III. INVESTIGATION

During the course of the joint investigation, the following steps were conducted:

On Friday, July 9, 2021, at approximately 2:02 AM, Providence Police Patrolman Domingo Diaz, Patrolman Mitchel Voyer, and Patrolman Nathaniel Colicci were identified as using force during the apprehension of the suspect, identified as Juvenile 1.

On Friday, July 9, 2021, at approximately 3:00 PM, Sergeant Michael Troia was assigned as the Desk Sergeant. At that time, Sergeant Troia received telephone calls at the Providence Police Department from family members of Juvenile 1, alleging that Providence Police Officers had “beat up” Juvenile 1 during his arrest. Sergeant Troia subsequently advised Sergeant Andres Perez of the aforementioned complaint.

On Tuesday, July 13, 2021, Lieutenant Matthew Jennette initiated a Supervisor Use of Force Inquiry and determined that the incident should have further review.

On Friday, July 16, 2021, at the request of the Rhode Island Office of Attorney General, members of the Rhode Island State Police Detective Bureau, members of the Providence Police Department, and members of the Pawtucket Police Department, responded to the Attorney General’s office located at 150 South Main Street in the City of Providence for a meeting. Per the Attorney General’s Protocol, it was determined that a joint investigation would be conducted into the events that occurred on July 8, 2021, through July 9, 2021.

Members of the investigative team responded to the Providence Public Safety Complex and met with Detective Sergeant Elizabeth Romano and Detective Sergeant Paul Zienowicz of the Office of Professional Responsibility. Sergeant Romano provided Detective Vinton with copies of the Providence Police radio transmissions, body worn camera video recordings, BCI photographs, police reports, and department policies.

Members of the investigative team conducted a canvass in the area of the incident. During the canvass, a surveillance video camera was identified on a Manton Heights building facing the
direction of the incident. The Providence Housing Authority provided Detective Vinton with a copy of the surveillance video.

On Monday, July 19, 2021, a request was sent to Keeper of the Records, Nancy Duffy for all E911 telephone audio recordings related to incidents involving the three (3) male suspects shooting projectiles at individuals and/or motor vehicles. Ms. Duffy provided Detective Vinton with a copy of the pertinent records.

A request was sent to Lifespan for the medical records of Juvenile 1 for any/all treatment received from July 9, 2021, through the present date. Lifespan provided Detective Vinton with a copy of these records.

On Tuesday, July 20, 2021, a search warrant was reviewed and signed by the Honorable Judge Pamela Woodcock Pfeiffer, for a forensic examination to be conducted by the State Police Forensic Services Unit of the 2004 black BMW. An examination was subsequently conducted of the vehicle by members of the Forensic Services Unit at Rhode Island State Police Headquarters.

A request was sent to Deputy Assistant Chief Zachariah Kenyon of the Providence Fire Department for the Patient Care report of Juvenile 1. Deputy Assistant Chief Kenyon provided Detective Vinton with a copy of the report.

On Wednesday, July 21, 2021, a request was made to Detective Sergeant Carrie Hormanski of the Pawtucket Police Department’s Office of Professional Standards for any reports generated by officers pertaining to this incident. Sergeant Hormanski provided Detective Vinton with a copy of the police reports.

On Friday, July 23, 2021, a request was sent to Lieutenant Michael Fallon of the Providence Police Training Academy for the training records of the involved officers and the academy lesson plan for defensive tactics. Lieutenant Fallon provided Detective Vinton with a copy of these records.

On Monday, July 26, 2021, Detective Stephen Vinton, Detective Sergeant Robert Richardson, and Detective Sergeant Paul Zienowicz conducted interviews of the following
Providence Police Officers: Lieutenant Dennis O’Brien, Sergeant Andres Perez, Patrolman John Najarian, Patrolman Andrew Calle, Patrolwoman Damaris Sanchez, Patrolman Davinile Urizar, Sergeant Michael Troia, Patrolman Lucas Ramalho, Patrolman James Lewis, and Patrolman Josen Buten. All of the interviewed officers had declined to provide a voluntary statement and were subsequently ordered by Colonel Hugh Clements to provide a statement to the Office of Professional Responsibility. The Officers were read their Garrity Rights and subsequently provided a statement in the presence of Providence Police Union Attorney Joseph Pezza. Due to the statements of the Officers being compelled, they will not be included as part of this investigation.

