

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
REGION 7
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at approximately 10:15, SA TODD CROSBY was contacted by Special Agent in Charge PAT MORGAN. SAC MORGAN advised the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Region 7, Thomson, Georgia Office had been requested by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office to conduct a Use of Force Investigation in reference to a tasing incident that had occurred on Monday, October 11, 2021, in Richmond County.

SA CROSBY was instructed to go to the Richmond County Sheriff's Office located at 400 Walton Way, Augusta, Georgia to assist with the investigation.

SPECIAL AGENT TODD CROSBY: 10/13/2021

tc: 10/14/2021

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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at approximately 09:45AM, SAC P.E. MORGAN was contacted telephonically by Richmond County Sheriff's Office MAJOR PAT YOUNG who was requesting investigative assistance from the GBI with a Use of Force Investigation.

MAJOR YOUNG stated the sheriff's office was contacted earlier this date by staff at Augusta University Medical Center (AUMC) regarding JERMAINE JONES JR. who was currently being treated at the hospital for a head injury. MAJOR YOUNG stated he was unaware of JONES JR. interaction with law enforcement until he arrived at work this date. MAJOR YOUNG advised upon speaking with staff at the sheriff's office he learned that JONES JR. was arrested on 10/11/2021 by members of the RCSO Narcotics and Crime Suppression Units during a traffic stop in Augusta, GA.

MAJOR YOUNG advised that during the incident JONES JR. attempted to flee the scene and was tased by one of the deputies on scene. While being transported to the jail, JONES JR had a medical emergency and was transported by a deputy to AUMC. MAJOR YOUNG advised several deputies were on scene and each deputy was currently being asked to report to the sheriff's office. MAJOR YOUNG advised that he would be downloading all body worn camera (BWC) footage regarding the incident and would have it ready for GBI to review upon arrival at the sheriff's office.

MAJOR YOUNG further advised that hospital staff advised that JONES JR. may not survive his injuries. MAJOR YOUNG related that RCSO Sheriff RICHARD ROUNDTREE asked that the GBI be contacted to conduct an investigation.

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SAC MORGAN advised MAJOR YOUNG that agents would be en route to assist with the investigation.

ID DATA:

YOUNG, PAT (CAPTAIN)

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

400 WALTON WAY

AUGUSTA, GA 30901

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE PATRICK E MORGAN: 12/6/2021

pem: 12/6/2021



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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at approximately 10:30 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office (400 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga) in reference to obtaining a briefing from Major PAT YOUNG. MAJOR YOUNG provided the following information:

On Monday, October 11, 2021, at approximately 7:12 PM Richmond County Sheriff's Office INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN initiated a traffic stop on a 1997 black in color Chevrolet Tahoe. During the traffic stop a JERMAINE JONES JR ran from deputies and INVESTIGATOR RICHARD RUSSELL tased JONES JR. Also in the vehicle were JERMAINE JONES SR and WILLIE BAKER. BAKER was the driver of the vehicle.

MAJOR YOUNG advised that JERMAIN JONES JR was arrested and while in transport to the jail by DEPUTY LESLIE GAITER, JONES JR experienced a medical emergency and DEPUTY GAITER took him to the Augusta University Medical Center Emergency Room.

MAJOR YOUNG stated the following deputies were on scene/involved in the incident: INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN, INVESTIGATOR RICHARD RUSSELL, DEPUTY PARKER LEATHERS, DEPUTY LESLIE GATIER, DEPUTY JOHN TARPLEY, K9 DEPUTY LORA ALFORD, and CORPORAL AARON PHILLPS.

MAJOR YOUNG provided the CAD records, the global subject activity report on JERMAINE JONES JR, NCIC information for the 1997 Black Chevrolet Tahoe and the

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Richmond County Sheriff's Office incident report and case report. A digital copy of the previously described documents will be attached to this case summary.

ATTACHMENTS

- 911 DISPATCH LOGS RCSO CAD RECORDS 10/11/2021 [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OTHER NCIC INFORMATION 1997 CHEV TAHOE [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OTHER GLOBAL SUBJET ACTIVITY REPORT ON JERMAINE JONES JR [\(Attachments\)](#)
- INCIDENT REPORT RCSO INCIDENT REPORT [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OTHER RCSO CASE REPORT [\(Attachments\)](#)

ID DATA:

YOUNG, PAT (CAPTAIN)
SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR
EMPLOYER:
RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
400 WALTON WAY
AUGUSTA, GA 30901

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 10/28/2021
km: 10/28/2021

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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at approximately 11:00 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at 400 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga (Richmond County Sheriff's Office) to collect the Taser issued to Investigator RICHARD RUSSELL that he used to tase JERMAINE JONES JR on 10/11/2021. Major YOUNG collected the taser from RUSSELL the morning of 10/12/2021. The Taser was an X2 with serial number X29000V07. MAJOR YOUNG also provided the inventory sheet for Tasers issued to the Richmond County Sheriffs Office Narcotics Division in order to verify the Taser was issued to INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL. SA MILLS verified that X2 Taser with serial number X29000V07 was the Taser issued to INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL.

The Taser, Taser Cartridge, used Taser cartridge and AFIDS were documented on GBI Property Receipt E-537691 and assigned GBI Property Tag BB23299. A digital copy of the GBI Property Receipt will be attached to this case summary and the original will be placed in the casefile.

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GBI EVIDENCE RECEIPT GBI EVIDENCE
RECEIPT E-537691

[\(Attachments\)](#)

OTHER RCSO TASER INVENTORY

[\(Attachments\)](#)

EVIDENCE

TASER X2 SN:X29000V07 ISSUED BY RICHMOND COUNTY

[BB23299-Evidence.pdf](#)

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YOUNG, PAT (CAPTAIN)

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

400 WALTON WAY

AUGUSTA, GA 30901

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/1/2021

km: 11/1/2021

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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at approximately 12:45 PM, SPECIAL AGENT KIM KHAN and SPECIAL AGENT TODD CROSBY were located at Augusta University Medical Center (AUMC), 1120 15th Street, Augusta, for the purpose of conducting an interview with REGISTERED NURSE ASHLEE WILLIAMS. The interview with WILLIAMS was audio recorded and will be attached to this case summary. WILLIAMS came on shift on today's date and was not the initial nurse who had contact with JERMAINE JONES. WILLIAMS essentially stated the following.

WILLIAMS stated JONES was brought into AUMC Emergency Room on the previous night by Richmond County Sheriff's Office after he fell from a tasing incident. WILLIAMS was told that JONES was transported to the Richmond County Jail, where he had a seizure. JONES was then transported from the Jail to the ER.

Upon arrival to AUMC, JONES was actively seizing and combative. JONES had to be sedated before he could be intubated. On the night of admission, a CAT scan was conducted on JONES. The scan revealed that JONES had severe brain trauma to the right, front side of his head and a blood clot on his brain. Surgery was performed on JONES in an attempt to alleviate the pressure on his brain. A second CAT scan was conducted on today's date, revealing a second brain bleed to the back of JONES' head and swelling to the left side.

WILLIAMS stated she contacted JONES mother and next of kin, KIANNA GAINES, to advise that her son was admitted to AUMC.

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WILLIAMS noticed some marks to JONES' wrist, which were possible from handcuffs. No other marks or bruises of significance were noted other than JONES' head injury.

The interview with WILLIAMS concluded at approximately 1:00 PM. For the complete interview, refer to the digitally attached recorded interview.

ATTACHMENTS

AUDIO INTERVIEW

[\(Attachments\)](#)

ID DATA:

WILLIAMS, ASHLEE (NURSE)
SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE
ADDRESS: 1120 15TH STREET
AUGUSTA, RICHMOND COUNTY, GA
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: REGISTERED NURSE
EMPLOYER:
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
1120 15TH STREET
AUGUSTA, GA
CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KIM KHAN: 10/21/2021

kk: 10/26/2021

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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at approximately 1:00 PM, SPECIAL AGENT KIM KHAN and SPECIAL AGENT TODD CROSBY were located at Augusta University Medical Center (AUMC), 1120 15th Street, Augusta, for the purpose of conducting an interview with NUEROSURGEON KHOI NGUYEN. The interview with NGUYEN was audio recorded and will be attached to this case summary. NGUYEN essentially stated the following.

NGUYEN performed surgery on JERMAINE JONES the night of his admission to AUMC. NGUYEN stated that the CAT scan of JONES' head showed significant brain injury. NGUYEN stated there was swelling to the right side of JONES' head and blood on the brain. A second CAT scan did not show much progress. A left side hemorrhage was located, and a second surgery was deemed necessary.

NGUYEN did not note any external injury. The interview with NGUYEN concluded at approximately 1:10 PM. For the complete interview, refer to the digitally attached recorded interview.

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AUDIO interview

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ID DATA:

NGUYEN, KHOI (DOCTOR)

SEX/RACE: MALE/ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: SURGEON

EMPLOYER:

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

SPECIAL AGENT KIM KHAN: 10/20/2021

kk: 10/26/2021

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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at approximately 1:40 PM, SPECIAL AGENT KIM KHAN was located at Augusta University Medical Center (AUMC), 1120 15th Street, Augusta, for the purpose of collecting JERMAINE JONES' personal items from hospital staff. SA KHAN made contact with security personnel SHANYA BOONER and collected (1) cellphone, (1) pair of flip flop sandals, (1) pair of grey underwear, (1) pair of grey sweat pants and (1) pair of black socks. The evidence was logged on GBI Evidence Receipt E-574905. The cell phone was barcoded CC33003 and the clothing barcoded CC33004.

The hard copy of the GBI Evidence Receipt E-574905 will be placed in the case file. A copy of AUMC's evidence receipt will also be attached to this case summary.

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GBI EVIDENCE RECEIPT E-574905

[\(Attachments\)](#)

EVIDENCE RECEIPT (OTHER AGENCY)
AUMC

[\(Attachments\)](#)

EVIDENCE

BROWN BAG CONTAINING JONES' CLOTHING (UNDERWEAR, PR
RED APPLE IPHONE BELONGING TO JERMAINE JONES JR

[CC33004-Evidence.pdf](#)

[CC33003-Evidence.pdf](#)

SPECIAL AGENT KIM KHAN: 10/20/2021

kk: 10/26/2021

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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at approximately 3:00 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS and SPECIAL AGENT TODD CROSBY were located at 400 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga (Richmond County Sheriff's Office) in reference to a use of force investigation. SA MILLS and SA CROSBY conducted an interview with JERMAINE JONES SR, the father of JERMAINE JONES JR. JONES SR was also a witness of the traffic stop that occurred on 10/11/2021. JONES SR stated essentially the following:

JONES SR advised that on 10/11/2021 some time around 6:00-7:00 PM he was leaving Wayne's Towing with his brother in law WILLIE BAKER and son JERMAINE JONES JR. JONES SR advised that an unmarked silver charger pulled behind them and pulled them over on Highland Avenue. JONES SR said that there was already police officers sitting across the street from Wayne's towing when they left. BAKER was driving the vehicle and JONES JR was in the backseat behind JONES SR. JONES SR advised shortly after that 5-6 other narcotics officers were there. JONES SR described the officer that pulled them over as being tall with curly hair and light skin (Investigator CHRISTOPHER BROWN). Investigator BROWN told BAKER that they were pulled over for something with their tag. He also recalled an officer he believed to be named "Scott" who he described as a tall white male with a pony tail (INVESTIGATOR RICHARD RUSSELL). Both of them had vest on.

