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FINAL REPORT

CR# 2017-00147047

CASE TYPE: Death Investigation

DETECTIVE ASSIGNED: Detective Corporal Joel White

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BACKGROUND

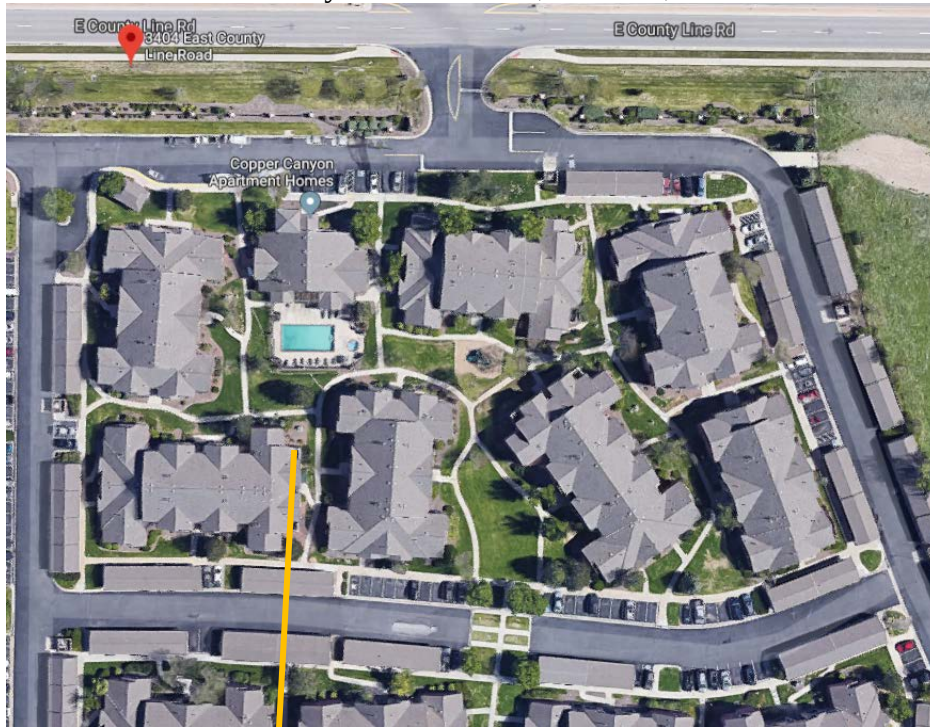
Matthew Edward Riehl DOB: 09/09/1980
3404 E County Line Road #24
Littleton, CO 80126
DL: [REDACTED]
SSN: [REDACTED]
White Male / 5'9" / 185 lbs. / Brown Hair / Brown Eyes



Riehl lived at 3404 E County Line Road #24, Littleton, Colorado with his roommate Matthew Thompson since September, 2017. Prior to that he lived with his parents at 9385 E Hidden Hill Lane, Lone Tree, Colorado.

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3404 E County Line Road #24, Littleton, Colorado



Unit #24

Riehl had a mother Susan Riehl (DOB 10/14/1946), father Henry Riehl (DOB 12/23/1942), and a brother Peter Riehl (DOB 11/23/1983). Both Susan and Henry reside at 9385 E Hidden Hill Lane, Lone Tree, Colorado.

Riehl had no criminal history and was known to use marijuana and alcohol.

According to Riehl's parents, he went to boarding school in Andover, MA for high school (grades 9, 10, 11 & 12). When Riehl started boarding school, they were living in California but moved to Colorado in 1996. While Riehl was in boarding school, he only came home on the holidays and during the summers. Riehl had "academic issues" in boarding school and would start the year off well, but by the end he would "poop-out" and usually finished in the bottom of the class. The only sport Riehl was involved in was wrestling while in boarding school. Susan Riehl stated that "Matthew was the perfect Montessori child who never had any issues in school, was always well behaved, and socially good in school."

Susan Riehl stated that Riehl completed college for his undergraduate degree at Colorado University (CU), Denver and graduated magna cum laude in 2004. During this time, Riehl was living at home and doing very well in school. Susan said that Riehl was deployed to Iraq while a member of the National Guard and served a tour there as a combat medic. At the time he deployed, he was going to law school at the University of Wyoming, Laramie and was one semester short of graduation. Upon completion of his

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tour, Riehl went back to Wyoming and finished law school with a Juris Doctorate in Law Degree. In law school Matthew became very "contentious." Susan felt that law school gave him the tools to be a difficult person.

After graduation from law school, Riehl went to work for a law firm in Rawlins, Wyoming, and he worked there for 3 years. Susan said that she thought it was difficult for Riehl to live in Rawlins because there was nothing to do in that town. During this time, Matthew took up hunting and even killed an Antelope. He quit the law firm to try and start his own practice in Rawlins but shortly thereafter, he suffered a nervous breakdown.

After his breakdown, Susan went to Rawlins and got Riehl into the Veteran's Association (VA) hospital in Sheridan, WY. Riehl was only in the hospital for about 2 weeks before he got a lawyer to get him out of the hospital. Upon returning to Rawlins, Henry Riehl went to stay with Matthew Riehl to make sure he was okay. After a couple of weeks, Henry felt Riehl was well enough to be on his own so he (Henry) went back home to Colorado.

Riehl was on medication while in Rawlins that was prescribed for him by the VA hospital although Susan didn't know what the drugs were. Susan felt Riehl couldn't make it work after getting out of the VA hospital because he was drugged up all the time and spent most of the day sleeping.

After leaving the National Guard, Riehl was socially isolated while living in Wyoming. In July 2015, Riehl moved from Wyoming to Colorado and lived with his parents. His parents went to Wyoming to help Riehl move and found him barricaded in the house. Riehl had tubs of water in his residence and had placed aluminum foil over his windows for an unknown reason.

Once Riehl moved to Colorado, his parents took him to see a doctor who diagnosed him with a mood disorder and prescribed medication for being "bi-polar." Riehl stopped using the medication in February of 2017. Between February 2017 and July 2017, Riehl spent most of his time in the basement of his parents' house, isolating himself from others and not eating. Riehl started to become unstable in July 2017. According to both parents, Riehl was never physically violent with anyone.

Riehl worked at Walmart for a period of time but quit around the time he moved into the Copper Canyon Apartments with Matthew Thompson in September 2017. Thompson worked with him at Walmart.

On 12/31/2017, Issac Schwager (DOB 11/27/1945) saw a news story about Matthew Riehl and he contacted the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. He identified himself as a distant friend of Riehl. This is Riehl's only known friend to this date. On January 8, 2018, Deputy Reeder spoke via telephone with Isaac Schwager. Isaac first met Riehl at the start of law school at the University of Wyoming approximately 10 years ago. When first

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meeting Riehl, he didn't strike Isaac as someone who could kill a police officer, but in the course of getting to know him more his behavior became concerning.

Riehl must have believed he and Isaac were 'buds' because Isaac had just gotten out of the Marine Corps when starting law school while Riehl had been in the Wyoming National Guard at the time. Isaac distinctively remembered Riehl because of something he said almost ten years ago. Riehl had asked Isaac to take him hunting, saying he "needed to get his first kill." Being from Wyoming, where hunting was prevalent, Isaac felt this was an extremely odd way of speaking about going on a hunt. Isaac said people in that area hunt to put meat in the freezer, not to "get a kill." Isaac felt weird about the statement, and it resonated with him. Isaac thought about it and eventually told him no.

Later on in law school, he and Riehl ended up on the range together. Isaac remembered Riehl bringing a large long-range rifle that he could not shoot well and blamed his optics. Isaac defined Riehl as "a little guy with a giant rifle, trying to prove he was tough and that he could kill something."

Isaac said it was apparent that Riehl had issues before he deployed. Riehl was not in touch with Isaac during the period of time he claimed to deploy, but before Matthew went overseas, Isaac remembered Riehl coming to him telling Isaac he was afraid of deploying because he was afraid of getting PTSD. Riehl asked Isaac what he could do to prevent getting PTSD. Isaac remembered telling him that he had to do a job he could be proud of.

Isaac also believed that Riehl never went to a true war zone and likely never even left Kuwait. Isaac remembered that he did not graduate on time with the rest of their class because of the deployment. Isaac believed that he was a disturbed person before deployment, and if we obtained a collective knowledge of anyone who knew Riehl, the sheriff's office would put that together also.

WORK HISTORY / WYOMING

Matthew Riehl, as a legal intern, worked with the state of Wyoming on a Supreme Court Case involving the appeal of a defendant named Blake Leavitt. Riehl researched and drafted the winning brief on this case:

- Supreme Court of Wyoming: Blake Bryan Leavitt v. the STATE of Wyoming / No. S-10-0016 / Decided January 24, 2011.
- Police in Afton in 2009 responded to reports of a man spinning his tires, and a high-speed chase began. The court found Leavitt attempted to run over an officer when his car was cornered.
- After being convicted of four misdemeanors and felony interference with a peace officer, Leavitt claims the evidence was insufficient to support his conviction for felony interference.
- The lower court's decision was affirmed.

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After graduation, Matthew Riehl went to work for MacPherson Kelly & Thompson, 616 West Buffalo St., in Rawlins, Wyoming; this was June 2011. While employed at MacPherson Kelly and Thompson, Matthew wrote and argued the winning brief to the Wyoming Supreme Court on a municipal contract dispute:

- Supreme Court of Wyoming: JACKMAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. v. TOWN OF BAGGS, Wyoming / No. S-11-0252 / Decided June 12, 2012

Matthew Riehl left MacPherson Kelly & Thompson in 2014 and started his own law firm.

Matthew Riehl surrendered his Wyoming law license in November of 2016. Detective Domenico telephoned Sharon Wilkinson, who is the Executive Director for the Wyoming Bar Association. Sharon is also the editor of *Wyoming Lawyer*. He asked Sharon about Matthew Riehl's withdrawal from the Wyoming Bar Association. Sharon told Detective Domenico that Matthew Riehl voluntarily withdrew from the Bar on October 13, 2016. Detective Domenico asked Sharon if she knew any of the specifics about Matthew's withdrawal. Sharon stated she had reviewed the paperwork that Matthew submitted and although there is an area on the form where one could write an explanation for withdrawing, Matthew did not write anything in that area

NATIONAL GUARD / VA RECORDS

Riehl was in the National Guard from 2006 to 2010. He reached the rank of Specialist and was a Health Care Specialist (Medic). Riehl was stationed in Kuwait and Iraq from 2009 to 2010 and did not experience any combat. While stationed in Iraq he became friends with Cabot Penden. Cabot stated that he was stationed with Matthew Riehl while they were deployed to Kuwait in support of Iraq Freedom. Cabot and Matthew shared a tent with three other soldiers.

Cabot and Riehl had the same Army MOS (Military Occupation Specialty) which was Combat Medic. Cabot told me that the brigades' mission, and most of the work of a Combat Medic while he was in-country, was done at night as a member of an escort convoy.

They were stationed at Camp Virginia, Kuwait, and the typical mission was to escort convoys to Camp Cedar, Iraq which was about 130 miles away. They would leave at night with a full truck, spend the night and the next day, then return to Camp Virginia the next night with empty trucks. That part of the mission was "deader than heck" as they were driving through the desert at night at 35 mph.

There were other trips where they would go out for 3 weeks at a time and escort convoys all over the country of Iraq. Although Cabot did these missions, he was unsure if Riehl

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did any of them; although he suspects that Riehl did. As with the Camp Virginia convoys, these convoys were also done at night.

Since the end of their deployment, Cabot had been in contact with Riehl off and on over the years. He had sent Riehl a "congrats" when he graduated law school. Once, when Riehl was practicing law in Rawlins, WY, Cabot contacted him to ask a legal question. Their interactions were more or less confined to an occasional communication a couple times a year as a kind of "hey, how's it goin'" but "nothing really big."

Cabot stated that when Riehl created that (Facebook) page about the "University of Wyoming Haters", he added Cabot to that page, and all of a sudden, he was seeing "tons of stuff" although Riehl was the only one who ever commented on the page. Riehl would "go for hours" on a rant. Since that page had come out in November 2017, Cabot never again talked to Matthew. To paraphrase: since they got back from deployment, Cabot and Riehl's interaction was sporadic at best with not much personal interaction between them.

Cabot was asked about his deployment with Riehl while they were in Kuwait: was there anything about Riehl's personality that gave him cause for pause? Cabot replied, "Not a bit." He further stated that "I know that Matt with his guys and his battery, he was very well liked". Cabot stated that he hung out with Riehl and that he never had any indication that Riehl was "unusual" or "weird."

Cabot also said that to his knowledge, Riehl did not take any medications for any condition while he was deployed. For a time, Cabot worked in a capacity where if someone were on medications, that individual would have to come to his "station" for a refill, and Riehl never did.

Cabot confided that he and Matthew were in the same Guard Unit for about 18 months before deployment to Kuwait and that he would not have suspected that Riehl was taking any medication at that time either.

Cabot said that they associated with one another and that Riehl was "happy with going to school and looking forward to graduating". Cabot told me that he knew that Matthew grew up in a wealthy family going to a private high school. Cabot said there was communication between Riehl and his parents, but it was "tense." He did not know "where it stemmed from." Riehl never explained to Cabot his relationship with his parents, but Cabot knew the riff existed because of "little stuff" that he picked up. He could not give a specific example, but he had no doubt that Riehl and his parents didn't get along.

MENTAL HEALTH

Rawlins, Wyoming / Sheridan Wyoming / Sheridan VA Hospital

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On March 29, 2014 at 2020 hours, the Rawlins, WY Police Department received a phone call from Peter Riehl, Matthew's brother for a welfare check on Matthew Riehl. A uniform officer went to Riehl's home and coded "10-4" as a result of the contact with Riehl. Rawlins PD reported that a "notebook" entry was made and that there was nothing unusual or suspicious. Rawlins PD cannot ascertain at this time (4 years later) if the officer contacted Riehl inside or outside his home.

Riehl had been having conversations with his mother, Susan, and Peter prior to this date which led them both to have concern for Riehl's mental health.

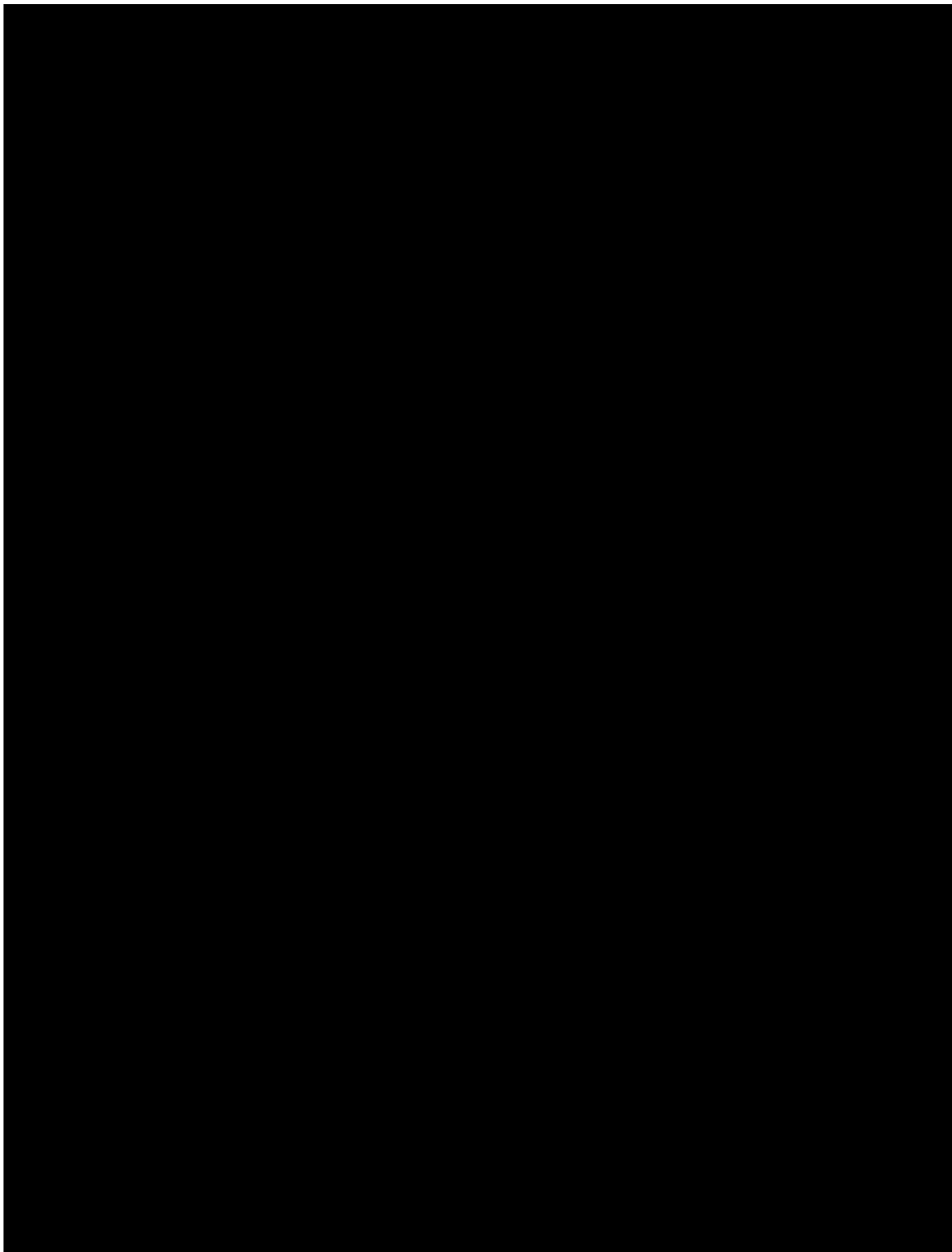
On March 30, 2014, Riehl was evaluated in the Emergency Department of Memorial Hospital of Carbon County in Rawlins, WY by Dr. Gregory Johnson M.D.. Riehl went to the hospital of his own volition with concerns of high blood pressure as he initially reported upon intake. He further stated that he was encouraged to be evaluated in the Emergency Department due to his brother's concern in regard to his (Riehl's) mental health. Riehl stated he was "fine," but he promised his brother that he would be evaluated. Dr. Johnson documented in his report that [REDACTED]

On March 31, 2014, Susan Riehl arrived in Rawlins and went to the hospital prior to going to see Riehl as she knew he had been to the hospital the day before. She spoke with Dr. Johnson, M.D., the same physician who spoke with Riehl the day before. Dr. Johnson had a discussion with Susan detailing his concerns as well as recommendation for hospitalization which Riehl had refused. Susan told Dr. Johnson that she had since convinced Riehl to return to the Emergency Department for evaluation and initiation of medications as previously recommended.

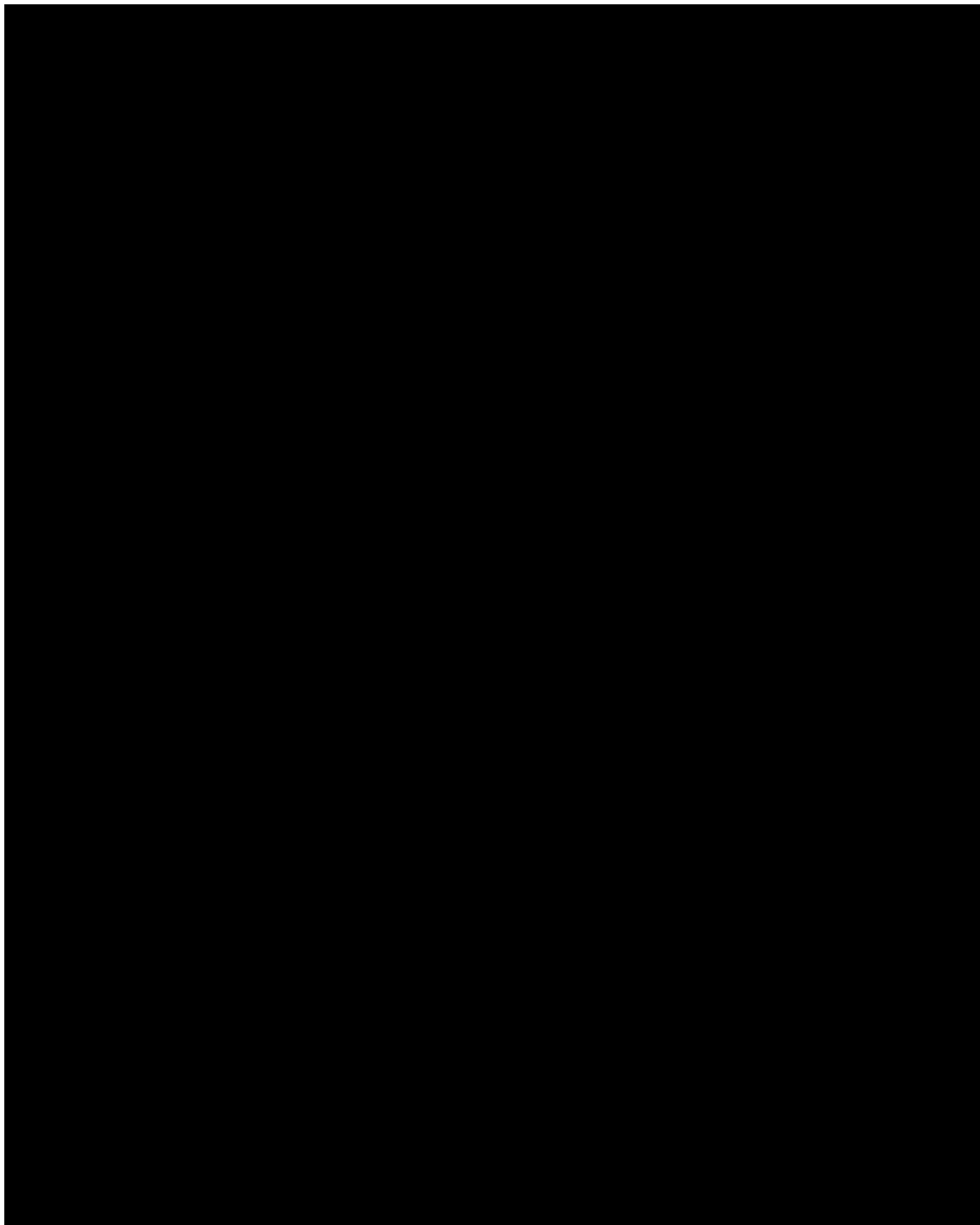
Later that same day, Riehl was accompanied by Susan Riehl to the hospital. Riehl was agreeable to further workup as well as initiation of medications. Dr. Johnson recommended admission to an observation bed and Riehl was given the following medications:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

