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CFS NO 1700247593	INCIDENT DATE 05/09/2017	TIME 18:56	INCIDENT DATE 05/09/2017	TIME	PRIMARY OFFICER KIMBALL, JOHN P.	BADGE NO 0877
INVESTIGATING OFFICER KIMBALL, JOHN P.		BADGE NO 0877	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable		CASE STATUS Active	
INCIDENT ADDRESS 01000 Park Ave Bridgeport 06604				APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD T015	

STATUS CODE C=COMPLAINANT V=VICTIM A=ARRESTEE J=JUVENILE H=OTHER M=MISSING W=WITNESS O=OFFENDER D=DRIVER S=SUSPECT P=POLICE OFFICER T=TOT

STATUS	NAME	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.	TELEPHONE	OP STATE & NO.
ADDRESS						
W	BOULAY, JAMES M	M	W	1986	Bus	
300 Congress St Bridgeport CT						

Interview Report of Officer James Boulay

On 06/14/2017 at approximately 1605 hours, I met with Bridgeport Police Officer James Boulay at the WDMC Troop G office. Ofc. Boulay was accompanied by Attorney Eric Daigle, the attorney secured by the Bridgeport Police Union to provide representation to Officers Pecirep and Boulay in this case. Ofc. Boulay had come to the Troop G Barracks voluntarily in order to provide a written statement which documented his observations and involvement in the Use of Force event which occurred on 05/09/2017 at 1000 Park Avenue, Bridgeport CT.

Prior to this meeting, I had provided a DPS-633-C Witness Statement form to Attorney Daigle to facilitate Ofc. Boulay's preparation of his statement prior to our meeting. Upon his arrival, Ofc. Boulay provided me with his pre-prepared (3-page) typewritten statement, which he had previously reviewed with Attorney Daigle. Upon reviewing the statement with Ofc. Boulay, I provided the oath to the officer, who then signed the form attesting to its accuracy. The administration of the oath was witnessed by Detective Frechette.

What appears below is a summary of Ofc. Boulay's provided statement. Certain facts included in the summary were obtained verbally from Ofc. Pecirep, and are included to provide greater details than those strictly included in the pre-prepared statement. The entire original statement is attached to this report.

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On 05/09/2017, Ofc. Boulay was working "C Shift" (1600-2400 hours) as car Amber 23 with his partner, Officer Mario Pecirep. On that date, Ofc. Pecirep was operating the marked Bridgeport Police Department (BPD) cruiser in which Ofc. Boulay was the passenger.

Ofc. Boulay reported hearing a radio transmission on BPD Channel 1 in which Gang Task Force Officer Borrigo advised he was following a blue Subaru Forest believed to be stolen on Laurel Avenue heading towards Park Avenue. Ofc. Boulay made note that Officer Borrigo was operating an unmarked BPD vehicle. Having heard the radio transmission, Ofc. Pecirep began driving the cruiser towards Park Avenue from Washington Avenue. As Ofc. Pecirep turned right from Washington Avenue onto Park Avenue, Officer Borrigo transmitted on Channel 1 that the Subaru made a right turn onto Park Avenue from Laurel Avenue.

At this time, Ofc. Boulay reported he noticed the Subaru traveling in the opposite direction (southbound) along Park Avenue as he and Officer Pecirep were traveling northbound in their cruiser. Ofc. Pecirep made a U-Turn at the intersection of Park Avenue and Laurel Avenue and began to follow the Subaru, with a blue pickup truck separating the BPD cruiser and the Subaru.

As Subaru turned left off Park Avenue onto Washington Avenue, Officer Borrigo called this movement out on Channel 1. At the entrance to Walgreens (1000 Park Avenue), the blue pickup truck (operated by Officer Borrigo) pulled to the right and Ofc. Boulay heard Officer Borrigo state on Channel 1, "GO AROUND ME, GO AROUND ME." At this point, Ofc. Pecirep drove around the left side of the pickup truck and turned right to enter the Walgreens lot.

Ofc. Boulay went on to report in his statement that "Approximately half way into the parking lot between Washing Avenue and Fairfield Avenue is when Patrol Officer Pecirep turn(ed) on our marked patrol car's overhead lights and sirens to conduct a motor vehicle stop in the blue Subaru Forester ("Suspect motor vehicle".) The Suspect motor vehicle disregarded our signal to stop and increased speed, traveling down the parking lot towards Fairfield Avenue. The Suspect motor vehicle made a left hand turn onto Fairfield Avenue (a one way street), heading into on-coming traffic. In making this left hand turn onto Fairfield Avenue, the Suspect motor vehicle was traveling the wrong way down a one way street. Officer Pecirep continued down the parking lot and stopped our patrol car at the edge of Fairfield Ave. There were multiple cars stopped at the red light on Fairfield Avenue."

