

## FDLE CASE: JA-27-0047 INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

This is an Investigative Summary. For a detailed account of this investigation refer, to the case file.

### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

On Wednesday, August 13, 2014, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) was requested by the United States Marshals Service (USMS) to investigate the officer involved shooting of Cory Tanner. FDLE Agents responded to the scene and an investigation was initiated.

NOTE: Official documents mentioning Cory Tanner show the spelling of his name as either Cory Tanner or Corey Tanner. Due to the fact that his birth certificate and driver's license is in the name of Cory Tanner, that is the spelling that will be used in this case.

### **Events Leading Up to the Shooting:**

On August 13, 2014, members of the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), and the Bunnell Police Department (BPD) attempted to serve an Arrest Warrant on Cory Tanner at a residence located at 64 Espanola Road, Bunnell, Florida. Tanner was wanted on charges of Attempted First Degree Murder, Aggravated Battery with a Firearm and Aggravated Assault with a Firearm in connection with a 07/23/14 incident in which Tanner is believed to have fired a gun into a crowd of people in south Bunnell, injuring one person. Prior to the shooting, Tanner, believed to be a Crips Gang member, had repeatedly made threats to kill and/or harm others, to include law enforcement officers. Tanner is known to authorities and has an extensive violent criminal history. Flagler County Deputies and Bunnell Police Officers questioned associates and family members of Tanner in an attempt to locate him. During the search, authorities learned that Tanner was unlikely to turn himself in to authorities because of the seriousness of the charges, he claimed he was not going back to prison, he would not allow himself to be arrested, he was waiting for police to come get him, and that he would go out shooting.

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office and the Bunnell Police Department requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force in locating and apprehending Tanner. Information was received that Tanner was located at the residence of 64 Espanola Road, Bunnell, where Tanner's brother, John Johnson, Johnson's girlfriend and her four children reside. On the morning of August 13, 2014, members of the U.S. Marshals Task Force, the FCSO and the BPD made contact with Johnson away from the residence. Deputies obtained verification from Johnson that Tanner was inside the residence at 64 Espanola Road along with four minor children.

According to the FCSO Dispatch logs, the residence at 64 Espanola Road was under surveillance from approximately 0945 hours on August 13, 2014. After the traffic stop of Johnson that confirmed Tanner was still at the residence, Deputy U. S. Marshals from the Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force, FCSO deputies and officers from the Bunnell Police Department surrounded the residence at approximately 1000 hours. They knocked and announced their presence for approximately 15 minutes with no response from Tanner until he charged the back door with his right arm extended, holding a black object, later identified as a cologne bottle, in his right hand.

Announcements of the presence of law enforcement at 64 Espanola Road, identifying the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Marshals, are corroborated by four separate sources to include: a review of the FCSO Dispatch Log (both typed and audio); a review of the audio portion of the video capturing the event from both FCSO Corporal Daniel Weaver and FCSO Deputy Robert Tarczewski from the video cameras worn by both officers; a recollection, recorded in a taped interview, by Mattie Verdell (Tanner's girlfriend) of cell phone texts between her and Tanner from approximately 0942 hours until 1012 hours on the morning of August 13, 2014; and civilian witnesses who both heard and saw the events unfold.

### Radio Dispatch Log

The following are some of the pertinent time stamps on the FCSO Radio Dispatch Log as events unfold at 64 Espanola Road on August 13, 2014:

- 09:45:03 Reference to surrounding the house and waiting for Marshals to get there.
- 10:03:10 Perimeter set up.
- 10:06:06 Making announcement at front.
- 10:16:50 Shots fired.

### Deputies' Video Cameras

The following are several of the over forty announcements captured on one or both of the video cameras worn by Corporal Daniel Weaver and Deputy Robert Tarczewski:

Corporal Daniel Weaver's video runs approximately nine minutes before the gunshots are heard. Corporal Weaver initially goes to the back door where his video unit picks up a number of announcements to Tanner and commands for him to exit the house. Some of those commands picked up on his video unit include "Sheriff's Office, we'll send the dog in. Come on out, now."

Immediately after that first announcement picked up by Corporal Weaver's video, the Marshals see movement and realize that the movement is from the children in the house. The Marshals

immediately soften their commands and coax the children out. Once the children are safely out and moved away from the house, the commands resume loud and clear, to include "Cory, U.S. Marshals, we know you're in there and we're not going away."

Corporal Weaver then left the back of the house to retrieve his marked unit, which had Tanner's brother secured in the back seat, and repositioned it to the front of the residence. From that position, Corporal Weaver activated his PA (Public Address) system to continue the commands for Tanner to come out, to include: "Cory Tanner, this is the Flagler County Sheriff's Office with the U.S. Marshals, we have a warrant for your arrest. Come to the front door with your hands in the air and open it very slowly, do it now."

After multiple commands, with no response from Tanner, Corporal Weaver then allowed Tanner's brother, Johnson, to use the PA system to try to coax Tanner out, to include, "Cory, they got you this time man, come on man."

The last announcement made over the PA system from Corporal Weaver was interrupted with the sound of gunfire; that announcement is transcribed as: "Cory Tanner, we have a K9, this is the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, come to the front...SHOTS FIRED". (Note: Gunfire is audible on the recording)

Deputy Tarczewski positioned himself and his K9 partner at the Northeast corner of the house approximately 2 minutes after his video was activated, which was prior to the arrival of the Marshals and Corporal Weaver at the back door. The time stamp on Deputy Taczewski's video was approximately 13 minutes and 29 seconds into his video recording when the first gunshot is heard. Commands can be vaguely heard coming from the front of the house. Deputy Tarczewski's camera also clearly picks up commands coming from the back of the house, to include: "Police, U.S. Marshals, Cory come out". "Let us see your hands, come out with your hands up". "Come out, we're not leaving". "Hey, whoever's in there, walk out to me now". "Keep walking, keep walking". "Three kids stepping out, keep walking kids". Then continued repeated announcements can be heard commanding Tanner to come out of the house. At that point, Deputy Tarczewski's video unit began picking up PA announcements from the front of the house, and shortly thereafter, shots were fired. The shooting was picked up clearly on audio and partially on the video camera worn by Deputy Tarczewski.

### Text Messages

The following are the texts from Tanner, before the shooting, as recalled by Mattie Verdell (Tanner's girlfriend) to her cell phone on the morning of August 13, 2014:

- "Babe they here", at approximately 0942 hours.
- "Babe they here, I'm sorry", approximately 3-5 minutes after the first text.
- "Babe, I love y'all, y'all my heart, don't forget about me" at approximately 1012 hours.

The actual texts that were able to be recovered from her cell phone read as follows:

- "Dey here bae im sorry" (Sent Wed, Aug 13, 2014, 10:14am)
- "I LOVE YALL WIT ALL MY HEART DNT 4 GET ME BAE" (Sent Wed, Aug 13, 2014 no time stamp)

### Civilian Witnesses

The following are several civilian witness accounts of what happened that morning:

Sophian Bush, identified as a neighbor, was an eyewitness to the police procedures and efforts made at 64 Espanola Road trying to get Tanner out of the house. Bush stated that law enforcement personnel knocked on the door of 64 Espanola Road and "begged" the young man (unknown to her) to come out of the house for a total of 20-30 minutes. Law Enforcement knocked on the front door first, for approximately 10 minutes, and when no one answered the door, circled around to the back of the residence. Bush heard law enforcement personnel give verbal commands, specifically "Come out with your hands up. US Marshals, we've got a warrant for your arrest. Come out with your hands up" for approximately 10 minutes.

Eugene Bush, identified as a neighbor, was able to observe the police activity from his kitchen window next door to 64 Espanola Road. He observed law enforcement throw what he believed to be tear gas into the back of the residence located at 64 Espanola Road. Law enforcement personnel were located outside for a period of time, circling the residence and moving around. He then heard a gunshot which he believed originated from the occupant of 64 Espanola Road. Bush observed a black male in his mid-twenties attempt to exit the back of the residence after "hitting" one of the Marshals. Bush stated he heard the first shot before the black male made it to the back door. He believed the black male fired one gunshot before the Marshals returned fire. According to Bush, the first gunshot sounded as though it came from the interior of the residence. Bush stated the Marshals fired approximately two to three shots. Bush stated the black male subject fell to the ground after being shot. Note: Mr. Bush's account of the incident in regards to tear gas being deployed, a gunshot from inside of the residence, and Tanner hitting one of the Marshals, has not been corroborated by any other witness or physical evidence.

One of the un-named juveniles inside the house with Tanner before the shooting was awakened by the loud knocks on the door and heard someone say "Cory, open up, open up", saying they were the police. She saw Cory come from the bathroom and put his finger to his lips and say "Shhhhh", and then he went to her mom's room and didn't come out. The police then kicked down the back door and told Cory to come out. Her brother and sisters were sitting on the couch and when the police saw them, they told them to come outside, which they did.

### **Shooting Incident:**

The following events are summarized from the accounts provided by the task force team members who were determined, with the exception of TFO Calhoun, to have fired their weapons. TFO Calhoun is included in the discussion of the shooting incident even though he did not discharge his weapon. His actions and observations immediately before, during and after the shooting make him a critical witness to the incident.

### D/M Joel McAllister's Account

Initially, the front door of the residence was approached by a breaching team. It quickly became obvious that, because of the configuration of the front steps, the hand rail, and the locks on the door itself, it was not an ideal officer safety situation. A quick check of the back door revealed a better option without a handrail or a deadbolt on the door. When Tanner failed to exit the house, or at least acknowledge their presence, the back door was breached.

After the back door was breached, Deputy U.S. Marshal (D/M) Joel McAllister took his position at the back door as the shield man. The Marshals realized that the initial movement they observed inside the house was the children that had been confirmed to be in the house. The Marshals were successful in convincing the children to come out of the house through the back door.

After the children were out and safe, the commands resumed with continuing efforts being made to try to convince Tanner to exit the house and surrender, including having a canine barking loudly at the back of the house. The Marshals repeated attempts to convince Tanner to come out and surrender with no response from Tanner. A decision was made by the on-site supervisor to deploy a small robot into the house.

D/M McAllister suddenly heard a sustained yell and the sound of Tanner's footsteps as he was charging toward them. As he turned toward the sound, D/M McAllister saw Tanner charging toward them with his right arm fully extended, holding something black in his hand that appeared to be a gun.

When D/M McAllister heard gunshots, he believed it was Tanner firing at them, so he fired back with his Glock 22 .40 caliber weapon from behind the shield. D/M McAllister stated that, "I believed that he (Tanner) was going to try to take one of us out with him". D/M McAllister further explained that he feared that if he did not engage Tanner, something bad was going to happen to one of them (the team).

### D/M James Kenirey's Account

D/M Kenirey used a ram to breach the back door and took up a position behind D/M McAllister. D/M Kenirey saw Tanner charging the back door with his arm fully extended and saw what he believed to be a gun in Tanner's hand. Because of his position behind and above D/M McAllister and the shield, leaving him fully exposed in the doorway, D/M Kenirey began to move for cover, back and toward the left at the same time. While moving for cover, D/M Kenirey fired with his Glock 22 .40 caliber weapon. D/M Kenirey feels that from the time that he first saw Tanner charging toward the door until he fired while moving to cover was only about a second. Although he is not sure he heard shots before he fired, D/M Kenirey thought they were being fired upon and definitely heard gunfire after he shot.

While D/M Kenirey was continuing to retreat to cover, D/M Kenirey was still looking toward the threat at the door when he bumped into something and fell backwards, landing on his backside. D/M Kenirey stated that he fired as he was moving back, because he was in fear for his life and he was reacting to the deadly threat posed by Tanner.

### TFO Mike Calhoun's Account

TFO Calhoun threw the robot into the house through the back door, while TFO Jeff Alvarez was operating it, via a monitor. The robot had a camera mounted on it, and the images it was seeing could be monitored by the operator on a screen as it moved through the house, room by room. When the robot landed on the wooden floor of the house, which is off grade (a crawl space underneath), it made a loud audible noise on the floor. Minutes after TFO Calhoun deployed the robot, he observed the bedroom door fly open and a black male point an object at TFO Calhoun. TFO Calhoun could not determine if the object was a gun or not. The black male then came screaming and running towards the back door. TFO Calhoun then started to move to his left to engage, and the shield guy had already started to engage. The black male continued to rush agents at the door, while being engaged by other U.S Marshals. The subject then fell in the doorway.

### TFO Jeff Alvarez's Account

TFO Alvarez was set up on the west side of the house, near the northwest corner, to monitor the visual images that the robot would be transmitting. TFO Alvarez remembers a loud scream and a thumping sound from inside the house as if someone was sprinting toward them, followed by gunshots. After hearing the first shot, or shots, and seeing D/M Kenirey falling, TFO Alvarez dropped the monitor and moved at an angle past the northwest corner of the house to a position where he could see the back door. At that point, when he saw Tanner coming through the threshold of the door, TFO Alvarez remembers firing twice in Tanner's direction as he was moving back and Tanner was falling.

After the gunfire stopped, TFO Alvarez saw that other officers were covering Tanner who was down on his back on the threshold, so he turned his attention to his fallen teammate, D/M Kenirey, who he thought had been shot.

Following the shooting, another officer on scene, FCSO Deputy Joseph Costello, made the determination that due to the wounds sustained by Tanner, it was obvious that he was deceased. The integrity of the scene was maintained and preserved by law enforcement until FDLE arrived to process the scene.

### Crime Scene / Investigation Transferred to FDLE:

The United States Marshals Service requested investigative and forensic assistance from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) pursuant to an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Agents arrived on scene for a briefing and assignments.