On Tuesday, July 27, 2021, Detective Stephen Vinton, Detective Sergeant Robert Richardson, and Detective Sergeant Paul Zienowicz conducted interviews of the following Providence Police Officers: Patrolman Shaolin Herr, Sergeant Eric Greene, Patrolman Louis Prete, Patrolman John Manown, Patrolman Luis Quinilla, Patrolman Sean Cooney, and Sergeant Shawn Kennedy. All of the interviewed officers had declined to provide a voluntary statement and were subsequently ordered by Colonel Hugh Clements to provide a statement to the Office of Professional Responsibility. The Officers were read their Garrity Rights and subsequently provided a statement in the presence of Providence Police Union Attorney Joseph Pezza. Due to the statements of the Officers being compelled, they will not be included as part of this investigation.

On Wednesday, July 28, 2021, Detective Stephen Vinton, Detective Sergeant Robert Richardson, and Detective Sergeant Paul Zienowicz conducted interviews of the Providence Police Officers: Patrolman Jason Bibeault, Patrolman David Sepe, Patrolman Anthony Moore, Patrolwoman Sarita Fernandez, Patrolman Renaud Joseph, Detective Mitchell Guerra, Patrolwoman Jenna Heeder, and Lieutenant Matthew Jennette. All of the interviewed officers had declined to provide a voluntary statement and were subsequently ordered by Colonel Hugh Clements to provide a statement to the Office of Professional Responsibility. The Officers were read their Garrity Rights and subsequently provided a statement in the presence of Providence Police Union Attorney Joseph Pezza. Due to the statements of the Officers being compelled, they will not be included as part of this investigation.

On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, Detective Sergeant Herbert Tilson responded to the residence of [redacted], mother of Juvenile 1 and was unable to make contact. Sergeant Tilson left his business card in the door of the residence and attempted to contact [redacted] via her cellular
telephone with negative results. Detective Vinton places additional telephone calls, leaving messages to contact this Detective with negative results.

On Wednesday, August 4, 2021, Detective Sergeant Herbert Tilson responded to the Providence Public Safety Complex to conduct formal interviews of the following members of the Providence Fire Department: Lieutenant Thomas Miller and Rescue Technician Justin Lyons.

On Thursday, August 5, 2021, Detective Sergeant Herbert Tilson conducted a formal interview of [redacted] at Rhode Island State Police Headquarters.

On Friday, August 13, 2021, Detective Stephen Vinton, Detective Sergeant Paul Zienowicz, and Detective Sergeant Matthew Braga (Pawtucket PD) conducted interviews of the following Pawtucket Police Officers: Officer Caisey Calabro, Officer Neftalie Ortiz, Officer Brendan Schumacher, and Officer Tyler Mobrice. All of the interviewed officers had declined to provide a voluntary statement and were subsequently ordered by Chief Tina Goncalves to provide a statement to the Office of Professional Standards. The Officers were read their Garry Rights and subsequently provided a statement in the presence of Pawtucket Police Union Attorney Joseph Penza. Due to the statements of the Officers being compelled, they will not be included as part of this investigation.

On Tuesday, August 17, 2021, Detective Stephen Vinton, Detective Sergeant Paul Zienowicz, and Detective Sergeant Matthew Braga (Pawtucket PD) conducted interviews of the following Pawtucket Police Officers: Officer Anthony Richards and Officer Justin McCabe. All of the interviewed officers had declined to provide a voluntary statement and were subsequently ordered by Chief Tina Goncalves to provide a statement to the Office of Professional Standards. The Officers were read their Garry Rights and subsequently provided a statement in the presence of Pawtucket Police Union Attorney Joseph Penza. Due to the statements of the Officers being compelled, they will not be included as part of this investigation.