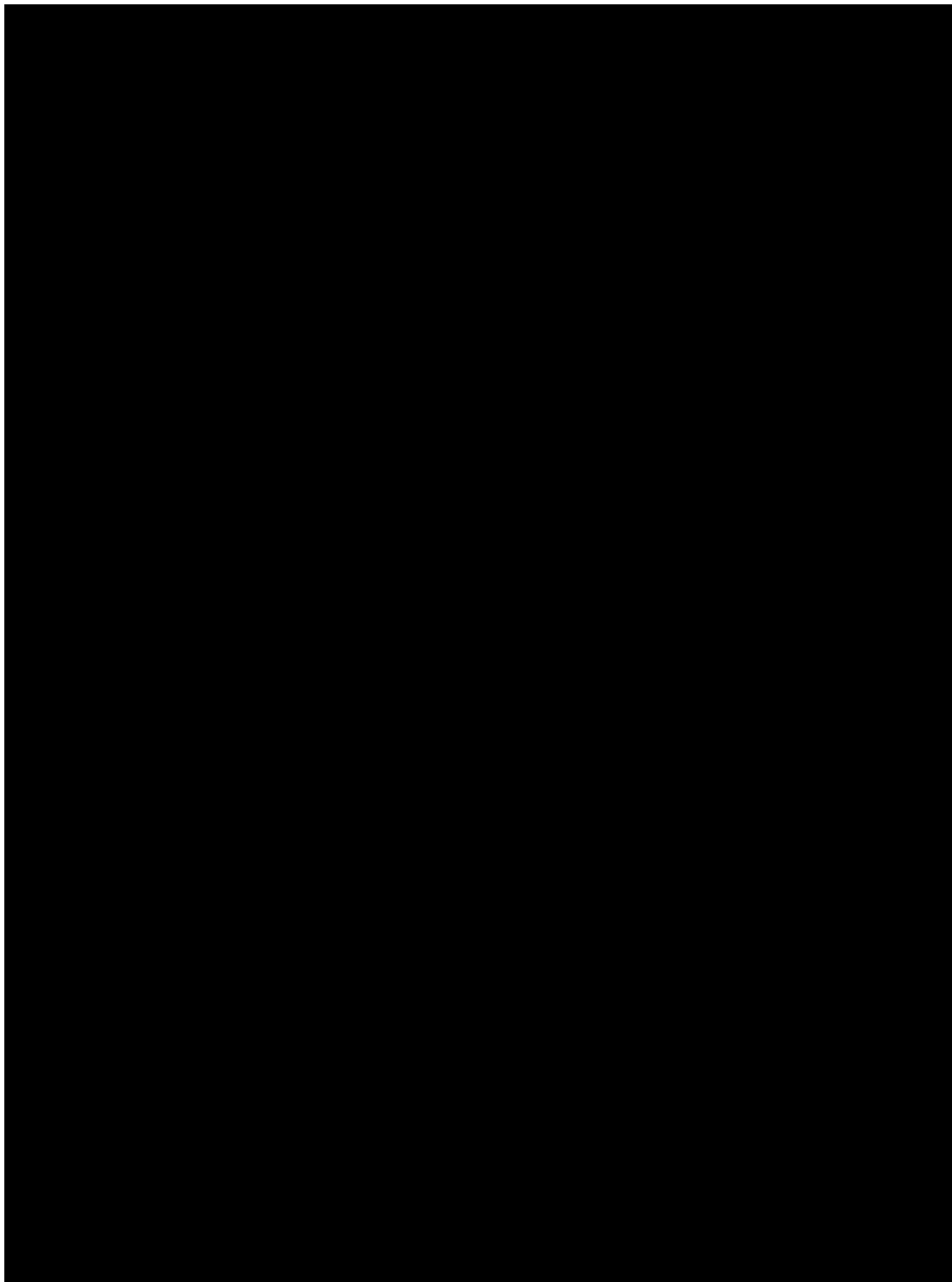
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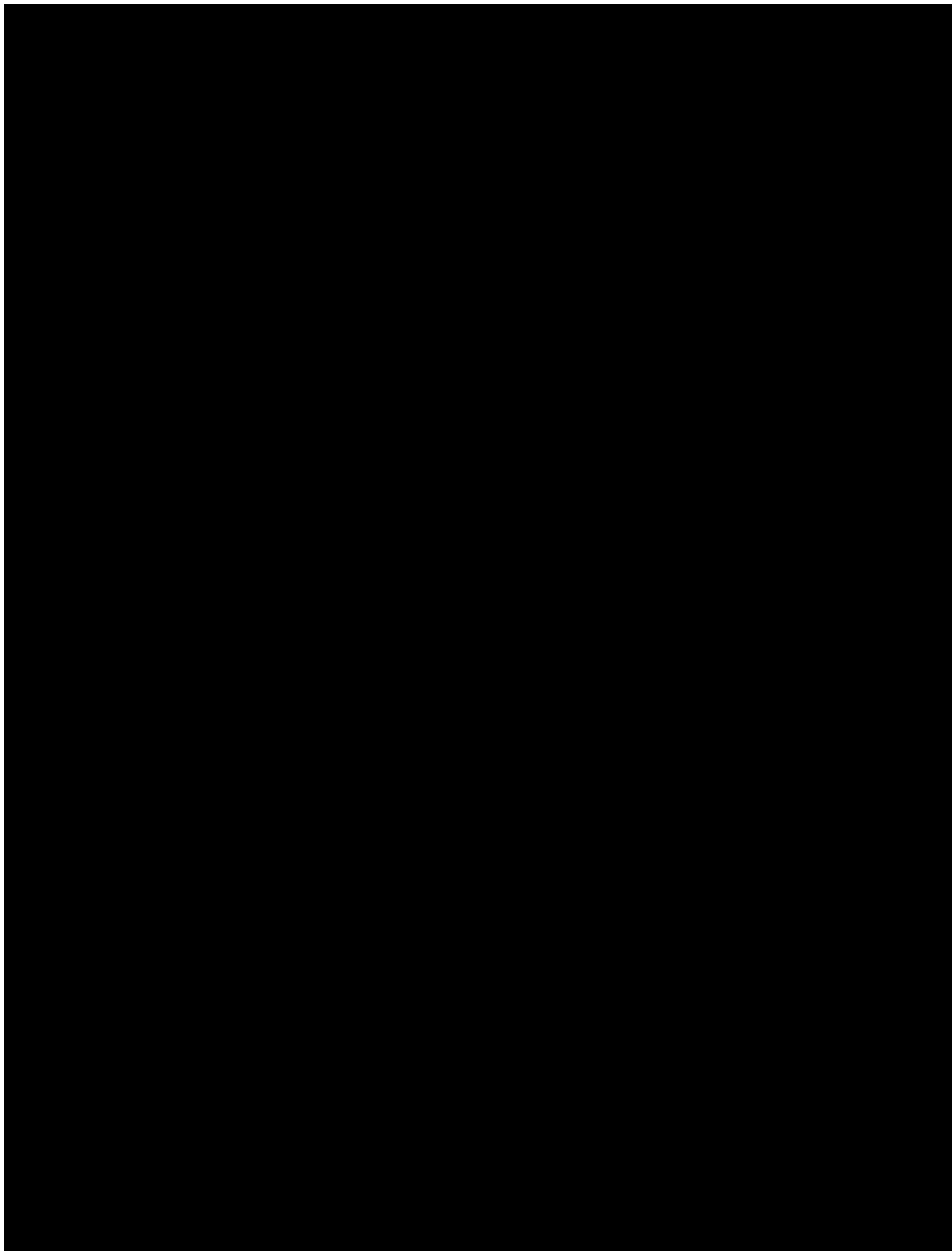
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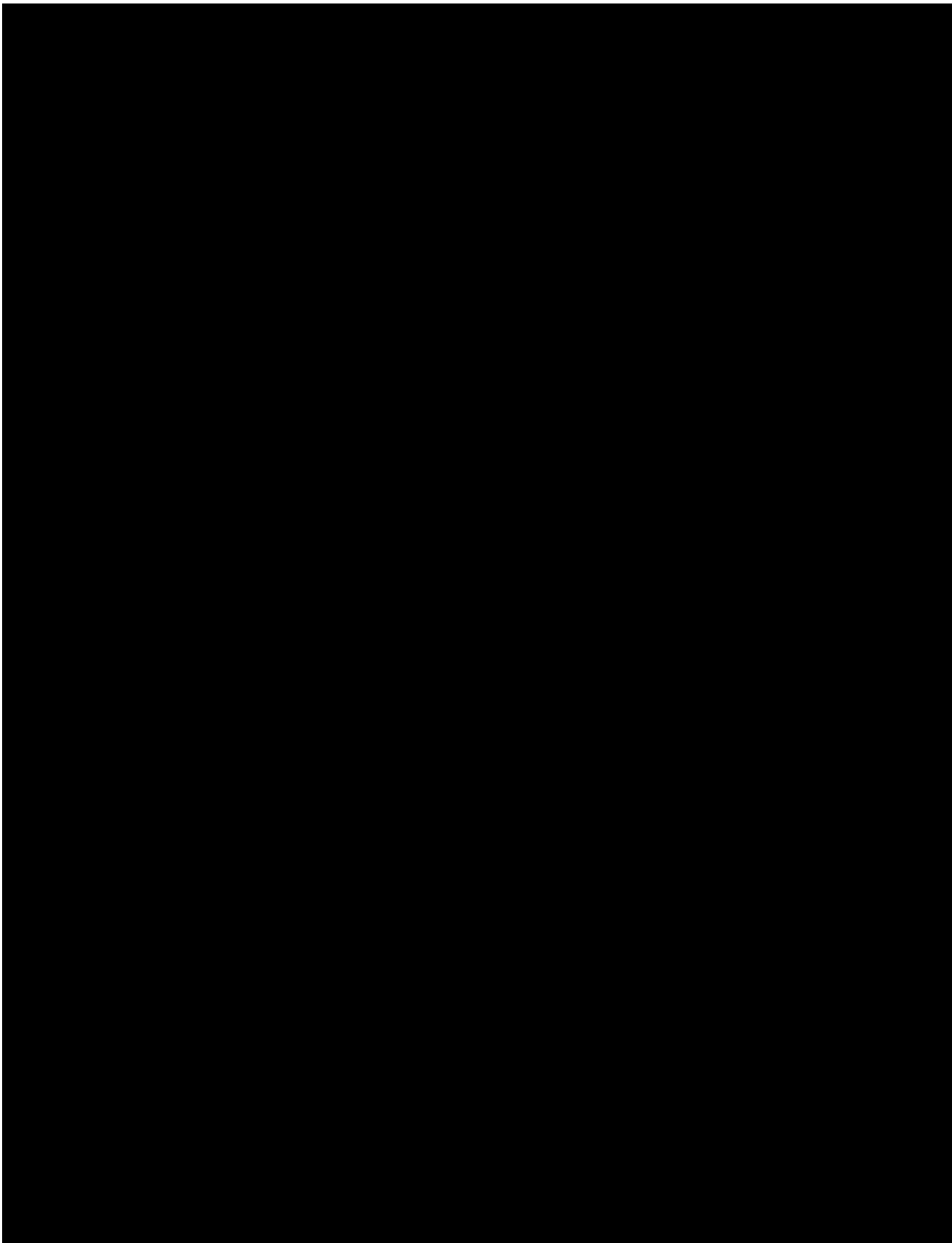
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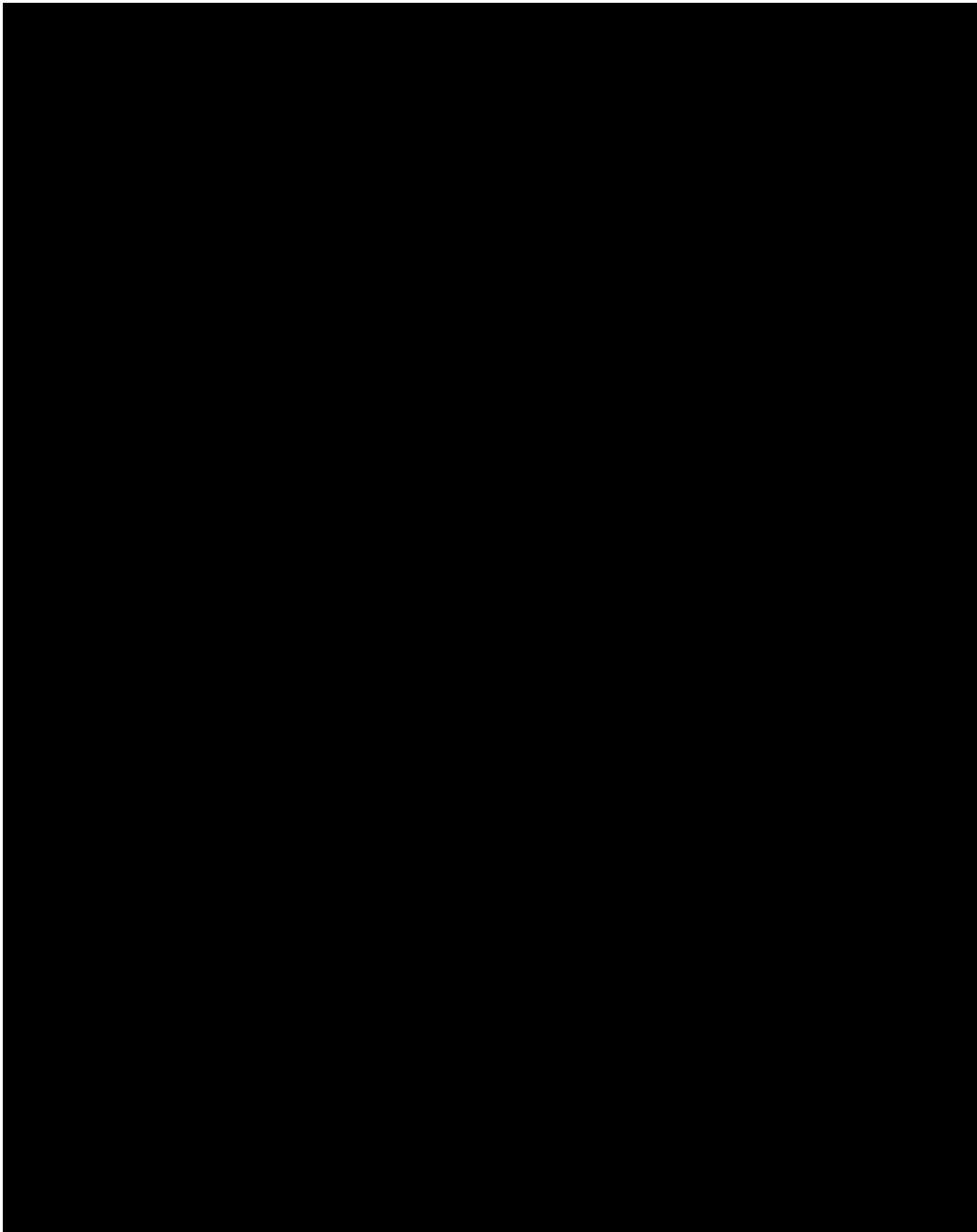
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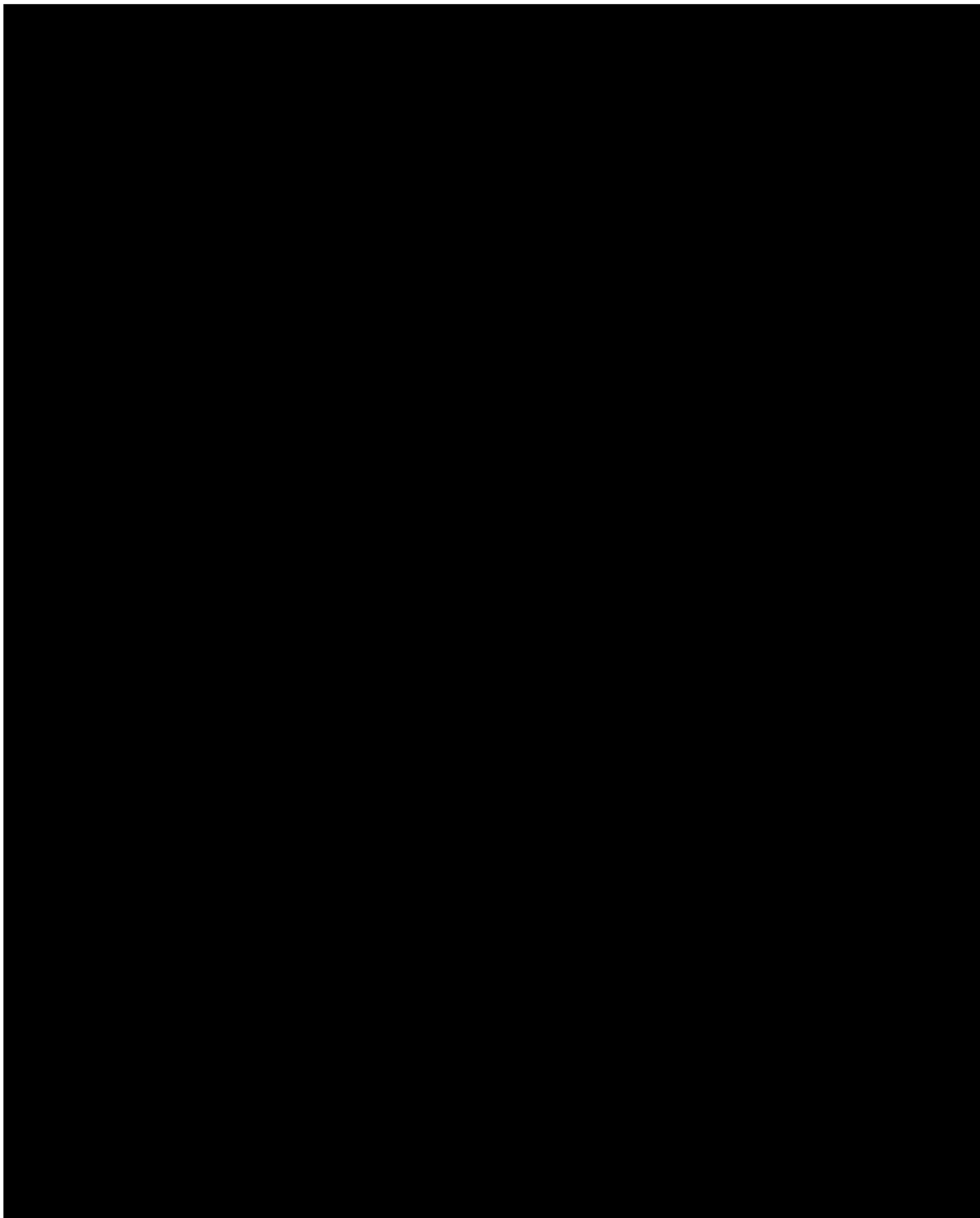
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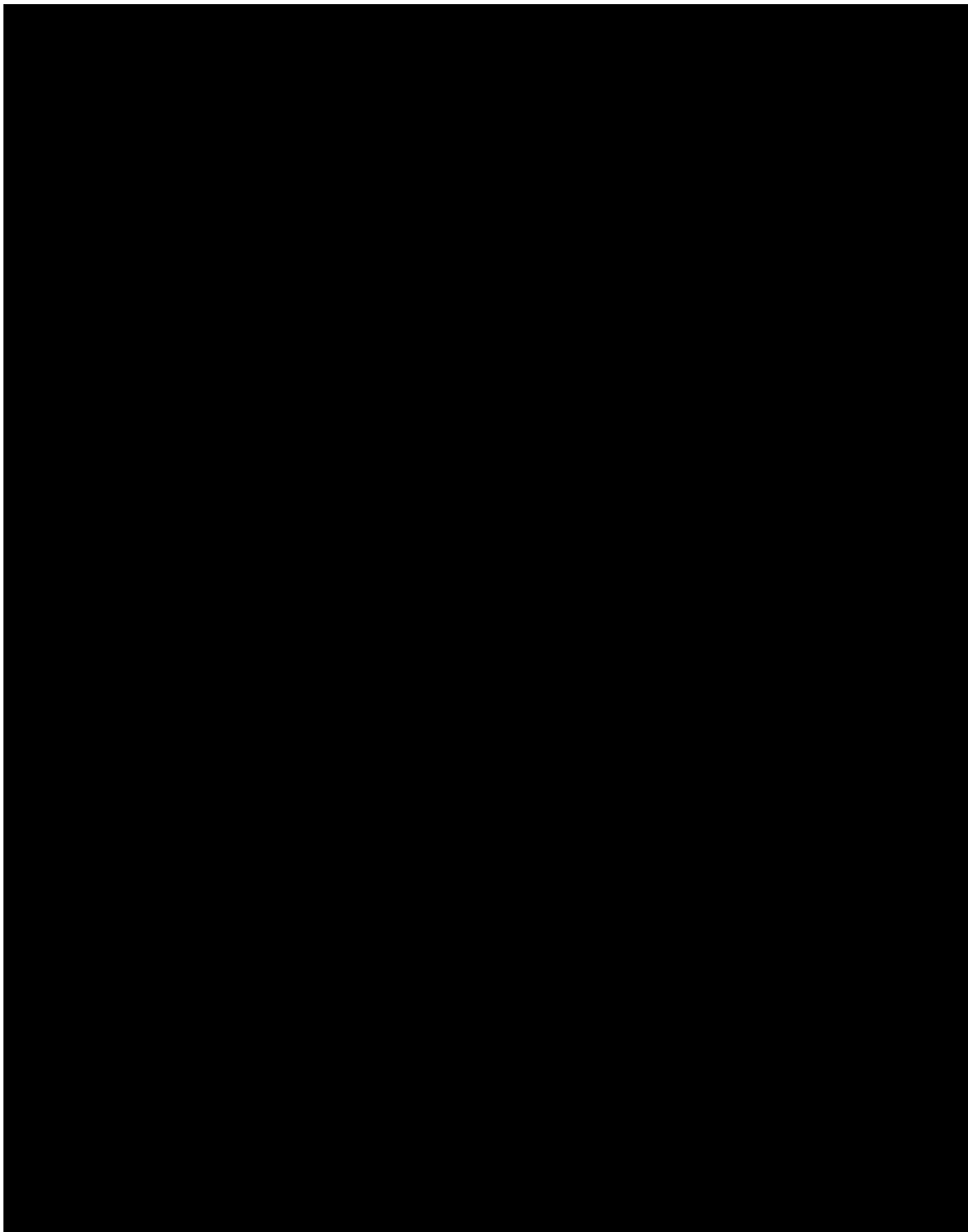
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INVESTIGATION REGARDING MATTHEW RIEHL'S MENTAL HEALTH
HOLD IN 2014

Interview with Deputy County Attorney Matt Redle

On February 8, 2018, Detective Domenico went to the court house in Sheridan, Wyoming. He met with the Clerk of the Court and inquired about getting a copy of the records for court case CV-2014-123. He presented a copy of a court order from that case which is titled STIPULATED ORDER SUSPENDING INVOLUNTARY PROCEEDINGS.

The clerk stated that she didn't know if she was authorized to release the records.

A short time later, Matt Redle the Prosecuting Attorney for the county showed up. Redle then asked Detective Domenico if he was affiliated with the ATF. He told him

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he was not. He said he had previously spoken with the ATF and explained to them what he was going to explain to Detective Domenico.

Redle stated that he was going to read something that pertained to the release of these records that are "confidential." Redle proceeded to read WY statute 25-10-122, Institutions of the State Records to be kept confidential - Exceptions.

- The patient, or if he is a minor or incompetent, his parent or guardian consents;
- A court determines disclosure is necessary for the conduct of proceedings before it and failure to disclose would be contrary to the public interest.

Redle stated that the Douglas County Sheriff's Office would need to issue a subpoena for this office to produce the records. Upon receipt, he will file a motion to quash the subpoena as he is held bound to do for confidential records. This will get the case before a Judge wherein the court will determine disclosure.

Detective Domenico inquired if the next of kin could sign a waiver, asking "Wouldn't this be much easier than getting a subpoena?" Redle did not appear to like the suggestion of the Medical Release. He said that issuing a subpoena was the better course of action.

Detective Domenico asked Redle what exactly the process was for issuing such a subpoena. He stated: "Let's say you were a witness to a homicide in Wyoming and you lived in Colorado. I could subpoena you to testify here in Wyoming. The process for this subpoena is the same." Redle stated that this process is not that "burdensome" and that it can be "easily" done via phone or Skype. He said he would be more than willing to speak with any representatives from the local DA's office to get this process done. Shortly after, the conversation ended.

On this same date, Detective Domenico telephoned the office of Kisling Law, LLC and spoke with the receptionist, Darlene. Through an open records search on the internet Detective Domenico learned that Hardy Tate is a retired lawyer who maintains an active role as an advisor to Kisling Law, LLC. Mr. Tate was the attorney for Matthew Riehl in the Involuntary Hospitalization proceedings that were scheduled for April 21, 2014 as evidenced by his signature on the STIPULATED ORDER SUSPENDING INVOLUNTARY PROCEEDINGS court order.

Hardy Tate was not in the office at the time and Detective Domenico left his phone number requesting that he call back.

On that same day Detective Domenico received a phone call from Tate. Detective Domenico explained that he was inquiring about Matthew Riehl. Tate stated that he did not recall Riehl but that he was probably appointed by the court to "hold his hand"

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for the proceeding. Tate said that he would check his records to see if there is anything relative on Matthew Riehl.

Detective Domenico told Tate that he was in the process of trying to get the court records for this case and that it appeared he was going to have to get a court subpoena in order to get that file. Tate stated that "those records are confidential" and that needing a subpoena sounds to him like the "normal" process for retrieving such records.

That same date Tate called Detective Domenico back. He was able to locate his file on Matthew Riehl. Tate said that he was appointed by the court to represent Riehl in the proceedings. Before this appointment, he had never before met Riehl or even knew who he was. Tate said that he had billed the state for 2 ½ hours of work on the case.

Tate stated that in his file were some doctor's reports from the Sheridan VA which basically said that on medication, Riehl was functioning satisfactorily. Tate added that he met with Riehl for about one hour but cannot recall at this point what he even looks like or the nature of the conversation he had with Riehl. Tate did say that he was under the impression that Riehl did have a mental illness but that he appeared to have that illness under control with medication.

Detective Domenico asked Tate if he could recall why the Involuntary Hospitalization hearing was suspended. Tate said that he does not recall ever filing a motion for having the hearing suspended but cannot be sure.

Tate said that he didn't think Detective Domenico would be able to get the court file due to that record being classified as "confidential".

Tate said that he would not be able to release his records but further stated, there's not much there that the VA hospital in Sheridan wouldn't have. Tate closed the conversation by saying that this happens all the time; they get a 72 hour hold on someone because they don't need much to get such a hold but beyond that, if the patient responds to medication they typically get released.

Interview with Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Sheryl Bunting

On March 16, 2018, at about 1:51 pm Detective Domenico telephoned Sheryl Bunting who is a Prosecuting Attorney with the Sheridan County, Wyoming Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Ms. Bunting was the signer on a court order dated April 21, 2014 in which an involuntary hospitalization hearing for Matthew Riehl was suspended.

Ms. Bunting did not immediately recall the case involving Matthew and after Detective Domenico gave her a brief synopsis, she asked him when the case occurred. After giving

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her the date and case number, she told me "no wonder it didn't ring a bell" referring to the fact that the case occurred almost 4 years ago.

Detective Domenico told Ms. Bunting that he was trying to get a copy of the entire record from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office but was running into problems getting the file. She then asked what it was specifically that he was trying to get.

Detective Domenico explained to Ms. Bunting that he had met with the Prosecuting Attorney Matt Redle and that Mr. Redle wanted the Sheriff's Office to submit a subpoena to his office so he could quash it, thereby getting the case before a judge who could then make a determination on the release of the file. Detective Domenico further told Ms. Bunting that getting that subpoena is not possible since our defendant is deceased, and thereby, we would not be presenting a case to our District Attorney's Office negating the requirement for even getting a subpoena.

While Detective Domenico was speaking, Ms. Bunting was able to locate some information on the file while on the phone with me, and after taking a few moments to review the file, she stated that she was in a better position to try and answer his questions.

At one-point Ms. Bunting asked Detective Domenico if he was legally trying to get hold of a record that she already had. Detective Domenico clarified that he only had a copy of the court order. Detective Domenico further explained that he assumed there were documents in that file, namely a document that the Prosecuting Attorney's Office used to conclude that Matthew did not meet statutory requirements for involuntary hospitalization. At the time Detective Domenico was speaking with her, she stated that the only thing she could "see" in her system was the document was prepared, but she could not "see" anything else as far as the file was concerned. She would have to have staff go and pull that file.

At this point she asked for a phone number that she could get back to me at. Detective Domenico gave her his contact information.

Ms. Bunting asked Detective Domenico for what purpose we wanted this record. He told her that we would like to know exactly why this hearing didn't happen because all we knew was that we had a document stating that it didn't happen. Detective Domenico further told her that in looking at the records that we did have from the Sheridan VA hospital, they do not appear to be in congruence with the court order suspending the hearing. In that regard, the question is: what exactly led to the determination that Matthew was not appropriate for this proceeding.

At this point, the conversation ended.

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Having not heard back from Ms. Bunting by March 22, 2018, Detective Domenico telephoned the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. He spoke with the receptionist who said that Ms. Bunting had left the office for the day. He was transferred to her voicemail where he left a message requesting a call-back. To this date Ms. Bunting has not returned that call.

Investigators met with members of the 18th Judicial District Attorneys Office, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigations, and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms to make a request for assistance in obtaining records from the County Court in Sheridan Wyoming regarding to the involuntary mental health hold of Riehl. All four agencies that attended that meeting later denied our request.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS

Laramie Wyoming

1-07-001644 - 03/24/2007

Matthew Riehl is listed as the *Victim*. He is also listed as intoxicated. Matthew got into an argument with a female student from the College of Law while in a restaurant. Several other students were also sitting at the same table. The suspect female became so angry with Matthew during the conversation that she got up and grabbed Matthew from his seated position and dragged him from the table. Matthew then got up and went back to the table grabbing the suspect female's wallet and exited the restaurant throwing the wallet into the street; the contents spilling into the roadway. Riehl then left the area.

Initially, Matthew told police that he wanted to pursue charges against the suspect female. Several days later, Matthew decided that he didn't want to pursue charges, and the case was closed.

1-08-5946 - 10/28/2008

Matthew had rear-ended a vehicle and was issued a citation for Following Too Close.

1-17-003382 - 08/26/2017

Matthew had sent several disparaging text messages to an old girlfriend. The girlfriend just wanted the incident "documented" and did not want to pursue criminal charges. The police attempted to contact Matthew Riehl but were not able to contact him.

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After Matthew's death, there was another police report generated by the Laramie Police Department:

1-17-5312 - 12/31/2017

The owner of Dave's Guns in Laramie, WY came forward (David Smith) and reported to the police that he had sold 11 firearms to Matthew Riehl spanning the years of 2010 to 2013. Mr. Smith provided a listing of the firearms to the police department. Mr. Smith told the reporting officer that he wanted the information reported in case it helped the Douglas County Sheriff's Office with their investigation. Mr. Smith learned of the shooting through local media.

University of Wyoming

08-0386 – 01/03/2008

UWPD responded to a report from a fellow student of Matthew Riehl that was being harassed because of a debate class. The student reported that Matthew left a gift bag with five feminine hygiene products. In that bag was a letter that questioned the student's integrity. The letter was signed by an unknown female. Matthew later admitted to authoring the letter and leaving the bag to antagonize the student. UWPD documented the harassment at the student's request. No contact was ever made with Matthew.

17- 0896 – 10/30/17

UWPD responded to a report from the Dean of Students on threats made by Matthew Riehl. Matthew sent threats to the University over email and social media accounts.

The nature of this report was Matthew's postings on Facebook and Twitter in which he disparaged the University and several professors in the College of Law School. Due to the violent nature of some of the posts on Facebook, administration at the College of Law became concerned that Matthew may show up at the school with nefarious intentions. Some of those posts were as follows:

- shot that mother fucker dead in the streets of Laramie
- I am the blue blood monkey that shot and killed that big dumb stupid can't drive law man dead
- I scrambled jerrys inside from behind with jerrys own fantasies
- I kept scrambling jerry over and over again from behind like a weak pussy bitch
- I shit and piss over and over Jerrys weak pussy insides his entire murdering family. Riehl is referring to John Burman who is a professor of Law and Ethics at the College of Law.

