

DIGITAL BRIEFING SCRIPT (updated 8/29/2022)
(Homicide, Robbery, Sex Crimes, Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Etc.)

[The following information may have been gathered in a rapidly changing and stressful environment. Much of the information was gathered second or third hand. This information is provided as a snapshot in time to allow detectives to begin their comprehensive investigation. All information in this document is preliminary and subject to change as the investigation progresses.]

Briefing By (Name/ID/Unit): Thomas C. McGrath Jr. #7100/ 823S2

BASIC INFORMATION:

Incident #: 25040019779 Case #:
Time of Call: 1521 Entered into dispatch: 1521 Dispatched: 1522
Original Call Type: 415W HC
Location: [REDACTED] Beat: 712
Weather Conditions: cloudy Approx Temperature: 65

BRIEF IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PARTICIPANTS

(This is a short identification to help detectives understand the summary. Only list major witnesses here necessary to understand the summary. Identifying information goes in another section)

EXAMPLES: Victim: Unidentified white male appears to be in his 50s
 Witness: Lara Croft, neighbor next door who saw incident

Victim #1:

Victim #2:

Addl Victims:

Suspect #1: Enrique Cortez Jr

Suspect #2:

Addl Suspects:

Witness #1:

Witness #2:

Witness #3:

Addl Witnesses:

Officer:

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SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

Briefly summarize any background information, related calls, how we got involved, what we have done, what we have learned from evidence/witnesses. The goal of the brief is to ensure that investigators are up to speed and can begin their investigation with all the relevant information.

At 1521 hours, Southern patrol officers responded to a 415W-HC in the are of [REDACTED] in the City of San Diego. (Beat 712) The reporting party, [REDACTED], called into SDPD Communications to report a male outside yelling with a rifle in his jacket.

The suspect was described as a HMA L30-40'S BRWN DS HAT BLK JACKET DRK PANTS // BY HIMSELD // ARRIVED IN WHT F150 [REDACTED].

At 1528 hours, [REDACTED] reported to communications that "1 round was fired" and "pointed it at someone." Cortez Jr fired into the ground with a handgun after a breif confrontation with an unknown subject on a bike.

Southern Division Officers arrived and located Cortez Jr. in the area. Officers Holtcamp and Hermosillo made callouts to Cortez Jr but he ignored their commands.

At 1528 hours, Cortez Jr entered his white 1997 Ford F-150 [REDACTED] and fled the location where additional gunfire was heard from the vehicle.

At 1531 hours, A PRT Assist was requested

Cortez Jr fled eastbound to the I-5N freeway and officers engaged in a pursuit. Cortez Jr fled northbound on the I-5N freeway, swerving in to all lanes of traffic. On I-5N, at the I-15 connector, Cortez Jr attempted to hit another patrol vehicle conducting a traffic break on the left shoulder. A backpack was thrown from the vehicle and later recoovered by 710PT.

At 1546 hours, Cortez Jr parked his vehicle in the middle of the traffic lanes on the I-5N, just south of the B St/Persing Ave exit. Cortez Jr refused to park the vehicle and continue to evade offciers off the freeway. Cortez Jr exited onto the Persing Ave exit and continued on surface streets in Central Division.

Cortez Jr entered 800 26th Street, from eastbound E St and attempted to reverse out of the dead-end. Cortez Jr rammed the back-end of his truck into the K-9 patrol vehicle of Officer Nelson #7443. Offcier Nelson sustained minor injuries to the left side of his face.

At 1552 hours, Cortez Jr drove forward and ran his vehicle at a high rate of speed into the residence located at [REDACTED] 26th Street. A PRT vehicle was used to box in Cortez Jr as he was accelerating the vehicle tires in reverse to move the patrol vehicle. Cortez Jr refused to exit the vehicle and was given mutiple commands by the contact team and K9 admonishments from the K9 officers.

At 1552 hours, Officer Brian Shields (handgun) and Officer Richard Curtis (AR15) shot at Cortez Jr. in the patrol vehicle.

