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**Title:**

Summary Voluntary Supplemental Q&amp;A St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Ryan on 7-31-2019

**Created By:**

Christofer Nybeck

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

This report is a summary of the report titled Voluntary Supplemental Q&A St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Ryan on 7-31-2019. 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 St. Louis Park Fire Department: Officer Ryan

**NARRATIVE:**

On 7-31-2019 Det. Nybeck conducted a digitally recorded voluntary phone interview of St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Officer Ryan. Officer Saba's interview on this date is a supplement to his initial report for Hennepin County case number 19000783 and St. Louis Park PD case number 19000303. This report is a summary of Officer Ryan'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 Ryan stated that he was working on 1-19-2019 and that he was dispatched for an OIS (Officer Involved Shooting) in the City of St. Louis Park at some time during his shift.

Officer Ryan stated that he was in a secondary back up firefighter vehicle. Officer Ryan stated that he arrived at the incident address but never left his firefighter vehicle or had any communications with any Law Enforcement Officers that night regarding this OIS.

**DISPOSITION/FOLLOW UP:**

Pending

## Supplemental Report

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Title: Voluntary Supplemental Q&amp;A SLP Firefighter William Ryan on 7-31-2019 CLN/jef (704)

Created By:

Christofer Nybeck

Statement of WILLIAM GARY RYAN, DOB: \_\_\_\_\_, taken at 1028 HOURS on 7/31/2019. Questioned by Detective Christofer Nybeck. Steno Jackie Fallon typing. Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Case No. 19000783.

CLN Christofer Nybeck, Detective  
WGR William Gary Ryan, SLP Fire Department

CLN Alright. Ah, today's date is July 31, 2019 and it's approximately 10:28 in the morning. Detective Nybeck, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. Currently at my desk, ah, at the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Investigative Division. I am conducting a phone interview with, can I get your full name please?

WGR William Gary Ryan.

CLN And, William, are you a firefighter with the St. Louis Park Fire Department?

WGR Yes.

CLN And how long have you been with the St. Louis Park Fire Department as a firefighter?

WGR Since April 15, 1996.

CLN And have you been a firefighter with any departments prior to St. Louis Park?

WGR Yep. The Lakeville Fire Department.

CLN Okay. And roughly how long were you with Lakeville?

WGR About seven and a half years.

CLN Okay. Ahh, the reason for this interview is to speak with you regarding Hennepin County case number 19000783 and St. Louis Park Fire, Police Department case number 19000303. Ah, just to let you know before we ask you any questions, or I ask you any questions, this is a voluntary and consensual interview related to St. Louis Park PD case number 19000303. This case number is related to an OIS, officer-involved shooting, that occurred in the City of St. Louis Park on January 19, 2019 involving Officer Heffernan of the St. Louis Park Police Department. Additionally, before we proceed with this interview, I want to make it known that I not, is it correct that I have not threatened, coerced, or demanded that you speak with me or take part in this interview. Is that correct?

WGR That is, that is correct.

CLN Okay. The purpose of this interview and subsequent accompanying report based upon this interview is to provide supplement 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 stated so far?

WGR Nope.

CLN Okay. Can you just tell me chronologically, ah, your involvement and your actions, your observations related to being present at this critical incident, this officer-involved

shooting?

WGR I responded on Engine 1 out of Fire Station 1 to the call. It was a Fire Station 2 District call so we were just back up. And we arrived in Engine 1 and I believe we were in Engine 1, and um, just stood by and I sat back in the engine and at some point my captain got out and asked the Station 2 people if they needed assistance. They said no, I guess. And he came back to the station, or to the engine and told us they didn't need and then eventually we cleared.

CLN At any point while you were present at the scene, did you go inside Apartment 2760 within Apartment #7?

WGR No.

CLN So at any point did you exit your fire vehicle when you were present at the crime scene?

WGR No.

CLN Do you recall approximately how long you were at the crime scene?

WGR I'd guess 10-20 minutes. I don't know for sure.

CLN Okay. While you were present at the crime scene, did you speak with any St. Louis Park Police officers or supervisor or law enforcement officer regarding anything that specifically happened inside that apartment building that night?

WGR No.

CLN Okay. I do not have any further questions for you. Do you have any questions for me?

WGR Nope.

CLN Okay. It's approximately 10:32. My interview with Firefighter William Ryan is concluded. Appreciate you giving me a call and taking time out of your day and speaking with me. Um, I do not have anything else further for you.

WGR Okay.

CLN Alright. Well have a good day and, again, thank you for calling me.

WGR Yep. You have a good day too. Take care.

CLN Thanks. Bye.