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University of Wyoming Police decided to try and contact Matthew Riehl to conduct a welfare check on him. Additionally, the faculty at the College of Law was informed of the situation involving Matthew and University Police instituted extra patrols of the campus focusing on the area of the College of Law.

University Police tracked Matthew to his residence at 3404 E. County Line Road, Apt. 24 in Highlands Ranch. At the time, Detective Chad Bade (University Police) was in contact with Corporal Michael Wagner (Lone Tree Police Department). The report ends with Det. Bade writing that *Cpl. Wagner would be in contact with me as the days go by.*

Rawlings Wyoming

12-R15532 – 11/15/2012

RPD responded to an animal complaint about two collie dogs.

14-R04726 – 03/29/2014

RPD responded to a welfare check on Matthew Riehl at the request of Peter Riehl. Matthew was found to be fine.

17- R08731 – 08-/16/2017

RPD responded to a welfare check on Matthew Riehl at the request of the Parker Police Department. Riehl told family members that he was going to disassociate with them. He stopped taking his medications in February of 2017. Matthew was located in in Cheyenne. No final disposition was noted.

Lone Tree Police Colorado

2016-1831

LTPD responded to a physical altercation between Riehl and his father. No charges filed.

2017-1714

LTPD completed a welfare check on Riehl after he withdrew a large sum of money and was taking firearm classes. Riehl would only speak to Officers through a window. Officers saw numerous rifles with Matthew and LTPD placed a “caution indicator” on the residence.

2017-2403

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LTPD investigated a false reporting complaint where Riehl had called in stating that his mother and brother had a suicide pact. Officers learned that Riehl had stopped taking his medications and was no longer staying at his parent's residence.

November 10, 2017

Officer Vandenberg issued Matthew a traffic summons.

Douglas County Sheriff's Office Colorado

2017-127456 - November 16, 2017

DCSO investigated suspicious emails that Riehl had sent to his Financial Adviser at Charles Schwab. The emails did not contain any threats and seemed random. Sgt. Bowers contacted Riehl through a door. Riehl asked to see a warrant. Sgt. Bowers advised Riehl that he was just checking on his welfare. Riehl did not appear to be distressed and Sgt. Bowers left. In reading the e-mails, it appears that Riehl was upset that his account access was locked and he believed the Financial Advisor was to blame. There were no threats of violence or self-harm in any of the e-mails. The case was closed.

2017-136748 - November 28, 2017

Assigned Detective: Domenico

Douglas County Sheriff's Office was asked to investigate Riehl as a suspect in potential harassment of LTPD Officer Vandenberg.

On November 10, 2017 Riehl was issued a traffic citation for speeding by Lone Tree Police Department (LTPD) Sgt. Scott Vandenberg. During the contact, Riehl was initially uncooperative with Sgt. Vandenberg but eventually complied with the Sergeant's requests for documents. After issuance of the citation, Riehl remained on scene for several minutes watching the LTPD officers in his rearview mirror before finally leaving the area.

As a result of this traffic contact, Riehl had sent several emails to the Lone Tree Municipal court in which he demands the ticket be dismissed or he intends to "...begin a class action law suit in which illegal City of Lone Tree bonds are handed out and illegal administrative points added to licenses." In several of the emails that were sent to Detective Domenico he noted that Riehl corresponded with a financial consultant with Charles Schwab. While reviewing those emails, he noted that they were mostly incoherent ramblings without a rational basis.

Riehl also likens Sgt. Vandenberg's signature to being Nazi writing, "...{he} signs his 0416 with a 'DSS' that looks eerily similar to a swastika in the middle. An old SS trooper's trick."

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Riehl was able to track down Sgt. Vandenberg's personal residence and a photograph of Vandenberg in uniform. A document found in Riehl's property at his apartment after the incident showed that Riehl had used the internet program BeenVerified to locate Sgt. Vandenberg's home address. I note that the photograph that Riehl has of Sgt. Vandenberg is available on the Sergeant's LinkedIn page.

Riehl requested from the City of Lone Tree Municipal court the body worn camera (BWC) footage of his traffic stop with Sgt. Vandenberg; which, he had received. Riehl over the course of several days posted five separate videos on YouTube of his traffic stop. All totaled, there were 15 minutes, 40 seconds of video that Riehl posted. Much of the video overlaps with previously posted excerpts. Each video time frame and number of views as of November 29, 2017 at 2:43 pm is listed below:

- 2:55 / 13 views
- 8:28 / 17 views
- 1:11 / 5 views
- 1:33 / 4 views
- 1:33 / 5 views

Following are some of the comments Riehl made during the videos:

- Liar! Shot wrong car with the laser.
- Nazi in charge with stripes on his shoulder and fake badge.
- Being a Nazi, Scott Dean Vandenberg.
- Lying Scumbag.
- Serial Harasser.
- Please terminate and suspend this bum now.
- Peckerwood, Scott Dean Vandenberg.
- Scott Vandenberg is a faggot, fake, pussy cop.
- This cop needs to get fired now.
- Nazi style, SS guard Lone Tree, Colorado 80104.

Detective Domenico along with members from the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office found no probable cause during this investigation

As part of the investigation, Detective Domenico referred Deputy Briggs (Community Response Team) to contact Riehl as part of mental health outreach. Briggs did so by personally contacting him on December 5th at his residence. Riehl was not overly cooperative with Briggs, and this was the only face to face contact CRT had with Riehl.

Detective Domenico was informed by Deputy Brian Briggs on December 12, 2017 that Riehl had some recent posts on Twitter. He checked Riehl's twitter account and noticed several lengthy videos. The report came from a student at the University Of Wyoming.

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In the first two videos, Riehl plays his harmonica between rants. When he does speak, he has music playing in the background, which at times makes it difficult to understand exactly what he is saying.

The first video was streamed live to Twitter on December 12, 2017 at 9:53 am. In viewing that video (42:27 minutes) the following was said in part, by Riehl:

- I'm coming for you Spurlock and you're going down like a steaming pile of dog shit. Like a lead balloon full of dog shit. I'm going to destroy Spurlock at the polls. Riehl has Deputy Briggs business card which shows; Tony G. Spurlock, Sheriff.
- Yep, I'm going to beat the living piss out of that Spurlock at the polls.
- I'm going to destroy Spurlock.
- I've had opportunities to kill people. I've had opportunities to let people be murdered.
- Name a game but I'll beat 'cha in anything. (Referring to Sheriff Spurlock)
- Sheriff Spurlock, the Federal Welfare Queen, ripping off the taxpayers enriching Douglas County and locking up any poor bastard who doesn't have enough money to represent themselves in court against their lies.
- You're fired Sheriff Spurlock.
- That's what you people are setting up, Sheriff Spurlock of Douglas County, and the rhinos, you're setting up the next Columbine by continually, well first of all you're Godless. You're Godless animals, and that's your first problem, you don't believe in God really. You're a Satanist.
- I want that hooker (inaudible) on my dick. If she's going to knock on my door (inaudible) knocking on doors late at night with Brian Briggs 98 02 Douglas County Sheriff's Department. He's got that hottie little hooker. I'd bang her, I'd fuck her well, wouldn't you guys? (Riehl is referring to the clinician who accompanied Deputy Briggs as a member of the CRT (Community Response Team) when they attempted to contact Riehl on December 5, 2017 at his apartment).
- At one point, Riehl picks up and displays for the camera a black in color, semi-automatic pistol (Glock-type). He then says "That's for the house. That's my house status. So, don't fuck with me. I have a camera outside my door (inaudible). Briggs with the prostitute and I want your jobs. You people are pathetic and I'm going to hunt you down and screw you like camels.

The second video was streamed live to Twitter on December 12, 2017 at 8:56 am. In viewing that video (51:09 minutes) the following was said in part, by Riehl:

- Spurlock you're a joke and you're really just a glorified Federal Marshall with a little gold name.
- The reintegration folks would take this away from me, right? (he's referring to his harmonica). Fuck them. Fuck Sheriff Spurlock and his reintegration Nazi hit squads.

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- I'm going to get you bastards in the polls.

The third video was streamed live to Twitter on December 12, 2017 at 7:22 am. In viewing that video (45:33 minutes) when Riehl spoke he continued on his rant much as before with the same type of verbiage. For most of this video he was tracing a picture from his computer on an easel.

The fourth video was streamed live to Twitter on December 12, 2017 at 0200 hours. In viewing that video (7:29 minutes) Riehl is playing his harmonica while in the bathroom because he doesn't want to wake the neighbors.

As a result of Matthew's obvious disdain and contempt for law enforcement, a Hazard Hit was placed on his residence by Chief Johnson on December 12, 2017 which stated: ***Minimum 2 Car Response**Riehl, Matthew @ 3404 E. County Line Rd #24 – Subject is CRT Client – Is Veteran suffering from PTSD per LTPD – Has Access to Weapons – Is Hostile Towards Law Enforcement – LTPD has a 2 Officer Response for Subject at his mother's address 9385 E. Hidden Hill Ln – Per Chief Johnson 98C45*

2017-139174 - December 12, 2017

Deputy Andrea Wagner completed an incident report on the above case.

EMAIL EXCHANGE BETWEEN RIEHL AND HIS MOTHER

Riehl exchanged emails with his mother over the course of the summer of 2017 until late December, 2017. The content of those emails demonstrates Riehl's contempt for his mother and family. Some of those emails are as follows:

All of these emails are from Riehl to his mother, Susan, on the date indicated:

Aug 24, 2017 / Subject: Law suit

If you do not return my property I will sue you for it and you will have to hire a lawyer who will tell you to return it anyway.

Oct 15, 2017 / Subject: You must think I'm as stupid as you

I don't trust you at all after what you've done to me and I now existentially dread coming anywhere near you, your family, or your home. This is all your fault trying to lock me up like a criminal when I never did anything wrong...I am so crazy about guns that I would rather leave them in your basement, never to be seen again, than to lower myself and enter your house ever again.

Oct 16, 2017 / Subject: All the things you have taken away or tried to take away

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A short list:
All my books
My dog
My friends
My guns
My car
My house
My freedom

It is clear from this short list that you actually hate me and everything I'm about. When you tell me to "Get a life" what you really mean is "Get a life like mine." Well your life sucks and so do you. What type of mother would take everything from son? Admit it, you hate me.

Nov 15, 2017 / Subject: Re: Schlumberger

I demand my holdings and certificates now. I received dividends in the past. I demand my holdings.

Dec 6, 2017 / Subject: No matter what

You'll always be a filthy whore in my eyes. You Sadistic piece of shit should go fuck a dog.

Dec 6, 2017 / Subject: Harmonica

Why would you sabotage that? You sabotage everything. I will never give you the opportunity to sabotage my life again. I hate you Susan. I hate you and I want nothing more for you than a miserable and depressed life without me in it...I won't physically harm you. I'm just here to destroy your infantile and abusive psyche. Susan Riehl you sleazy sadistic whore.

Dec 25, 2017 / Subject: I got your letter

You sleazy Barnard College at Columbia pussy scratching whore. Where'd you get my address you slimy cunt? I never gave it to you. Was it the sheriff's department? I want my uncle Clarence phone number. Did you open a letter from him addressed to me? You can roll it up and shove it up your shit hole cunt. Fuck you whore and merry Christmas.

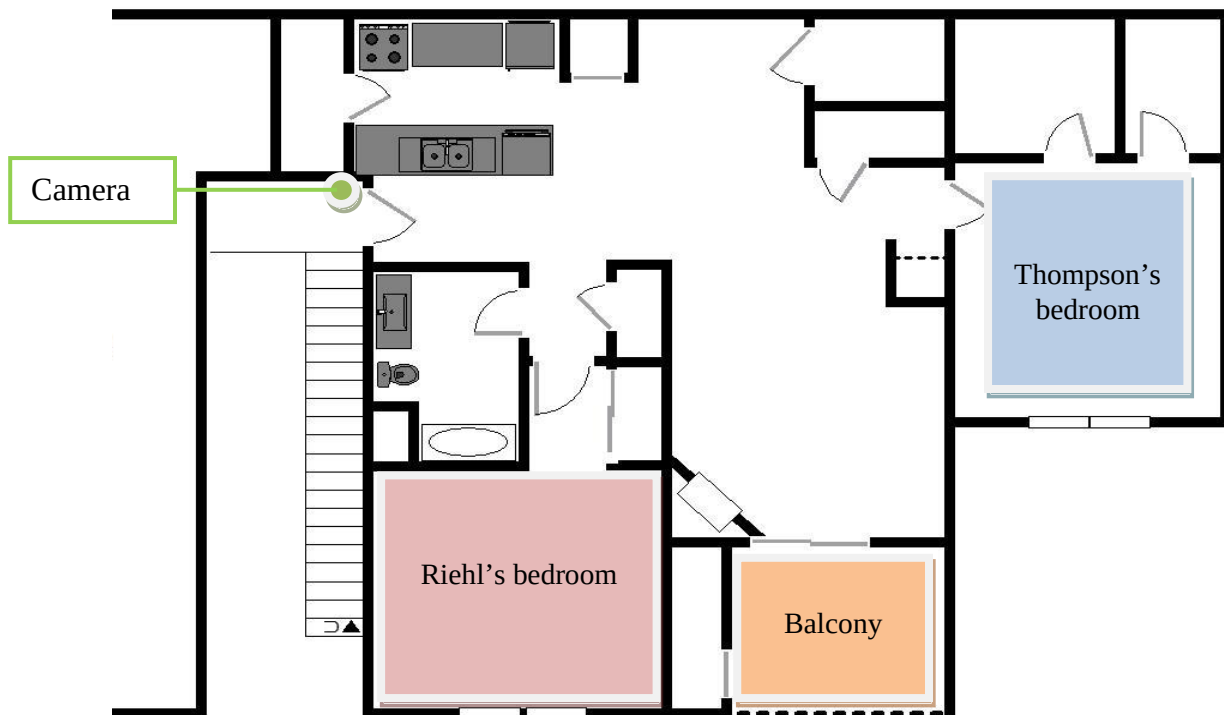
3:00 AM CALL FOR SERVICE (2017-00147033)

On 12/31/2017 at 2:58am, Douglas County Regional dispatch received a 911 call from reporting party, Matthew Riehl referencing a disturbance which Deputies Parrish, Corporal Coleman, and Deputy Davis responded to.

Call notes and dispatch audio is as follows:

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- Guy invited RP to his house – male is coming at RP.
- RP said the male doesn't know what year it is.
- RP then put a laser in his eye.
- RP said the male's name was Matthew Thompson.
- RP thinks male is having a mental breakdown – was a submariner in the cold war.
- RP believed Matthew Thompson was on a lot of pharmacy drugs.
- RP has been drinking scotch as well.
- RP has weapons in the home – FIREARMS –
- RP denying that they are on him right now.
- ***Minimum 2 car response*** Riehl, Matthew @ 3404 E County Line Rd #24 – Subject is CRT client – Is veteran suffering from PTSD per LTPD – Has access to weapons – Is hostile towards Law Enforcement – LTPD has a 2 officer response for subject at his mother's address, 9385 E Hidden Hill Lane – Per Chief Johnson 98C45.



3404 E. County Line Road #24

Deputy Parrish, Corporal Coleman and Deputy Davis arrived on scene and made contact with reporting party, Matthew Riehl at the door of apartment #24. Deputy Parrish asked Riehl to step out of the apartment to talk with them and Riehl stepped out on the landing to speak with them.

Corporal Coleman began interviewing Riehl on the second story landing at the top of the stair case while Deputy Parrish interviewed Matthew Thompson.

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In the course of the interview with Riehl, Corporal Coleman asked questions about Matthew Thompson to establish what the relationship was between Riehl and Thompson. Riehl initially refused to answer Corporal Coleman's questions but eventually said they were domestic and continually winked at Corporal Coleman.

When Corporal Coleman asked what was taking place that night, Riehl told him nothing was going on, and that he was just hanging out. Corporal Coleman then inquired why the police were called then, and Riehl said because Matthew Thompson was going crazy. Riehl's tone became agitated and he began raising his voice. Corporal Coleman then asked Riehl to go to the bottom of the staircase so they could continue talking. Riehl listened and placed his hands in the air as he walked down the stair case. Once at the bottom, Riehl finally told Corporal Coleman that the reason he called 911 was because he shined a laser in Matthew Thompson's eye and wanted an ambulance for him.

Continuing Corporal Coleman's interview, Riehl told him he was in the living room that night when Matthew Thompson came out of his bedroom and came after him. Riehl said he retreated to his bedroom and said Thompson stood at the door asking Riehl what time it was. At one point, Riehl said he grabbed a laser and shined it in Thompson's face.

During the contact with Riehl, Corporal Coleman asked for Riehl's identification which agitated Riehl. Riehl told him he did not need it. Riehl then told Corporal Coleman his ID was in the apartment and would go grab it and tried walking up the stairs passed Corporal Coleman. Corporal Coleman stopped him from going upstairs by placing his right hand on Riehl's chest telling Riehl to stay where he was.

At that point, Riehl put his hands up and began walking backwards asking Corporal Coleman why he was assaulting him and began yelling "rape". Eventually Riehl gave Corporal Coleman his name and date of birth verbally.

Corporal Coleman and Deputy Davis continued to interview Riehl until Deputy Parrish completed his interview with Thompson.

After both interviews were complete, they learned that Thompson was allowing Riehl to live in his apartment but denied they were in a domestic relationship. Thompson believed Riehl had not slept in a few days and that Riehl had been drinking a lot. On December 30th, Thompson received a noise complaint from management indicating Riehl had been playing loud music. On December 31st around 02:58am, Thompson confronted Riehl for being loud again. Just after was when Riehl called 911 to report a disturbance on Thompson.

Thompson reported that when he approached Riehl's room asking him if he knew what time it was, Riehl shined a bright flashlight in his eyes. Riehl said he was in fear for his safety after being confronted by Thompson. Riehl also wanted an ambulance for Thompson because he was concerned about Thompson's eyes and health.

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None of the deputies who dispatched to that call for service and who dealt with Riehl or Thompson believed a crime had been committed by either party and did not have enough evidence proving Riehl was a danger to himself or others to take him on an M1 petition.

After the 0300 incident, Riehl filmed himself using Periscope / Twitter. Riehl's behavior in the video clearly showed him going through what can only be described as a manic episode. Riehl could be heard manipulating a firearm and filmed himself taking a black case belonging to Thompson, spraying the contents of the case with WD-40 as he spoke of the case being filled with illegal narcotics. Riehl also spoke of throwing belongings of Thompson out. Riehl spoke at length regarding his contact with Parrish, Coleman, and Davis, claiming that he had been assaulted by the deputies. Riehl also used Periscope to film himself watching his security camera video, which he called ARLO, from his computer. The security camera video showed the exterior of the apartment including the stairs leading up to the apartment.

Patrol Interview Reference 2017-00147033

Corporal Coleman

On January 19, 2018, Detective White and Sgt. Wittner interviewed Corporal Coleman in regard to his response to a call at 3404 E. County Line Apartment # 24. Corporal Coleman said the call came in at approximately 3:00am on December 31, 2017. He believed the call came in as a disturbance or a 911. The RP on the call later identified as Matthew Riehl was on the phone saying that his roommate, later identified as Matthew Thompson, had lost it and did not know what year it was. Deputy Parrish also responded to the call.

When they arrived, Deputy Parrish advised Coleman that there was a camera at the top of the stairs by the apartment door. Coleman and Parrish went up the stairs, and Riehl answered the door. They asked Riehl to step out into the breezeway, while Deputy Parrish went inside to speak with Thompson. Coleman was trying to figure out why they were called. He spoke to Riehl on the stairs asking him about the relationship between him and Thompson. Riehl, according to Coleman, was antagonistic. He would not answer simple questions and his behavior was erratic. Coleman again asked what the relationship was. Riehl nodded his head and winked. Coleman again asked what the relationship was and Riehl responded that it was none of his business. Riehl finally answered Coleman saying it was domestic.

Because of Riehl's behavior, Coleman directed Riehl to walk to the bottom of the stairwell. Coleman again asked Riehl why he called. Riehl told him that he did not call the Sheriff's Office but wanted to call an ambulance because his roommate was out of his head and did not know what year it was. Riehl thought Thompson was having a PTSD flashback.

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Riehl also stated that Thompson came towards him and that he retreated back into his room. Thompson started to enter the room and Riehl took a laser and pointed it at his face and chest. That's why Riehl called for an ambulance. Coleman asked Riehl if he had identification. Riehl stated that it was in the apartment. Coleman stated that he would just write it down. Riehl said something to the effect of, "Fuck it. I'm going back upstairs."

Riehl attempted to walk past Coleman up the stairwell. Coleman placed his hand on Riehl's chest and told him, "No, you're not." Riehl threw his hands in the air and started yelling "Assault. Assault. Rape. Rape." Coleman told him to shut his mouth because right then, Riehl was the only one causing a disturbance. Riehl calmed down and quit yelling. Deputy Parrish then came downstairs and joined him and Riehl at the bottom of the stairway. Coleman added that Deputy Davis had arrived on scene by that time and was at the bottom of the stairwell also.

Coleman returned back upstairs and began speaking with Thompson. Thompson told Coleman that Riehl was out playing with some robots and being loud. Thompson, who was on the lease, had received a noise complaint from the leasing office. He went out of his bedroom to ask Riehl if he knew what time it was because he did not want another noise complaint. Thompson went on to talk about Riehl asking him if he knew what year it was and described how Riehl had flashed, what he thought, was a flashlight in his face and across his chest. Thompson explained Riehl's sleeping pattern and how he thought it had been about three days since Riehl had slept. Coleman also learned that Riehl had been drinking that night.

Coleman believed the lack of sleep and the drinking was not a good combination, but there was not enough to take him and place him on an M1 hold. Coleman stated he was not suicidal or homicidal at the time of contact. There was no overt threat of harming himself or others, and they needed something more substantial than PTSD.

Coleman did not believe there was enough to arrest and charge Riehl with disorderly conduct. There were not any neighbors that opened their doors or turned on the lights inside of their apartments. They could not articulate that it affected anyone else when he was screaming at the bottom of the stairwell. In Coleman's mind, it is the letter of the law versus the spirit of the law, and Coleman believed he did not have probable cause to make an arrest.

Corporal Coleman was asked about the hazard hit on the residence and if dispatch had aired that information. He only remembered looking at the information after the fact. When asked if that was common practice, Coleman replied, "In the past they have always aired it. The last year we've been trying to move towards doing everything on the computer." Coleman stated on Monday, when he returned to complete his report, that he was checking the notes and noticed that he arrived on scene at 3:02am. The notes show the hazard hit being input at 3:04am. Corporal Coleman did remember discussing the call with Sgt. Beyer. It was a casual conversation that occurred in passing. Coleman did not feel that something should have been done differently, but he wanted to inform Sgt. Beyer of the situation and that he completed a report on the disturbance.

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SHOOTING INCIDENT (2017-00147047)

On 12/31/2017 at 5:12am Riehl was the reporting party reference for a 911 call for service for a "Domestic" indicating he wished to file a restraining order against Matthew Thompson.

CAD Notes were as follows:

- *Riehl claimed that Thompson was pushing him around.*
- *Minimum 2 car response.*
- *Riehl is a CRT client and is a veteran suffering from PTSD per LTPD.*
- *Riehl has access to weapons and is hostile towards law enforcement.*
- *There are weapons in the residence, but they are secured.*
- *Riehl claimed nothing new had happened since the deputies last responded.*
- *Thompson is not on scene.*
- *Riehl wanted an emergency restraining order.*
- *Riehl said he smoked marijuana and became angry when the call taker asked more questions.*
- *Riehl said he stuffed drugs in the dumpster.*
- *Riehl claimed the deputies were physically aggressive with him on the earlier call.*

Deputies Parrish, T. Davis, and Doyle responded to the residence to meet with Riehl, with Parrish as the primary officer on the call. At 5:19am, Parrish called Thompson to see if he was at the residence, but Thompson did not answer so Parrish left a voicemail.

Prior to the deputy's arrival, Riehl had thrown a variety of household items from the apartment off of the balcony. When deputies arrived on scene they noticed a blanket hung off of the balcony as well as a bunch of items on the ground in front of the apartment.

Riehl was first contacted by Deputies at 5:22am as Riehl walked out of the apartment. All deputies were on ground level near the base of the stairs. Parrish tried talking with Riehl, but Riehl was not cooperative and walked back into the apartment closing the door behind him. The deputies spoke amongst themselves about not knowing if Thompson was inside with Riehl since Thompson had not answered his phone when Parrish had called him.

At 5:26am, Parrish, Davis and Doyle made contact with Riehl at his apartment. Before opening the door, Riehl told the deputies he was going to come out and talk to them and said he didn't have any guns on him. When Riehl opened the door, he held up his phone as if recording the deputies and sat in a chair blocking the door and keeping it between him and the deputies so that deputies could not enter. Parrish attempted to talk to Riehl who became upset and then slammed the door. Parrish, Davis, and Doyle stayed at the door for several minutes continuing to try and talk with Riehl and get him to open the door again.

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Matthew Riehl with Phone

Parrish made the decision that he wanted to place Riehl on a mental health hold and advised the other deputies on scene. Doyle requested that Sgt. Beyer respond as well as an additional deputy. All three deputies backed down the stairs and walked to the parking lot on the south side of the apartment building and waited for Sgt. Beyer and Deputy Pelle to respond and assist. Parrish finally spoke to Thompson via a phone call to advise him of what was going on with Riehl. Thompson was at work but told Parrish that he would come back to the apartment to meet him.

There was an approximate twenty-minute time period from when deputies backed away from the apartment until they made entry; none of the deputies had the audio to their BWC's activated. During this twenty-minute period, Deputy Parrish spoke to Thompson by phone to explain what was going on in his apartment. Thompson said he would return to the complex, and Deputies waited for him.

Deputies Parrish, T. Davis and Doyle waited for cover officers (Sgt. Beyer and Deputy Pelle) to respond for assistance. Parrish briefed the other deputies about the 3:00am call for service (2017-00147033). Deputies then began retrieving equipment from their cars. Deputies formed a plan and stack order for entering the apartment and briefly discussed the need to place Riehl on a mental health hold.

Deputies heard Riehl yelling from inside the apartment and heard sounds making them believe Riehl was throwing things and breaking things inside the apartment.

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Later Thompson arrived at the complex and met with Deputy Parrish. Thompson gave deputies permission to enter the apartment, warned deputies that Riehl had rifles and provided Parrish with a key to the apartment.

All five deputies approached the apartment. The stack order and officers who went inside the apartment were as follows:

- *T. Davis (Shield)*
- *Parrish (Handgun)*
- *Doyle (Less lethal – Taser)*
- *Pelle (Hands on – no weapon in hands)*
- *Sgt. Beyer (Hands on also – no weapon drawn)*

At 5:53am, the deputies began making entry into the apartment. Deputies made announcements to Riehl identifying themselves, yelling “Sheriff’s Office” and ordering Riehl to come out. Parrish had difficulty opening the door as Riehl had barricaded the door from the inside with numerous household items, but they were eventually able to make it inside and navigate the hallway.

Davis had the shield in her hands and went down a small hallway to the right upon entering the apartment, where they believed Riehl to be inside a bedroom.

In front of the door were multiple obstructions. Deputies again identified themselves as police and ordered Riehl to exit the room as they moved the obstructions. Davis attempted to kick the closed door but was unsuccessful.

