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From: Ben Raymond <Ben.Raymond@shreveportla.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:59 PM
To: Adrian Perkins; Arthur Thompson; Henry L. Whitehorn; James Flurry; Jerry Bowman; LeVette Fuller
Subject: RE: Excessive Force

Councilwoman Fuller,

On April 5, 2020, officers responded to 3763 Eileen Ln. after being dispatched to reports of an unknown male forcing his way into a residence. A man, later identified as Tommie McGlothen, was first encountered by the homeowners when they pulled into their driveway. The man was mumbling and acting odd according to the victims (husband & wife). After refusing to leave, the husband went inside his residence to retrieve a firearm as he feared the man was armed and intended to do them harm, he asked his wife to call police at this time. McGlothen followed the husband inside his house so the husband retrieved his gun and ordered him out of his residence. McGlothen walked back outside but refused to leave the driveway before he aggressively approached the husband who punched McGlothen in the face, knocking him to the ground. The couple was able to get inside their house and wait for police. The couple explained that when police arrived, McGlothen began punching and kicking at the officers as they were trying to handcuff him. Officer's statements described the man kicking, spitting and attempting to stab them with a pen. During the altercation, officers tased, maced and used strikes to subdue him. Once they got to the patrol vehicle, they had to force McGlothen inside as he continued to resist. The fire department was called to the scene to medically evaluate McGlothen and afterwards he was placed back into the car. For the next 20 to 30 minutes, McGlothen was checked on several occasions and could be heard yelling randomly. At some point, McGlothen lost consciousness in the patrol vehicle and was unconscious the next time officers checked on him. Officers again called for the fire department and began CPR until their arrival. SFD transported him to the hospital where he died several hours later, as I understand it. I have not seen the coroner's report as of yet but I spoke to Dr. Thoma about this incident and he advised McGlothen died due to cardiac arrest caused by excited delirium. Dr. Thoma and I had a conversation about excited delirium and the need to train our officers and firemen to recognize the symptoms associated with this condition.

On April 19, 2020, officers responded to 4220 Reily Lane after a tenant reported a man, later identified as Wavy Austin, had been yelling the entire day. Officers heard the man yelling and talking randomly, described by the officers as "gibberish" and called for the fire department to also respond. Officers determined that the man appeared to be suffering from a mental condition and decided to commit him on an emergency order as they were concerned for his safety and well-being. The officers hand-cuffed Austin and brought him outside the apartment so fire-fighters could evaluate his medical condition. Austin tried to pull away while officers were attempting to handcuff him but they were able to control him and place the handcuffs on him. The fire department began to evaluate him, and within minutes realized something was wrong and moved him to the ambulance. Officers removed the handcuffs, helped load him on a stretcher and SFD began chest compressions. Austin died, as I understand it, en route to the hospital. The reports contain a lot of additional information as to the medical condition of Austin, the testimony of several officers as to his perceived mental state and condition of his apartment, etc. but once the investigation has been completed we can release the entire report. I have yet to see the coroner's report for cause of death but have been told it was from a cardiac episode and possibly brought on by excited delirium. Please understand that I have summarized the events in this paragraph after having reviewed reports.

Both cases will ultimately be reviewed by the Caddo DA's office. I believe the DA's office now has the Austin investigative packet but we are awaiting the coroner's report for the McGlothen case as well as an independent review of the investigative materials by LSP before the DA is given all evidence, reports, etc.

Sorry it took me so long to get the information to you and please understand these are summaries of events and quite a few facts and statements are not included herein.
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From: LeVette Fuller
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Subject: Excessive Force

Chief Raymond,

Please provide to me a detailed summary of the review or investigation of excessive force. Please include the make up of any investigating committees as well as the entire process. I need this ASAP.

I would also like to know the details of the two arrests which culminated in death in custody. Let me be clear I'm not asking for a reiteration of Dr. Thoma's account. I want to know the circumstances of those arrests.

Thank you,

LeVette Fuller
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