WGR Be safe. Yep, bye.

CLN Bye.

CLN/jef (704)

**Supplemental Report**

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**Title:**

Summary Voluntary Supplemental Q&amp;A St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Captain Powers on 7-31

**Created By:**

Christofer Nybeck

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

This report is a summary of the report titled Voluntary Supplemental Q&A St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Captain Powers on 7-31-2019. 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 St. Louis Park Fire Department: Captain Powers

**NARRATIVE:**

On 7-31-2019 Det. Nybeck conducted a digitally recorded voluntary phone interview of St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Captain Powers. Captain Powers' interview on this date is a supplement to his initial report for Hennepin County case number 19000783 and St. Louis Park PD case number 19000303. This report is a summary of Captain Powers' 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.

Captain Powers stated that he was working on 1-19-2019 and was dispatched to assist in an OIS (Officer Involved Shooting) in the City of St. Louis Park on this date.

Captain Powers stated that he was present at the incident scene and only entered apartment complex 2760 Louisiana Ct. briefly to speak with Lt. Yaekel of the SLP FD. Captain Powers stated that he never entered apartment #7 for the incident address. Captain Powers stated that he does not recall speaking with any Law Enforcement Officers that night at the incident address regarding this OIS.

Captain Powers stated that he then returned to his firefighter vehicle and departed the incident address. Captain Powers stated that he believes he was only at the incident address for approximately 30min.

**DISPOSITION/FOLLOW UP:**

Pending

## Supplemental Report

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Title: Voluntary Supplemental Q&amp;A SLP Firefighter Steven Powers on 7-31-2019

Created By: Christofer  
Nybeck

Statement of Captain Steven Matthew Powers, DOB: , taken at 10:20 HOURS on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Questioned by Detective Christofer Nybeck. Steno Samantha Grates typing. Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Case No. 19000783.

CLN Detective Christofer Nybeck

SMP Captain Steven Matthew Powers, Saint Louis Park Fire Department

CLN Alright a today's date is January, or correction July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 it's approximately 10:20 in the morning. Detective Nybeck Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. I am currently at my desk at the Sheriff's Office Investigative Division. I am speaking with Chief Powers of the Saint Louis Park Fire Department in relation...

SMP ... [Inaudible 00:21]...

CLN ...to Hennepin County case number 19000783 and Saint Louis Park Fire or correction police department case number 190000303. Just to let you know before I ask any questions regarding you know any of your actions or knowledge a while you were at the scene. This is a voluntary consensual interview related to Saint Louis Park PD case number, excuse me, 19000303. This case number is related to an OIS. Officer involved shooting that occurred in the city of Saint Louis Park on January 19<sup>th</sup> involving Officer Heffernan of the Saint Louis Park PD. Additionally before I ask any questions chief. Uh I just want to ask you question. Is it correct that I have not threatened, coerced, or demanded that you speak to me regarding this interview? Is that correct?

SMP [Inaudible 01:11] that is correct.

CLN Okay...

SMP ...Its' a captain...

CLN ...oh captain...

SMP ...not chief...

CLN ...sorry...

SMP ...yep...

CLN ...your promotion.

SMP Yeah that's alright.

CLN Uh 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. Does that make sense to you? Do you have any questions for me before we began?

SMP Uh I don't think so.

CLN Okay. Do you recall back on January 19<sup>th</sup> um being dispatched to a critical incident OIS in the city of Saint Louis Park?

SMP Uh yeah, yes.

CLN Okay. Can you kind of just walk me through chronologically what you did...?  
SMP ...it was actually a station 2 call. Um station 2 is dispatch 2 and I believe I don't know if they dispatch both stations cause it, um so they dispatched. We responded due to the nature of the call and thought they could use more personal or what not so.

CLN Okay um...  
SMP ...so I was working over station one and I think the report willing to keep it was one engine 1. So which, which is considerable distance away from a call that's compared to station 2. So they, will they were there quite bit before us.

CLN Okay.  
SMP A little bit before us.

CLN Could you kind of walk me through everything you did starting at your arrival at the, at the station?  
SMP So basically if I recall correctly and it was a long time ago. Um we arrived I got out of the truck and Lieutenant Yaekel would have been the officer in charge you know from the fire stand point. He came out and said um, that we weren't needed up and that was that was about it.

CLN At any point did you enter apartment 2760? And then...  
SMP ....no, no, no one from engine 1 did. I think I think that was probably. I mean we only stepped out of the. I only stepped out of the truck to talk to the other Officer Yaekel.

CLN Oh...  
SMP ...Lieutenant Yaekel.