Davis was unable to force the door open, so she stepped to her left and Parrish began trying to kick open Riehl’s bedroom door. At 5:55am, Riehl fired numerous rounds at the deputies through the bedroom door and walls, striking both Parrish and Davis. Parrish fell to the ground where he had been standing. Davis ran to Thompson’s bedroom north of the hallway and jumped out of the second story window. Doyle, Pelle, and Beyer backed out of the apartment.



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Deputy Davis' body camera as she jumps from window

As Doyle was running out of the apartment, he looked back and saw Parrish on the ground and told Pelle and Beyer he was going back inside to get Parrish. Doyle and Pelle went back to Parrish and began trying to drag him out of the apartment while Beyer was standing behind them. Doyle remained low to the ground while trying to pull Parrish out of the hallway and out of the apartment. Riehl again fired numerous rounds at the deputies through the walls and door, striking Doyle in the arm and Pelle in the chest.



Deputy Doyle's body camera

Both Doyle and Pelle left the apartment running past Beyer saying they had been hit. Beyer briefly looked into the apartment, aired the shooting to dispatch and made the decision to tend to Pelle and Doyle's injuries not knowing the status of either Parrish or Davis.

Beyer requested medical and SWAT to respond and told Doyle they needed to get Parrish and Davis out of the apartment. Beyer, Doyle, and Pelle moved to a safer location where Davis met them.

Around the same time frame, a civilian (Farook Patail) who lived at 3410 County Line Road #26 (the building east of Riehl's) was shot in the shoulder. Also, around this time, a citizen (Nathan Lapp) who live at 3404 County Line Road #25 (shared a common wall to Riehl's), called 911 saying he had been shot in the elbow.

At the time the civilians were shot, no shots had been fired by law enforcement. The only shots fired at that time were by Riehl. While Parrish was down laying on his back, Riehl shot him again through the door or wall. Moments later, Riehl came out of his room and shot Parrish two times with a handgun, one of which was at close range aimed at Parrish's head.

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Deputy Parrish's body camera

Over the radio, LT Moffitt requested additional resources and assistance from Lone Tree PD and Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, followed by initiating a Code Red for surrounding apartment complexes and neighborhoods.

Sgt. Beyer then began to evacuate Doyle and Pelle in his patrol car to waiting medical personnel. Deputy T. Davis advised over the radio they needed medical on site and gave a status update indicating all units on scene had been hit at least once and that they had a deputy still inside the apartment whose condition was unknown.

Moments later, Sgt. Beyer broadcast he had two officers evacuated to County Line Road at the front of the apartment complex but still had an officer outside of the apartment and an officer inside the apartment that had not been rescued.

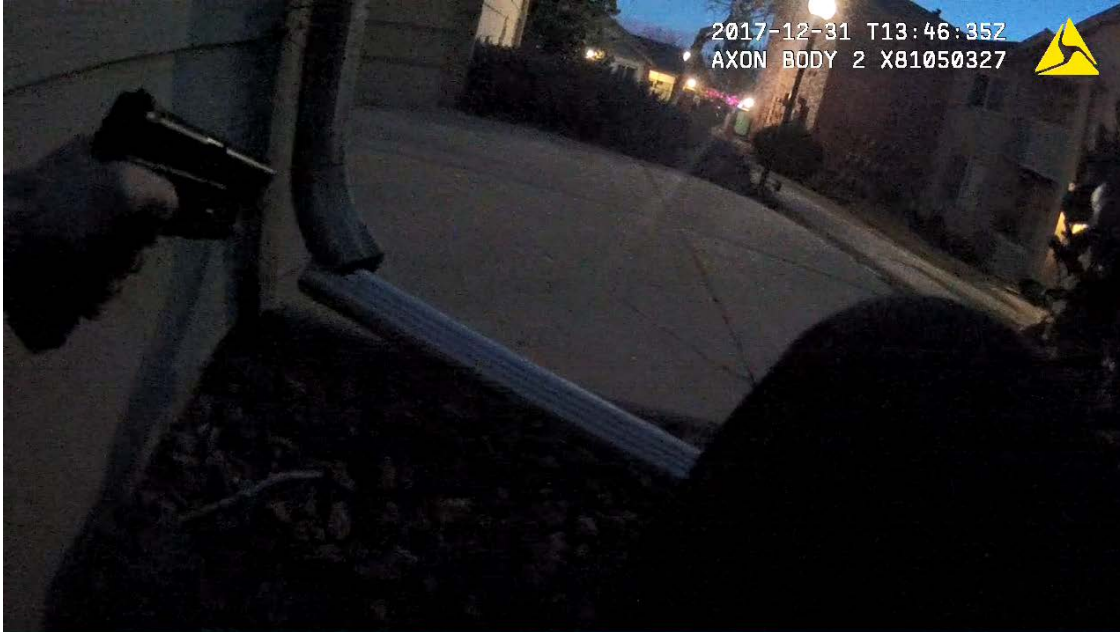
Davis was able to self-evacuate to waiting medical personnel. Just after, Sgt. Beyer met with Engel (SWAT) and provided him information about Parrish being inside the apartment and that Riehl had a high-powered rifle and had barricaded the doors.

Shortly thereafter, LT Moffitt directed units on scene to attempt an officer rescue of both the downed officer outside (Deputy Pelle) and the officer inside (Deputy Parrish). Sgt. Beyer facilitated the officer rescue of Deputy Pelle at that time and reported Deputy Parrish was still inside the apartment.

During this time, Riehl fired numerous rounds and separate volleys of gun fire. Deputy Lekander began to gather a contingent of deputies to attempt a rescue of Deputy Parrish. When Deputies Lekander, Stauffer, and Holliday were staged at the bottom of the

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stairwell, Riehl fired a volley of rounds through the wall aimed in the direction of the team moving up the stairs. All three deputies returned fire, shooting at the wall between themselves and Riehl. All three deputies backed away from the stairs and moved to areas of concealment.



Deputy Lekander's Body Camera

Deputy Lekander broadcast information that Parrish was down inside the apartment with no verbal responses and that he could hear radio traffic coming from Parrish's radio, fearing Riehl was listening to everything the rescue team and responding units were broadcasting over the radio.

Riehl fired at deputies through the walls again, which yielded Lekander and Stauffer to return fire again, shooting at the wall between them and Riehl.

While in a position of concealment south east of the stairwell, Lekander broke a light near their position to prevent any backlighting and to help conceal the team from the camera that was positioned facing the stairwell.

Awaiting SWAT's response, Lekander, Stauffer, Holliday and Sgt. Beyer remained at their position of concealment while Riehl continued firing shots in their direction through the wall and the stairwell. Moments later, deputies heard a second story window being broken out and relayed that information over the radio.

Just after the window was broken out, Lekander was relieved by the first SWAT operator on scene, Sgt. Jeff Engel. At that point, Lekander, Stauffer, Holliday and Sgt. Beyer fell back further to the south to allow the arrival of additional SWAT operators.

Search Warrant

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On 12/31/2017, Detective Shannon Silva completed a search warrant of 3404 E County Line #24. Judge Bowling approved that warrant. Two extensions were also completed for this property. The property was maintained by DCSO for 14 days.

Patrol Officer Individual Interviews:

Deputy Taylor Davis

On January 8, 2018, there was a recorded interview with Deputy Davis, Greenwood Village Detective John Carr, Detective Shannon Silva, and Deputy Davis' attorney. Deputy Davis began speaking about her contact with Riehl during the initial call at 3:00am on December 31, 2017. She believed that Riehl had some mental health issues because of how he was acting with deputies on that initial call. Although she believed he had mental health issues, there was not enough to justify doing an M1 hold on Riehl during the first call.

On the call that came in at 5:00am on December 31, 2017, she remembered dispatch advising that Riehl was irate with them on the phone. She again responded to the apartment to cover Deputy Parrish. When she arrived, Parrish was already on scene and was attempting to contact Matthew Thompson, Riehl's roommate. Thompson did not answer, and a message was left. Parrish wanted to find out who all was in the apartment. As they approached the apartment, she and Parrish noticed that items were being thrown off the balcony into the courtyard. Parrish knocked on the door, and Riehl stated he was coming out and was not armed. Riehl opened the door but did not come outside. Riehl was leaning on the door and had his phone out recording both her and Parrish. Riehl stated, he wanted the civil division, then said something to the effect of "Fuck you guys," and then slammed the door. Davis tried to place her foot in the door to stop it from closing. She was at an odd angle and was not able to do so.

She and Parrish went back down the stairs, moved to a rally point, and requested for Sgt. Beyer and Deputy Pelle to respond. Matthew Thompson agreed to respond back to the complex with the key. While waiting for Thompson to arrive, both Beyer and Pelle arrived. Beyer, Pelle, Parrish, and Davis discussed whether the charge of disorderly conduct would apply but decided to make contact with Riehl and place him on an M1 hold.

Deputy Davis and Sgt. Beyer's recollection of the events are consistent regarding the contact of Riehl and the intent to take him in for an M1 hold. Both interviews were also consistent regarding the specific assignments each deputy would have during the contact.

The rest of Davis' interview is consistent with body cam footage and deals with the entry into the apartment and what she did when Riehl began shooting through the wall at them inside the apartment. It also talks about her actions of moving deeper within the apartment and hunkering down in case of a firefight between her and Riehl. She explains

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what she felt after being shot, jumping out the bedroom window, moving towards cover, and back to where the other deputies were triaging both Pelle and Doyle.

Deputy Michael Doyle

In Deputy Doyle's interview, both the audio and video malfunctioned. The following information was obtained through a progress report that was prepared by Detective Silva. In Deputy Doyle's interview he stated the following in part:

Detective Steve Tarr and Detective Silva interviewed Deputy Michael Doyle at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. Doyle stated that on December 31, 2017, he responded to 3404 East County Line Road at about 5:00am. Doyle did not recall what the call for service was but did remember that the suspect told dispatch that he had been pushed by his roommate and that he wanted a restraining order. Doyle stated when he arrived he was met by Deputies Parrish and Davis who told him about their earlier call at the address. Both Parrish and Davis were on-scene at the address earlier that morning, at about 3:00am.

They made contact with the suspect and advised Doyle about the individual who lived in the apartment. Parrish and Davis attempted to make contact with the suspect at the front door, while Doyle remained at the bottom of the stairs in order to watch the suspect's bedroom window. Doyle stated that he could hear the suspect yelling and screaming inside the apartment.

The suspect was yelling at Parrish and Davis to identify themselves. He also wanted to know who was at the door. Doyle stated that the suspect continued to yell while he was walking around the apartment. He could tell that the suspect was walking around the apartment because his voice would fade in and out like he was going into other rooms in the apartment. Doyle could not tell what the suspect was saying.

Doyle stated that the suspect opened the front door very briefly and then "slammed" it shut on Parrish and Davis. Doyle stated that Davis attempted to stop the door from being shut by placing her foot inside the door. However, the suspect slammed the door on them before she was able to stop it. Parrish and Davis attempted to reason with the suspect for several minutes without success before returning down the stairs to meet with Doyle.

Deputies Parrish, Davis, and Doyle met at the bottom of the stairs and muted their body worn cameras while they discussed what their next steps would be. The deputies contacted Sgt. Beyer, who later arrived on-scene with Deputy Pelle. Doyle stated that Parrish decided that the suspect needed to be placed on an M1 hold. Doyle also stated that Parrish and Sgt. Beyer discussed this because Parrish had most of the information.

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Detective Silva asked Doyle what the thought process was behind the decision and he stated that he didn't know but that he trusted Parrish because he was a good deputy. Doyle stated that the deputies and Sgt. Beyer came up with a plan to try and make entry into the apartment and take the suspect into custody. While they were having this discussion, Doyle mentioned that they could hear the suspect throwing things around his apartment and off of the balcony, which was located on the north side of the apartment building.

Deputies then contacted the roommate of the suspect. He arrived back at the apartment and spoke with Deputy Parrish who obtained permission to enter the apartment. The roommate also indicated that the suspect had weapons, but that he wasn't sure what type or how many he had. He also stated that he wasn't sure how he would react to deputies, but that his recent behavior was erratic. Deputies decided to enter the apartment with a ballistic shield in order to take the suspect into custody on an M1 hold. Doyle stated that Parrish told him the suspect was acting very manic and that his behavior had intensified from an earlier call that he had been on at around 3 am.

Doyle stated that deputies made their way up the stairs to the suspect's apartment and approached in the following order: Deputy Davis lead the front of the stack and carried the ballistic shield, Deputy Parrish was next using lethal cover, Deputy Doyle followed with less lethal cover (Taser). Doyle couldn't remember who was behind him, either Deputy Pelle or Sgt. Beyer.

The rest of Doyle's interview is consistent with body cam footage and deals with the entry into the apartment and what he did when Riehl began shooting through the wall at them inside the apartment.

Deputy Jeff Pelle

On January 26, 2018, LT Buys and Sgt. Wittner interviewed Deputy Jeff Pelle in regard to the events on December 31, 2017. Deputy Pelle was working district 5 when he heard over the radio Deputy Parrish asking for Sgt. Beyer to respond to his location. Pelle also responded because he heard Parrish saying that Riehl was refusing to come out. Pelle was not aware of the hazard hit until he arrived on scene. He could not remember who told him the information about Riehl.

While they were waiting for Matthew Thompson (Riehl's roommate) to arrive on scene, Pelle could hear Riehl yelling and throwing things inside the apartment. Pelle could not hear exactly what Riehl was yelling. When Thompson arrived on scene, he informed

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everyone that Riehl had guns but he did not know how many or what type of weapons he had.

After the roommate left, Beyer, Parrish, Davis, Doyle, and Pelle put together a game plan. Davis had a shield and so she was assigned that position. Pelle could not remember specifically who was assigned as lethal and non-lethal. He did know that Deputies Parrish and Doyle were responsible for those assignments. He was empty handed to assist with the arrest. He also believed Sgt. Beyer was empty handed. Pelle did not remember any discussion about any criminal charges, he only remembers Parrish wanting to place Riehl on an M1 hold. Parrish said something to the effect that Riehl was having a manic episode, and it was the worst he had ever seen.

As they approached the apartment, Deputy Davis was first in the stack followed by Parrish, Doyle, himself, then Beyer. He could not recall if there was an announcement, before or as, they were opening the door. The front door did not open all the way and was being blocked by items he thought Riehl had been throwing in the apartment. Pelle and Sgt. Beyer started moving the items out into the breezeway. There was never any discussion about how they would approach if there was a barricade situation.

The rest of Deputy Pelle's interview discussed the entrance into the apartment, and the shooting by Riehl. Deputy Pelle's statements were consistent with bodycam footage during the incident.

Sergeant Dave Beyer

Sgt. Beyer stated that he first became aware of the situation from Corporal Coleman. Coleman had mentioned the incident report he had taken at the residence regarding the domestic. Coleman described Riehl's erratic and volatile behavior. Sgt. Beyer described the conversation between him and Coleman as casual, in passing type dialog, rather than a detailed conversation.

Sgt. Beyer was then called by Doyle via radio to respond to the residence during the second call for service at 5:00am on December 31, 2017. Beyer arrived on scene and met with Deputies Parrish, Davis, Doyle, and Pelle. Parrish described Riehl's behavior as, the "Most manic guy I've ever seen." At one point during their interaction with Riehl at the front door, Riehl told deputies to "Sound off like you have a pair."

The group of deputies conversed on the south-southeast corner of the building and discussed their plan to contact Riehl and take him into custody on an M1 hold. While they were coming up with a plan, Sgt. Beyer could hear Riehl yelling inside his apartment; he wasn't able to make out what was being said. Sgt. Beyer also saw items being thrown off the balcony and broken inside the apartment.

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Sgt. Beyer learned from either Pelle or Parrish that the roommate, Matthew Thompson, had informed them that Riehl had rifles inside the home that were locked up. Thompson had given deputies consent to enter the residence. Sgt. Beyer described the consent as, "full access to the house."

Deputies requested medical be put on stand-by and came up with an entry plan. Each member was designated with a specific task. Deputy Doyle was designated as less-lethal cover. Deputy Parrish was designated as lethal cover. Deputy Pelle and Sgt. Beyer were the "hands-on" or arrest team. Deputy Lippolis was to stand-by. Deputy Davis was designated with the shield. Sgt. Beyer stated the intent was to enter the home, take Riehl into custody, and place him on an M1 hold. The thought was that Riehl was a danger to himself by virtue of him breaking things, his erratic behavior, and yelling. Sgt. Beyer also cited a directive by Captain Weekly that "We will help these people."

Deputies responded back to the apartment and made announcements. When they received no response, Sgt. Beyer believed that Pelle unlocked the front door. Continuous announcements were made as they entered into the apartment. Deputies met resistance at the front door, and initially they weren't sure if it was Riehl or a barricade. Sgt. Beyer, Deputy Doyle, and Deputy Pelle assisted by clearing the barricade and moving items onto the balcony.

Sgt. Beyer described deputies converging at the T-intersection in the entry hallway of the apartment. He saw Pelle, Davis, Doyle, and Parrish in the hallway. He could see there was more debris in the hallway and saw Davis attempting to kick the bedroom door. He didn't see the actual impacts but assumed that's what she was doing based on her motions. He believed Parrish was behind Davis' right shoulder.

He saw Parrish reel back and kick the bedroom door. He believed entry was made on Parrish's strike. Immediately after entry, he heard a "hail of gunfire" that was "rapid and successive." Sgt. Beyer described the cycle rate as semi-automatic fire. His first thought was to "Get the fuck out of the kill zone." He believed he saw Parrish in a gun fighting posture. He saw Davis going deeper into the apartment while yelling "I'm hit." He heard Parrish yelling that he was hit.

Sgt. Beyer, Doyle and Pelle retreated to the landing. Doyle yelled Parrish was down and to cover him. Doyle re-entered the apartment bending down by Parrish. Deputy Pelle and Sgt. Beyer were directly behind. Another barrage of gun fire erupted. Doyle and Pelle were both hit. Sgt. Beyer and Doyle helped extract Pelle out of the apartment. During the extraction, he didn't see where Parrish was. He saw Davis had dropped her shield and continued deeper into the apartment. He knew that Davis was cut off from the rest of the team given where the fire was being directed.

Sgt. Beyer got on the radio to request assistance. As he and Doyle were helping Pelle down the stairs, they continued receiving fire through the walls. He described him and Doyle ducking to avoid rounds. Sgt. Beyer stopped and came back to the apartment door to provide cover for Doyle and Pelle during the extraction. Once they got down the stairs,

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they went to the right (south) and brought Pelle to a grassy area. Doyle chose that area to begin aid and triage because it was a hard angle and would be harder for the suspect to engage them. Sgt. Beyer triaged Doyle while Doyle triaged Pelle. While triaging both Doyle and Pelle they began to take on more gunfire from the suspect. They moved a second time to the original rally point for further triage and an exit plan.

At that same time Deputy Davis rejoined them on the south side of the building saying that she was also shot. Sgt. Beyer made the decision to extract Pelle and Doyle to medical personnel. Sgt. Beyer retrieved his patrol vehicle and extracted Pelle and Doyle to Countyline Road where South Metro Fire was staged.

Sgt. Beyer immediately returned to the scene with Sgt. Engel. Both Sgt. Beyer and Sgt. Engel started to initiate the rescue of Deputy Parrish. Once at the south corner of the stairwell Sgt Beyer, Sgt. Engle and Deputy Lekander were immediately met with gunfire. As Deputy Lekander returned fire Sgt. Beyer moved up over the top of Deputy Lekander so he could reload. The rescue plan was abandoned until SWAT arrived. While awaiting SWAT he provided long cover and intel to arriving units.

Deputy Larry Peterson

On January 22, 2018, Detective White and Sgt. Wittner interviewed Deputy Larry Peterson in regard to an officer-involved shooting that he responded to at 3404 E. County Line Rd. Apartment #24.

Deputy Peterson advised that he had been in law enforcement for 40 years. He served four years in the military as an MP. He was with Littleton P.D. for 21 years and now with Douglas County for 15 years. He was working District four on December 31, 2017. He was doing an increased patrol in the area of the new forensic lab when he heard over the radio Sgt. Beyer saying shots fired.

Both he and Deputy Burek responded to the scene. He did not know where Burek had gone, but Peterson met up with Deputies Lekander, Holliday, and Stauffer at the 3404 building at the bottom of the stairwell of apartment 24. Peterson, Lekander, and Stauffer were on the south side of the stairwell. Holliday was located on the north side of the stairwell by herself. He remembers both Lekander and Stauffer firing their weapons. Lekander had his pistol. Peterson told both Lekander and Stauffer to get a long gun up front. That is when Stauffer took the front position.

Peterson did not fire rounds because he could not recognize a target from his location. Peterson heard shots but did not know if the shots were coming from the doorway of apartment 24 or through the wall. He remembered telling Lekander and Stauffer that they could not make it up the stairwell. Peterson looked at the building to the east of 3404. That building was later identified as 3410. Peterson noticed the front of the building could not be accessed because it was in the direct line of fire from Riehl's apartment located at 3404.

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Deputy Peterson was looking for another vantage point possibly on higher ground that a sniper might be able to access. He went behind the 3410 building and went to 3410 apartment 24. Peterson knocked on the door and a male and female answered the door. He identified himself and asked if they had any windows that faced building 3404. They showed him the bedroom, and it gave him a view of the suspect (Riehl's) apartment and a large window that had been broken out with a blanket or something laying outside the window. Detective White asked a clarification question of direction of the broken window. Peterson believed the broken window faced north and the suspect's bedroom window faced east.

Peterson got a hold of Sgt. Engel to advise him he had a possible location where a sniper could set up. Officer Bernadoni and Deputy Arguello arrived at the 3410 apartment 24 location. Peterson broke out the bedroom window, moved shades, and furniture helping Bernadoni get situated. Peterson moved to the building further north to try to gain a different vantage point. He found one apartment but could not remember the building or apartment number. This apartment had the exact same view, but it was further away. Peterson continued to look for other vantage points. He could not find one and returned back to the apartment where Bernadoni and Arguello were located. Peterson then heard all the automatic gunfire and the radio traffic stating SWAT had made entry, the suspect was down, and they were clearing the building.

Peterson then left 3410 apartment 24 and saw Lone Tree Officers and Arapahoe SWAT checking apartments. Peterson assisted with the clearing of apartments. Detective White asked Peterson if he found any injured civilians during his clearance of apartments and he stated, "No." Peterson then drew his location on the map of the complex and how he traveled to get to building 3410 apartment 24.

Peterson could not remember the number of gunfire volleys that occurred or the amount of rounds that Lekander or Stauffer fired. He did remember that each time Lekander and Stauffer shot it was in response to the rounds coming from Riehl's apartment. Peterson was asked about any specialized training he had received regarding directive or suppressive firing. He said he had received training with SWAT while with Douglas County. Peterson said directed firing deals more with SWAT. Patrol is trained to shoot at the target. Peterson knew that Riehl was in the apartment and that Deputy Parrish was down inside the apartment, but he did not know the locations of either.

Peterson remembered reading the hazard hit on the apartment. He also remembered that he thought dispatch advised of weapons in the apartment but that they were secure.

Deputy George Lekander

Deputy Lekander was part of a small group of deputies who had planned on going into the suspect's apartment to rescue Parrish. As Lekander began advancing towards the stairs of the apartment, he could hear a police radio and the sounds of someone running in the apartment which he believed was Riehl. According to Lekander, the suspect fired numerous rounds from the apartment door area from what he believed was a semi-auto

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rifle. Lekander thought the suspect was going to come out of the apartment and engage the deputies with the rifle so he used directed fire, shooting with his handgun at the doorjamb of the apartment to keep the suspect from exiting.

Lekander moved to a position of cover just south of the suspect's stairs where he reloaded his handgun. Lekander was again ready to attempt another rescue of Parrish when the suspect began shooting through walls towards him. Based on where the suspect's rounds were coming from, Lekander shot into the wall where he thought the suspect was.



Deputy Lekander's body camera

Lekander again moved to cover and reloaded his handgun, realizing that there would be no way to safely rescue Parrish as the suspect was shooting through walls at deputies. Lekander could hear the suspect reloading weapons, screaming, and making noises that suggested the suspect was fortifying the apartment. Lekander also broke a light near his position so that the suspect would have a harder time seeing things from his camera. The suspect again shot towards Lekander who could see bullets hitting the ground in his general location.

During this time, Sgt. Beyer had moved directly to the east of the suspect's apartment. Lekander heard what he believed to be glass breaking followed by the suspect shooting. Lekander believed the suspect was shooting at Beyer, so he fired a few rounds from his handgun towards where he believed the suspect was shooting from in an attempt to keep the suspect from shooting at Beyer.

Deputy Jonathan Stauffer

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Deputy Stauffer was also part of a small group of deputies who had planned on going into the suspect's apartment to rescue Parrish. Stauffer and the other deputies approached the stairs leading to the suspect's apartment at which point they came under fire by the suspect. Stauffer said he could see pieces of wood debris flying through the air, indicating that the suspect was shooting through walls, and could hear the suspect shooting with what he believed was a semi-automatic weapon. Stauffer returned fire with his rifle, shooting through the wall where he thought the suspect was shooting from. Stauffer wanted to stop the suspect from shooting at him while he and other deputies retreated to cover.

Stauffer and other deputies again tried moving towards the stairs in an attempt to rescue Parrish. The suspect again began shooting through the wall at Stauffer and the other deputies. Stauffer again shot through the apartment walls with his rifle towards the area where the suspect was shooting from in an attempt to stop the suspect from shooting at him and other deputies.

Deputy Nicole Holliday

On January 23, 2018, Detective White and Sgt. Wittner re-interviewed Deputy Holliday. Deputy Holliday began her law enforcement career in January of 2015 when she was hired as a dispatcher for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. In December 2015, she graduated from the academy and was commissioned as a deputy in the Detentions. She moved to Patrol and completed the FTO program in November of 2017.

She had arrived to work on December 31, 2017. She was assigned to Days A. She worked Sunday-Wednesday. She was in the briefing room at the HRSS when she heard the call of shots fired. She dispatched herself through the MDT and responded code three to the address of 3404 E. County Line Rd. apartment #24. When she arrived, LT Moffitt was asking for five people to attempt to rescue Deputy Parrish who was still in the apartment. LT Moffitt was not able to come up with a location to meet. She saw Peterson and another deputy she thought was Brad Burek. She and Peterson moved to where the shots were being fired. They met up with Lekander and Stauffer on the south side of building 3404 apartment #24.

Using a map of the apartment building, she was able to show Sgt. Wittner where she staged at the building. Holliday was staged on the north side of building 3404 at the bottom of the stairwell leading up to apartment #24. As she looked up into the stairwell, she noticed a camera at the top of the stairs. That's when Riehl started shooting at them.

When the shots were fired at them, Holliday returned fire because she was afraid that she was going to get shot. She wanted to get out of there. She wanted to return fire so she could get back behind something else. Holliday said that a window of the apartment was covered. She could not see anything at the door, but she could hear rounds going by her. She saw them coming out of the wall. Holliday described that what she heard was like a whiz of a bullet going by her. She did not recall hearing any impact.

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Holliday continued to talk about shots being fired at them. She was now underneath a window that she believed was a bedroom from previous calls at the complex. Riehl could be heard yelling and then he would fire off a couple of shots. Holliday could not clearly hear what Riehl was yelling because it was muffled. Holliday remained at her location for instructions on whether or not they were going to go up the stairs. When Riehl continued to shoot, the deputies were given instructions to fall back. Holliday believed she shot four to five times to return to a place of cover. She was shooting her department issued AR-15. When asked who else shot, Holliday reported that both Lekander and Stauffer had fired. Lekander had his handgun, and Stauffer had his AR.

