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Location of Incident: Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery
3751 North Cocoa Boulevard
Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida

Victim: Ms. Quasheda Pierce

Suspect: Mr. Jonterich Smith (Juvenile)

BCSO Investigators: Lieutenant Robert Vitaliano (Homicide)
Agent Jennifer Straight (Homicide) (Case Agent)
Agent Adam Walkington (Homicide)
Agent Leandro Balparda (West GCU)
Agent Nalicia Bailey (West GCU)
Agent Maria Fernez (West GCU)
Agent Howard Shelton (West GCU)

BCSO Crime Scene Unit: CSI Mercedys Kroom
CSI Conrad Schneider

Investigative Overview

On Saturday, November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:00 p.m., a funeral service for Sincere Pierce took place at the Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery, located at 3751 North Highway 1, Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida.

The scene of the funeral is described as an outdoor cemetery burial plot located in the northwest portion of the Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery. To the south of Sincere Pierce's casket, a green portable canopy was erected. On the ground beneath the canopy, there were multiple folding chairs resting on top of one sheet of plywood, which was covered by two layers of green artificial grass / synthetic turf.

At approximately 2:19 p.m., the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) received the first of nine (9) 911 emergency telephone calls reporting a shooting which occurred at the cemetery during the funeral service of Sincere Pierce. Of the nine (9) callers, [REDACTED] later provided sworn, recorded statements, where they reported hearing one suspected gunshot at the gravesite before calling 911 for law enforcement and medical assistance. Additional anonymous 911 callers stated two people were struck by the gunshot. The mother of the decedent, later identified as Ms. Quasheda Pierce, was reported to have sustained a gunshot wound to her leg. The second subject, later identified as 16-year-old Jonterich Smith, was also initially reported to have sustained a gunshot wound to his leg. Mr. Smith was reportedly taken from the cemetery and transported to a hospital, later determined to be [REDACTED] by unknown individuals. Additional comments were captured on the 911 recordings that indicated multiple funeral attendees were running in different directions after the gunshot and were running from the scene with firearms visible to the callers.

According to the sworn, recorded statement of Mr. Duncan MacKenzie, co-owner and employee of the cemetery, approximately 100 to 150 people attended the funeral service. Mr. MacKenzie stated that during the funeral service, Mr. Pierce's casket was encircled by the crowd of attendees at the time when he heard the single gunshot. Florida Today Newspaper Photographer Craig Bailey also attended and photographed the funeral. I (**Agent Jennifer Straight**) reviewed the Florida Today website and Mr. Bailey's photographs. Based on my review of the Florida Today photographs, the images corroborated Mr. MacKenzie's estimate of the amount of attendees and his statement that the attendees encircled Mr. Pierce's casket.

According to the BCSO Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Report, Deputy Tonisha Hemphill and Deputy Ryan Mason were dispatched to respond to the cemetery at 2:20 p.m. Deputy Hemphill and Deputy Mason arrived on scene at approximately 2:25 p.m. When Deputy Hemphill and Deputy Mason approached the area, they observed multiple people fleeing on foot and in vehicles. When the deputies approached the gravesite, they observed approximately 40 to 50 funeral attendees still at the scene. At approximately 2:26 p.m., Firefighter/Paramedic Marcello Maggio and Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician (FF/EMT) Brandon Fenex, Brevard County Fire Rescue (BCFR), Station 26, arrived and parked their ambulance at the entrance of the cemetery.

Deputy Hemphill was directed to Ms. Pierce's last known location by a subject who was not identified. Deputy Hemphill attempted to locate Ms. Pierce; however, she was informed Ms. Pierce was placed in an unknown vehicle and driven to the BCFR ambulance parked at the entrance of the cemetery. According to the BCFR Run Sheet (Incident #BC20081968) and sworn statements, Firefighter/Paramedic Maggio and FF/EMT Fenex observed Ms. Pierce brought to the entrance of the cemetery in a minivan (*Ms. Pierce refused to identify the vehicle or person who drove her from the gravesite to the ambulance.*)

Firefighter/Paramedic Maggio medically evaluated Ms. Pierce and determined she sustained a suspected entrance and exit gunshot wound, with a downward trajectory, to the rear of left calf. Paramedic Maggio also observed a belt secured around Ms. Pierce's left leg. He observed the belt was not under tension and Ms. Pierce's wound was not bleeding; therefore, he removed the belt. Firefighter/Paramedic Maggio and FF/EMT Fenex transported Ms. Pierce to the [REDACTED] for further medical evaluation and treatment. (*It was later determined that Lyric Jackson had placed the belt on Ms. Pierce's left leg as a makeshift tourniquet.*)

As BCSO deputies arrived on scene, Deputy Hemphill was informed by an unidentified subject that Mr. Smith was driven to [REDACTED] by unknown persons. Deputy Hemphill continued her investigation and attempted to identify any other victims, suspects or witnesses. She did not discover any other victims or suspect information. None of the remaining attendees wished to cooperate with Deputy Hemphill's investigation at that time. Deputy Hemphill established and secured the crime scene and requested assistance from the West Precinct General Crimes Unit (GCU). West Precinct GCU Agent Leandro Balparda responded to assist the BCSO Homicide Unit on the investigation.

At approximately 4:00 p.m., BCSO Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) Mercedys Kroom and I arrived at the cemetery. At approximately 4:30 p.m., West Precinct GCU Agents Leandro Balparda and Howard Shelton arrived at the cemetery. After being briefed by Deputy Hemphill, Agent Balparda requested West Precinct GCU Agents Nalicia Bailey and Maria Fernez respond to the [REDACTED] to conduct interviews with Ms. Pierce and Mr. Smith.

Agent Balparda, Agent Shelton, CSI Kroom and I entered the crime scene. When I approached the burial plot, I observed Mr. Pierce's casket was lowered half way into the ground, inside the burial plot. I then observed a concrete casket cover labeled, "Sincere Pierce" on the north side of the burial plot.

