

Supplemental Report

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Title: St. Louis Park Fire Report - Nestrud

Created By: Aaron Nestrud

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

SYNOPSIS:

This report pertains to the receipt and review of the incident report from St. Louis Park Fire regarding this incident.

OFFICERS INVOLVED:

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

NARRATIVE:

On 1-25-2019 I, Det. Nestrud received via email a pdf file from S. Rasmussen, Fire Administration - St. Louis Park Fire Department. The pdf file is a incident report completed by Lt. Yaekel of the St. Louis Park Fire Department. The report is consistent with his recorded interview. For greater details refer to the complete report attached to this investigation under the media section.

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Title: Additional Report from St. Louis Park Fire showing staff assigned to scene - Nestrud

Created By: Aaron

Nestrud

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

SYNOPSIS:

This report pertains to the receipt and review of an additional report from St. Louis Park Fire regarding this incident. This report lists all staff assigned to the response.

OFFICERS INVOLVED:

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

NARRATIVE:

On 1-31-2019 I, Det. Nestrud received via email a pdf file from S. Rasmussen, Fire Administration - St. Louis Park Fire Department. The pdf file is a report listing all St. Louis Park Fire Department responders assigned to the response. For greater details refer to the complete report, it has been added to the media section.

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Title: Digitally Recorded Int. Yaekel (SLP Fire) Command Truck - 1-20-19 - Nestrud

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

SYNOPSIS:

This report pertains to a digitally recorded interview of a potential witness regarding this death investigation.

OFFICERS INVOLVED:

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

NARRATIVE:

On 1-19-2019 I, Det. Aaron Nestrud was assigned to assist with the death investigation of Matthew Neil Tuhkanen (dob 8-4-1983). I arrived on scene and was tasked with conducting a digitally recorded interview of the two St. Louis Park Rescue Fire Fighters. This report will be a summary of one of the interviews. This complete interview will be saved to the main case file and media section for future evidentiary value.

At about 12:12 AM on 1-20-2019 I met with St. Louis Park Fire Fighter Lt. Daniel Erwin Yaekel (dob 4-20-1963) inside the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office command truck which was located at the scene of the incident, 2760 Louisiana Ct. St. Louis Park, MN.

Yaekel stated that he was employed by the St. Louis Park Fire Department and that his 24 hour shift began on 1-19-19 at 7:30 AM and will end at 7:30 AM on 1-20-19. Yaekel stated he has been employed by the St. Louis Park Fire Department for about 26 years.

Yaekel stated that as they arrived on scene at 2760 Louisiana Ct. they observed 2 St. Louis Park Police Officers outside the apartment building who directed them to apartment #7. Yaekel stated they entered apartment #7 and his partner "Jake" (Jacob Charles Bolinger dob 12-19-1991) entered the room first. Yaekel stated that he observed that Police Officers were performing CPR on Tuhkanen. Yaekel stated that Bolinger checked for a pulse and could not locate a pulse. Yaekel stated he observed what appeared to be 3 gun shot wounds to Tuhkanen, 2 wounds that were center mass and 1 wound near the shoulder.

Yaekel stated that called the time of death at about 6:25 PM. Yaekel stated they left the apartment somewhere between 6:27 PM and 6:30 PM.

Yaekel stated that he did not observe any weapons nor did he remove any weapons from the scene.

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Title: Q & A for Lt. Daniel Yaekel DOB 4-20-1963 on 1-20-2019 - Nestrud

Created By: Aaron Nestrud

Statement of Daniel Erwin Yaekel, DOB: 04/27/1963, taken at 00:17 HOURS on 01/20/2019. Questioned by Detective Nestrud. Steno Anna Villani typing. Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Case No. 19000783.

ADN Detective Aaron Nestrud

DEY Lieutenant Daniel Erwin Yaekel

ADN Alright, todays date is January 20th 2019, the time now is 12:17am, Detective Nestrud in the negotiator vehicle, which is parked outside the residence, ah, where this officer involved shooting occurred earlier on the 19th. I am with, can you give me your full name?

DEY Lieutenant Daniel Yaekel Y-A-E-K-E-L.

ADN And, uh, do you have a middle name?

DEY Erwin E-R-W-I-N.

ADN Okay, and how about a date of birth?

DEY 4-27-63.

ADN Okay, and how about a phone number if I needed to get ahold of you for any follow-up?

DEY 763-300-8625.

ADN Alright, um, it's my understanding you're in the employment of the St Louis Park Fire Department?

DEY Yes.

ADN Okay, and you've said your currently hold the, the title, the rank of Lieutenant with them, how long have you work for, ah, St Louis Park Fire Department?

DEY Ah 26 years.

ADN 26 years. And you're on duty ah, on the 19th? January 19th...?

DEY ...yes...

ADN ...yesterday? Last night? Um, well, were you on the same schedule as the other um...?

