# San Francisco Police Acting Commander Mark Im Talking Points and Briefing Material

# May 31, 2024 OIS Town Hall Remarks



**Safety with Respect** 

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# **Introduction**

This presentation is regarding the investigation of an Officer Involved Shooting, however, no one sustained injury from the discharge of the officer's firearm. This investigation is pursuant to the agreement between the San Francisco Police Department and the District Attorney's Office.

The Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) discussed in this presentation started on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at approximately 3:09 p.m. The initial call for service was regarding a person in a camouflage shirt walking on Ingalls Street and Armstrong Avenue with an AK-47, a type of assault rifle. The OIS took place near the intersection of Jennings Street and Donner Avenue in the Bayview District.

In this presentation you will hear the following police terminology and radio code language commonly used by officers:

- 221 is a person with a gun.
- 408 is an ambulance.
- 10-97 is unit on scene.
- 10-98 is unit enroute to location.
- Code-4 is no further assistance required.
- Code-33 is Emergency Clear the Radio Channel.
- "A" priority are calls for service that involve serious incidents. These are emergency calls that require a rapid response because there may be an immediate threat to life or a substantial risk of major property loss or damage.
- BWC is Body Worn Camera.
- ERIW is an Extended Range Impact Weapon.

- Red Light Admonition is used when officers deploy an ERIW. Officers will announce, "Red light! Less lethal, Less Lethal!" This is an announcement to other officers of their intent to deploy a projectile from the ERIW.
- "Dack" is used to reference the intent to strike a subject with an ERIW Super Sock Bean Bag.
- **Dispatch** is the Department of Emergency Management Dispatcher and Radio Communications System.
- OIS is an Officer Involved Shooting.
- Bolt is an arrow designed to be used with a crossbow.

The precise chronology of this incident is currently under investigation. We are still in the very early stages of an administrative investigation that can take months to complete, and our understanding of the incident may change as additional evidence is collected and reviewed.

The times presented are approximate. The following is a summary of the events as they are understood today and may evolve as further information is learned through the investigation.

A word of caution, there is profanity in this presentation.

As of May 31, 2024, we believe the facts are as follows:

#### **Incident Narrative**

- 1. At approximately 3:09 p.m., dispatch received a call for service regarding a subject armed with an AK-47 walking around in the area of Ingalls Street and Armstrong Avenue.
- 2. Dispatch advised responding officers that the subject was armed with an AK-47 and dressed in a camouflage shirt and skirt. The subject was described by the caller as a white male in his 40s, 5'8" tall, thin build, and wearing camouflage. The subject was reported to have been seen walking on Ingalls Street toward the area known as Double Rock in the Bayview District. Officers were dispatched at 3:11 p.m.
- 3. Officers #1 and #2 were in uniform and working together in a marked patrol vehicle. Officers #1 and #2 arrived in the area at approximately 3:13 p.m. when they contacted a female witness in the area of Ingalls Street and Wallace Avenue. The witness directed the officers to the subject's last known direction of travel, south on Ingalls Street.
- 4. At approximately 3:16 p.m., while searching for the subject, Officers #1 and #2 encountered a male witness in front of 1420 Carroll Avenue. Officer #2 asked him if they saw the subject with a gun and the witness responded, "It looked like it."
- 5. After speaking with the witness, Officers #1 and #2 saw the subject walking westbound on Carroll Avenue approaching Jennings Street on the south sidewalk. The subject was later identified as Mr. Yoshimar Zamora.

- 6. At approximately 3:16 p.m., Officers #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 arrived on scene and located Mr. Zamora at the intersection of Jennings Street and Carroll Avenue. Multiple officers gave verbal commands for Mr. Zamora to stop and drop his weapon but he did not comply.
- 7. As Officers #1 and #2 drove toward Mr. Zamora in their patrol vehicle, Officer #2 used the vehicle's loudspeaker to order Mr. Zamora to turn around, but Mr. Zamora continued to walk away on Jennings Street.
- 8. At this time, Officer #1 noticed Mr. Zamora's weapon was a crossbow and advised the other units over his radio.
- 9. Officer #1 also advised his partner that the crossbow could penetrate their body armor.
- 10. Multiple officers on scene gave Mr. Zamora numerous verbal commands to stop and drop his weapon. Officer #7 used their loudspeaker while Officers #4 and #5 yelled verbal commands while standing outside their patrol vehicle. Mr. Zamora refused to comply and continued to walk away on Jennings Street creating more distance between him and the officers.
- 11. Officer #5 requested a Code-33 as officers used their vehicles as cover while following Mr. Zamora in attempts to make contact. Officer #1 referred to this tactic as a "roving barricade."
- 12. Officers continued to follow Mr. Zamora while Officer #7 ordered Mr. Zamora, twice, to put down his weapon or he would be shot.