After she returned fire, she fell back to building 3410. There was a partial brick wall that provided her cover. She posted up and had her rifle aimed at the window of apartment 24 building 3404. Deputy Lippolis was near her location and she continued to switch places with him so that he could take a break and warm up. She remembered hearing yelling and believed Lekander fired more shots because it sounded like a handgun. Holliday did not know if Stauffer fired any more rounds. Sgt. Beyer had fallen down a stairwell. They were worried about him and trying to get him out.

Sgt. Wittner asked Holliday if she knew where Parrish was at in the apartment, or if she knew where Riehl was located. She did not know the locations. She could hear muffled yelling from what she believed was the bedroom. She knew that Deputy Parrish was shot and in the apartment. She did not know where he was or if he was down or hunkered down in the apartment. She did remember hearing Lekander and Stauffer yelling Parrish's name trying to get a response.

Sgt. Wittner asked Holliday questions regarding her training. Sgt. Wittner asked if she had ever had training on suppressive or directed fire. She said that during the academy the instructors had discussed directed fire. She had no physical training on it. She could not remember specifically what the instructors had told the academy. She has participated in Killer Ambush training and Counter training. With the Killer Ambush training, they were instructed to go towards the gunfire. The Counter training included awareness of surroundings and traffic stops under fire.

Holliday stated when she returned fire she could not see Riehl. When she was shooting into the wall she was aiming at the general direction of where the bullets were coming out. When SWAT had arrived on scene, she went over towards the east side of the complex entrance. There was a SWAT officer where she was at and she heard the suspect was down. Holliday was then directed to go the substation and meet with peer support. Holliday did try to read the notes on the call on her way to work. She saw that it was domestic related, and he was barricaded. She also saw the hazard hit that the response required two deputies.

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PATROL DEPUTIES INVOLVED WHO FIRED THEIR WEAPONS

Deputy George Lekander OSN 1665



Deputy Jonathan Stauffer OSN 1714



Deputy Nicole Holliday OSN 1301



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SWAT RESPONSE/SHOOTING INCIDENT

All operators outfitted in their tactical kits/plate carriers and/or body armor had proper markings and insignias which identified them as police with large "Sheriff" velcro patches as well as shoulder patches identifying them as "SWAT". If there were any deviations of the uniform, some operators who were coming from a patrol capacity were outfitted with blue uniform patrol pants, but all of the above-mentioned markings were above the waistline.

SWAT operators arrived on scene and began working bilaterally with patrol to both ensure evacuations had been completed of neighboring residences as well as gathering information from patrol about the apartment layout and latest intelligence gathered by patrol on Riehl, his position, and where rounds had been coming from and striking.

Operators reported hearing a number of volleys of gunshots coming from the apartment.

During a lull in the gunfire, operator Holmes approached the stairwell to attempt a shot on a camera that was mounted and directed down the stairwell, which officers on scene believed was being used to surveil officers' locations and movements.

Information had been put out that civilians had been hit in neighboring apartments. It was believed that one of the civilians that was shot in the arm resided in the apartment due south of the suspect's apartment.

Deputy Lekander retrieved a ladder to post up on the south side of the apartment building, and SWAT operators Holmes and Friesen ascended the ladder to the balcony of the south apartment. On the balcony was a sliding glass door that led into the apartment, which they breached to gain access into the apartment. Holmes and Friesen cleared the apartment, but no one was inside, and it appeared vacant.

While Holmes and Friesen were in the apartment south of Riehl's, they could hear gunfire. Holmes and Friesen remained in the apartment, and other operators began sending shields up to them.

From inside the second story apartment south of Riehl's, Holmes looked through the peep hole of the front door and observed an open door to Riehl's apartment; he reported being able to see Parrish on the ground. At that point, Holmes and Friesen were told they were going to be part of the entry team.

SWAT command directed a contingent of operators to provide directed rifle fire from the apartment building to the east of Riehl's apartment while the entry team was approaching from the neighboring apartment across the landing to conduct an entry. The directed fire was used to distract and disorient the suspect to divert attention from the crisis entry team tasked with both rescuing Parrish and incapacitating Riehl.

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The initial entry team was comprised of the following operators stacked up in this order:

- *Operator Dorrell with a shield and a handgun*
- *Operator Friesen with SWAT issued rifle*
- *Operator Shuster with a shield and a handgun*
- *Operator O'Donnell*
- *Operator Holmes*
- *Operator Richter (Medic – stayed back)*

SWAT Medic Richter was in the neighboring second story apartment but stayed back while the entry was made. He stayed to maintained a hard fall back point in the event the entry team needed to fall back.

The directed fire began which was the cue for the entry team to begin moving. The door to Riehl's apartment was open. Once entry was made into Riehl's apartment, there was an ironing board and other additional household items cluttering the floor and entry way making it difficult for the team to navigate inside the apartment.

The team began moving down the immediate hallway and observed a small hallway to the right with a door that had a large hole in the bottom left of it. The hole had been created from when Parrish attempted to kick the door earlier that morning, but his foot went through the door causing the hole.

Operators Holmes and Dorrell had passed the small hallway and had pushed to the north portion of the apartment. At that time, the team began receiving fire from the room down the small hallway. The rounds coming through the wall caused debris from the drywall to explode around the operators inside the apartment. Dorrell reported that he heard what sounded like a shotgun go off. He figured the shot had to have come from Riehl because no operators inside the apartment deployed a shotgun.

Dorrell faced the direction of the gunfire and posted up on the left corner of the short hallway facing suspect's room. Dorrell began shooting over top the shield he was carrying and shooting through the door where he thought Riehl was. At that time, the team was taking rounds from the bedroom as well.

After a short lull in the gunfight, Dorrell walked up to the bedroom door and tried pushing it but could not get it open. At that point Dorrell reported that Holmes started kicking the door and Holmes foot went through the door making a hole.

After the hole was made, Dorrell could see the suspect from the waist down and it appeared he was either laying down or turned on his side to where Riehl's backside was facing the door, but then Dorrell saw Riehl start moving around again. Dorrell started shooting into the room at Riehl again until his Glock handgun went empty.

Holmes reported seeing the drywall blowing up as rounds were coming through the bedroom door and the wall that was in line with the door. Holmes reported seeing a hole

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that looked like it might have been made with a sledge hammer. Holmes knew Parrish was behind him, and he knew Riehl was in the room. Holmes also reported knowing no one else was in the apartment.

Holmes reported that he waited until he saw movement through the hole in the door. As soon as he saw movement, he fired rounds but did not know how many. Holmes heard a thud and someone fall and did not hear anymore gun fire.

At the same time other operators inside reported a number of rounds coming through the door with the hole in it, and they saw a blue LED light flickering inside the room. Through the hole in the wall, Friesen detected movement from inside the room and fired his rifle to stop the threat. Friesen shined his weapon light through the hole in the door and observed movement again so fired his rifle again.

Immediately after that engagement, operators began attempting to extract Parrish. Operators attempted to pull Parrish out by the legs, but they were having trouble moving Parrish due to all of the debris in the hallway. During this time, the team began taking another volley of fire from the bedroom.

Friesen was able to push east down the small hallway and just to the right was a small bathroom that Friesen tucked himself into during the barrage of gunfire. A number of rounds came through the bathroom wall as well.

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Individual SWAT operator interviews:

Sergeant Jeff Engel

Sgt. Engel was the on-call investigator and had been called out on a death investigation at approximately 4:00am the morning of December 31st 2017 when Corporal Coleman told him there was an officer-down situation and an active shooter at the Copper Canyon apartment complex.

Sgt. Engel terminated the interview and was going to go home to get his rifle, but when he heard the radio traffic, he decided to turn around and head directly to the complex.

Once on scene at the apartment complex, he saw marked patrol units and was greeted by Deputy Burek. Sgt. Engel began donning his SWAT gear, hooking up his radio, and asked Burek for a long gun because his rifle was at home, and Burek gave him a shotgun.

Burek told Sgt. Engel that there was a deputy down who needed extricated and directed Sgt. Engel to the apartment building. As Burek directed Sgt. Engel, Engel noticed some dark silhouettes in a grassy area that he believed must have been the downed officer who needed extricated.

He and Burek moved up together, picked up Deputy Davis, and put her in the back of the car and drove out to County Line road where a medical unit was staged and collected the deputy. They then drove back to the scene.

After getting back to the main courtyard of the scene, Sgt. Engel and the other deputies came up with an ad-hoc plan. While in the midst of planning, Engel recalled a number of rounds, which he believed to be .223 rounds, coming through the wall from Riehl's apartment.

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Sgt. Engel reported a break in the gunfire, but then another volley of maybe 6-7 rounds followed by a loud boom. At that time, Sgt. Engel told everyone to back up even further than they were because he was not sure what kind of round Riehl was firing.

Sgt. Engel reported having a number of conversations with other deputies revolving around plans to rescue Parrish that would not compound the problem by sending additional officers that may end up being casualties.

Deputy Peterson told Sgt. Engel they needed to find a place with some elevation and Engel agreed. At that point, they went to an adjacent apartment located on the second story that would give them a view at Riehl's apartment. Sgt. Engel and Peterson knocked on the door, and there was a male and female inside who allowed them to enter.

From the parties' master bedroom, Sgt. Engel and Peterson could clearly see Riehl's apartment and noticed what Engel referred to as a window dressing draped over the window with some kind of tape mark on it.

At that point, they held that position. Information had gone out that Riehl had Parrish's radio and could hear the radio traffic being transmitted. With that information, it was decided to switch to DEC frequency, but Sgt. Engel reported there were "crickets" and no one had communications on that channel.

Due to the radio issues, Sgt. Engel decided to run downstairs to communicate with the others on the ground while Peterson remained in the apartment at the master bedroom window. Sgt. Engel also began thinking about how best to bring the SWAT team in because he needed to get a sniper up in the room that Peterson was occupying.

Sgt. Engel attempted to get a hold of someone on SWAT's main channel but could not get a hold of anyone. At that point, he knew he had a communication problem. Sgt. Engel was finally able to get his radio up and working, but by that time Sgt. Trujillo was arriving on scene.

Sgt. Engel reported linking up with Sgt. Trujillo and giving him a brief as to what the current situation was and what assets were in place already. Also with Sgt. Trujillo was Officer Bernadoni, who is a sniper. Sgt. Engel brought Bernadoni to the position Peterson was holding and then left to link back up with Sgt. Trujillo.

In-between the time of moving from the position where Peterson was at and going to and from Sgt. Trujillo's position, Sgt. Engel reported volleys of gunfire coming from Riehl's apartment. Sgt. Engel reported there were so many volleys of gunfire that at one point he elected to stop reporting 'shots fired' on the radio because there were just too many instances of gunfire.

Additional SWAT assets began to come in. Sgt. Engel reported that it was apparent Riehl must have had some kind of surveillance system in place because when Riehl did fire through the walls, he was always very close to the deputies he was firing at.

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Sgt. Engel reported that he was south of the stairwell and observed Sgt. Beyer in an alcove almost directly at a 45 degree angle from the top of the landing of Riehl's apartment, which was due east of Engel.

Sgt. Engel reported telling Sgt. Beyer to "get the fuck out of there" because it was a bad location with little cover, and he remembered Sgt. Beyer replying that he couldn't because his knee was hurt.

Sgt. Engel found out Sgt. Beyer was ambulatory but could not move very fast. They decided to set up a corridor for Sgt. Beyer so he could self-evacuate. Holmes pushed up toward a bush to provide Sgt. Beyer with cover, and Sgt. Engel positioned himself halfway between them. Sgt. Beyer got up and was able to move behind them and found a position on the west side of the building to await medical attention.

In the course of going over plans to extract Parrish, it was decided a light and sound distraction device (LSDD or flash bang) would be deployed. The reasons cited for the deployment of the flash bang was to both try to determine where Riehl was, but also to let Parrish know they were still outside working on the problem and putting together a rescue plan.

Sgt. Engel then reported the need for a rifle, so he decided to leave the active scene to go to the command post to procure a rifle. On the way to Officer O'Donnell's vehicle, Sgt. Engel ran into LT McMillan and said, "I need a rifle." At that point LT McMillan gave Engel his issued rifle.

Just after getting LT McMillan's rifle, Sgt. Engel ran into Sgt. Trujillo and discussed a plan of deploying a high team in the apartment across the landing from Riehl's apartment.

The plan was to coordinate directed fire into the rafters of the roof from the ground team to distract Riehl, and the high team would push forward into Riehl's apartment to extract Parrish.

Sgt. Engel began sending directed fire rounds into the rafters of the roof and the entry team began moving from the neighboring apartment, across the stairwell and into Riehl's apartment.

After the team made it into the apartment, Sgts. Engel and Trujillo pushed across the courtyard and went up the stairs. Sgt. Engel heard gunfire and saw the small hallway cluttered with a lot of stuff. Sgt. Engel explained that there was a short hallway leading off to the right side of the apartment as they entered. Right at that intersection in the hallway, he could see Parrish.

Sgt. Engel reported being approximately 6 feet away from Parrish, and it appeared Parrish was probably deceased. Sgt. Engel stated at that time, rounds were coming

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through the wall from the room Riehl was inside of. Sgt. Engel could hear that the entry team was shooting into Riehl's room as well.

Sgt. Engel grabbed a hold of Parrish's pants but could not get him unstuck. Sgt. Engel noticed Parrish's foot was caught at the corner of the intersection of the hallway and that was preventing Engel from pulling him out of the apartment. Sgt. Engel was finally able to break Parrish's foot free from where it was stuck and began dragging him out. While Sgt. Engel was extracting Parrish, Engel felt and heard rounds going over his head from the room Riehl was in.

Sgt. Engel made it to the stairwell with Parrish, and Officer Blea met him there and took Parrish from Engel. Sgt. Engel then went back into the apartment. By the time he made it back into the apartment, he could tell the entry team had made it into Riehl's room. Sgt. Engel reported seeing a large hole in the door; large enough that he could see into the room.

Sgt. Engel remembered seeing Riehl in a prone position with his head slightly turned to the right with a green gas mask on. Right after that, Sgt. Engel heard they had Riehl handcuffed, so Engel began clearing the rest of the apartment, at which point they began bringing Riehl out. Sgt. Engel reported the rounds exchanged inside the apartment as a full-on gun battle.

Sgt. Engel did not shoot at the suspect during the incident. Engel undoubtedly reported fearing for his life, his teammate's life, as well as the lives of innocent civilians during the gun battle.

Deputy Jason Friesen

Deputy Friesen arrived on scene with other SWAT operators Schuster and Dorrell where they were met by DCSO patrol deputy Burek who lead them to the apartment where they met with SWAT operator Holmes, and K9 Deputy Proulx.

Friesen and Holmes ascended a ladder to the second story unit across from Riehl's apartment after receiving information there may be a gunshot victim in the apartment. Once on the balcony, they found a sliding glass door leading into the apartment which they breached to gain access into the apartment. Holmes and Friesen cleared the apartment, but no one was inside and it appeared vacant.

While Holmes and Friesen were in the apartment south of Riehl's, they could hear gunfire. Holmes and Friesen remained in the apartment and other operators began sending shields up to them.

From inside the second story apartment south of Riehl's, Holmes looked through the peep hole of the front door and observed an open door to Riehl's apartment and reported being able to see Parrish on the ground. At that point, Holmes and Friesen were told they were going to be part of the entry team.

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It was explained to Friesen that once the outside SWAT officers began directed fire on the eaves of the east portion of Riehl's apartment, the entry team could make entry into Riehl's apartment.

The directed fire began, and the team started moving. The door to Riehl's apartment was open. Once entry was made into Riehl's apartment, there was an ironing board and other additional household items cluttering the floor and entryway, making it difficult for the team to navigate inside the apartment.

Friesen reported that once they made it down the immediate hallway, he observed a small hallway to the right with a door that had a large hole in the bottom left of it, and he noticed a blue light coming from the room. The hole had been created when Parrish attempted to kick the door in, but his foot went through the door causing the hole.

Friesen stated Dorrell had passed the small hallway and had pushed to the north portion of the apartment. At that time, the team began receiving fire from behind them, and Friesen thought the fire must have been coming from that room down the small hallway. The rounds coming through the wall caused debris from the drywall to explode around the operators inside the apartment.

Friesen reported a number of rounds coming through the door with the hole in it and a blue LED light flickering inside the room. Through the hole in the wall, Friesen detected movement from inside the room and fired his rifle to stop the threat. Friesen shined his weapon light through the hole in the door and observed movement again, so fired his rifle again.

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At that point, Friesen had already reported back to the command post.

Officer Cleveland Holmes

Officer Holmes reported being with Parker Police Department for 10 years and assigned to Douglas County IMPACT team for 3 years while also being assigned to SWAT. On December 31, 2017 he was paged via a text on his work phone and his home phone also began ringing with a recorded message indicating there were 3 or 4 officers down. He called DCSO dispatch to confirm what he had received.

The dispatcher informed him that officers had been shot from LT McMillan's team. He began to dress in his OD green SWAT uniform and drove to the scene in his department issued Chevy Avalanche with lights and siren. While en route, Holmes contacted LT McMillan to receive the most up-to-date information he could get.

LT McMillan reported to him that there was still a deputy down inside the apartment and told Holmes the rally point is the AMF Bowling Alley at University and County Line Road. Holmes arrived on scene at the rally point, met up with K9 deputy Proulx, and they began getting a count of officers who were ready to go.

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Holmes knew a rescue vehicle would need to be used once the downed deputy was extracted, so he decided to take his Chevy Avalanche to the scene for that purpose. Holmes informed SWAT medic Richter, and other SWAT officers who were there, that the Chevy Avalanche would be the rescue vehicle.

Holmes and approximately 6 other officers got into the truck and began going to the scene. Holmes got onto the SWAT frequency and advised Sgt. Trujillo that he and a truckload of officers were on their way to the scene.

Once on scene, they observed a deputy in a marked patrol car and received direction on where the apartment was. Once Holmes parked the Chevy Avalanche, he told the deputy that the Chevy was the designated rescue vehicle, and if the team came out with Parrish, that deputy would be responsible for driving the Chevy. The deputy acknowledged and said "okay".

Once the majority of SWAT officers were on scene, radio traffic referencing the navigation of assets in died down, and operators were able to start working on a plan for the rescue of Parrish.

According to Holmes, SWAT officers did their best to relieve patrol officers of the immediate scene so they could fall back to more outside containment positions. While relieving patrol personnel, a patrol deputy informed Holmes they had been receiving rounds from the south wall of apartment #24 in a south and south east direction.

Holmes was also told that there was another deputy just east of them across the courtyard (that was believed to be Sgt. Beyer) still holding a position behind a bush. Holmes and a few other operators provided him cover while Sgt. Beyer self-evacuated back behind them.

While Holmes stepped out to provide cover for him, Holmes noticed the door to Riehl's apartment was partially opened but he could not tell how much. Holmes also noticed a camera mounted just above the staircase and that a bedroom window was covered with something.

Holmes described how Sgt. Trujillo, with a few other operators, were stacked up east of the target building, while Holmes and a few other operators were in a small brick alcove, so he could see a portion of the stairwell. Also, during this time, Holmes reported remembering hearing snipers attempting to get into position.

Sgt. Trujillo and Holmes discussed deploying a flash bang to probe the suspect as well as provide some sort of audible stimulus for Parrish, to possibly key up that he was okay or possibly receive some sort of communication from Parrish. The flash bang deployed was a 9-bang flash bang. On the second deflagration, Holmes heard gunfire coming from the apartment and bullets began coming through the east wall just below the window.

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Holmes could see the spalling coming off of the apartment walls. He was unsure how many rounds were fired but it was a lot of rounds. During this time, he could hear one guy screaming but it wasn't "help" or "come get me" and the voice sounded muffled. Holmes did not think it was Parrish, he thought it was Riehl.

The deputy that Holmes initially relieved told him there was a camera facing down the staircase.

They did not have a 40mm less lethal weapons system, so Holmes fired two rounds at the camera in front of the suspect's apartment door. Holmes could see his rounds were impacting high and right of the camera. After sending his second round, he started receiving fire through Riehl's south apartment wall. Holmes did not shoot at the suspect during that time.

Holmes reported it was apparent any time any officer began taking steps to initiate a rescue, limit, or disable Riehl's surveillance system, or set additional containment around the unit, officers were being fired upon.

At that point, SWAT officers requested the Bear Cat as well as some ladders. Holmes reported that Officer O'Donnell, Sgt. Trujillo, and Sgt. Engel began working on a plan to access the apartment.

The initial plan was to take the Bear Cat and park it in between the apartment buildings and use it to draw the suspect's fire in that direction, but it was also to provide hard cover so officers had more freedom of movement in the open area. There was also hope that the Bear Cat being parked there would make Riehl expose himself so a sniper set up in the east buildings could get a shot on him.

While the plan was being implemented, LT McMillan reported there was an injured civilian that needed to be evacuated, and the information was the injured civilian was in the apartment adjacent to Riehl's.

The team then procured a ladder to gain access into the apartment that the civilian was believed to be in. Holmes and a few other operators ascended the ladder and the apartment appeared empty. Holmes breached the sliding glass door with his hammer that he had strapped to his back. They went inside the apartment and it was vacant.

As they were clearing the apartment, they noticed bullet holes all throughout the vacant apartment. Holmes advised Sgt. Trujillo that no one was up there, but informed Sgt. Trujillo it was a straight shot into Riehl's apartment. Holmes was also able to look through the peep hole of the vacant apartment and could see the front door to Riehl's apartment was completely open but could not see Parrish.

Holmes reported that a bunch of stuff (furniture, ironing board, etc...) was right inside the door of the apartment. Two ballistic shields were shuttled up to their location inside the apartment from the landing they came up from.

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Holmes informed Sgt. Trujillo what their status was and began forming a plan from the adjacent apartment. The plan was devised, and it was decided the ground team (the team with Sgt. Trujillo) would provide directed fire at the rafters on the east side of the apartment drawing Riehl's attention to them as the entry team moves across the landing into Riehl's apartment.

Holmes explained the stack order as follows:

- *Ronnie Dorrell on a shield (lead)*
- *O'Donnell or possibly Friesen (could not recall stack order)*
- *Schuster was on another shield (third)*
- *Friesen or O'Donnell (could not recall in stack order)*
- *Holmes*
- *Richter (medic – last)*

Holmes had the team stacked on the door awaiting directed fire from Trujillo's team. When the team began to hear the directed fire, Holmes opened the door and Dorrell pushed up. He was having a tough time getting into the apartment, but eventually pushed passed all the clutter. However, at that time Dorrell was the only operator deep into the apartment, a few paces in front of everyone else.

Holmes started telling the guys to push up and get with Dorrell. Whoever was second ran up with Dorrell as they were fighting through the items in the hallway. Once everyone was inside the apartment, they did not know where Riehl was located. Both shield operators had pushed past the short hallway that was to the right, and just after, the team began taking fire from the room down the short hallway.

At that point, Holmes saw Deputy Parrish lying on the ground a few feet from the bedroom door. Since the shields had pushed past the short hallway, they did not have any shields facing the direction from which the rounds were coming, so Holmes pushed Richter (the medic) back towards the door. He was not sure if he pushed him all the way out of the apartment or not.

Holmes reported seeing the drywall blowing up as rounds were coming through the bedroom door and the wall that was in line with the door. Holmes reported seeing a hole that looked like it might have been made with a sledge hammer. Holmes knew Parrish was behind him, and he knew Riehl was in the room. Holmes also reported knowing no one else was in the apartment.

Holmes reported that he waited until he saw movement through the hole in the door. As soon as he saw movement, he fired rounds but did not know how many. Holmes heard a thud and someone fall and did not hear anymore gun fire.

Holmes then reported kicking the bottom portion of the door to create a small man hole. At that time, Holmes saw someone lying on the ground, facing away from him, with his

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head facing north. Holmes reported seeing Riehl reaching for a shotgun that was behind Riehl. Holmes saw Riehl's hand grasping for the shotgun.

At that point, Holmes remembered screaming "don't move, don't move," and fired more shots (unknown number) at Riehl where he believed his center mass was. At that time, Riehl was still moving. Holmes reported taking a shot at Riehl's head, but after the shot he still saw Riehl's hand moving. Holmes reported he forgot mechanical offset, so he raised his point of aim a little more and fired one more shot and then Riehl's hand stopped moving.

Once Riehl was down, Sgt. Trujillo came in behind the team and was offering directed fire above the team into the rafters of the bedroom. Holmes reported jumping into the room and sat on Riehl. He grabbed Riehl's right hand and it appeared the hand was shot. Holmes then pinned Riehl's other hand underneath Riehl and could not get his hand out.

While Holmes was attempting to gain control of both of Riehl's arms, Riehl was shaking his head up and down. Holmes reported telling Riehl to stop moving.

Holmes reported calling a "cease fire" and told the team that he had Riehl, but he needed more people in there with him to help control him. Holmes reported Sgt. Schuster came in with a few other operators. At that time Riehl's head was still moving up and down like he was still trying to fight with them.

Holmes reported Riehl had a gas mask on and explained it looked like a military style gas mask. Operators were eventually able to pull the gas mask off.

Sgt. Schuster had control of Riehl's right hand, so Holmes began attempting to get the left hand out from under his torso, because he was not sure if he had another gun, or a device or something else. Holmes reported that it was very difficult to pull out Riehl's hand, but he was eventually able to pull Riehl's hand out and gain control over it. Holmes described that it was apparent Riehl was still actively resisting them.

Holmes reported he was not sure how well the right handcuff went on because Riehl's right hand was shot and was very mangled, however Holmes knew Sgt. Schuster was on top of him and Riehl was not going to go anywhere.

Holmes moved the shotgun that was near Riehl and did a quick sweep of the surrounding area for any other rifles. He noticed rifle ammunition scattered. Holmes asked if Parrish had been extracted, and he heard that Parrish had been evacuated.

Holmes and Sgt. Trujillo made sure they had everyone out of the apartment, and then they began checking each other for bullet holes and/or any injuries. Holmes observed officers escorting an injured civilian in a white shirt. He also observed O'Donnell limping a little bit and asked if he was okay. O'Donnell said he was, but he was transported to the hospital.

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Holmes sent Operator Kahan and someone else to go back up into the apartment to do a sweep for any equipment that might have been lost or left behind. They then began to consolidate gear and equipment when Holmes was told to go rally at the entrance of the apartment complex. After, Holmes was told to report to the command post. Holmes knew his vehicle had been used to transport Parrish but had been returned to the scene later on, so Holmes drove it back to the command post. Holmes informed command staff at the command post that the Avalanche was used for the transport of Parrish to Littleton Adventist Hospital.

Holmes pulled out any sensitive items and put those items in Sgt. Trujillo's vehicle. Chief Johnson told the team to stay in whatever they were wearing at the scene, and Sgt. Weaver took photographs of everyone.

After operators were photographed, they were told to go back to the Highlands Ranch Substation where they were sequestered into shooters and non-shooters and began collecting clothing from them.

Officer Ronnie Dorrell

Upon arrival, Dorrell linked up with Schuster and Friesen at the clubhouse of the apartment complex, and they were attempting to make contact with Sgt. Trujillo. While doing so, they were flagged down by a DCSO deputy and directed to the apartment.

Dorrell reported that once they had made it to the apartment building, Sgt. Trujillo asked for a team to attempt to disable the camera at the top of the staircase that Riehl was using to surveil them. Dorrell reported that Holmes went to take the camera out by shooting it and on the way back to his position of cover, the suspect starting shooting in Holmes' direction.

