



# INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Supplemental Report Concerning the Police-Involved  
Fatal Incident in Baltimore County, Maryland  
on October 11, 2021

June 6, 2022

**Supplemental Report of the Independent Investigations Division of  
the Maryland Office of the Attorney General Concerning the Officer-  
Involved Death of Jovan Lewis Singleton on October 11, 2021**

The Maryland Office of the Attorney General’s Independent Investigations Division (“IID”) transmitted its investigative report concerning the October 11, 2021, fatal officer-involved shooting of Jovan Lewis Singleton to the Baltimore County State’s Attorney’s Office (“SAO”) on March 30, 2022. On April 7, 2022, the State’s Attorney’s Office sent the IID a letter indicating that it would not be pursuing criminal charges against the involved officer, Lieutenant Gregory Mead of the Baltimore County Police Department.

Attached to the SAO’s letter was a supplemental report by a detective with the Maryland State Police (“MSP”). The SAO’s letter and this report are attached as Appendix A. The report documents the detective’s interview with Lt. Mead, which occurred on April 6, 2022, at the request of the SAO.

This supplemental report will first address Lt. Mead’s responses to the interview questions, including any effect those responses have on the IID’s analysis of this incident. It will then address the interview process.

**I. Lt. Mead’s Statements**

This section analyzes Lt. Mead’s April 6 interview in the context of all other available evidence in this case, including Lt. Mead’s two prior written statements. Lt. Mead, through his attorney, had previously provided a written account of the incident on November 3, 2021, and written answers to specific IID questions on February 23, 2022. His interview on April 6 was largely consistent with those written statements. This section will focus on the topics on which he explained prior discrepancies or elaborated on prior answers. It is based on an audio recording of the interview; it does not rely on the MSP detective’s written report. A complete transcript of the interview is attached as Appendix B.

In this interview, Lt. Mead provided greater detail regarding his failure to activate his body-worn camera prior to the shooting. Lt. Mead said that he was “getting that – my battery pack plugged in. I’m doing that as I’m driving” toward the hit-and-run scene. He said he then saw Mr. Singleton on Gilmore Street and turned to question him. Lt. Mead said that once he saw Mr. Singleton, he did not have time to activate the camera because Mr. Singleton was walking towards him and Lt. Mead believed he may have been armed due to the nearby robbery. Lt. Mead also noted that he had been at the station performing administrative duties and was traveling to the hit-and-run scene to take on a supervisory role; he did not expect to be personally engaging with a suspect.

Lt. Mead similarly provided greater explanation for his statement that, “I’m fucked with the [body-worn] camera,” which Lt. Mead did not activate, while he was being transported from the shooting scene. Lt. Mead stated, “I was worried that that would make a big impact on this case as well as through internal affairs.” The MSP detective responded, “That was more of a policy admin thing?” Lt. Mead agreed. Lt. Mead’s attorney then added, “Your comments though,

‘I’m fucked,’ had nothing to do with your actions as a result of the shooting?’ Lt. Mead agreed. His attorney continued, “Only that you were administratively – you may have some disciplinary action for not having your camera activated?” Lt. Mead agreed. While the statements offered by the MSP detective and Lt. Mead’s attorney could be correct interpretations of what Lt. Mead intended to say, they hold limited probative value here because Lt. Mead did not offer the interpretations himself; he merely agreed with the characterizations of his attorney and the detective.

Lt. Mead also addressed discrepancies in his prior statements about how many shots he and Mr. Singleton had each fired. The morning of the shooting, Lt. Mead said each had fired “3 or 4 shots.” In his written statements, he recalled Mr. Singleton firing two shots and wrote that he had fired “6-7 consecutive rounds.” Noting this discrepancy, the detective asked: “Is it fair to say that you had at least several nights’ sleep prior to giving that witness statement?” Lt. Mead answered that three weeks had passed, so his written statement would be more accurate because he had had time “to process everything.” Lt. Mead added that on the night of the incident, “[u]nder duress and the amount of pain I was in, I threw out numbers because I knew we had fired more than one shot, both of us had.” As with the questions above, the leading nature of the detective’s question makes it difficult to fully assess Lt. Mead’s response.

The written report documenting the interview contained additional statements, which were not captured on the detective’s audio recording. In his report, the MSP detective wrote that he told Lt. Mead that the IID had hired a victim/witness coordinator and asked if that person had contacted Lt. Mead; Lt. Mead stated that they had not.<sup>1</sup> The MSP detective’s written report also said that Lt. Mead “voiced his displeasure” with the length of the IID’s investigation. Those statements were not on the audio recording, nor was it otherwise explained when or where they occurred.

The written report concluded by expressing the detective’s legal opinion that Lt. Mead’s conduct would not have violated the Maryland State Police use of force policy. The MSP detective’s legal opinion is not a relevant component the report, particularly because the MSP policy does not apply to Lt. Mead, who works for the Baltimore County Police.

Ultimately, this interview does not change the IID’s analysis of potential criminal charges against Lt. Mead. The IID also reviewed this MSP investigator’s other contributions to the investigation and did not identify any aspects that required supplementation. Please refer to the IID’s March 30 report for its prior analysis.

## **II. The Interview Process**

The MSP detective was not acting on behalf of the IID when he interviewed Lt. Mead on April 6, 2022. The interview was conducted at the request of the Baltimore County State’s Attorney’s Office. Although MSP personnel had been detailed to assist the IID throughout the investigation, they conducted this interview without the IID’s input.

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<sup>1</sup> The IID’s victim/witness coordinator works with the families of decedents in police-involved fatalities, informing families of resources available to them and serving as a liaison throughout the investigative process. It would be inappropriate for a victim/witness coordinator to contact Lt. Mead or any other subject of an investigation.

Because of the confusion that such an arrangement could create, MSP and the IID have now established a policy that MSP will not conduct interviews on IID cases without consultation and coordination with IID personnel.

### **III. Conclusion**

This supplemental report concludes the IID's investigation of the fatal October 11, 2021, shooting of Jovan Singleton by Baltimore County Police Department Lieutenant Gregory Mead. This supplemental report is being transmitted to the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office on June 6, 2022, and will be released publicly on June 20, 2022.

## **Appendix A**

Letter from the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office  
& MSP Detective's Report of the Interview with Lt. Mead



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**VIA E-MAIL**

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**VIA E-MAIL**

Honorable Brian Frosh  
Attorney General of Maryland  
200 St. Paul Place  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Police Involved Fatal  
Shooting Case #21-002

Dear Chief Hyatt and Honorable Brian Frosh,

I have received and reviewed the investigation into the shooting and death of Jovan Lewis Singleton. This incident began as an armed robbery at 7-Eleven on Windsor Mill Road. The video evidence places Mr. Singleton at the robbery and escaping the robbery in the front passenger side of a light colored pickup truck.