On the south side of the burial plot, I observed an empty water bottle, a suspected blood stain and a suspected bullet defect in close proximity with each other and on the top layer of the synthetic turf. After further inspection, I observed a suspected bullet defect that penetrated through the two layers of synthetic turf, one piece of plywood, and into the ground beneath the plywood. It appeared, based on the location, close proximity and relationship between the penetrated layers of synthetic turf, plywood and the ground, the projectile travelled in a sharp, downward trajectory. CSI Kroom located and recovered a projectile from the suspected bullet defect in the ground. No bullet casing was located or recovered at the crime scene.

During Agent Fernez and Agent Bailey's investigation and interviews at [REDACTED] with Ms. Pierce, Ms. Lajoyce Jones and Mr. Smith, it was discovered both Mr. Smith and Ms. Pierce suffered non-life-threatening gunshot wounds. Mr. Smith's injury was located in his upper right thigh area, with an entrance and exit vertical wound pattern, which had a downward trajectory. Ms. Pierce's injury was located on her left calf area, also with an entrance and exit vertical wound pattern, which had a downward trajectory. Upon my arrival at [REDACTED] and upon further examination, it was determined Mr. Smith's underwear had an apparent defect on the right side, consistent with where the projectile entered his thigh in the downward trajectory. When Mr. Smith pulled his underwear into place on his right thigh, the defects in the underwear aligned with his wound to his upper right thigh area. The defect in Mr. Smith's underwear, along with his wound, were consistent with that of a discharge of a firearm placed inside Mr. Smith's waist band. Digital photographs were taken of Mr. Smith wearing his underwear, which showed the defect in the underwear aligned over his injury. Agents collected Mr. Smith's clothing as evidence; however, Mr. Smith refused to provide agents with his underwear that showed the apparent defect from the gunshot. An examination of the pants Mr. Smith was wearing during the shooting revealed there was a defect (exit) in the right pant leg consistent with that of a bullet hole. This bullet hole also matched the location of Mr. Smith's gunshot exit wound on his right leg. Laboratory testing confirmed gun powder residue was located inside of Mr. Smith's pants where he sustained the gunshot wound.

The investigation, to include physical evidence, indicated that one gunshot was fired in close proximity of the gravesite while a large crowd had gathered. As a result of the one gunshot, two subjects sustained a gunshot wound. Mr. Smith sustained an entrance and exit gunshot wound to his right thigh with a downward trajectory. Ms. Pierce, who was standing directly next to Mr. Smith's right side, sustained an entrance and exit gunshot wound to her left calf with a downward trajectory. Neither injury was life threatening, but both required medical intervention.

Florida Today photographs taken by Mr. Craig Bailey at the funeral service confirm Mr. Smith was standing to the left of Ms. Pierce and in close contact with her just prior to the shooting.

Interviews

Tamorow Rhynes

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 4:59 p.m., Agent Leandro Balparda conducted a sworn, audio-recorded interview with Ms. Tamorow Rhynes, who stated, in substance, the following:

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Ms. Tamorow Rhynes attended the funeral services for Mr. Sincere Pierce and was positioned with her sister, Ms. Saadia Rhynes, on the north side of the casket. Ms. Tamorow Rhynes stated they stood in front of the crowd next to the casket and directly opposite of Ms. Pierce, who was on the south side of the casket. As funeral personnel lowered the casket into the ground, Ms. Tamorow Rhynes heard what she believed to be a gunshot and saw smoke coming up from the area of Ms. Pierce's foot. She then saw Ms. Pierce look down at her leg and state, "I'm hit, I'm shot, somebody call the police." Ms. Tamorow Rhynes advised she did not know

the name of the male (Jonterich Smith) who was standing beside Ms. Pierce, but stated the casket and Ms. Pierce were surrounded by a very large crowd when Ms. Pierce was shot.

After the gunshot, Ms. Tamorow Rhynes [REDACTED] walked back home with Ms. Saadia Rhynes. Ms. Tamorow Rhynes advised she did not see anyone suspicious in the area or any suspicious vehicles when she arrived, during, or after the funeral service prematurely ended. Ms. Tamorow Rhynes explained the gunshot did not come from a distance and she believed it was an accidental discharge by someone near Ms. Pierce because she observed smoke near Ms. Pierce when the gunshot was fired. Furthermore, Ms. Tamorow Rhynes stated, if the gunshot would have come from a distance, or anywhere else, it would have struck someone else in the crowd before it struck Ms. Pierce, due to her being surrounded by a large crowd of people.

Ms. Tamorow Rhynes did not have any additional information pertinent to the shooting incident.

The audio-recorded interview with Ms. Tamorow Rhynes was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Saadia Rhynes

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 4:59 p.m., I conducted a sworn, audio-recorded interview with Ms. Saadia Rhynes, who stated, in substance, the following:

Ms. Saadia Rhynes reported she and her sister, Ms. Tamorow Rhynes, reside on Moore Road, which is located on the north side of the cemetery property.

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Ms. Saadia Rhynes advised they attended Mr. Sincere Pierce's funeral service and walked from their home to the gravesite. Ms. Saadia Rhynes stated that during the service they were positioned on the north side of the casket and stood opposite of Ms. Quasheda Pierce, whereas they faced Ms. Pierce, with the casket in-between them. Ms. Saadia Rhynes stated as the casket was being lowered into the ground, she heard one suspected gunshot, and saw a puff of smoke near Ms. Pierce. Ms. Saadia Rhynes then heard Ms. Pierce say, "I'm shot, I'm shot," and she observed everyone running away. Ms. Saadia Rhynes advised that [REDACTED] called 911. She and her sister then walked back home.

Ms. Saadia Rhynes stated she believed someone near Ms. Pierce may have accidentally shot her, due the proximity of the gunshot and the smoke she observed. Ms. Saadia Rhynes did not see if anyone else was shot, and does not know Mr. Jonterich Smith.

Furthermore, Ms. Saadia Rhynes stated the gunshot could not have come from any other location or it would have hit the crowd of people surrounding Ms. Pierce and the casket, before it struck Ms. Pierce. Ms. Saadia Rhynes advised she did not see anyone suspicious in the area or any suspicious vehicles when she was arriving, during or leaving the funeral service. Ms. Saadia Rhynes did not have any additional information pertinent to the shooting incident.

