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RE: October 8, 2021 Incident

On Friday, October 8, 2021, at approximately 3:28 AM, the Altoona Police Department responded to a report of a male subject who was “acting strange” and standing on top of a vehicle, causing damage. The complainant was an employee of the business who owned the vehicle being damaged.

Altoona Officers Leah Wolff and Kim Schuch along with Eau Claire County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Wollum arrived on the scene and contacted the subject, who was later identified as 43-year-old Demetrio A. Jackson. Officers were concerned about Jackson's behaviors, believing he might be under the influence of narcotics. Altoona officers spoke with Jackson for approximately 45 minutes and offered to call an ambulance upon belief he was under the influence of narcotics. Officers continuously tried to determine his name and gather information about what took place.

During this time, Jackson was incoherently mumbling various names and was uncooperative in providing information. Officers were able to identify Jackson through dispatch and determined he was on probation and parole for possession of methamphetamine. Officers contacted probation and parole, who advised they wanted Jackson arrested for a probation violation.

Officers approached Jackson and advised him he was under arrest for a probation violation and attempted to take Jackson into custody. Jackson resisted arrest and began running from officers. Officers pursued Jackson, giving him a lawful order to stop. When Jackson stopped running from officers, he turned towards an officer and charged, at which time the officer deployed her Taser.

Following the Taser deployment, officers again attempted to take Jackson into custody. Jackson continued to resist arrest and struggle with officers; therefore, the officer deployed the Taser a second time which had no effect on Jackson. Officers continued to try to arrest Jackson while Jackson continued to resist. The Taser was deployed a third time which had an effect; however, officers were still unsuccessful in securing Jackson. Following the Taser deployment per protocol, officers requested EMS respond to the location to evaluate Jackson, but because Jackson was not secure, EMS was advised to stage. Officers disengaged with Jackson and de-escalated the situation while calling for additional backup.

Additional Eau Claire Police Department Officers and Eau Claire Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Pake arrived on the scene. Officers worked together to use verbal de-escalation tools to calm Jackson and to ensure Jackson was handcuffed without further resisting. During the interaction Jackson complained that he was having difficulty breathing; officers ensured no pressure was applied to Jackson's head, neck or chest during the interaction that would impede his breathing. As part of this coordinated effort, Jackson was safely taken into custody.

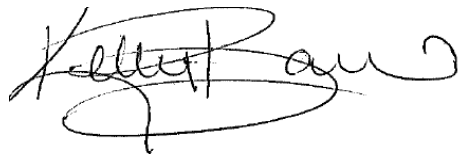
Once Jackson was handcuffed, law enforcement immediately requested EMS move up to the location. Officers assisted Jackson to a seated position and attempted to calm Jackson while waiting for EMS to arrive. Jackson remained conscious during this time; Jackson was immediately turned over to emergency medical service personnel. EMS provided medical attention and transported Jackson to a local hospital.

Per City protocol, the Altoona Police Department requested The Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), investigate the officer-involved critical incident.

On October 22, 2021, Demetrio A. Jackson, DOB 07/27/1978, died at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital.

The Altoona Police Department has body-worn camera video of this incident; the video will be released shortly with a link to our YouTube channel.

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Chief Kelly Bakken

Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cory Schalinske", with a large, stylized initial "C" and a long, horizontal flourish.

Captain Cory Schalinske