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office maintained control of the scene until the arrival of Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Travis Smith. SAS Smith made the following FDLE personnel assignments:

- SAS Travis Smith On Scene Supervisor
- S/A Vinny Cassidy Case Agent / Officer Interviews
- S/A Will Roper Witness and Medical Personnel Interviews
- S/A Keesha Nauss Neighborhood Canvass / Witness Interviews
- S/A Tom Colalillo Witness and Medical Personnel Interviews
- S/A Dave Maurer Witness Interviews
- S/A Jason Still
  Neighborhood Canvass / Witness Interviews
- S/A Clifford Whiteside Affidavit and Search Warrant for Residence and Facebook
- CLA Jean Blundell
  Crime Scene Processing / Collection of Evidence

The following investigative steps were initiated:

- Process crime scene for physical evidence and submit items to FDLE's Crime Laboratory for further processing.
- Interview and obtain statements from involved law enforcement officers.
- Interview and obtain statements from involved witnesses.
- Obtain background information on subject.
- Review results of evidence processing from Crime Laboratory.
- Prepare Investigative Reports and Investigative Summary.

As a result of the investigative steps, the following events have occurred:

FDLE agents conducted interviews of relevant witnesses, deputies / officers, and medical personnel. Agents have requested and obtained all pertinent Law Enforcement records from the United States Marshals Service, St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, and the Flagler County Sheriff's Office. FDLE Crime Scene Analysts processed the incident scene, collected physical evidence and provided corresponding reports.

### **OFFICER INTERVIEWS**

The following are synopses of the actual interviews of the law enforcement personnel who had direct involvement with Cory Tanner at the scene. For complete details of each interview, refer to the investigative report (IR) associated with each.

### Interview of Deputy U.S. Marshal Joel McAllister

### IR Serial # 3

On or about Tuesday, August 5, 2014, members of the team were initially briefed about fugitive Cory Tanner. The case agent, Task Force Officer (TFO) Jeff Alvarez provided information to the team that Tanner was a member of the Crips, a criminal gang, and would probably resist and attempt to flee. After initial consideration of the known facts, a decision was made to postpone the serving of the Arrest Warrant out of caution. When the Arrest Warrant was executed, the team wanted to make sure they had enough sworn law enforcement onsite to ensure that the residence where Tanner was believed to be could be surrounded to prevent him from fleeing the scene.

On Wednesday, August 13, 2014, a second briefing took place somewhere between 9:00-9:30 AM, prior to the planned execution of the Arrest Warrant for Tanner for Attempted First Degree Murder, Aggravated Battery with a Weapon and Aggravated Assault with a Weapon. The team was also informed that the weapon used by Tanner had not yet been recovered by the police and the assumption was that Tanner was still in possession of it.

The team was waiting for a canine officer to come on shift at approximately 10:00 AM. Surveillance on Tanner's brother's residence had already been established prior to the team's deployment. Before the arrival of the canine officer, surveillance picked up that Tanner's brother got in a car parked at the residence and left. A decision was made to do a traffic stop and identify the driver. The driver, who was Tanner's brother, confirmed to the local officer who stopped him and three members of the task force that Tanner was at the residence. D/M McAllister was informed that the brother was being cooperative.

After the brother was secured, the task force members who had questioned the brother at the traffic stop, along with additional local law enforcement, joined back up with the team and formed up to approach the residence. Once the house was surrounded, they knocked and announced their presence. Prior to deployment, D/M McAllister was designated as "Shield 1", which meant he was to be the primary holder of one of the ballistic shields, initially positioned at the front door. A total of five officers were at the front door, a Breacher (D/M James Kenirey), Shield 1 (D/M Joel McAllister) and his Second (TFO Mike Calhoun), Shield 2 (D/M Silvestre DelRosario) and his Second (TFO Jeff Alvarez).

They did a knock and announce, but were not comfortable with the front door because it had four concrete steps up to a small landing. They weren't sure that they could effectively get multiple people up on the small landing. The door itself was a metal door with a deadbolt, so a decision was made to check to see if there was a back door.

For approximately five minutes, the group at the front continued to knock and announce the presence of the US Marshals and the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, with no response. They also used Tanner's name shouting, "Cory Tanner, we know you are in there, come out the front door, we know you're in there". At that time, they got the go ahead from the supervisor on scene to make a breach. The secondary shield and his second were left at the front door while D/M McAllister (as primary shield), D/M Kenirey (as breacher), and TFO Calhoun (as second for McAllister) approached the back door. All the perimeter officers stayed in their positions. The back door was similar to the front in that it had concrete steps leading up to the back door but it did not have a deadbolt, so the decision was made to go ahead and breach that door.

They knocked and announced again from the back door prior to breaching. A decision was made to breach the door and hold that position. After the door was breeched and opened, D/M McAllister slid back into position blocking the doorway, and the Breacher (D/M Kenirey) positioned himself directly behind D/M McAllister and the shield. The call outs continued from the back door. A Sheriff's Office marked unit parked directly in front of the residence also used it's PA (public address) to call out Tanner. At one point, Tanner's brother, who was secured in the back seat of the marked unit, was allowed to address his brother over the PA, imploring Tanner to come out of the house slowly.

The second (TFO Calhoun) usually positions himself over Shield 1's right shoulder and they call out what they see so everybody outside knows what is going on inside. About five to seven feet into the residence from where D/M McAllister was positioned, he saw an open doorway with no door visible into what he was later advised was a kitchen. On the far side of that was another doorway which led into what appeared to be a family living area. There were no lights on inside and the blinds were drawn, but he could see all the way up to the window in the family living area at the front of the house. D/M McAllister could see silhouettes of what appeared to be small children in front of that window.

At that point, the team at the back door continued to announce themselves and repeatedly asked the children to come out to them. It took approximately five minutes for the children to comply and come out of the house. When the four children came out (past the team at the back door), another officer took them to a neighbor's house next door. Although D/M McAllister did not hear the children say anything, the team was informed that one of the children confirmed that Tanner was still in the house.

Continuing efforts were made for Tanner to exit the house and surrender, including having a canine barking loudly at the back of the house. They also told Tanner that they were not going away. After repeated attempts to convince Tanner to come out and surrender with no response from Tanner, confirmation was made by the on-site supervisor to go ahead and deploy a small robot into the house. Before the robot was deployed, while D/M McAllister was looking straight down the hallway toward the front of the house, TFO Calhoun had been looking in the door and to the left where he observed a bedroom door partially opened and alerted D/M McCallister to that fact.

TFO Calhoun thew the robot into the house through the back door while TFO Alvarez was operating it, via a monitor. The robot has a camera mounted on it, and the images it is seeing can

be monitored by the operator on a screen as it moves through the house, room by room. It was then D/M McAllister's job to establish visual contact with the robot and inform TFO Alvarez of the initial location of the robot and the direction it starts to move through the house. When the robot landed on the wooden floor of the house, which is off-grade (a crawl space underneath), it made a pretty good audible thump on the floor. It was a short time after that when Tanner made his presence known.

While looking straight ahead, D/M McAllister suddenly heard a sustained yell and the sound of Tanner's feet as he was charging toward them. As he turned toward the sound, D/M McAllister saw Tanner charging toward them with his right arm fully extended, holding something black in his hand that appeared to be a gun. It should be noted that D/M Kenirey was next in the stack, directly behind but standing higher than D/M McAllister and the shield.

When D/M McCallister heard gunshots, he believed it was Tanner firing at them, so he fired back. D/M McAllister stated that, "I believed that he (Tanner) was going to try to take one of us out with him". D/M McAllister further explained that he feared that if he did not engage Tanner, something bad was going to happen to one of them (the team). When he engaged Tanner, D/M McAllister was still behind the shield, which was resting on the top step, with his left knee on the next step down and his right foot off of the steps and planted on the ground. As he shot, with his right hand, he was looking through the clear window port near the top of the shield, and had tilted his weapon, a Glock 22, to the left toward the threat. The slide of the Glock maintained contact with the side of the shield.

It appeared to D/M McAllister that his shot struck Tanner in the side, judging by the way he flinched, but Tanner continued to come like he was going to go out the back door. In retrospect, D/M McAllister believes that his gun jammed because the slide was held tight against the side of the shield. It was not until Tanner made it to the door and started to fall down that D/M McAllister moved back from his original position after the breach.

After the shooting had stopped, Tanner was laying on his back in the doorway. D/M McAllister looked, but did not see a weapon in Tanner's hand. He did however see something black on the ground close by, but it did not look like a weapon, nor did he know what it was. They maintained eyes on Tanner until the team at the front cleared the house. Once the "all clear" was given, the local law enforcement maintained the integrity of the back while he went to the front of the house with his supervisor. It wasn't until the gunfire had stopped that D/M McAllister realized that his weapon had malfunctioned. When he surrendered his weapon to his supervisor, D/M McAllister had not attempted to clear the malfunction, and he left it "as is" with the magazine still in the gun. The weapon was stored in his supervisor's truck vault until it was turned over to FDLE Crime Scene.

### Interview of Deputy U.S. Marshal James Kenirey

IR Serial #4

When members of the Fugitive Task Force were at a firing range in St. Johns County the week prior to the incident at 64 Espanola Road, they were informed about the Task Force receiving the Tanner case. TFO Jeff Alvarez had been designated as case agent for the operation to apprehend

fugitive Cory Tanner. During that initial briefing, TFO Alvarez explained that Tanner was being sought for Attempted Murder and Aggravated Battery With a Firearm. The team was also informed that Tanner was a Crips gang member, had made some threats to local law enforcement, and had a violent criminal history. According to D/M Kenirey, initially it had been considered to go right after the range training and pick up Tanner on the Arrest Warrant, but it was determined that there had not been enough background work done in order to bring everybody necessary for the mission down to Flagler County.

A second date of August 13, 2014 was set for the execution of the Arrest Warrant on Tanner. The briefing was set for 9:00 AM in Bunnell. TFO Alvarez again led the briefing, stating that it was pretty certain that Tanner was going to be at his brother's home, located at 64 Espanola Road, in Bunnell. D/M Kenirey was designated as the breacher. While local law enforcement had the residence under surveillance, they observed Tanner's brother leaving in a vehicle. When local law enforcement stopped the vehicle, it was confirmed by the brother that Tanner was in the house with four small children.

D/M Kenirey, with his breaching tools, and the rest of the team approached the residence in one vehicle and pulled up in front of the house. When the team unloaded from the vehicle, D/M Kenirey positioned himself to the left of the front staircase. As is standard procedure when serving a warrant, once the house was safely approached, one of the officers knocked loudly and announced their presence and the fact that they had a warrant for Tanner's Arrest.

Two ballistic sheilds were utilized to protect the officers while serving the Arrest Warrant. D/M Joel McAllister had one shield and D/M Silvestre DelRosario had the second one. In a predetermined configuration, D/M Kenirey was positioned to the left of D/M McAllister's shield, toward the front left corner of the house. The knocking and announcing that was taking place was identifying both the U.S. Marshals and local law enforcement. At different times, different officers were making the announcements.

After approximately five minutes of announcing their presence with no response, a decision was made to breach (forcibly open the door). There was a concern if the front door was breached, it would have left the breacher (D/M Kenirey) exposed without cover. The construction of the front steps made it difficult to get a shield in a good position to protect the breacher. TFO Mike Calhoun asked about the back of the house. When it was confirmed that there was a back door, they broke off from the front of the residence. D/M McAllister, as Shield 1, followed by TFO Calhoun, as his second, and D/M Kenirey as breacher approached the back door, while the rest of the team members, D/M DelRosario, D/M Duane Johnson, D/M Michael Pagliughi, and some local officers held the front door.

When they got to the back of the house, they knocked loudly on the back door and again, there was no response. Very shortly after that, the breach of the back door was ordered. At that point, D/M Kenirey moved to the left of the back door and breached the door. The door opened inward on the first attempt, going from left to right. Immediately after the breach, D/M Kenirey moved to the left, dropped the breaching tool and drew his weapon, but was not able to see into the interior of the house from that position. Once the breacher stepped back and to the left, D/M McAllister positioned the shield on the top step of back door. TFO Calhoun positioned himself

behind D/M McAllister and the shield. The majority of the back of the house was to the left of the door, so TFO Calhoun then moved to cover that angle and D/M Kenirey moved up and replaced TFO Calhoun at the position behind D/M McAllister on the shield.

They continued to announce from their position at the back door, while the team from the front began announcing from the front using a PA (public address), calling Tanner by name and instructing him to "come to the door with your hands up, come out with your hands up". No response was heard from the inside of the house. The team was aware that there were children inside and initially they did not come out. After repeated calling for them to come out, eventually four children left the area near the front of the house and walked toward the voices of the team at the back door and exited the house.

After the children were out, they continued calling for Tanner to come out, again without a response. They remained at that position for approximately another ten minutes. At some point, a decision was made to breach the front door, with still no response from the inside. More time passed, and then TFO Joeffrey Alvarez came around the residence to their position with a small robot, activated it and gave it to TFO Calhoun. The robot was then deployed into the residence through the rear open door by TFO Calhoun. When the robot hit the wooden door, it made a loud distinct sound. Shortly after the robot was deployed, a male charged the door with his arm fully extended directly at them, with what D/M Kenirey believed to be a gun in his hand, and he was running directly toward the back door.

Because D/M Kenirey was behind and above D/M McAllister and the shield, leaving him fully exposed in the doorway, he began to move for cover, back and toward the left at the same time. While moving for cover, D/M Kenirey fired with his Glock 22 .40 caliber weapon. D/M Kenirey stopped shooting because the threat had stopped. Normally D/M Kenirey stacks fourteen rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. D/M Kenirey feels that from the time that he first saw Tanner charging toward the door until he fired while moving to cover, was only about a second. Although he is not sure he heard shots before he fired, D/M Kenirey thought they were being fired on and definitely heard shots after he shot.

