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NEWS RELEASE

HASTINGS POLICE OFFICER WAS LEGALLY JUSTIFIED IN SHOOTING DEATH

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that he has concluded, after a thorough review of the facts surrounding the death of Keagan Johnson-Lloyd (D.O.B. 2/28/95) on October 1, 2018, that Hastings Police Officer Geoffrey Latsch was legally justified when he used deadly force that caused Keagan Johnson-Lloyd's death.

FACTS

On October 1, 2018 at approximately 3:40 p.m., a Hastings police officer Craig Nowlan was dispatched to Spirit Recovery Center, a sober living facility, located in the city of Hastings on a report that one of the residents in the facility had been assaulted with a knife. Upon arrival at the residence Officer Nowlan spoke with the alleged victim who indicated that another resident in the facility, identified as Keagan Johnson-Lloyd (D.O.B. 2/28/95) had assaulted him with a kitchen knife and left the residence. The officer observed a puncture wound to the victim's leg that the victim indicated occurred when Johnson-Lloyd poked him with a knife during the assault. The officer was provided a physical description of Johnson-Lloyd, which included the clothing he was wearing that day. A "KOPS Alert" was issued to local law enforcement to locate Johnson-Lloyd in regards to the assault. The alert included a description of Johnson-Lloyd, that he was a suspect in a second degree assault with a kitchen knife, and that it was unknown if he still had the knife in his possession.

On October 1, 2018, at approximately 6:18 p.m., Hastings police received information that Johnson-Lloyd was observed near the Resurrection United Methodist Church located on the corner of 15th Street West and Walnut Street in Hastings. Hastings police officers Geoffrey Latsch, Craig Nowlan, Kyle Linscheid, and Blake Nosal drove to the location in their respective squad cars. Officer Latsch and Officer Nowlan were the first officers to arrive. Upon arrival, they observed a person matching Johnson-Lloyd's description on Walnut Street. Officer Latsch stopped and exited his squad. As he did so, Johnson-Lloyd began to run towards Officer Latsch with what Officer Latsch believed to be a knife in his hand and yelling "[unintelligible] shoot me". In response, Officer Latsch discharged his service firearm three times in the direction of Johnson-Lloyd. Johnson/Lloyd immediately fell to the ground. No other officers discharged a firearm during the incident.

Officers at the scene attempted to provide medical attention to Johnson-Lloyd. He was subsequently pronounced dead by emergency medical personnel who arrived at the scene. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy on Johnson/Lloyd and concluded that he died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds.

A more detailed summary of the facts surrounding this incident and evidence obtained during this investigation are contained in the attached memo prepared by the Chief Deputy of the Dakota County Attorney's Office.

LEGAL ANALYSIS AND DETERMINATION

A. Legal Standard

Under Minnesota law, the use of deadly force by a peace officer is justified in the line of duty when necessary:

- (1) to protect the peace officer or another person from apparent death or great bodily harm;
- (2) to effect the arrest or capture, or prevent the escape, of a person whom the peace officer knows or has reasonable grounds to believe has committed or attempted to commit a felony involving the use or threatened use of deadly force; or
- (3) to effect the arrest or capture, or prevent the escape, of a person whom the officer knows or has reasonable grounds to believe, has committed or attempted to commit a felony if the officer reasonably believes that the person will cause death or great bodily harm if the person's apprehension is delayed.¹

In order to bring charges against a peace officer for using deadly force in the line of duty, the State must be able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the use of force was not justified.² The intentional discharge of a firearm constitutes deadly force.³

In determining whether a legal justification exists for a peace officer to use deadly force, the facts and circumstances must be reviewed from the perspective of what would a reasonable peace officer have done at the time of the incident. The proper inquiry requires careful attention to the facts and circumstances of each particular case. In making this determination, allowance must be made for the fact that peace officers are often forced to make split-second decisions about the amount of force necessary in a particular situation. The question is whether the peace officer's actions are "objectively reasonable" in light of the facts and circumstances confronting the officer, without regard to the officers' underlying intent or motivation.⁴

¹Minn. Stat. § 609.066, subd. 2

² *State v. Johnson*, 719 N.W.2d 619, 629 (Minn. 1006) citing *State v. Basting*, 572 N.W. 2d 281, 286 (Minn. 1997)