The audio-recorded interview with Ms. Saadia Rhynes was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Quasheda Pierce (Victim)

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 4:10 p.m., Agent Nalicia Bailey arrived at [REDACTED] and met with Deputy Jason Sanchez and Deputy Jason Holloman in emergency room 17. After Agent Bailey was provided a brief synopsis of events, Agent Bailey conducted a sworn, audio-recorded statement with Ms. Quasheda Pierce, who stated, in substance, the following:

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Ms. Pierce was at Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery attending her son's, Sincere Pierce, funeral service. Ms. Pierce reported that just prior to the gunshot, she stood on the side (south) of her son's casket, leaning on the side rail, and watching as his casket was lowered into the ground. Mr. Jonterich Smith stood to the left of her with a group of her son's friends. Ms. Pierce stated she stood by the side of the casket for a short while, peering down at her son's casket and talking to family members and friends. Ms. Pierce stated she then took a picture with Mr. Smith and continued to speak with family and friends. Ms. Pierce stated she and the casket were surrounded by a number of individuals, to include all six of her children and her mother, when the shooting occurred. Ms. Pierce stated that while she spoke with the preacher, Ms. Pierce's six-year-old daughter approached her and asked her to unlock her cellular telephone. Ms. Pierce stated she turned to her right to unlock the cellular telephone as she continued her conversation with the preacher. She advised that she then heard what she believed were two separate gunshots. Ms. Pierce stated she pushed her daughter and told her to go to the car and that's when she observed everyone in the crowd running and screaming. Ms. Pierce stated she then felt a burning sensation in her left leg, which caused her to look down. Ms. Pierce stated she saw blood coming from under her pant leg, at which time she stated, "I'm shot." Ms. Pierce stated an unknown person told her to lay down on the ground and her cousin, later identified as Ms. Lyric Jackson, placed a belt around her leg. Ms. Pierce was then taken to an ambulance and then transported from the cemetery to [REDACTED] for medical treatment.

Ms. Pierce advised she overheard multiple people in the crowd ask, "Who is that in the bushes running?" When Ms. Pierce looked towards the bushes, she observed two people running and what she described as a blue sedan near the bushes. Ms. Pierce was not able to positively identify any of the individuals or vehicles seen leaving the area. Ms. Pierce stated she overheard multiple people shouting that it was "Matuma" running through the bushes, but Ms. Pierce stated she does not know "Matuma," and did not recall her son having a friend by that name.

Ms. Pierce had no additional information pertinent to the shooting incident.

Agent Bailey took digital photographs of Ms. Pierce's injury and collected the bottom portion of Ms. Pierce's right pant leg for evidentiary purposes. All of which were later turned over to the custody of BCSO CSI Kroom for further analysis.

On December 2, 2020, at approximately 10:42 a.m., I made telephone contact with Ms. Pierce. During an audio-recorded telephone call, Ms. Pierce stated, in substance, the following:

Ms. Pierce stated Ms. Jones told her the facts of the case that were shared with her during the meeting the day prior. I asked Ms. Pierce if she would like to meet with me so I could provide her with the same information afforded to Ms. Jones and answer any questions she might have. Ms. Pierce declined to meet with me and advised she did not have any questions.

Ms. Pierce expressed concerns relating to a Mr. Lennear. Ms. Pierce reported she believed Mr. Lennear has been threatening her, and driving by her residence. Ms. Pierce provided me with information regarding Mr. Lennear's identity and location.

On January 7, 2021, at approximately 12:38 p.m., I made telephone contact with Ms. Pierce, at telephone number: [REDACTED] I provided Ms. Pierce with an update to my investigation and advised her the investigation determined that Mr. Smith discharged a firearm that was located in his waistband, which struck his leg and then struck her leg. I then asked Ms. Pierce if she wanted to pursue criminal charges relating to the alleged actions of Mr. Smith, at which time, Ms. Pierce declined to pursue charges against Mr. Smith for discharging a firearm, which resulted in an a injury to her person.

The audio-recorded interviews with Ms. Pierce were uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Lajoyce Jones

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 4:16 p.m., Agent Maria Fernez conducted a sworn, audio-recorded interview with Ms. Jones, who stated, in substance, the following:

Ms. Jones reported she was the mother of the juvenile, Mr. Jonterich Smith, who was being treated for a gunshot wound in emergency room number 18.

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Ms. Jones was at the funeral service for Sincere Pierce, and was standing outside of the tent area (canopy) that was set for the family. While talking with a friend, Ms. Jones heard a suspected gunshot and described it as a sound made when a balloon popped. Ms. Quasheda Pierce then told Ms. Jones she was shot, and as Ms. Pierce said she was shot, Mr. Smith realized he was shot as well. Ms. Jones then ran to the front of the crowd near the casket where Mr. Smith and Ms. Pierce were located. Ms. Jones stated that Mr. Smith then ran from the area. Ms. Jones stated Mr. Smith ran to a vehicle and Ms. Jones stayed with Ms. Pierce. Ms. Jones stated Ms. Pierce's injury was on the back of Ms. Pierce's leg and while they waited for the ambulance, a belt was placed around Ms. Pierce's leg. Ms. Lyric Jackson was later identified as the person who placed the belt around Ms. Pierce's leg.

Agent Fernez asked Ms. Jones where Mr. Smith's injuries were located. Ms. Jones advised she has not seen Mr. Smith's injury, but pointed to her upper thigh area to describe where the hole was on Mr. Smith's pants. Ms. Jones could not recall which leg Mr. Smith's injury was located.

After the shooting occurred, Ms. Jones reported she heard unknown witnesses say they saw a teal colored vehicle, unknown make and model, in the area of the cemetery. Ms. Jones believed a female (Casey) and her male friend (Nicco Lennear) had something to do with the incident. Ms. Jones advised she heard a younger group of teenagers in the

crowd say, "They ran through the bushes." Ms. Jones was not able to provide the names of the alleged witnesses or suspects to Agent Fernez.