During the traffic stop JONES SR recalled talking about an interest in cars with the officers. Then BAKER was asked for permission to search the vehicle. BAKER gave consent for officers to search his vehicle and BAKER, JONES SR and JONES JR were all removed from the vehicle. After they exited the vehicle they were all instructed to sit

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on the curb a couple inches behind the Tahoe.

JONES SR advised that the curly haired officer (INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN) said "GUN" and JONES JR got up and went a couple inches from the rear of the car. The tall white male officer (INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL) then tased JONES JR. JONES SR doesn't remember officers saying anything and advised JONES JR didn't say anything to him before he got up. JONES SR recalls a large black male officer hitting JONES JR in the face 3-4 times when they were on the ground with his open hand and closed hand. JONES SR later described that he hit him in the face with the palm of his hand. While they were on the ground JONES JR was handcuffed by deputies. JONES SR advised he didn't know there was a gun in the vehicle and didn't know who the gun belonged to.

JONES SR advised that they wouldn't let him talk to JONES JR after he was tased but he appeared to be fine. JONES JR was walking and speaking with deputies while they took the taser prongs out. JONES SR recalled INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN talking to JONES JR while he was in the back of a patrol car but no one got into the back of the patrol car with him. JONES SR advised that his daughter called the jail around 11:00 PM on 10/11/2021 and they told her JONES JR wasn't booked in yet. JONES SR advised that he learned that JONES JR was in the hospital and in critical condition from JONES JR's mother at around 10:30 - 11:00 AM.

JONES SR provided no further information. The interview ended at approximately 3:30 PM. For full details of the interview, refer to the video recording attached to this case summary. A copy of the video is on a flash drive that will be placed in the rear of the casefile.

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VIDEO VIDEO/AUDIO OF INTERVIEW WITH
JERMAINE JONES SR 10/12/2021

[\(Attachments\)](#)

ID DATA:

JONES, JERMAINE SR (JUVENILE) (MR)

DOB: 1980

SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: UNKNOWN

EMPLOYER:

UNKNOWN

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/2/2021

km: 11/1/2021

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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at approximately 3:30 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at 400 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga (Richmond County Sheriff's Office) for the purpose of obtaining video from MAJOR PAT YOUNG. MAJOR YOUNG provided the SD cards used on 10/11/2021 for the following deputies body worn cameras: INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN, INVESTIGATOR RICHARD RUSSELL, DEPUTY LESLIE GAITER, DEPUTY JOHN TARPLERY, DEPUTY PARKER LEATHERS AND CPL AARON PHILLIPS. It should be noted that all footage from 10/11/2021 is on the SD cards and not only video pertaining to the use of force case. The SD cards were given GBI Property Tag#BB23297.

MAJOR YOUNG also provided video relevant to the use of force investigation on a flash drive that will be maintained in the rear of the casefile.

The SD cards and flash drive were documented on GBI Property Receipt E-537690. A copy of the GBI Property Receipt will be attached to this case file and the original will be placed in the casefile.

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VIDEO VIDEO FROM INVESTIGATOR RICHARD RUSSELL BWC [\(Attachments\)](#)

VIDEO VIDEO FROM INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN BWC [\(Attachments\)](#)

VIDEO VIDEO FROM DEPUTY LESLIE GAITOR BWC [\(Attachments\)](#)

VIDEO VIDEO FROM DEPUTY PARKER LEATHERS BWC [\(Attachments\)](#)

VIDEO VIDEO FROM DEPUTY JOHN TARPLEY BWC [\(Attachments\)](#)

VIDEO VIDEO FROM CORPORAL AARON PHILLIPS BWC [\(Attachments\)](#)

GBI EVIDENCE RECEIPT GBI EVIDENCE RECEIPT E-537690 [\(Attachments\)](#)

EVIDENCE

SEVEN (7) SD CARDS CONTAINING BWC FOOTAGE OF RCSO [BB23297-Evidence.pdf](#)

ID DATA:

YOUNG, PAT (CAPTAIN)
SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR
EMPLOYER:
RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
400 WALTON WAY
AUGUSTA, GA 30901

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 10/21/2021
km: 10/21/2021

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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at approximately 4:10 p.m., Georgia Bureau of Investigation Region 7, Special Agent TODD CROSBY and Special Agent KIM KHAN were located at [REDACTED]. This was in reference to making contact with WILLIE LEE BAKER to conduct an interview. BAKER was present at Use of Force Incident during a traffic stop conducted by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. The traffic stop occurred in the area of Highland and Clifton Street, Augusta, Georgia on Monday, October 11, 2021. BAKER was a witness to JERMAINE JONES Jr. being tased by a Richmond County Sheriff's Office Deputy when JONES Jr. attempted to run from the traffic stop. The interview with BAKER was digitally recorded and will be attached to this summary. For a true depiction of the interview refer to the attached recording. BAKER stated the following.

BAKER was driving the black, Chevrolet suburban when he was pulled over by Richmond County Sheriff's Office. BAKER was told BAKER was pulled over because of the tag cover over the tag on the vehicle. The officers asked them to get out of the vehicle and "3J" who was later identified as JERMAINE JONES Jr. ran and was tased by an officer. Officers hit JONES Jr. in the back while JONES Jr. was on the ground. The officers then put JONES Jr. in a patrol vehicle and transported JONES Jr. to jail for a probation violation. The officers then let BAKER and JONES Sr. go. About 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 pm today, BAKER's wife called him and told BAKER, JONES Jr. had a brain injury.

SA CROSBY and SA KHAN then asked BAKER several questions to clarify BAKER'S statement. BAKER was asked who was in the black suburban and where each person

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was seated. BAKER was driving the vehicle. JONES Sr. the father of JERMAINE JONES Jr., was in the front passenger side seat and JONES Jr. was seated in the rear passenger side seat. BAKER was taking JONES Sr. to get air in a tire so JONES Sr. could get his vehicle from a salvage yard. BAKER said they never made it to get air in the tire before being pulled over. BAKER described being near Aquinas School, 1920 Highland Ave., when they were pulled over by a black, Dodge Charge with blue lights on the dash. The officer driving the vehicle was described by BAKER as a Mexican looking male with black curly hair. The officer told BAKER he was being pulled over for the tag cover that was covering the tag on the vehicle.

BAKER, JONES Sr. and JONES Jr. were just talking to the officers when an officer asked if the officers could search the vehicle. BAKER told them they could search the vehicle. BAKER, JONES Sr., and JONES Jr. were then removed from the vehicle and were seated on the curb behind the suburban. The officer searching the vehicle, located a gun under the back passenger seat where JONES Jr. was sitting and told all other officers there was a gun. When the officer said he had found a gun, JONES Jr. ran. SA CROSBY will note, BAKER continued to refer to JONES Jr. during the interview as "3J" on the attached audio. BAKER said the gun was not his gun and that BAKER keeps his gun at the house.

When JONES Jr. ran, an officer tased JONES Jr. When JONES Jr. fell, JONES Jr. fell toward his right side. Several officers then jumped on JONES Jr. BAKER saw an officer that he could not describe or identify, striking JONES Jr. with a closed fist in JONES Jr.'s back area. BAKER never saw JONES Jr. get hit in the head by any of the officers. BAKER estimated that BAKER was 15 feet away from where JONES Jr. went down after being tased by the officer. BAKER did not know the officer who tased

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JONES Jr. but described the officer as a white male, medium build, wearing a black uniform, with brownish, short hair that had a fade and was spiked.

BAKER heard JONES Jr. saying he could not breath when he was on the ground. BAKER heard JONES Sr. tell the officers to go ahead and arrest JONES Jr. When asked what BAKER thought JONES Sr. meant by that statement, BAKER said, "To go ahead and get it over with". The officers then got JONES Jr. off the ground and put JONES Jr. in a different vehicle than had pulled them over. BAKER described the vehicle as a gray Charger. SA CROSBY asked BAKER how JONES Jr. was acting as JONES Jr. was walked to the vehicle. BAKER stated JONES Jr. was acting normal. BAKER described JONES Jr. as talking to the officers and asking why he had been arrested. BAKER said the officer did not tell JONES Jr. right away why he was being arrested. When JONES Jr. was placed in the vehicle, an officer came over to where BAKER and JONES Sr. was located and told them, JONES Jr. was being arrested for probation violation and something else BAKER could not remember what. BAKER never saw anyone else get in the back seat of the gray vehicle with JONES Jr. BAKER did not know when the officer left the area with JONES Jr. BAKER heard JONES Sr. asked for JONES Jr.'s shoes and phone but was told the officer was already left with JONES Jr.

BAKER said he never saw anyone hit JONES Jr. with anything but fist in the back. JONES Jr. was acting normal when he was walking to the vehicle. Officers did find a "crack" pipe in the vehicle also. BAKER advised the pipe was not his.

BAKER said they were stopped on the next road near the basketball court past Aquinas School on Highland Ave. BAKER said they were coming from Wayne's

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Towing where they went to get a tire so JONES Sr. could get his car out of the impound. They were headed to the Shell Station on Wrightsboro Road to get air in the tire but never made it to the Shell Station. When they left the "salvage yard", BAKER saw four patrol cars on the island in the middle of the street near Wayne's Towing. BAKER was unsure if one of those vehicles were the one that stopped them. BAKER said they were stopped because of the tag cover and the gun was located under the back passenger seat. BAKER did not remember JONES Jr. saying anything about he was going to run.

SA CROSBY then asked BAKER for permission to take pictures of the outside of the black suburban parked in the yard of the residence. BAKER gave SA CROSBY and SA KHAN permission to take pictures of the vehicle. SA CROSBY then took ten (10) pictures of a black Chevrolet suburban displaying Georgia Tag# PTC6057. The ten (10) images will be attached to this summary. (Images 5762 thru 5771)

All investigative acts related to this interview were concluded at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS

AUDIO Digital recording of interview with Willie Lee Baker

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PHOTOGRAPH 10-images of black Chevrolet Suburban

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ID DATA:

BAKER, WILLIE LEE (MR)

DOB: 1966

SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: LABORER(SKILLED)

EMPLOYER:

CROTHAL LAUNDRY SERVICE

AUGUSTA UNIVESRSITY

AUGUSTA, GA 30904

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT TODD CROSBY: 10/13/2021

tc: 10/14/2021

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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at approximately 04:20 PM, SPECIAL AGENT ANNIE MOORMAN and SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN PAYNE, conducted a neighborhood canvass of residences located in the area of Highland Avenue and Clifton Road, Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia. This canvass was conducted as part of an investigation into the officer involved use of force on October 11, 2021, involving JERMAINE JONES JR and deputies with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. The following is a synopsis of information obtained by SA MOORMAN and SA PAYNE.