DEY Yes.

ADN Okay, so yesterday your, your shift began at 7:30am and will end today at 7:30am?

DEY Correct.

ADN Okay, um, during that time you were dispatched to a call, um, at this, at this address, ah, this location, regarding ah, a possible shooting, is that correct?

DEY Correct.

ADN Okay. Ah, can you just describe ah, when you guys arrived, ah, do you know possibly arrived at?

DEY Around 18:20.

ADN So around 18:20 you arrived um, you guys were directed to the apartment, um, can you just kind of walk through that and give me some, any, any observations or anything that maybe stood out in your mind when you arrived?

DEY Um, well we exited the rescue truck, and there were two officers standing outside so they directed us to apartment seven. Um, so we grabbed our medical bag and oxygen bag and just went up to that apartment. Um, called out, you know at the door we called out, and we're entering and the police, we could hear them in the back bedroom, they called us, and we got into the back bedroom and saw, them performing chest compressions and, and ventilations with the bagged belt mask. And um, Jake got in there first so he checked for, so he checked for a pulse, there was no pulse, no, um, we could see three, um, what appeared to be gunshot wounds were, you know, two center mass and one out higher.

ADN Your shoulder area?

DEY Yeah.

ADN You kind of pointed to it. Okay

DEY Yeah.

ADN Um, any other observations of the room, did you notice anything that the officers, I mean, anything the officers might have said that stood out to you? Um, any of the comments by female, I don't know if she was still on scene...

DEY ...she wasn't...

ADN ...she wasn't there, present...?

DEY ...no.

ADN Um, you guys were, let me just back up, so you guys arrived around 18:20?

DEY Yes.

ADN Um, you guys, ah, performed your, your checks and stuff and kind of going through and seeing the massive trauma to him, and then what appeared to be gunshot wounds, do you know what time you guys might have, ah, called, um, the time of death? Around about, I'm not...

DEY ...we're thinking 18:25...

ADN ...around 18:25?

DEY Yeah.

ADN Okay, um, so you, do you know what time you guys ended up leaving the apartment? Around?

DEY Right around 18, I mean it was within a couple minutes, so 18:27...

ADN ...okay...

DEY ...or 18:30 at the latest.

ADN Alright, did, did you guys notice anything else in the apartment, um, any other weapons on the ground, or anything...

DEY ...no...

ADN ...on him while you were working on him? Anything in his waist band or in his pants or anything? You guys didn't see ...

DEY ... no...

ADN or move anything?

DEY No.

ADN Okay. Left scene, okay anything else you think would be important for me to know as I investigate this ah, this shooting? Anything else that stands out in your mind or you think would be important? Okay.

DEY I don't think so.

ADN Okay, well we're going to end the interview. Time now is 12:22am January 20th. Thank you.

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Title: Digitally Recorded Int. Bolinger (SLP Fire) Command Truck 1-20-19 - Nestrud

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

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NARRATIVE:

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At about 12:12 AM on 1-20-2019 I met with St. Louis Park Fire Fighter Jacob Charles Bolinger (dob 12-19-1991) inside the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office command truck which was located at the scene of the incident, 2760 Louisiana Ct. St. Louis Park, MN.

Bolinger stated that he was employed by the St. Louis Park Fire Department and that his 24 hour shift began on 1-19-19 at 7:30 AM and will end at 7:30 AM on 1-20-19. Bolinger stated that he and his partner were dispatched to a possible gun shot victim at 2760 Louisiana Ct. Bolinger stated that they arrived around 6:20 PM and were directed by Police Officers on scene to apartment #7. Bolinger stated that entered apartment #7 and located Police Officers performing CPR on a male. Bolinger stated that it appeared to him that the male, identified as Tuhkanen had sustained significant trauma.

Bolinger stated that they learned from the Police Officers that Tuhkanen had been shot. Bolinger stated that he observed that Tuhkanen had no pulse, no breathing and a very ashen color.

Bolinger stated that they believe time of death was called at 6:25 PM.

After interviewing Bolinger's partner, I had a follow up question for Bollinger. The additional conversation was also digitally recorded and labeled as Bolinger interview #2 and occurred around 12:24 AM.

I asked Bolinger if he observed any weapons in the area of Tuhkanen or overheard any details from Officers on scene. Bolinger stated that he does not remember any weapons but that he was tasked with medical care and was focused "solely" on patient care.

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Title: Q & A for Jacob Bolinger 12-19-1991 on 1-20-2019 - Nestrud

Created By: Aaron Nestrud

Statement of Jacob Charles Bolinger, DOB: 12/19/1991, taken at 00:12 HOURS on 01/20/2019. Questioned by Detective Nestrud. Steno Anna Villani typing. Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Case No. 19000783.