Then minutes after the robbery, this truck is in a hit and run accident followed by a bail out of 3 to 4 people. Lieutenant Mead responded to the area after the bail out. Lt. Mead sees a lone male walking in close proximity to the hit and run at 2:10 a.m. Lt. Mead does an investigatory stop and attempts to detain Mr. Singleton by having him sit on the curb. Mr. Singleton appears as if he is going to sit, but instead starts running away.

Lt. Mead gave chase, until he saw Mr. Singleton turn and fire two shots. This is supported by a witness who heard the incident. At the time Jovan Singleton fired at Lt. Mead, the Lieutenant felt a sharp pain to his leg. Lt. Mead appeared to believe that he had been shot and he

went to the ground. Lt. Mead returned fire, firing 6 to 7 consecutive rounds. Again, this is supported by the witness who heard the incident.

The forensic evidence also supports this chain of events. There are two sets of casings recovered. One casing is identified as a .38 caliber casing, subsequent ballistic testing confirming the case was fired from the handgun recovered near the location of Mr. Singleton's body. DNA evidence found Mr. Singleton's known DNA on both the handgun and the magazine.

The second set of eight casings were a 9mm casing and identified as having been fired from Lt. Mead's service weapon. The IID expressed concern that Lt. Mead would not submit to full forensic interview. After I received the report from IID, I requested that Sgt. Christopher Taylor conduct an interview with Lt. Mead. The report of that interview is attached. Based upon all of the facts and statements provided in this interview and the investigation, it is the State's position that the shooting of Jovan Singleton was justified for the protection of Lt. Mead's life and the surrounding community. Therefore, this office will take action regarding Lt. Mead.

I would like to once again, express my concern over the delay in providing this investigation to this office. The incident in this case occurred on October 11, 2021. I was briefed in December of 2021 regarding the investigation. All of the information in this report was shared in that briefing and yet it was three months later before this report was provided. Please be mindful of this undue delay going forward. The stress and uncertainty for all persons involved cannot be overstated. Undue delay, also, unquestionably does not serve the public. The autopsy was completed in November of 2021 and yet there was an additional four month delay in issuing this investigation. We would appreciate all you can do in the future to take these issues into consideration in future investigations.

Sincerely,



Robin S. Coffin  
Deputy State's Attorney  
For Baltimore County

**CC (Via E-mail):** Lt. Gregory Mead, Baltimore County Police  
Dana Mulhauser, Office of the Attorney General  
Sgt. Christopher Taylor, Maryland State Police  
Samuel Dinning, Office of the Attorney General  
Lt. John Monarek, Maryland State Police

**Supplement**

**Report** Maryland Department of State Police

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Victim, Complainant, Missing Person, or Arrestee (Last, First, Middle)

**State of Maryland**

Incident, Offense, of Charge on Original Report

Correct Incident or Offense Class

Changed?

**Death Investigation**

n/a

Yes

Secondary Offense

65. Related Report Numbers

**Officer involved shooting**

**21-284-0229/21-284-0219**

**Narrative**

Item No.

**Focus of this supplement report:**

To document the interview with Lt. Mead conducted by Sgt. Taylor regarding the officer involved shooting that occurred on 10/11/21 at 0211 hours at [REDACTED] Englewood Ave Baltimore, Maryland.

**Deceased Information:**



**Name:** Singleton, Jovan Lewis 01/M [REDACTED]  
**Height:** 508, **Weight:** 146, **Hair:** Black, **Eyes:** Brown  
**Address:** [REDACTED] Baltimore, Maryland 21229

45. Crime Prevention Action Initiated <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		46. Previous Crime Prevention Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		47. Date Supplemental Report Due	
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**Officer Involved:**

**Name:** Lt. Greg Mead [REDACTED] Baltimore County Police Department  
**Address:** 6424 Windsor Mill Road Gwynn Oak, Maryland 2120  
**Phone:** 410-887-1340

**Action Taken**

On 03/30/22 at 1623 hours, I was contacted by the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office in reference to the investigation. I was informed by the states attorney that the Attorney General Independent Investigative Division (IID) had completed their investigation and submitted their report to the Baltimore County States Attorney (who had prosecutorial jurisdiction). It should be noted that Lt. Mead was willing to speak with MSP investigators in October 2021 but did not want the IID to be present. The IID was informed that the interview would be recorded and if they had questions, they could submit them and they would be asked. The IID declined to let the interview take place.

No correspondence was had with Lt. Mead until on 02/11/2022 when the IID submitted written questions through his attorney for Lt. Mead to answer. His written response was received a few days later. Further details regarding his statement can be found in IID case file.

On 4/6/22 at 1130 hours, M/Tpr Warner (Maryland State Police, Homicide Unit) and I responded to the residence of Lt. Mead to conduct the interview. Also present during the interview was legal counsel for Lt. Mead; Michael Davey. The interview was audio recorded.

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**Name:** Lt. Greg Mead # [REDACTED] Baltimore County Police Department  
**Address:** 6424 Windsor Mill Road Gwynn Oak, Maryland 2120  
**Phone:** 410-887-1340

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Lt. Mead initially gave his work history with the department. He stated that he as 26 years with the agency. He explained that he worked patrol, undercover assignments, community action assignments, and has worked as a supervisor (Lt) for the last 10. He is currently in charge of the midnight shift at the Woodlawn Precinct.

Lt. Mead indicated that on 10/11/21 he was working the midnight shift (2100-0500 hours) and was in full uniform. Prior to the robbery call, he was in his office conducting administrative duties (writing detailed report for an accident that a Sgt had). He was walking down the hallway when the robbery call came in around 0200 hours. He stated that while grabbing his outer carrier (vest) an accident was reported on Dogwood and Qynn Oak. It was reported that 4 people bailed out of the at fault vehicle (including a white female). Due to the bail out, close proximity to robbery, and short time frame between the two incidents, Lt. Mead believed the accident and robbery to be related.

He then grabbed his camera and battery pack (which was on charger in officer's room). According to Lt. Mead he has his camera battery pack card already woven through his outer carrier. He inserted the battery pack on his clip on his duty belt and attached the camera to his lapel. He then used the restroom before getting into his car to go to accident scene (only other road supervisor—Cpl. Burkins was already going to robbery scene). He stated that no Sgts were working that shift.