At approximately 04:20 PM, SA MOORMAN and SA PAYNE spoke with TWILLA BROCK of [REDACTED]. TWILLA stated that she did not see or hear anything during the previous evening, however, TWILLA advised that her son AARON BROCK had been home the previous evening and had been in the back yard. TWILLA stated that AARON told her that something was going on out in the roadway and that it seemed to be more than just a traffic stop. TWILLA stated that she never went outside to see what was going on. TWILLA did not have AARON's phone number, but advised that AARON is a bartender at Shannon's and would probably be home the next day.

At approximately 04:27 PM, SA MOORMAN and SA PAYNE received no answer to knocks at [REDACTED].

At approximately 04:28 PM, SA MOORMAN and SA PAYNE received no answer to knocks at [REDACTED].

At approximately 04:29 PM, SA MOORMAN and SA PAYNE spoke with SANDRA

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LEDBETTER of [REDACTED]. LEDBETTER stated that she was home during the time of the incident, but was inside of her home and did not see or hear anything.

The neighborhood canvass was concluded at approximately 04:33 PM.

ID DATA:

BROCK, TWILLA (MRS)

DOB: 1955

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: RETIRED

EMPLOYER:

RETIRED

CELLULAR (Redacted)

LEDBETTER, SANDRA (MRS)

DOB: 1961

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: RETIRED

EMPLOYER:

RETIRED

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT ANNIE MOORMAN: 10/12/2021

am: 10/15/2021

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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at approximately 04:45 PM, SPECIAL AGENT ANNIE MOORMAN, SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN PAYNE, and SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE PAT MORGAN were located in the approximate location of the intersection of Highland Avenue and Clifton Street of Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia for the purposes of observing and searching the scene of a use of force incident involving Richmond County Sheriffs Office deputies.

During the examination of the scene, SA PAYNE collected one clear box containing Taser AFIDS which were located on the side of the roadway along Clifton Street, Augusta, Georgia. The collected AFIDS were documented on GBI evidence receipt E537689 and identified with digital evidence barcode BB23298.

The photographs taken during the search have been digitally attached to this summary. GBI evidence receipt E537689 has been digitally attached to this summary and the original placed in the case file.

ATTACHMENTS

PHOTOGRAPH OF SCENE LOCATED AT
THE APPROXIMATE INTERSECTION OF
HIGHLAND AVENUE AND CLIFTON
STREET, AUGUSTA, RICHMOND COUNTY,
GEORGIA

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GBI EVIDENCE RECEIPT E537689

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EVIDENCE

TASER AFIDS LOCATED ON CLIFTON ROAD BY HIGHLAND

[BB23298-Evidence.pdf](#)

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SPECIAL AGENT ANNIE MOORMAN: 11/1/2021
am: 11/1/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
REGION 7
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

07-0057-34-22

On Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at approximately 12:19 SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS made contact with GBI INTELLIGENCE ANALYST JENNY LEONARD for the purpose of obtaining a criminal history on Richmond County Sheriff's Office INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN, INVESTIGATOR RICHARD RUSSELL, DEPUTY LESLIE GAITER, DEPUTY LORA HUCKO, DEPUTY JOHN TARPLEY, DEPUTY PARKER LEATHERS and CORPORAL AARON PHILLIPS.

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All other deputies had no criminal history. A copy of the criminal history reports will be attached to this case summary.

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CRIMINAL HISTORY COPY OF CH FOR
RUSSELL, PHILLIPS, HUCKO, LEATHERS,
TARPLEY, GAITER AND BROWN

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SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/13/2021
km: 12/13/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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On Tuesday, October 13, 2021, at approximately 1:00 PM, SPECIAL AGENT KIM KHAN was located at the Richmond County Courthouse, Augusta, Richmond County to meet with SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE JOHN FLYTHE and obtain a search warrant for the admission blood of JERMAINE JONES. JUDGE FLYTHE found that there was sufficient probable cause and issued SA KHAN a search warrant for the admission blood.

On Thursday, October 28, 2021, at approximately 2:00 PM, SA KHAN was located at the Richmond County Courthouse and met with JUDGE FLYTHE to complete a search warrant return of service. A copy of the search warrant and return of service is digitally attached to this summary.

ATTACHMENTS

SEARCH WARRANT with return

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ID DATA:

FLYTHER, JOHN (JUDGE)

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: JUDGE

EMPLOYER:

AUGUSTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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SPECIAL AGENT KIM KHAN: 10/28/2021

kk: 11/1/2021

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On Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at approximately 2:00 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Augusta University Medical Center for the purpose of meeting with Director of Security JOSHUA CUNNINGHAM. CUNNINGHAM provided SA MILLS with nine(9) statements from hospital security staff regarding their interactions with and observations of JERMAINE JONES JR. CUNNINGHAM advised the original complaint came in as a hospital security supervisor named SHANDREA HOUSER hit JERMAINE JONES JR in the side of the body. There was miscommunication at the time the report was taken that caused people to believe HOUSER hit JONES JR in the head. However, that information was later clarified by the Augusta University Police Department and the allegation was that HOUSER hit JONES JR on the side of his body.

A copy of all statements from hospital security will be attached to this case summary along with incident report number 211232.

ATTACHMENTS

OTHER WRITTEN STATEMENTS FROM
HOSPITAL SECURITY AND AUPD INCIDENT
REPORT

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

ID DATA:

CUNNINGHAM, JOSHUA (MR)

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: MANAGER

EMPLOYER:

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1120 15TH STREET

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BOWMAN, GEMYIA (MR)

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COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER

EMPLOYER:

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

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DOB: 1989

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/BLACK

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COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

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EMPLOYER:

SECURITAS

CELLULAR (Redacted)

NELSON, DEMONTEZ (MR)

DOB: 1999

SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER
EMPLOYER:
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

HENRY, GREGORY (MR)

DOB: 2000
SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER
EMPLOYER:
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
1120 15TH STREET
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OSBY, CHRISTOPHER (MR)

SEX/RACE: MALE/UNKNOWN
AUGUSTA,
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER
EMPLOYER:
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
BUSINESS:(706)721-4951

YOUNG, JOHN (MR)

DOB: 1994
SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER
EMPLOYER:
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
CELLULAR (Redacted)

VILDEN, SYLVESTER (MR)

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COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER
EMPLOYER:

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WINFREY, DEON (MR)
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COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER
EMPLOYER:
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AUGUSTA, GA
CELLULAR (Redacted)

SEARCY, TREVOR (MR)
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COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER
EMPLOYER:
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
BUSINESS:(706)721-4951

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/8/2021
km: 12/8/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
REGION 7
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

07-0057-34-22

On Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at approximately 4:00 PM, SPECIAL AGENT KIM KHAN was located at Augusta University Medical Center, 1120 15th Street., Augusta, Georgia for the purpose of serving a search warrant for the admission blood of JERMAINE JONES. SA KHAN made contact with DOCTOR VIMAL PATEL in AUMC's Lab. A copy of the search warrant was provided to DR. PATEL. DR. PATEL provided SA KHAN with (6) six vials of blood and plasma. A digital copy of the receipt from AUMC's Lab will be attached to this case summary.

The blood was collected and logged on GBI ER E-574906 and barcoded BB29576.

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EVIDENCE RECEIPT (OTHER AGENCY)

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GBI EVIDENCE RECEIPT

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EVIDENCE

6 VIALS OF BLOOD

[BB29576-Evidence.pdf](#)

SPECIAL AGENT KIM KHAN: 10/14/2021

kk: 11/1/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Thursday, October 14, 2021, at approximately 12:42 P.M., SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (ASAC) TANYA CALES met with SPECIAL AGENT (SA) BRANDON MITCHELL at the GBI Southeastern Regional Drug Enforcement Office (SRDEO) in Metter, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Taser download related to this investigation. At that time, SA MITCHELL provided SAC CALES access to a Taser that previously collected.

SAC CALES retrieved a Taser X2 bearing serial number X29000V07 and listed on GBI Receipt for Property E-537691. SAC CALES conducted a spark test as well as a 5 second trigger pull, and the device appeared to be in proper working order. After the device was spark tested, the device was then connected to a computer with Evidence Sync software installed, and the resulting download report has been attached with this summary (see attached). At the time of download the internal clock of the device was synced from 10-14-2021, 12:44:09 hours to the current time of 10-14-2021, 12:57:18 hours, indicating the clock for the Taser had been 13 minutes and 9 seconds behind the actual time. The time difference should be accounted for when reviewing individual entries on the log. Lines 1736 through 1740 on the log are from 10-11-2021 (Date in Question) indicated a total of 1 trigger activation for 4 seconds (see report for exact detail). SAC CALES disconnected the device from the computer. After the device was disconnected, it was returned to SA MITCHELL's custody at approximately 1:04 P. M. The following is a list explaining the terms seen on the attached report.

- Event Column:
 - Armed – means the Taser safety was off.

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- Safe – means the Taser placed on safety.
- Trigger – means the Taser trigger was pulled and the cartridge was deployed.

If longer than 5 seconds means the means the trigger continued to be pulled. If less than 5 seconds means the Taser was manually turned off.

- Sync – means the Taser was synced up with a computer to conduct a download or update the software of the Taser.

ATTACHMENTS

OTHER Taser download - Taser X2 bearing serial number X29000V07 and listed on GBI Receipt for Property E-537691

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE TANYA A CALES: 11/16/2021

tac: 11/16/2021

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On Thursday, October 14, 2021 at approximately 1:00 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS made contact with Attorney KEITH BARBER. BARBER advised that he was representing DEPUTY JOHN TARPLEY, CPL AARON PHILLIPS, DEPUTY PARKER LEATHERS, DEPUTY HUCKO AND INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN in the use of force case.

BARBER advised that none of the above named deputies were going to give a statement.

ID DATA:

BARBER, KEITH (ATTORNEY)

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: ATTORNEY/LAWYER

EMPLOYER:

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BUSINESS:(912)764-2623

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/18/2021

km: 11/18/2021

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On Thursday, October 14, 2021, at approximately 1:15 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS made contact with ATTORNEY PAUL WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS advised that he was representing DEPUTY LESLIE GAITER in this use of force case.

WILLIAMS advised that DEPUTY GAITER would not provide a statement.

ID DATA:

WILLIAMS, PAUL SIMON (ATTORNEY)

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: ATTORNEY/LAWYER

EMPLOYER:

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SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/18/2021

km: 11/18/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Friday, October 15, 2021, at approximately 9:17 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS and SPECIAL AGENT ANNIE MOORMAN were located at 254 N Belair Rd, Evans, GA 30809 (Attorney Chad Medlin's Office) in reference to interviewing INVESTIGATOR CHAD RUSSELL. Also present for the interview was INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL's attorney CHAD MEDLIN. MEDLIN previously contacted SA MILLS to advise that INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL consented to an interview. The interview was audio recorded.