Detective Vinton examined and analyzed all of the video recordings from the Manton Heights surveillance camera and the officer body worn cameras.
Detective Vinton examined and analyzed all of the dispatch radio transmissions and corresponding police reports.

A. Background Information of Involved Parties

B. Area Canvas

On Saturday, July 17, 2021, members of the investigative team conducted a canvas of the area of the motor vehicle crash for eyewitnesses or surveillance cameras. One (1) surveillance camera with relevant footage was discovered at Manton Heights located at 31 Salmon Street in the City of Providence. Analysis of this video footage showed that within seconds of the suspect vehicle crash, several marked police vehicles arrived on scene with their overhead lights activated. The overhead lights completely obstructed the surveillance camera's view of the incident from that point forward.

As a result of this area canvass, there were no eyewitnesses identified.
C. Surveillance Video Analysis

Video surveillance was obtained from Manton Heights located at 31 Salmon Street in the City of Providence. Analysis of this footage showed that the police overhead lights completely obstructed the view of the incident from the surveillance video camera.

1. Manton Heights, 31 Salmon Street, Providence, Rhode Island

The Manton Heights video surveillance system had one (1) camera facing the location of the incident. Screenshots from the Manton Heights surveillance video camera recordings are provided with a description of the image.
MH – Salmon St PTZ 2  02:02:18
The suspect vehicle just prior to crashing into a fire hydrant located at the corner of Salmon Street and King Street.
MH – Salmon St PTZ 2

The suspect vehicle at the time of the crash.
At the time Juvenile 1 is removed from the vehicle, there are approximately ten (10) police vehicles on scene with overhead lights activated. The police overhead lights completely obstruct the view of the incident from the surveillance video camera.
D. Providence Police Body Worn Cameras

The body worn camera video recordings of the officers that were involved in this incident were obtained from the Providence Police Department. Screenshots from the body worn camera video recordings are provided with a description of the image.

1. Patrolman Nathaniel Colicci #534

21-52314 Ptlm Colicci1.mp4 02:02:23

Patrolman Colicci exits his cruiser and orders occupants to put their hands up.
Front seat passenger, Juvenile 1 partially opens the passenger door.
Prior to approaching the suspect vehicle, Patrolman Colicci yelled to the occupants, "Hands, hands, hands, hands, hands!"
Juvenile 1 appeared to have his right hand slightly raised in the area of his head. It should be noted that Juvenile 1's left hand is not visible in the video and one (1) of the rifles was located along the middle console and floor of the passenger seat, which is an area in close proximity and within reach of his left hand.
Patrolman Colicci approaches the passenger side of the vehicle and opens the passenger door.
Patrolman Colicci extricates Juvenile 1 from the front passenger seat of the vehicle and takes him to the ground, in an attempt to place him in custody.
While attempting to gain control of Juvenile 1, Patrolman Colicci's body worn camera is dislodged from his uniform and fell to the ground with the camera facing upward.
Patrolman Domingo Diaz is observed to continuously give verbal commands for the subject to place his hands behind his back and delivers closed fist strikes with his right hand.
Providence officers attempt to gain control of Juvenile 1, who continued refusing to comply with verbal commands to remove his hands from under his prone body.
Patrolman Diaz is observed to deliver closed fist strikes with his left hand to Juvenile 1.
Patrolman Diaz is observed to be pulled backward by Sergeant Andres Perez, in an attempt to de-escalate the situation.
Patrolman Colicci's body worn camera is observed to be picked up from the ground and placed on a Providence Police cruiser.
Patrolman Colicci retrieved his body worn camera.
2. Patrolman Mitchel Voyer #355