CLN When you were...  
SMP ...so none of us went in the apartment.

CLN Um while you guys were present did you speak with or have any communication with any Saint Louis Park police officer or supervisor or any member of law enforcement?  
SMP Um you know I don't recall. I don't, I really don't think so.

CLN Okay.  
SMP I know at one point are communications van went up there but I think they called after the fa-, you know I didn't ask them you know if they needed any additional resources. Um at that time I think they called and asked for it.

CLN Okay.  
SMP I'm not sure I can't remember how that went. But eventually we delivered a communications [inaudible 04:08] van up there.

CLN Uh how about the...  
SMP ...then just drop it off.

CLN Did you speak with any law enforcement officers no matter of the department? Regarding anything related to the specifics of about what occurred inside the apartment building that night?  
SMP I don't believe so. I don't believe I talked to any law enforcement.

CLN Approximately how long were you present at this location before you departed?

SMP Uh. Very short. I, I mean I don't, I'm not. I couldn't give you an exact answer. I mean not long.

CLN Okay less than...

SMP ... [Inaudible 04:43]...

CLN ...less than hour?

SMP Yeah, yeah I'd say probably for sure less than an hour.

CLN Okay. Um less than thirty minutes?

SMP Mm. Well I mean that's probable but I mean I don't, I'd, I'd say probable yes. But you know I can't give you a definitive. I mean we weren't there very long.

CLN Nope that's fine, that's okay.

SMP Like I said all we did is pull up and I think I made contact with Lieutenant Yaekel and he said nope we don't need ya. Um back to the fire crew and you know station 2 and asked if they needed anything. And then I think we got out there.

CLN Okay. Uh just for my report my records. Can I get a, your title and then your complete name please?

SMP Captain.

CLN Okay.

SMP And it's Steve Powers. P-O-W-E-R-S.

CLN And can I get a middle name please?

SMP Matthew.

CLN Okay alright. Ahh captain I don't have any further questions for you. Do you have any questions for me that I can answer at this time?

SMP No. Other than that it's, it's. You know I'm sorry I can't give you a better time, you know exact times but I can't. I think our report would have a clear time and everything on it and. Do you wanna know who was on that engine? On engine one? With, responding with me or? You got that?

CLN Well I, I think we, we got all your guys reports about um who was present so I, I think we are good. If we don't I'll, I'll have to give you a call in the future but I...

SMP ...because I had a crew of four on my engine on engine one. And that's what I mean the report should indicate what engine people are on so basically anybody in that engine did not you know go in the scene or, or in the apartment or anything so.

CLN Nope uh. Uh if everybody in your engine stayed inside the engine and nobody you know went out and interacted with law enforcement. And we have your report I believe we are good.

SMP Okay yeah I don't. Like I said I don't recall speaking to any law, I mean it would have been very brief. I mean not, I can't recall speaking to anybody so alright.

CLN Oh okay. Alright nope that okay. It is a, approximately 10:27. Uh interview with a Captain Powers is concluded. I appreciate you taking time out of your day to speak with me. Um but other than that um thank you again and have a good day.

SMP Yeah you too! If you need anything else just you can reach out and ask us so.

CLN Sounds good I will captain I'll, I have your number.

SMP Okay sounds good.

CLN     Alright thank you bye.

SMP     Yep have a good have day.

CLN     Bye.



**Supplemental Report**

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Summary Voluntary Supplemental Q&amp;A St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Saba on 7-31-2019

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

This report is a summary of the report titled Voluntary Supplemental Q&A St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Saba on 7-31-2019. 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 St. Louis Park Fire Department: Officer Saba

**NARRATIVE:**

On 7-31-2019 Det. Nybeck conducted a digitally recorded voluntary phone interview of St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Officer Saba. Officer Saba's interview on this date is a supplement to his initial report for Hennepin County case number 19000783 and St. Louis Park PD case number 19000303. This report is a summary of Officer Saba'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 Saba stated that he was working on 1-19-2019 and that he was dispatched for an OIS (Officer Involved Shooting) in the City of St. Louis Park at some time during his shift.

Officer Saba stated that he was in a secondary back up firefighter vehicle. Officer Saba stated that he arrived at the incident address but never left his firefighter vehicle or had any communications with any Law Enforcement Officers that night regarding this OIS.

**DISPOSITION/FOLLOW UP:**

Pending

## Supplemental Report

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Title: Voluntary Supplemental Q&amp;A SLP Firefighter Jason Saba on 7-31-2019 CLN / jef (700)

Created By:

Christofer Nybeck

Statement of JASON MARK SABA, DOB: \_\_\_\_\_, taken at 1013 HOURS on 7/31/19. Questioned by Detective Christofer Nybeck. Steno Jackie Fallon typing. Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Case No. 19000783.