With the possibility of 4 armed suspects (close proximity to 7-11 and precinct), his primary focus was the get to the scene and take command. Given the severity of the calls, Lt. Mead reported that he did not have time to log into his computer (ten minute process) while he responded. While still adjusting his body worn camera he came across a subject walking along the road in a residential neighborhood (less than mile from precinct). He believes he was able to plug the camera/battery in but he did not have a chance to hit the switch on the battery pack as the subject was in front of him.

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For officer safety purposes, he stated that his focus remained on the subject as there was a possibility that the subject may have been the armed suspect that had been reported to commit the armed robbery. He attempted to key up on the radio but was unable to due to heavy radio traffic. No one knew where he was and he did not have backup coming. According to Lt. Mead, at 0200 hours subjects are usually not walking around that time of night so the fact that this subject was out walking around was suspicious. Given the close proximity to the 7-11 and the crash, the subject was a person of interest.

He reported that the subject was walking towards him. Lt. Mead quickly parked (Inglewood and Gilmore) and got out of his vehicle to make contact. The subject continued walking towards Lt. Mead. He again tried to unsuccessfully get on the radio to report his location and situation. He reported that with multiple crime scenes, radio traffic was substantial. The subject was now in front of him (2 feet away). He reported the area to be a residential neighborhood but it was very dark. It should be noted that his emergency equipment was not activated.

Lt. Mead made contact with the subject and asked him where he was coming from. The subject later identified to be Singleton indicated that he was coming from his "boy's house". As he voiced the answer, Singleton motioned backwards with his head. He was wearing a hoodie and the hood dropped down exposing Singleton's dreadlocks. It was reported that the suspect from the armed robbery had dreadlocks. At that point, Lt. Mead wanted to investigate further so he asked the subject to sit on the curb. Another unsuccessful attempt to key up on the radio was made. As Singleton begins to sit down he looks up at Lt. Mead and takes off running. Once he fled, Lt. Mead then considered Singleton to be a suspect in the armed robbery. Lt. Mead gave chase going northbound on Inglewood (middle of street). He again made an unsuccessful attempt to key up on the radio.

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While chasing Singleton he saw his silhouette and muzzle flash (which allowed Lt. Mead to see the white of Singleton's eyes). Singleton then began to approach him. He then saw another muzzle flash. It was reported that he could not see the gun nor which hand the gun was in. Due to the darkness of the area, he was unable to tell how Singleton was standing/bladed. After the second muzzle flash, he immediately felt like someone took a crowbar and hit his knee. Lt. Mead lost control of his left leg and slightly fell to the ground-onto his right side butt/hip. Severe pain rushed from his leg to the point that his vision narrowed. Singleton's silhouette then continued to approach Lt. Mead. Fearing for his life (being in a vulnerable position) he fired his duty weapon (6-7 consecutive shots) at Singleton. Lt. Mead was unsure if Singleton fired at him any more times.

According to Lt. Mead, Singleton had every opportunity to get away and run down the street or between houses. Instead, Singleton decided to fire upon him and continued to do so. Lt. Mead explained that Singleton advanced towards him and fired an additional round before Lt. Mead returned fire. With regards to Baltimore County PD deadly force policy, Lt. Mead indicated that if he was in fear of his life or the lives of others who he believed were in immediate danger, deadly force is authorized. Lt. Mead stated that his sole reason for firing at Singleton was because Singleton fired at him first. He felt that if he did not engage Singleton, he would be dead and he feared for the lives of others.

While firing, Lt. Mead observed Singleton take a "sprinter's stance" along a driveway. Singleton went down on his hands. Lt. Mead could then see a house in the immediate backdrop so he stopped firing. Singleton then made his way in between houses. Lt. Mead was unsure if Singleton was hit or if he was running or walking. Still in a vulnerable position and injured, Lt. Mead was unable to get to cover. He feared that Singleton or another one of the potentially armed suspects in the area could still ambush him. He used his right leg to turn his body to the left to face the houses that Singleton ran in between. Lt. Mead indicated that no one else was around during the shooting. He reported the entire encounter with Singleton (including the

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shooting) was about 1 minute. The entire incident including the 7-11 robbery, accident, and shooting all occurred all relatively in a close time frame.

When responding officers arrived, due to the dark conditions he had to use his flashlight to signal where he was on the ground. He originally told those officers that he fired 3-5 shots. According to Mead, those comments were made in duress and while he was still trying to process what had happened. He knew that they both had fired more than once so he simply threw those numbers out there. He did not remember making those statements. But after running over in his mind for several weeks he provided a written statement. He reported that after receiving several nights sleep and being able to gather his thoughts, his memory was more accurate when he gave his written statement to which he reported that he fired 6-7 times.

During the interaction with responding officers Lt. Mead indicated that he was “fucked” with regards to his body worn camera. Lt. Mead clarified by stating that he feared that he would have been charged administratively. He was aware that Baltimore County PD policy is to activate the body worn camera when dealing with public. His comments had nothing to do with the act of the shooting itself, rather he was concerned with the internal affairs investigation which could result in disciplinary action. It should be noted that at the time of his utterance of being “fucked” Singleton’s whereabouts and condition were unknown. The fact that he was deceased was not known until several hours later. Lt. Mead did not know that Singleton was shot at that point.

While speaking with investigators Lt. Mead voiced his displeasure with the amount of time that had elapsed to close out the investigation as it caused a great deal of stress for he and his family. It was reported to MSP that the Attorney General IID had hired a victim’s coordinator/advocate. He was asked if the Attorney General IID Victim Coordinator contacted him or his family. He reported that he had not been contacted.

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Lt. Mead had nothing further to report.

There has been questions in relation to Singleton being shot in the back. It should be noted that the incident and Singleton's actions leading up to it would have satisfied the MSP deadly force policy with regards to the fleeing felon rule. Based on my knowledge, training, and experience I know that simple human perception and reaction times play a role in these incidents. It is totally feasible for Singleton to have quickly changed positions during and after firing his weapon at Lt. Mead. In the time it would have taken Lt. Mead to perceive the threat and react to it (aim and pull the trigger) the process could lead to the subsequent result of Mead getting shot in the back.

**CASE Closed**

Assigned Investigator: Sgt. Christopher Taylor [REDACTED]  
Investigative Time: 2 hrs.