Prior to the interview SA MILLS advised INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL the following: This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws had been violated during the use of force incident. It is not an administrative or disciplinary inquiry. You are not being compelled to give any statements or answer any questions. His cooperation in this investigation is voluntary. After being advised of the admonishment, INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL agreed to continue with the interview. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL stated essentially the following:

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that he has been employed by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office since 2015. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL began working in the jail then in 2017 he was assigned to road patrol. He began working as a narcotics investigator in 2021. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL had no law enforcement experience prior to 2015.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that on Monday, October 11, 2021, he was working an ongoing narcotics investigation at Magnolia Park Apartments.

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INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that his normal shift is considered 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. However, he advised his hours vary and it is normal for INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL to work late. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that he had 8+ hours of sleep prior to coming into work and was not under the influence of any alcohol or drugs.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that during his shift on Monday, October 11, 2021, he was wearing plain clothes consisting of a t-shirt, blue jeans, and tennis shoes. Over the plain clothes INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL was wearing a black in color vest that said "sheriff". He was also wearing a badge on the upper left side of his vest.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL's Richmond County Sheriff's Office issued Taser was in a holster on the upper left side of his vest. He was driving a white in color impala with no markings equipped with emergency blue lights.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that on the evening of Monday, October 11, 2021, there were multiple investigators and crime suppression deputies in the area of Magnolia Park Apartments due to the ongoing investigation in the area. Following that investigation, INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle (later identified as a black in color 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe displaying GA Tag PTC6057) that was leaving quickly from the area around Magnolia Park Apartments. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that the vehicle left around the time that a target of the investigation was possibly leaving the area. The type of vehicle the target would be driving was unknown. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that INVESTIGATOR BROWN made the decision to make the traffic stop. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL described the traffic stop as an investigative stop with the goal to confirm or eliminate the vehicle (and occupants) of being involved in the narcotics investigation. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised they were able to develop probable cause to

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make the traffic stop due to the vehicle having a tinted tag cover. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL recalls the traffic stop taking place around 7:00 PM when it was dusk outside.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL arrived as the third deputy on scene at the traffic stop. Due to contact already being made with the occupants by INVESTIGATOR BROWN and DEPUTY JOHN TARPLEY, INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL did not identify himself as law enforcement to the occupants. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL noted that DEPUTY TARPLEY was in a Richmond County Sheriff's Office Crime Suppression Team uniform and was driving a marked patrol vehicle.

When INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL arrived on scene he recalls INVESTIGATOR BROWN being on the passenger side of the vehicle and DEPUTY TARPLEY on the driver side of the vehicle. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL went to the passenger side of the vehicle. There were three (3) occupants in the vehicle, a driver, a front seat passenger and a back seat passenger behind the front seat passenger. INVESTIGATOR BROWN was standing near the window of the front passenger and INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL was standing near the window of the back seat passenger. INVESTIGATOR BROWN engaged the occupants of the vehicle in small talk conversation. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL noticed that the rear passenger was concealing himself by leaning back in the seat and not engaging in conversation with deputies. The window had dark tint and wouldn't roll down all the way. Once INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL got a flash light he noticed that the rear passenger had rapid and shallow breathing which he perceived as a stress reaction. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL noted that he has interacted with a lot of people and believes the rapid and shallow breathing is indicative criminal activity or stress. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL and INVESTIGATOR BROWN stepped back for a

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second to discuss the response time of the K9 deputy that was enroute. While they stepped away from the vehicle he noticed the rear passenger (JERMAINE JONES JR) leaned up and whispered something to the front passenger (JERMAINE JONES the father of JERMAINE JONES JR). JONES JR began to unlock his phone and INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL told JONES JR to not use his phone. INVESTIGATOR BROWN asked the driver of the vehicle (identified as WILLIE BAKER) for permission to search the vehicle. BAKER gave consent for deputies to search his vehicle.

When the K9 deputy, DEPUTY LORA HUCKO, arrived the K9 did a free air sniff of the vehicle and gave a positive alert. At that point all occupants were removed from the vehicle. INVESTIGATOR BROWN removed JONES, DEPUTY TARPLEY removed BAKER and INVESTIGATOR BROWN removed JONES JR. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL told them to sit on the curb behind the Tahoe and all three complied. BAKER, JONES and JONES JR were sitting on the curb and INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL was standing behind them. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL noticed when JONES JR got out of the vehicle he got out with his hands up and kept his hands up until he was told to put his hands on the vehicle. BAKER, JONES, and JONES JR were patted down for weapons. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL noticed JONES JR checking his surroundings when he got out of the vehicle and took a seat on the curb which he perceived as a "pre-flight indicator". JONES JR pulled his legs in, pulled his socks up, was looking in both direction and leaned over to say something to JONES. JONES JR also kicked his shoes off. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that he could not hear what JONES JR said but that he was later told by DEPUTY GAITER that he said he was about to run. JONES JR then got on his feet and immediately tried to take flight. When JONES JR made the move to escape INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL deployed a single cartridge of his Taser towards JONES JR. The Taser probes hit JONES JR just below

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his shoulder blade and mid-back. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL noted that the taser had its desired effect and he deployed the taser before JONES JR got far or picked up speed. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that he only pulled the trigger on the Taser one time. He recalls JONES JR falling on his left side as he was trying to take a turn while running around the vehicle. DEPUTY LESLIE GAITER was then able to grab JONES JR and they went to the ground together.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL walked to where JONES JR was on the ground and advised DEPUTY LESLIE GAITER was on the ground with him trying to get him into handcuffs. At this point, INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL heard a clothing disconnect and de-activated the Taser. DEPUTY GAITER and DEPUTY PARKER LEATHERS were struggling with JONES JR on the ground to handcuff him. Almost simultaneously, INVESTIGATOR BROWN was completing his search of the vehicle and located a firearm. INVESTIGATOR BROWN announced that he found a gun in the vehicle but INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised what he specifically heard was "gun" and that was all he was able to process at the time. He was unsure if JONES JR had a gun. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised JONES stood up from the curb and yelled while deputies were wrestling with JONES JR. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL pointed his taser at JONES and told him to sit back down. JONES complied with INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL's commands. INVESTIGATOR BROWN began watching JONES and BAKER on the curb. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL then turned his attention back to JONES JR and deputies on the ground. DEPUTY GAITER had a mounted position on the hips of JONES JR and DEPUTY LEATHERS was able to control his feet. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL was near his head and placed his left knee on his shoulder. He advised that he did not put any pressure on his shoulder. CORPORAL AARON PHILLIPS then began giving commands to JONES JR to give deputies his hands.

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INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL told JONES JR to give deputies his hands or he would re-energize the Taser. Once JONES JR was handcuffed deputies got off of JONES JR and JONES JR was stood up and taken to the car. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL did not recall who handcuffed JONES JR but did recall he was handcuffed behind the back. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised he had the Taser in his hand until JONES JR was up and the Taser Cartridge was removed. The taser probes were taken out of him and he was able to have a conversation. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised nothing seemed wrong with him and he had no injuries. JONES JR was then placed in the rear of DEPUTY GAITER's patrol car.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised when JONES JR was in the back of the patrol vehicle he conducted an informal interview with JONES JR about becoming a confidential informant. He advised he turned his body worn camera off for the interview. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL spoke to JONES JR while standing outside of the patrol vehicle with JONES JR's door open. He advised he never got into the vehicle with JONES JR. JONES JR advised he didn't know anyone specifically to help INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL but that he could try. JONES JR was unable to provide any relevant information and the decision was made that he was going to jail. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL recalls JONES JR saying if he let him go that he could help him later. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised the interview was not meant to incriminate or gather evidence against JONES JR and did not pertain to the crime he committed. Shortly after that DEPUTY GAITER transported JONES JR to the jail. DEPUTY GAITER was in a marked patrol vehicle.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that he drew his Taser with his right hand when he began noticing the pre-flight indicators from JONES JR. He advised that when he took

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his Taser out it was kept down by his leg and not pointed at anyone. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that while JONES JR was on the ground with deputies he was screaming that he couldn't breathe but at no point asked for medical help.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised there was no indicators that he needed medical attention. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised he is a certified basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

After the incident while discussing the use of force report, INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL learned from DEPUTY GAITER that while JONES JR was on the ground refusing to give deputies his hands DEPUTY GAITER struck JONES JR 3-4 times in the head with his open palm. DEPUTY GAITER expressed that when he heard INVESTIGATOR BROWN shout "gun" he was unsure if JONES JR had a gun or if there was one in vehicle. DEPUTY LEATHERS also used 3 closed fist strikes to the inner thigh attempting to gain compliance. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL did not observe the above described strikes because his attention was on JONES.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL got a phone call from DEPUTY GAITER at around 10:00 PM on October 11, 2021, that JONES JR was at the hospital not doing well. The next morning on October 12, 2021, INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL came into work around 8:00 AM for training. Around 9:30 AM he told to go to meet with Richmond County Sheriff's Office MAJOR PATRICK YOUNG. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL turned his Taser and body worn camera over to MAJOR YOUNG.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that he is familiar with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office Policy on Taser and Use of Force. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL receives training on the Taser every year and the last time he had training on the Taser was at

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in-service in 2020.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that he decided to deploy his Taser to prevent the escape of JONES JR, to prevent JONES JR from getting hurt and to prevent others from getting hurt. INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL advised that JONES JR was detained at the time of the incident.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL noted the following officers on scene: INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN, DEPUTY JOHN TARPLEY, DEPUTY PARKER LEATHERS, DEPUTY LORA HUCKO, DEPUTY LESLIE GAITER and CORPORAL AARON PHILLIPS. No deputies were injured during the incident.

DEPUTY RUSSELL advised that his body worn camera was on during the incident other than when he had the above described conversation with JONES JR in the back of the patrol car and a brief period where he left the scene.

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL provided no further information. The interview concluded at approximately 10:31 AM. For full details of the interview, refer to the audio recording attached to this case summary.

ATTACHMENTS

AUDIO AUDIO OF INTERVIEW WITH RICHARD RUSSELL

[\(Attachments\)](#)

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

ID DATA:

RUSSELL, RICHARD (DEPUTY)

DOB: 1991

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

400 WALTON WAY

AUGUSTA, GA 30901

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 10/21/2021

km: 10/21/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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On Friday, October 15, 2021, at approximately 1:24 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office (400 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga) for the purpose of reviewing the personnel file on DEPUTY RICHARD RUSSELL. Contact was made with Richmond County Internal Affairs SERGEANT KIMBERLY LEE. SGT LEE provided the personnel file on INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL for review.

While reviewing the file SA MILLS learned the following:

INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL's initial employment with the sheriff's office was in 2010 but he resigned as pre-service on July 28, 2010. On July 4, 2015 RUSSELL was hired as a jailer for the Richmond Count Sheriff's Office. On November 11, 2017 RUSELL became a patrol deputy. On July 7, 2021 RUSSELL was promoted to the rank of investigator.

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On or about July 26, 2015 RUSSELL received counseling for taking privileges from inmates without informing a supervisor.