A few moments later, Dorrell reported that he heard information being relayed that a civilian directly across the second story landing from Riehl's apartment may have been hit. At that point the team procured a ladder and developed a plan to gain access to that apartment from the balcony using the ladder.

Once Dorrell and O'Donnell climbed the ladder, they noticed that the blinds were turned open, but the sliding glass door was locked. They breached the glass with a sledge hammer to get into the apartment to make sure no one was in there. Dorrell reported the apartment was clear and vacant.

While in that apartment, Dorrell and Friesen were in the living room and heard additional shots coming from Riehl's apartment. Dorrell then reported that Holmes looked through the peep hole of the front door and could see Riehl's apartment front door open and Parrish lying on the floor inside of the apartment.

At that point the team started working a plan to coordinate a rescue, while ballistic shields start being relayed up to them. Dorrell reported that the plan was to have him and

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Schuster in front with shields, while operators on the ground drive up the Bear Cat SWAT armored vehicle. Operators would then shoot the eaves of the apartment roof to draw Riehl's attention outside so the entry team could rescue Parrish.

At the cue of gunfire from ground level operators, Holmes opened up the door and the team made their way across the landing to Riehl's apartment. Dorrell said there was a lot of trash and debris such as an ironing board, chairs, and fans that were in the path leading to Parrish.

Dorrell could see Parrish's legs and boots, but there was a bunch of debris and clutter on him as well. Dorrell said at that point he thought the team would immediately start taking fire because Riehl had to know they were in the apartment, but they had not been fired on yet.

Dorrell decided to push past the small hallway deeper into the apartment toward the living room thinking Riehl may have been somewhere else in the apartment. Just after Dorrell passed the short hallway, he heard what sounded like a shotgun go off. He figured the shot had to have come from Riehl because no operators inside the apartment deployed a shotgun.

Dorrell faced the direction of the gunfire and posted up on the left corner of the short hallway facing suspect's room. Dorrell began shooting over top the shield he was carrying and shooting through the door where he thought Riehl was. At that time, the team was taking rounds from the bedroom as well.

After a short lull in the gunfight, Dorrell walked up to the bedroom door and tried pushing it but could not get it open. At that point Dorrell reported that Holmes started kicking the door and Holmes foot went through the door making a hole.

After the hole was made, Dorrell could see the suspect from the waist down and it appeared he was either laying down or turned on his side to where Riehl's backside was facing the door, but then Dorrell saw Riehl start moving around again. Dorrell started shooting into the room at Riehl again until his Glock handgun went empty.

Dorrell reloaded and threw the shield he was carrying into the bathroom because it was too cumbersome. Just after Dorrell threw the shield into the bathroom, he observed Holmes dive through the hole in the door.

Friesen followed in after Holmes, and at that point it opened up the doorway enough for everyone to rush in behind them. Dorrell took a couple steps into the room. Dorrell could see Riehl on his stomach with Schuster on top of Riehl attempting to put handcuffs on him.

Dorrell had his pistol aimed at Riehl's head, and Dorrell's weapon light was also on because the room was very dark, and visibility was very poor. Dorrell heard someone

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yelling "he won't give me his arm". Dorrell also noticed a shotgun near Riehl's head which Dorrell grabbed and handed to someone behind him.

Dorrell reported that Riehl was wearing a gas mask, and Dorrell and someone else were trying to take it off of him. They finally got the gas mask off and were able to place handcuffs on Riehl. Dorrell reported there was a handgun under Riehl near his waistline.

Medics were then called in. Dorrell then reported hearing O'Donnell say that his knee hurt or something to that effect. At that point Parrish had already been extracted from the apartment. Dorrell exited the apartment with O'Donnell to the breezeway and they were met by a SWAT medic.

The SWAT medic evaluated O'Donnell's knee and Dorrell remembered seeing small pellet type holes in and around his knee cap, and his knee was swollen. The medic continued to address and evaluate O'Donnell and Dorrell went downstairs to link up with additional SWAT operators to canvas neighboring apartments and search for any additional possible victims.

While checking for additional victims, Dorrell remembered going into an apartment to the east of Riehl's. He knocked on the door no one answered, so Dorrell went inside and located an elderly male crouched behind a kitchen counter with blood on his left shoulder. After exposing the wound, beneath the white shirt the male was wearing, Dorrell noticed there was a bullet hole in the man's shoulder. Dorrell escorted the male out of the apartment in search of another medic. A SWAT medic arrived and took the male under his care.

Shortly after that, Dorrell reported that Schuster went back up into the apartment to recover any gear that may have been left in the apartment, and while Schuster was up there he reported a possible device in Riehl's room.

Schuster came downstairs and the operators began checking one another to make sure no one had any rounds impact their gear or their bodies that they were unaware of.

Dorrell was then told the team was going to rally back at the AMF bowling lanes parking lot. Before leaving, Sgt. Weaver took a photograph of Dorrell as well as the handgun Dorrell used in the shooting. Subsequently, they all met back at the Highlands Ranch Substation.

Sergeant Jacob Schuster

Sgt. Schuster woke up to a SWAT page at 6:02am for three officers down with a rally point of 7/11 at County Line Road and Colorado Blvd. Sgt. Schuster and Officer Dorrell left the Parker Police Department together and made it to the 7/11 rally point.

He noticed other agencies kitting up, he checked the status of his weapons, and was noticing operators leaving the rally point on their way to the clubhouse at the Copper

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Canyon apartment complex. Sgt. Schuster drove Officer Dorrell, Deputy Friesen, and Officer Moffitt (CRPD) to the clubhouse at Copper Canyon apartments.

Almost immediately after arriving on scene and dismounting from their vehicle, Sgt. Schuster heard three gun shots. Sgt. Schuster was able to get on SWAT channel and ask leadership where they were needed. They were given directions on how to navigate to the apartment building and they made their way that direction.

While on foot, Sgt. Schuster ran into a Douglas County Deputy who said "follow me, I will show you where they are". Once directed to the actual scene, Sgt. Schuster saw Sgt. Trujillo. Sgt. Schuster decided to take a position on the south east corner of the building near a patio.

As Sgt. Schuster was gathering latest intelligence from guys on scene, he heard a volley of gun shots coming from Riehl's apartment. Sgt. Schuster took two or three other guys with him to go across the courtyard to a brick type façade for a better vantage point of Riehl's apartment. A patrolman with his rifle oriented at the apartment showed Sgt. Schuster exactly which apartment Riehl and Parrish were in.

Sgt. Schuster noticed a blanket draped over the window and heard another volley of shots coming from the apartment. Patrol deputies briefed Sgt. Schuster that the suspect had been shooting to the south and to the east of the apartment.

A call came over the radio that there was an injured civilian in apartment #25. Other officers procured a ladder, and three entry officers and a SWAT medic went into that balcony. Sgt. Schuster heard reports that the apartment was empty and vacant. Operator Holmes looked through the peep hole of the front door and could see through the open door into Riehl's apartment; he observed Parrish on the ground but could not confirm his condition.

This increased the tempo of operations to focus on a rescue of Parrish. At that point, Holmes looked over the balcony on the south side of the neighboring apartment and summoned Sgt. Schuster to get up there with them. Sgt. Schuster then joined the other operators in the neighboring apartment of Riehl's.

A plan was devised that Sgt. Schuster, Friesen, Dorrell, and Holmes were going to move from that apartment to Riehl's apartment to conduct a rescue on Parrish and extract him back to the apartment they were in. In addition, the Bear Cat was going to pull up into the courtyard as a distraction to Riehl while Sgt. Engel and Sgt. Trujillo placed rounds into the rafters over Riehl's bedroom.

During the planning stages of the rescue, additional shots were fired from Riehl's apartment. It was briefed that the cue, or execution command, would be when the outside team began delivering shots to the rafters. Shields were shuttled up to the apartment provided by Greenwood Village Police Department. Schuster and Dorrell were going to

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be up front with the ballistic shields and pistols while the other operators fell in the stack behind them.

Sgt. Schuster slung his rifle behind his back to be able to hold the shield. Once the shots began from the ground team, Holmes opened the apartment door they were staged in and the team began moving across the landing. Sgt. Schuster reported that as soon as they stepped foot into the apartment, they were met with a ton of debris, an ironing board, and other stuff all over the floor.

A part of Sgt. Schuster's kit got hung up on the ironing board, and Dorrell ended up a few paces in front of him until someone behind Sgt. Schuster pushed him forward breaking him free of the ironing board. Sgt. Schuster reported the shields he and Dorrell were holding had no view ports to them and were about 5 feet tall.

Dorrell had just passed the threshold of the short hallway to the right and Sgt. Schuster faced his shield down that hallway expecting to receive gunfire. Sgt. Schuster reported seeing a small hole in the lower 1/3rd of the door that was maybe 9 – 15 inches in diameter.

Sgt. Schuster observed Dorrell push further down the long hallway, past the short hallway so Sgt. Schuster turned back so Dorrell would not be going deeper into the apartment by himself. As Sgt. Schuster began to turn around, he heard a loud shotgun blast.

Sgt. Schuster knew it was a shotgun and also knew there were no operators on the team carrying a shotgun. There was return fire from the team into the room, and Dorrell pulled back slightly. Sgt. Schuster immediately saw rounds starting to come through the door from the bedroom Riehl was in.

After being fired on, Sgt. Schuster took four shots with his handgun into Riehl's room from the small closet in the short hallway, attempting to stop the threat or at least disorient him so another operator that possibly had a better shot could place their shot without continuing to receive fire from Riehl.

Shortly after, Sgt. Schuster reported hearing someone say "get through that door," but when operators went to push the door open, it was barricaded and would not open. No one could get through. Dorrell was still shooting, and Holmes was able to get down and make shots through the hole.

Sgt. Schuster fired one more time through Riehl's wall and then had a failure to feed. He hit the bottom of his weapon but did not rack the slide. Right as he was attempting to clear the malfunction of his weapon, he heard the command "cease fire" and "check". He believed the "check" came from Dorrell because he needed to reload and needed cover.

By the time Sgt. Schuster put himself in place to cover for Dorrell, Dorrell had already conducted a magazine exchange. Sgt. Schuster reported someone saying, "I still see him

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moving". Just after that, Sgt. Schuster reported another operator coming into the apartment and put full automatic gun fire into the ceiling, followed by another burst.

He then heard someone say, "get in there," and Holmes began crawling through the hole. Friesen followed by diving head first into the door and broke it in half. Sgt. Schuster followed Friesen and Holmes into the room. Sgt. Schuster saw Riehl on the ground with his hand on the ground near a rifle. Sgt. Schuster kicked the rifle out of the way and grabbed Riehl's hand, putting him into a cuffing position.

As soon as Sgt. Schuster grabbed his hand, he felt Riehl tense up, so he knew he was still alive. Sgt. Schuster yelled "give me your hand, give me your hand," and started putting him in an arm bar to put pressure into Riehl.

Sgt. Schuster could not get to Riehl's left hand, only his right. Riehl's left hand was still under his torso. At that point, Sgt. Schuster began striking Riehl over and over. Sgt. Schuster yelled "get the mask off," because Riehl was wearing a gas mask. He and another operator were able to remove the gas mask.

Shortly after, Sgt. Schuster could hear Riehl having trouble breathing. Riehl loosened up and they were able to get control of the other hand and put Riehl in handcuffs. Riehl was then passed off to SWAT medics. When Riehl was moved, there was a sig pistol right underneath him.

Sgt. Schuster began doing a gear check on himself and realized he did not have his rifle slung on his back anymore. Sgt. Schuster ended up finding his rifle back in the main entry hallway. Earlier, when he got tied up in the ironing board and he was pushed from behind to keep moving, the sling broke free from his body, and his rifle fell to the ground.

After going back downstairs, Sgt. Schuster was tasked with checking other apartments to check condition of any possibly hit civilians. After checking a few apartments, Sgt. Schuster and Deputy Kahan were told to go back up to Riehl's apartment to make sure they had not lost any gear up there.

Sgt. Schuster went back into Riehl's apartment and he noticed a tall piece of wood with lithium 123 batteries that were all wired together and just didn't look right. Sgt. Schuster reported what he saw to EOD. EOD then ordered everyone out. Sgt. Schuster left on foot and then met with additional SWAT operators. He was released to go back to the AMF bowling lanes where he was photographed and then released to go to the Highlands Ranch Substation.

Deputy Ed Doremus

Deputy Doremus was with ACSO SWAT assigned as a sniper and had gotten off his patrol shift at 4:00 am. Just before 6:00am, his dispatch advised him that Douglas County had 3 officers down and shots fired.

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He responded emergent and contacted a friend on ACSO SWAT team to confirm the address and how to get there. While en route, Doremus told ACSO dispatch to relay to DCSO dispatch that he was a sniper and was on his way to the scene. Upon arrival, Doremus sees all the marked patrol cars and parked near the leasing office.

Deputy Doremus heard 5-6 shots south of where he parked his patrol car. Doremus noticed a DCSO deputy near his car and had him direct him to where the other officers were outside of the target building.

Doremus started asking deputies on scene where the suspect and his apartment were located, and the DCSO deputy pointed to the window right above their location. Doremus told them they were way too close, and they needed to get back behind cover.

Doremus noticed the large blanket covering the balcony of Riehl's window and used it for a point of reference while looking for a shooting position with a better observation point and better cover.

Doremus noticed the porch light near the apartment he was trying to set up near was on, so he requested a DCSO deputy to break out the light so they were not back lit. Doremus was able to get on scope and began observing all of the windows associated with Riehl's apartment.

Doremus remained on ACSO channel 1 so he could help guide in his agencies deputies to start backfilling positions for containment, etc. He continued scanning and had eyes on the east window and on the patio of Riehl's apartment. Doremus explained he was set up on the patio of apartment 18 in the apartment building to the east of Riehl's building.

Moments later, a large amount of gunfire erupted, and Doremus could tell that Riehl was shooting out of the south side of the apartment but could not tell from which window. Doremus moved from that location to get information from a group of deputies he saw, hoping they could tell him what window Riehl was firing from.

A deputy pointed out the window which had a multi colored quilt covering it. Doremus took a kneeling position near a patrol car and set his sniper rifle up on the side mirror of the vehicle. He felt it was not a great spot because he was pretty exposed, but he hoped Riehl would start shooting and Doremus would be able to see Riehl.

There were shots fired around that time, but Doremus could not tell where the rounds were coming from. Doremus reported asking ACSO dispatch if they knew the status of the deputy inside, but he heard nothing back.

Doremus continued to hold his position and scan the window. About that time, he began hearing glass break to the north of them and gun fire began coming out of that window. Doremus ran around the back of the building to get into a new position. While running to that position, he had to traverse a fairly open area. He recalled hearing a "snap" behind

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him, which he was pretty sure was a gun shot. He explained it as not the explosion of the round but the snap of the report.

Doremus got into a sniper hide position and implemented a technique he reported as 'trapping' rather than scanning. He explained the technique as holding on a window the suspect just shot from. He then recalled Riehl shooting from the south window which raised Doremus' confidence that Riehl would return to the north window and start shooting out of it. Doremus held on that window and requested less lethal weapon systems to try to knock the blanket away from the window.

Doremus reported broadcasting pertinent information over ACSO channel one. At one point, Nick Rodriguez with ACSO, broadcast over the radio that DCSO was working on putting an entry team together, but Doremus had very little information on where they were staging or stacking up.

The final point where he decided to take a shot was on the south window with the quilt on it. As the sun began to come, out he realized he could see that south window well. Doremus explained that due to the close proximity to the apartment from his location, and the magnification of his scope, he was only really able to see one window through his scope at a time.

Doremus started hearing gunfire from the south and he could see the quilt pushing out and jumping out. He could see the muzzle blast on the quilt. Doremus knew there were officers on the ground level and he believed Riehl was attempting to shoot at them. Doremus explained that the quilt was punching out from the muzzle velocity.

Doremus reported, that from his sniper hide, he had an approximate 30 degree angle on the window he was observing.

Doremus explained recalling the suspect description (height and weight) of Riehl which was reported to him by ACSO dispatch. He explained aiming mid height on the window, just right of the window where he believed Riehl would be shooting in between the studs of the window. Doremus fired one round from his ACSO issued .308 sniper rifle. Right after he took the shot, he reported hearing a tremendous amount of gunfire.

The gun fire was likely when DCSO SWAT's ground team began sending directed fire at the eaves of the apartment roof to facilitate the entry team to begin moving into Riehl's apartment.

He thought the entry team, or maybe the ground team, sending directed fire rounds may have been engaging at that point so he elected not to fire a second round. Even though communication coming to Doremus was not very frequent or ideal, he did have an understanding that an entry team was being put together for a rescue of the downed deputy. With this information, Doremus was concerned with friendly fire so did not send a second round.

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During the incident, Doremus aired a lot of information on ACSO's channel for continuity of operations and so his team had relevant and current information. Doremus continually called in additional ACSO deputies to come in from the staging area to help lock down the perimeter but for some reasons ACSO deputies remained at the staging area.

Sergeant Darren Trujillo

Sgt. Trujillo received the active 911 alert just after 6:00am that came across as shots fired, three officers down, with the address and rally point. Sgt. Trujillo got dressed and grabbed his equipment and began driving to the scene. Sgt. Trujillo turned on the radio and could hear Sgt. Engel out on scene. Sgt. Trujillo came up on the air and told LT Moffitt he would be there shortly.

Once Sgt. Trujillo got close to being on scene, the rally point was changed from 7/11 on Colorado Blvd and County Line Road, to the AMF bowling alley parking lot. Over the radio he was hearing reports of shots fired and was also hearing Sgt. Engel report the need for an encrypted channel because there was reason to believe the suspect had Parrish's radio.

Once at the AMF lanes, he linked up with Holmes and K9 Proulx while he continued to get his gear on. LT McMillan called him and said he was on his way and also said to wait for him at the command post. Captain Jensen told LT McMillan and Sgt. Trujillo they needed to go now, so they loaded up the work truck and began heading to the scene. Sgt. Trujillo reported that before he deployed from the command post, Corporal Coleman asked Trujillo if he wanted a drawing of what the interior of the apartment looked like. Sgt. Trujillo said "of course," and Corporal Coleman drew him a diagram of the apartment and also noted a camera that was facing down the stair case that Coleman believed Riehl was using to surveil officers' locations and approaches.

Sgt. Trujillo got in touch with Sgt. Engel and requested Engel to send someone to the front entrance of Copper Canyon apartments to guide Trujillo and his team to the target apartment building. Once Trujillo was on scene at the apartment complex, Engel met him at the front. Sgt. Trujillo reported ACSO SWAT officers were also on scene.

Sgt. Trujillo reported losing sight of Sgt. Engel and also that Engel's communications were extremely bad. He was not sure if it was his head set or his transmit button, but during the whole call, Engel's communications were poor.

As Sgt. Trujillo and his team of guys were searching for the apartment, they heard gunfire to their west, which gave them a good indication of where the target apartment was. After coming around a corner of one of the buildings, he observed patrol deputies stacked up on a corner and let them know they were coming up.

At that time, an ACSO SWAT sniper ran around one of the buildings and directed Sgt. Trujillo to where they could see the north side of the suspect's apartment, including a

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small balcony on the second story where it appeared the window was busted out and that the light was on. The ACSO SWAT sniper stated, "he is coming out."

As Sgt. Trujillo looked around the corner, he could see additional windows associated with the apartment. After gathering his bearings and having an idea of where Riehl's apartment was and what the setup was, Sgt. Trujillo set himself up in a position at a corner of the building directly south of Riehl's apartment.

Sgt. Trujillo recalled snipers being put into place and other additional SWAT assets began filling in. At that time, Trujillo heard reports of some officers being evacuated, but he wanted to know the latest information on where Parrish was and his status. During the attempt to gather that information, Sgt. Trujillo reported hearing a number of shots coming from Riehl's apartment. Sgt. Trujillo attempted to make contact verbally with Riehl and asked what his name was. Trujillo told Riehl he wanted to talk to him and identified himself as being with the Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Trujillo received no response from Riehl or anyone else in the apartment.

At some point, Sgt. Trujillo learned that Parrish was still in the apartment, but his condition was unknown. Sgt. Engel told Sgt. Trujillo that every time there was radio traffic on DCSO main channel, Riehl would begin shooting. With that information it was inferred that Riehl either had Parrish's radio or Parrish's earpiece became dislodged and Riehl could hear the traffic from Parrish's PAC set. He also knew that the communications team was trying to remotely shut off Parrish's radio.

Sgt. Trujillo recalled ACSO SWAT discussing shooting ferret rounds into the apartment, but Sgt. Trujillo ordered them not to start doing that. Instead he ordered one ferret round to be placed in the far north bedroom window. Trujillo knew that one ferret round would not overwhelm occupants in the apartment but rather irritate anyone inside. The thought process was that if Parrish was where Trujillo believed he was, depending on his condition, Parrish may begin to come alert and begin coughing or give the team some kind of communication.

After the ferret round was deployed, Sgt. Trujillo did not hear any cries for help or any feedback at all. That lead Sgt. Trujillo to think that Parrish was either unconscious or had potentially expired. At that point, Sgt. Trujillo told the team he wanted a 9-bang to be deployed for the same reasons that the ferret round was delivered. The hope was when the 9-bang was deployed that Parrish would, hopefully, be stimulated by the sound and offer some kind of communication to the team, or at the very least he would know they were out there and rescue efforts were being put in motion.

The very moment the 9-bang was deployed by Sgt. Trujillo, rounds began exiting out the apartment, followed by someone yelling who sounded very angry and muffled.

Shortly after, Sgt. Trujillo received information that a civilian had been shot but the apartment number was put out as apartment #25, which at one point was believed to be the apartment Riehl was in. With the confusion on where the injured civilian might be,

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Sgt. Trujillo implemented a plan to take out the camera that was facing down the stair case in the event an entry team needed to be sent up that stairwell.

Sgt. Trujillo and Holmes crept down toward the stairwell to try to shoot out the camera. Sgt. Trujillo told Holmes he was going to give him three (3) shots at the camera because he knew Riehl would immediately start shooting as soon as they took their shots. The second Holmes started shooting Riehl immediately began shooting again in the direction of Holmes and Trujillo.

Sgt. Trujillo covered the window looking down on Holmes and him in case Riehl stuck his head out to shoot at them. Holmes took two shots very quickly, followed by a brief pause and then sent the third round, then Sgt. Trujillo gave the order to move and get out of there. As soon as he and Holmes turned and began running back, officers told him that Riehl had shot right where they just left.

Next, Sgt. Trujillo reported EOD Breacher, Joel White, was arriving on scene. He began talking to White asking for White to go on the west side of the apartment building and find a common wall that is shared by Riehl. From there, he directed White to build multiple wall charges to dominate the apartment through multiple gun ports and possibly creating a man hole for an entry.

At that time, Sgt. Trujillo was asked by command staff at the command post for a situation report. Sgt. Trujillo was also directed to engage the suspect, as well as find the injured civilian. LT McMillan then came up on communications and took over command, he asked for operators to start clearing out surrounding apartments.

A ladder was requested to gain access into the neighboring second story apartment directly across from Riehl's apartment. Sgt. Trujillo sent a six (6) man team up the ladder to breach the sliding glass door and search the apartment for any injured persons.

Holmes reported that the apartment was empty and vacant, but that there were rounds through the walls. Just before the team went up to that apartment, Greenwood Village PD's tech truck arrived with shields and other gear that would serve to be useful.

During the time Sgt. Trujillo was getting with other operators to convert the shields in a fashion to take a stairwell, Holmes reported he had looked through the peep hole of the apartment they were in and stated Riehl's apartment door was wide open and that he could see Parrish on the floor.

Right as that information came in, White also reported back that there was not a common wall on the west side of the building with Riehl's apartment and that the gun ports were not going to be possible. Sgt. Trujillo then tasked White to construct a charge that would knock out the window with the draped blanket over it. White replied he could build a charge for that purpose, and Trujillo asked what kind of safety concerns that would yield for Parrish being still inside. White replied that there would be some flying glass.

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Sgt. Trujillo knew Parrish had already been shot and weighed the threat of additional possible glass going into the apartment; it did not outweigh the risk of leaving Parrish in there longer. White went to go work on that charge.

With the information that Holmes was putting out regarding Parrish's location, Sgt. Trujillo came up with a plan that he and Sgt. Engel would provide directed fire above the ceiling line, below the roof, and into the dead space almost where the attic would be. The goal was to draw Riehl's attention their way as well as have dust and debris fall from the ceiling and disorient Riehl.

Sgt. Trujillo also had the Bear Cat come in between the two apartment buildings in the courtyard. Trujillo had Holmes come to the balcony ledge of the vacant apartment so that they could discuss the plan. Sgt. Trujillo told Holmes that as soon as they began their directed fire, Holmes' team would make entry into the apartment with shields, rescue Parrish, and take Riehl into custody. Sgt. Trujillo and Sgt. Engel discussed alternating fire so there was no break in their gunfire. Trujillo would shoot and then Engel would begin firing right after so there was no break in directed fire.

Once the plan was discussed and everyone was on the same page, they went to their respective assigned locations, and Sgt. Trujillo got Holmes on the radio asking if they were set. Holmes said they were ready.

Sgt. Trujillo began with sending rounds in 3-4 round bursts over and over, followed by Sgt. Engel sending rounds, then Trujillo, then Engel and then Trujillo again. Moments later, Sgt. Trujillo reported seeing the window and blanket on the east window completely blow out, which lead him to believe his entry team was inside and in a gun battle with Riehl.

He then called a "cease fire," and he and Engel stopped shooting. Sgt. Trujillo conducted a magazine exchange and heard a lull in the gun fight upstairs. Sgt. Trujillo attempted to get Holmes on the radio for a status check but got nothing in return. Fearing he had a bunch of officers down inside the apartment, Sgt. Trujillo rushed upstairs with Sgt. Engel.

Sgt. Trujillo reported seeing the entry team in the hall way, as well as Parrish on the floor. He called for a SWAT medic for Parrish, and then gunfire erupted again. Sgt. Trujillo could see rounds coming through the wall and ordered the entry team to "push," meaning get into the room with Riehl.

At that point, Sgt. Trujillo pointed his rifle up into the bedroom door header and began directed fire again. Trujillo explained that the bonded frangible rounds the team was loaded with are designed not to over-penetrates, but rather, begin to break down with each barrier they meet.

Sgt. Trujillo reported placing his M4 commando on full auto and sending numerous rounds into the bedroom door header board. Sgt. Trujillo stated he could see a small "rat

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hole” in the bottom of Riehl’s bedroom door that someone could possibly crawl in and out of.

Sgt. Trujillo continued to give orders to “push” and then saw Holmes dive through the door. There were a few shots after that and then Sgt. Trujillo heard “cease fire, cease fire.” Trujillo ordered the team to push again, and more operators went into the room. He noticed two operators fighting with Riehl and he could tell they were trying to handcuff him.

He and other operators began sweeping and clearing the room. It was completely dark, and debris was falling down from the ceiling causing very poor visibility. Operators were finally able to put both hands in handcuffs and rip off the gas mask that Riehl was wearing. Sgt. Trujillo reported Riehl’s breathing was very labored and thought he may have been shot in the lungs based on the way he was breathing.

Sgt. Trujillo called for a medic and he noticed other operators in the apartment and ordered them to continue a secondary search on the apartment.

Sgt. Trujillo was informed by medics that they could not properly perform adequate treatment to Riehl in the confined conditions of the apartment. Sgt. Trujillo approved their request to move Riehl.