21-52314 Ptlm Voyer1.mp4  02:02:29

Patrolman Voyer arrived on scene and initiated a felony motor vehicle stop.
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Pawtucket Officer removing the rear seat passenger from the vehicle.
Observe Juvenile 1's left hand clenched and pulled in tight to his body as officers attempt to gain control of his left arm.
Observed Juvenile 1's left hand remains clenched, as he pulled his left arm tight toward his body, while officers attempt to place his left hand behind his back.
Observed blood on the lower lip of Juvenile 1, prior to the compliance strikes being utilized by officers. Patrolman Voyer applied a mandibular angle pressure point to Juvenile 1 in an attempt to gain control, as Juvenile 1 continued refusing to comply with verbal commands to remove his hands from underneath his prone body.
Patrolman Diaz holds the top of Juvenile 1's head with his left hand.
Patrolman Diaz administers a closed-fist strike to the facial area of Juvenile 1.
Patrolman Voyer administered four (4) to five (5) closed right fist strikes to the right shoulder area of Juvenile 1.
Patrolman Voyer disengaged from the apprehension of Juvenile 1 and checked on the status of the other two (2) suspects involved.
Patrolman Diaz administers closed fist strikes with his right hand toward the right side of Juvenile 1’s head and shoulder area.
Patrolman Voyer walked back to the location where officers were attempting to place Juvenile 1 into custody. Patrolman Voyer is observed placing his left hand on the back and his right hand on the chest of Patrolman Diaz in an effort to pull him away and de-escalate the situation.
As Patrolman Diaz was pulled away from the scene by Sergeant Perez, officers continue to attempt to place Juvenile 1’s hands behind his back. Pawtucket Police Officer Croft observed attempting to remove the satchel worn across the chest of Juvenile 1. Juvenile 1’s left hand is clenched, while his left arm is under his face and his right arm is underneath his prone body.
Patrolman Voyer pulled Juvenile 1's right arm out from underneath his body.
Patrolman Voyer assisted placing Juvenile 1’s right hand behind his back.
Officers are able to secure Juvenile 1's right hand behind his back.
Officers are able to secure the satchel that was strapped across Juvenile 1’s chest.
Pawtucket Officer Croft secured the satchel from Juvenile 1's possession.
Sergeant Troia advised Sergeant Perez to call for a rescue to the scene.
Patrolman Voyer observed to place handcuffs on Juvenile 1.
Patrolman Voyer secured Juvenile 1 in handcuffs.
Once Juvenile 1 was secured in handcuffs, Patrolman Voyer placed him in a seated position.
Patrolman Diaz approached Juvenile 1, while he was seated on the ground.
Patrolman Diaz spit (saliva) toward Juvenile 1's location.
Patrolman Diaz’s saliva landed in close proximity to Juvenile 1’s location on the ground.
Patrolman Voyer placed Juvenile 1 upright against a Providence Police marked cruiser. Juvenile 1 is observed sitting upright without assistance.
Patrolman Voyer advised that he approached the operator side of the suspect vehicle, and he would be able to identify the driver of the vehicle through a review of his body worn camera video. It was also observed that Patrolman Voyer sustained an injury to his right hand at some point during the incident.
Patrolman Voyer observed reviewing body worn camera video on a cellular telephone.
21-52314 Ptlm Diaz1.mp4 02:07:20

Patrolman Diaz activated his body worn camera.
Patrolman Diaz conducted an inventory search of the satchel worn by Juvenile 1 at the time of his arrest. Patrolman D. Sepe is observed administering aid to Juvenile 1.
Patrolman Diaz asks Emergency Medical Services personnel, "Hey you guys have a band-aid or something? I scratched myself." Juvenile 1 was observed on a stretcher and subsequently secured inside a Providence Rescue for transport.
Patrolman Diaz applied a band-aid to his left ring finger.
Patrolman Diaz asked Emergency Medical Services personnel for an additional band-aid for a cut on his right hand.
Emergency Medical Services personnel advised that Juvenile 1 sustained no obvious injuries, he was responding to pain, his pulses and blood pressure were good. A cervical collar (C-collar) was then placed on Juvenile 1 in an abundance of caution.
Juvenile 1 was observed not responding to any questions from emergency medical services personnel, however, when asked if he was on anything, he shook his head side to side, a gesture that indicated, "no."
Patrolman Najarian made the following broadcast over the police radio, “They dropped the top, it’s down, it turned into a convertible. It’s a Wyoming plate, about two to three occupants. Kid had a blue bandana on with his shirt off, he turned around and pointed something at me, it looked like a firearm.”
Officers approach vehicle and instruct the occupants to place their hands up. The operator and rear seat passenger are observed to have their hands up upon approach.
Upon approach of the vehicle, the wooden stock of rifle was clearly visible across the side of the front passenger seat.
Two (2) rifles observed inside the suspect vehicle.
Juvenile 1’s cellular telephone observed to be recording inside of the satchel he was wearing at the time of the arrest.
The operator of the suspect vehicle, Juvenile 2 stated to officers that he was fifteen (15) years old, and he was eluding the police because he did not possess a driver's license. Juvenile 2 further advised that he told both Juvenile 1 and Juvenile 3 to stop pointing the rifles out of the vehicle’s windows at people, but they did not listen to him.
Juvenile 2 stated to Patrolman Najarian, "I told them bro, do not put that gun up. Bro, if they see any little piece of that gun, bro, they gonna shoot at us."
5. **Sergeant Andres Perez #99**