CLN Christofer Nybeck, Detective

JMS Jason Mark Saba, SLP Fire Department

Hello.

CLN Hi. Is this, ah, Jason Saba?

JMS Yes it is.

CLN Hi. This is Detective Nybeck with the Sheriff's Office. Do you have a quick minute to talk?

JMS Ah, yeah. Sure. Yeah.

CLN Okay. Ah, just to let you know that this interview will be recorded and then I'll...

JMS Okay.

CLN ...it'll be transcribed and I'll have to do a summary report. But since we're doing a phone interview today, I'm just kind of let my recorder know kind of whom I am; what's going on; and why I'm talking to you, if that's alright?

JMS Okay. yeah, yep.

CLN Ahh, today's date is July 31, 2019. It's approximately 10:13 in the morning. I am Detective Nybeck with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. I am currently at my desk at the Investigative Officer for the Sheriff's Office. I am speaking with Firefighter Jason Saba of the St. Louis Park Fire Department in relation to Hennepin County case number 19000783, and St. Louis Park Police Department case number 19000303. Jason, before I ask you any questions, I'm just letting you know this is a voluntary and a consensual interview. This interview is related to St. Louis Park PD case number 19000303. This case number is related to an OIS, officer-involved shooting that occurred in the City of St. Louis Park on January 19, 2019 involving Officer Heffernan of the St. Louis Park Police Department. Additionally, I want to let you know that, and let it be known that have I threatened you, coerced you, or demanded that you speak to me, ah, to take part in this interview at any time?

JMS No.

CLN Okay. And it's your choice, your decision to speak with me for this interview, is that correct?

JMS Yes.

CLN Okay. The purpose of this interview and subsequent accompanying report based on this interview is to provide supplement 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 stated so far?

JMS No.

CLN Okay. Can I get your rank and your full name, please?  
JMS Ah, Jason Mark Saba and my rank is firefighter.

CLN And how long have you been a firefighter with the St. Louis Park Police Department, or Fire Department?  
JMS A total of 19 years between part-time and full-time.

CLN And prior to St. Louis Park had you been a firefighter anywhere else?  
JMS No.

CLN Okay. Do you recall being on shift or working on January 19<sup>th</sup> of this year?  
JMS Yes.

CLN Do you recall being dispatched and sent to a critical incident being an O, an officer-involved shooting in that city?  
JMS Yes.

CLN Okay. Can you just kind of walk me through chronologically what you did that night at that location beginning upon your arrival until your department?  
JMS Ah, well when we arrived we, we were instructed by our captain to stay in the truck. And, ah, we were in the truck the entire, um, few minutes before we were cleared. So we never actually, I never actual,y got out of the truck on the scene.

CLN Okay. So you never went inside the apartment complex or the specific apartment?  
JMS No.

CLN Did you have any contact or communications with any St. Louis Park Police Department officers or any law enforcement officers while you were present there?  
JMS No.

CLN Okay. Approximately how long were you at the scene that night, to the best of your ability. I know it's been seven months.  
JMS Umm, my best guess would be 10 minutes tops.

CLN Okay. I don't have any further questions for you. Do you have any questions for me?  
JMS No. Not at this time.

CLN Okay. It's approximately 10:16. My interview with Jason Saba from the St. Louis Park Fire Department is concluded. Ahh, I don't have any more questions. I appreciate you making time to speak with me. Um, other than that, thank you. I appreciate it.  
JMS Okay. You're welcome. Thank you.

CLN Thank you. Bye.  
JMS Bye.

CLN/jef (700)

**Supplemental Report**

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**Title:**

Summary Voluntary Supplemental Q&amp;A St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Oberschmid on 7-31-201

**Created By:**Christofer  
Nybeck**HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

This report is a summary of the report titled Voluntary Supplemental Q&A St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Oberschmid on 7-31-2019. 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 St. Louis Park Fire Department: Officer Oberschmid

**NARRATIVE:**

On 7-31-2019 Det. Nybeck conducted a digitally recorded voluntary phone interview of St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Officer Oberschmid. Officer Oberschmid's interview on this date is a supplement to his initial report for Hennepin County case number 19000783 and St. Louis Park PD case number 19000303. This report is a summary of Officer Oberschmid'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 Oberschmid stated that he was assigned to work on 1-19-2019 and that he was dispatched to assist in an OIS (Officer Involved Shooting) in the City of St. Louis Park on this date.