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On or about August 14, 2016 RUSSELL received counseling for unsatisfactory performance when he took the jail keys home and did not return them until the next day.

On or about September 1, 2016 RUSSELL received a counseling for conduct unbecoming of an officer when he cussed/yelled at another deputy.

On or about May 30, 2017, RUSSELL received a counseling for unsatisfactory performance by wearing his personal firearm into a Columbia County Firehouse which resulted in a "heated discussion" between him and the employees.

On or about July 6, 2017 RUSSELL received a counseling for neglect of duty. While performing his duties in the jail RUSSELL did not properly count the money of an inmate being processed into the jail. RUSSELL did not count the money in the inmate's wallet therefore the count was off.

On or about July 9, 2019 RUSSELL received counseling in reference to speeding in a patrol car.

On or about April 6, 2020, RUSSELL received counseling in reference to a violation of the body worn camera policy. RUSSELL did not activate his camera when he was supposed to.

On or about April 24, 2020 RUSSELL was involved in an at-fault accident in a patrol vehicle. RUSSELL had to complete additional driver training.

On or about July 2, 2020 RUSSELL received 8 hours of suspension along with not

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having a take home vehicle or special for 30 days due to leaving his patrol car running causing the vehicle to roll backwards and hit a pole.

On or about August 20, 2020, RUSSELL received counseling due to leaving his patrol car unsecured at a gas station with his rifle and shotgun in the vehicle. Another deputy found the patrol car unsecured and RUSSELL did not return to it for approximately 20 minutes.

On or about January 26, 2021, RUSSELL received 16 hours of suspension and mandatory desolation training for being rude to an elderly lady on a traffic stop and for refusing to wear a mask in the jail after being told to by a jail supervisor. RUSSELL also left \$100.00 on the counter in the jail belonging to the person he brought to the jail. It was found by a jailer.

RUSSELL received unstained use of force complaints on or about the following days: July 23, 2020, May 5, 2020, December 30, 2019, and November 07, 2019. All complaints were deemed un-sustained and no action was taken.

RUSSELL received an accommodation on or about June 4, 2019 for apprehension of robbery suspects.

RUSSELL received an accommodation on or about March 26, 2019 for aiding in saving a life by conducting CPR on the victim of a house fire.

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The following derogatory marks were noted on evaluations: RUSSELL's evaluation for the year of 2016 noted that he needed to improve on how he talks to people. RUSSELL's evaluation for the year of 2019 noted that he needed to improve on how he talks to people. RUSSELL's evaluation for the year of 2020 noted that he needed improve on his professionalism and become more familiar with policy.

The review of INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL's file was concluded at approximately 3:00 PM.

ID DATA:

RUSSELL, RICHARD (DEPUTY)

DOB: 1991

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

400 WALTON WAY

AUGUSTA, GA 30901

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/16/2021

km: 11/16/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
REGION 7
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On Friday, October 15, 2021, at approximately 02:24 PM, SPECIAL AGENT ANNIE MOORMAN was located at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, 400 Walton Way, Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia 30901 for the purposes of meeting with MAJOR PAT YOUNG to collect the 911 radio traffic from the use of force incident which occurred on Monday, October 11, 2021.

CAPTAIN YOUNG provided SA MOORMAN with a small envelope containing a blue in color Data stick sport USB drive containing the 911 radio traffic along with a video recording of the interview conducted by SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN PAYNE and SPECIAL AGENT TODD CROSBY of JERMAINE JONES SR on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. The collection of this USB drive was documented on GBI Evidence Receipt E-574913. A copy of the evidence receipt has been digitally attached to this summary and the original placed in the case file.

The 911 Radio traffic has been digitally attached to this summary.

The video recording of the interview of JONES will be digitally attached to the Summary documenting that interview.

The USB drive containing both the 911 radio traffic and the interview of JONES SR has been placed in the rear of the permanent case file.

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REGION 7
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ATTACHMENTS

OTHER 911 RADIO TRAFFIC FROM USE OF
FORCE INCIDENT ON 10/11/2021

[\(Attachments\)](#)

GBI EVIDENCE RECEIPT E574913

[\(Attachments\)](#)

ID DATA:

YOUNG, PAT (CAPTAIN)

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

400 WALTON WAY

AUGUSTA, GA 30901

SPECIAL AGENT ANNIE MOORMAN: 10/15/2021

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**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
REGION 7
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On Friday, October 15, 2021, at approximately 3:21 P.M., SPECIAL AGENT MICHAEL KIGHT was located at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, 400 Walton Way, Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia for the purpose of reviewing the personnel file of DEPUTY PARKER LEATHERS. Contact was made with SERGEANT KIMBERLY LEE from Richmond County Internal Affairs Office. SGT. LEE provided the personnel file of DEPUTY LEATHERS.

SA KIGHT learned that DEPUTY LEATHERS was hired by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office on November 30, 2019 and was assigned to road patrol.

On or about September 11, 2021, DEPUTY LEATHERS received a written reprimand for an at fault accident while pulling out of a parking lot.

SA KIGHT learned that DEPUTY LEATHERS received a good standing on his last evaluation on December 3, 2021.

The review of DEPUTY LEATHERS personnel file concluded at 3:35 P.M.

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REGION 7
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ID DATA:

LEATHERS, PARKER (DEPUTY)

DOB: 1997

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DEPUTY

EMPLOYER:

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

400 WALTON WAY

AUGUSTA, GA 30901

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT MICHAEL KIGHT: 11/23/2021

mk: 11/23/2021

MK HP

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REGION 7
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On Friday, October 15, 2021, at approximately 3:00 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office (400 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga) for the purpose of reviewing the personnel file on INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN. Contact was made with SERGEANT KIMBERLY LEE from Richmond County Internal Affairs Office. SGT. LEE provided the personnel file on INVESTIGATOR BROWN.

While reviewing the personnel file SA MILLS learned the following:

INVESTIGATOR BROWN was employed by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office Jail from November 12, 2010, to May 25, 2011, when he resigned in lieu of termination.

INVESTIGATOR BROWN was re-hired by Richmond County on October 11, 2014. On November 18, 2015 INVESTIGATOR BROWN was assigned to road patrol. On May 25, 2021, INVESTIGATOR BROWN was promoted to Investigator.

On or about January 20, 2011, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a warning for cussing at inmates while working as a jailer.

On or about February 26, 2011, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a warning for not showing up for work without notifying anyone or providing a correct phone number while working as a jailer.

On or about May 6, 2011, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a letter of counsel for

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grabbing a handcuffed inmate by the neck to put them into lockdown while working as a jailer.

On or about May 25, 2011, INVESTIGATOR BROWN was given mandatory resignation for cussing at inmates, treating them poorly and not handling sick call properly. INVESTIGATOR BROWN resigned from his position as a jailer on May 25, 2011.

On or about February 24, 2015, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a warning for failure to report a shattered cell window to a supervisor while working as a jailer.

On or about March 21, 2017, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a counsel for unsatisfactory performance when he did not activate his body worn camera while responding to an incident in a bar as a road patrol deputy.

On or about January 10, 2018, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a warning for duty to honor a court subpoena when he failed to show up for a preliminary hearing causing the case to be dismissed.

On or about January 14, 2019, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a written warning for failure to turn in reports.

On or about February 15, 2019, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received 1 day of suspension with no extra duty because of a failure to turn in reports.

On or about October 12, 2019, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a written warning and mandatory additional driver training for an at-fault accident in a county vehicle.

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On or about January 24, 2020, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received counsel for losing citations/evidence during his rotation with the crime scene unit.

On or about February 1, 2020, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received two days of suspension with no extra duty for unsatisfactory performance by not completing reports on time.

On or about February 15, 2020, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a day of suspension, no extra duty and no take home car for 30 days due to his second at-fault accident in a county vehicle.

INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a complaint on or around December 29, 2019, of an unnecessary use of force that was not sustained. On or around October 28, 2019, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a complaint of unsatisfactory performance that was un-sustained. On or around July 3, 2019, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a complaint of abuse of authority and it was un-sustained. On or around May 14, 2019, INVESTIGATOR BROWN received a complaint for unnecessary use of force and it was un-sustained. No action was taken with the previously described complaints.

INVESTIGATOR BROWN received an accommodation on or around May 30, 2017, for his part in apprehension of a robbery suspect.

On INVESTIGATOR BROWN's evaluation for the year of 2019 there was a derogatory mark for having problems turning in reports on time and needing to be safer in county owned vehicles.

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On INVESTIGATOR BROWN's evaluation in 2018 he received a derogatory mark for not showing up to work on time and not turning in paperwork on time. It was noted that he was proactive and made felony cases.

On INVESTIGATOR BROWN's evaluation in 2017 INVESTIGATOR BROWN was nominated for deputy of the year. There was a comment that he needed to work on his time management.

On INVESTIGATOR BROWN's evaluation in 2016 it was marked that he needed improvement in "economy of time and materials". It was also noted that he was proactive.

On INVESTIGATOR BROWN's evaluation in 2015 it was marked need improvement in the following areas: ability to make sound decisions, work knowledge and job skill level, written and oral expression, accuracy/neatness and thoroughness of work, volume of acceptable work and effectiveness under stress. The comment included that BROWN needed to slow down and work on his job knowledge in order to understand what is required of him.

The review of INVESTIGATOR BROWN's file concluded at 5:00 PM.

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REGION 7
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

ID DATA:

BROWN, CHRISTOPHER (DEPUTY)

DOB: 1989

SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR

EMPLOYER:

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

400 WALTON WAY

AUGUSTA, GA 30901

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/16/2021

km: 11/16/2021

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REGION 7
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On Friday, October 15, 2021, at approximately 3:35 P.M., SPECIAL AGENT MICHAEL KIGHT was located at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, 400 Walton Way, Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia for the purpose of reviewing the personnel file of DEPUTY LORA HUCKO. Contact was made with SERGEANT KIMBERLY LEE from Richmond County Internal Affairs Office. SGT. LEE provided the personnel file of DEPUTY HUCKO.

SA KIGHT learned that DEPUTY HUCKO was hired by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office on November 13, 2010 and was assigned to the Jail. DEPUTY HUCKO was assigned to road patrol on December 24, 2011.

On or about November 26, 2012, DEPUTY HUCKO received a written warning for failure to attend in service training.

On or about September 3, 2015, DEPUTY HUCKO received a written warning for failure to attend in service training for firearms requalification.

On or about November 23, 2016, DEPUTY HUCKO received a written warning for not showing up for a special duty assignment.

On or about December 3, 2020, DEPUTY HUCKO received written warning in reference to an at fault vehicle accident.

SA KIGHT learned that DEPUTY HUCKO received a good standing on her last

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evaluation on December 3, 2021.