³ Minn. Stat. § 609.066, subd. 1

⁴ *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386 (1989)

B. Determination

As stated above, the use of deadly force by a peace officer is justified to protect the officer or another person from death or great bodily harm. Here, Officer Latsch subjectively believed that Keagan Johnson-Lloyd posed a deadly threat to himself. Officer Latsch's subjective belief was objectively reasonable under the circumstances present at the time of this incident. Prior to confronting Keagan Johnson-Lloyd, Officer Latsch and other officers had been advised that Johnson/Lloyd was the suspect in a felony assault that had occurred earlier in the day in which a person had been stabbed with a knife. The officers were further advised that the knife used in the assault had not been recovered. Officers had received a credible citizen report that Johnson-Lloyd, a suspect in a stabbing earlier in the day, was observed in the area of the Resurrection United Methodist Church. Upon arriving at the scene of the incident, Officer Latsch observed an individual who match the description of the suspect in the assault that occurred earlier in the day. Officer Latsch parked and exited his squad. As he was doing so Johnson-Lloyd began sprinting in his direction and yelling "[unintelligible] shoot me". Officer Latsch also noticed what appeared to be a metallic object, possibly a knife, in Johnson-Lloyd's right hand. Johnson-Lloyd was within ten feet of and still sprinting forward towards Officer Latsch when the officer discharged his firearm three times as he was attempting to back away. Officer's Latsch account of what occurred is consistent with the statements of witnesses and a video obtained from his body camera that was activated at the time of the incident. A razor blade was found in Johnson-Lloyd's right hand.

Accordingly, under all the facts and circumstances confronting Officer Latsch at the time of this incident, he was legally justified in using deadly force against Keagan Johnson-Lloyd to protect himself from death or great bodily harm.

Backstrom expressed his sympathy to the family and friends of Keagan Johnson-Lloyd, whose life was lost in this incident. *"Although I have concluded that the use of deadly force by this police officer was legally justified in this instance, any loss of life is a tragic occurrence,"* Backstrom stated.

Backstrom also expressed his concern for the well-being of the officers involved in this incident and their families as they deal with the process and emotional impact of a life being taken in the line of duty. Backstrom commented, *"Law enforcement officers are trained to protect and serve our communities each and every day. Unfortunately, there are times when officers are placed in a situation where they must use deadly force to protect themselves and the public."*

Backstrom thanked the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) which served as the lead investigative agency regarding this incident. Access to Hastings Police Department body cam video and the squad videos obtained by the BCA during their investigation into this incident, and other investigative reports compiled in this case may be accessed by contacting the BCA Public Information Officer Jill Oliveira at 651-793-2726.

If you have any questions, please contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.

MEMORANDUM


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SUBJECT: Regarding the Death of Keagan Lee Johnson-Lloyd (D.O.B. 2/28/95)
BCA #2018-692

Introduction

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At approximately 6:18 p.m., Hastings police received information that Johnson-Lloyd was observed near the Resurrection United Methodist Church located on the corner of 15th Street West and Walnut Street in Hastings. Hastings police officers Geoffrey Latsch, Craig Nowlan, Kyle Linscheid, and Blake Nosal drove to the location in their respective squad cars. Officer Latsch and Officer Nowlan were the first officers to arrive. Upon arrival, they observed a person matching Johnson-Lloyd's description on Walnut Street. Officer Latsch stopped and exited his squad. As he did so, Johnson-Lloyd began to run towards Officer Latsch with what Officer Latsch believed to be a knife in his hand and yelling "[unintelligible] shoot me". In response, Officer Latsch discharged his service firearm three times in the direction of Johnson-Lloyd. Johnson/Lloyd

immediately fell to the ground. No other officers reported discharging a firearm during the incident.

Officers at the scene attempted to provide medical attention to Johnson-Lloyd, but could find no pulse. He was subsequently pronounced dead by emergency medical personnel who arrived at the scene. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy on Johnson/Lloyd and concluded that he died as a result of gunshot wounds.

