
STATEMENT OF OFFICER STENDER #6791 ON 05-16-04 AT 1820 HOURS, TYPED BY CRS, CCN 04-117071

On the above date at approximately 1151 hours, I responded to 3300 Lyndale Ave N to assist with a shooting call which had just come in from this address.

Upon my arrival, I walked in to the business and saw rescue standing over the victim and shortly thereafter they indicated that the victim was dead.

I then spoke with witness 1/MCDERMID and attempted to obtain information from her so that I could attempt a track of the suspect as he left the business. Witness 1/MCDERMID informed me that the suspect had been leaning on the counter on the Lyndale side of the business, directly over green wrapping paper which was on the counter. Witness 1/MCDERMID also informed me that the suspect had removed a small "Happy Birthday" card from the display rack on the same counter. The suspect had handed this card to witness 1/MCDERMID and requested that it be used with the arrangement that she was making.

At approximately 1250 hours, I got my canine partner, HARLEY, from the squad car and attempted a track of the suspect from the business. Canine HARLEY started at the front door of the business and went east on the sidewalk to the alley between 612 and 614 33rd Ave N. Here canine HARLEY turned left (north) in the alley, and continued a strong pulling track north. Canine HARLEY then stopped on the cement parking slab in the rear of 3343 6th St N. It appeared to me at this time that canine HARLEY had lost the track near the rear of this house. I then again tried to pick up the track on the north and south sides of this residence, and in the front of 3343 6th St N, to no avail. I then went back halfway towards 33rd Ave N, and again started the track, and canine HARLEY once again took me to the same address, the rear of 3343 6th St N.

I then went back to the scene of the shooting and informed SGT. KEEFE of these results. SGT KEEFE asked me if there was a bloodhound available to attempt a track. I did some checking and found out that there was some bloodhound training that was taking place south of the metro area involving OFFICER WALD from the AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT. SGT. KEEFE then requested that OFFICER WALD bring his bloodhound up and also try to track.

At approximately 1320 hours, I took pictures of the counter in the business where the green wrapping tissue was sitting and of the "Happy Birthday" card that was sitting on the preparation table in the store. At approximately 1328 hours, while using rubber gloves, I obtained the top green tissue paper from the counter and put it in a paper bag in an effort to make a scent article for the AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT bloodhound.

At approximately 1342 hours, OFFICER WALD arrived with his bloodhound, and I explained the scene and situation to him. A short time later OFFICER WALD retrieved his bloodhound partner and attempted to track the suspect using the scent article. I followed along behind OFFICER WALD to provide him security while he was performing the track. OFFICER WALD's bloodhound partner took the same route as my canine partner, HARLEY, and ended nearly in the same spot behind 3343 6th St N. It should be noted that I did not tell OFFICER WALD of the results of canine HARLEY's track until after he had completed their own track.

OFFICER WALD and myself then went back to the scene and informed 710 of the results. I was then instructed to write a supplement of these findings and property inventory the photos that I had taken with a FUJI 15 exposure disposable camera. Once at Transcription, the camera was property inventoried and my supplement completed.