The review of DEPUTY HUCKOS personnel file concluded at 3:58 P.M

ID DATA:

HUCKO, LORA (DEPUTY)

DOB: 1972

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DEPUTY

EMPLOYER:

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

400 WALTON WAY

AUGUSTA, GA 30901

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT MICHAEL KIGHT: 12/6/2021

mk: 12/6/2021

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On Friday, October 15, 2021, at approximately 3:58 P.M., SPECIAL AGENT MICHAEL KIGHT was located at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, 400 Walton Way, Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia for the purpose of reviewing the personnel file of DEPUTY JOHN TARPLEY. Contact was made with SERGEANT KIMBERLY LEE from Richmond County Internal Affairs Office. SGT. LEE provided the personnel file of DEPUTY TARPLEY.

SA KIGHT learned that DEPUTY TARPLEY was hired by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office on December 1, 2018 and was assigned to road patrol.

On or about May 18, 2019, DEPUTY TARPLEY had to use force on a subject, RCSO report # 2019-0000038. The findings of the use of force was that DEPUTY TARPLEY followed RCSO policy.

On or about September 7, 2021, DEPUTY TARPLEY received one day of suspension without pay for failure to report to a preliminary hearing.

SA KIGHT learned that DEPUTY TARPLEY received a good standing on his last evaluation on December 1, 2021.

The review of DEPUTY TARPLEYS personnel file concluded at 4:25 P.M.

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REGION 7
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

ID DATA:

TARPLEY, JOHN (DEPUTY)

DOB: 1996

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DEPUTY

EMPLOYER:

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

400 WALTON WAY

AUGUSTA, GA 30901

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT MICHAEL KIGHT: 12/6/2021

mk: 12/7/2021

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REGION 7
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On Monday, October 18, 2021, at approximately 9:00 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office (400 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga) for the purpose of reviewing the personnel file of DEPUTY LESLIE GAITOR. Contact was made with SERGEANT KIMBERLY LEE from the Richmond County Internal Affairs Office. SGT. LEE provided the personnel file of DEPUTY GAITER.

While reviewing the personnel file SA MILLS learned the following:

DEPUTY GAITER was hired by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office on June 7, 2014. DEPUTY GATIER became classified as a "senior deputy" on March 3, 2020.

On or about April 28, 2016, DEPUTY GAITER received a written warning for not activating his body worn camera on a call.

On or about June 6, 2016, DEPUTY GATIER received two days of suspension for not activating his body worn camera during an incident wear he used force. There was no problem found with the use of force.

On or about November 10, 2016, DEPUTY GAITER received counsel in reference to being the aggressor leading up to an arrest. DEPUTY GAITER became agitated in the situation causing it to escalate.

On or about March 21, 2018, DEPUTY GAITER received one day suspension for failing to complete an accident report.

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On or about December 4, 2019, DEPUTY GATIER received a written warning for an at-fault vehicle accident.

DEPUTY GATIER received an accommodation on or around July 15, 2014 for his part in the apprehension of a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

DEPUTY GATIER received an accommodation on or around April 28, 2015 for his part in the apprehension of three entering auto suspects.

DEPUTY GATIER received positive evaluations other than a comment in 2017 and 2018 stating he needed to pay more attention to details.

The review of DEPUTY GATIER's file concluded at approximately 9:40 AM.

ID DATA:

GAITER, LESLIE (DEPUTY)

DOB: 1978

SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DEPUTY

EMPLOYER:

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

400 WALTON WAY

AUGUSTA, GA 30901

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/16/2021

km: 11/16/2021

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On Monday, October 18, 2021, at approximately 9:40 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office (400 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga) for the purpose of reviewing the personnel file of CORPORAL AARON PHILLIPS. Contact was made with SERGEANT KIMBERLY LEE from the Richmond County Internal Affairs Office. SGT. LEE provided the personnel file of CORPORAL PHILLIPS.

While reviewing the personnel file SA MILLS learned the following:

CORPORAL PHILLIPS was hired by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Jailer on November 3, 2007. On June 27, 2009, CORPORAL PHILLIPS became assigned to road patrol. On June 6, 2017, CORPORAL PHILLIPS was promoted to Corporal.

On or about May 5, 2010, CORPORAL PHILLIPS received counsel for not turning in traffic citations causing the case to be dismissed.

On or about September 7, 2010, CORPORAL PHILLIPS received eight hours of suspension for causing an at-fault accident when he was acting as the third vehicle in a pursuit.

On or about April 12, 2016, CORPORAL PHILLIPS received a warning for not showing up to a traffic detail without notifying anyone. CORPORAL PHILLIPS was sick.

On or about November 14, 2016 CORPORAL PHILLIPS received a warning for not

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activating his body worn camera while working a wreck.

On or about January 11, 2018 CORPORAL PHILLIPS received counsel for not activating his body worn camera on a call. CORPORAL PHILLIPS also had to complete remedial training regarding the Richmond County Sheriff's Office body worn camera policy.

CORPORAL PHILLIPS had a negative comment on his evaluation in 2018 stating he was deficient in the Richmond County Sheriff's Offices policies and procedures. In 2015 his evaluation stated that he needed to work on his health because he did not pass the physical fitness test. No other derogatory comments were noted.

The review of CORPORAL PHILLIPS'S file concluded at 10:15 AM.

ID DATA:

PHILLIPS, AARON (DEPUTY SHERIFF)
SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: DEPUTY
EMPLOYER:
RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
400 WALTON WAY
AUGUSTA, GA 30901
CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/16/2021
km: 11/16/2021

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REGION 7
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On Monday, October 19, 2021, at approximately 11:13 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Augusta University Police Department in reference to interviewing Augusta University Medical Center Security Officer SHANDREA HOUSER. Prior, to the interview HOUSER was informed that her speaking with me was voluntary and she was free to leave at anytime. HOUSER originally did not want to speak with SA MILLS. She felt like she had to because her employer told her that she had to in order to come back to work. HOUSER ended up changing her mind and advised she did wish to speak with SA MILLS. The interview was audio recorded. HOUSER stated essentially the following:

HOUSER recalled JERMAINE JONES JR coming into the Augusta University Medical Center Emergency Room. HOUSER and other security officers were called to assist with a combative patient that was brought in by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. HOUSER recalls JONES JR getting placed into a wheelchair when he got to the emergency room and then wheeled into the hospital. HOUSER stood on the left side of JONES JR trying to get his attention for medical staff. After that, JONES JR was placed by the wall and eventually woke up. When JONES JR woke up and began moving around they placed JONES JR on a stretcher. JONES JR tried to bite one of the security officers. HOUSER moved JONES JR head to the side so that he wouldn't try to bite security officers. After JONES JR's stretcher was pulled off the wall he became combative again and started to kick at security officers. JONES was restrained on the stretcher.

HOUSER didn't recall any other interactions with JONES JR until there was a staff

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assist call to unlock his restraints because he started to throw up. HOUSER advised that she went and unlocked his restraints without issue. HOUSER advised she did not have any interaction with JONES JR that were not on hospital video. HOUSER advised she did not strike JONES JR in the head or anywhere else. The only reason HOUSER could think that someone would say she hit JONES JR was because they had a problem with her being a supervisor.

HOUSER provided no further information. The interview concluded at approximately 11:25 AM. For full details of the interview, refer to the audio recording attached to this case summary.

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AUDIO AUDIO OF INTERVIEW WITH SHANDREA HOUSER 10/18/2021

[\(Attachments\)](#)

ID DATA:

HOUSER, SHANDREA (MS)

DOB: 1989

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER

EMPLOYER:

SECURITAS

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/19/2021

km: 11/29/2021

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On Monday, October 18, 2021 at approximately 2:39 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at [REDACTED] for the purpose of interviewing AARON BROCK. AARON BROCK was located at [REDACTED] on the evening of October 11, 2021. The interview was audio recorded. BROCK advised the following:

BROCK advised he saw light coming through his window and wanted to know what was going on. He went to the back of the house and he didn't see anything. He then went outside and saw a lot of Richmond County SUV's with lights on surrounding a black SUV. He advised when he was looking around he thought a lot of the activity was over. He heard people talking but didn't hear anything specific.

BROCK provided no further information. The interview concluded at approximately 2:50 PM. For full details of the interview, refer to the audio recording attached to this case summary.

ATTACHMENTS

AUDIO AUDIO OF INTERVIEW WITH AARON
BROCK 10/18/2021

[\(Attachments\)](#)

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ID DATA:

BROCK, AARON (MR)

DOB: 1980

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: UNKNOWN

EMPLOYER:

UNKNOWN

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/9/2021

km: 12/9/2021

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On Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at approximately 10:39 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS received P.O.S.T. records via email from P.O.S.T. Director of Certification and Training Standards JEFF MILLER. The records were for Deputies AARON PHILLIPS, LESLIE GAITER, PARKER LEATHERS, LORA ALFORD, JOHN TARPLEY, CHRISTOPHER BROWN AND RICHARD RUSSELL.

It should be noted that RICHARD RUSSELL and CHRISTOPHER BROWN did have prior P.O.S.T. investigations but are now in good standing. A copy of the P.O.S.T. investigation records will be attached to this case summary along with all the deputies training records and questionnaire answers.

ATTACHMENTS

OTHER POST QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS	(Attachments)
OTHER POST TRAINING RECORDS	(Attachments)
OTHER POST INVESTIGATION BROWN AND RUSSELL	(Attachments)

ID DATA:

MILLER, JEFF (DIRECTOR)
SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: OTHER
EMPLOYER:
GEORGIA P.O.S.T COUNCIL
BUSINESS:(770)732-5788

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SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/1/2021
km: 11/1/2021

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On Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at approximately 11:20 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS began reviewing all of the body worn camera footage provided by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. SA MILLS reviewed video from INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER BROWN, INVESTIGATOR RICHARD RUSSELL, DEPUTY LESLIE GAITER, DEPUTY PARKER LEATHERS, DEPUTY HUCKO, DEPUTY JOHN TARPLEY AND CORPOARL AARON PHILLIPS. SA MILLS constructed a timeline noting interactions between law enforcement and JERMAINE JONES JR.

A copy of the timeline constructed by SA MILLS will be attached to this case summary.

ATTACHMENTS

OTHER TIMELINE FROM REVIEW OF RSCO
BWC FOOTAGE

[\(Attachments\)](#)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/10/2021
km: 12/10/2021

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REGION 7
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On Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at approximately 1:30 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Augusta University Medical Center. SA MILLS met with the head of physical security at AUMC ERNEST FERGUSON. FERGUSON provided SA MILLS with all video footage available of JERMAINE JONES JR while at Augusta University Medical Center. Due to the video having problems transferring to Jimnet a flash drive containing all video and the player will be maintained in the rear of the casefile.

SA MILLS reviewed the video and did not see anything of evidentiary value.

