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Joseph Roy
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RE: State of Wisconsin vs. Edgar G Rodriguez, Report # 22-010012

Dear Lieutenant Roy:

After a thorough review of the reports and digital evidence in this matter, I have determined that no inappropriate use of force was used in this situation by any party. As such no criminal charges will be issued. All personal property of the deceased, Mr. Edgar Rodriguez, may be returned to his next of kin.

This is a case where City of Oak Creek Officers engaged in a vehicle pursuit of a vehicle, later determined to be driven by Mr. Rodriguez, in their jurisdiction. The [pursued vehicle failed to stop for officers and continued driving recklessly and at a high rate of speed through Oak Creek, into Franklin and entering into Racine County on Highway 45.

Upon entering Racine County, Officer Raffini, Oak Creek Police, terminated the pursuit. Immediately after terminating the pursuit, Officer Raffini appropriately continued into Racine County on Highway 45 and located the fleeing vehicle in the ditch just south of Bennet Road in the Town of North cape. Through investigation it was determined that the vehicle left Highway 45 at Bennet Road and drove through the ditch area for a short distance before stopping near a farm field. Officer Raffini and Sgt. Loontjens attempted to take Rodriguez into custody. Rodriguez initially ignored officer's commands and attempted to re-enter his vehicle. At this time Officer Raffini released her K-9 partner, Revi, to apprehend Rodriguez but Revi was not successful in apprehending Rodriguez. However, Revi did distract Rodriguez enough that Officer Raffini and Sgt. Loontjens were able to get control of Rodriguez and place him in handcuffs.

As Rodriguez was being handcuffed Deputies from the Racine County Sheriff and other officers arrived to provide assistance. Officer Raffini immediately removed Revi from the area and placed him in her squad. During the investigation, Mr. Rodriguez vehicle was searched and evidence of drug paraphernalia and drug use was observed.

As Officer Raffini was removing Revi, other officers assisted Rodriguez from the ditch area and walked him toward Bennet Road. While walking enroute to Bennet Road Rodriguez' legs appear to get weak and he appears to begin to have a medical emergency. Officers on scene immediately begin to attend to Rodriguez. First by asking questions to determine what type of issue he may be having while simultaneously obtaining medical equipment from their squads and advising dispatch of the need for medical assistance (Fire and Rescue). Officers on scene continue to provide medical assistance to Mr. Rodriguez until medical assistance arrives and his care is turned over to them.

Mr. Rodriguez later passed away at the hospital and an autopsy was performed. The autopsy determined that Mr. Rodriguez died as a result of Acute Cocaine Toxicity. The Autopsy did not show any signs of external injury to Mr. Rodriguez that would show he was subjected to any use of force or abuse.

All law enforcement officers, specifically Officer Raffini and Sgt. Loontjens, cooperated with the investigation in this incident.

The review of the investigation, specifically the video evidence from squad cameras and body cameras, shows that all officers acted appropriately during the pursuit, in terminating the pursuit, in the immediate follow-up based on the brake lights observed, the taking of Mr. Rodriguez into custody and to his treatment and care once taken into custody. This treatment includes the providing of medical assistance while he suffered his medical emergency.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions concerning this matter.

Thank You,



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