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Incident Synopsis- Wauwatosa P.D. Officer-Involved Shooting (Dec. 10th, 2020):

On Thursday December 10th, 2020, the Milwaukee Area Investigative Team (M.A.I.T.) responded to the area of Harmonee Ave. and Underwood Ave. in the City of Wauwatosa to investigate an officer-involved shooting. Due to the serious nature of the wounds to a female party struck by police gunfire, the investigative request was made by the City of Wauwatosa Police Department, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 175.47.

The West Allis Police Department was designated as the lead agency for the investigation. ***Please see West Allis Police Department Case #20-043409.*** Additional agencies participating in the investigation include the Milwaukee Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, as well as investigators from the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. The Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory also provided investigative assistance with collection and documentation of evidence.

On December 10th, 2020 at approximately 9:15PM, the Wauwatosa Police Department received a 911 transfer call from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office regarding an assault at 7900 Harwood Ave. Investigation later revealed that a female party, later identified as ***Tinesha D. Jarrett, F/B, 35 years of age***, assaulted a female victim at that address. This initial incident was investigated by the ***Wauwatosa Police Department (Wauwatosa P.D. Case# 20-0021905.)***

Subsequent investigation by the West Allis Police Department revealed Jarrett was in the 9400 block of W. Watertown Plank Rd., at 5:50PM on the same day (12/20/20). Review of video surveillance indicated that Jarrett left the area with a male party, walking eastbound on W. Watertown Plank Rd.

At approximately 9:20PM (while responding to the initial assault complaint at 7900 Harwood Ave.), Wauwatosa P.D. Officer Amanda Hodgson encountered Jarrett, walking eastbound, near the intersection of Harmonee Ave. and Underwood Ave. Officer Hodgson was on duty, in full uniform, and driving a fully marked Wauwatosa Police Department vehicle. At that time, Jarrett still had the driveway marker/pole in her hands from the assault at 7900 Harwood Ave. Jarrett also had a long, wooden stick/snowman decoration in her hands. As Officer Hodgson made contact with Jarrett, Jarrett turned back towards Officer Hodgson's squad, quickly approaching the passenger side of the vehicle. Jarrett violently struck the squad with the wooden snowman decoration, damaging the squad and breaking apart the decoration into several jagged pieces. Officer Hodgson requested assistance and relayed to dispatch that Jarrett was damaging her squad. Jarrett then walked around the front of the squad, towards the driver's door, now holding the damaged decoration/stick in a threatening manner. Officer Hodgson loudly and clearly yelled commands at Jarrett to drop the stick. Jarrett continued to approach Officer Hodgson,



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yelling, "Kill me! Kill me bitch! I wanna die!" Officer Hodgson again ordered Jarrett to drop the stick, but Jarrett continued towards the driver's door of the squad. As Jarrett moved out of view of Officer Hodgson's squad camera she repeatedly yells "Shoot me! Shoot me! Shoot me!" Officer Hodgson again ordered Jarrett to drop the stick and to get on the ground. A citizen witness observed Jarrett swinging the stick/decoration at Officer Hodgson, striking the driver-side door as Officer Hodgson stood directly behind it. Officer Hodgson then fired three shots at Jarrett, striking her. Jarrett did not appear affected, and continued her actions towards Officer Hodgson, as well as Wauwatosa Police Department Officer Benjamin Rebholz, who arrived just after shots were fired.

Officer Rebholz subsequently deployed his electronic control weapon ("Taser") in an attempt to stop Jarrett's actions. It appeared to have little/no effect on her. Jarrett retreated back towards the front, passenger-side of Hodgson's squad, jumping around and swinging the broken stick. Despite serious injuries from being shot, Jarrett continued smashing the broken/splintered stick on the squad's windshield, cracking the glass. Officer Rebholz also deployed OC spray in an attempt to stop Jarrett's actions. After retreating to an outside patio area next to business building, Jarrett was eventually taken into custody after a lengthy physical struggle with Officers.

Officers immediately rendered first aid to Jarrett, who was transported to Froedtert Hospital for her injuries. She underwent surgery, surviving her wounds.

Officer Hodgson and Officer Rebholz both provided statements to Milwaukee Police Department Detectives regarding the incident.

Tinesha Jarrett is considered the offender in the assault from 7900 Harwood Ave. The victim in that incident suffered injuries, but did not wish to pursue charges in the matter.

Tinesha Jarrett has not been charged with a crime as a result of this incident.

This incident was reviewed by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, and no charges will be field against Jarrett, or any of the Officers involved in the incident.