While he was continuing to retreat to cover, D/M Kenirey was still looking toward the threat at the door when he bumped into something and fell backwards, landing on his backside. After the shooting stopped, D/M Kenirey got back up and observed Tanner was on his back, halfway out the back door and looking up. He did not see any gunshot wounds on Tanner, or a weapon, but did see blood that was pooled on the back stairs.

D/M Kenirey stated that he fired as he was moving back, because he was in fear for his life and he was reacting to the deadly threat posed by Tanner. From the briefings prior to the mission, D/M Kenirey had been made aware of Tanner's violent history, the current charges against him, and the possibility that he would be armed.

According to D/M Kenirey, everything seemed to happen so quickly. After the gunfire had stopped, he doesn't recall if he got up on his own or just sat where he had fallen. Whether he got up on his own or if somebody picked him up, D/M Kenirey recalls TFO Alvarez came over to him and started checking him for injuries. At that point, D/M Kenirey did not know whether

or not he had been hit. They then moved him around to the west side of the house and continued checking him.

After being checked out by his teammates, D/M Kenirey removed all of his tactical gear and surrendered his vest, helmet, and duty belt with his firearm secured in it to his supervisor, Mike Pagliughi, who then secured the gear in his vehicle. The magazine was left in the weapon. In accordance with USMS established procedures following a police involved shooting, TFO Calhoun took D/M Kenirey, D/M McAllister, and TFO Alvarez to the Flagler Hospital to be checked out by medical personnel. The only injuries that D/M Kenirey had sustained were some scratches on his arm from something he bumped into as he was falling backwards.

### Interview of Task Force Officer Michael Calhoun

### IR Serial #41

Upon TFO Calhoun arriving on scene, the Marshals set up a perimeter on the residence located at 64 Espanola Road, Bunnell, FL. Attempt to contact was made at the front door, with no success. TFO Calhoun then moved to the rear of the residence, where U.S. Deputy Marshals felt was "safer" to breach the residence. They then breached the back door, and held their position. They then attempted to call out the subject. Four children then exited the residence through the rear door. The children were then directed to a safer location at the neighboring residence. U.S Marshals continued to attempt to call out the subject from the residence. The front of the residence was then breached, in an attempt to see further into the residence. U.S. Marshals continued to attempt to call out the subject from the residence, with no response. TFO Calhoun was then given a robot to deploy inside the residence. TFO Calhoun then deployed the robot inside the residence by throwing it through the rear door. (The robot is a tool used to see inside of dangerous areas). TFO Calhoun, while covering the rear of the residence, could see the living room and an adjoining bedroom with the door closed. Minutes after TFO Calhoun deployed the robot, he observed the bedroom door fly open and a black male point an object at TFO Calhoun. TFO Calhoun could not determine if the object was a gun or not. The black male then came screaming and running towards the back door. TFO Calhoun then started to move to his left to engage and the shield guy had already started to engage. The black male "continued to rush us at the door", while being engaged by other U.S Marshals. The black male then fell in the doorway. TFO Calhoun advised at that time, that the subject had been shot multiple times. Task Force Officer Jeff Alvarez came around TFO Calhoun and shot at least two times at him. The Marshals then backed up and maintained the perimeter. TFO Calhoun was then requested to come to the front of the residence and assist the entry team. TFO Calhoun then assisted the front entry team clear the residence.

TFO Calhoun advised that after the confrontation with the subject (Cory Tanner), he observed Tanner lying on his back with his head pointed towards the doorway. TFO Calhoun also observed two large, what appeared to be, gunshots to the head, one gunshot to the forehead and one on the side of head. TFO Calhoun observed an unknown black object next to Tanner's hand.

Once the residence was cleared, TFO Clahoun drove the involved Officers to the hospital per U.S Marshals policy.

### **Interview of Task Force Officer Jeff Alvarez**

The following statement is a verbatim written account provided by TFO Alavrez:

On July 24, 2014, the State of Florida Seventh Judicial Circuit (City of Bunnell) issued an arrest arrant for Cory Tanner. Tanner's arrest warrant is for Attempted First Degree Murder, Aggravated Battery with a Firearm and Aggravated Assault with a Firearm.

On Friday, July 25, 2014, Members of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Patrol (FCSO) Division; Deputy Michael Breckwoldt and George Hristopoulos, contacted the Regional Fugitive Task Force (FRFT) to assist in locating and apprehending Tanner. Dep. Hristakopoulos advised that the Bunnell Police Department (BPD) obtained an arrest warrant for Tanner's arrest. Tanner is currently on parole for Aggravated Battery with a Weapon (stabbing). Tanner was an extremely violent offender and has made several threats of murdering Lomack Bennett and Laronda McCaskell. According to Dep. Hristakopoulos, Tanner is allegedly the founder of the Bunnell CRIPS gang.

Dep. Hristakopoulos provided me a copy of Tanner's arrest warrant and the police report on the shooting incident that occurred on July 23, 2014. Tanner was accused of discharging his firearm into a crowd of people which include women and children. Tanner allegedly fired multiple shots into a crowd striking the victim in the leg (a total of 9 .380 casings were recovered on scene. See FCSO case# 14-66080). Dep. Hristakopoulos stated that Tanner is extremely violent and had threatened of killing him in the past. In addition, the firearm used during this incident has not been recovered.

I immediately notified the FRFTF Commander Supervisory Inspector M. Pagliughi in reference to this case. He instructed me to adopt the case and send it our FRFTF analyst for approval.

On July 26, 2014, Dep. Hristakopoulus stated that he attempted to interview Tanner's mother Brenda Johnson at her work (Steak N Shake in Palm Coast), however she was off that day. Dep. Hristakopoulus advised that he was able to reach B. Johnson via telephone. Dep. Hristakopoulos notified B. Johnson that her son had a warrant for his arrest on the shooting incident that occurred in Bunnell.

Dep. Hristakopoulus also stated that at approximately 2217 hrs, he conducted a traffic stop at the 300 block of E. Booe St. The person in the vehicle was later identified as Ricco Johnson. Dep. Hristakopoulus advised that he recognized R. Johnson as one of Tanner's colleagues. Dep. Hristakopoulos told R. Johnson if he knew the whereabouts of Tanner he needs to contact the authorities. R. Johnson told Dep. Hristakopoulus that according to Tanner, there is no point for him to surrender because his current charges were very serious and he believed that he will never be free again. R. Johnson also stated to Dep. Hristakopoulus that Tanner told him that "he is waiting for the police to get him and he will go out shooting."

On July 28, 2014, FRFTF of Jacksonville adopted the case and assigned the case to TFO Joeffrey Alvarez. I conducted a criminal history check on Tanner that revealed a violent criminal history. A copy of Tanner's criminal history was placed in my case file.

On August 4, 2014, I conducted a fugitive investigation and developed multiple confidential informants (CI's) who advised that Tanner is back and forth between his girlfriend's (Mattie Verdell) and brother's (John Johnson) residences. The CI's also advised that Tanner made the statement "he is not going back to prison." I also conducted an interview with BPD officers in regards to Tanner's whereabouts. BPD Ofc. J. Kuliski and C. Wolfe advised that they received information that Tanner made comments that "he is not going back to prison no matter what and he will go out with a bang." Tanner also made several threats through the social media site "Facebook" of killing his past victim Lomack Bennett. Both officers provided me a list of people who have close ties with Tanner, including several members of the "CRIPS" gang.

On August 5, 2014, I conducted surveillance at 300 South Anderson Road, Tanner's girlfriends Mattie Verdell's residence. I observed Tanner's girlfriend (Mattie Verdell) coming in and out of the residence with her children. I also observed Tanner's brother (John Johnson) pull into the driveway and talk to M. Verdell. I did not observe Tanner at the residence. The CI advised that Tanner is very close to his brother, J. Johnson and believed that Tanner could be staying at his brother's residence (J. Johnson).

On August 13, 2014, new information was developed that Tanner had been staying at his brother's residence located at 64 Espanola Drive, Bunnell, Florida. I completed an operational plan and submitted it to Supervisory Insp. M. Pagliughi.

At approximately 0900 hrs, members of FRFTF along with BPD and FCSO responded to the area and conducted surveillance at the listed address.

At approximately 0945 hrs, Tanner's brother J. Johnson was observed leaving the residence in a vehicle. Myself and Supervisory Insp. M. Pagliughi agreed to have FCSO conduct a traffic stop on J. Johnson. FCSO conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of C.R. 13 and U.S. 1, in Bunnell. Myself, Supervisory Insp. M. Pagliughi and Insp. D. Johnson responded to the traffic stop and interviewed J. Johnson. J. Johnson stated his bother "Tanner" was currently at his home along with his four children. J. Johnson also agreed to return to his residence with FCSO to persuade Tanner to surrender peacefully.

FRFTF members along with FCSO and BPD surrounded the listed residence 64 Espanola Rd. FCSO Corporal D. Weaver positioned his patrol car in front of the residence and announced via patrol car loudspeaker of our police presence. FCSO Corporal D. Weaver called Tanner to exit the residence with his hands up. FCSO Corporal D. Weaver attempted to call Tanner out of the residence multiple times with no response. After no response, Supervisory Insp. M. Pagliughi ordered FRFTF members to breach the rear door and continued to give loud verbal commands for Tanner to exit the residence with his hands up. FCSO Corporal D. Weaver put J. Johnson on the PA system who pleaded for Tanner to surrender. FCSO Corporal D. Weaver continued to call Tanner to surrender and requested to send the children out of the residence. Minutes later four children emerged from the rear of the residence and were immediately escorted by a FCSO detective to the neighbor's house for their safety. FCSO Detective A. Erlandson was able to get information from one of the children that Tanner was still inside the residence.

After approximately ten to fifteen minutes had passed with no response from inside the residence, Supervisory Insp. M. Pagliughi ordered a breach of the front door. After the front door was breached FRFTF members then attempted to call Tanner to come out of the residence with his hands up. After numerous attempts to get Tanner to surrender, Supervisory Insp. M. Pagliughi instructed me to deploy a recon robotic at the rear of the residence. Moments after I deployed the recon robotic, I heard a loud rapid thumping sound, which sounded like footsteps of the suspect running, and a very loud screaming sound coming towards our direction. I then heard a series of gun fire and l observed one of the FRFTF members Deputy US Marshal J. Kenirey falling backwards while firing his service weapon. I was unprotected (focused in running the robotic) and in fear for my life as well as my fellow team mates. I feared that DUSM Kenirey was hit and possibly wounded or hurt based on the way DUSM Kenirey had fallen down. I immediately dropped the recon robotics remote screen and as I moved backwards I saw Tanner coming through the threshold of the back door. I then fired my service rifle two times at the suspect, Tanner, fearing for the safety of my team members who were right in front of Tanner. I immediately moved towards DUSM Kenirey to check on his wellbeing, as FCSO Detective J. Costello and other FRFTF members continued to cover Tanner. As DUSM Kenirey attempted to stand up I asked him if he was hit. DUSM Kenirey advised that he did not know. I moved DUSM Kenirey to the other side of the residence and thoroughly checked him for a gunshot wound. A blood sweep was conducted throughout DUSM Kenirey's body. After a thorough check on DUSM Kenirey, I determined that he was not hit.

Supervisor Insp. M. Pagliughi ordered FRFTF members to conduct a protective sweep of the residence to insure that there were no other threats inside the residence. After FRFTF members cleared the residence FCSO allowed Bunnell Fire Rescue to check on the suspect. I cleared my service rifle and handed it safely to Supervisory Insp. M. Pagliughi for safe keeping for FDLE investigators. I then immediately contacted my first line supervisor Sgt. R. Dean and advised him about the incident. Myself, DUSM Kenirey and DUSM McAllister were transported to Flagler Memorial Hospital for further evaluation.

Joeffrey Alvarez

The following is a summary of additional information provided by TFO Alvarez after he finished reading his prepared statement:

TFO Alvarez explained that the transport of all three shooting officers by TFO Mike Calhoun is a USMS protocol to remove the shooters from the scene and have them evaluated by medical personnel at the nearest hospital.

The robot was activated by TFO Alvarez and deployed into the rear door of the residence by TFO Calhoun. TFO Alvarez then set up by the west side of the house, near the northwest corner, to monitor the visual images that the robot would be transmitting. After hearing the first shot, or shots, and seeing D/M Kenirey falling, TFO Alvarez dropped the monitor and moved at an angle past the northwest corner to a position where he could see the back door. At that point,

when he saw Tanner coming through the threshold of the door, TFO Alvarez remembers firing twice in Tanner's direction as he was moving back and Tanner was falling.

Prior to hearing the shots, TFO Alvarez remembers a loud scream and a thumping sound from inside the house as someone was sprinting toward them. After the shots were fired, TFO Alvarez saw that other officers were covering Tanner who was down on his back on the threshold, so he turned his attention to his fallen teammate, D/M Kenirey, who he thought had been shot.

TFO Alvarez saw that Tanner had sustained a gunshot wound to the head and it was bleeding, but was not immediately aware that Tanner was dead. He did not look for a weapon that Tanner may have had, because his primary concern was in checking out D/M Kenirey for gunshot wounds.

After moving D/M Kenirey to the west side of the house to check him further for injuries, TFO Alvarez and other members of the team entered the house from the front door to clear the rest of the residence and make sure that there were no other people in the house. After clearing the house, TFO Alvarez stayed at the front of the house until he was transported to the hospital.

TFO Alvarez stated that he routinely loads his rifle magazines with twenty-seven cartridges in the magazine and one in the chamber.