Officer Oberschmid stated that upon his arrival to the incident address (2760 Louisiana Ct.) he was instructed by Lt. Yaekel to meet with him in the left rear bedroom for apartment #7 at the incident scene. Officer Oberschmid stated that Officer Bollinger (SLP FD) and an unknown St. Louis Park police officer were in the left rear bedroom at the time of his arrival.

Officer Oberschmid stated that there was an unknown male (Matthew Tuhkanen) laying on the ground in this bedroom. Officer Oberschmid stated he checked for a pulse on the unknown male and observed the severity of the wounds (two gun shot wounds to the chest) on this individual. Based upon the lack of pulse and severity of the wounds for the unknown male it was determined that he was deceased.

Because the unknown male was deceased Officer Oberschmid exited apartment #7 and then returned to his firefighter vehicle. Officer Oberschmid stated that at some point he learned that Officer Heffernan was the "shooter" in this OIS and that the St. Louis Park Police Department had been to the incident address initially and shortly before a second call of service to this address and the OIS on this date. Officer Oberschmid stated he cannot recall who he heard this information from initially.

**DISPOSITION/FOLLOW UP:**

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## Supplemental Report

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Title: Voluntary Supplemental Q&amp;A SLP Firefighter Brian Oberschmid on 7-31-2019

Created By: Christofer  
Nybeck

Statement of Brian Oberschmid, taken at 14:27 HOURS on 07/30/2019. Questioned by Detective Christofer Nybeck. Steno Anna Villani typing. Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Case No. 19000783.

CLN Detective Christofer Nybeck  
BO Brian Oberschmid

BO Hello this is Brian.

CLN Hey Brian this is Detective Nybeck, is this a good time to talk to you?

BO Yup, yeah. I just got done talking to my partner here. Yup

CLN Line here. Umm...

BO ...yeah, yeah, okay.

CLN Just to let you know that this is recorded, umm, so I'm going to ahhh, I kind of have to start off with ahhh, my names Detective Chris Nybeck, I work for the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, today's date is July 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, it's approximately 9:51 in the morning. I am speaking with Brian Oberschmid from the Saint Loui" Park Fire Department in relation to Hennepin County case number 19000783 and Saint Louis Park PD case number 19000303. Ahhh, Saint Louis Park case number 190000303 is related to an OIS Officer Involved Shooting that occurred in the Saint Louis, or in the city of Saint Louis Park on January 19<sup>th</sup>, involving Samuel Heffernan. Before I ask any questions or we talk further, I'm just letting you know this is a voluntary consensual interview, you don't need to speak to me. Umm, did, you know it's your choice to speak with me and ahhh, additionally I just want ahhh, to make it known that, is it correct that I have not threatened you, coheres you, or demanded that you speak with me, is that correct?

BO That's correct.

CLN Okay. And then, just to let you know that this interview is being recorded, it will be transcribed, a summary report will be generated from this ahhh, interview. And the purpose of this interview is just to learn your actions or to learn like your actions and knowledge's, and your knowledge related to the above listed case number related to the OIS. Does that all make sense?

BO Yes it does.

CLN Okay. Can you chronologically kind of explain to me your involvement in this OIS back on the 19<sup>th</sup>?

BO Okay, ahhh, yup we were ahhh, I was on shift that evening, ahhh and ahhh there was a call for umm, I forgot how it, how it got toned out or, umm, how we were alerted, but the actual wordage of it was but ahhh, we responded to ahhh, shots fired call umm, Lieutenant Yaekel, firefighter Bollinger left in the rescue. Ahhh, and as I was with ahhh, with Billy Brackel, we left in the engine following, in case they needed us. Umm, so they were the primary ahhh, response. They umm, got there,

gosh maybe 30 or 40 seconds before we did. Umm, as soon as they arrived, umm, umm, they ahhh, Lieutenant Yaekel radioed to us that they did indeed need us, umm, and that there was a shooting victim. So, we sped up, turned the light, sirens on, umm and arrived shortly after that ahhh, transmission. Umm, ahhh, I jumped out of the truck, I grabbed ahhh medical gear, we had our umm, both put on our ahhh, bullet see vest, and made our way upstairs. Umm, they ahhh, I, I recall asking one of the officers if the scene was safe, they said yes. I went upstairs and umm, that's where ahhh, Lieutenant Yaekel and umm, Jake were inside the room, there was another officer to the left standing there, umm, but I, I forget his name, but ahhh, and then there would be umm, the patient was laying down, I'm trying to remember, I think he was on his back and in the corner of the room. Umm, I just did a quick, you know, survey of the room, kind of see what was going on. I just, we, we didn't know if it was ahhh, we didn't have much information just that there had been a shooting. Umm, so I went and checked the patient's pulse, there was no pulse, umm, looked at his wounds, umm, just a very alum tie and at that point, you know it's a determined that he was dead, ahhh, so ahhh, he, there wasn't much for me to do so I backed out of the room and went downstairs and ahhh gees at that point, umm, yeah, I can't really remember what happened after that, but I, we were essentially just kind of gathering our, our equipment and, and ahhh, ahhh, our shift Captain at that point came. Ahhh, they responded as well and I, I believe I spoke with him. Umm, and then yup, then we just went back to the vehicle and waited until we were cleared umm, by command.