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## **Appendix B**

Transcript of the MSP Detective's Interview with Lt. Mead

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Interview of LIEUTENANT GREGORY MEAD  
by SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

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Transcribed by: Steph Mistele

Transcript of Interview of Lieutenant Gregory Mead  
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SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: All right, Sergeant  
Chris Taylor State Police Homicide. It is April 6th,  
2022, at 11:31 hours. Here with Lieutenant Greg Mead,  
referenced to the officer involved shooting that  
occurred in Baltimore County back in October 2021.  
(inaudible), please state your full name for the  
record.

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LT. GREGORY MEAD: Lieutenant Gregory M. Mead.  
M-E-A-D is the last name.

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MICHAEL DAVEY: Michael--

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LT. GREGORY MEAD: My ID is [REDACTED].

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MICHAEL DAVEY: Michael Davey on behalf of  
Lieutenant Mead.

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MASTER TROOPER CHAD WARNER: Master Trooper Chad  
Warner. ID number [REDACTED].

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SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay, Lieutenant Mead,  
briefly describe years in the department and your  
work history.

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LT. GREGORY MEAD: I am coming up on 26 years  
this month. I'm currently in charge of the midnight

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1 shift at Woodlawn Precinct. I did-- was a police  
2 officer at Garrison, then went into a SIDVID  
3 (phonetic) unit, which is an undercover narcotics  
4 unit. Then went over to Woodlawn where I went into a  
5 CAT unit, which is Community Action Team, was there  
6 for a few years then got promoted to corporal. Went  
7 over to North Point Precinct, was there for two  
8 years, got promoted to sergeant. Came back to  
9 Woodlawn Precinct. Was on the street for about a  
10 year, then took over the Investigative Service Unit  
11 for two years, which is an undercover-- we handle  
12 robberies, shootings, car-jackings, stuff like that.  
13 And then got promoted to lieutenant. Have been on  
14 midnight shift for 10 years. 10 years in May.

15 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. Bringing your  
16 memory back to October 11th of last year, were you  
17 working?

18 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Yes, I was working.

19 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: I guess, what shift  
20 were you working?

21 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Midnight shift. It works from  
22 9:00 until 5:00 are my scheduled hours.

1 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. I guess, were  
2 you in full uniform?

3 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Yes, without a raid vest on,  
4 which is the outer vest carrier. Everything else was  
5 on.

6 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. Kind of explain  
7 to me events leading up to that robbery call at 7-11.

8 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I was in the precinct working  
9 on an administrative duty with writing a sergeant-- I  
10 had to justify an accident that he had. Was finishing  
11 up that, putting it in the lieutenant-- or the admin  
12 lieutenant's bin. Was walking down the hallway when  
13 an armed robbery at the 7-11 at Windsor Mill and  
14 Featherbed came out. I think it was around 2:00 a.m.  
15 in the morning.

16 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

17 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I was walking back towards my  
18 office. My vest, outer vest carrier is hanging up on  
19 a coat hanger in my office. My battery pack and my  
20 camera are in the, I guess, the officer's room on the  
21 charging dock. So, I grabbed my vest.

22 At that point, an accident came out-- or hit

1 and run accident at Dogwood and Gwynn Oak probably  
2 three to four minutes later. I assumed that that was  
3 related to the-- because they said four subjects  
4 bailed out of the vehicle. I think they gave a  
5 description of a white female at the time. And I  
6 don't remember if they gave another description, but  
7 they said four people bailed out at that accident.

8 So, I went in, grabbed my battery pack and my  
9 camera. I have run through-- a cord that runs from  
10 the camera down to the battery pack in my vest, so  
11 that's already connected. You have to have a little  
12 clip where the battery goes on and the camera  
13 attaches up with the cord. That's already run through  
14 my vest. So, I grab the battery pack, clip that on,  
15 hook up the camera in the precinct. I think I used  
16 the restroom and then I ran out to my car to get in  
17 my car to go to the scene.

18 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Actually, let me stop  
19 you there. I have a couple of quick questions.

20 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Hm-hmm.

21 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: So, forgive my  
22 ignorance--

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1 LT. GREGORY MEAD: That's all right.

2 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: --because we're  
3 different in ops than you guys. So, as lieutenant,  
4 are you sitting at a desk or are in the office? How's  
5 that work?

6 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I have my own office.

7 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

8 LT. GREGORY MEAD: So, at my desk and I am  
9 typing-- I just got done typing up a 12L (phonetic)  
10 for this accident. So--

11 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

12 LT. GREGORY MEAD: When I come--

13 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

14 MICHAEL DAVEY: 12L's a detailed report.

15 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

16 LT. GREGORY MEAD: So--

17 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: So, you're not  
18 answering phones or none of that?

19 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Oh, I have a phone in my  
20 office, but I don't pick--

21 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: But not, like, 9-1-1  
22 call?

Transcript of Interview of Lieutenant Gregory Mead  
Conducted on April 6, 2022

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1 LT. GREGORY MEAD: No.

2 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

3 MICHAEL DAVEY: He's not the Duty Officer.

4 LT. GREGORY MEAD: No. No.

5 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: You know what I'm  
6 getting at.

7 LT. GREGORY MEAD: No. No. No. I'll answer calls  
8 for my bosses or officers calling in and answer  
9 questions for--

10 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

11 LT. GREGORY MEAD: --calls for service, but  
12 that's it. I don't take-- we have a desk officer that  
13 answers all those phone calls.

14 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. Okay. That's  
15 what I was getting at.

16 LT. GREGORY MEAD: So, when I'm in my office, I  
17 get-- I can pop my vest off. Everything else is on.  
18 Oh, had to put my gun belt on too, which is just a--  
19 it's a Velcro-- I have a Velcro belt and then my  
20 nylon gun belt. So, that takes a second to put on,  
21 but all that's sitting right out in my office when  
22 I'm in there--

1 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

2 LT. GREGORY MEAD: --so I can go out to calls.

3 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

4 LT. GREGORY MEAD: That night though, I had one  
5 corporal working. The rest were all officers. So,  
6 usually I have two or three sergeants, two corporals.  
7 We are super short, so it was just me and him and  
8 then a bunch of officers. So, I was in a rush to get  
9 out to scene because we had multiple scenes going on  
10 at that point.

11 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: And explain the-- I  
12 guess the camera thing because we don't have them,  
13 so.

14 MICHAEL DAVEY: Yet.

15 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Yet. Yet.

16 LT. GREGORY MEAD: All right.

17 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: So, you said there's a  
18 cord that goes through your vest so it's two separate  
19 things?

20 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I ran the cord through the  
21 vest.