At the request of the Hastings Police Department, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) was assigned as the lead investigative agency for the incident. On December 3, 2018, the BCA delivered its case file to the Dakota County Attorney Office, which included the following investigative documents:

- BCA incident and supplemental investigative reports related to the investigation;
- Incident and supplemental reports from Hastings Police Department and other assisting law enforcement agencies and first responders related to the incident;
- Audio recordings and transcriptions of witness statements;
- 911 call records from the Dakota County Communications Center;
- Hennepin County Medical Examiner's autopsy report on Keagan Johnson/Lloyd;
- Hastings Police Department body camera and squad videos from responding officers;
- BCA forensic lab reports and results of forensic analysis performed by the lab;
- Scene diagrams, videos and photographs;
- Transcriptions of statements taken from Hastings Police Officers Geoffrey Latsch, Craig Nowlan, Kyle Linscheid, and Blake Nosal;
- Training records and personnel records for Officer Geoffrey Latsch.

The following is a summary of the investigative file forwarded to our office by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Case Summary

A. Initial Report (Hastings Police Department ICR#: 18-002353)

On October 1, 2018 at 3:40 p.m. Hastings Police Officer Craig Nowlan responded to a 911 call from the Spirit Recovery Center, a sober living facility, located in the city of Hastings. The caller reported that one of the residents in the facility had been assaulted with a knife. The caller indicated that the person who stabbed the resident had left the facility.

Upon arrival, Officer Nowlan spoke with J.A. who is an adult resident at the facility. J.A. told Officer Nowlan that he had verbally confronted another adult resident identified as Keagan Johnson-Lloyd over some missing cigarettes. J.A. stated that after the confrontation he went outside to smoke a cigarette, came back in the facility and went down into the basement. J.A. stated that Johnson-Lloyd then came downstairs with a kitchen knife and began poking J.A. in his leg with the knife. J.A. attempted to grab the knife from Johnson-Lloyd and cut his thumb. Johnson-Lloyd then walked away and left the residence. Officer Nowlan observed the cut on J.A.'s thumb and a small puncture wound in J.A.'s leg.

Officer Nowlan spoke with A.M. who was identified as a friend of Johnson-Lloyd. A.M. stated that she observed Johnson-Lloyd grab a knife from the kitchen and put it in the back of his jeans. A.M. stated that Johnson-Lloyd then went downstairs and got into an altercation with J.A. A.M. stated the altercation was unprovoked. She indicated that she did not know where Johnson-Lloyd went to after the altercation.

Officer Nowlan spoke with J.S. who is a manager at the Spirit Recovery Center. Officer Nowlan obtained a physical description of Johnson-Lloyd from J.S.

Based upon the above information, the Hastings Police Department issued a "KOPS Alert" to local law enforcement agencies to locate Johnson-Lloyd in regards to the assault. The alert included a description of Johnson-Lloyd, that he was a suspect in a second degree assault with a kitchen knife, and that it was unknown if he still had the knife in his possession.

Officer Nowlan contacted Johnson-Lloyd's mother by telephone in an attempt to locate him. She indicated that she had not heard from him. She further indicated that she was worried that he may hurt himself or others. She indicated that when her son feels he is cornered he lashes out at others, especially when he is under the influence of drugs. She was advised to contact law enforcement if she learned of his whereabouts.

B. Summary of Officer Goeffrey Latsch's statement.¹

Officer Goeffrey Latsch stated that at 6:00 p.m. on 10/01/2018, he just started his shift as a patrol officer for the Hastings Police Department when he and Officer Craig Nowlan were advised that a witness had called police and was following the suspect in an assault that had occurred earlier in the day. The witness had observed the suspect in the area of 16th Street and Walnut Street in the city of Hastings.² Officer Latsch stated that he arrived in the area where the witness had observed the suspect and observed a lone male walking in the street toward him. Officer Latsch presumed this to be the suspect they were attempting to locate in regards to the assault. Officer Latsch activated his body worn camera and put his squad car into park. Officer Latsch stated that as he was exiting his squad car, the male subject suddenly began to sprint directly at him. Officer Latsch saw a "metallic object" in one of the subject's hands (he cannot specifically recall which one), which Officer Latsch believed to be a knife or some sort of edged weapon. The male yelled something to the effect of, "Shoot me!" Officer Latsch stated he drew his firearm and began moving backward to create distance between him and the male subject. Officer Latsch estimates that the male subject was within approximately 10-feet of him when he fired his handgun three times, striking the male who immediately fell to the ground. Officer Latsch stated that he fired his weapon because he believed that the male subject charging at him was in possession of a knife or other similar edged weapon and feared that the male was going to stab and attempt to kill him. Officer Latsch stated that the events unfolded quickly, within a matter of seconds, and that his only option was to discharge his firearm to protect himself.