ID DATA:

FERGUSON, ERNEST (MR)

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: OTHER

EMPLOYER:

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

1120 15TH STREET

AUGUSTA, GA

BUSINESS:(706)721-4951

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 10/28/2021

km: 10/28/2021

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REGION 7
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On Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at approximately 2:19 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Augusta University Medical Center in reference to interviewing Hospital Security Officer DEON WINFREY. Prior to the interview WINFREY was advised the interview was voluntary and WINFREY advised he understood. The interview was audio recorded. WINFREY stated essentially the following:

WINFREY recalled on Monday, October 11, 2021 he got a call from dispatch to go the ambulance bay. The officer that brought JONES JR told WINFREY that he tried to run from them. JONES JR was handcuffed when he got to the hospital. WINFREY recalls JONES JR trying to bite at them and still trying to fight a little bit. Once things calmed down other security officers told him that JONES JR tried to grab SHANDREA HOUSER's breast and that she struck him in the side. WINFREY did not see HOUSER strike JONES JR at all. Security officers were holding JONES JR down because he was trying to get up and fight with nurses. WINFREY had to hold JONES JR's head so he wouldn't bite anyone.

WINFREY did not recall anyone striking JONES JR in the head or choking him. WINFREY did not have anymore interactions with JONES JR.

WINFREY provided no further information. The interview concluded at approximately 2:30 PM. For full details of the interview, refer to the audio recording attached to this case summary.

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ATTACHMENTS

AUDIO AUDIO OF INTERVIEW WITH
HOSPITAL SECURITY OFFICER DEON
WINFREY 10/19/2021

[\(Attachments\)](#)

ID DATA:

WINFREY, DEON (MR)
SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER
EMPLOYER:
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
1120 15TH STREET
AUGUSTA, GA
CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/9/2021
km: 12/9/2021

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On Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at approximately 2:32 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at 1120 15th Street, Augusta, Ga (Augusta University Medical Center) in reference to interviewing Hospital Security Officer DEMONTEZ NELSON. The interview was audio recorded. Prior to the interview, NELSON was advised that the interview was voluntary. NELSON understood and stated essentially the following:

NELSON advised he was sitting in the area of the hospital that JERMAINE JONES JR was brought into on the night of October 11, 2021, because he was watching another patient. NELSON recalled that JONES JR was brought in sitting in a wheelchair and he was "drooping over". Hospital Security Officer SHANDREA HOUSER was trying to keep NELSON's head up but wasn't hitting him in the head. NELSON heard HOUSER telling JONES JR to stay up. After that, NELSON became combative and they decided to move him to the bed near the wall and restrain him. When JONES JR was moved to the bed he grabbed HOUSER and she reacted by hitting him to get him off her. NELSON recalls JONES JR beginning to throw up and then his mask getting taken off. JONES JR was then moved to a room in the emergency room.

NELSON never saw JONES JR be struck in the head or choked.

NELSON could provide no further information. The interview concluded at approximately 2:37 PM. For full details of the interview, refer to the audio recording attached to this case summary.

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ATTACHMENTS

AUDIO AUDIO OF INTERVIEW WITH
HOSPITAL SECURITY OFFICER NELSON

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ID DATA:

NELSON, DEMONTEZ (MR)

DOB: 1999

SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER

EMPLOYER:

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/10/2021

km: 12/10/2021

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On Thursday, October 21, 2021, at approximately 4:52 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at 400 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga (Richmond County Sheriff's Office) in reference to interviewing RCSO DEPUTY HARRY PARKS. The interview was audio recorded.

Prior to the interview SA MILLS advised DEPUTY PARKS the following: This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws had been violated during the use of force incident. It is not an administrative or disciplinary inquiry. You are not being compelled to give any statements or answer any questions. His cooperation in this investigation is voluntary. After being advised of the admonishment, DEPUTY PARKS agreed to continue with the interview. DEPUTY PARKS stated essentially the following:

DEPUTY PARKS advised he was in the field training program with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. He advised he had only been assigned to road patrol for approximately a week but worked for the sheriff's office for a little over a year. DEPUTY PARKS field training officer is DEPUTY JOSHUA FREEMAN.

DEPUTY PARKS recalled JERMAINE JONES JR being in the Augusta University Medical Center Emergency Room on Monday, October 11, 2021. When JONES JR came into the ER DEPUTY PARKS and DEPUTY FREEMAN were leaving the ER from a separate case. When DEPUTY PARKS saw JONES JR coming into the ER he walked with him into the ER. Once JONES JR was in the hospital DEPUTY PARKS and DEPUTY FREEMAN left. About 30 minutes later, DEPUTY PARKS got called back

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to the ER to sit with JONES JR. DEPUTY PARKS advised that they were trying to figure out what they needed to do as far as staying with JONES JR in the hospital or not. While DEPUTY PARKS was there he recalls JONES JR was already in a room and medical staff was working on JONES JR. DEPUTY PARKS was only at the hospital for approximately 10-15 minutes before he was told to leave because they weren't going to stay with JONES JR.

DEPUTY PARKS recalled a nurse giving JONES JR too much medication. He did not see anything or overhear anything from medical staff. DEPUTY PARKS heard DEPUTY GAITER talking about it but didn't hear anything about it himself.

DEPUTY PARKS provided no further information. The interview concluded at approximately 5:01 PM. For full details of the interview, refer to the audio recording attached to this case summary.

ATTACHMENTS

AUDIO AUDIO OF INTERVIEW WITH RCSO
DEPUTY PARKS 10/21/2021

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ID DATA:

PARKS, HARRY (DEPUTY)
SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK
ADDRESS: 400 WALTON WAY
AUGUSTA, GA
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: DEPUTY
EMPLOYER:
RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CELLULAR (Redacted)

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SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/9/2021
km: 12/9/2021

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On Monday, October 25, 2021, at approximately 09:00AM, SAC P.E. MORGAN was located at the Richmond County Coroner's Office in Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia for the purpose of obtaining the medical records of JERMAINE JONES JR. from DEPUTY CORONER BILL LEISEY. The medical records received from LEISEY have been digitally attached to this summary. The medical records were received from Augusta University Medical Center where JONES JR. was seeking medical treatment.

ATTACHMENTS

MEDICAL RECORDS ; JERMAINE JONES JR.

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ID DATA:

LEISEY, BILL (CORONER)
SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: CORONER
EMPLOYER:
RICHMOND COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE
8TH STREET
AUGUSTA, GA
CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE PATRICK E MORGAN: 10/25/2021
pem: 10/25/2021



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On Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at approximately 9:00 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Richmond County Coroner's Office in Augusta, Ga for the purpose of obtaining medical scan records of JERMAINE JONES JR from DEPUTY CORONER BILL LEISEY. The records will be digitally attached to this case summary. The medical records were received from the Augusta University Medical Center where JONES JR received medical treatment. The CD containing the medical scans/images and the applications needed to open them will be maintained in the rear of the casefile.

ATTACHMENTS

MEDICAL RECORDS MEDICAL SCANS OF
JERMAINE JONES JR FROM AUMC

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ID DATA:

LEISEY, BILL (CORONER)
SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: CORONER
EMPLOYER:
RICHMOND COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE
8TH STREET
AUGUSTA, GA
CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/1/2021
km: 11/1/2021

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On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at approximately 8:09 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office in reference to an interview with Augusta University Medical Center Registered Nurse BETHANY LOGUE. LOGUE stated essentially the following:

LOGUE stated she has been a registered nurse at the Augusta University Medical Center in the Emergency Room for approximately 4-5 months. LOGUE normally works night shift consisting of shifts from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM. LOGUE recalls working on the night of October 11, 2021. LOGUE recalls JERMAINE JONES JR coming into the ER on the evening of October 11, 2021. LOGUE recalls learning that JONES JR was pulled over by officers and that he was tased. When JONES JR came into the ER he was very combative and stated he was coming off the stretcher and had to be put in restraints. LOGUE recalls hospital security putting restraints on JONES JR. She doesn't recall seeing hospital security doing anything that seemed wrong. LOGUE recalled JONES JR being her patient for approximately an hour and a half before he was transferred to the critical area. JONES JR starting throwing up. LOGUE recalls being told that JONES JR did have a laceration to the back of his head.

LOGUE did not provide any further information. The interview concluded at approximately 8:14 AM. For full details of the interview, refer to the audio recording attached to this case summary.

ATTACHMENTS

AUDIO AUDIO OF INTERVIEW WITH RN
BETHANY LOGUE

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ID DATA:

LOGUE, BETHANY (MRS)

DOB: 1999

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: REGISTERED NURSE

EMPLOYER:

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/12/2021

km: 11/12/2021

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On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at approximately 8:14 AM, SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Richmond County Sheriffs Office in reference to an interview with Augusta University Medical Center Registered Nurse CAROLINA MCINERNEY. MCINERNEY stated essentially the following:

MCINERNEY has been a registered nurse at the Augusta University Medical Center Emergency Room since February of 2020. MCINERNEY stated that her normal shift is night shift consisting of working 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM. MCINERNEY stated that she recalls JERMAINE JONES JR coming into the emergency room on the evening of October 11, 2021. MCINERNEY recalled JONES JR getting moved to the critical unit which is where she was working. JONES JR was moved to the critical unit because he started vomiting as he was laying flat on the stretcher. JONES JR was then intubated. When JONES JR was moved to the critical unit he was not talking and was not combative. JONES JR did have on restraints. MCINERNEY recalled an abrasion to JONES JR's shoulder and marks on his wrist that appeared to be from handcuffs. MCINERNEY remembers JONES JR being in the critical unit for approximately 2 hours prior to being moved.

MCINERNEY provided no further information. The interview concluded at approximately 8:20 AM. For full details of the interview, refer to the audio recording attached to this case summary.

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AUDIO AUDIO OF INTERVIEW WITH RN
CAROLINE MCINERNEY

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ID DATA:

MCINERNEY, CAROLINE (NURSE)

DOB: 1996

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: REGISTERED NURSE

EMPLOYER:

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/12/2021

km: 11/12/2021

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On Thursday, November 10 at approximately 2:26 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS conducted a phone interview with Augusta University Medical Center DOCTOR TAYLOR PAYNE. The interview was audio recorded. DR PAYNE stated essentially the following:

DR PAYNE advised he is a first year resident in the Augusta University Medical Center Emergency Department. DR PAYNE recalled treating JERMAINE JONES JR on the evening of October 11, 2021. DR PAYNE was informed by law enforcement and other staff that JONES JR was involved in a traffic stop in which he attempted to flee and was tased. DR PAYNE was told that JONES JR began to act strange and it was believed that he was faking seizures once they got to the jail.

DR PAYNE saw JONES JR as a patient when he was in the emergency department. He recalled that JONES JR did not have a lot of external injuries other than marks from the handcuffs, a scrape on his head and a few small scrapes on his chest and shoulder. DR PAYNE recalled JONES JR getting restrained due to him being combative. DR PAYNE also heard a muscular heavy set African American officer say he would tase JONES JR again if he didn't calm down.

DR PAYNE recalled that JONES JR had blood in all four areas of his brain and he believed it to be unlikely that the injury was from a fall after being tased. He also recalled trouble getting an officer to take the handcuffs off of JONES JR to provide care. He did not recall seeing anything out of the ordinary from hospital security. DR PAYNE advised that after JONES JR went to surgery he was no longer involved he was not involved in

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his care.

DR PAYNE provided no further information. The interview concluded at approximately 2:45 PM. For full details of the interview, refer to the audio attached to this case summary.