21-52314 Sgt Perez1.mp4 02:02:58

Sergeant Perez approached officers that were attempting to gain control of Juvenile 1 on the ground, outside of the suspect vehicle. Sergeant Perez broadcast on the radio, “Alright, Code 3, Code 3, apprehended.” As Sergeant Perez continued to walk toward the officers on scene, once again he stated, “Alright...alright...Code 3...Code 3...apprehended.” Sergeant Perez observed the officers attempting to gain control of Juvenile 1, then shouted to the officers “alright, alright!” Sergeant Perez then stated seven (7) times toward the officers to “cuff him!”
Pawtucket Officer observed placing his right hand on the left shoulder of Patrolman Diaz and stated, "cuff him!"
Sergeant Perez pulled Patrolman Diaz away from Juvenile 1 with the assistance of a Pawtucket Officer and Patrolman Voyer.
An unidentified individual is heard yelling, "are you fucking kidding me?" Shortly thereafter, Patrolman Diaz is observed walking toward Juvenile 1, who was in a seated position on the ground at that time. Patrolman Diaz bends down toward Juvenile 1 and spit (saliva) toward his location.
Patrolman Diaz observed looking down at his right hand.
6. Patrolwoman Damaris Sanchez #566

21-52314 Ptlw Sanchez.mp4 02:02:42

Damage observed to the front operator side quarter panel of Patrolwoman Sanchez’s cruiser.
Patrolman Diaz observed to administer approximately six (6) closed fist strikes to the right side of Juvenile 1.
Patrolman Diaz shifted position from laying on his left side to a kneeling position, located at the right side of Juvenile 1's prone body.
Patrolman Diaz administered a closed fist strike with his right hand to the right side of Juvenile 1's prone body.
Patrolman Diaz administered a closed fist strike with his left hand to the left side of Juvenile 1's prone body.
Patrolman Diaz administered a closed fist strike with his right hand to the right side of Juvenile 1's prone body.
Sergeant Perez pulled Patrolman Diaz by both arms backwards, away from Juvenile 1 in an attempt to de-escalate the situation and instructed the other officers on scene to secure Juvenile 1 in handcuffs.
Female party standing outside of Manton Heights was heard yelling, "Because they were pointing guns!"
Nissan vehicle key observed on rear passenger seat.
7. Patrolman John Manown #516

21-52314 Ptlm Manown1.mp4 02:02:39

Officers pull Juvenile 1 from vehicle and attempt to place him in custody.
Patrolman Colicci repositioned his left foot.
Patrolman Diaz administered closed fist strikes with his right hand to the left side of Juvenile 1. The Wyoming registration plate is observed affixed to the suspect vehicle.
Suspect vehicle observed with dark tint material on the windows, obstructing the view inside the vehicle.
Patrolman Najarian approached Patrolman Quinilla, who was holding the satchel that had been seized from Juvenile 1's possession during his arrest. Patrolman Najarian pointed at the satchel and asked, "is there a gun in there?" Officers then searched the contents of the satchel for additional weapons or contraband. Officers observed two (2) cellular telephones inside the satchel and Patrolman Najarian then stated, "he was recording the whole thing, he's recording now."
Patrolman Diaz placed his right hand on the left shoulder of Juvenile 1 and asked, “hey buddy, you ok?”
21-52314 Ptlm Herr.mp4 02:03:02