CLN While you were inside the apartment, and does the address of 2760 Louisiana Court sound familiar?

BO Yes, yes it does.

CLN And to confirm that you went into this apartment 7, sound familiar?

BO Umm, you know I, I can't recall the apartment number. I believe it was up one flight, one or two flights of stairs.

CLN Okay. Umm, do you know where in that apartment the body was recovered and life saving measures were attempted? You know where, where were they located?

BO Umm, it was, I walked in, it was in the back bedroom, umm, you know I can't I, I want to say to the left hand side, umm, but that, he wasn't, he was in the back bedroom and I had you walked in, it would be the back right corner. Umm, and there was a bed to the left.

CLN Okay. Were you able to determine what injuries that individual had sustained?

BO Yeah.

CLN Okay...

BO ...yes...

CLN ... and what...

BO ...it was ahhh, ahhh, two gunshot wounds ahhh to the center mass of the, you know, sternum.

CLN Were you able to ahhh, sorry my other phone was ringing. Umm, was, did you have to remove clothing to see that or could you see that umm, while the clothing was still on?

BO Ahhh, umm, you know what, I, I, I, I seem to recall that the clothing was off, I can't remember if it was cut, if it was cut. Umm, I was there when the tee shirt was cut

off or pulled up. Umm, you know I do apologize I can't remember if it was pulled up but I, I did see the skin, I saw the entrance wounds, umm, so umm, geese, yeah I really can't remember how the shirt or if it was moved up, but umm, I do recall looking for umm additional umm, any type additional wounds. But the ones that just stood out to me were the two right in the center of the chest.

CLN At any point from the point of your arrival to the time of your departure, did you speak with any law enforcement officers whether they were Saint Louis Park Police Department or assisting law enforcement officers ahhh, regarding any specifics about what happened inside that bedroom with the, the deceased?

BO Umm, yeah I think I ahhh, umm, as we got back out to the truck, umm, I know Sam was sitting in ahhh, squad car with another officer, umm and they were to they're parked right in front of our umm, truck, ahhh, the engine. Umm so, yeah I seem to recall asking one of them what had happened umm, or who, you know, who had shot and umm, they, they just said that it was you know, Sam hadn't, it was Sam and umm, gosh there wasn't any, no I didn't, nope, I didn't get any information, you know, just from asking because we're trying to put together what had happened too, and I just, I recall that, there weren't, there weren't any answers essentially. I didn't umm, I didn't leave that scene knowing, you know what happened other than that there was a shooting, umm, ahhh, you know I didn't leave would that be, umm, the previous call from there, there was radio traffic of a domestic dispute earlier so umm, you know we, we put two and two together but ahhh, that it was umm, in relations, relation to that call earlier. Ahhh, but you know, not specially I don't recall tal-i. g to a police officer specifically, umm getting, you know getting any, any type of information.

CLN Okay. Umm, now when you said you spoke with an officer and the officer said that Sam had shot or had shot someone, when you say Sam are you referring to Officer Heffernan?

BO Yes.

CLN Okay and do remember, recall what officer informed you that Officer Heffernan had fired his weapon?

BO Umm, you know I don't actually.

CLN Okay. I don't...

BO ...I apologize.

CLN That that is okay. Umm, I don't have any further questions for you, do you have questions for me?

BO No sir, not I don't.

CLN Okay ahhh, just to wrap it up its 10 o'clock my interview with ahhh Firefighter Oberschmid from the Saint Louis Park Fire Department has concluded. Thank you for ahhh, making yourself available for this interview and ahhh, have a good day.

BO Yes sir, yup let me know if you need anything else.

CLN Alright thank you Brian, bye.

