anything?
JRM No.

CLN Okay. Ahhh, so what did you guys do after you saw them attempting to render aid?
JRM Umm, so at that point, once you learn that, when the firefighter that ahhh the victim

was deceased, we decided me and Officer Olson ahhh, decided to go to the main common area outside of apartment number 7 doorway, and ahhh, kind of keep security umm at the door and ahhh, and then Officer Olson started a crime scene log.

CLN Did you stay with Officer Olson as he was working on the crime scene log?
JRM I did.

CLN And did you receive any other further directives from any officers whether it was Saint Louis Park or assisting law enforcement officer about doing anything else to assist that night?

JRM Ahhh, nope we just ahhh, stood there and ahhh, like I said Officer Olson was filling out the crime scene log until they ahhh, ahhh Saint Louis Park officer relieved us.

CLN Do you remember what Saint, excuse me, do you remember what Saint Louis Park police officer relieved Officer Olson?

JRM Ahhh, Officer Peek I believe.

CLN Okay. While you were present, while you and Officer Olson were present, umm, at incident scene, you know, upon, from your arrival to when you guys departed, did you guys hear anything spoken about or anything related to the OIS that occurred in that apartment that night? So basically what I'm asking is did you hear anybody talk about the OIS at all while you guys were present there?

JRM No.

CLN Okay. Umm, and I don't think I ask this yet, but can I get your rank and full name please?

JRM Ahhh, Patrol Officer, Team Officer, ahhh full name Joseph Richard Mace.

CLN Officer Mace, ahhh, I don't have any more questions but do you have any for me?
JRM Nope.

CLN Okay, thanks for ahhh, taking time out of the day, I'm going to conclude this interview, it's approximately 3:08 in the afternoon.

Supplemental Report**ICR:** 19000783**Last Modified:** 08-09-2019 1122**Title:** Attempted Interview Sgt. Tait on 8-8-2019**Created By:** Christofer Nybeck**HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT****SYNOPSIS:**

This report pertains to the attempted interview of Sgt. Tait of the Minnetonka Police Department on 8-8-2019 by Det. Nybeck in relation to Sgt. Tait's knowledge and involvement in the OIS (Officer Involved Shooting) in St. Louis Park on 1-19-2019. Refer to all reports and attachments in this case file for greater details.

OFFICERS INVOLVED:

From the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Investigative Division: Det. Nybeck

NARRATIVE:

On 8-8-2019 Det. Nybeck attempted to interview Sgt. Tait of the Minnetonka Police Department in relation to his knowledge and involvement in the above listed OIS. Prior to beginning Sgt. Tait's interview, Sgt. Tait informed Det. Nybeck that he did not assist and was not present at the above listed OIS.

Sgt. Tait informed Det. Nybeck that he only generated a CAD entry for Officer Olson and Mace's assistance in this OIS and that he only approved Officer Olson's report that was generated for his (Officer Olson's) assistance in this OIS. Based upon Sgt. Tait's non-involvement in this OIS, Sgt. Tait was not subsequently interviewed by Det. Nybeck on this date.

DISPOSITION/FOLLOW UP:

Pending