### Interview of Deputy U.S. Marshal Silvestre Delrosario

### IR Serial #30

Deputy Marshal (DM) Delrosario advised that he had responded to the address of 64 Espanola Road, Bunnell, Florida, to serve an Arrest Warrant on Cory Tanner. Flagler County Deputies were assisting in conducting surveillance and noticed a vehicle depart from the residence, which they identified as Cory Tanner's brother (John Johnson). Flagler County Deputies, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals, conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Deputies then interviewed John Johnson, who confirmed Cory Tanner was in the residence located at 64 Espanola Rd. U.S. Marshals, with the assistance of other local law enforcement, then responded to the address of 64 Espanola Road, Bunnell, Florida. Marshals, with the assistance of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and the Bunnell Police Department, surrounded the residence. DM Delrosario was the primary shield person at the front door of the residence. DM Delrosario maintained security at the front door and they "knocked and announced several times". DM Delrosario noticed children coming out from the rear of the residence. DM Delrosario, with the front security team, breached the front door and held. Law Enforcement continued to attempt to call out the subject from the residence. DM Delrosario then heard several shots (five or six) coming from the rear of the residence. DM Delrosario then heard (via radio) "bad guy down", and DM Delrosario maintained security of the front of the residence. DM Delrosario, with the assistance of other U.S. Deputy Marshals then made entry into the residence, for a "security sweep". Once the residence was cleared, they "backed out".

DM Delrosario advised that U.S Deputy Marshal Duane Johnson, Task Force Office Jeff Alverez and Inspector Michael Pagliugh were at the front of the residence with a Flagler County Deputy and a Bunnell Police Officer.

DM Delrosario advised that just before he heard the shots, he heard what he believed to be steps inside the residence (the residence is an off-grade house). DM Delrosario then advised (via the radio) that he heard movement inside the residence. DM Delrosario could hear the Law Enforcement Officers in the rear of the residence yelling "come out with your hands up". DM Delrosario then heard multiple shots in succession.

Upon clearing the residence, DM Delrosario observed "the subject" lying in the threshold of the back door, with the door open. DM Delrosario observed blood on the floor off to the side of the body and a white or reddish handle of an unknown object lying beside the body.

DM Delrosario advised he observed Emergency Medical Service arrive on scene.

### Interview of Deputy U.S. Marshal Duane Johnson

### IR Serial #29

Deputy Marshal (DM) Johnson advised that he had responded to the address of 64 Espanola Road, Bunnell, Florida, to serve an Arrest Warrant on Cory Tanner. DM Johnson was assigned to the front entry team, with a separate rear entry team in place. DM Johnson, along with other teammates, then breached the front and started to conduct a "call out" by voice at first. Then an unknown Flagler County Deputy conducted a "call out" utilizing a "PA" (patrol car microphone), and then the unknown Flagler County Deputy had Cory Tanner's brother attempt to call out his brother from the residence "peacefully" utilizing the "PA". DM Johnson described the call outs as, "Cory Tanner, Flagler County Sheriff's Office with the U.S Marshals, we have a warrant for your arrest, come out to the front door with your hands up". Then they would pause looking for a response. And then something similar to that was repeated several times. DM Johnson, along with other teammates, held the front area awaiting a response, which in DM Johnson's words "felt like an eternity". DM Johnson then advised he heard gunshots coming from the rear of the residence.

DM Johnson advised that when the front door was breached, the door did not open all the way because of an unknown object blocking the door, which partially obscured the visibility of the front breaching team. DM Johnson advised that the team was aware that children were in the residence, and was not sure where the information had come from. While conducting the "call out", DM Johnson advised he heard the Deputy Marshals from the rear stating that the children were coming out the rear door. The children were then escorted to a picnic table located at the next residence. DM Johnson advised that he spoke with the children and they only advised that they had just woke up. An unknown Flagler Deputy or Bunnell Police Officer then went and stayed with the children during the operation. The children advised this unknown Law Enforcement Officer that Tanner was in the back right bedroom "or something along those lines". That information was then passed along to both front and rear teams. DM Johnson then returned to the front of the residence and rejoined the stack and held the front of the residence. Flagler County Deputies continued to attempt to "call out" Cory Tanner. DM Johnson then heard what he believed to be four or five gunshots from the rear of the residence. After the shots were fired, DM Johnson and the front entry team held the front door to make sure no one was retreating from the front. Once the front entry team heard from the rear entry team that they were secure and "subject down", the front entry team advised the rear that they were going to clear the

residence. DM Johnson and the front entry team made entry into the residence and cleared the residence, while the rear team held the back of the residence. Upon clearing the residence, DM Johnson held the hallway while the rest of the team cleared the "left side" of the residence. Once the left side of the residence was cleared, the team cleared the remainder of the residence. While clearing the residence, DM Johnson did not see Cory Tanner.

After the residence was cleared, DM Johnson walked to the rear of the residence to check on the remainder of the team. Once at the rear of the residence, DM Johnson observed Cory Tanner lying in the threshold of the back door on top of a small stairwell. DM Johnson observed, on Cory Tanner, what he thought to be a shot to the head area and a shot to his arm.

### Interview of USMS Supervisory Inspector Michael Pagliughi IR Serial #17

The USMS had an Arrest Warrant for Cory Tanner for an Attempted Murder charge, stemming from a Bunnell Police Department Investigation. According to Insp. Pagliughi, the Warrant was issued by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, and the USMS was assisting with the investigation.

At that time, Law Enforcement believed Cory Tanner to be located at 64 Espanola Road. Law Enforcement conducted surveillance on the residence and observed Tanner's brother leave the location in a vehicle. A Flagler County Deputy conducted a vehicle stop and made contact with the driver, Tanner's brother. Insp. Pagliughi and Senior Inspector Dewayne Johnson interviewed the brother, who confirmed that Cory Tanner was inside of the residence with four children. They asked him to accompany them back to the residence so he could try to talk Tanner into coming out of the house and surrendering to law enforcement. The brother agreed and they traveled back to the residence.

Members of the USMS, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and Bunnell Police Department surrounded the residence. When Insp. Pagliughi arrived back at the location, he was situated at the front right corner of the residence. Law Enforcement personnel were also staged at the rear of the residence. Police issued verbal commands to Tanner over the Flagler County PA system asking him to come out with his hands up and that they had the house surrounded. Several attempts were made with no success. Police had Tanner's brother get on the PA and ask him to come out and surrender which also yielded negative results.

Insp. Pagliughi advised he heard some movement in the back right corner of the house when they conducted a breach of the back door. They called out to Tanner over the PA, again asking him to come out of the house. Law Enforcement then conducted a breach of the front door and called out to Tanner instructing him to come to the front door with his hands up.

After the front door was breached, Insp. Pagliughi heard loud footsteps through the residence and then heard someone from the rear call out "contact" and "let me see your hands" and then he heard several gunshots. Insp. Pagliughi advised he heard approximately 5 or 6 gunshots which he described as 3 quick shots then two shots, with no real pause between them.

Insp. Pagliughi was called over the radio to go to the back of the residence where he joined Deputy Marshal McAllister and Task Force Officer Calhoun. As he was moving to the rear of the residence, he heard over the radio "subject's down". When he arrived, he observed Tanner lying on his back in the rear doorway with two visible gunshot wounds. He observed a dark black object lying on the ground below where Tanner was located. He asked an FCSO deputy to call 911 which they requested over their radio system. He then instructed the rest of the team to go through the front door to clear the house for safety purposes.

The paramedics staged down the road from the residence and requested clearance to enter. He gave the okay for Rescue to enter and upon their arrival, they went to the back of the residence.

Prior to Tanner running out the back door, they asked him over the PA to send the children out of the house. There were four children inside of the residence with Tanner. The children came out of the house and were escorted by one of the Flagler deputies to a neighbor's house.

Insp. Pagliughi stated that Deputy Marshal McAllister informed him that Tanner came out of the bedroom and ran full speed toward law enforcement out the door with something wrapped around his hand and something in his hand. Deputy Marshal McAllister believed Tanner had a weapon in his hand. They shouted to him "Let me see your hands". It was his understanding that Deputy McAllister, Deputy Marshal Kenirey and Task Force Officer Alvarez engaged Tanner when he charged law enforcement. McAllister and Kenirey both told Insp. Pagliughi they thought Tanner had fired at them.

When the scene was secured, Insp. Pagliughi escorted McAllister, Kenirey and Alvarez to his vehicle where he took possession of the firearms they discharged during the course of the warrant. Kenirey and McAllister were carrying .40 caliber Glock firearms. Alvarez informed Insp. Pagliughi he fired his M4 rifle.

Insp. Pagliughi provided additional information as it pertained to the initial staging of law enforcement personnel:

Front of the Residence:

Deputy Marshal Delrosario, Senior Inspector Dewayne Johnson, a corporal from the FCSO, and an officer from the Bunnell Police Department who had his car parked in front of the residence. Task Force Office Jeff Alvarez was initially positioned in the front of the residence but was instructed to relocate and provide assistance at the rear of the residence.

Rear of the Residence:

Task Force Officer Mike Calhoun, Deputy Marshal Joel McAllister, Deputy Marshal James Kenirey, several FCSO deputies, a K9 Officer from Bunnell PD and several other officers.

Insp. Pagliughi advised the verbal commands given included "Flagler County Sheriff's Office and the US Marshals Service. Corey Tanner we have an Arrest Warrant for you. Come out with your hands up". He did not hear Tanner respond to law enforcement at any time while law enforcement attempted to make contact with him.

### **Interview of FCSO Corporal Daniel Weaver**

### IR Serial #6

On the date of the shooting, Cpl. Weaver received a phone call from the Bunnell Police Department (BPD) in reference to a felony Arrest Warrant for Cory Tanner. BPD advised they were working with the USMS and requested assistance from the FCSO. Cpl. Weaver was instructed to meet for an operational briefing.

Cpl. Weaver proceeded to the **Sector** and instructed Deputies Eric Peterson and Jeff Turner to set up in the area of 64 Espanola Road, Tanner's known location and brother, John Johnson's, residence. Cpl. Weaver learned Johnson owned and operated a white Buick, a vehicle prior intelligence indicated Tanner was known to occupy. The white vehicle was observed leaving the residence while units were still briefing at the **Sector**. Cpl. Weaver conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on CR 13. Johnson advised Cpl. Weaver that Tanner was inside the 64 Espanola Rd. residence and agreed to return to the residence with law enforcement and assist in talking him out of the residence. Johnson advised there were four children in the residence and would also assist in getting them out safely. Johnson additionally advised there were no firearms in the residence.

All units responded to 64 Espanola Rd. with Cpl. Weaver transporting Johnson. Johnson was secured in the rear of his patrol vehicle, handcuffed to the front. Cpl. Weaver initially approached the residence on foot, due to all of the law enforcement vehicles blocking the roadway. He walked to the rear of the residence and observed that the rear door had been breached. While announcements were being made by law enforcement, he observed four children exit the rear door and be led to safety by law enforcement personnel. Announcements including "U.S. Marshals" and "arrest warrant" continued to be given to Tanner. He learned from a Deputy Marshal that one of the children advised that Tanner was still inside the residence in a bedroom.

Cpl. Weaver returned to get his patrol vehicle and repositioned it at the front of the residence, facing the front door. He activated the patrol vehicle's emergency lights and began making announcements on the Public Address (PA). For approximately five or six minutes, Cpl. Weaver made PA announcements that included, "Flagler County Sheriff's Office", "arrest warrant" and "come to the door". He then allowed Johnson to make several attempts on the PA to get Tanner to exit the residence. Johnson's announcements lasted approximately one minute.

During Cpl. Weaver's announcements, he heard approximately five or six gunshots. The shots were described as, one pop, followed by four or five fairly close shots. Cpl. Weaver took a position behind his patrol vehicle with Johnson remaining in the back seat, still handcuffed to the front. Cpl. Weaver continued to cover the front of the residence and advised dispatch, via radio, that shots had been fired. Rescue was requested and ultimately responded to the scene after it

was declared safe. Prior to entering the residence, Rescue was canceled by Detective (Det.) Joseph Costello.

Cpl. Weaver did not recall hearing any commands being given just prior to or during the shots being fired. He never entered the residence at any point during or following the incident and did not observe anyone else entering the residence. He was aware that someone had cleared the residence, but did not know who or for how long. He believed the entire incident lasted approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

Other FCSO deputies on scene were: Deputies Pedersen and Robert Tarczewski (with K-9 partner) were positioned at the residence's 3/4 corner (rear right). Deputy Tarczewski was also equipped with a camera that was attached to his duty vest. Deputy Jeff Turner was positioned by the telephone pole off of the 1 corner (front left) of the residence.

Cpl. Weaver was equipped with a camera that was attached to the side of his sunglasses. The camera was activated by him on his initial approach to the scene and was deactivated approximately a couple of minutes after the shooting. He advised the video is stored on the camera itself and is typically downloaded at the end of the shift. The officers are able to view the camera's video, however, are unable to alter it in any way.

### Interview of FCSO Detective Arthur Erlandson

### IR Serial #7

Det. Erlandson advised that they received information that Cory Tanner would be at 64 Espanola Road. John Johnson (brother of Tanner) was traffic-stopped and advised law enforcement that Tanner and a couple kids were inside the residence. Upon arriving at the residence, Det. Erlandson was positioned at the front of the residence covering the left window.

Det. Erlandson advised that four children came out of the house, yet he could not recall from what door. Det. Erlandson heard announcements being made for Tanner to come out of the house. Det. Erlandson advised that Cpl. Daniel Weaver pulled his car up in front of the house and began making announcements over the PA system. The announcements he heard were, "Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Cory Tanner come out of the house".

Det. Erlandson went down the street to speak with the children and was advised that Tanner was in the back right bedroom. Det. Erlandson went back to the scene and advised everyone that Tanner was in the back right bedroom. Det. Erlandson retrieved the ram after it was requested and then he breached the front door as he was told. During that time, Det. Erlandson heard announcements from law enforcement for Cory Tanner to come out of the house.

Det. Erlandson advised that Deputy Marshal Joeffrey Alvarez was bouncing back and forth between the front and rear of the residence. Det. Erlandson and a few Deputy Marshals were located at the front of the residence during the shooting. Cpl. Weaver was in the front at his patrol car. Det. Erlandson stated that John Johnson (brother of Tanner) was given the PA system and made announcements for Tanner to come out of the residence.