Reports were coming in that O’Donnell was hit but Sgt. Trujillo was not sure where he was. Other operators, including Sgt. Trujillo, began doing self-checks and buddy checks, looking for impacts on their armor or bullet holes in them.

He heard other operators in the house completing secondary sweeps. The team then stepped into the main hallway and Sgt. Trujillo got a quick accountability of everyone from inside and ordered everyone out.

Sgt. Trujillo then remembered they still had not yet found the injured civilian, so they began canvassing apartments for anyone injured. They eventually found the man shot in the shoulder, and he was evacuated.

The scene was then handed back over to patrol and Sgt. Trujillo headed back to the command post where he started the debrief process.

Officer Tom O’Donnell

Officer O’Donnell started working with Castle Rock PD in 2008 and had been with the regional SWAT team since 2011. In 2015, he took on a team leader position. The morning of December 31, 2017, Officer O’Donnell was in the locker room getting ready for his patrol shift when the SWAT page came out.

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He threw his gear in his car, drove to the rally point at AMF bowling lanes at University and County Line Road, and he got in the back of Holmes work vehicle. After getting geared up, they went to the scene.

Once on scene, on the south corner of the target building, he began working with Sgt. Trujillo and Sgt. Engel on a rescue plan. During the planning stages, information was put out that there was an injured civilian across the staircase from Riehl's apartment.

A ladder was procured to access the other apartment from the balcony. O'Donnell was the first up the ladder, and the apartment looked vacant. They smashed out the sliding glass door to ensure there was no one inside. He and other operators went into the apartment and he observed bullet holes everywhere, but the apartment was vacant.

Holmes was able to look through the peep hole of the apartment they were in and see the door was open. O'Donnell reported Holmes telling the operators in the room with him that Riehl's apartment door was open but that he could not see Parrish.

At that point, it was decided that they would have some heavy ballistic shields, brought by Greenwood Village PD, shuttled up to them so they could go across the landing to retrieve Parrish and deal with whatever they came across on the way.

O'Donnell reported the stack as follows:

- *Officer Ronnie Dorrell (with a shield)*
- *Officer Jake Schuster (with a shield)*
- *Deputy Jason Friesen*
- *Officer Cleveland Holmes*
- *Officer O'Donnell*

O'Donnell also reported tying two shields together in the apartment as a fall back point as well as SWAT medic Richter staying behind in the event they needed him. Once directed fire commenced outside from the team on the ground, the door opened, and they began moving across the staircase landing to enter into Riehl's apartment.

Once inside the team was met by a bunch of stuff that had been thrown in the breezeway. O'Donnell also reported Schuster's rifle getting hung up on something causing a gap between Schuster and Dorrell, so O'Donnell gave Schuster a push from behind to get them through.

Once through the threshold of the apartment door, O'Donnell reported seeing Parrish on the floor with a lot of debris on him. After making it approximately three to four feet inside the door, the team started taking fire coming from Riehl's bedroom. O'Donnell reported being hit just above his right knee almost immediately.

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O'Donnell stepped to the opposing side of the short hallway to try to check his leg. He also reported during that time that Dorrell, Schuster, and Friesen were moving down the short hallway toward the bedroom door from which they were receiving gunfire. O'Donnell yelled to get the shields into the doorway.

O'Donnell stated he could hear and observe his teammates in a gunfight with Riehl through the door, but because he was behind everyone he did not feel comfortable taking a shot as other operators' heads were bobbing in front of him from time to time.

Once Parrish was rescued and out of the apartment, O'Donnell reported Sgt. Trujillo came in and began directed fire at the header board of Riehl's bedroom. Sgt. Trujillo then began yelling to get into the bedroom.

At that time, O'Donnell decided to start extracting Parrish. At that same time, three other operators came into the apartment. O'Donnell decided to pick up a BAT shield that patrol left in the apartment and took a position on the ground to provide some kind of cover for the team coming in to grab Parrish.

O'Donnell could see a hole in the bottom of the door and he heard that fellow operators could see Riehl inside the room but could not tell what he was doing. Eventually, one of his teammates dove through the bottom of the door and another went through the top of the door, with everyone else following into the room.

Sgt. Trujillo and O'Donnell went into the room with them and began looking for any threats or devices that may have been there. O'Donnell remembered hearing operators saying the suspect was still fighting while they were trying to take him into custody.

O'Donnell remembered someone saying the rest of the apartment still needed to be cleared, so he exited the bedroom and went out to help clear the rest of the apartment and conduct a secondary of the apartment.

Gear checks and self-checks were done to look for any bullet holes or impacts on anyone, and at that point, O'Donnell told Officer Dan Moffitt that he had been hit. Moffitt brought O'Donnell out to the breezeway where he was met by a medic and subsequently taken to the hospital by an ambulance.

O'Donnell reported that the x-rays taken at the hospital looked to be two shotgun pellets lodged in his knee.

SWAT Medic James Richter

South Metro Fire SWAT Medic James Richter is assigned to the Douglas County Regional SWAT team as a medic. He was on duty on 12/31/2017 with South Metro Fire and was at Station 34 when he received the SWAT page for an officer down call. He responded to 3404 E. County Line Road.

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Upon his arrival on scene, he met up with Team Leader Cleveland Holmes. They setup at the apartment complex near the bottom floor, adjacent from the suspect's apartment. There, they were staged. Shortly after they arrived, they used a ladder to gain entry into the apartment across the hallway from the suspect's apartment. After they made entry into that apartment, it was determined that they would be the rescue team.

Medic Richter stated that it was approximately twenty minutes before the order was given to initiate the rescue of Deputy Parrish.

Medic Richter followed Officer Holmes, Sgt, Schuster, Deputy Friesen and Officer Dorrell into Riehl's apartment. He remembers that the door was open and there were items barricading their movement. Once they made entry, they immediately started taking gunfire from the suspect. As the team used ballistic shields for protection, he was able to reach Deputy Parrish. Once he grabbed Deputy Parrish's legs he saw a bullet impact on Deputy Parrish's left leg towards the knee. He continued to pull Deputy Parrish out of the apartment and passed him to an awaiting team on the stairwell.

Medic Richter said that once Deputy Parrish was passed off, SWAT Team Members made entry into the bedroom where Riehl was located. Richter saw the suspect down and in custody. They made a brief team assessment for injuries to officers. No officers were injured. He completed an assessment of Riehl. He noted agonal respirations. Medic Richter moved the suspect from the apartment. Once they were outside the apartment he was unable to find a pulse and stated that Riehl was not breathing. He left Riehl's deceased body with patrol officers who were on scene.

SWAT OFFICERS INVOLVED WHO FIRED THEIR WEAPONS

Sgt. Jeff Engel OSN 0621(DCSO)

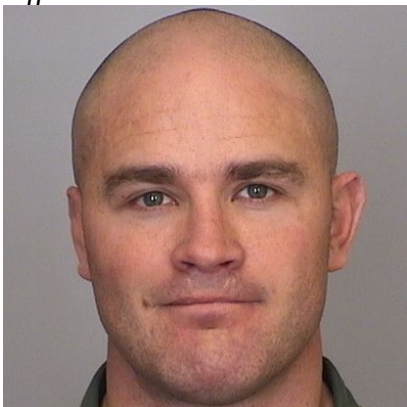


Deputy Jason Friesen OSN 1235(DCSO)

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Officer Cleveland Holmes OSN 11R17 (PPD)



Sgt. Darren Trujillo OSN 9901(DCSO)

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Officer Ronnie Dorrell (PARKER PD)



Sgt. Jacob Schuster OSN 14R05 (PARKER PD)



Deputy Ed Doremus (ACSO)

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SCENE DETAILS/INTERVIEWS

Detective Romberger canvassed and interviewed neighboring apartments as follows:

Unit 14: Directly below #24, occupied by James Morris (DOB 02/08/1947) who stated he lived in the apartment for 5 years and believed Matthew Riehl and Matthew Thompson lived in unit #24 for approximately 5 months. James mostly stayed to himself but did report noises late at night from unit #24 often, which bothered him. On December 31, 2017 James said he woke up around 4:30am to the sound of a female screaming near apartment #24. Then between 5:00am and 5:30am, he heard yelling and screaming inside apartment #24. Around 5:30am, James reported hearing what sounded like automatic gunfire and there were bullets going into James' apartment, so he went to the back bathroom and barricaded himself, remaining as quiet as possible.

James remembered hearing banging on his door and a male yelling "Fire, fire, fire, get out of here, there are 3 deputies down." He waited until the police came to the door before he came out of his apartment.

Unit 15: Occupied by Srivithya Vijayakumar, (DOB 10/02/1985), said he lived in the apartment for 4 years and did not know the occupants of unit #24. However, at 6:00am that morning, he heard numerous gunshots and could hear people above him scrambling around inside their apartment. He also saw a female police officer run past the window from east to west right after hearing the first shots. He continued hearing gunshots until approximately 7:30am.

Unit 17: Unoccupied but the door was forced open by ACSO deputies who advised they had kicked the door in to check for any additional possible victims from the shooting.

Unit 21: Occupied by Deborah Wilson (DOB 08/22/1960) who reported not knowing the occupants of unit #24, saying she had just moved into the apartment recently. She did not know there had been shots fired but remembered waking up around 7:00am and heard a loud scraping noise.

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Unit 11: Occupied by Nareshchandra Sammeta, (DOB 08/25/1988) and Swathi Kotha, (DOB 04/08/1990) who reported living in their apartment for several years but did not know the occupants of unit #24. Both Nareshchandra and Swathi reported hearing a bunch of gun shots between 5:30am and 6:00am. They said they both stayed in the apartment.

TIMELINE WITH AXON AND PERISCOPE

The following timeline was created by Sgt. Jason Weaver. Detective Joachim added a timeline from a 22-minute Periscope video that started near the beginning of the call. He matched up the videos so that he can get an actual time of day for the events on the Periscope videos. The events in black are from various deputies BWC's and are actual time of event. The events in red are from the periscope videos.

Both videos are merged together and can be played at,



Please contact Detective Corporal for a password.

0522 – Parrish and Davis are at the bottom of the stairs to Matthew Riehl's apartment (second story) when Riehl exits. After a brief conversation, Riehl decides not to talk to the deputies, enters his apartment, and shuts the door. The deputies talk to each other about not knowing if Riehl's roommate was in the apartment, Davis says she thought the roommate was going to go to work after the 0300 incident.

0524 – (Video begins) Riehl is talking about the police coming back and how they are now on Periscope. He asks who is there and says, "identify yourself."

0526 – Parrish, Davis, and Doyle make contact with Riehl at his apartment. Before opening the door, Riehl tells the deputies he was going to come out and talk to them and says he doesn't have any guns on him. When Riehl opens the door, he holds up his phone as if recording the deputies and sits in a chair blocking the door, so deputies cannot enter, all while keeping the door between him and the deputies.

0526 - Riehl is talking to Deputy Parrish through the door. Riehl says he does not want Matt Thompson back in the house, and he wants a domestic restraining order. Riehl asks who is at the door and says that he does not want to speak to who was there before, he wants to speak to who is in charge of them. He states, "Are you here for my domestic restraining? Yes, I'm coming out, I'm coming out, I don't have any guns on me okay?" Riehl removes a chair from in front of the door. He confirms that deputies are not coming in, then opens the door. Riehl says he is upset because Matthew (his roommate) assaulted him, and they did not do anything. Riehl says he was assaulted and that you can "be assaulted without physical contact in a civil

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sense.” Riehl claims he called the civil division for a restraining order and asks Deputy Parrish, “did you not get that message?” then closes the door.

0527 – Riehl slams the door closed on the deputies. Parrish tells Davis he is going to place Riehl on a mental health hold as he was “manic.” The deputies continue to try to get Riehl to open his door.

0527- Riehl states “they didn’t get the message,” and begins yelling “civil division now” repeatedly. Riehl states that he wants civil division now and “not this ass clown show, please.” Riehl begins talking through the door asking if they have a key and claims that this is why he has an Arlo. Riehl continues to request “civil division now.” There is a knock on the door and Riehl states “may I ask who is there? Identify yourself now, use your outdoor voice.”

0528 – Doyle asks for 300A (Beyer) to respond to their location and says that Riehl needs to be placed on an M1 hold and was upset and manic.

0528 - Parrish continues to speak to Riehl through the door and says they are there to help Riehl with the restraining order.

0528 - Riehl continues to say, “identify yourself.” When Parrish tells Riehl he is there to help him, Riehl responds, “you’re going to do what to me?” Riehl begins saying “if you don’t have a warrant, go away” repeatedly before saying civil division now and goodnight repeatedly.

0530 – Parrish tells the other deputies to back down the stairs “in case he (Riehl) gets a gun.” Parrish, Davis, and Doyle mute their BWC’s for an officer conference as they walk away from the apartment. Nobody is knocking on the door at this time.

0530 - Riehl states deputies are still knocking. He requests civil division and says, “Happy New Year.” Riehl states to the camera “you have a warrant, civil division now, I want to file a domestic restraining, these guys aren’t doing it right.” Riehl says, “goodnight Deputy Ass Clown” and begins turning off lights. Riehl saying deputies are still banging/pounding, identify yourself, and goodnight repeatedly. A laser can be seen striking a surface in the dark room.

0531 - Parrish says, “Back out” and goes down the stairs and leaves the apartment.

0531- Riehl says “Ew, there’s lots of noise going on out there.” He begins walking around saying “Halt and identify.” Riehl states he is “trying not to get shot for what New Year’s Eve.” Riehl yells “No brick tonight boys.” Riehl is talking to himself and states “talking about harassment and they’re gone already because didn’t have a warrant. Shouldn’t have been knocking, shouldn’t have been harassing.”

0532 - Riehl states “let’s see what happened” and refers to the camera being on. Riehl states, “cowards have fled.” There are unknown sounds that are consistent with

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loading bullets into a magazine. Riehl states "That's what I get for making love to Matthew Thompson of the USSLS420 and Walmart."

0534 - Riehl says it got quiet and then begins yelling about eviction and calling deputies bitches. Riehl turns a music radio on. For the next several minutes, it seems the phone recording the Periscope video stays in one place and Riehl is talking to himself. Based on the volume and clarity of his voice, he seems to be walking around the apartment.

0541 – Davis removes a BAT shield from her patrol car.

0542 - Additional sounds, consistent with loading bullets, can be heard as he talks about his "deghettoization project in this Colorado suburb." He continues walking around, talking to himself.

0545 – A toilet flushes, and then Riehl begins saying "Do you have a warrant? Goodnight" again.

0546 - Riehl states he is going to "sleep in my boyfriend's room" and talks about a flashbang being thrown into the room. There is then, what sounds like a gun being racked, and Riehl states, "I'm going to stop while I know it's safe and chart." The video stops at that time.

0552 – Parrish turns on the audio to his BWC as Matt Thompson (Riehl's roommate) arrives on scene and provides him a key to the apartment. Parrish asks for, and is given permission by Thompson, to enter the apartment. Thompson warns Parrish that Riehl has rifles in his bedroom. By this time, Sgt. Beyer and Deputy Pelle are also on scene.

0553 – Parrish, Davis, and Doyle turn the audio to their BWC's back on and all five deputies walk to Riehl's apartment. Davis is standing in front of the apartment door holding the shield as Parrish uses the key to unlock the door. Parrish has difficulty opening the door and says, "did he barricade it?" The deputies proceed to make announcements to Riehl as they try and enter the apartment. The stack order is Davis, Parrish, Doyle, Pelle, and Beyer.

0554 – Parrish kicks open the front door of the apartment. Visible obstructions can be seen in front of the entry door. Parrish directs the other deputies to Riehl's room just to the right of the front door of the apartment. As the four deputies go to Riehl's room, Beyer begins clearing the obstructions from the apartment doorway. There are more obstructions in front of Riehl's door which Deputies remove while making announcements and telling Riehl to exit.

0555:11 – The second video starts. Riehl talks about Deputies beating on the door and says, "help me know."

0555:21 – Riehl tells the Deputies to "go away. Don't come in, I warned you."

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0555:28 – Riehl tells the Deputies that he “warned them” and asks them to identify. The deputies can be heard giving Riehl commands in the background.

0555 – Parrish begins trying to kick open Riehl’s bedroom door.

0555:33 – Riehl fires numerous rounds through the door and wall striking Parrish and Davis. Parrish falls to the ground in front of Riehl’s room. Davis runs to an adjacent room, breaks a window, and jumps out of the window. Doyle and Pelle back out to the front porch of the apartment. Beyer goes partially down the stairs leading out of the apartment.

0555:34 – Doyle looks back inside the apartment and sees Parrish lying on the ground. Doyle tells the other deputies he is going back inside to get Parrish. Pelle goes into the apartment with Doyle, and Beyer comes back up the stairs to the doorway.

0555:39 - Riehl begins shooting at the deputies.

0555:40 – Riehl says, “Get the fuck out of here.” Smoke detectors start going off.

0555:45 – Riehl is yelling, “Why are you here? You don’t have a warrant.” (It sounds as if Riehl is reloading a magazine).

0555:51 – Doyle and Pelle are attempting to pull Parrish out of the apartment as Riehl fires several rounds through his bedroom door and walls. Doyle exclaims that he has “been hit” as does Pelle, who was to the left of Doyle. Both Deputies run down the stairs leading away from the apartment and pass Beyer, who is at the doorway. Doyle says he has been shot in the arm and leg, and Pelle tells Doyle that he has been shot in the chest when they reach the bottom of the stairs. Beyer stands at the doorway briefly, then goes partially down the stairs.

0555:53 – Riehl shoots the same sounding gun as before. (Multiple rounds).

0556:01 – Riehl is screaming “They broke my door, they broke my door.” “Do you have a warrant?”

0556:09 – A hole can be seen in Riehl’s door. Riehl is screaming about his door being broken.

0556 – Davis is running from the apartment yelling “I’m hit.” Blood can be seen on her wrist.

0556:10 – Beyer is halfway down the stairs looking towards the apartment providing lethal cover and airs to dispatch that three officers had been “hit,” and one was down. He also tells dispatch that the shooter is still inside the apartment. Beyer then heads down the stairs to Pelle and Doyle.

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0556:26 – Riehl is screaming that he wants to be left alone. “He invited me in.” “Do you have a warrant, no.” “I pay rent.”

0556:31 – Doyle and Beyer are attending to Pelle just south of the stairs leading to Riehl’s apartment. Beyer asks the two deputies where Davis is, and Doyle says he believes she is still inside the apartment. Beyer walks back to where he could see the apartment door and requests through dispatch to have SWAT and medical respond. Beyer walks back over to Pelle and Doyle and states they needed to get the deputies out of the apartment.

Doyle informs Beyer he has been shot in the arm and requests that a tourniquet be placed on him. While Beyer places the tourniquet on Doyle’s left arm, Doyle is using his right hand to put pressure on Pelle’s chest, where he had been shot.

0556:59 – Riehl yells, “I know where you are.” “Go away, I want civil.”

0557:15 – Riehl yells, “Get the fuck out of here.” “Look what they did to my door.” “I pay rent.”

0557:28 – Riehl is looking through the hole in his door and says, “Somebody is dead out there, that’s what you get.”

0557:39 – Riehl says “you killed somebody, I see his blood. I told you.” Riehl turns on a light inside his bedroom as he says, “where’s your warrant?”

0557:55 – While Doyle and Beyer are attending to Pelle there is a shot fired. The three deputies decide to move behind the building to the parking lot on the south side of Riehl’s apartment. Doyle helps Pelle move while Beyer covers them.

0558:29 – Beyer airs to dispatch that there is still an officer inside the residence.

0558:33 – There is a sound of a shot being fired “All right? (inaudible). You have a warrant, where’s your warrant.” Parrish can be heard moaning in the background. “Do they have a warrant, no.” “Yea, you did that, let’s go, get out, get out.”

0558:40 – Riehl says, “Oh you killed a man. You killed a man you idiot. Sorry buddy (gunshot) now you are done. So, you don’t suffer.”

0558:47 – While Parrish is lying on the ground, and obviously still alive by the noises he is making, Riehl shoots him through the wall or door. Although Riehl cannot be seen, it is obvious that he can see Parrish. During this time, Davis is still running away from the apartment yelling “I’m out.”

0558:53 – Riehl is asking if Thompson is there, “Hey Matt is that you? Is that you buddy?”

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0559:05 – Riehl turns on his radio to a music station and continues talking about a warrant.

0559:05 – Beyer moves to Doyle and Pelle's location.

0559:19 – Davis runs towards Doyle, Pelle, and Beyer. While Beyer and Doyle are attending to Pelle, Davis holds cover on the corner of the building. Doyle informs the other deputies that his radio is "gone."

0559:26 – Riehl picks up his phone and says, "Let's check him for his warrant."

0559:33 – Riehl opens his bedroom door, and Parrish can be seen. Riehl says, "Where is your warrant buddy." Riehl walks back into his bedroom and shuts the door.

0559:45 – Riehl walks back out to Parrish and says, "Wanna get smoked?" Riehl fires one round from a handgun at Parrish, who is making noise.

0559:49 – Riehl fires a second round from a handgun at Parrish and says, "There you go." Riehl walks back into his bedroom.

0559:50 – Riehl walks out of the bedroom holding a handgun in his right hand and shoots Parrish. A few seconds after, Riehl shoots Parrish again. After the second shot, Parrish stops making noise. Both shots were of very close range. Riehl retreats to his bedroom.

0559:57 – As Riehl walked around his room an AR style rifle is seen lying on the bed. Riehl says, "illegal, illegal search and seizure, that's a classic fourth offense." "They broke in, they have a warrant, I pay rent."

0600 – Davis is yelling to Parrish then gets onto her radio and advises dispatch that they need help evacuating and that Parrish is still inside. Doyle asks Beyer to get a patrol car so that they could evacuate Pelle.

0601 – Doyle and Beyer move Pelle to Beyer's patrol car. Davis stays at the corner of the building watching for Riehl.

0601:11 – Riehl put on a gas mask.

0601:43 – Riehl is holding a rifle, still talking about a warrant. "No knock, no warrant? You fuckers." "What the fuck, they're crazy." "No warrant? Happy New Year to you." Riehl continues to talk to himself, but much of his video is inaudible due to his gas mask. "What is going on?" "Go away."

0601:54 – Lippolis arrives at Davis's location, and Doyle asks him to stay with Davis. Davis advises Lippolis of where Riehl's apartment is.

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0602:05 – Beyer drives Pelle and Doyle to medical personnel.

0603 – Riehl exits his bedroom and was wearing a gas mask.

0603:45 – Riehl turns down his music and can hear a police radio. Riehl, talking about Parrish, says, “What? He’s dead, dead, he’s dead, he’s fucking dead.” “Is that what you wanted? Get a warrant next time. Where’s your warrant?”

0604:31 – Riehl talks about having Parrish’s AXON. “What’s going on. I got his Axon, here’s his Axon. Don’t come in, identify, with a warrant.”

0604:36 – Riehl walks out of his room and removes the BWC from Parrish, then returns to his room. Riehl puts the BWC on a counter near Parrish’s location.

0604:59 – Lippolis leaves Davis and tells her he was moving to get eyes on the suspect.

0605:01 – Riehl has been constantly talking about a warrant. He says there wasn’t a warrant on Parrish.

0605:16 – Layman arrives to Davis’s location and begins to attend to her injuries.

0605:21 – It sounds as if Riehl is loading a gun magazine and/or manipulating a gun. “How’s that fuckers? This is my place, I pay rent, I pay rent.”

0605:38 – Riehl walks to his bedroom door, and Parrish can be seen in the video. Riehl says, “There is a dead fucking pig right there.” He then retreats back into his bedroom, and again it sounds like he is loading a gun magazine. It sounds like he is quoting a bible verse about injury and death, but it is hard to understand with the gas mask.

0605:49 – Riehl appears to be filming Parrish by use of a cell phone.

0606:58 – Layman advised dispatch that he needs medical assistance for Davis and that he had placed a tourniquet on her arm.

0608:05 – Layman again is on the radio and advises he needs help evacuating Davis.

0608:21 – Riehl is talking to himself about there not being a warrant and says he wanted civil as it was going to be a long couple of days. “Fuck, this is a classic civil rights violation. Where’s the warrant? I’m not seeing a warrant on this dead pig.” Riehl is responding to the radio traffic saying, “he ran, he’s out there already, he is on the road.” The sound of him manipulating a gun(s) is constant. “I don’t see no warrant, you broke in, you’re dead.” Riehl says he is not in a hurry and doesn’t want to kill anyone and calls his actions self-defense.

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0608:35 – Riehl speaks about fearing for his life and safety and how he was just going to go to bed. Riehl is still loading gun magazines. “I had to turn my Periscope on.” “This ain’t fun, this sucks, he had no right.”

0608:35 – Sgt. Engel arrives at Layman and Davis’s location and evacuates them both to medical personnel.

0609:22 – Riehl turns the volume up on his music radio.

0609:40 – Sgt. Engel meets with Sgt. Beyer who explains that Parrish is “down” in the apartment and that the suspect fired numerous rounds and then possibly used a higher caliber rifle. Sgt. Beyer tells Sgt. Engel where the apartment is and that the suspect had barricaded the door before they went in. Sgt. Beyer retrieves his rifle from his patrol car.

0609:52 – Riehl fires several rounds in an unknown direction from inside his bedroom.

0609:52 – Riehl fires two rounds. There is inaudible yelling, but you can hear Riehl say “mother fucker and warrant.”

0610 – Lekander arrives on scene.

0611:11 – Riehl yells something sounding like, “..... this mother fucker, or you want to talk? You want me to talk, you want to talk, or do you want to clean out the rest of this mother fucker door by door?”

0611:31 – Riehl yells, “Get your bull horns faggots; get your man voices on. You want to clear rooms?” The music radio is turned off.

0611:57 – An unknown female is talking to Sgt. Beyer, and Beyer asks Sgt. Engel how many people he has for a rescue team. Sgt. Beyer explains to Sgt. Engel that the wall along the staircase to the suspect’s apartment is the wall for the bedroom where the suspect is and that the suspect could shoot through it.

0612:01 - Riehl speaks of seeing reapers and can be heard moving things around in his room. “Reaper, no more reapers.” The music radio is turned back on.

0612:26 – Riehl says “Ew, Israeli shit, (inaudible) Israeli shit.”

0612:41 – Riehl yells “Huh, you got a bullhorn,” and can be heard moving things around in his room.

0613:21 – Riehl makes the comment, “Are we doing that?” This is followed by at least 4 gunshots. Riehl then yells, “Get the fuck out, get the fuck out, get the fuck out!”

0612:45 – Sgt. Beyer gets into Sgt. Engel’s car and says he twisted his knee. They drive

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back to the area of the suspect's apartment.

0613 - Riehl fires several rounds in an unknown direction from inside his bedroom.

0614 - Riehl fires several rounds in an unknown direction from inside his bedroom.

0613:53 – There is a sound of a possible gunshot.

0614:05 – There is a sound of a possible gunshot.

0614:09 – There are three gunshots.

0614:48 – One gunshot is fired as Riehl yells “want the house.”

0615 – Riehl is still wearing a gas mask and can be seen holding an AR style rifle. Riehl took an unknown item near or from Parrish. Lekander, Stauffer and Holliday are at the bottom of the stairs leading to Riehl's apartment. Lekander calls for Parrish then begins talking on the radio.

0615:11 – Riehl can be heard manipulating a gun.

0615:58 – Riehl yells, “what the fuck, you don't have a warrant,” and begins moving around the apartment with his phone. Riehl is seen wearing a gas mask.