- 13. At 3:17 p.m. Mr. Zamora stopped on Jennings Street and Donner Avenue in the middle of the street. Officers stopped and tactically positioned their vehicles near Mr. Zamora.
- 14. At this time, Officer #5 and Officer #6 deployed their ERIW. Officer #5 announced, "Red light, less lethal!" Officer #6 advised dispatch they would be providing a red-light admonition and announced, "Red light, red light, less lethal, drop it or I will shoot!"
- 15. Mr. Zamora refused to comply with the officers' commands as he continued to hold the crossbow in his right hand.
- 16. Officer #4 is heard telling the other officers, "Hey, one person talk, one person talk, I'll talk to him." Officer #4 took over communications with Mr. Zamora. Officer #4 told him, "Hey, just drop the crossbow, okay, just drop it. It's gonna be fine. Just drop it. You're not in trouble, just drop it so we can talk. C'mon man, it's not worth it, just drop it. For me."
- 17. At approximately 3:18 p.m. Mr. Zamora raised the crossbow with both hands.
- 18. Officers #5 and #6 discharged their ERIW. Officer #1 discharged their department issued firearm.
- 19. Mr. Zamora fell to the ground and multiple officers quickly moved towards him to provide medical aid and take him into custody.
- 20. Officer #5 approached Mr. Zamora and cut the cord that secured the crossbow around Mr. Zamora's neck.

- 21. After taking Mr. Zamora into custody, officers examined him for injuries and determined he sustained injuries from the ERIW and was not struck by gunfire.
- 22. San Francisco Fire Department Medics responded and transported Mr. Zamora to a local hospital for medical treatment.
- 23. Three officers used force:
  - Officer #1 discharged their department issued firearm.
  - Officer #5 discharged their ERIW.
  - Officer #6 discharged their ERIW.

# **Additional Information**

## **Suspect**

- Yoshimar Zamora
- Date of birth: July 11, 1986

#### **Evidence**

- Crime Scene Investigators from the San Francisco Police Department Forensic Services Division responded and collected physical evidence from the scene, including, but not limited to the following:
  - Two Super Sock Bean Bags from the ERIW's.
  - o Two ERIW Casings.
  - o One .40 caliber fired cartridge casing.
  - o One crossbow loaded with one 15" bolt.

# **Video Footage and Photographs**

- Officers on scene were wearing department issued body worn cameras, which were activated while enroute to the incident and recorded the events as they unfolded.
- Any other relevant video footage or photographs can be provided by calling the San Francisco District Attorney's Independent Investigations Bureau at (628) 652-4411.

#### Witnesses & Victims

• Witnesses and victims are encouraged to call the San Francisco District Attorney's Independent Investigations Bureau at (628) 652-4411.

### **Involved Member**

The SFPD officer who discharged his firearm in this incident is:

Officer Jean-Michel M'Bouroukounda, a Patrol Officer, assigned to Bayview Station.

## **Training**

All the officers on scene during the OIS completed Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training, and one officer completed Critical Mindset Coordinated Response (CMCR) Training.

Officers who are CIT trained have completed a 40-hour California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) certified course which prepares them to respond to persons in crisis incidents and, as a team, formulate a plan, establish rapport, and use deescalation tactics (including tactical repositioning and creating time and distance), whenever possible, to safely resolve incidents.

CMCR is a 20-hour California POST- certified training course developed by the San Francisco Police Department's Field Tactics Force Options Unit. This course addresses high risk situations encountered by officers out in the field. Training objectives include critical decision-making during high-risk incidents. Officers gain a deeper understanding of how to resolve these incidents with a coordinated and tactically sound approach using teamwork and leadership.