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AUDIO AUDIO OF INTERVIEW WITH DR
TAYLOR PAYNE 11/4/2021

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ID DATA:

PAYNE, TAYLOR (DOCTOR)

DOB: 1993

SEX/RACE: MALE/UNKNOWN

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DOCTOR

EMPLOYER:

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

EMPLOYER:(706)721-4951

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/16/2021

km: 11/16/2021

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JUVENILE

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On Friday, November 5, 2021, at approximately 9:00 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAILTYN MILLS, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE PAT MORGAN and ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE SARA LUE were located at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Cyber Center in reference to meeting with KEYANA GAINES and JERMAINE JONES. GAINES and JONES are the parents of JERMAINE JONES JR. GAINES and JONES requested to see video from the traffic stop involving JONES JR on October 11, 2021.

GAINES and JONES were shown the following videos from INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL's body worn camera: 2021_1011_192500_031, 2021_1011_193501_032, and 2021_1011_194501_033.

SA MILLS, ASAC LUE and SAC MORGAN provided GAINES and JONES with available information regarding the case. GAINES and JONES were advised they would be provided updates when they became available.

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ID DATA:

GAINES, KEYANA (MRS)

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/BLACK

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: UNKNOWN

EMPLOYER:

UNKNOWN

CELLULAR (Redacted)

JONES, JERMAINE SR (JUVENILE) (MR)

DOB: 1980

SEX/RACE: MALE/BLACK

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: UNKNOWN

EMPLOYER:

UNKNOWN

CELLULAR (Redacted)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/12/2021

km: 12/12/2021

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On Friday, November 5, 2021, at approximately 3:22 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS received the 2021 Richmond County Sheriff's Office Policy Manuel provided by RCSO MAJOR PAT YOUNG. MAJOR YOUNG advised it was the most recent version. The Policy Manuel contains the Richmond County Sheriff's Office Policies regarding use of force and taser. A digital copy of Policy Manuel will be attached to this case summary.

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OTHER RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFFS
OFFICE POLICY MANUEL 2021

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ID DATA:

YOUNG, PAT (CAPTAIN)
SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: INVESTIGATOR
EMPLOYER:
RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
400 WALTON WAY
AUGUSTA, GA 30901

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/8/2021
km: 12/8/2021

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On Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at approximately 12:56 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS received an email from SAC PAT MORGAN containing the use of force report written pertaining to JERMAINE JONES JR. SAC MORGAN was emailed the use of force report by Richmond County Sheriff's Office Lt. GLEN RAHN.

A digital copy of the use of force report will be attached to this case summary.

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OTHER RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFFS
OFFICE USE OF FORCE REPORT
JERMAINE JONES JR

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SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/16/2021
km: 11/16/2021

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On Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at approximately 1:02 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS received the GPS data retrieved by Richmond County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs SERGEANT CALEB LEE. The GPS data was from DEPUTY LESLIE GATIER's patrol vehicle on October 11, 2021. SA MILLS received the data in the form of an Excel Spreadsheet.

The GPS data received by SGT LEE will be attached to this case summary.

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OTHER GPS DATA

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ID DATA:

LEE, CALEB (SERGEANT)

SEX/RACE: MALE/UNKNOWN

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

OCCUPATION: DEPUTY

EMPLOYER:

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

BUSINESS:(706)821-1096

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/10/2021

km: 12/10/2021

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On Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at approximately 10:00 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the GBI Cyber Unit for the purpose of meeting with Digital Forensic Investigator AMANDA BARKER. SA MILLS provided DFI BARKER with a copy of body worn camera footage received from the Richmond County Sheriff's Office regarding JERMAINE JONES JR. DFI BARKER is analyzing the footage to see if there is a way to enhance the video in order to give a better understanding of the events on October 11, 2021. On Wednesday, December 15, 2021, SA MILLS made contact with DFI BARKER who advised she is looking at brightening video, slowing down video and other ways of enhancement that could potentially help further this investigation using the software Input Ace.

When DFI BARKER's work is complete this summary will be updated and turned over to the Augusta Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office.

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/15/2021
km: 12/15/2021

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On Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at approximately 10:54 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS spoke with GBI INTELLIGENCE ANALYST JENNY LEONARD. SA MILLS previously provided IA LEONARD with the GPS data provided by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office from DEPUTY LESLIE GAITER's vehicle. IA LEONARD analyzed the data and mapped out the route taken by DEPUTY GAITER on the evening of Monday, October 11, 2021. IA LEONARD advised that his route appeared normal going from Highland Avenue, to the Richmond County Jail, then to the hospital. IA LEONARD provided a mapped out version of the route taken by DEPUTY GAITER along with time stamps for each route.

A copy of the maps provided by SA LEONARD will be attached to this case summary.

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OTHER MAPS OF GPS DATA PROVIDED BY
GBI IA JENNY LEONARD

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SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/10/2021
km: 12/10/2021

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On Thursday, November 18, 2021, at approximately 10:40 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS conducted a phone interview with Augusta University Medical Center Emergency Department DR GROSS. The interview was audio recorded. DR GROSS stated essentially the following:

DR GROSS is a doctor in the emergency department at the Augusta University Medical Center. DR GROSS advised that he recalls treating JERMAINE JONES JR in the emergency room at AUMC. DR GROSS did not recall the exact date he treated JONES JR but he did remember some of the encounter. DR GROSS recalled specifically counting the number of security personnel and officers around JONES JR and there was 9 of them. JONES JR was fighting/struggling to get off the stretcher. DR GROSS advised he remembers being concerned about the way JONES JR was restrained because he said he could potentially break his arm(s). JONES JR was sedated with medication and he began to settle down. DR GROSS noticed that JONES JR was having trouble breathing and was gurgling as he tried to breath. JONES JR was then moved to the trauma side of the emergency department. DR GROSS advised they had difficulty getting law enforcement to remove the handcuffs that were keeping JONES JR on the stretcher but they needed to be taken off for JONES JR to receive proper care. DR GROSS stated eventually law enforcement did remove the handcuffs.

DR GROSS did not recall external injuries other than a few scrapes including on the back of his head and his shoulder. Once JONES JR was on the trauma side of the emergency department they did a "trauma workup" which included a head CT. The CT showed head injuries including blood around the brain and bruising. DR GROSS

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advised those injuries are typically from a bad fight or a car accident in which the person hits their head.

DR GROSS provided no further information. The interview concluded at approximately 10:55 AM. For full details of the interview, refer to the audio recording attached to this case summary.

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AUDIO AUDIO OF INTERVIEW WITH
DOCTOR GROSS 11/18/2021

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ID DATA:

GROSS, HARTMUT (DOCTOR)
SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE
ADDRESS: 1120 15TH STREET
AUGUSTA, RICHMOND COUNTY, GA 30912
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: DOCTOR
EMPLOYER:
DOCTOR
1120 15TH STREET
AUGUSTA, GA
BUSINESS:(706)721-2273

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 11/18/2021
km: 11/18/2021

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On Thursday, December 9, 2021, at approximately 11:26 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS received an email from Richmond County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs SGT KIMBERLY LEE. SGT LEE provided the Richmond County Sheriff's Office Case File (21-292324) for the incident involving JERMAINE JONES JR including the arrest warrants for Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer and Possession of a Firearm by First Offender.

A digital copy of the case file will be attached to this case summary.

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OTHER RCSO CASE FILE 21-292324

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ID DATA:

LEE, KIMBERLY (SERGEANT)
SEX/RACE: FEMALE/BLACK
ADDRESS: 400 WALTON WAY
AUGUSTA, GA
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: DEPUTY
EMPLOYER:
RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BUSINESS:(706)821-1442

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/9/2021
km: 12/9/2021

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On Thursday, December 9, 2021, at approximately 11:30 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS met with SPECIAL AGENT DANIEL BURLINGHAM regarding the body worn camera footage from RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATOR RICHARD RUSSELL. SA MILLS provided SA BURLINGHAM with video file "2021_1011_193501_032". SA BURLINGHAM was able to use the Input Ace Software to clip, crop and resize the video where JONES JR was tased and fell to the ground. SA BURLINGHAM zoomed in and cropped the video for a clearer picture of what occurred. It should be noted that if the video is played using the program VLC it can be slowed down to 1/2 speed.

A copy of the video provided by SA BURLINGHAM will be attached to this case summary.

ATTACHMENTS

VIDEO INPUT ACE VIDEO

[\(Attachments\)](#)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/12/2021
km: 12/12/2021

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On Monday, December 6, 2021 at approximately 9:00 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was notified by email that the toxicology report for JERMAINE JONES JR was completed. A digital copy of the autopsy will be attached to this case summary.

On Monday, December 13, 2021 at approximately 9:00 AM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was notified by email that the autopsy report for JERMAINE JONES JR was completed. A digital copy of the autopsy report will be attached to this case summary.

ATTACHMENTS

CRIME LAB REPORT AUTOPSY REPORT
JERMAINE JONES JR

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CRIME LAB REPORT TOXICOLOGY
REPORT JERMAINE JONES JR

[\(Attachments\)](#)

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 12/15/2021
km: 12/15/2021

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On Friday, January 21, 2022, at approximately 1:30 PM SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS was located at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Cyber Center in reference to meeting with Digital Forensic Investigator (DFI) AMANDA BARKER. DFI BARKER advised that she was able to slow down and lighten up certain video footage obtained from Richmond County Sheriff's Office body worn cameras. She advised that most of the footage was blurry therefore enhancements were limited. DFI BARKER provided a spreadsheet to SA MILLS detailing the videos she enhanced and how she enhanced them. The spreadsheet will be attached to this case summary. SA MILLS will also attach the enhanced videos to this case summary. The thumb drive with the enhance videos provided by DFI BARKER will be placed in the rear of the casefile.

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OTHER VIDEO ENHANCEMENT LIST

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VIDEO VIDEO CONTAINING
ENHANCEMENTS BY DFI BARKER

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ID DATA:

BARKER, AMANDA (MS)
SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
OCCUPATION: OTHER
EMPLOYER:
GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN MILLS: 1/25/2022
km: 1/25/2022

HP

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On Friday, June 17, 2022 at approximately 1:15 PM, SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN PAYNE contacted the Augusta Judicial Circuit in reference to an update for this case. SA PAYNE was advised that the case is still pending DA review and a second medical opinion.

SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN PAYNE: 6/17/2022

kp: 6/17/2022

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FINAL DISPOSITION

On Friday, December 30, 2022, SPECIAL AGENT KAITLYN PAYNE received an email from AUGUSTA DISTRICT ATTORNEY JARED WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS advised that there would be no criminal charges filed against officers(RICHARD RUSSELL, PARKER LEATHERS, CHRISTOPHER BROWN, AARON PHILLIPS, LESLIE GAITER, JOHN TARPLEY and LORA HUCKO) in this case after review by the DA's office. WILLIAMS provided a press release, closure letter and an autopsy completed by a third party lab. The letter and autopsy report will be attached to this case summary.

There is no evidence for this case in GBI R7 custody. SA PAYNE request this case be placed in a closed status.

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OTHER LETTER, PRESS RELEASE AND
AUTOPSY REPORT

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