Agent Fernez then asked Ms. Jones if Mr. Smith had any conflicts with anyone or if she knew who would have been a potential target at the funeral service. Ms. Jones stated, "They're kids growing up, they all have issues." Agent Fernez then asked Ms. Jones if she believed her son was the target in the shooting and she stated, "Yes, I do. I think my son was the target, I know it wasn't Quasheda. I know my son was a target." Agent Fernez asked Ms. Jones if Mr. Smith would be willing to speak to her about the incident, and Ms. Jones advised, "No, I'm sending him away."

Agent Fernez documented at approximately 4:38 p.m., she entered emergency room 18, to check on Mr. Smith's status. When Agent Fernez entered into Mr. Smith's room, she asked Ms. Jones if she could speak to her son, Mr. Smith. Ms. Jones stated, "Ask him, you're welcome to ask him." Agent Fernez ended her interview with Ms. Jones and then conducted an interview with Mr. Smith in her presence.

The audio-recorded interview with Ms. Jones was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Jonterich Smith (Suspect)

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 4:42 p.m., Agent Maria Fernez conducted a sworn, audio-recorded interview with Mr. Jonterich Smith, in the presence of his mother, Ms. Lajoyce Jones. Mr. Smith stated, in substance, the following:

After Agent Fernez introduced herself to Mr. Smith and requested to speak to him about the shooting incident. Mr. Smith stated, "I don't know nothing ma'am." Agent Fernez asked Mr. Smith if he heard the gunshots and he advised, "Not more than two." Mr. Smith stated he didn't even realize he was shot, until he walked to his car and began to limp. Mr. Smith advised when he looked down, he saw blood on his pants and realized he was shot. Mr. Smith stated he then pulled his pants down and saw he was shot in his thigh. Mr. Smith stated he asked his unidentified friend to get him to the hospital. Mr. Smith refused to identify the person(s) who drove him to the hospital.

Mr. Smith stated he did not know who shot him, nor did he notice any suspicious vehicles. When asked if Mr. Smith noticed any suspicious people attending the funeral service he stated, "I was just trying to bury my brother." (*Mr. Smith is not related to Mr. Sincere Pierce.*)

During the interview with Mr. Smith, Agent Fernez asked Ms. Jones where Mr. Smith's clothing was located. Ms. Jones advised his clothes were in the hospital sink, at which time Mr. Smith uttered, "They cut my shit." Agent Nalicia Bailey collected Mr. Smith's clothing as evidence and later transferred custody of said evidence to BCSO CSI Mercedys Kroom for further crime scene analysis.

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 6:00 p.m., I arrived at [REDACTED] and met with Agent Fernez, who provided me with the information both she and Agent Bailey learned during their interviews with Mr. Smith, Ms. Pierce and Ms. Jones. Agent Fernez advised both Mr. Smith and Ms. Pierce wanted to leave the hospital, and were no longer cooperating with the investigation. Agent Fernez also informed me

that although Mr. Smith had an apparent gunshot wound to his upper thigh, Mr. Smith refused to provide agents with his underwear as evidence. Due to the parties being uncooperative, I initiated my audio-recorder.

As I walked through the hallway of the emergency room, I briefly spoke to Ms. Pierce, who was sitting in a wheelchair in the hallway of the emergency room awaiting her discharge paperwork. Ms. Pierce briefly advised she was ready to leave [REDACTED] and already spoke to agents regarding the shooting incident.

As I briefly spoke to Ms. Pierce, I noticed the bottom of her left leg was covered in a medical bandage, and I did not observe any other visible trauma to her person.

I then made contact with Mr. Smith in emergency room 18. Mr. Smith advised he already spoke with the agents, and already took off his bandage so agents could take pictures. Mr. Smith wanted to know what was going on and wanted to leave the hospital. I then asked to observe Mr. Smith's injury. Mr. Smith showed me the injury on his upper right thigh area, which was covered with a white bandage. He then pulled the legs of his underwear into place, which covered his injury to his right thigh area. I observed a tear/defect in his underwear, consistent with a possible gunshot wound, directly over the injury to his upper right thigh. I then took digital photographs of the bandaged injury, as well as the placement of Mr. Smith's underwear and defect that aligned with his injury.

Due to Mr. Smith's lack of cooperation, I asked to speak to Ms. Jones in the hallway, to which she agreed.

I advised Ms. Jones I wanted to collect Mr. Smith's underwear for evidence, due to the suspected blood and bullet hole I observed on the right leg of the underwear. Ms. Jones stated Mr. Smith did not want to provide me with his underwear. After I explained to Ms. Jones they could be critical evidence in this investigation in order to locate the suspect of the shooting, Ms. Jones agreed to revisit the request with Mr. Smith.

At that time, Ms. Jones and I entered into Mr. Smith's emergency room, where he was still lying down. Mr. Smith stated he intended to leave the hospital. Mr. Smith stated he would not provide me his underwear, and asked me to leave him alone. I then explained to Mr. Smith that he was a victim in my investigation, and the defect and evidence on his underwear could possibly help me locate the suspect who shot him. Mr. Smith said he did not have to cooperate with my investigation, and he did not want to cooperate, or give me his underwear. I then advised both him and Ms. Jones, that Mr. Smith was a juvenile, and it would be up to Ms. Jones if she wanted to cooperate with the investigation. Ms. Jones explained she did not want to make her son, Mr. Smith, cooperate if he did not want to.

After additional conversation with Ms. Jones, she agreed for me to follow her and Mr. Smith to their residence in order to obtain his underwear.

While waiting for Mr. Smith to be discharged, Ms. Jones was informed by the medical staff that the gunshot wound Mr. Smith suffered was "through and through" to his upper right thigh and there were no bullet fragments left inside Mr. Smith's leg. I then asked Mr. Smith if he came to the hospital by ambulance and he stated, "Nope, somebody brought me, my soldier, we don't need no ambulance." Mr. Smith refused to identify who transported him to the emergency room.

When Mr. Smith was discharged from the [REDACTED] I accompanied Mr. Smith and Ms. Jones to their vehicle. Ms. Pierce waited for Mr. Smith and Ms. Jones in the vehicle, because they all reside together at 331 Bay Avenue, Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida.

It should be noted, prior to leaving [REDACTED] Ms. Jones and I agreed to meet down the street from her residence, because a large number of people intended to gather at her residence and she did not want the police presence at her home.