0616 – There are numerous rounds of gun fire. Lekander, Stauffer, and Holliday move away from the stairs and behind cover, still near the stairs. (Possible gunfire is exchanged between Riehl and the deputies.) Beyer mentions that the suspect could have Parrish's radio.

0616:02 – Multiple rounds are fired and exchange with deputies. Riehl becomes angry and yells, “Get the fuck out,” repeatedly. The smoke detectors go off again.

0616:41 – Riehl calls the deputies “crack smokers,” and can be heard manipulating weapons.

0616:49 – Lekander checks his handgun magazine and tells dispatch that he can hear the suspect reloading.

0617 - Riehl fires several rounds in an unknown direction from inside his bedroom. Deputies Lekander and Stauffer return fire. Lekander mentions that Riehl is shooting through the walls at them. Lekander airs on the radio a location where a sniper should set up. Sgt. Beyer is with Lekander and the other deputies.

0617:01 – Multiple rounds are fired.

0617:20 – Riehl says “Get the fuck out, go away, you don't have a warrant.”

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0617:38 – Riehl says, “I didn’t hurt anybody.”

0618:01 – Riehl screams “Oh God, Oh God, Ahhhhh, help me, help me God please. I didn’t do anything.”

0618:49 – Lekander completes a tactical reload of his handgun.

0620:02 – Riehl says “(inaudible) fuck. He’s my boyfriend, he’s my boyfriend, my boyfriend.”

0620:40 – Riehl says, “I called them, I called them... for a domestic.” (Most of what he said was inaudible and sounds muffled by the gas mask, but he says the word crazy at least twice and talks about rent). You can continue to hear Riehl manipulate the gun.

0620:53 – Riehl says “get back” and there are sounds of 2 possible muffled gunshots.

0622:53 – Riehl fires two rounds in an unknown direction from inside his bedroom.

0622:53 - Shots are heard on the video and Riehl says “All right, stay back, stay back” before, and after, the shots.

0623:22 - Riehl fires one round in an unknown direction from inside his bedroom.

0624:11 – Riehl talks to himself for a while but can’t be understood. His voice is muffled and covered by talk radio from the music radio. At one point it sounds like Riehl states “I don’t want to die.”

0625:33 – Riehl says “You don’t have a warrant, where’s your warrant?”

0626:44 – Lekander airs that he can hear sounds coming from the apartment and calls for Parrish.

0626:45 – Riehl is using what appears to be either a flashlight, or a laser with blue illumination, to look around the living room area of the apartment.

0628:11 – Riehl says “why, why, leave me alone unless you have a warrant? You don’t have a warrant.”

0628:21 – Riehl yells “I pay rent, I asked for a domestic order.”

0629:11 to 0634:01 – Riehl is screaming loudly, crying, and loudly reciting the Lord’s prayer repeatedly along with other prayers.

0631 – Riehl is screaming from inside the apartment and Lekander airs he can hear Riehl.

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0633:09 – Lekander requests an eta for a SWAT QRF through dispatch and airs that Riehl is yelling and possibly Parrish as well. Command advises that SWAT would roll out within one minute.

0634:01 – Riehl screams, “Where is your warrant? Not on the dead pig.” “I need a sheriff, no warrant.” Then Riehl says something about the emergency planning committee. The recording becomes very muffled for a couple minutes.

0634:48 – Lekander airs that he can hear a police radio near the door and that it sounds to him as if Riehl is barricading himself further into the apartment.

0634:56 – Riehl continues praying.

0635:37 – There is a sound of a possible gunshot, followed by Riehl praying.

0635:40 - Riehl fires one round in an unknown direction from inside his bedroom.

0636:29 – There is a sound of a possible gunshot.

0636:31 - Riehl fires one round in an unknown direction from inside his bedroom.

0636:50 – Riehl is again using the blue light to look around the apartment.

0637:22 - Riehl fires several rounds in an unknown direction from inside his bedroom. Lekander airs on the radio that he believes Riehl is shooting through the walls.

0637:27 – 7 rounds are fired, followed by Riehl praying.

0639:34 - Riehl fires one round in an unknown direction from inside his bedroom.

0639:34 – One shot is fired followed by Riehl crying / screaming while praying.

0641:36 – Riehl can be heard moving things around his room and praying.

0642:47 – Riehl's video recording ends.

0642:55 - Riehl is again using the blue light to look around the apartment.

0647:48 - Riehl fires several rounds in an unknown direction from inside his bedroom. Lekander returns fire.

0648 – Lekander is joined by Holmes as Riehl is breaking windows. Both move away from the entry area and move behind the apartment building.

0650 – Holmes helps Beyer move to safety.

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0651 – Lekander advises the SWAT operators who just arrived where Riehl is shooting from and where bullets were striking.

0653 – SWAT operators are trying to yell to the suspect to start communicating.

0654 – SWAT throws bangs in front of the suspect's stair case. Riehl fires a few rounds.

0704 – SWAT mutes Lekander's BWC.

0705 – SWAT fires two rounds in an attempt to disable a camera in front of Riehl's apartment.

0708 – A shot is fired but not by SWAT.

0709 – Lekander leaves SWAT's location, turns on the audio to his BWC, and grabs a ladder from the parking lot for SWAT.

0709:45 – Riehl fires multiple rounds.

0712 – Lekander mutes his BWC.

0718 – Riehl fires multiple rounds.

0722 – Citizen victims are beginning to be evacuated by SWAT.

0723:14 – Lekander turns on the audio to his BWC.

0728 – There is heavy gunfire, and the bearcat is in front of Riehl's apartment. SWAT suppresses fire.

0729:13 – SWAT begins making entry into Riehl's apartment. Numerous rounds are fired, and O'Donnell is shot in the leg.

0731 – Parrish is extracted and Riehl is detained.

AUTOPSIES

Autopsy of Deputy Zackari Parrish

On 12/31/2017 Detective Melissa Williamson attended the autopsy of Deputy Zackari Parrish, which took place at the Douglas County Coroner's Office. The autopsy was conducted by Dr. Dawn Holmes and Medicolegal Death Investigator (MDI), Victoria Oberhelman. Parker Police Department Crime Scene Investigator Ashley Simpson documented the autopsy with photographs and collected evidence. The DA's Office and

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CRT member, Ashley Simpson, was also present. The autopsy started just after 12:00 pm. The following injuries were noted during the autopsy.

1. There was a penetrating intermediate range gunshot wound to the left cheek. The wound course was from front to back, slightly right to left and slightly upward. The wound involved the brain. A few metal fragments were recovered. Stippling was present.
2. There was a penetrating intermediate gunshot range wound to the left shoulder. The wound course was from front to back, slightly left to right, and slightly downward.
3. There was a through and through intermediate range gunshot wound to the right chest. The wound course was from the front to back, slightly left to right, and slightly upward. The wound involved the lung.
4. There was a through and through intermediate range gunshot wound to the upper left abdomen. The wound course was front to back, slightly left to right, and along a straight path. The wound involved the large intestine, liver, and small intestine.
5. There was a through and through close range gunshot wound to the right abdomen. The wound course was along a straight path, left to right, and upward. No organs or vessels were involved. Soot was present.
6. There was a through and through intermediate range gunshot wound to the lateral left abdomen. The wound course was front to back, slightly left to right and along a straight path. The wound involved the large intestine.
7. There was a penetrating indeterminate-range gunshot wound to the lower right abdominal. The wound course was front to back, slightly left to right, and along a straight path. The wound involved the small intestine. A few fragments were recovered.
8. There was a through and through intermediate range gunshot wound to the left knee. The wound course was back to front, right to left, and upward. No vessels were involved.
9. There was a graze gunshot wound to the chin. The wound course was right to left without significant deviation. No vessels were involved.
10. There was a graze gunshot wound to the left forearm with re-entrance into the lateral left back. The wound course was slightly back to front, left to right, and upward. No organs or vessels were involved.
11. There was a graze gunshot wound of the upper abdomen. The wound course was indeterminate. No organs or vessels were involved.
12. There were multiple projectile fragment wounds to the left cheek, left jaw, left neck, left shoulder, right upper lip, and left upper lip. The wound course was slightly front to back, left to right, and upward. No major vessels were involved.

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13. There were multiple projectile fragment wounds to the left parietal scalp. The wound course was along a straight path, left to right, and upward. A few lead fragments were recovered.

The cause of death was due to multiple gunshot wounds. The manner of death was a homicide.

Autopsy of Matthew Riehl

On 01/03/2018 DCSO Sgt. Matt Wittner attended the autopsy of Matthew Riehl which took place at the Douglas County Coroner's Office. The autopsy was conducted by Dr. Dawn Holmes and Medicolegal Death Investigator (MDI), Jessica Carlos-Ray. DCSO Crime Scene Investigator Andi Smith, Parker Police Department Doreen Jokerst, and Crime Scene Investigator Ashley Simpson documented the autopsy with photographs and collected evidence. The DA's Office and CRT Member, Ashley Simpson, was also present. The autopsy started just after 8:30 am. The following injuries were noted during the autopsy.

1. There was a penetrating indeterminate-range gunshot wound to the left back. The wound course was back to front, left to right, and slightly downward. The wound involved the right lung and liver. A large caliber copper jacketed bullet was recovered.
2. There was a through and through intermediate range gunshot wound to the right back. The wound course was back to front, left to right, and slightly downward. The wound involved the right lung and liver.
3. There was a through and through intermediate range gunshot wound to the upper left arm. The wound course was back to front, right to left, and downward. No major vessels were involved.
4. There was a through and through intermediate range gunshot wound to the right hand. The wound course was back to front, right to left, and downward. No major vessels were involved.

Riehl's BAC was .030g/100 mL

The cause of death is due to multiple gunshot wounds. The manner of death is a homicide.

Victims

Deputy Zackari Parrish - The cause of death is due to multiple gunshot wounds. Deputy Parrish worked for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office since 06/15/2017.

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Deputy Jeff Pelle – Deputy Pelle received a gunshot wound through the right arm pit. The round collapsed his right lung, shattered one left rib, and fractured two others. The round was redirected by the ribs and traveled through his diaphragm then entered and exited his liver, breaking a branch of the bile duct. Deputy Pelle has worked for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office since 01/05/2016.



Taylor Davis – Deputy David received three gunshot wounds to the left forearm, one gunshot wound to the front left thigh, and one gunshot wound to the left shoulder. Deputy Davis has worked for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office since 09/25/2017.



Deputy Mike Doyle – Deputy Doyle received a through and through gunshot to the left forearm. Deputy Doyle has worked for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office since 03/12/2013.

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Officer Thomas O'Donnell – Officer O'Donnell received a gunshot wound to the right front thigh. Officer O'Donnell works for the Castle Rock Police Department and has been assigned to the Douglas County Regional SWAT Team since 2011



Sgt. Dave Beyer - Sgt. Beyer injured his knee while assisting his injured deputies. Sgt. Beyer has worked for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office since 01/02/1997.



Farook Patail – Patail received a gunshot wound to the left shoulder. Farook lived across the court yard from Riehl. Farook cares for his wife who is disabled. After Farook was shot he took his wife Nargis to the hallway where they laid down until they were later rescued.

Nathan Lapp – Lapp received a gunshot wound to the left elbow. Nathan and his wife, Carol, share a common wall with Riehl. After Nathan was shot he grabbed his wife and they fled to the living room. They called 911 and stayed in the living room until they were later rescued.

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It shall be noted that when both Farook Patail and Nathan Lapp were shot, no officers had fired their weapons on scene. This is based on 911 calls and Axon video footage. At this time, both projectiles in Patail and Lapp remain inside their arms.

DCSO CSI Report

It shall be noted that 3404 E County Line Road was in the possession of the apartment until 01/13/2018. Several CSI's from Arapahoe County and Douglas County processed the scene over that period of time. Below is a summery of those reports.

CSI Derek Delve processed the Scene on 12/31/2018.

He began taking photographs at approximately 9:21 am. While taking photographs he noted that Apartment 3404 Unit 24 was on the second level of building 3404, in the northeast corner, with the front door facing roughly south. There was the DCSO SWAT Bearcat parked between buildings 3404 and 3410. There were several casings / cartridges, and possible blood on the ground between buildings 3404 and 3410.

There were two tarp barricades on the southern side of building 3404, blocking view of a deceased suspect. Beneath a white sheet, and brown paper over the top of the barricades was Matthew RIEHL, DOB/ 09/09/1980. His head pointed roughly west, and his feet pointed roughly east. There was a handcuff on one wrist and a trauma patch on the right and left chest cavity, as well as the center of the back

Inside Unit 24's entryway were live cartridges, spent casings, damaged cartridges, a red dot scope, a DCSO Issue Radio, and an area rug with blood on the ground just inside the doorway. There was a DCSO ballistic shield on the floor approximately 10 feet inside the doorway. Beneath the bloody area rug was a red spot in the carpet. Beneath the carpet and padding was a projectile. There was a black handgun - Glock, Model 17, S/N: WM7986, with a stove-piped cartridge, belonging to Deputy PARRISH on the floor of the entryway. There was a spare magazine on the floor of the entryway for a Glock, containing 17 cartridges.

Inside Unit 24's living room was several spent casings in the living room and a black tablet on the floor along the northern wall

Inside Unit 24's kitchen was a [REDACTED] State Driver License on the countertop, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Matthew Edward RIEHL, DOB/ 09/09/1980.

Inside Unit 24's bathroom was a bloody Beretta 1301 Tactical shotgun leaned into the southwestern corner, S/N: TA015168; the gun was empty. The bathroom had numerous projectile holes in the walls.

Inside Unit 24's dining room was a computer tower on a table along the northern wall, two cellular phones, and a laptop.

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While inside Unit 24's southeast bedroom, CSI Delve noted that the bedroom was in disarray. Below is a list of his findings inside that bedroom.

- DCSO body worn camera and magnetic camera mount on the floor of the bedroom
- Several firearm magazines, cartridges / casings, and projectiles on the floor of the bedroom. 185 spent casings, 1067 live cartridges, 22 magazines, 6 damaged cartridges, 11 projectiles
- One bloody gas mask on the floor
- Tan ballistic vest on the floor
- US Passport on a shelf, bearing the name Matthew Edward RIEHL, DOB/09/09/1980

Firearms recovered from Riehl's bedroom include:

- Springfield Armory XD45, S/N: GM462543
1 cartridge in chamber
6 cartridges in magazine
Spare magazine on floor, containing 12 cartridges
- Smith and Wesson 44 magnum revolver, S/N: CNX3780
6 cartridges in chambers
- Smith and Wesson 357 Magnum Revolver, S/N: CHL2070
6 Cartridges in chambers
- Smith and Wesson, M&P Shield, S/N: LDJ2523
- Ruger 10/22, S/N: 82737663
- Windham Weaponry AR15 rifle, S/N: WW205189
1 Cartridge in chamber
Empty magazine
- Palmetto Arms, PA-15, S/N: LW250301
1 Cartridge in chamber
- Wolf Muzzleloader, No visible serial number
- Savage A17, S/N: K447364
- Ruger M77 Hawkeye, S/N: 71136839
- Coonan MCI-LAR-3, S/N: 400365

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- Henry Survival Rifle, S/N: US002455
- Ruger Mark III, S/N: 27088058
- Springfield Armory M1, S/N: 5838625
- Rock River S/N: CM83037
- Palmetto Arms S/N: PA052928
- Palmetto Arms S/N: PF018584
- Hipoint rifle, S/N: F123049
- A black plastic tub, containing rifle parts along with two other black plastic tubs, containing miscellaneous ammunition
- A blue plastic tub, containing miscellaneous ammunition

All of Riehl's personal effects were booked into evidence by Sgt. Montono and CSI Andi Smith.

On 01/11/2018, CSI Andi Smith along with CSI Delve responded to the scene and documented trajectory paths and holes. The following is a summary.

Inside 3404 E County Line Road of Unit #23

- Total number of projectile holes in Unit #23 was 16

Inside 3404 E County Line Road Unit #14

- Total number of projectile holes was 19

Inside 3404 E County Line Road Unit #25

- Total number of projectile holes was 20

Inside 3410 E County Line Road Unit #26

- Total number of projectile holes was 2

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Exterior 3404 E County Line Road east wall of Unit #24

- Total number of projectile holes was 46

Exterior 3404 E County Line Road north wall stairwell of Unit #24

- Total number of projectile holes was 57

Exterior 3404 E County Line Road south wall stairwell of Unit #24

- Total number of projectile holes was 58

Inside 3404 E County Line Road Unit #24

- Dining room 7
- Kitchen 11
- Entrance hall 75
- Bathroom 94
- Riehl's west bedroom wall 182
- Living room north wall 6
- Living room west wall 1
- Total 376

On 12/31/2017, CSI Teresa Rhinehart collected and itemized evidence that was retrieved from all the officers that were involved. This included weapons, uniforms, and bullet proof vests. Those items were booked into evidence at Evtech.

CBI Report

- CBI Item 6 Bullet fragment removed from Deputy Pelle. Riehl's Windham Weaponry AR15
- CBI Item 7.1 Bullet fragment found in Deputy Parrish's Scapula bone. 223/55 grain solid copper round. No value
- CBI Item 7.2 Bullet fragment found at the bottom of Deputy Parrish's shirt. Riehl's Windham Weaponry AR15
- CBI Item 7.3 a bullet fragment found at the top of Deputy Parrish's shirt. Riehl's Windham Weaponry AR15
- CBI Item 7.4 a bullet fragment found in Deputy Parrish's left abdomen on skin. Riehl's Windham Weaponry AR15

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- CBI Item 7.5 a bullet fragment found in Deputy Parrish's right chest cavity. Riehl's Windham Weaponry AR15
- CBI Item 7.6 a bullet fragment found in Deputy Parrish's head. No value
- CBI Item 7.7 a bullet fragment from Deputy Parrish's abdomen. No Value
- CBI Item 8 a bullet found on the floor under Deputy Parrish's head. Riehl's Springfield XD45 pistol
- CBI Item 15 a bullet found in Riehl's right chest. Officer Dorrell's Glock 22
- CBI Item 13 a bullet fragment under Riehl's left elbow. Officer Dorrell's Glock 22
- CBI Item 14 a bullet Fragment found on the skin of Riehl's left back. No value.

During the autopsy of Deputy Parrish, a bullet later identified as CBI Item 7.1 was recovered from his right scapula. 27 weapons were submitted for testing and found to be not consistent or inconclusive. Other bullets recovered from Deputy Parrish were confirmed to be from Matthew Riehl's weapons, which included Windham Weaponry AR-15 .223.

CBI Item 7.1 is a fired bullet that has been identified as a .223, 55grain, solid copper round, manufactured by Hornady. Evidence collected at the scene showed that Matthew Riehl was in possession of Hornady .223, 55grain, solid copper rounds to include two live rounds in a magazine. The magazine was located in a magazine carrier that was used by Matthew Riehl. Several spent Hornady .223, shell casings were located on the floor of Matthew Riehls bedroom. None of the responding law enforcement agencies at the scene issue solid copper .223 rounds.

The trajectory of Item 7.1 indicates that it originated from Matthew Riehl's bedroom. There were also additional bullet holes found on the half wall behind Deputy Parrish with similar trajectories. At this time Item 7.1 has no value.

On 03/28/2018, Corporal White met with Special Agent Matt Pound with the ATF. He turned over the following items to be tested with the ATF Laboratories.

- #181 spent 223 casings
- #195 Live 223 cartridge
- #267 AR-15 Windham Weaponry
- #268 live 223 cartridge from chamber of Windham Weaponry
- #269 223 magazine with 2 rounds
- #275 AR-15 Palmetto Arms
- #276 live 223 cartridge from chamber Palmetto Arms
- #285 9 magazines with 223 live rounds
- #335 AR-15 Anderson
- #428 bullet fragment (CBI 7.1)

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On 05/15/2018, I asked Special Agent Pound for assistance in tracking down the 4473 applications that Matthew Riehl completed during the purchase of all 18 firearms.

On 06/05/2018, Both the request from 03/28/2018 and 05/15/2018 were denied.

Technical Forensic Extraction Reports

Detective Corporal Rademacher conducted technical forensic extraction on a laptop, a tablet, and a microSD card that came from inside the tablet. A summary report concluded there was nothing of evidentiary value on any of the above listed devices.

The laptop recovered was associated with a username "gmblake," and based on documents with Matthew Thompson's name and contact information in it, Detective Corporal Rademacher concluded the laptop was likely not Riehl's.

The desktop extraction yielded documents related to Riehl's work as an attorney with a few pictures of guns, but again, nothing deemed as valuable in the investigation.

The tablet did not contain anything of evidentiary value.

The micro SD that was located inside the tablet contained a number of android images of anime characters but again nothing valuable to the investigation or background of Riehl.

Arlo/NETGEAR Accounts

On 02/07/2018, a production of records was served to NETGEAR for Netgear Base Station – 48946C7VA6F3B. Investigators believed that Matthew Riehl used his Arlo/NETGEAR camera during the gunfight between him and deputies to determine their location when rescue efforts were attempted. Through a phone conversation with Nico Horan with NETGEAR, that camera would have been live streamed only. NETGEAR is still searching for any information in regard to Netgear Base Station – 48946C7VA6F3B. On 06/08/2018, Corporal White contacted NETGEAR. They were unable to locate any recordings.

Conclusion

On 12/31/2017 at around 3:00 am, Matthew Riehl, who had a documented history of mental illness dating back to 2014, contacted the Douglas County Dispatch Center via 911 and made a complaint of a disturbance between himself and his roommate, Matthew Thompson. Responding deputies were able to talk with both parties, and it was determined that there was no crime that had occurred, and they cleared the scene.

Around 5:10 am on that same date, Riehl again contacted the Douglas County Dispatch Center via 911 and complained of another "domestic" disturbance and made indications that he wanted to file a restraining order against Matthew Thompson. A complaint of the

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previous responding deputies being aggressive with him was lodged to dispatch by Riehl during that call.

When deputies responded, within ten minutes, Riehl was uncooperative and barricaded himself inside his apartment. Based on the conversation that Deputy Zackari Parrish had with Riehl, the decision to place Riehl on a mental health hold was made.

At about 5:50 am Deputy Parrish, along with Deputies Taylor Davis, Michael Doyle, Jeff Pelle, and Sergeant Dave Beyer made entry into the apartment, making themselves known verbally and giving orders for Riehl to come out, which he did not do.

As they made their way to Riehl's bedroom, which Riehl had attempted to barricade as well, they encountered gunfire that Riehl was sending through the walls and closed door of his bedroom. Deputies Parrish and Davis were hit by rounds fired by Riehl and the other deputies fled to a location just outside the apartment. Deputy Davis was forced to make her escape through a window in another room. Deputy Parrish was unable to evacuate on his own. During an attempt to rescue Deputy Parrish, both Deputy Doyle and Pelle were shot and retreated to cover along with Sgt. Beyer. Around that same time Farrok Patail, a civilian living in an apartment east of Riehl's, was hit in the left shoulder by a round fired by Riehl. Another civilian, Nathan Lapp, living in an apartment in the same building as Riehl's was hit in the left elbow, also from a round fired by Riehl.

Moments after the other deputies were able to escape, Riehl came out of his room and shot Deputy Parrish twice with a handgun. Additional resources were requested by DCSO, including the Douglas County SWAT Team, which arrived shortly thereafter.

Matthew Riehl continued firing intermittently with shots made directly at members of the Douglas County Sheriffs, and later, DCSO SWAT Team members that responded to the residence.

The incident ended when Riehl was incapacitated by several rounds fired by members of the SWAT Team. He was later pronounced dead.

During the investigation, evidence was found that Matthew Riehl was planning to cause harm to law enforcement, including videos and comments that he had posted online. A trace was run of the firearms Riehl owned to determine if he legally possessed them or if any of them were illegal weapons. None of the firearms were inherently illegal. Riehl was legally allowed to possess them, and none of them were recently purchased.

Several law enforcement agencies in Colorado and Wyoming, including DCSO, had contact with Riehl dating back to January of 2008. He had also singled out, and targeted, one specific officer for incidents of harassment. He made his complaints via social media and other correspondence, including posting personal information about the officer.

Matthew Riehl had been involved in several voluntary mental health evaluations, usually precipitated by erratic and manic behavior witnessed by his own family who, at the time,

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had been able to talk him into the voluntary commitment to those mental health evaluations. He had also been prescribed medications for his mental health issues. In April of 2014 Riehl was placed on an involuntary mental health hold only to be later released by prosecutors.

In addition to the shots that killed Deputy Parrish, several other law enforcement officers received injuries from bullets fired by Riehl. Deputy Pelle received a gunshot through his right arm pit, which collapsed his right lung, and shattered one rib and fractured two others (that round was redirected by the ribs causing damage to his diaphragm and liver). Deputy Davis received five gunshot wounds (3 to her left forearm, 1 to her left thigh, and 1 to her left shoulder). Deputy Doyle received a gunshot to his left forearm. Castle Rock Officer, Thomas O'Donnell, received a gunshot to his right thigh. Civilian Nathan Lapp was shot in the left elbow, and Civilian Farrok Patail was shot in the left shoulder.

If Matthew Riehl had survived he would have potentially faced the following charges:

Counts	Statute	CRS	Level	Victims
1	First Degree Murder of a Peace Officer	18-3-107(1)	C-1-F	Zackari Parrish
17	Criminal Attempt – Murder in the First Degree of a Peace Officer	18-2-101 / 18-3-107(1)	C-2-F	Dave Beyer, Michael Doyle, Taylor Davis, Jeffrey Pelle, Thomas O'Donnell, Darren Trujillo, Jeff Engle, Jason Friesen, George Lekander, Nicole Holliday, Matthew Stauffer, Cleveland Holmes, Jacob Schuster, Ronnie Dorrell, Larry Peterson, James Richter, Nickolas Rodriguez
2	Assault in the First Degree	18-3-202(1)(a)	C-3-F	Farook Patail, Nathan Lapp
4	Assault in the First Degree – Peace Officer	18-3-202(1)(e)	C-3-F	Taylor Davis, Jeffrey Pelle, Michael Doyle, Thomas O'Donnell,
2	Criminal Attempt – Assault in the First Degree	18-2-101 / 18-3-202(1)(a)	C-4-F	Carol Lapp, Nargis Mookerdum
1	Illegal Discharge of a Firearm	18-12-107.5(1)	C-5-F	Copper Canyon Apartments
1	Criminal Mischief	18-4-501(4)(f)	C-3-F	Copper Canyon Apartments
1	Tampering with Physical Evidence	18-8-610	C-6-F	State of Colorado
1	Abuse of a Corpse	18-13-101	C-2-M	Zackari Parrish
1	Obstructing a Peace Officer	18-8-104	C-2-M	State of Colorado
1	Resisting Arrest	18-8-103	C-2-M	State of Colorado
1	Prohibited Use of a	18-12-106	C-2-M	State of Colorado

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	Weapon			
21	Reckless Endangerment	18-3-208	C-3-M	Dave Beyer, Michael Doyle, Taylor Davis, Jeffrey Pelle, Thomas O'Donnell, Darren Trujillo, Jeff Engle, Jason Friesen, George Lekander, Nicole Holliday, Matthew Stauffer, Cleveland Holmes, Jacob Schuster, Ronnie Dorrell, Larry Peterson, James Richter, Nickolas Rodriguez, Farook Patail, Nathan Lapp, Carol Lapp, Nargis Mookerdum

In the end this case will be exceptionally cleared by suspect death. No other individuals will face charges by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.