¹ Per Hastings Police Department policy, Officer Latsch had not viewed his bodycam or squad video prior to providing his statement.

² Dispatch records indicate the notification was received at 6:18 p.m.

C. Summary of Officer Craig Nowlan's statement.³

On 10/01/2018, Officer Nowlan was on-duty as a patrol officer with the Hastings Police. During his shift, Officer Nowlan responded to a sober living facility in Hastings on a report of an assault with a knife. Keagan Johnson-Lloyd was identified by witnesses as a suspect in this stabbing. Officer Nowlan stated that upon taking the report, he put out an alert (KOPS Alert) via Dakota County Communication requesting that law enforcement agencies attempt to locate and arrest Johnson-Lloyd for assault in the second degree. At approximately 5:50 p.m., Officer Nowlan received a call from communications that witnesses located Johnson-Lloyd walking near a store in Hastings. Officer Nowlan stated that he and Officer Blake Nosal initially responded to that area in an attempt to locate Johnson-Lloyd. They were unable to locate Johnson-Lloyd, but received updated information that he was now in the area of 16th St and Pine St, in Hastings. Officer Nowlan stated that he and Officer Latsch, who was also assisting, turned south on Walnut from 15th Avenue. Officer Nowlan stated that as he turned onto Walnut he observed Johnson-Lloyd walking towards him, north on Walnut. Both he and Officer Latsch stopped their respective squad cars. Officer Nowlan parked to the left of Officer Latsch, near the east curb. As he began to exit his squad he observed Johnson-Lloyd suddenly begin to sprint towards him and Officer Latsch. Johnson-Lloyd was yelling something unintelligible. Officer Nowlan then heard three gunshots. As Officer Nowlan came around the back of his squad, he observed Johnson-Lloyd lying on the street. He observed that Officer Latsch had drawn his firearm and had it pointed in the direction of Johnson-Lloyd. Officer Nowlan stated that the time it took from when he saw Johnson-Lloyd begin to sprint towards the squad cars, to when he heard the gunshots, was seconds. Officer Nowlan did not hear Officer Latsch give any commands prior to the hearing the shots. Officer Nowlan said he did not see anything in Keagan's hand when he was sprinting in his and Officer Latsch's direction.

D. Summary of Sgt. Kyle Linscheid's statement.⁴

Sgt. Linscheid was on duty at the time of the incident and was aware of the assault with a knife that had occurred previously that day. At approximately 6:00 p.m., he was advised that the suspect in the assault was observed near the liquor store in Hastings. Hastings officers responded to that location in an attempt to locate the suspect. As he was responding to the location he observed a person outside of a gas station that matched the physical description of the suspect. He stopped to investigate. As Sgt. Linscheid was questioning this male, dispatch aired an updated location of where the suspect was. Sgt. Linscheid got in his squad and drove to the area where the suspect had been seen. As he arrived in the area, he could see Officers Latsch and Nowlan driving their squad cars several blocks in front of him. Sgt. Linscheid said that he heard Officers Latsch and Nowlan radio that they were out with the suspect on Walnut. As Sgt. Linscheid turned the corner onto Walnut he heard "shot fired" over the radio from Officer Latsch. Sgt. Linscheid didn't see the shooting, or hear the gunshots. As he was rounding the corner, he could see a person laying on the ground and Officer Latsch backing away from the area where the person was laying. He

³ Per Hastings Police Department policy, Officer Nosal did not view any bodycam or squad video prior to providing a statement.

⁴ Per Hastings Police Department policy, Sgt. Linscheid did not view any bodycam or squad video prior to providing a statement.

exited his squad and observed that the person on the ground matched the physical description of the suspect. The person was bleeding from his head. Sgt. Linscheid said, "Officer Latsch said something to the effect of "he pulled a knife on me" or "he came at me or um I would've been under the implication anyway this man was armed with a knife". Sgt. Linscheid immediately looked for medic bag in the squads to give medical assistance but couldn't find one. He directed Officer Nosal to find a medical bag. As Sgt. Linscheid was checking for a pulse on the suspect, he noticed a razor blade in the person's right hand. The blade was flat and it looked like a utility type blade. Sgt. Linscheid removed the blade from the suspects hand and placed it away from his body for safety. Medics arrived a short time later and also were unable to find any pulse. The person was pronounced dead by the medics. Sgt. Linscheid retrieved a yellow emergency blanket from the rear of one of the squads and covered the deceased person with the blanket. Sgt. Linscheid instructed officers to secure the perimeter of the crime scene and then sat with Officer Latsch in the back of the ambulance as Latsch was being examined by medics.

