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Report of the Law Enforcement Involved Fatal Incident Investigation of  
NAYA SHADE MYREE JACKSON on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at approximately 10:08 am, Moraga Police Department Corporal Russell Douthit was on patrol in the town of Moraga. While driving on Moraga Way, near St. Andrews Drive, he saw a 1996 white Honda Accord driving without a front license plate, in violation of the California Vehicular Code.

Corporal Douthit activated his overhead lights in order to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle. The car was occupied by the driver, NAYA SHADE MYREE JACKSON [hereinafter referred to as JACKSON], and a male passenger. Instead of pulling over, JACKSON sped away from Corporal Douthit. Corporal Douthit initiated a pursuit and ran the rear license plate of the vehicle. [The post incident LEIFI investigation revealed that both the vehicle and the license plate of the vehicle were stolen.]

JACKSON continued to speed away from the police officer, eventually reaching speeds of 90 miles per hour, at which point Corporal Douthit terminated the pursuit due to safety concerns. The pursuit was 2.5 - 3.0 miles in length and lasted for approximately 2 minutes.

Shortly after Corporal Douthit terminated the pursuit, JACKSON lost control of the vehicle and crashed at the location of Moraga Way and Glorieitta Boulevard, in the city of Orinda. JACKSON suffered fatal injuries as a result of the collision. The male passenger of the vehicle suffered injuries, but survived the collision.

The Contra Costa County Law Enforcement Involved Fatal Incident Protocol (LEIFI) was activated. All police officers involved in the incident were sequestered and the LEIFI investigation was initiated by the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office (CCDAO). This report is the final step in the CCDAO investigation.

As part of the Protocol, the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office and the involved agencies conduct independent investigations. The purpose of the CCDAO criminal investigation is to determine whether any of the involved individuals, officers, or civilians, committed a crime.

The LEIFI investigation determined that JACKSON lost control of the vehicle she was driving during her attempts to flee from police and suffered fatal injuries in the resulting collision. No force was used by any police officer before, during, or after the incident and there is no evidence to support a criminal prosecution against any of the involved officers or civilians. As such, no further action will be taken in this case by the CCDAO.

A link to the CCDAO investigative reports, which have been redacted to remove personal identifying information and the identify of civilian witnesses, may be found here.