22 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

1           LT. GREGORY MEAD: So, it's a long cord that  
2 comes out on the lapel where the camera will sit up  
3 on my shoulder. And then there's a battery pack  
4 that's separate that connects-- I have it connected,  
5 I think it's on my vest. It is on my vest. I have it  
6 connected on my vest. So, the cord comes out on one  
7 end so I can just hurry up and clip it in, and then  
8 the camera, but I had-- my camera needed to be  
9 charged. It was on the charging station because I was  
10 in the precinct. I was charging it.

11           SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

12           LT. GREGORY MEAD: So, when I come, all I have  
13 to do-- there's a little magnetic clip that holds the  
14 camera on and the cord plugs into that. I had that in  
15 before I went out, but my cord was still hanging out  
16 with the battery pack when I got into my car. So, I  
17 didn't log on. I just wanted to get down to the scene  
18 quickly. And--

19           SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: When you say log on,  
20 what do you mean by that?

21           LT. GREGORY MEAD: It takes--

22           SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: I'm sorry.

1           LT. GREGORY MEAD: That's all right. No, no.  
2           There's a computer in the car and it takes, probably,  
3           10 minutes when you're starting the car up for the  
4           computer to come on. Then I have to punch in a code  
5           to log into the main system. Then I got to run  
6           through, wait for that to load. Then I got to log  
7           back in again to the MVA system to pull up to be able  
8           to get calls for service and run stuff. So, I didn't  
9           do any of that. I just zipped right down to the  
10          scene.

11          MICHAEL DAVEY: The camera he's wearing is not  
12          like the square Axons--

13          SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Right.

14          MICHAEL DAVEY: --that you usually see.

15          SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Right.

16          MICHAEL DAVEY: These go on the lapel with the  
17          actual-- it's not all one--

18          LT. GREGORY MEAD: No.

19          MICHAEL DAVEY: --compartment.

20          SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: It's not all one  
21          thing.

22          MICHAEL DAVEY: No.

1 LT. GREGORY MEAD: No. Uh-huh.

2 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

3 LT. GREGORY MEAD: No. Where-- you see the  
4 square one, you normally see?

5 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Right.

6 LT. GREGORY MEAD: That's our battery pack. It's  
7 square. To turn that on, you have to flip a switch  
8 over and then if you're not-- like, if I don't  
9 activate lights and sirens? If I do that, within 30  
10 seconds the camera will come on on its own.

11 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

12 LT. GREGORY MEAD: If I don't flip the lights  
13 and sirens on, I have to-- after I flip that, I got  
14 to push a button in and hold it and wait for it to  
15 run through its cycle before the camera will come on.

16 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

17 LT. GREGORY MEAD: So, I didn't-- I didn't even  
18 have a chance to do that. Like, I'm-- as I'm driving  
19 down Gwynn Oak coming up on, like, Windsor Mill, I'm  
20 just getting that-- my battery pack plugged in. I'm  
21 doing that as I'm driving.

22 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. So, I guess, is

1 it safe to say-- the 7-11 call came out.

2 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Hm-hmm.

3 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: So, obviously the guy  
4 was armed.

5 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Yes.

6 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: And then there was a  
7 hit and run.

8 LT. GREGORY MEAD: There was a hit and run.

9 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Kind of talk to me  
10 about, I guess, officer safety issues, what you were  
11 thinking about as you were driving and where your  
12 focus really truly was.

13 LT. GREGORY MEAD: First, it is-- I have one  
14 supervisor that's actually working. He's going to go  
15 to, I know, the armed robbery and I'm not sure if he  
16 had called out yet or not. He's my corporal. It's  
17 Corporal Bergens (phonetic).

18 Beyond the hit and run, we have four armed  
19 suspects. I need to get to the scene ASAP to try to  
20 start setting up perimeters there. That was more of  
21 my concern than actually the armed robbery. The armed  
22 robbery was done, over with. They're cleared from

1 that. I know I have people there. My focus is down--  
2 because we have an armed subject, possibly four armed  
3 suspects, all bailing out of a car down, not far from  
4 the precinct and not far from where the armed robbery  
5 happened. So, that's my main concern is get there,  
6 start setting people up because that's usually my  
7 job. Not to go find the people, but to make sure the  
8 scene is safe--

9 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Is safe.

10 LT. GREGORY MEAD: --and everything is getting  
11 handled the way it needs to handle. And then from  
12 there, I would've moved up to the armed robbery to  
13 make sure that's good. But the current-- my priority--  
14 -

15 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Immediate threat.

16 LT. GREGORY MEAD: --is that-- immediate threat  
17 is that area and it's a residential area, so that's  
18 my immediate.

19 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: So, I think there was  
20 reports of when-- some of the subjects walking  
21 towards the precinct or going towards the precinct. I  
22 don't know if you were aware of that or not.

1 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I wasn't aware of that--

2 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

3 LT. GREGORY MEAD: --because by the time I left  
4 the precinct-- I'm talking it was a minute, two  
5 minutes before I'm encountering him-- the person that  
6 I was dealing with at the time. It was-- as soon as I  
7 come out of the precinct, if you know of that drive,  
8 it's less than a mile and I'm-- he's there.

9 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

10 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I mean, it's pitch black and  
11 all I see is a silhouette and I'm trying to key up to  
12 tell them where I am before I even get out of the  
13 car. And I don't know if-- if through radio  
14 communications you can see how many (inaudible) I key  
15 it up. Sometimes you can. And dispatch will then be  
16 like, 209, you're cutting off this person. She never  
17 did that. So, by that point, I'm already dealing with  
18 him.

19 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. So, again, from  
20 and officer safety standpoint, your focus is now on  
21 that subject--

22 LT. GREGORY MEAD: However--

1 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: --because he about--  
2 could be armed.

3 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Right.

4 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Not anything else.

5 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Right. Right.

6 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: So, I guess, again,  
7 describe what happened at that point.

8 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Okay. I'm coming up, I guess  
9 it's southbound on Englewood Avenue and there's a  
10 street called Gilmore, which is off to my lefthand  
11 side. Englewood Avenue is a one-way street. So, I'm  
12 coming up there, which I would go down. My goal was  
13 to go down to Dogwood and then come up behind where  
14 the 1050, or the hit and run accident, happened and  
15 come down there and make sure everything's good.

16 But as I'm coming down, I look off to my left  
17 and there's a sidewalk coming. But off to the  
18 sidewalk, I see a silhouette of a subject walking.  
19 It's 2:00 in the morning in a residential area. No  
20 one's out at this time of morning.