Sergeant Perez pulled Patrolman Diaz away from Juvenile 1, as Juvenile 1 continued refusing to comply with officer’s verbal commands and actively resisted, continuously tensing his body and pulling his arms underneath his prone body.
Sergeant Perez handed Patrolman Diaz his body worn camera, that was knocked from his uniform during the apprehension of Juvenile 1 and was located on the ground.
10. **Patrolman Davinie Urizar #555**

21-52314 Ptlm Urizar2.mp4    02:02:43

A hat and a blue bandana are observed on the ground, located at the feet of the operator, Juvenile 2.
Patrolman Diaz approached Juvenile 1, after he was in custody and spit (saliva) in the area of Juvenile 1’s location on the ground.
Rifle observed resting across the front passenger seat and floor of the vehicle.
Patrolman Diaz looked inside the suspect vehicle and was told by another officer on scene, to get away from the vehicle.
Lieutenant Jennette instructed the Providence Police Sergeants on scene to ensure that the three (3) suspects were checked by emergency medical personnel prior to being transported to the Providence Public Safety Complex, as they were involved in a motor vehicle crash.
Patrolman D. Sepe assessed Juvenile 1's injuries and began to render aid.
Juvenile 1 is observed to be alert to the pain of a pen stimulus applied to the bed of one of his fingernails.
Providence Officers move Juvenile 1 from the roadway to a safe location on the sidewalk.
Juvenile 1 appeared to be in and out of consciousness, Patrolman D. Sepe is observed to rub his sternum in an attempt to keep him alert until emergency medical personnel arrived on scene.
Patrolman Diaz is observed to place his right hand on the left shoulder of Juvenile 1 and stated, "hey buddy, you ok?"
Pawtucket Officer told Patrolman Sepe, “it came out that they were shooting a rifle at you guys.” Patrolman Sepe replied, “We had no confirmation that it was a BB gun.”
Providence Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived on scene and began to assess and provide treatment to Juvenile 1.
Providence Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services personnel place Juvenile 1 on a stretcher and transport him to a rescue.
Patrolman Diaz observed to look down at his right hand.
Patrolman Diaz is heard yelling at a female onlooker to “Shut the fuck up!” Sergeant Troia is then heard yelling at Patrolman Diaz, “Diaz, Diaz, Diaz, Diaz, Diaz. Come on, relax. Knock it off.” Sergeant Troia then pulled Patrolman Diaz by his right arm away from the location in an attempt to de-escalate the situation.
As a large, aggressive crowd began to gather outside of Manton Heights, Sergeant Troia advised Providence Officers to remain professional, not to scream or act like Patrolman Diaz.
Lieutenant O'Brien advised that comments were made by citizens on scene as to why police were pursuing the vehicle for pointing guns at people. Lieutenant O'Brien then stated how the crowd continually yelled, "they beat the shit out of these people."
Sergeant Troia stated to Lieutenant O'Brien, "you got to talk to that kid Diaz. I had to pull him back because he was yelling and screaming at these people, enticing them. I was like, Diaz get the fuck." (At this point, the body worn camera video stopped recording).
14. Patrolman Sean Cooney #523

21-52314 Ptlm Cooney.mp4  02:05:35

Rifle observed laying across the rear passenger seat and middle console of the suspect vehicle.
Patrolman Diaz confronted civilians in the crowd gathering outside of Manton Heights and yelled, “shut the fuck up.”
Patrolman Diaz was pulled away from the crowd by Sergeant Troia, in an attempt to de-escalate the situation.
Lieutenant Jennette asked a Providence Officer, “Do we have a rifle recovered?” The officer replied, “It looks like two LT.”
Due to the large, aggressive crowd gathering at the scene, Lieutenant Jennette asked the Pawtucket Officers to stage close by to the location, in the event the large crowd became violent.