Det. Erlandson advised he heard heavy footsteps (as if someone was running) and then a volley of shots fired. During the time he heard the footsteps, Det. Erlandson could still hear announcements being made; however, he could not recall them specifically. Det. Erlandson advised that Federal Marshal Alvarez, a couple of the other US Marshals, and himself entered the residence and cleared it for safety.

Det. Erlandson did not see Tanner until clearing the residence. While clearing the house, Det. Erlandson observed Tanner lying on the ground in the kitchen. Det. Erlandson did not observe any injuries to Tanner at the time, nor did he see any weapons in Tanner's hands. Det. Erlandson advised that he observed a red curtain on the ground in the rear of the residence after the shooting. At that time, he observed a black item on the top of curtain. Prior to the shooting, Det. Erlandson observed the red curtain on the screen door when he was momentarily positioned at the rear of the residence.

### Interview of FCSO Deputy Robert Tarczewski

### IR Serial #8

Upon arrival, Deputy Tarczewski was advised to go to the residence and maintain rear security. After pulling onto the road of the residence, Deputy Tarczewski deployed with his K9 partner. He and his canine partner approached the residence through the vegetation (east of the residence). At that point, Deputy Tarczewski provided security at the 3-4 corner (right rear corner of the house) of the residence. He was in the back with his canine partner and Deputy Pederson. Deputy Joseph Costello and approximately three unknown USMS Agents were at the opposite side of the residence.

While at the right rear corner of the residence, he heard the announcements from the rear door of "US Marshals", "we have a warrant". Deputy Tarczewski could not recall any of the other announcements made at the rear door. Deputy Tarczewski also heard announcements from the public announcement system being utilized by a FCSO patrol vehicle at the front of the residence. The announcements Deputy Tarczewski heard from the PA system were, "Flagler County Sheriff's Office with the US Marshals", "we have a warrant for your arrest". Deputy Tarczewski believes Corporal Daniel Weaver was speaking on the PA system.

Deputy Tarczewski did not see or hear anyone inside the residence. At one point, he observed three to four children come out the back door. He advised that the children were relocated to a safe location. Deputy Tarczewski could not recall how the back door was opened, yet he only remembered seeing the screen door propped open.

Deputy Tarczewski observed the Marshals react team kneeling and standing at the back steps giving commands. He continuously heard the announcements of, "US Marshals, we have a warrant for your arrest, exit the residence".

Deputy Tarczewski could not determine how many shots were fired. He advised that he heard rifle and handgun shots being fired from the rear of the residence. After the shots were fired, Deputy Tarczewski observed the USMS Agents back away from the back door and spread out.

Deputy Tarczewski advised he observed Tanner lying at the rear door in the threshold. He could only see Tanner's shoulders and head which were outside the door threshold. He observed blood on the step and a flesh wound to Tanner's arm.

Deputy Tarczewski continued to maintain rear security until the front react team was sent inside to clear the residence. Once the scene was secure, Deputy Tarczewski left the scene to secure his canine partner. Deputy Tarczewski was wearing a video camera on his person. He advised that it should have been on while approaching the residence up until he left the scene.

While Deputy Tarczewski was securing his canine partner, a rescue unit arrived. Deputy Tarczewski was unsure what rescue unit arrived, and how many rescue personnel were there.

### Interview of FCSO Detective Joseph Costello

### IR Serial #9

Detective Costello advised they were assisting the US Marshals with an arrest warrant. Detective Costello met with the US Marshals at the **Section 2010**. He stated that a traffic stop was conducted and information was confirmed that the subject (later identified as Cory Tanner) was at 64 Espanola Road. Detective Costello advised they initially staged by a firehouse. Once additional units arrived, they went to the residence and surrounded it.

Detective Costello was located at the 2 side (left / west side) of the residence. On that side of the residence with him was Deputy Turner. Detective Costello stated he could see the front and back of the residence, yet he could not remember who was at each location due to movement back and forth. Once the rear door was breached, Detective Costello took a closer perimeter on the 2-3 side (rear left corner) of the residence. Detective Costello was asked by one of the US Marshals to retrieve a rake tool. After he retrieved the rake tool, he maintained his position at the 2-3 corner providing security of the window.

Detective Costello heard numerous commands of, "Cory Tanner, we know you're in the house". Detective Costello heard announcements over a public announcement system; however, he was not sure who was speaking. He advised that the announcements continued the entire time they were at the residence. After the rear door was breached, children exited the residence. The children were relocated to the next door neighbor's house. Detective Arthur Erlandson spoke with the children at the neighbor's house. The front door of the residence was also breached.

A robot was thrown into the house, yet he was unsure by whom. Shortly after the robot was deployed, he heard what sounded like someone charging towards the back door. Detective Costello heard the Marshals yelling, but he could not determine what was being said. He then heard shots being fired, yet he was unsure of how many.

After the shots were fired, he observed the US Marshals back away from the back door. Everyone was then checked for injuries and was determined to be okay. At that time, he observed Tanner deceased at the back door. A portion of Tanner's body was outside of the door. Detective Costello advised the US Marshals that, in an effort to prevent the crime scene from being ruined, there was no need for rescue units to enter the scene.

Detective Costello advised that a team made entry into the residence to clear it. He was unsure who was involved in clearing the residence. Detective Costello did not make entry inside the residence. Detective Costello did not see any weapons nor did he observe any in the general area of Tanner. Tanner was shirtless and had a wound to his forehead and his arm.

Detective Costello stated that when they breached the back door, there was a burgundy cloth flapping on the back screen door. He advised that someone from the Marshals took it down prior to the shooting. Once the cloth was removed, the robot was deployed inside the residence. After the shooting happened, Detective Costello observed what appeared to be a black cologne bottle on top of the burgundy cloth. He was unsure where the cologne bottle came from, because it was not there prior to the shooting.

### **Interview of FCSO Deputy Jeffrey Turner**

### IR Serial #32

Deputy Turner advised that he was contacted by Deputy Eric Patterson (name incorrectly spelled in the investigative report and has been corrected to read Erik Pedersen in this portion of the summary) on August 13, 2014, the morning of the incident. Deputy Pedersen told Deputy Turner to meet with them at the **Deputy** Turner then met several U.S. Marshals, along with FCSO Corporal Weaver, Detective Erlandson and Deputy Pedersen at that location. At the meeting, Deputy Turner was told they were going to serve an arrest warrant on Espanola Road. After the meeting, Deputy Petersen and Deputy Turner set up in the area of the location to make sure no one left the residence before their arrival.

While waiting for units to arrive at the residence, a vehicle left the residence. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle by Deputy Pedersen and Corporal Weaver. Tanner's brother was operating the vehicle. They conducted an interview with Tanner's brother, who told them that Tanner was at his residence at 64 Espanola Road. Tanner's brother agreed to relocate to the residence with law enforcement.

Once at the residence, Deputy Turner set up on the perimeter of the residence. U.S Marshals approached the front door and gave announcements for Tanner to exit the residence. They identified themselves as U.S. Marshals. Corporal Weaver then moved his vehicle to the front of the residence and used his PA system to give Tanner verbal commands to exit the residence. Deputy Turner was located behind a tree on the perimeter near the front of the residence. Both the front and back doors were breached.

While law enforcement was giving the verbal commands, four children exited the residence. The children were escorted to a safe location and one of the U.S. Marshals made contact with the children. The children indicated that Tanner was located in one of the bedrooms at the residence.

Law enforcement at the incident location continued to give Tanner verbal commands. A short time later, U.S. Marshals positioned on the back side of the residence began yelling and moving backwards. Deputy Turner then heard gunshots. He could not see the back door of the residence and never saw Tanner exit the residence.

Deputy Turner advised that a short time later, Fire/Rescue arrived on scene. Tanner's brother remained in the marked unit in front of the residence for a short time, then was placed in Deputy Turner's truck.

### **Interview of FCSO Deputy Erik Pedersen**

### IR Serial #43

On the date of the shooting, Dep. Pedersen received a phone call from Officer Christopher Wolfe with the Bunnell Police Department (BPD) in reference to a felony Arrest Warrant for Cory Tanner. Officer Wolfe advised they were working with the USMS and requested assistance from the FCSO. Dep. Pedersen was instructed to meet at the

for an operational briefing. At the briefing, Dep. Pedersen learned that the USMS had information that the target, Cory Tanner, was located at the above residence.

Dep. Pedersen drove by 64 Espanola Road and observed a white Buick at the residence owned by Cory Tanner's brother, John Johnson. Dep. Pederson sat at the end of Espanola Road and conducted surveillance. At approximately 1000 hours, the white Buick left the residence and a traffic stop was conducted by Corporal Daniel Weaver. Dep. Pedersen learned that the driver was Johnson and was advised that he was going to return to the residence with Cpl. Weaver and the USMS in an attempt to get Tanner to exit the residence.

Dep. Pedersen took up a position at the rear of the residence with K-9 Deputy Robert Tarczewski. Dep. Pedersen advised that the USMS breached the front door and made "loud" commands over the vehicle PA system for Tanner to exit the residence. The "loud" commands continued for a period of time and several young children exited the residence and were brought to a safe location. Tanner remained in the residence.

Dep. Pederson was providing cover for K-9 Dep. Tarczewski when he heard very "loud" footsteps coming from inside the residence. He described them as very quick steps almost like the person was sprinting. Dep. Pedersen advised everything happened very fast once he heard the footsteps. He heard multiple gunshots (he could not determine how many) and then he observed Tanner fall to the floor at the threshold of the door. He advised that the majority of the body was inside the residence and the shoulders and head were just outside the door.

After the shooting, Dep. Pedersen was ordered to put up crime scene tape and take up a post at the front of the residence where FDLE SA Dave Maurer first made contact with him. Dep. Pedersen advised that he had no prior dealing with Tanner before this incident. However, he was advised earlier by Officer Wolfe that Tanner had made statements that he was not going back to prison.

### **Interview of BPD Corporal Christopher Wolfe**

Corporal Wolfe advised that the U.S Marshals Service had been working on locating Cory Tanner, in reference to an outstanding warrant. On August 13, 2014, the U.S. Marshals Service had stopped Cory Tanner's brother (John Johnson) on County Road 13, who advised them that Cory Tanner was currently at his residence located at 64 Espanola Road, Bunnell, Florida. The U.S Marshals Service then, with the assistance of Deputies of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and Officers of the Bunnell Police Department, set up a perimeter of the residence. Corporal Wolfe advised that they had decided to send units with a canine to the rear of the residence. Corporal Wolfe advised that he went to the front of the residence with a Canine Unit, and the plan was to do "PA announcements" and possibly have Cory Tanner's brother announce on the "PA" to come out peacefully. Corporal Wolfe took perimeter at the front of the residence. Corporal Wolfe advised he heard units attempting to call out Tanner over the "PA", he then heard via the radio they had made contact with the "subject at the back door". Corporal Wolfe then advised he observed a "group" of children running away from the residence. Announcements continued after the children had exited the residence. Corporal Wolfe advised that he observed movement inside the residence which he relayed to the other Officers and Marshals on scene. Corporal Wolfe could also hear the Marshals in the rear giving orders for the "subject" to come out with his hands up. The Marshals at the front of the residence breached the front door. Corporal Wolfe advised that he then heard gunshots "more than five less than ten". Corporal Wolfe advised he then held the front perimeter, and then heard, via police radio, "subject down" "please send for a med unit". Corporal Wolfe then heard via police radio an unknown Deputy advised "Signal 7" (dead person). Corporal Wolfe advised that he never entered the residence or observed the deceased. Rescue had staged in the area, and were later advised to "cancel".

### Interview of BPD Officer Jonathan Kuleski

### IR Serial #11

Officer Kuleski stated that he had been advised that Flagler County Deputies and U.S Marshals had been watching a house, that they believed a wanted subject (Cory Tanner) may be staying there and were waiting for a car to leave. Flagler County Deputies had conducted a traffic stop at County Road 13 and North State Street. Flagler County Deputies requested Officer Kuleski and Bunnell Police Corporal Christopher Wolfe assist in setting up a perimeter on the residence. Officer Kuleski, upon arrival to the area, parked down the street from the residence. Officer Kuleski staged at the front right corner of the residence of 64 Espanola Road. They then made announcements for Cory to come out of the house. Officer Kuleski then observed four children come out of the back door of the residence, escorted by one of the Marshals. Deputies then made several additional announcements to come out of the house. Officer Kuleski observed "someone" look through the window of the residence and notified the other units of these observations (via police radio). Deputies continued to make announcements for Cory Tanner to come out of the house. The Marshals then breached the front door and held their position. Officer Kuleski then heard approximately ten shots, which he believed were from different calibers. The Marshals then made entry into the front door and cleared the residence. Officer Kuleski was then instructed to put up crime scene tape.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INTERVIEWS

### **Interview of EMS Firefighter (F/F) Robert Errett**

Serial # 31

Errett is a Firefighter assigned to Rescue Unit 51 with the Flagler County Fire and Rescue Department.

On August 13, 2014, Flagler County Firefighter Errett was on duty at Station 51, which is in very close proximity to the incident location of 64 Espanola Road. They received a page on the morning of the incident requesting that they standby at the station for law enforcement. Approximately fifteen minutes later, they were dispatched to 64 Espanola Road in reference to a subject with a gunshot wound. They parked the fire truck at the end of the road and walked to the incident location due to several cars being parked in the roadway on Espanola Road.

When F/F Errett arrived at the incident location, he was told by law enforcement that the subject was located at the back of the residence. As F/F Errett and his partner (Lt. Wayne Semenick) were headed to the back of the residence, they were told by law enforcement that they were no longer needed. F/F Errett and his partner then left the scene and cleared the call.