21 So, I turn my car-- I pulled my car up onto  
22 Gilmore, over on to the lefthand side, and my lights

1 kind of hit him so I could see, kind of, his  
2 silhouette. And I tried to key up to say, I have a  
3 subject there. Couldn't get on because Officer Roolon  
4 (phonetic) was giving out the descriptions. We had  
5 multiple scenes going on-- crime scenes going on and  
6 they're giving out descriptions. So, couldn't get on  
7 the radio.

8 So, I get out of the car and I ask the suspect  
9 or subject, "Where you coming from?" And he's now  
10 pretty much in front of me. He has like a maroon and  
11 blue, if I remember correctly, like windbreaker  
12 almost on and his hood was up. So, you couldn't  
13 really see his face and he said, "My boy's house."  
14 And when he did that, his hood came off and he had  
15 long dreads, kind of, up in a bun on top of his head.

16 So, at some point, I heard that the subject  
17 that did the armed robbery had dread locks. Didn't  
18 say whether it was up in a bun or not, but I'm like,  
19 this could be a possible. So, I'm like, "Hey, man.  
20 Have a seat on the curb. Got a few questions for you  
21 and then you're going to be cut loose."

22 So, my car is parked on the lefthand curb. He's

1 going to sit down in front of them and I'm just  
2 getting out of-- I'm kind of right on my driver's  
3 side door. So--

4 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: At that point, were  
5 your lights on?

6 LT. GREGORY MEAD: My head lights were on, but  
7 not my--

8 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Not your--

9 LT. GREGORY MEAD: No.

10 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: --emergency lights?

11 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Not my emergency. Mm-mm.

12 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: All right. And then,  
13 you didn't stop him, he kind of approached you.

14 LT. GREGORY MEAD: He kept coming.

15 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

16 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Like, he kept walking up to  
17 his car and he walked, like, right up-- I mean, it  
18 was probably-- we were like two feet apart. And he  
19 were standing on the sidewalk and I'm like, "Hey,  
20 man. Just have a seat for me on the curb," and I'm  
21 still trying to key up at this point.

22 So, as he goes to sit down, he kind of looked

1 up at me and he's about halfway down, and then he  
2 does that and he just takes off running. Like, he  
3 puts his right leg against the curb because there's a  
4 curb there that he was going to sit down on, and he  
5 shoots in front of my car and then down the driver's  
6 side of my car.

7 So, again, I'm still trying to key up. Nothing.  
8 We go-- I run down my driver's side and then  
9 northbound on Englewood. So, wherever my car was  
10 parked that night, is how far we were down on  
11 Gilmore. I don't remember if it was-- I don't even  
12 think I made it to the first or second house. It  
13 wasn't real far down on Gilmore. And then we went  
14 northbound-- ran northbound straight down the middle  
15 of the street on Englewood Avenue towards-- back  
16 towards the precinct. The same way I just came,  
17 that's the way we ran back down that way.

18 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

19 LT. GREGORY MEAD: The area we were in, and I  
20 know this after, I can tell you, when I was on the  
21 ground, I had to use my flashlight. Nobody could see  
22 me on the ground. But I remember, they asked me where

1 I was. I couldn't remember the name of the road. I  
2 don't believe at the beginning, if you listen to  
3 radio communications, but I hit the-- I had to use my  
4 flashlight to try to flag down the officers because  
5 I'm-- it's pitch black.

6 I see a sign in the grass. I believe it was  
7 [REDACTED] Englewood and that was kind of back up towards  
8 my left. Not far, but I could see that in the front  
9 yard of that-- it was, like, kind of on a hill, there  
10 was a sign there.

11 So, we ran down past that. That's why I'm using  
12 that as a marker.

13 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Hm-hmm.

14 LT. GREGORY MEAD: And I remember there being a  
15 big tree off to the left because it really put a  
16 shadow over top of the street. And then, all I see,  
17 and I don't know how I saw it, were his eyes and then  
18 a muzzle flash. And it was directly in the middle of  
19 the street. And the second one felt like somebody  
20 took a crowbar and hit me--

21 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: The second?

22 LT. GREGORY MEAD: The second-- his second

1 muzzle flash.

2 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

3 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I can't tell you which way he  
4 was bladed. I can't tell you how he was turned. I  
5 can't tell you what kind of gun it was. Never saw the  
6 gun, just the muzzle flash. I can't tell you what  
7 hand he had it in. No clue. It was that dark.

8 It hits me in the-- it hit me in the knee. My  
9 knee felt like it-- I mean, I don't even know how to  
10 describe it. It felt like it-- somebody, like, took a  
11 crowbar, smacked me in the knee and then it exploded  
12 from the inside out. And I lost complete-- complete  
13 control of that left leg. Went down on the ground  
14 onto my right side, but, like, butt/hip kind of and  
15 was still able to keep an eye on him.

16 And as his second shot-- after his first shot,  
17 he's coming back towards me. I can't tell you how he  
18 was facing. I can't, you know, but his body, his  
19 silhouette is coming back at me.

20 So, at that point, I'm engaging him and I  
21 fired, you know, six to seven shots consecutively at  
22 him. And as he's coming forward and when I started

1 engaging him, he kind of still came forward and to, I  
2 guess, his right, my left.

3 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

4 LT. GREGORY MEAD: There was-- and I don't know  
5 how else to describe this. This is just a description  
6 of what I saw. He didn't go down on a knee. He didn't  
7 fall on the ground. He went down into, like, a  
8 runner's sprint. And I can't tell you if his knee hit  
9 the ground, his hand hit the ground or any of that,  
10 but he was kind of-- there was a driveway. And I'm  
11 not sure if it was in the driveway or on the curb,  
12 but it looked like he tripped and he just kind of  
13 went down and he wasn't running.

14 And then I stopped firing at that point because  
15 the house-- there's house directly in my line of  
16 fire. And I completely stopped. He made it up in  
17 between the houses and then I lost sight of him from  
18 that point forward. I never-- I never saw where he  
19 went.

20 I started turning with my right leg in the  
21 middle of the street because I'm in the middle of the  
22 street. Turning to my left because I thought he was

1 either going to take cover in between the houses or  
2 come around the house that I was in front of, come  
3 around that side and start shooting at me because I  
4 had no cover.

5 And I still-- when we were running down the  
6 road, was trying to key up and I could never - the  
7 entire time - get on that radio. So, nobody knew  
8 where I was. Nobody knew what happened. I wasn't sure  
9 if they heard the gunshots. We weren't far from the  
10 scene, but no one-- no one-- nobody else was there.

11 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. I know this is  
12 kind of a hard question, but from the time you  
13 encountered him until you lost sight of him, how long  
14 you think that entire interaction was?

15 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Minute or less.