E. Summary of Officer Blake Nosal's statement.⁵

Officer Blake Nosal stated that on October 1, 2018, at approximately 6:00 p.m. he was working as a patrol officer for the Hastings Police Department and was assisting other Hastings police officers in attempting to locate a suspect in an assault that had occurred earlier in the day. Officer Nosal learned that a witness was providing police dispatch with real time updates of Johnson-Lloyd's current location. Officer Nosal stated that he responded to the area. As he responded, the caller updated that Johnson-Lloyd was now walking northbound on Walnut St from 16th Street. As Officer Nosal was arriving to the area he heard Officer Latch air over the police radio that he was out with the subject on Walnut. Seconds later, Officer Nosal heard Officer Latsch air, "Shots fired!" over the radio. Officer Nosal immediately went to the location and observed two squad cars facing south with a body lying in between them. Officer Nosal stated he parked his squad. Officer Nosal exited his squad. Officer Nosal stated that as he approached the body with Sgt. Linscheid he noticed a razor blade in the right hand of the deceased person. Officer Nosal pointed it out to Sgt. Linscheid, who in turn removed the razor blade and set it on the ground near the person lying on the ground. Officer Nosal stated that the person was deceased with no pulse. Officer Nosal stated that he did not have his body worn camera with him at the time of the critical incident. Officer Nosal stated he simply forgot to grab it before leaving the police station at the beginning his shift.

F. Summary of J.S.'s statement.

J.S. stated that he is the manager at the Spirit Recovery Center. J.S. stated that on October 1, 2018, between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m., he received a telephone call from a resident at the Center asking him to come over as soon as possible as one of the residents had been stabbed by another resident. Keagan Johnson-Lloyd was identified by the caller as the person who had stabbed the resident. J.S. called 911 while driving to the residence. J.S. was present at the Center when a Hastings police officer arrived in response to the 911 call. J.S. provided the officer with information regarding Johnson-Lloyd and then left the residence. Later that day, J.S. returned to the residence along with his wife to provide transportation for another resident to an out-patient

⁵ Per Hastings Police Department policy, Officer Nosal did not view any bodycam or squad video prior to providing a statement.

treatment facility. As he and his wife drove the resident to the treatment facility he observed Johnson-Lloyd walking on 14th Street, and called 911 to notify police. J.S. proceeded to drop off the resident. Afterwards he and his wife drove to the location where they had previously observed Johnson-Lloyd. They again observed Johnson-Lloyd. J.S. got out of his vehicle to talk with Johnson-Lloyd. J.S. stated that Johnson-Lloyd "didn't seem like he was in the right state of mind." After conversing with Johnson-Lloyd about the assault, J.S. asked Johnson-Lloyd what he was going to do, and Johnson-Lloyd replied that he was "just waiting for the cops" and "gonna go out with a bang." After the conversation, J.S. called 911 again and followed Johnson-Lloyd in his vehicle. J.S. provided the 911 dispatcher with location updates as he followed Johnson-Lloyd. As they neared the area of Resurrection United Methodist Church they observed police cars responding to the area. They were not in a position to observe officers confronting Johnson-Lloyd. J.S. stated they then heard 3-4 gunshots, and a police officer yelling either "get down," "get back," or "stay down."