The audio-recorded interview with Ms. Jones and Mr. Smith was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Duncan MacKenzie

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 5:23 p.m. Agent Leandro Balparda conducted a sworn, audio-recorded interview with Mr. Duncan MacKenzie, who stated, in substance, the following:

Mr. MacKenzie is part owner of the cemetery, and worked on November 28, 2020. Mr. MacKenzie stated when the funeral service was coming to conclusion and the casket was being lowered into the ground, he heard a suspected gunshot. Mr. MacKenzie estimated there were 100 to 150 funeral attendees surrounding the casket at the time of the gunshot. Mr. MacKenzie stated he heard a lot of screaming and the crowd began to run and disperse. Mr. MacKenzie then heard a woman scream she was shot. Mr. MacKenzie later realized the woman was Ms. Quasheda Pierce, and noticed what appeared to be blood on her lower right leg. *(It should be noted, Ms. Pierce's injury was to the bottom of her left calf.)*

Mr. MacKenzie reported when he heard the suspected gunshot, he was approximately 50 feet away and believed the suspected gunshot came from within the crowd. Mr. MacKenzie stated the casket was completely surrounded by a crowd; therefore, he did not believe the shot originated from anywhere else or it would have struck multiple people. Furthermore, Mr. MacKenzie believed if the shot came from the wooded area, the skirting on the lowering device of the casket would have been penetrated on both sides to reach the victims. Mr. MacKenzie confirmed he did not observe any holes or defects in the skirting material around the casket or lowering device. Mr. MacKenzie did not have any additional information pertinent to the shooting incident.

The audio-recorded interview with Mr. MacKenzie was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Lajoyce Jones (Second Interview)

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 8:09 p.m., I met with Ms. Jones at the intersection of Bay Avenue and School Street. Ms. Jones stated, in substance, the following:

Mr. Smith told Ms. Jones he refused to testify, refused to go to court, and did not intend to cooperate with the investigation. Ms. Jones stated she was upset with Mr. Smith

because he refused to cooperate, but she would not make him cooperate, nor would she provide me with the underwear Mr. Smith wore during the shooting. Ms. Jones then advised she intended to send her son away from the area and reiterated she refused to make him cooperate if he did not want to. Ms. Jones then agreed to decline to prosecute if the suspect who shot her son was located and also agreed she did not want to cooperate with the investigation on behalf of Mr. Smith. Ms. Jones advised if she discovered any facts related to the shooting or suspects, she would pass on the information to me.

I then asked Ms. Jones to contact me if she discovered Mr. Smith was actually the one with the firearm and the one who accidentally shot himself, to which Ms. Jones agreed. This concluded our conversation.

It should be noted, the conversations summarized above with Mr. Smith, Ms. Pierce, and Ms. Jones were all audio-recorded. The audio-recorded conversations, as well as the digital photographs taken of Mr. Smith's mentioned injury and underwear by both Agent Bailey and me, were uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes, and are also attached as an enclosure to this report.

On December 1, 2020, at approximately 2:59 p.m., Lieutenant Robert Vitaliano and I met with Ms. Jones at 331 Bay Avenue, Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida. The interaction with Ms. Jones was audio-recorded and in summation, Ms. Jones advised the following:

Ms. Jones reported she sent Mr. Smith to Crestview, Florida, to live with his sister months prior to Mr. Pierce's funeral service in an attempt to keep him safe and to get him out of the area due to the recent elevation in youth violence. Mr. Smith returned home (Brevard County) for the purpose of Mr. Pierce's funeral service.

Ms. Jones stated she has been a Brevard County resident for the past 43 years and intends to move away from the county due the increase in youth street violence. Ms. Jones stated she believed there are four groups of teenagers and young adults who are constantly at odds with each other. Ms. Jones stated her son and his group of friends like to wear "Mossy Oak" camouflage clothing. Because they wear this brand of camouflage, other people consider them a gang and frequently target them through online threats and physical violence.

Ms. Jones further explained her son is close friends with several boys in the neighborhood and was best friends with Mr. Angelo "A.J." Crooms and Mr. Sincere "Spud" Pierce. Ms. Jones believed if Mr. Smith had been in the area, he would have been in the vehicle with Mr. Crooms and Mr. Pierce when they died. (BCSO Case Number 2020-395879).

Ms. Jones stated that prior to the shooting death of Mr. Kenmyree Anderson on June 21, 2020, Mr. Anderson was at her home with her son and other boys from the neighborhood. Ms. Jones told the group of boys they needed to separate themselves from the street violence or half of them would end up in jail and the other half would be dead. Later that day, Mr. Smith returned home and told Ms. Jones that he (Mr. Smith) and his friends needed their guns because Mr. Anderson was just shot and killed (Rockledge Police Department Case Report 2020-20473). Ms. Jones stated a short time after Mr. Anderson was buried, Mr. Smith and some of his friends went to visit Mr. Anderson's gravesite. Due to the fact that Mr. Smith and his friends were posting their intentions on social media, a group of rivals followed them to the gravesite and shot at them. Although she did not state

how she obtained the information, Ms. Jones stated law enforcement officers later discovered the shooting suspects in a vehicle and arrested them in possession of firearms. As we departed Ms. Jones' residence, she showed us defects to the front of her residence where unknown persons shot at her residence multiple times.

A search of local law enforcement databases did not reveal any reported shooting incident as described by Mr. Smith to Ms. Jones.

(It should be noted, social media as well as Florida Today images captured the attendees to Mr. Pierce's funeral wearing camouflage clothing, as described by Ms. Jones.)

Ms. Jones then asked if her son needed a lawyer and advised if she needed to bring him back for court she would. We then advised Ms. Jones a number of evidentiary items were referred to the lab for analysis and she would be contacted when the investigation was complete. We also informed Ms. Jones that once the investigation was completed, it would be forwarded to the State Attorney's Office for review and potential charging consideration.

Ms. Jones did not have any additional pertinent information to provide in reference to this shooting incident.