In his statement, Ofc. Boulay continued, "I exited my patrol car at this time because I did not believe the

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suspect motor vehicle could continue any further on Fairfield Avenue due to the traffic. As I exited my patrol car, I drew my service weapon as this was a felony motor vehicle stop. I ran up to the suspect motor vehicle on the driver side using the "A-Pillar" as cover and pointed my service weapon towards the suspect motor vehicle. I stated multiple times in a clear and loud voice, "STOP THE CAR, GET OUT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE." At this point the operator, attempting to escape, accelerated the car past me striking the motor vehicle in front of him. At this time I was position at the "C-Pillar" of the suspect motor vehicle. Directly in front of me, approximately 2 to 3 feet away, was the left rear tire of the suspect motor vehicle. Because the operator (suspect) was using his car in a dangerous manner, putting other people's lives in danger by striking other motor vehicle in an attempt to escape, I decided to fire my service weapon multiple times towards the ground into the left rear tire. I believe I fired two rounds at the vehicle's left rear tire."

Ofc. Boulay continued, "Once I saw the tire deflate, I ran up and attempted to open the driver door, thinking that the motor vehicle was disabled. I was able to open the driver door and put my back against the door so I was facing the driver. With my service weapon pointed at the driver I, again in a loud and clear voice, stated multiple times, "GET OUT OF THE CAR AND SHOW ME YOUR HANDS." After repeating my commands multiple times, and realizing the operator (suspect) was not complying, I attempted to pull the suspect out of the motor vehicle. The suspect at this time pulled away from me and leaned toward the passenger side, almost sitting on top of the center console. I continued to grab the suspect in (an) attempt to gain control and pull him away from the car that he was using as a dangerous weapon."

In his statement, Ofc. Boulay wrote, "The suspect (Jayson Negron) continued to resist my commands to comply and exit the vehicle. The suspect driver was sitting on top of the center console, when he reached over and put the motor vehicle in reverse, and then stepped on the gas pedal. The engine of the motor vehicle started to rev, and the motor vehicle was moving in reverse towards my patrol car quickly. I grabbed hold of something inside the motor vehicle to keep from going under the motor vehicle. As the motor vehicle continued in reverse, I was getting dragged and pulled under the door and under the motor vehicle. I noticed as I glanced back toward the rear of the motor vehicle the front of my patrol car coming at me. Unable to move because I was being dragged by the suspect motor vehicle, I feared for my own life and knew that I was losing my footing. I decided to fire my service weapon multiple times into the front driver side, aiming at the operator of the motor vehicle in order to stop him from pushing the gas pedal. I knew that since I was losing my footing, if I did not stop the driver I would be seriously harmed by the vehicle. After I fired my weapon the vehicle stopped and I was able to get back to my feet. While the

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vehicle was moving in reverse the door broke at its hinges. Officer Borrico came up to the driver's side of the suspect motor vehicle and said, "GET HIM OUT OF THE CAR." I grabbed one leg and Officer Borrico grabbed another and we were able to pull the suspect out of the motor vehicle. Officer Borrico and I were able to turn the suspect onto his stomach and I reach for my handcuffs and handcuffed the suspect."

Ofc. Boulay concluded his statement by outlining that Ofc. Diez took him to Ofc. Diez' patrol vehicle and drove Ofc. Boulay to Saint Vincent's Medical Center. Ofc. Boulay received treatment for injuries to his left hip, his left shin, and his left ankle. He sustained deep bruising to his left hip which he attributed to having been dragged by the Subaru and from when the hinges of the Subaru's driver's door broke free and the door became pinned up against the Subaru's hood. Ofc. Boulay described the injury to his shin as "...a laceration and swelling to my left shin from being struck by the driver side door when the suspect (operator) drove the motor vehicle in reverse." Ofc. Boulay also described "...a swollen left ankle from being dragged by the suspect motor vehicle." Ofc. Boulay stated at the time he provided his statement on 06/14/2017 he was still receiving treatments for these injuries.

Attachment:

Written Statement of Officer James Boulay (3 pp.)

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