G. Summary of K.S.'s statement.

K.S. is the spouse of J.S. On October 1, 2018, approximately 12 noon, she saw Johnson-Lloyd outside of the residence and noted that he looked angry and unhappy. K.S. stated that Johnson-Lloyd is typically a happy and friendly person. She later became aware of an assault that took place at the sober residence and that Johnson-Lloyd was the suspect in the assault. K.S. stated that just before 6:00 p.m., she and her husband J.S. were transporting another resident from the residence to a therapy appointment when they observed Johnson Lloyd walking on the street. K.S. indicated that they did not make contact with Johnson-Lloyd at that time, however they did contact the police to report this information. After they dropped off the resident they again observed Johnson-Lloyd walking on the street and stopped to talk with him. K.S. stated that Johnson-Lloyd was aware that police wanted to talk with him regarding the assault. Johnson-Lloyd appeared agitated and she believed he was possibly under the influence of something. K.S. stated that they asked Johnson-Lloyd to ride with them back to the residence where he could meet with the police to give a statement. Johnson-Lloyd refused to go with them, and stated that he had been through this before and that he wasn't going to go back to jail. K.S. asked him what he was planning to do to which he responded that he was going to wait for the police to show up and go out with a bang. They then called 911 to report Johnson-Lloyd's location and remained on the phone with the dispatcher while they slowly paralleled Johnson-Lloyd as he continued walking on the street. K.S. indicated they lost sight of Johnson-Lloyd when he walked on the east side of Resurrection United Methodist Church. She then heard what they believed to be gunshots. They then drove around the corner and observed Johnson-Lloyd lying on the ground and officers with their guns pointed at him.

H. Summary of D.G.'s statement.

D.G. stated that she developed a relationship with Johnson-Lloyd while they were in substance abuse treatment in Rochester, Minnesota. D.G. stated that on October 1, 2018, she received a phone call from a person informing her that Johnson-Lloyd stabbed another person and "ran off." D.G. stated she went to look for Johnson-Lloyd, but did not find him. D.G. stated that she believed at the time he may have been using drugs, specifically methamphetamine and/or

heroin. D.G. stated that when Johnson-Lloyd wasn't using controlled substances he was "a wonderful person." However, when he is using he becomes extremely paranoid. D.G. indicated that recently Johnson-Lloyd commented that "he felt that he was going downhill." D.G. stated that Johnson-Lloyd frequently carried weapons, including hammers, knives, and machetes.

I. Summary of J.F.'s statement.

J.F. indicated that on October 1, 2018 at approximately 6:00 PM, she and her friend, H.N. were in a vehicle on the Walnut Street side of the Resurrection United Methodist Church in the angle parking area. They were both waiting for a meeting in the church that was scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM. As they were talking she heard a commotion behind them and looked out the passenger side window to the rear of the vehicle. She observed a younger, white male, described as being in their late teens to early 20s, with white sandy colored shorter hair, and wearing a "yellow or orange" jacket.⁶ The person appeared to be "charging, maybe charging" north on Walnut St towards two police squad cars. J.F. stated she heard something like "don't shoot," and then heard what she thought were firecrackers. J.F.'s friend who was sitting with her in the vehicle stated that she believed that they may have been gun shots and that they should get down in the vehicle. As they started to get down, she noticed one of the police officers with his gun drawn. They heard the officers' radio something about shots fired.

J. Summary of H.N.'s statement.

H.N. said that she had arrived for a meeting at the Resurrection United Methodist Church at about 6:00 p.m. and parked in the angled parking lot along Walnut Street. When she arrived, the doors to the church were locked. H.N. stated that her friend, J.F., arrived at the church and they both sat in her vehicle to wait for the church to open up. H.N. stated that sometime between 6:00 PM and 6:30 p.m. she heard someone shouting "Don't shoot," possibly "Don't shoot now." She then heard what she believed to be three gunshots and pushed J.F. down in the vehicle. They stayed in the vehicle until they believed that the danger had passed. They then went into the church.

K. Summary of B.G.'s statement.

On October 1, 2018 around 6:15 PM, B.G. arrived at the United Methodist Church for a meeting. He parked his vehicle in the angled parking lot of the church on Walnut Street. He exited his vehicle and went to the church to prepare for the meeting. As he was unlocking the door to the church he noticed police squad cars on Walnut Street. B.G. stated that when he looked he observed that one of the officers was already out of his squad and pointing a gun. B.G. also noticed a person's head between the squad cars. He then heard three gun shots followed by an officer stating, "shots fired." B.G. then went into the church to prepare for the meeting.

⁶ Johnson-Lloyd was wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt at the time of the incident.