On January 7, 2021, at approximately 12:33 p.m., I conducted an audio-recorded telephone call with Ms. Jones, at telephone number [REDACTED] and provided her with an update to my investigation. I advised Ms. Jones the test results completed on the inside of Mr. Smith's pants yielded a positive test result for gunshot residue.

The audio-recorded interview with Ms. Jones was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Armani Wiley

On December 1, 2020, at approximately 4:43 p.m., I made telephone contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Ms. Armani Wiley at telephone number [REDACTED] Ms. Wiley stated, in substance, the following:

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Ms. Wiley attended the funeral service for her brother, Sincere Pierce. Ms. Wiley reported she stood on the north side of the casket across from her mother, Ms. Quasheda Pierce, who was on the south side of the casket. Ms. Wiley stated there was an unknown male later identified as Mr. Jonterich Smith standing beside Ms. Pierce along with Ms. Wiley's sister and little brother. While the casket was lowered into the ground, Ms. Wiley heard a noise that sounded like a balloon popping. Ms. Wiley did not realize it was a gunshot until she heard Ms. Pierce say she was shot. Ms. Wiley did not know where the gunshot came from and reported she did not see anyone with a firearm nor did she observe any suspicious persons or vehicles in the area. Ms. Wiley was told there was a silver SUV parked on Range Road for a long time during the service that departed right after the gunshot. Ms. Wiley advised she also heard another person was shot and was on the way to the hospital, but stated she was confused that there was only one gunshot and two people were shot. Ms. Wiley did not know the other person, Mr. Smith, who was shot. Ms. Wiley did not have any additional information pertinent to the shooting investigation.

The audio-recorded conversation with Ms. Wiley was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Blake Jackson

On December 1, 2020, at approximately 4:58 p.m., I made telephone contact with [REDACTED] Mr. Blake Jackson at telephone number [REDACTED]. Mr. Jackson stated, in substance, the following:

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Mr. Jackson attended Sincere Pierce's funeral service [REDACTED] because someone was shot. Mr. Jackson explained he stood on the south side of the casket and faced the northern wood line approximately one foot away from Quasheda Pierce when she was shot. Mr. Jackson stated he heard what he thought was a balloon popping and didn't realize it was a gunshot until Ms. Pierce said she was shot. Mr. Jackson stated the noise sounded very close in proximity to him, but he didn't feel it was loud enough to be that of a gunshot. Mr. Jackson stated he smelled what he recognized as burnt gunpowder after the gunshot, but felt if it was near him, the noise would have been louder and cause a ringing in his ears, which it did not.

Mr. Jackson stated he did not see anyone at the funeral service with a firearm, nor did he see suspicious people or vehicles in the area.

The audio-recorded conversation Mr. Blake Jackson was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Lyric Jackson

On December 1, 2020, at approximately 5:05 p.m., I made telephone contact with [REDACTED] Ms. Lyric Jackson at telephone number [REDACTED]. Lyric Jackson stated, in substance, the following:

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Ms. Jackson was at the funeral service for Sincere Pierce, stating she was the cousin of Ms. Quasheda Pierce. Ms. Jackson stated [REDACTED] to request an ambulance. Ms. Jackson then abruptly hung up on me, whereas, I called Ms. Jackson back. Ms. Jackson stated she did not know anything and only helped her cousin, Ms. Pierce, after she was shot. *It should be noted, Ms. Jackson was the person who placed the belt around Ms. Pierce's leg.*

The audio-recorded conversation with Lyric Jackson was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Nelicia King

On December 1, 2020, at approximately 5:08 p.m., I made telephone contact with Nelicia King at telephone number [REDACTED]. Ms. King stated, in substance, the following:

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Ms. King stated she was at the funeral service for Sincere Pierce. Ms. King advised she did not see what happened, but

heard a suspected gunshot and observed the funeral attendees running. Ms. King stated she and her daughter immediately left the area and [REDACTED] on their way out to make sure law enforcement was notified.

The audio-recorded conversation with Ms. Nelicia King was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Unknown 911 Caller

On December 1, 2020, at approximately 4:52 p.m., I made telephone contact with an unknown male 911 caller at telephone number [REDACTED]. The unknown male advised someone else used his cellular telephone to make the 911 call and that person was not available to speak to me.

The audio-recorded conversation with the unknown male 911 caller was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Additional Unknown 911 Callers

On December 1, 2020, I also attempted to make telephone contact with unknown 911 callers at telephone numbers [REDACTED] but was met with negative results.

BCFR Firefighter/EMT Brandon Fenex—Station 26

On February 03, 2021, at approximately 6:37 a.m., Brevard County Sheriff's Office Agent Adam Walkington, conducted a voluntary, sworn audio-recorded interview with Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician (Fire-Medic) Brandon Fenex at Brevard County Fire and Rescue (BCFR), Station 42, located at 840 North Banana River Drive, Merritt Island, Brevard County, Florida, 32952.

Fire-Medic Fenex stated, in substance, the following:

Fire-Medic Fenex is employed by BCFR as a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician, and has been since September 05, 2020.

On November 28, 2020, Fire-Medic Fenex began his shift at 7:00 a.m. and was assigned to BCFR Station 26.

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:19 p.m., BCFR received a call for service at Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in reference to a patient with a gunshot wound (time verified from BCFR run sheet – BC2000081968).

Fire-Medic Fenex (driver) and Firefighter/Paramedic Marcello Maggio responded to the scene in the Rescue 26 Ambulance. Following BCFR protocol, he and Firefighter/Paramedic Maggio staged in the area of Canaveral Groves and US North Highway 1, Cocoa, to await notification from law enforcement that the scene was secured. After being advised by BCSO via radio traffic that the scene was secured, Fire-Medic Fenex pulled into the cemetery and did not initially see anyone. As Fire-Medic Fenex was driving towards the back of the cemetery he observed several cars coming towards him

so he pulled off the roadway into the grassy area. As Fire-Medic Fenex passed several vehicles, several individuals got out of their cars and started yelling, "Back here!" Fire-Medic Fenex reversed the ambulance and made contact with a black female later identified as Ms. Quasheda Pierce who had a suspected gunshot wound to her calf. Fire-Medic Fenex could not recall which calf the wound was located. Ms. Pierce, as well as the other individuals with her, advised BCFR that unknown person(s) shot from the woods.