### Interview of Flagler County Fire / Rescue Lt. Wayne Semenick IR Serial # 22

Lt. Semenick is a Firefighter-Paramedic assigned to Rescue Unit 51 with the Flagler County Fire and Rescue Department.

On August 13, 2014, he received a page to stand by for a law enforcement assist at 64 Espanola Road and was initially advised to stand by at his station. Rescue personnel monitored computer updated notes as it related to the incident which indicated that shots were fired. Rescue Personnel continued to monitor the radio and were ultimately advised to enter the scene. They were staged at the end of Espanola Road and County Road 205 and advised to hold off from entering the scene because law enforcement had not cleared the residence yet.

A few minutes later they were waved onto the scene by law enforcement personnel. Rescue personnel brought their equipment with them since the road was blocked and they had to leave their vehicle on County Road 205.

As they approached the residence located at 64 Espanola Road, Lt. Semenick asked an unknown officer where the patient was located and was advised "up that way". He was unable to locate the patient when he saw a second officer who directed him to the back of the residence. Before reaching the rear of the residence, he was stopped and waved off by a third officer wearing a tactical vest. The officer informed him "that's not needed", to which he asked, "is it that obvious?". The officer replied "yes" and they were ultimately cancelled.

Lt. Semenick never saw the subject and never pronounced the subject to be deceased. He did not know the name of the officer that cancelled rescue, just that it was law enforcement personnel.

Lt. Semenick was not provided any information about the incident independent of the radio transmissions he heard. The only information he heard while at the scene was that the subject was shot multiple times. He could not say who he overheard that from as there were approximately 15-20 law enforcement officers on scene.

### **Interview of Hospital Personnel**

### IR Serial #18

On Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at approximately 1510 hours, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agents (SA) Will Roper and Thomas Colalillo contacted the medical staff at Florida Memorial Hospital that attended to the USMS deputies who were involved in the officer involved shooting. It was determined that the only staff that provided medical care to the deputies was Doctor (Dr.) Thomas Scoggins and Registered Nurse (RN) Vicki Rawlings. Dr. Scoggins and R/N Rawlings provided, in substance, the following information:

Upon arriving at the hospital, at approximately 1110 hours, the USMS deputies skipped the triage process and proceeded directly to Fast Track. Fast Track was being attended by Dr. Scoggins and R/N Rawlings. No significant injuries were noted on any of the deputies and no statements about the shooting incident were made by the deputies. Both Dr. Scoggins and R/N Rawlings believed the deputies were there for approximately 45 minutes.

### **CIVILIAN WITNESS INTERVIEWS**

### **Interview of John Johnson**

### IR Serial #18

Johnson (brother of Cory Tanner) advised that his girlfriend (Jawanda Smiley), his four stepchildren to include, Tray Hannans, Aaliyah Smiley, and two younger children (Agents were not allowed to speak with the two younger children, per Smiley), and himself resided at 64 Espanola Road, Bunnell, FL 32210. Johnson advised that Tanner arrived at his residence at approximately 0600 or 0700 hours on August 13, 2014. Johnson was unsure of the exact time; however, he knew it was before Smiley departed for work at approximately 0800 hours. Johnson was in the back room sleeping when Tanner arrived at the residence. When Johnson departed the residence, Tanner was sitting on the couch. Johnson advised that he and Tanner did not have a conversation when he departed. Tanner did not have any bags with him and does not normally stay at Johnson's residence.

Johnson left his house at 64 Espanola Road to go get something to eat. When he departed the residence, his four step-children and Tanner were inside. Johnson observed a police vehicle at the corner of Espanola Road. He continued driving and was later stopped by law enforcement past the railroad tracks.

Johnson asked the law enforcement officer for the reason of the traffic stop. Johnson advised that the first thing the law enforcement officer said was, "I know you know where Cory at". Johnson told the officer, "If you got a warrant, you could do what you want to do". Johnson was advised that they did have a warrant for Tanner. Johnson was handcuffed and placed inside a law enforcement vehicle. Johnson advised the police that no guns were inside the residence and Tanner did not have any guns. Johnson stated that he has never seen Tanner with any weapons (guns or knives). Johnson advised that he did not know Tanner to be violent.

Once Johnson arrived back at the residence, he observed law enforcement surrounding the residence. At that time, Johnson was inside a law enforcement vehicle at the front of the residence. Johnson informed officers that children were inside the residence. Johnson later observed the children coming out of the residence. The front door to the residence was left open once the children departed.

Johnson advised that law enforcement was speaking on a bull horn. Law enforcement officers made the announcements of "Flagler County Sheriff's Office, US Marshals", in addition to telling Tanner to come out of the house. Johnson was allowed to speak on the bull horn briefly in an attempt to get Tanner to exit the residence. When Johnson was on the bullhorn, he told Tanner, "bruh, if you in there, come out man, please come out".

Johnson stated that law enforcement was continuously trying to get Tanner to come out of the residence. He said that law enforcement "busted the door out" and then he heard gunshots. Johnson stated that he heard 7-8 rapid gunshots from the back of the house. Johnson did not see anyone shooting, nor did he see Tanner at any time. After the gunshots, Johnson advised that he was still inside the patrol car and law enforcement stopped communicating with him after that. Subsequentley, Johnson was released from the scene.

### **Interview of Mattie Verdell**

Verdell advised that her boyfriend is Cory Tanner. Verdell advised that the last time she saw Tanner was on the previous Saturday (August 9, 2014) at approximately 1300 hours. They stayed together in a motel room in Ormond Beach, FL on Friday (August 8, 2014). Tanner spoke with Verdell and told her that he wanted to turn himself in. Tanner was scared and told Verdell that "he already knew they had a shoot to kill on him". Tanner told Verdell that he was scared and did not know what to do. Tanner advised Verdell that he did not want to spend the rest of his life in prison, and he did not want to leave his baby either. Verdell was not with Tanner since they stayed at the motel on the night of August 8, 2014. She did not see him, but they communicated via text messages. Verdell advised that Tanner was at his brother's house during their time away from one another.

Verdell stated that Tanner believed he had a "shoot to kill on him" because of an "Officer George", who was a "green and white". Verdell stated that "Officer George" was going around telling everyone that when he saw Cory, he was going to kill him.

Verdell advised that she received three text messages via cellular telephone from Tanner prior to the shooting incident. Tanner's cellular phone numbers were (386) 237-8793 (number Verdell received the text from) and (386) 517-3532.

Verdell stated the text read as follows and believed she received them at the following times:

- "Babe they here", at approximately 0942 hours
- "Babe they here, I'm sorry", approximately 3-5 minutes after the first text
- "Babe, I love yall, yall my heart, don't forget about me" at approximately 1012 hours

Verdell advised that Tanner was bi-polar and they were trying to get him back on his medication. Tanner was taking his medication while incarcerated; however, when Tanner would get out, it was hard for his mother to get him back on it. Verdell advised that she has never seen Tanner with a gun.

Verdell advised that Tanner spoke with his mother on the phone while the police were outside of the residence at 64 Espanola Road. Verdell was told by Tanner's sister, that Cory had asked them to tell her that Tanner loved her.

Verdell was advised of her consent to search rights by FDLE S/A Mike Brown. Verdell provided consent to the search of her cellular telephone and was provided a property sheet in return. SA Jason Still was a witness to the consent to search of Verdell's cellular phone.

Prior to receiving the cellular telephone from Verdell, the battery was dead and could not be powered on. On August 15, 2014 at approximately 1515 hours, SA Jason Still took custody of the cellular telephone and stored it inside a brown paper bag within a secure lock box in the trunk of an FDLE vehicle. SA Still took the phone to the FDLE St. Augustine Field Office where it was maintained in a locked cabinet until a cellular phone analysis could be completed.

### **Interview of Jawanda Smiley**

Smiley advised that her boyfriend (John Johnson), her four children, to include Tray Hannans, Aaliyah Smiley, and two younger children (Agents were not allowed to speak with the two younger children, per Smiley), and herself resided at 64 Espanola Road, Bunnell, FL 32210. Smiley woke up at approximately 0800 hours on August 13, 2014. She had to work at 0900 hours, so she left at approximately 0830 hours. When Smiley left the house, her four children, John Johnson, and Cory Tanner were inside. Everyone was sleeping when she woke up and left for work. Tanner was at the residence on the couch when she departed. Smiley went to sleep the previous night at approximately 2200 hours. Tanner was not at the house when she went to sleep, yet he was there in the morning when she departed.

Smiley advised that Tanner does not come by the residence often and does not have a key. Smiley did not observe any items in Tanner's possession. Smiley has been dating John for approximately four years. She has resided at 64 Espanola Road for approximately 5-6 months. She has known Tanner for approximately 3, almost 4 years, since he was released from prison. Smiley advised that Tanner was good to her and did not know him to be violent. Smiley has never heard Tanner say anything regarding any weapons or causing harm to anyone. Smiley did not hang around Tanner much and did not know him well enough to know things like that (regarding Tanner being violent, ever speaking about weapons, or causing harm to anyone).

### **Interview of Aaliyah Smiley**

Aaliyah is the juvenile daughter of Jawanda Smiley. Aaliyah had been in the house at 64 Espanola Road with Tanner on the morning of August 13, 2014.

Aailyah, along with her brother and two sisters, was in the living room in the front part of the house when she was awakened by the loud knocks on the door and heard someone say "Cory, open up, open up", saying they were the police. She saw Cory come from the bathroom and put his finger to his lips and say "Shhhhh", and then he went to her mom's room and didn't come out. The police then kicked down the back door and told Cory to come out. Her brother and sisters were sitting on the couch, and the police saw them and told them to come outside.

After they were safely away from the house, she told the police that Tanner was in her mother's bedroom. She also heard gunshots but was not in a position to see where they were coming from.

### **Interview of Tray Hannans**

Tray Hannans is the juvenile son of Jawanda Smiley. Tray had been in the house at 64 Espanola Road with Tanner on the morning of August 13, 2014.

### IR Serial #45

### IR Serial #47

Tray woke up in the living room that morning when he heard knocks on the door (of 64 Espanola Road) and someone call for "Cory to come out the door". Tray then saw Cory run in the back room and did not come back out.

After he and his sisters left the house through the back door as instructed by the Marshals, they followed a relative to a nearby house. Tray did hear the gunshots, but was away from the house and could not see where they came from.

### **Interview of Sophian Bush**

### IR Serial #16

Sophian Bush lives at 72 Espanola Road. On August 13, 2014, at approximately 0800 hours, Bush was outside speaking with a neighbor when she observed a marked Flagler County Sheriff's Office patrol car drive down the street at a slow rate of speed. According to Bush, the officer almost came to a stop looking at the residence located at 64 Espanola Road. The officer appeared to write something down and then drove away.

Approximately thirty minutes later, Bush left to check on her children and when she returned she observed numerous vehicles pulling up to the residence located at 64 Espanola Road. Bush attempted to go back to her house but was redirected by law enforcement to a neighbor's residence.

Bush stated law enforcement personnel knocked on the door of 64 Espanola Road and "begged" the young man (unknown to her) to come out of the house for a total of 20-30 minutes. Law enforcement knocked on the front door first, for approximately 10 minutes and when no one answered the door, circled around to the back of the residence. Bush heard law enforcement personnel give verbal commands, specifically, "Come out with your hands up. US Marshals. We've got a warrant for your arrest. Come out with your hands up", for approximately 10 minutes.

When law enforcement circled around to the back of the residence, they had their guns pointed at the back door, knocked on the door and continued to give verbal commands, "Put your hands up. Put your hands up where I can see them". Four children then ran from the inside of the residence. The children were picked up by an unknown woman shortly thereafter because their parents were not in the residence. The four children, to include their names, were unknown to Bush, though she did advise her youngest son met the little boy at church the previous day.

Bush observed officers continuing to yell at the back door giving commands and then a car pulled up and commands were then being given from a loud speaker. Police called the male subject's name and said "Flagler County Sheriff's Office and US Marshals. We've got a warrant for your arrest. Come out peacefully". The second time police called out over the loud speaker, they informed the male subject they had his brother and his brother didn't want him to get hurt. Police repeated "Come out with your hands up peacefully. We don't want to hurt you." They gave these commands for another ten minutes. For what she believed to be a total of 30 minutes, police were "begging" him to come out the house peacefully.

Bush observed police carry a rod to the back of the house. She then heard one little shot which she said came from inside of the house that sounded like a little pea shooter followed by multiple shots from outside of the residence coming from law enforcement personnel. Bush stated she heard the door "go boom" after the shots were fired.

She then observed an officer wearing a baby blue vest being escorted to the front of the residence where he was checked to see if he had been hit.

### **Interview of Debrishyonne Bush**

Debrishyonne Bush is a juvenile and resides at 72 Espanola Road with her siblings and mother, Sophian Mequilla Bush. The family has lived at the residence for approximately one month.

On August 13, 2014, Bush woke up at approximately 0700 hours. She was located inside of her residence in a back room when the shooting took place. She did not see anything as it pertained to the police activity that occurred at 64 Espanola Road. Bush stated she specifically heard one gunshot followed by "a lot more". She stated the first gunshot sounded like it was coming from inside of the residence and the subsequent gunshots sounded as though they were coming from outside of the residence.

### **Interview of Enrique Bush**

Enrique Bush, a juvenile, resides at 72 Espanola Road with his siblings and mother, Sophian Mequilla Bush.

On August 13, 2014, Bush woke up at approximately 1030 hours, which he stated was after his mother called their house and instructed all of the children to go to the back room of the residence. Bush stated that when he'd awakened, the house next door was already surrounded by the US Marshals. Bush's residence is located next to 64 Espanola Road.

