

Case Supplement

Case: MP-04-117071 Supplement: 5

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STATEMENT OF OFFICER SMELTER #6626 ON 05-16-04 AT 1758 HOURS, TYPED BY CRS, CCN 04-117071

On today's date, while working squad 410 with my partner, OFFICER ROLLINS, at approximately 1151 hours we overheard dispatch air an unknown trouble that was changed to a robbery of business at 3300 Lyndale Ave N, JERRY'S FLOWERS. Upon proceeding to the call from 42nd Ave N and Morgan Ave N, we overheard dispatcher now say that this was a shooting.

While en route, we were given more information as to the suspect, who is a black male wearing a dark or gray colored hoodie, and armed with a possibly silver handgun and last seen running EB from the business towards the alley between Lyndale Ave N and N 6th St.

Upon arriving at 3300 Lyndale Ave N, we noticed a white female standing outside the business who looked very frightened and shocked. This female was later ID'd as witness 1/MCDERMID. She frantically told us that her brother was still inside and that the suspect had shot a gun, and it was unknown if her brother was hurt. Upon entering the business, we noticed a white male lying on the floor in a hallway to the left of the flower coolers. There was a large amount of blood pooled on the floor near the feet of the victim. Upon checking closer, we noticed more blood near the head of the victim, and that he appeared to be deceased. I immediately then radioed dispatch for EMS Code 3. Upon EMS arriving, I was told to secure the scene by taping off the area. Upon doing this, I then assisted in making sure no one else was allowed inside the taped area.

I was then told to assist in a search of the nearby alley, along with OFFICER HEIPLE and canine OFFICER STENDER. After the search was conducted, I maintained the perimeter at the alley of 33rd Ave N, Lyndale Ave N to N 6th St.

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