16 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: So, it was pretty  
17 rapid?

18 LT. GREGORY MEAD: It was extremely fast. I  
19 mean, it is-- it's immediate foot chase and then the  
20 shooting. And then it was said and done at that  
21 point. I mean, it was over. It was over that quick.  
22 It was unbelievable.

1 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Again-- not again, but  
2 I guess that sprinter's stance that you kind of  
3 described...so he was kind of not in the middle of  
4 the street anymore, kind of in a driveway?

5 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I'm not sure. He was more  
6 over towards the driveway.

7 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

8 LT. GREGORY MEAD: So, I don't know if he  
9 tripped on the sidewalk or was in the pad coming up  
10 on the sidewalk, but that's when I noticed the house.  
11 I almost blacked out. Like, I was-- I was--

12 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: From the pain and  
13 stuff?

14 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I was seriously close. Like,  
15 everything went down. I know they say tunnel vision.  
16 It wasn't tunnel vision. Like, it was that much pain  
17 that I was this close to blacking out. But I was able  
18 to see him. It kind of-- field of vision went down  
19 and I saw the little stars and all that kind of stuff  
20 in my eyes-- the whites. But when he got to that  
21 point, the house, I can't-- I just can't shoot  
22 anymore because of the house was--

1 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Was there.

2 LT. GREGORY MEAD: --was the whole entire time.  
3 But at no time did I feel like he wasn't a threat.  
4 The entire time, even when my guys were there, I  
5 wanted to get out of there because, first off, him,  
6 and we weren't sure where the other three suspects  
7 were either at that point.

8 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Right.

9 LT. GREGORY MEAD: So-- and at the time, I  
10 didn't know that he was-- I had a good idea he was  
11 the guy that did the robbery, but I wasn't sure who  
12 else was involved because if they were putting more  
13 information out about what took place at the robbery,  
14 I didn't hear any of the rest of it. None of it. So,  
15 because at that point, once I was at the scene,  
16 focused on him, that was it. That's all I was worried  
17 about.

18 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. Going back to  
19 the shooting itself.

20 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Hm-hmm.

21 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: You mentioned at least  
22 two muzzle flashes and then him advancing towards

1 you.

2 LT. GREGORY MEAD: He was advancing as his  
3 second shot was coming.

4 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: As his-- okay.

5 LT. GREGORY MEAD: After he fired that first  
6 shot, his silhouette was coming back towards me the  
7 entire time. And then when he broke off to the right,  
8 he was still-- I don't even know how to-- he was  
9 coming forward, but off in like a lateral movement,  
10 off to his righthand side. And he was--

11 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

12 LT. GREGORY MEAD: --never running. It was never  
13 running. If he fired more shots than that, I have  
14 absolutely no idea because at that point, all I saw  
15 were my muzzle flashes going back at him.

16 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

17 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I don't know if fired any  
18 more than that. I have no idea.

19 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: So, he shot at you  
20 first. I guess, what was the reason for you to  
21 discharge your firearm?

22 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Because he was shooting at me

1 and I'm-- if I did not shoot, I'd be dead.

2 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

3 LT. GREGORY MEAD: No doubt in my mind. I would  
4 abso-- I'd be dead.

5 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: So, obviously, you  
6 were in fear for your life then?

7 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Absolutely. Absolutely.

8 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. Okay.

9 LT. GREGORY MEAD: He had every opportunity to  
10 continue to run down the street or after that  
11 shooting, to run the other way, and in no time did he  
12 ever do that. He stayed there, engaged with me and I  
13 was stuck. So...

14 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. Not to put you  
15 on your spot at all with your deadly force policy,  
16 but obviously yours is different than ours. Do you  
17 guys have a fleeing felon part of that statute...that  
18 you--?

19 LT. GREGORY MEAD: What do you mean by that?

20 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: So, for ours, we have  
21 a fleeing felon statute which says that we can shoot  
22 at the fleeing felon if these certain criteria are

1 met. I don't know if you guys have something similar  
2 to that or...?

3 LT. GREGORY MEAD: If we feel that they're a  
4 danger to us or somebody else in the community, yes.

5 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Hm-hmm.

6 LT. GREGORY MEAD: We have that. We have that  
7 same rule.

8 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. All right. Just  
9 wanted to clarify that.

10 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Yes.

11 MICHAEL DAVEY: I'm familiar with yours. I'm not  
12 sure if theirs is identical to yours.

13 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

14 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Yeah, I don't know if it's  
15 identical, but if I'm in fear for my life or I fear  
16 that he's going to be able to hurt somebody else in  
17 the near vicinity, yes. We can do that.

18 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. And obviously,  
19 he already committed a felony with the armed robbery.  
20 Yet, you have--

21 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I assume. I assume he was our  
22 guy.

1 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Right. You don't know  
2 that.

3 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I wasn't 100% sure at the  
4 time.

5 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: But that's a safe  
6 assumption that it could be related, as well as the  
7 hit and run and then obviously him firing upon you.

8 LT. GREGORY MEAD: That was the sole reason that  
9 I fired back is because I was 100% in fear for my  
10 life at that point in time.

11 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: I guess is it safe to  
12 say that if you didn't stop him, he'd be a threat to  
13 others as well?

14 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Yeah, and I'd be dead.

15 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: You talked about the  
16 possibility of other suspects returning, possibly to  
17 ambush you. That was also a threat?

18 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Absolutely.

19 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

20 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Yeah, there was three-- like  
21 I said, three suspects-- four suspects total and I'm  
22 pretty sure they said it was a white female

1 originally and that's all I had as the description,  
2 but four total bailed out of that car.

3 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. There was-- I'm  
4 going to call a discrepancy. I would say a-- I guess  
5 a discrepancy. Initially you had told responding  
6 officers that there were three to four shots fired.  
7 In your statement, it was six or seven.

8 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Hm-hmm.

9 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Is it fair to say that  
10 you had at least several nights sleep prior to giving  
11 that witness statement?

12 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I think it was almost a  
13 month. It was three weeks, so I had time to process  
14 everything. Under duress and the amount of pain I was  
15 in, I threw out numbers because I knew we had fired  
16 more than one shot, both of us had. So, I don't even  
17 remember saying that on camera, to be honest with  
18 you. So it's, you know, time to process and run  
19 through it in your head. I pretty much did that for  
20 three weeks straight.

21 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. So, is it fair  
22 to say that that statement that you wrote after

1 processing and sleeping is a more accurate statement?

2 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Yes, sir.

3 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. There was also a  
4 statement that you made to an officer with regards to  
5 the body camera saying that, "I'm fucked".