L. Summary of T.M.'s statement.

On October 1, 2018 at around 6:18 PM, T.M drove to the Resurrection United Methodist Church and parked in the angle parking on Walnut Street. As he got out of his truck and walked to the passenger side of his truck, he noticed someone run pass him on the roadway. The person was going north on Walnut Street. He described the person wearing "some type of bright colored coat." T.M. retrieved an item from the passenger side of his truck and started to walk up onto the sidewalk towards the church. T.M. said he had parked next to a black Jeep and noticed people in the Jeep. Once he was on the sidewalk, he heard someone say, "Don't, Don't." T.M. looked and noticed a Hastings' police officer and that the officer fired his gun two or three times. T.M. saw another officer say into his microphone, "Shots fired." T.M. spoke with J.F. and H.N. who were sitting in another vehicle in the parking lot. He then went into the church.

M. Summary of T.H.'s statement.

T.H. stated that he was at his residence on Walnut street at the time of the incident. T.H. stated he was standing in his living room talking with his wife and he noticed something out of the corner of his eye going on outside. T.H. stated he looked out and saw a person (not sure if it was a man or woman) wearing a darker colored sweatshirt and darker colored hair. T.H. saw the police come around the corner. The person's hoodie or head kind of "tipped down in a fashion of like they were going to run". T.H. then heard three "bangs" and saw the police officer standing with his gun and no longer saw the other person. T.H. stated the person in the hoodie was headed in a northern direction.⁷ T.H. estimated the distance between the officer and the person to be 10 feet.

N. Summary of Neighborhood Canvas.

BCA and other investigating officers canvassed the neighborhood and spoke with several individuals who were at the residences at the time of the incident. Many of the individuals recalled observing police activity in the neighborhood and hearing gunshots. However, with the exception of T.H., none of the individuals observed, heard or were otherwise aware of events leading up to the incident.

O. Summary of Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Report

An autopsy was performed on Johnson-Lloyd at the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office. During the examination of Johnson-Lloyd, medical staff located a package of utility razor blades in Johnson-Lloyd's clothing. External examination revealed multiple abrasions and a 1.4 cm superficial incised wound, with sharp edges on his right index finger. Further examination revealed that Johnson-Lloyd suffered gunshot wounds in the right forearm, left side abdomen, and left side of his head. Toxicology on a blood sample taken from Johnson/Lloyd revealed the presence of methamphetamine (.05 mg/L) and amphetamine (.04 mg/L). The Medical Examiner determined the death to be a homicide. The cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds.

⁷ Johnson-Lloyd would have been moving in a direction towards where Officer Latsch and Officer Nowlan had parked their squad cars.

P. Summaries of Body Camera Videos.⁸

Officer Latsch Body Camera

Date: 10/01/2018

Start Time: 18:15:54

End Time: 18:50:18

The video begins with a depiction of the inside of Officer Latsch's squad car. Officer Latsch is audible informing dispatch that he and Officer Nowlan are out with a subject on Walnut. Officer Latsch is visible putting his squad into park, and opening the driver's door. Approximately 11-seconds from when he arrives on scene to when he exits his squad, Johnson-Lloyd is observed running towards Officer Latsch and a voice is heard yelling, "[Inaudible] Shoot me".⁹ You cannot see Johnson-Lloyd's right arm and hand as the camera view is blocked by Officer Latsch's left arm. Officer Latsch is pointing his gun at Johnson-Lloyd. Johnson-Lloyd is running between Officer Latsch's and Officer Nowlan's squad in the direction of Officer Latsch. Officer Latsch fires his first round from his handgun at 18:06:05. Officer Latsch appears to be moving backwards as he is firing. By time stamp 18:06:07 he is done firing. Three gunshots are distinctly audible. Johnson-Lloyd is visible falling to the ground near the rear of Officer Latsch's squad. A gunshot wound is clearly visible on his head. Officer Latsch is audible on his body worn camera exclaiming, "Jesus Christ!" and breathing heavily with his handgun drawn and pointed in the direction of Johnson-Lloyd's body. At time stamp 18:16:32, Officer Latsch is audible stating, "He pulled a knife." Sgt. Linscheid is visible on the body camera and it appears that Officer Latsch made the statement to Sgt. Linscheid. From time stamp 18:28:45 to 18:46:17, Officer Latsch is on the ambulance with EMS personnel and Sgt. Linscheid. At 18:46:17, Officer Latsch exits the ambulance and eventually enters the front passenger seat of Hasting Police Officer Lily Murr's vehicle. The body camera deactivates at time stamp 18:50:18.

