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Report of the Law Enforcement Involved Fatal Incident Investigation of
JONATHAN LYNN RICHARDSON on April 1st, 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On April 1st, 2021, at approximately 7:53 p.m., a 911 caller reported that her husband, JONATHAN RICHARDSON [hereinafter referred to as RICHARDSON], just left their residence after pointing a gun at her, and then pointing the gun at himself. Antioch Police personnel responded to the residence and spoke with RICHARDSON's wife, who told them that RICHARDSON recently expressed suicidal thoughts due to a number of personal and family issues. RICHARDSON's wife told officers that RICHARDSON still had the gun and that he left their residence in a silver Honda.

Multiple Antioch Police Officers canvassed the neighborhood to locate RICHARDSON. While driving in an unmarked vehicle, Antioch Lieutenant Joseph Dunleavy saw a silver Honda which was being driven by RICHARDSON. Lt. Dunleavy followed RICHARDSON, who was the lone occupant of the car, and was eventually joined by a second officer, Officer Brandon Bushby, who was driving a fully marked police vehicle.

After a short distance, RICHARDSON pulled his vehicle over to the side of the road. Lt. Dunleavy and Officer Bushby stopped their respective cars behind RICHARDSON's car. RICHARDSON got out of the vehicle and both Lt. Dunleavy and Officer Bushby saw RICHARDSON with a gun in his hand as he was standing outside of the car.

Officers ordered RICHARDSON multiple times to, "drop the gun." RICHARDSON put the barrel of the gun up to his right temple and shot himself one time in the head. RICHARDSON dropped to the ground and died as a result of his injury.

The Contra Costa County Law Enforcement Involved Fatal Incident Protocol (LEIFI) was activated. All Antioch Police Department 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 RICHARDSON tragically committed suicide by shooting himself in the head and that no force was used by any police officer before, during, or after their encounter. Accordingly, there is no evidence to support a criminal prosecution against any of the involved officers or civilians. No further action will be taken in this case by the CCDAO.