6 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Hm-hmm.

7 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: I guess, can you  
8 explain what you truly meant by that, if you remember  
9 even saying it?

10 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I don't remember saying that,  
11 but I remember-- not at the scene, down at the  
12 hospital when I heard that they had found him. I was  
13 extremely worried because not having that body camera  
14 on, one, to catch it. And two, is it our policy when  
15 we deal with subjects out in the field to have that  
16 camera on.

17 You know, I can justify it as much as I want,  
18 whether that there are rules that are needed-- are  
19 supposed to be followed and I didn't have mine on, so  
20 I was worried that that would make a big impact on  
21 this case as well as through internal affairs because  
22 they have officers that made numerous attempts and

1 have not had them on. And they have now said that's  
2 it with the policy. We're going to start charging  
3 people, so that was my concern then.

4 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: That was more of a  
5 policy admin thing?

6 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Absolutely.

7 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

8 LT. GREGORY MEAD: That's how-- that's how it's  
9 being handled in our department.

10 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

11 MICHAEL DAVEY: Your comments though, 'I'm  
12 fucked,' had nothing to do with your actions as a  
13 result of the shooting?

14 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Absolutely.

15 MICHAEL DAVEY: Only that you were  
16 administratively-- you may have some disciplinary  
17 action for not having your camera activated?

18 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Absolutely.

19 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. And not to put  
20 words in your mouth, but going back to getting in  
21 your car, I guess, not logging in. Was that more of  
22 an OS (phonetic) thing, but you're leaving the scene,

1 focusing on where that suspect could be? Or just kind  
2 of explain that in more depth, if possible.

3 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Not logging on-- I know they  
4 can track my ABL in the car, so I have no issue--

5 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: ABL is? What's that?

6 LT. GREGORY MEAD: ABL is a locator that the  
7 dispatch can tell where my--

8 MICHAEL DAVEY: GPS.

9 LT. GREGORY MEAD: G-- oh, GPS. Sorry. Sorry. We  
10 can tell you where-- can tell you where-- (laughs).

11 MICHAEL DAVEY: I work in a lot of different  
12 departments.

13 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Yeah. Can tell you where my  
14 car is. I know they have that. Normally, you would  
15 log on to get, like, the calls for service. That was  
16 not my immediate concern. Immediate concern is  
17 getting down, making sure that that scene is good and  
18 handled so we could apprehend and have the best-- and  
19 make sure-- best ability to catch the bad guys.

20 So, I can log on once I'm out of scene. I've  
21 done that a million times, but I need to get to where  
22 I need to be immediately. That's my concern. Not

1 logging on and making sure that I can get a call for  
2 service. They know I'm coming. I can-- I don't  
3 remember if I logged on over the radio because there  
4 was so much traffic on the radio. Normally I would do  
5 that instead of logging on to KT (phonetic) because  
6 she-- the dispatcher can log me on by giving my ID  
7 number and my name. I won't be on the computer  
8 system, but she'll have me on up there. But I  
9 couldn't get on at all, period, the entire time.  
10 So...

11 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. And then, again,  
12 just more of an admin thing, but the camera. The wire  
13 wasn't plugged into the battery pack.

14 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I was pretty sure I'd got  
15 that in--

16 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: But you weren't sure?

17 LT. GREGORY MEAD: --by the time I got to the  
18 intersection of Dogwood and Windsor Mill. But to flip  
19 that switch and push that button? No. And I wasn't,  
20 honestly, once I'm dealing with him, that's the least  
21 of my concerns. I didn't even give it a second--

22 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. So, you were

1 still--

2 LT. GREGORY MEAD: --I didn't even give it a  
3 second--

4 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: --dealing with that  
5 when you saw him?

6 LT. GREGORY MEAD: With-- no. When I came-- I  
7 just-- I'm pretty sure, whether that clipped in or  
8 not, I was coming through the intersection. If you're  
9 familiar with the area, Gwynn Oak and Dogwood is like  
10 two blocks back from Gilmore. So, I was coming  
11 through that intersection. I ran the red-- I cleared  
12 the intersection and went through the red light and  
13 then continued down. And then he's there. So, if I  
14 got it plugged in, I wouldn't know because I never  
15 checked to make sure I got it fully in. The way it  
16 works is, there's a little clip. You have to pull the  
17 clip out and plug the camera in and then release the  
18 clip and it holds that cord into the battery pack.

19 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay.

20 LT. GREGORY MEAD: So, I was pulling it as I'm  
21 going-- clearing the intersection and pushing it  
22 down, and that's the last I dealt with that camera. I

1 did-- from that point forward because then 15  
2 seconds, 30 seconds later, I have him and there's no  
3 way I'm flipping a switch and pushing a button while  
4 I'm dealing with a possibly armed suspect in-- by  
5 myself when I don't have backup coming and no idea  
6 where I am.

7 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Fair enough. Fair  
8 enough. Just to make sure I have everything that I  
9 wanted to. So, I guess, as he approached you, is it  
10 fair to say at that point, he's kind of more of a  
11 person of interest?

12 LT. GREGORY MEAD: You talking about the  
13 original encounter?

14 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Yes. Yes.

15 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Yeah. Just a person of  
16 interest. I was dealing with him calm. I even told  
17 him, just have a seat on the curb. I'll ask a few  
18 questions and you'll be gone.

19 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: So, at what point did  
20 you consider him to be a suspect?

21 LT. GREGORY MEAD: When he took off running. As  
22 soon as he stopped and took off running. There was no

1 reason for him to run. None.

2 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. And then, you  
3 give me a description of the dreads. You kind of saw  
4 dreads when his hood came off.

5 LT. GREGORY MEAD: I assumed at the time when it  
6 came off that he was, but I was still treating him as  
7 a possible. And I was going to place him in cuffs. I  
8 was going to go up behind him and place him in cuffs  
9 until I could get somebody else there with me just  
10 for his and my safety.

11 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Safety. Hm-hmm.

12 LT. GREGORY MEAD: And have him sit on the curb  
13 until I got people there and could pull a witness  
14 over to ID him but didn't get to that point.

15 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Okay. I think that's  
16 it. You got anything?

17 MASTER TROOPER CHAD WARNER: Mm. No.

18 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Anything else you want  
19 to say that I didn't ask you or you feel is kind of  
20 important?

21 LT. GREGORY MEAD: No, sir.

22 SGT. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR: Thank you for your

1 time. Thank you for agreeing to do this.

2 LT. GREGORY MEAD: Thank you.

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4 (The recording was concluded.)

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