Sgt. Linscheid Body Camera

Date: 10/01/2018

Start Time: 18:18:32¹⁰

End Time: 18:54:52

Video begins with Sgt. Linscheid responding to the area of Walnut and 15th St. "Shots Fired" is audible on Sgt. Linscheid's squad radio. Within seconds, Sgt. Linscheid is on scene and his body camera shows Officer Latsch with his firearm out and pointed southward. Johnson-Lloyd is clearly visible lying on the pavement, supine, with a head wound. At time stamp 18:20:30, Sgt. Linscheid's video clearly depicts a razor blade in the right hand of Keagan Johnson-Lloyd. Sgt. Linscheid removes the razor blade and sets in on the ground next to Johnson-Lloyd. Sgt. Linscheid covers Johnson-Lloyd's body at time stamp 18:33:03. The remaining video depicts the scene management by Sgt. Linscheid and assisting officers. Sgt. Linscheid remains with Officer Latsch at the scene and inside of the ambulance, where paramedics check Officer Latsch's vitals.

⁸ Body-cam video is time-stamped using 24 hour clock.

⁹ It is unclear whether or not Johnson-Lloyd is yelling "Don't shoot me", "Just shoot me" or something else prior to "shoot me".

¹⁰ Body-cam video is time-stamped using 24 hour clock. 18:18 reflects 6:18 p.m.

Officer Nowlan's Body Camera

Date: 10/01/2018

Start Time: 18:21:53

End Time: 18:45:08

The video begins after the shooting occurred and did not capture any of the incident preceding the shooting or of the shooting itself. Officer Latsch is visible with both of his hands on his upper thighs, bent at the waist. Officer Nowlan approaches him and checks on his status. Officer Nowlan walks with Officer Latsch to the curb, on which Officer Latsch sits. The remaining of the video depicts Officer Nowlan assisting with securing the crime scene. Johnson-Lloyd's body is visible numerous times on Officer Nowlan's body worn camera video.

Q. Hastings Police Squad Car Videos.

Squad Car 1412 Video (Officer Blake Nosal):

Duration: 17-minutes, 36-seconds

Video begins with Officer Nosal's response to the area of Walnut and 15th Streets. "Shots Fired" is audible on the squad radio and Officer Nosal responds from eastbound 16th Street to northbound Walnut St. The incident has already occurred as Officer Nosal's squad car turns on to Walnut St. Officer Nosal parks his squad to block traffic and the camera is not facing the scene. The squad car remains in this position for the duration of the video.

Squad Car 1415 Video (Sergeant Kyle Linscheid):

Duration: 1-hour, 56-minutes, 13-seconds

Video begins facing an unknown building. Sgt. Linscheid is observed walking in front of the squad camera. The squad begins to drive and depicts Sgt. Linscheid response to the scene of the shooting. As he approaches Walnut St., Officer Nowlan's and Officer Latsch's squads are observed turning on to Walnut. Their emergency lights are not activated. As Sgt. Linscheid turns onto Walnut the video depicts the scene of the shooting. Officer Latsch is visible facing south and Keagan Johnson-Lloyd is lying on the street. Officer Nowlan is visible walking toward Sgt. Linscheid, north on Walnut. Sgt. Linscheid repositions his squad where it remains for the duration of the video. There is no audio for any portion of the squad video.

Squad Car 1419 Video (Officer Geoffrey Latsch)

Officer Latsch did not activate his emergency lights as he responded to the scene. As a result his squad video did not automatically activate and there is not video of the incident.¹¹

¹¹ There is squad video from later on the after the incident when investigators moved Officer Latsch's squad and activated the squad video camera for a short period of time.

Squad Car 1420 Video (Officer Craig Nowlan)

Officer Nowlan did not activate his emergency lights as he responded to the scene. As a result his squad video did not automatically activate during the incident.

R. BCA Forensic Results.

Toxicology results on a blood sample taken from Officer Latsch did not reveal the presence of ethyl alcohol or any common controlled substances.

Firearms analysis determined that Officer Latsch's service firearm fired the three cartridge casings that were recovered from the scene of the incident and one bullet fragment and two bullets recovered from the deceased body and clothing during the autopsy.

DNA from blood on the razor blade recovered at scene of the incident matches the DNA of Johnson-Lloyd.