

San Francisco Police Department

Firearm Discharge Review Board Report & In-Custody Death Review Board Report



CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Police Department

01/20/21

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&
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Firearm Discharge Review Board

In the 4th Quarter of 2020, the Firearm Discharge Review Board reviewed the following completed Officer Involved Shooting investigation:

- OIS 20-001

In-Custody Death Review Board

In the 4th Quarter of 2020, no cases were presented to the In-Custody Death Review Board.

Officer-Involved Shooting 20-001

Date & Time: April 12, 2020
approximately 05:45 hours

Location: 110 Hickey Boulevard, South San Francisco, CA

On 4/12/20 at approximately, 0545 hours, an SFPD Sergeant just finished his tour of duty and was on his way home. Prior to going home, the Sergeant stopped at the Chevron Gas Station located at 110 Hickey Boulevard in South San Francisco to fuel his vehicle. While fueling his vehicle, the Sergeant heard a scream of “Help me, Help me!” The Sergeant looked over his vehicle and observed a vehicle parked in the first row of pumps. He did not see anything or anyone and continued to fuel his vehicle. A few seconds later, the Sergeant heard a second loud scream and believed there may be a possible domestic violence situation or some type of an assault that was in progress. The Sergeant ran to the driver’s side of the vehicle parked in the first row of pumps. He observed a person on the ground, face up, with their feet still inside the vehicle and one foot was barefoot, covered in blood.

The Sergeant observed a second person (later identified as the suspect) who was on top of the person on the ground. The Sergeant, not knowing what was going on, yelled out “Stop! Knock it off.” The suspect stood up and took a few steps back. The suspect with his right hand charged the Sergeant and struck him on the left side of his face. The Sergeant fearing for his life and not knowing why the suspect assaulted him, drew his department issued firearm and ordered the suspect to get down on the ground. The suspect, who did not comply with the order, charged and assaulted the Sergeant again. The Sergeant pulled out his department issued star and identified himself as a police officer. The suspect said, “I don’t give an “F***” about your badge.” The Sergeant continued to give commands to the suspect to get down on the ground, but he did not comply.

Recommendation to COP: In Policy

Officer-Involved Shooting 20-001

The Sergeant re-holstered his firearm since he did not see a weapon in the suspect's hands. He continued to give commands to the suspect to get down on the ground and that he was under arrest. The suspect did not comply, and the Sergeant started to walk backward in attempt to de-escalate the situation and create time and distance.

The Sergeant focused back on the suspect's hands and observed a box cutter in his right hand. The Sergeant drew his department issued firearm again as the suspect continued to advance toward him. The Sergeant continued giving commands to "get down on the ground" and "drop the weapon." The Sergeant warned the suspect he would be shot if he continued to advance and did not comply with the orders. The suspect did not comply and continued his advance. The Sergeant fearing for his life discharged his firearm one time striking the suspect in the abdomen. The suspect fell to the ground but continued to try and get up with the box cutter in hand.

The Sergeant made his way back toward the cashier window and asked if they called the police. The suspect after being shot continued to try and get up. The Sergeant continued commands to "drop the knife" and "stay on the ground." After several minutes South San Francisco Police Department arrived. The suspect now on his feet approached the SSFPD officers with the box cutter still in his hand. They ordered him to drop the weapon, but he did not comply. The suspect was Tased by SSFPD three times and still managed to get up. The suspect stole a SSFPD police car and SSFPD officers pursued the suspect. At the termination point of the pursuit an Officer Involved Shooting with SSFPD occurred and the suspect succumbed to his injuries.

The Sergeant remained at the scene and rendered aid to the victim. The Sergeant sustained a cut to the left side of his face. The victim and Sergeant were both transported to the hospital for their injuries.

Recommendation to COP: In Policy

Status of Open Officer-Involved Shooting Investigations
&
In-Custody Death Investigations

Open OIS Investigations: 2017-2020

Case	Investigation Status
17-001 (01/6/17)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
17-007 (12/01/17)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
18-002 (03/06/18)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
18-005 (06/09/18)	Active administrative investigation.
19-001 (08/25/19)	Active administrative investigation.
19-003 (12/7/19)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
20-002 (04/21/20)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
20-003 (10/10/20)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
20-004 (11/17/20)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.

Open ICD Investigations: 2015-2020

Case	Investigation Status
15-002 (6/28/15)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
15-003 (7/30/15)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
16-001 (1/22/16)	Active administrative Investigation.
19-001 (1/7/19)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
20-001 (1/21/20)	Active administrative investigation.



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