

**Rapid City Police Department Shooting Summary detailing events that took place
on August 2, 2011**

On 8-2-2011, the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation was called upon by the Rapid City Police Department to conduct an investigation into an officer involved shooting that occurred at the intersection of Greenbriar St. and East Anamosa. The shooting resulted in the death of Officers Ryan McCandless and Nick Armstrong. Officer Tim Doyle further received serious injuries from a gunshot wound to his face. The suspect, Daniel Tiger was shot during the confrontation and later died from his injuries. The following information is a synopsis of the events that occurred on 8-2-2011, as determined by the investigation that was conducted by the Division of Criminal Investigation and the Pennington County Sheriff's Office.

On 8-2-11, Officers Armstrong, McCandless and Doyle were on patrol in the area of Greenbriar St. and East Anamosa. After receiving information that persons were drinking alcohol, Officer Doyle observed four individuals walking westbound on East Anamosa. These individuals appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and were in possession of alcohol.

At approximately 4:20 pm, Officer Doyle arrived in a marked police unit and made contact with these four individuals at the intersection of Greenbriar St. and East Anamosa. A short time later, Officer Armstrong on bicycle and Officer McCandless in a marked police unit arrived on scene. During initial contact, Officer Doyle was able to confirm the identity of three of the individuals present. One of these three individuals was in possession of a sealed bottle of whiskey. Officer Armstrong was standing next to the fourth individual, later identified as Daniel Tiger. Tiger was in possession of an unsealed bottle of vodka. Tiger was being uncooperative and providing a false name and date of birth that did not match with police records. Officers Doyle, Armstrong and McCandless were suspicious of Tiger because the information he was providing was false. The three individuals that were positively identified were told that they were free to leave and the Officers' focus turned entirely to Tiger. The officers were in the process of identifying Tiger in relation to his open container.

At approximately 4:30 pm, Officer Doyle began walking from his patrol car to the location where Officer Armstrong and Tiger were located. Officer Armstrong was standing on the sidewalk approximately 5-6 feet from Tiger. Officer Doyle was approximately 7-10 feet from Tiger. Officer McCandless was located approximately 30 feet behind Officer Doyle. Tiger then pulled out a concealed Dan Wesson .357 caliber revolver from his waist line area and began shooting at the Officers present. A crime scene depicting the approximate locations at the time Tiger began shooting is attached as Exhibit A.

Tiger's first shot hit Officer Armstrong in the left side of his chest, just left of his bullet proof vest, immediately incapacitating him. Officer Armstrong had drawn his duty weapon, but was not able to return fire and fell to the ground. Tiger immediately turned

in the direction of Officer Doyle, and fired another round. Officer Doyle was hit in the left side of his face. Officer Doyle fell to the ground, but was able to recover enough to fire one round at Tiger. After firing one round, Officer Doyle fell back to the ground. It is undetermined if Officer Doyle's round struck Tiger. Tiger then continued to move and fire in the direction of Officer McCandless. During this exchange of gun fire, Officer McCandless received a fatal gunshot to the left side of his chest, just to the left of his bullet proof vest. Officer McCandless was able to return fire and shot a total of 14 rounds before collapsing in the street. Tiger was incapacitated during the shooting after being struck two times. Tiger later died of his injuries.

During the course of the gun fire exchanged, there were several 911 calls received by dispatch from witnesses at the scene. While Tiger was at the shooting scene and being attended to by law enforcement and emergency personnel, he made statements that he was the one that shot the police and that he was sorry for what he did. An examination of the .357 revolver used by Tiger revealed five spent casings and one unspent cartridge with a light primer strike in the cylinder.

A canvass of the neighborhood identified several witnesses to this event. All identified witnesses were interviewed.

The 3 individuals, two males and one female, that were present with Tiger at the time law enforcement made contact with them were interviewed. They confirmed prior to being stopped by law enforcement they were with Tiger at a local park drinking alcohol. They all decided to go to another area and continue to drink. While walking down East Anamosa they were contacted by law enforcement.

During this contact, the first individual advised that the three were allowed to leave after the police checked their names. Just before leaving, the first individual observed Tiger pull out a gun from his waist band and shoot numerous times in rapid succession at the officers.

The second individual of the three advised that during the stop with law enforcement, Tiger pulled out a gun and shot two times very quickly and then continued shooting in different directions. This individual stated that the police officers did nothing to provoke the shooting. This individual advised that when the shooting started, one of the police officers present told him to get down and pushed him out of the way. It was unsure to that individual as what officer made that command.

The third individual of the three stated that the three of them were being released from the area. She noticed that Tiger became paranoid after he gave the officers a fake name. The officers then focused their attention on Tiger. When she began walking away, she heard gun shots and then heard someone yelling "Get down, get down". She turned around and saw an officer, believed to be Officer McCandless, walking backwards into the street firing his weapon. She observed the officer get shot in the upper left side of his body. After being shot, the officer again told her to get down, and he then collapsed in the road way. She advised that the officers did nothing to provoke the shooting.

There were 50 other individuals interviewed as witnesses in relation to this event. Their statements were consistent with the statements from the three subjects that were stopped by law enforcement and the physical evidence obtained during the crime scene investigation. Specific statements identified the fact that the demeanor of Tiger and the police officers present was very calm and non-confrontational, with no physical contact. That quickly changed when witnesses say Tiger pulled a gun out and started shooting at the police officers. Witnesses also stated that the police officers did not have their guns out until Tiger started shooting at them.