**Supplemental Report**

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Summary Voluntary Supplemental Q&amp;A St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Breckle on 7-31-2019

**Created By:**

Christofer Nybeck

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

This report is a summary of the report titled Voluntary Supplemental Q&A St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Breckle on 7-31-2019. 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 St. Louis Park Fire Department: Officer Breckle

**NARRATIVE:**

On 7-31-2019 Det. Nybeck conducted a digitally recorded voluntary phone interview of St. Louis Park Fire Department Firefighter Officer Breckle. Officer Breckle's interview on this date is a supplement to his initial report for Hennepin County case number 19000783 and St. Louis Park PD case number 19000303. This report is a summary of Officer Breckle'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 Breckle stated he was working on 1-19-2019 and was called out to an OIS (Officer Involved Shooting) that occurred in the City of St. Louis Park on this date.

Officer Breckle stated that upon his arrival to the incident address (2760 Louisiana Ct.) he exited his firefighter vehicle with his partner Officer Oberschmid and entered apartment #7 at the incident address. Officer Breckle stated that he observed Lt. Yaekel and Officer Bollinger (SLP FD) in the rear left bedroom for apartment #7 performing medical assistance to an unknown individual (Matthew Tuhkanen) laying on the floor of this bedroom. Officer Breckle stated he was not able to fully observe the individual on the ground in this bedroom because Lt. Yaekel and Officer Bollinger were over this individual's body and his (Officer Breckle's) view was obstructed.

Officer Breckle stated that he does not recall if Officer Oberschmid left apartment #7 with him but after he left he checked the vital signs for Officer Heffernan who was sitting in a police vehicle parked in the cul de sac in front of the incident address. Officer Breckle stated that when he checked Officer Heffernan's vital signs, Officer Heffernan appeared to be "shaken" at this time. At this time Officer Heffernan did not make any statements to Officer Breckle related to this OIS.

Officer Breckle stated that after he took Officer Heffernan's vital signs at this time he re-entered his firefighter vehicle and departed the incident scene.

**DISPOSITION/FOLLOW UP:**

Pending



## Supplemental Report

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Title: Voluntary Supplemental Q&amp;A SLP Firefighter William Breckle on 7-31-2019

Created By: Christofer  
Nybeck

Statement of William Frank Breckle, DOB: , taken at 09:45 HOURS on July 31<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Questioned by Detective Christofer Nybeck. Steno Samantha Grates typing. Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Case No. 19000783.

CLN Detective Christofer Nybeck  
AVM Automated Voice Message  
WFB William Frank Breckle, Saint Louis Park Firefighter

AVM Your call has been forwarded to automatic voice message system [REDACTED] is not available at the tone please record your message. When you are finished recording you may hang up or press 1 for more options.

CLN Hi William. Detective Nybeck Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. It's about a 09:45 in the morning on a Wednesday returning your email um with the phone number that was on there. If you can please give me a call uh my cellphone number is...

WFB ...Hello is this Detective Nybeck?

CLN Yes is this?

WFB William Breckle sorry I just got. I hit the wrong button on my phone.

CLN Hey no problem you can disregard...

WFB ...I, quick looked I'm like oh that's his, that's his number so.

CLN Okay. You can disregard the half message I sent ya.

WFB Okay.

CLN Say a, thanks for calling me back and...

WFB ...you bet.

CLN Just to let you know that you know since were doing it on the phone I am recording this...

WFB ...yes...

CLN ...and I will generate a report from this.

WFB Okay.

CLN So um just for the report and the transcription. A Detective Nybeck Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. It's Jan- July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 approximately 09:42 in the morning. I am speaking with a, firefighter William Breckle with the Saint Louis Park Police Department in regards to Hennepin County case number 19000783 Saint Louis Park PD case number 19000303. Before I ask you any questions or we start talking here. I just want to let you know that this is a voluntary consensual interview a related to Saint Louis Park PD case number 19000303. Uh this case number is related to an OIS, officer involved shooting occurring in the city Saint Louis Park on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 involving Officer Samuel Heffernan with the Saint Louis Park Police Department. Before I ask you any questions I just wanna [inaudible 02:22]

CLN did not threaten, force you, coerced you, or demanded that you speak to me for this interview is that correct?  
WFB Correct.

CLN Okay uh, the purpose of this interview and the subs-...  
WFB ...before you go any further I think you said, I'm with the fire department not the police department.

CLN Oh you're with the fire department though aren't you?  
WFB Yeah I'm with the fire department. But I think you said William Breckle with the police and I'm not. And with the fire department not with the police department of Saint Louis Park so...

CLN ...okay...  
WFB ...I just wanted to make sure that was correct on your transcript.

CLN Nope I appreciate thank you.  
WFB Okay.

CLN Um the purpose of this interview and the subsequent accompanying report a based upon this interview is to supplemental information related to your original report regarding your actions and knowledge in relation to the above case number. Ahh do you have any questions before start?  
WFB No.