ADN Detective Aaron Nestrud

JCB Jacob Charles Bolinger

ADN Alright, todays date is January 20th, 2019 time now is 12:12am. This is Detective Nestrud. On scene at St. Louis Park officer involved shooting and I'm here with, ah, can you give me your full name?

JCB Yup, Jacob Bolinger B-O-L-I-N-G-E-R.

ADN What about a middle name?

JCB Charles

ADN Alright, and date of birth?

JCB 12-19-1991.

ADN Alright, how about a phone number if I need to get ahold of you?

JCB 641-590-3670.

ADN 3670. Alright and my understanding your employed with the St. Louis Park um, Fire Department?

JCB Yes sir.

ADN Alright and you're on shift today?

JCB Yes sir.

ADN Ur, yesterday the 19th?

JCB Yup.

ADN Um, what a, what was your shift? When did it start?

JCB It starts at 7:30am and goes till 7:30am the next day, so 24 hour shift.

ADN Okay, and the next day. How long you been employed with those guys?

JCB Ah, 2 years now with the Fire Department.

ADN 2 years, alright. Um, so today on, or yesterday the 19th, ah your, you had a call to report to um, this address here in St. Louis Park ah, to apartment number seven?

JCB Yes sir.

ADN Ah, do you know what was, what was the reason for the call?

JCB Uh, we had a call for possible shootings.

ADN Okay. Um, when you arrived, and can you tell me about anything when you arrived?

JCB Yup, so when we arrived we saw two St. Louis Park police officers standing outside the building. Upon exiting ah, rescue two, which is what we responded in, uh, one of the officers said get inside apartment number 7 or something of like.

ADN Okay.

JCB So we went up to the door, we had community service officer let us in, and when we continued into apartment number 7.

ADN Okay. You guys ah, you made entry into, uh, into the apartment, um what you, what you encounter when you entered the apartment?

JCB Um, upon entering the apartment, we announced ourselves as St. Louis Park Fire Department, ah, we heard the police officers calling from the back bedroom, ah, all rang out with us where they were, we went back there with our medical equipment and we observed uh, the officers doing CPR on a male patient laying on the floor.

ADN Okay, and he did appear to of suffered a gunshot wound, is that what you...

JCB ...uh, it was...

ADN ...appeared?

JCB Yeah, it was very evident as one we walked in, the, the male was very ashen, uh was pulseless, I went up and checked that and apneic, he was not breathing. He had everything the signs of somebody who ah, had sustained some significant trauma to the torso.

ADN Sure.

JCB I ask the officers as they were still doing CPR, what had happened. And that's when we were informed of that, the patient was on the floor, blank spine, had ah, taken some gunshot wounds to the torso area.

ADN Okay.

JCB Um, looking at that, I immediately observed two, ah, center chest and one would be upper like peck, ah, so I evaluated that. Checked for a pulse, still no pulse, ah, still no signs of breathing any those signs from the traumatic gunshot wounds, they're not sustainable for any type of life. Ah, and you could tell with the ash in color wave that was in there. That all.

ADN Okay. Um, so in my notes here I had, do you what, to what time you approximately arrived on scene?

JCB Approximately it be 18:20.

ADN Okay. Um, do you know what time, ah, that ah, that you guys believe that maybe you called the time of death? Or time of death was possibly called, around about figure?

JCB I'd say for a roundabout figure, with everything going on, it was about 18:25.

ADN Okay. Um, anything else any other observations or anything you could review

important for me, as an investigator, the shootings that you know? Did you observe anything, ah, did any other statements you heard?

JCB No sir.

ADN Okay. Alright well I think that's all I have, um, the time now is 12:16am January 20th. Detective Nestrud, we're in the negotiating vehicle outside the residence regarding this OIC.

Additional follow-up questions, recording #2

Statement of Jacob Charles Bolinger, DOB: 12/19/1991, taken at 00:24 HOURS on 01/20/2019. Questioned by Detective Nestrud.

ADN Alright, this is Detective Nestrud, date is 1-20-2019, and the time now is 12:24am. So a follow-up question with St. Louis Park Fire Department employee Jacob Bolinger

JCB Yes, correct.

ADN Alright, um, so I interviewed you just a little bit ago, and ah, I had an additional question, I was just curious, when you guys had made entry into the room, and officers were performing CPR, did you notice any weapons or see any, any ah, anything, did anybody talk about any weapons?

JCB Did not hear anything and I did not see anything but I was focused solely just on...

ADN ...sure...

JCB ...the patient...

ADN ...on the patient. Okay, you did, you didn't find anything like when you were performing a checks on him or CPR on him or on the patient, you didn't feel anything?

JCB No sir.

ADN Okay

JCB Looking out, resuscitation.

ADN Sounds good, but yeah your, your focused on patient care, so you weren't...

JCB ...absolutely...

ADN ...looking for that kind of stuff. Okay, well that sounds good, that's all I had.