Upon observing the gunshot wound, Fire-Medic Fenex advised there was an entrance and exit wound and it appeared to be a "vertical wound pattern" that had a downward trajectory. Fire-Medic Fenex also observed a belt on Ms. Pierce's leg, although there was not a significant amount of bleeding noted. Fire-Medic Fenex did not know who applied the belt to Ms. Pierce's leg. It was later determined the belt was placed on Ms. Pierce by Ms. Lyric Jackson.

Fire-Medic Fenex and Firefighter/Paramedic Maggio assisted Ms. Pierce onto the stretcher and loaded her into the ambulance where Fire-Medic Fenex logged the patient's information and took her blood pressure and oxygen saturation; Fire-Medic Fenex did not recall the readings. While Fire-Medic Fenex was completing the aforementioned tasks, Firefighter/Paramedic Maggio treated Ms. Pierce.

During the transport to [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Brevard County, Florida, Fire-Medic Fenex recalled that Ms. Pierce said, "They shot my baby" and "there was a shooter in the woods." Fire-Medic Fenex did not know the identity of "they" or the identity of "my baby".

Ms. Pierce was transported to [REDACTED] where she was turned over to the care of hospital staff.

Fire-Medic Fenex did not have any other involvement with Ms. Pierce and returned to service.

This concluded Fire-Medic Fenex's involvement with Ms. Pierce.

The audio-recorded interview with Fire-Medic Fenex was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

BCFR Firefighter/Paramedic Marcello Maggio – Station 26

On February 10, 2021, at approximately 10:00 a.m., Brevard County Sheriff's Office Agent Adam Walkington, conducted a voluntary, sworn audio-recorded interview with Brevard County Fire Rescue (BCFR) Firefighter/Paramedic (Fire-Medic) Marcello Maggio at BCFR Station 42, located at 840 North Banana River Drive, Merritt Island, Brevard County, Florida, 32952.

Fire-Medic Maggio stated, in substance, the following:

Fire-Medic Maggio is employed by BCFR as a Fire-Medic and has been since April 21, 2007.

On November 28, 2020, Fire-Medic Maggio began his shift at 7:00 a.m. and was assigned to BCFR Station 26.

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:19 p.m., BCFR received a call for service at Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in reference to a patient with a gunshot wound (time verified from BCFR run sheet – BC2000081968).

Fire-Medic Maggio and Fire-Medic Fenex responded to the scene to assist. Upon arrival to the area, Fire-Medic Maggio and Fire-Medic Fenex staged near the cemetery on U.S. Highway 1, Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida, to wait for the scene to be declared secured by the Sheriff's Office.

Once BCSO advised the scene was secured via radio communication, they pulled into the cemetery. Fire-Medic Maggio observed at least three vehicles coming their way from the back of the cemetery driving over the grass. The vehicles ultimately cut the ambulance off and several individuals got out of the vehicles and were frantically advising there was a female, later identified as Ms. Pierce, who was shot.

Fire-Medic Maggio exited the ambulance and made contact with Ms. Pierce who was lying on her side in the back of a minivan. Ms. Pierce had a belt affixed to her left thigh, but Fire-Medic Maggio did not know who applied the belt to Ms. Pierce's leg.

Fire-Medic Maggio then observed what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the back side of Ms. Pierce's left leg, on the upper calf area behind her knee cap. Fire-Medic Maggio also observed an additional wound directly below the higher wound, also on the back of Ms. Pierce's leg in the lower calf area. Fire-Medic Maggio described the wound as having a "straight downward trajectory." Fire-Medic Maggio also observed a bandage on the side of the same leg, which Ms. Pierce informed his was from a previous dog bite and not from this incident.

While Fire-Medic Maggio assessed Ms. Pierce, she told him an unknown person in the woods shot her. This was all Ms. Pierce would say about the incident during Fire-Medic Maggio's involvement with her. Firefighter/Paramedic Maggio did not recall anyone else with Ms. Pierce saying anything about how Ms. Pierce sustained the gunshot wound.

Fire-Medic Maggio and Fire-Medic Fenex assisted Ms. Pierce out of the minivan, placed her on the stretcher and loaded her into the back of the ambulance.

Fire-Medic Maggio retrieved his face mask from the front of the ambulance and when he returned to Ms. Pierce, the belt was observed to have fallen off her leg. Fire-Medic Maggio observed the wound was not bleeding and described her as having only "tissue damage."

Upon transporting Ms. Pierce to [REDACTED], an IV (Saline drip) was established and Ms. Pierce's vitals were monitored; Fire-Medic Maggio described Ms. Pierce's vitals as "normal." Fire-Medic Maggio also described Ms. Pierce as "calm and cordial" during the transport. Fire-Medic Maggio did not recall treating the wound during transport as there was no active bleeding and left the wound as it was so the [REDACTED] medical staff could immediately assess it upon their arrival.

Ms. Pierce was transported to [REDACTED] where she was turned over to the care of hospital staff.

Fire-Medic Maggio did not have any other involvement with Ms. Pierce and returned to service.

This concluded Fire-Medic Maggio involvement with Ms. Pierce.

The audio-recorded interview with Fire-Medic Maggio was uploaded to the Digital Media Website for evidentiary purposes.

Florida Today Subpoena Duces Tecum

On December 7, 2020, the Brevard County State Attorney's Office issued a Subpoena Duces Tecum to: Florida Today, Executive Editor Mara Bellaby, in reference to the following:

The subpoena requested Florida Today provide any and all published and unpublished, videos and photographs recorded by Craig Bailey and/or any other Florida Today employee, on November 28, 2020, at 3751 North Highway US 1, in Cocoa (Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery). Additionally requested, was for the Florida Today to provide any and all published and unpublished videos and photos in their possession, which may have been provided by any other source related to the funeral service.