Bush was able to observe the police activity from his kitchen. He observed law enforcement throw what he believed to be tear gas into the back of the residence located at 64 Espanola Road. Law enforcement personnel were located outside for a period of time circling the residence and moving around. He then heard a gunshot which he believed originated from the occupant of 64 Espanola Road. Bush observed a black male in his mid-twenties attempt to exit the back of the residence after "hitting" one of the Marshals. Bush stated the Marshals fired approximately two to three shots, immediately returning fire. Bush stated the black male subject fell to the ground after being shot.

Bush stated he heard the first shot before the black male made it to the back door. He believed the black male fired one gunshot before the Marshals returned fire. According to Bush, the first gunshot sounded as though it resounded from the interior of the residence.

# IR Serial # 25

### IR Serial # 26

Bush heard law enforcement give the following verbal commands, "Come out with your hands up. We don't want to hurt you." Bush stated law enforcement personnel identified themselves as US Marshals and advised they had a warrant for the subject's arrest. Bush stated that law enforcement spent approximately 20-30 minutes trying to talk the subject out of the house. Police also advised the subject, "We have your brother and he doesn't want you to get hurt".

Bush stated a female came out of the residence with her hands up approximately 10 minutes before any shots were fired. He did not observe anyone else exit the residence. He stated four kids had exited the residence prior to him waking up that morning. Bush had seen the kids at that residence before but did not know them or their names.

Bush observed four police officers at the rear of the house and two on the side of the house. He also observed a police K-9 at the corner of the residence. Bush could not see the front of the residence located at 64 Espanola Road from his vantage point. Bush was able to identify the personnel surrounding the captioned residence as law enforcement officers. The law enforcement officers were wearing vests and Khaki pants, one of which he observed to be marked with "US Marshals" on the vest.

Bush observed law enforcement checking an officer by patting him down to see if anything was wrong with him (thinking he had been shot).

Bush never saw the black male subject when the first shot was fired and he never saw a firearm.

Bush was inside the house with his brother and sister who were located in the back of the residence but stated they did not see anything.

Bush advised the previous day he had overheard a black male occupant from 64 Espanola Road on the phone screaming "They might come and get me" before getting into a white car and speeding off. He then stated he thought it may have been the subject's brother saying "they" might come get his brother.

**Note:** Some of the information and observations provided by Enrique, are not corroborated by either law enforcement or civilian witnesses.

### **Interview of Raymond Marshall**

### IR Serial # 26

On August 13, 2014, while sitting on his front porch, at 80 Espanola Road, Marshall saw police pull up to the residence located at 64 Espanola Road. Police attempted to make contact with the occupants of the residence at the front door. Some of the police officers were in the yard. They identified themselves as U.S. Marshals. They called Cory Tanner's name numerous times. They attempted contact at the door for approximately ten minutes.

Officers then got on a loud speaker and began giving Tanner verbal commands to come out of the residence. They told Tanner that they had the house surrounded and they were the U.S.

Marshals. They asked him to come out of the residence. They attempted to contact Tanner by loud speaker for approximately ten minutes.

Marshall said that police came to his residence and asked him to go back into his residence. Marshall went into his residence and began watching the incident from a window. He saw officers going to the back door of the residence. One of the officers went back to the car and retrieved some type of rod. They continued to give Tanner verbal commands, indicating that if he didn't exit the residence, they were going to enter the residence. They also told Tanner that they did not want to hurt him.

Shortly after hearing police giving the verbal commands, Marshall heard one shot, then three additional shots. Marshall said that he had moved to another room just before the shots were fired and did not see the actual shooting take place.

### Interview of Quandrell Bush

# Quandrell Bush, a juvenile, stated that he was asleep at 80 Espanola Road, on the morning of the incident (August 13, 2014) when he was awakened by his cousin, Mishayla (unknown last name). She told Bush to go to a back room in the residence and not to look out of the windows. While in the back bedroom, Bush heard police knocking on the front door of Tanner's residence. Bush went to the bathroom area during the incident and saw a subject come out of the back door holding a black gun. Bush then ran back towards the back bedroom and heard a gunshot. After the first shot, he heard a couple more shots. Bush then saw a subject lying next to the back door. Bush believed the subject was dead. A few minutes later, police came to their residence and took them to a neighbor's house.

### **Additional Neighbors**

On August 13, 2014, a neighborhood canvass of Espanola Road was conducted to identify additional neighbors or visitors to the area who may have heard or seen anything that would be useful to the investigation.

Deborah Diane Bass resides at 180 Espanola Road. Bass stated that she did not see or hear anything related to the incident that took place at 64 Espanola Road, but saw police activity surrounding the residence and came outside because she wanted to know what was going on.

Darren Eugene Giddens resides at 122 Espanola Road. Giddens lives at the residence with his wife, Delores Jones, who was working at the time of the incident. Giddens advised he did not see or hear anything and was inside his residence at the time of the incident.

Larry Thomas Powell, II resides at 142 Espanola Road, Apartment #4. Powell stated he was outside between approximately 0800 hours and 0845 hours and observed a marked law enforcement patrol car and multiple vehicles pulling in behind the marked unit in front of 64 Espanola Road. Powell heard one officer inform another officer where the house in question was

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located, pointing at it. He then observed law enforcement surround the residence and give verbal commands, specifically "Sheriff's Department. We have the house surrounded. Come on out". Powell stated law enforcement repeatedly told the subject to come out of the residence. Powell was ultimately contacted by law enforcement where he was redirected away from the residence located at 64 Espanola Road. Powell did not see the shooting but stated he heard five gunshots which were "back to back", but he could not tell where the gunshots were coming from.

SA Carver and SA Nauss also attempted to contact the residents at 80 Espanola Road, 120 Espanola Road and 118 Espanola Road. According to Darren Giddens, who stated the aforementioned residences belonged to family of his, no one was home at the time of the shooting or at the time of attempted contact by law enforcement. Giddens advised his mother Mary Jones resides at 80 Espanola Road, but was in Daytona with his daughter. "Benny" Jones resides at 120 Espanola Road but was not home at the time of the incident. Another family member, Sean "LNU", resides at 118 Espanola Road and was not home.

On August 14, 2014, at approximately 0924 hours, SA Nauss received a telephone call from BJ Jones, who resides at 120 Espanola Road in response to the business card left at his door by SA Nauss. Jones stated that on August 13, 2014, he had left for a doctor's appointment in Daytona and went to work after that. He was not home when the incident at 64 Espanola Road occurred. Jones stated he did not arrive home that night until sometime between 2230 hours and 2245 hours.

Lawrence Hopkins resides at 142 Espanola Road. Hopkins stated he did not see or hear anything related to the police activity that occurred earlier this date.

Agents also contacted Frank Lee Turner when speaking with Lawrence Hopkins. Turner stated he doesn't reside on that street but was dropped off earlier that day. He did not see or hear anything related to the police activity that occuured that day, but stated he did know the individual who had been shot. Turner said they worked together on the Johnson Brother's farm and the decedent was his "homeboy". Turner did not know the decedent's first or last name.

### MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REPORT SUMMARY OF FREDERICK HOBIN, M.D. AUTOPSY REPORT

Below are the determinations made as the result of the autopsy performed by Dr. Hobin on Thursday, August 14, 2014:

Cause of Death:

Manner of Death: Homicide.

How Incident Occurred: Shot by Police.

The following is a summary of that portion of the report that addresses the Cause of Death:

# FINAL DIAGNOSES AND FINDINGS

- 1. Through and through indefinite range gunshot injury to head with penetration injury of the brain.
- 2. Indefinite range gunshot wound to right posterolateral thorax with penetrating injury of right lung, heart and left lung. Deformed hydro shock projectile recovered from the soft tissue of the left anterolateral chest.
- 3. Through and through indefinite range gunshot injury to mid right forearm with deformed, comminuted fracturing of both radius and ulna.
- 4. Limited superficially penetrating ricochet bullet type injury to the right lateral inferior chest.
- 5. Non-penetrating ricochet-type bullet injury to right anterior distal arm.

# EXAMINATION OF GUNSHOT INJURIES

Prior to carrying out any dissection, radiographs of the body are processed in an effort to identify possible inlying projectiles. A deformed metallic projectile is identified in the lateral chest field. A shower of tiny metallic fragments is identified in the cranial field and the right forearm.

Gunshot injuries are designated numerically in an arbitrary fashion. There is no intention to designate sequence of severity of the injuries.

Gunshot injury #1 had an indefinite range through and through gunshot injury of the head. The anatomic trajectory is characterized as right to left, very slightly upward, very slightly backward.

Gunshot wound #2 had an indefinite range entrance wound located on the right upper posterolateral back. The pathway of the projectile carried it through the right lung, ventricle of the heart, the left lung and exited the left chest through the anterolateral left fourth rib. It came to rest in the subcutaneous fat. The anatomic trajectory is back to front, right toward left and horizontally level.

Gunshot wound #3 was an indefinite range through and through gunshot injury of the right forearm. The location of the entrance wound is on the mid anterior forearm. The projectile produced a comminuted deformed fracturing of the radius and ulna and an irregular exit wound on the mid dorsal right forearm. The anatomical trajectory is back to front, right to left and horizontally level.

Gunshot injury #4 was a non-perforating but superficially penetrating bullet wound of the skin of the right lower lateral chest. It had a  $2 \times 1$  cm irregular defect in the skin with exposure of the underlying subcutaneous fat. The edges of the wound were somewhat irregular and appeared abraded and compressed.

Gunshot wound #5 was a non-penetrating bullet injury. It was a 3cm in length linear area of black discoloration with parchment-like consistency of the skin. The skin surface was not broken.

# TOXICOLOGY

Cory Tanner's chest blood and urine drawn postmortem at the Medical Examiner's Office was submitted to an independent lab for analysis. The Toxicology Report from NMS Labs noted positive findings for the presence of Cannabinoids in both the urine and blood of Tanner. No other compounds in the expanded Blood (Forensic) tests (Code 8052B) were detected.

# LABORATORY REPORT CRIME SCENE SECTION Generated by Jean Blundell

# **<u>REFERENCE</u>**:

This report is in reference to crime scene assistance provided by the Jacksonville Crime Scene Unit on August 13 and 14, 2014. This report may contain conclusions, opinions, and/or interpretations made by the author.

# SCENE:

Submission 1:

On August 13, 2014 Crime Laboratory Analyst J. Blundell went to 64 Espanola Road, Bunnell, Florida. At this location were a single family residence, the shooting scene, and the body of Corey Tanner.

Submission 2:

On August 14, 2014 Crime Laboratory Analyst J. Blundell went to the District 23 Office of the Medical Examiner located at 4501 Avenue A, St. Augustine, Florida. At this location was the body of Corey Tanner.

# **ASSISTANCE RENDERED:**

Submission 1:

The scene was photographed, sketched and measured. The west yard, beginning approximately mid residence and continuing northwards, and the north yard were searched with a metal detector. Firearms were received from United States Marshall's Service Supervisor Inspector M. Pagliughi and additional items of evidence were collected.

Submission 2:

The autopsy was attended and photographed. Items of evidence were received from Medical Examiner's Office personnel.

# **EVIDENCE COLLECTED:**

Submission 1:

FDLE Item#	Agency Exhibit#	Description
1	CS01	Glock 22 .40cal SN: FEV342 With tape sealed brown paper bag containing magazine and 12 cartridges. Represented as belonging to U.S. Deputy Marshall J. Kenirey. Received from U.S. Marshall's Service Supervisor M. Pagliughi.
2	CS02	Glock 22 .40cal SN: FEV002 With tape sealed brown paper bag containing magazine and 14 cartridges. With tape sealed manila envelope cartridge case from chamber. Represented as belonging to U.S. Deputy Marshall J. McAllister. Received from U.S. Marshall's Service Supervisor M. Pagliughi.
3	CS03	Colt AR-15 5.56mm SN: 4442975 With tape sealed brown paper bag containing magazine and 24 cartridges. Represented as belonging to St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Detective J. Alvarez. Received from U.S. Marshall's Service Supervisor M. Pagliughi.
4	CS04	Cartridge case 5.56mm from west yard (photo marker 1).
5	CS05	Cartridge case 5.56mm from west yard (photo marker 2).
6	CS06	Cartridge case 5.56mm from west yard (photo marker 3).
7	CS07	Cartridge case 5.56mm from west yard (photo marker 4).
8	CS08	Cartridge case .40cal from north porch step (photo marker 5).
9	CS09	Projectile recovered from south wall of "bonus" room (photo marker 6).
10	CS10	Cartridge case .40cal from north yard (photo marker 7).

11	CS11	Projectile recovered from floor along the west wall of "bonus" room (photo marker 8).	
12	CS12	Maroon lace curtain and black bottle of cologne from north yard west of porch steps (photo marker A).	
13	CS13	Three tape sealed brown paper bags each containing one cell phone. One Samsung with ear buds from couch in living room (photo marker B). One ZTE from book shelf in living room (photo marker C). One LG from master bedroom (photo marker D).	
14	CS14	Dell Laptop computer Service tag (S/N): 4NQ2XJI From master bedroom (photo marker E).	
15	CS15	DVD containing 211 images of scene.	
Submission 02:			
16	CS16	Evidence tape sealed manila envelope said to contain projectile	
		recovered from Corey Tanner received from Medical Examiner personnel.	
17	CS17	-	
17 18	CS17 CS18	personnel. Sealed white envelope said to contain DNA card of Corey Tanner received from Medical Examiner	
		<ul><li>personnel.</li><li>Sealed white envelope said to contain DNA card of Corey Tanner received from Medical Examiner personnel.</li><li>Copy of ten print card of Corey Tanner received from</li></ul>	

# **DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE:**

Submission 1:

Exhibits CS01 through CS11 were assigned to the Firearms Section for examination.

Exhibit CS12 was assigned to the Biology and Latent Print Sections for examination.

Exhibits CS13 and CS14 will be transferred unworked to your agency. No forensic examinations have been requested at this time. Any or all of these items may be resubmitted at a later date in the event of new investigative developments.