One witness disclosed to investigators that she had conversation with Tiger on July 29, 2011, which he disclosed the following: he wanted to die because he had no job, no home, and nothing to live for; he was facing prison time if he got caught and did not want to go to prison; he wanted to go out with a bang; and asked the witness if she ever heard of suicide by cop because that is how he wanted to die. Another witness similarly disclosed that Tiger had recently stated he would rather die before he goes back to prison.

On 8-3-11, an autopsy was conducted on Officer Ryan McCandless. The result showed that Officer McCandless died from a single gunshot to the chest.

On 8-4-11, an autopsy was conducted on Daniel Tiger. According to the autopsy report, Tiger received two gunshot wounds. The first gunshot wound was identified as being to the left side of his pelvic area and exited out his left buttock area. The second gunshot wound was to his right elbow. The bullet passed through after breaking his arm. Tiger's blood alcohol content at the time he arrived at the hospital by ambulance was .098 and a drug screen tested positive for the presence of marijuana.

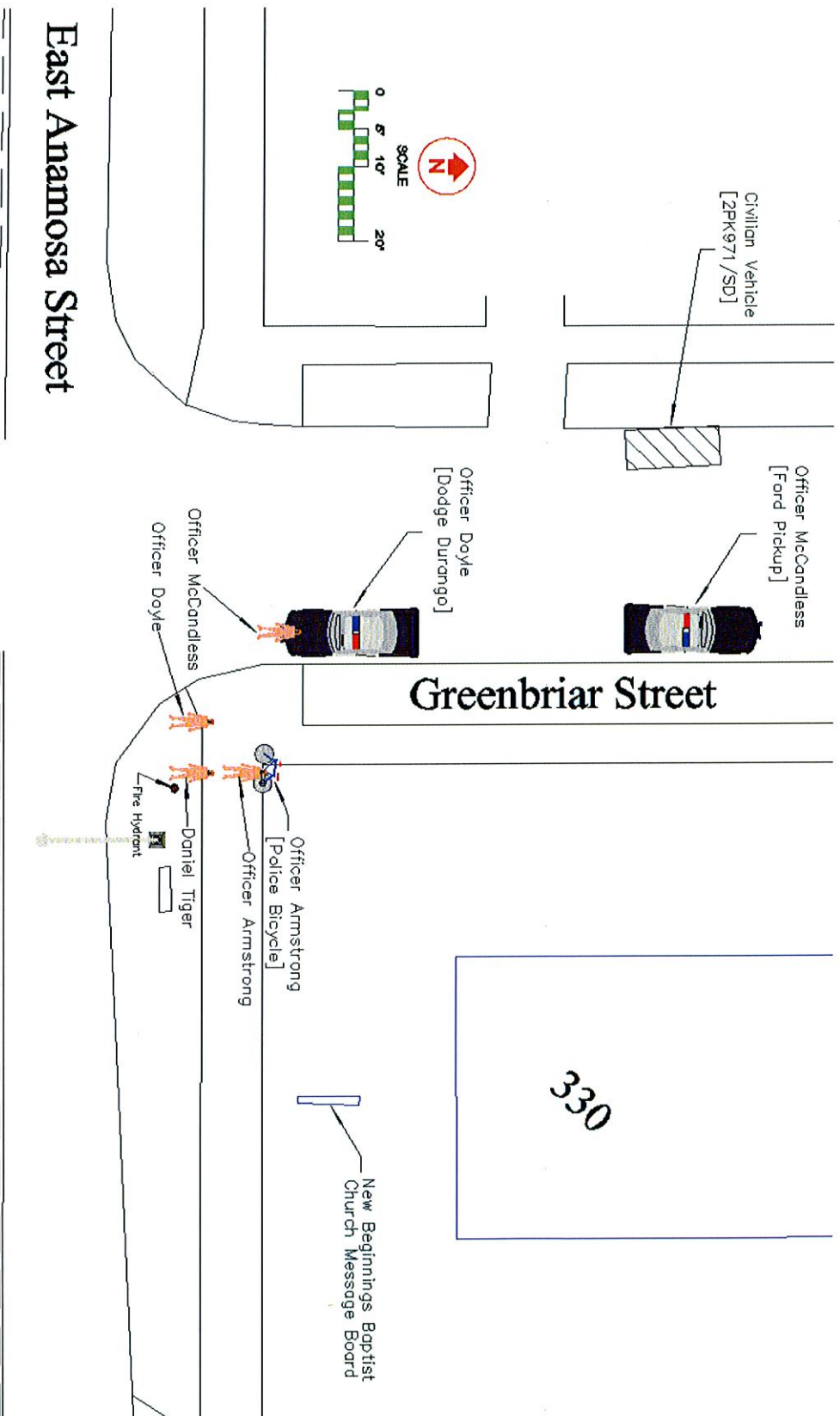
On 8-8-11, an autopsy was conducted on Officer Nick Armstrong. The result showed that Officer Armstrong died from a single gunshot to the chest.

The crime scene investigation conducted by the Division of Criminal Investigation is consistent with statements made by Officer Tim Doyle and the witnesses interviewed.

The Division of Criminal Investigation conducted a criminal history check on Daniel Tiger. It was determined that Tiger had been arrested approximately 15 times between January 2007 to July 2011; at least three arrests involved threatening or assaulting/resisting a law enforcement officer. A background check after the shooting incident revealed that Tiger was a suspect for the recent Dakota Middle School burglary as well as the armed robbery that occurred at the Circle S convenience store approximately two weeks prior to this shooting incident. Additionally, approximately two weeks prior to this incident, Tiger was arrested by the Rapid City Police Department after he approached police officers with a concealed knife.

It is the conclusion of this report and the Attorney General that the Officers were justified in firing their weapons and using lethal force.

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*The locations of the Officers and Subject, immediately prior to the shooting, are approximations based on evidence and interviews.