CLN Okay um were you working as a firefighter on January 19<sup>th</sup> of this year?  
WFB Yes.

CLN At some point where you called out to a specific call in the city of Saint Louis Park?  
WFB Uh regarding this incident yes I was.

CLN Okay um did you, you arrived on scene I think the scene address is 2760 Louisiana Court?  
WFB Um I believe that's correct yes.

CLN And upon arrival kind of what were your actions? What were your observations?  
WFB Um there were several emergency vehicles there I believe. And I believe that [inaudible 03:58] and another fire truck um. I got out of the fire-, uh the small rescue which I arrived in. Um had my uh we wear these tactical um kind of a shooter vest. I had that dawned on um prior to my arrival um went around the back of my truck grabbed our medical bags and proceeded to the entrance of the building...

CLN ...did you...?  
WFB ...with my, with my partner.

CLN Who was your partner?  
WFB Uh Brian Oberschmid.

CLN So you and your partner entered 2760. Did you guys subsequently enter apartment number 7?  
WFB Yes.

CLN Okay upon entering apartment number 7 what did you observe?

WFB Uh I observed um, firefighter, uh Lieutenant Dan Yaekel and Firefighter Jake uh, Bolinger assessing the patient. Um I seen that the patient was lying on the floor. Um at that time I was asked to escort uh no I went out at that time. I left because there was nothing to be done there. I went out and I took Officer Sam to his squad or a squad, and took vitals at the time.

CLN When you were in apartment number 7. Where was the body located that you were referring too?

WFB At the base of bed.

CLN Uh which bed, or which room?

WFB Oh boy. The room that the, I believe the incident took place in.

CLN Would that...

WFB ...I didn't get to, I think it was a bedroom.

CLN Okay would it be down the hallway in the last bedroom on the left?

WFB Um I'm just trying to think it's been so long since I've. Uh down the hallway on the left yes correct.

CLN Uh could you, when you observed the body did you observe a, dead body or did the individual appear to be alive, passed out, or deceased?

WFB Deceased.

CLN And...

WFB ...appeared [inaudible 06:20] deceased yes.

CLN Uh could you tell what may have caused that individuals death?

WFB Uh no because at the time all I could see was his face and firefighter Jacob Bolinger was kind of leaning over him loo+ing for breath sounds and just checking for uh, a pulse and stuff.

CLN And I'm sorry did you make the determination that your assistance wasn't, your assistance wasn't needed in the bedroom? Or were you informed by the firefighter's already there that your assistance wasn't needed?

WFB My assistance. Uh by the other firefighters already in there.

CLN So when you, how about with your partner um Oberschmid. Was he, did he also leave with ya?

WFB I do not recall.

CLN When you exited the apartment you said you escorted Officer Heffernan to a squad...

WFB ...no I did, nope I did not escort him. As I left um and walked out he I'm not sure where Officer uh Sam Heffernan, Heffernan was at the time but I know uh he was inside building or outside the building. Um I did make contact with him and I think it was another police officer whom I'm not sure. Said "Hey could you check his vitals?" And at that time I went with Officer Heffernan to a squad we sat in the passenger side of the squad and I took his blood pressure, his heart rate, and his pulse or not his pulse, [inaudible 07:57] his O2.

CLN Alright at that time did Officer Heffernan then make any statements to you?

WFB No.

CLN What was Officer Heffernan general physical and if you can determine mental state at that time?

WB He seemed shaken.

CLN Okay. After you took his vitals what did you do next?

WFB Um I asked him how he was doing um I closed the door and I said why don't you wait here. And then um I went over and spoke with Hennepin County, and gave them my findings.

CLN After you did that. What did you do next?

WFB Uh at that time we were cleared. And we gotten in a...

CLN ...you...

WFB ...we got a...

CLN ...returned back to the fire station?

WFB Correct.

CLN Okay. Um. I'm, I'm sorry real quick..I, can I get your rank, and then you're full name please?

WFB Uh William Frank Breckle.

CLN And how have you been a firefighter with the city of Saint Louis Park?

WFB Full time four years, part time ten years.

CLN Have you worked for a previous fire department before Saint Louis Park?

WFB No.

CLN Okay do you have any further questions? Do you have any questions for me?

WFB Nope.

CLN Okay I don't have any for you. It is approximately 9:50 my interview with Mr. Breckle's concluded.

WFB Thank you.

CLN Thank you for calling me making the time I appreciate it...

WFB ...you bet...

CLN ...and uh...

WFB ...thanks...

CLN ...have a great day!

WFB You as well thanks.

CLN Bye.

WFB Bye.