At 1556 hours, PRT Officers made contact with the vehicle and removed Cortez Jr. from the vehicle and performed life saving measures. Cortez Jr. was pronounced

deceased at the scene by Dr. Minns at UCSD at 1612 hours. An AR-15 style rifle was observed in the front passenger seat of the truck.

Southern Division supervisor and officer are following up on the original crime.

EVIDENCE:

100 Blanche St - small caliber casing located 714Q
I-5N@15 - Suspect's backpack / 710PT2

OTHER AGENCIES/SPECIALIZED UNITS (E.G. SWAT, MAST) INVOLVED:

SWAT PRT, K9

RESPONDING OFFICERS:

First Officer On Scene: 714Q at 1528 hours

Officer: Holtcamp	ID: 1801	Unit: 714Q
Officer: Hermosillo	ID: 1808	Unit: 714Q
Officer: Adieh	ID: 7499	Unit: 712Z2
Officer: Zambrano	ID: 7870	Unit: 712Z2
Officer:	ID:	Unit:
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Additional Officers:

REPORTING PARTY:

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

MEDICS:

Paramedic Unit: 11

Engine: 11

Transported Victim to: N/A

Additional Info:

*** Make sure the paramedics' names/info obtained by dispatch and added to event

Any other information to add:

***** FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW FOR ALL MAJOR PARTIES. DURING THE BRIEF, STOP HERE AND ALLOW FOR THE INVESTIGATORS TO ASK QUESTIONS. NO NEED TO READ OFF THE REST OF THE BIOGRAPHICAL DATA UNLESS THERE IS A REASON TO OR ASKED BY THE DETECTIVES *****

INVOLVED PARTY (select): Witness if other, please describe:

Name: [REDACTED]

How identified: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Race: [REDACTED] Sex: [REDACTED] Ht: [REDACTED] Wt: [REDACTED]

DL: [REDACTED]

SSN:

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Brief Statement: [REDACTED] returned home from work at 1500 hours and called in incident. [REDACTED] was in his livingroom and could see onto 100 Blanche St. [REDACTED] recognized the vehicle and suspect from night or day prior parked in an area known for narcotics activity. [REDACTED] observes the suspect go to tailgate and pull out tire without the rim. [REDACTED] sees something in tire and recognizes a rifle magazine in the middle of tire sticking out. Suspect puts tire down on the ground then picks up the tire into truck. The suspect immediately produces a rifle without a stock out of the back of the truck. The suspect attempted to put the rifle under each arm under his black jacket to attempt to conceal the weapon.

The suspect walks around the truck several times, then goes to driver side of the vehicle and placed rifle on driver seat. The suspect immediately produces a handgun from the driver seat and holds it in his right hand. An unknown victim on a bike contacts suspect and a verbal altercation ensues. The verbal altercation was brief and the victim was heard saying "You aren't going to shoot me with that" and "You're not going to pull the trigger." As the victim is riding off, the suspect lifts gun below parallel (about 45 degree angle) and fired 1 round in the biker's direction.

The victim is no longer in the area and suspect placed handgun in vehicle. Suspect retrieves the rifle and attempts to conceal rifle again in his open coat. The suspect is walking around his truck and appears to be talking to himself. An unknown vehicle, possibly a white Subaru Forester, drives into the area and sees the suspect with rifle. The vehicle backs out of the area and the suspect positioned himself on a knee behind a nearby lightpole, as if to use it as cover. The vehicle is no longer in the area and suspect places the rifle into the truck by leaning over the driver seat, into the passenger seat.

Suspect then gets into his truck and drives east on 100 Blanche St. He suddenly stops, then backs up on Blanche to his original location. [REDACTED] hears officers giving commands, unknown what is said. The suspect gets out of car and goes to the back of the truck, then back into the driver's seat. He places both hands out the window and hits the side of the car several times before driving eastbound on Blanche St.

Current Location: [REDACTED]

With officer: Wilson #7900

Victim pronounced by: [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] hours

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Vehicle location:

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