Exhibit CS15 will be transferred to your agency. No forensic examinations are required of this exhibit.

Submission 2:

Exhibit CS16 was assigned to the Firearms Section for examination.

Exhibit CS17 was assigned to the Biology Section for examination.

Exhibit CS18 was assigned to the Latent Print Section for examination.

Exhibit CS19 will be transferred unworked to your agency. No forensic examinations have been requested at this time. Either or both of these exhibits may be resubmitted at a later date in the event of new investigative developments.

All exhibits were submitted to the Evidence Intake Section for distribution.

# **REMARKS:**

The search with the metal detector located one item of evidence (Ex.# CS10).

The results of the Firearms and Latent Print Section examinations will be the subjects of separate reports.

# LABORATORY REPORT FIREARMS SECTION Generated by Maria E. Pagan

# **<u>REFERENCE</u>**:

This report references evidence submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on August 18, 2014 by Jean Blundell. This report may contain conclusions, opinions, and/or interpretations made by the author.

### **EVIDENCE:**

FDLE Item #	Agency Exhibit #	Description
1	CS01	One 40 caliber Glock Model 22 semiautomatic pistol, serial number FEV342; with magazine, twelve 40 caliber S&W cartridges and attached light.
2	CS02	One 40 caliber Glock Model 22 semiautomatic pistol, serial number FEV002; with magazine, one fired 40 caliber S&W cartridge case, fourteen 40 caliber S&W cartridges and attached light.
3	CS03	One 5.56 x 45mm caliber Colt M16A1 carbine, serial number 4442975; with magazine, twenty-four 5.56 x 45mm cartridges, attached sight, and attached nylon sling
4	CS04	One fired 5.56 x 45mm cartridge case.
5	CS05	One fired 5.56 x 45mm cartridge case.
6	CS06	One fired 5.56 x 45mm cartridge case.
7	CS07	One fired 5.56 x 45mm cartridge case.
8	CS08	One fired 40 S&W caliber cartridge case.
9	CS09	One fired 40/10mm caliber class jacketed hollow-point bullet.
10	CS10	One fired 40 S&W caliber cartridge case.
11	CS11	One fired 40 / 10mm caliber class jacketed hollow-point bullet.
16	CS16	One fired 40 / 10mm caliber class jacketed hollow-point bullet.

# **<u>RESULTS</u>**:

### Exhibit CS01

This pistol was test fired with two of the submitted cartridges and the submitted magazine. Trigger pull is approximately 7 1/2 pounds. Cartridge cases fired in this pistol do not meet requirements for imaging per NIBIN protocol.

The light and remaining cartridges were visually inspected.

#### Exhibit CS02

This pistol was test fired with five of the submitted cartridges and the submitted magazine. Trigger pull is approximately 7 1/4 pounds. Cartridge cases fired in this pistol do not meet requirements for imaging per NIBIN protocol.

This pistol fired the cartridge in this exhibit.

The light remaining cartridges were visually inspected.

#### Exhibit CS03

This carbine was test fired with two of the submitted cartridges and the submitted magazine. As received, it was configured to fire in semiautomatic mode. Trigger pull is approximately 7 pounds. Cartridge cases fired in this carbine do not meet requirements for imaging per NIBIN protocol.

The sight, nylon sling, and remaining cartridges were visually inspected.

#### Exhibits CS04, CS05, CS06, CS07

These cartridge cases were fired in the carbine Exhibit CS03.

#### Exhibit CS08

This cartridge case was fired in the pistol Exhibit CS02.

#### Exhibit CS10

This cartridge case was fired in the pistol Exhibit CS01.

#### Exhibit CS09

This bullet is of no value for comparison to a specific firearm.

### **Exhibits CS11 and CS16**

These bullets could neither be identified nor eliminated with respect to having been fired from the pistols Exhibits CS01 and CS02 due to a lack of significant agreement or disagreement of individual characteristics.

### **REMARKS:**

Laboratory tests are being returned in FDLE Items 1, 2, and 3.

#### Note:

The carbine referenced in this report is referred to as a Colt M16A1. In a previous report (Crime Scene), it is referred to as a Colt AR-15. Both are correct. The receiver is a Colt M16A1, which is capable of firing fully automatic. The AR-15 barrel and/or the trigger mechanism are configured so that the weapon can only be fired as a semi-automatic.

### LABORATORY REPORT BIOLOGY SECTION Generated by Edward J. Pollick

### **REFERENCE:**

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### **EVIDENCE:**

FDLE Item #	Agency Exhibit #	Description
12	CS12	Curtain and cologne bottle.
17	CS17	Blood stain card from Cory Tanner.

### **<u>RESULTS</u>**:

The curtain from Exhibit CS12 was not examined.

STR DNA analysis was performed on Exhibits CS12 (cologne bottle) and CS17 utilizing the AmpF/STR Identifier Plus PCR Amplification Kit.

The DNA profile obtained from Exhibit CS12 demonstrated the presence of a mixture of at least two individuals. Due to the nature of this mixture, this mixture was not interpretable.

# **<u>REMARKS</u>**:

The DNA profile developed from Exhibit CS17 has been entered into CODIS.

### LABORATORY REPORT LATENT PRINT SECTION Generated by William J. Tucker

#### **REFERENCE:**

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#### **EVIDENCE:**

FDLE Item#	Agency Exhibits	Description
	Exhibits	Submission 01:
12	CS12	Maroon lace curtain. Black bottle of Cadillac cologne.
		Submission 02:
18	CS18	Post mortem inked fingerprint bearing the name Cory Tanner, B/M, DOB: 9/4/89.

### **<u>RESULTS</u>**:

No latent prints of value for comparison were noted or developed on the items listed in Exhibit CS12.

Only a visual examination was conducted on the lace curtain in Exhibit 12 due to the type of surface.

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# INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS FDLE Case: JA-27-0047

<u>IR #</u>	<u>Author</u>	<b>Description</b>
1	Cassidy	Case Opening
2	Mertins	Subject Profile on Cory Tanner
3	Cassidy	Interview of Deputy United States Marshal Joel McAllister
4	Cassidy	Interview of Deputy United States Marshal James Kenirey
5	Cassidy	Interview of Task Force Officer Jeff Alvarez
6	Colalillo	Interview of FCSO Corporal Daniel Weaver
7	Still	Interview of Detective Arthur Erlandson (FCSO Non-Shooter)
8	Still	Interview of Deputy Robert Tarczewski (FCSO Non-Shooter)
9	Still	Interview of Detective Joseph Cosello (FCSO Non-Shooter)
10	Brown	Interview of Bunnell Police Officer Corporal Christopher Wolfe
11	Brown	Interview of Bunnell Police Officer Jonathan Kuleski
12	Mertins	Photos of Scene Taken by Flagler County Sheriff's Office
13	Whiteside	Application for Search Warrant by SA Whiteside
14	Mertins	Efforts to Locate Mattie Verdell
15	Mertins	Intelligence Information on Cory Tanner
16	Nauss	Interview of Sophian Bush
17	Nauss	Interview of Supervisory Inspector Michael Pagliughi
18	Colalillo	Interview of Florida Hospital Personnel

19	Still	Interview of John Johnson (Brother of Cory Tanner)
20	Still	Interview of Jawanda Smiley (Girlfriend of John Johnson)
21	Still	Interview of Mattie Verdell (Girlfriend of Cory Tanner)
22	Nauss	Interview of Flagler County Fire-Rescue Lt. Wayne Semenick
23	Nauss	Neighborhood Canvass of Espanola Road, Bunnell, Fl.
24	Nauss	Interview of BJ Jones
25	Nauss	Interview of Debrishyonne Bush (JUVENILE)
26	Nauss	Interview of Enrique Bush
27	Roper	Interview of Raymond Marshall
28	Roper	Interview of Quandrell Bush
29	Brown	Interview of Deputy Marshal Duane Johnson
30	Brown	Interview of U.S. Marshal Silvestre Delrosario
31	Roper	Interview of FCFR Firefighter Robert Errett
32	Roper	Interview of FCSO Deputy Jeffrey Turner
33	Mertins	E-FORCSE Query on Cory Tanner
34	Still	Administrative Documents Provided by the USMS
35	Cassidy	Receipt and Review of the Crime Scene Log
36	Cassidy	Receipt and Review of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Radio Dispatch Records
37	Cassidy	Receipt and Review of the Flagler County Fire / Rescue Dispatch Records
38	Cassidy	Receipt and Review of the Crime Scene Report
39	Whiteside	Application of Search Warrant for Tanner's Facebook Profile

40	Whiteside	Return of Facebook Inc. Search Warant
41	Brown	Interview of TFO Michael Calhoun
42	Still	Cellular Phone Analysis (Phone of Mattie Verdell)
43	Maurer	Interview of FCSO Deputy Erik Pedersen
44	Cassidy	Receipt an Review of the Laboratory Report Generated by the Firearms Section
45	Cassidy	Interview of Tray Hannans (JUVENILE)
46	Whiteside	Facebook Search Warrant Results
47	Cassidy	Interview of Aaliyah Smiley (JUVENILE)
48	Cassidy	Return of the Weapons Used in the Police Involved Shooting
49	Cassidy	Receipt and Review of the Digital Video Recording Retrieved from Video Camera Worn by FCSO Corporal Daniel Weaver
50	Cassidy	Receipt and Review of the Digital Video Recording Retrieved from Video Camera Worn by FCSO Deputy Robert Tarczewski
51	Cassidy	Interview with Neighbor and Juvenile Visitor
52	Cassidy	Receipt and Review of the Medical Examiner's Report on Cory Tanner
53 `	Cassidy	Transfer of Two Items of Evidence from Forensics to the JROC Evidence Vault
54	Cassidy	Receipt and Review of the Laboratory Report Generated by the Biology Section
55	Cassidy	Receipt and Review of the Laboratory Report Generated by the Latent Prints Section

#### RELATED ITEMS FDLE Case: JA-27-0047

### <u>**RI**</u># <u>Description</u>

- INV-1 Crime Scene Photos taken by FCSO
- INV-2 Search Warrant Affidavit, Search Warrant and Inventory
- INV-3 Employment on Mattie Verdell
- INV-4 Information / Documents on Cory Tanner
- INV-5 CD with Audio from Interview of FCSO Corporal Weaver
- INV-6 CD of Interview with Det. Erlandson (FCSO)
- INV-7 CD of Interview with Dep. Tarczewski
- INV-8 CD of Interview of Det. Costello (FCSO)
- INV-9 CD of Interview with of John Johnson
- INV-10 CD of Interview of Jawanda Smiley
- INV-11 CD of Interview of Mattie Verdell
- INV-12 FDLE Consent to Search Form & Property Sheet
- INV-13 CD of with Interview of Raymond Marshall
- INV-14 Compact Disc Recording of Interview with Deputy Marshal Duane Johnson
- INV-15 Compact Disc Recording of Interview with U.S. Marshal Silvestre Delrosario
- INV-16 CD with Interview of Quandrell Bush
- INV-17 CD with Interview of Firefighter Robert Errett
- INV-18 CD with Interview of Jeffrey Turner
- INV-19 E-FORCSE on Cory Tanner
- INV-20 Administrative Documents from USMS

- INV-21 Compact Disc of Interview of Bunnell Police Officer Corporal Christopher Wolfe INV-22 CD Containing Interview of U.S. Deputy Marshal Joel McAllister, FDLE Sworn Statement Form and Related Photographs INV-23 CD Containing the Interview of Sophian Bush INV-24 CD Containing the Interview of Supervisory Inspector Michael Pagliughi INV-25 CD Containing the Recorded Interview of Lt. Wayne Semenick INV-26 CD Containing the Recorded Interview of Debrishyonne Bush INV-27 CD Containing the Interview of Enrique Bush INV-28 Crime Scene Report INV-29 Facebook Inc. Search Warrant and Return INV-30 Created in Error INV-31 Compact Disc of Interview of Bunnell Police Officer Jonathan Kuleski INV-32 Cory Tanner Subject Profile INV-33 Supporting Documents for Subject Profile INV-34 Compact Disc of Interview of TFO Michael Calhoun INV-35 Siezed Handheld Device Analysis Worksheet INV-36 Photo of Text Message #1 INV-37 Photo of Text Message #2 INV-38 CD of Interview of FCSO Deputy Erik Pedersen INV-39 CD Containing Interview of U.S. Deputy Marshal James Kenirey, FDLE Sworn Statement Form and Related Photographs INV-40 Laboratory Reports Generated by the Firearms Section INV-41 Cellular Phone of Verdell INV-42 CD Containing Interview of Task Force Officer Jeff Alvarez, FDLE Sworn Statement Form, a Written Statement, and Related Photographs
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INV-43	Facebook Search Warrant Results
INV-44	CD Containing the Interview of Tray Hannans (JUVENILE)
INV-45	CD Containing Interview of Aaliyah Smiley
INV-46	EDAFs and Other Required Forms to Return Weapons Used in the Police Involved Shooting
INV-47	DVR of Video Downloaded from Video Camera Worn by FCSO Corporal Weaver
INV-48	DVR of Video Downloaded from Video Camera Worn by FCSO Deputy Tarczewski
INV-49	Copy of the FCSO Crime Scene Log for 64 Espanola Road, Bunnell, Florida.
INV-50	Printed FCSO Dispatch Calls and a CD Containing the Dispatch Calls.
INV-51	A CD Containing the Radio Dispatch Logs for the Flagler County Fire / Rescue
INV-52	A Copy of the Medical Examiner's Report on Cory Tanner
INV-53	Copies of Lab Forms Needed to Transfer Items 12 & 18 and Photographs of the Cologne Bottle
INV-54	Copy of the Laboratory Report by the Biology Section
INV-55	Copy of the Laboratory Report by the Latent Prints Section