On December 9, 2020, at approximately 12:38 p.m., I received an electronic mailing from Florida Today Ms. Mara Bellaby which contained a partial compliance to the Subpoena issued. Ms. Bellaby provided me with the website link to their news articles, more specifically, Ms. Bellaby only provided the photographs Florida Today published on their website. Ms. Bellaby refused to comply with the subpoena related to the unpublished photographs/videos recorded by Craig Bailey. I then requested Ms. Bellaby provide me with a thumb drive containing the partial compliance, which she did.

The partial compliance obtained from Ms. Bellaby was uploaded to the CIS Digital Media for evidentiary purposes.

BCFR Incident Report

On Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at approximately 6:45 p.m., I requested BCSO Investigative Analyst Dana Shabaneh obtain the Brevard County Fire and Rescue (BCFR) report from November 28, 2020, in reference to Quasheda Pierce.

On December 10, 2020, I received the attached BCFR report, incident number: BC200081968. Upon review of said report, I concluded the following:

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:20 p.m., BCFR Station 26, was dispatched to 3751 N. Highway 1, Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida, in reference to a possible gunshot or penetrating wound. BCFR Fire Medics Marcello Maggio, Brandon Fenex, and William Sorensen, all responded to the call, and arrived at approximately 2:34 p.m. BCFR Fire

Medics did not enter into the crime scene, and staged at the entrance of the cemetery, on US Highway 1.

BCFR documented that upon their arrival to the cemetery, they were stopped by the occupants of a minivan that was leaving the scene. BCFR Fire Medics approached the minivan and observed Ms. Quasheda Pierce lying supine in the backseat with a makeshift tourniquet, a belt, placed above her left knee. Ms. Pierce advised Fire Medics she was attending her son's funeral and was shot by an unknown person from the wooded area surrounding the cemetery. BCFR reported they did not see any other visible trauma to Ms. Pierce's person except for the suspected gunshot wound to her left calf area. BCFR also documented that the gunshot wound was not bleeding and, therefore, the makeshift tourniquet was removed from Ms. Pierce's leg. Ms. Pierce did not complain of any other injury to her person and was transported to [REDACTED] BCFR arrived at [REDACTED] with Ms. Pierce at approximately 2:48 p.m., and transferred the care of Ms. Pierce to [REDACTED] staff, departing [REDACTED] at approximately 3:03 p.m.

Please refer to BCFR's attached report for further details of their care and transport of Ms. Pierce.

Crime Scene Report (CSI Mercedys Kroom)

On Saturday, November 28, 2020, at approximately 3:05 p.m., the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Crime Scene Unit (CSU) received a request for forensic services from the BCSO Communications Center in reference to a shooting in the area investigation. CSI Mercedys Kroom responded to 3751 N. Highway 1 (Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery), Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida. CSI Kroom arrived at approximately 4:07 p.m.

Upon CSI Kroom's arrival, she met with BCSO West Precinct Deputy Tonisha Hemphill who advised the following: When deputies arrived on scene, there were approximately 40-50 people present at the funeral location. Multiple people were observed leaving the cemetery and a victim was still on scene. The victim was transferred to [REDACTED] via ambulance. Multiple witnesses refused to provide information pertaining to the incident and departed the area.

The crime scene consisted of a burial plot in the northwest area of Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A casket was observed half way lowered into the ground, in the burial plot. A green canopy with multiple chairs were south of the burial space. A concrete casket cover labeled "Sincere Pierce" was north of the burial plot. Two layers of green synthetic turf and one piece of plywood were on the ground around the south area of the burial plot.

An empty water bottle (item MK1), a suspected blood stain, and a suspected bullet defect were on a top layer of the synthetic turf, south of the burial plot. The suspected bullet defect was in the approximate middle and the suspected blood stain was northeast of the defect. The suspected blood stain was swabbed for biological evidence (item SW1).

Two layers of synthetic turf, one piece of plywood, and the ground had suspected bullet defects consistent with a projectile penetrating the layers in a downward motion. A projectile (item MK2) was recovered from the suspected bullet defect in the ground.

The items collected from the scene were documented on a property receipt as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>
MK1	1	empty water bottle
SW1	1	set of swabs of suspected blood
MK2	1	projectile

CSI Kroom collected the crime scene log from BCSO West Precinct Deputy Kenrick Walters.

CSI Kroom departed the scene at approximately 6:15 p.m.

All items of evidence were transported to the CSU Evidence Storage Room, 340 Gus Hipp Boulevard, Rockledge, Brevard County, Florida.

At the BCSO Criminal Investigative Services (CIS) building, CSI Kroom signed for and received custody of items of evidence from BCSO West Precinct General Crimes Unit (GCU) Agt. Nalicia Bailey. These items were listed on a property receipt as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>
JS1	1	White shirt
JS2	1	Khaki pant w/black bandana, w/suspected blood stain
JS3	1	white tank top w/suspect blood stain
JS4	1	white sock
JS5	1	black jacket
QP1	1	Camo fabric (part of pants)

On Monday, November 30, 2020, items of evidence collected were further examined and documented in the CSU laboratory.

Item QP1 (camo fabric) had suspected blood stains on the interior of the fabric and three suspected bullet defects.

Item JS1 (white shirt) was a "Gildan" size medium shirt. It had a photograph on the front with the words "Long Live Spud", "Sunrise Apr. 2, 2002", and "Sunset Nov. 13, 2020". The shirt was cut from the collar down to the end of the shirt, cut from the collar over to the left arm opening, and cut from the approximate middle of the shirt over to the right arm opening. The words "Long Live Spud" were on the back. Suspected blood stains were on the front right bottom portion of the shirt and interior right front side.

Item JS2 (Khaki pants) was a "Dickies" pair of pants. A black bandana was tied on the lower right leg and both sides were cuffed at the bottom. Suspected blood stains were on the front right pant leg, left pant leg, back right buttocks, back right leg, thigh, and lower leg, and back left thigh. A suspected bullet defect was on the right pant leg, toward the outer seam. The front left pocket had a plastic bag with a green leafy substance residue. Underneath the interior front right side pocket was suspected gun powder residue. The bandana had suspected blood stains on it.

The plastic bag with green leafy substance was weighed utilizing a digital scale and documented on a property receipt as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>
JS2a	1	plastic bag w/green leafy substance approx. 2.00 grams gross weight

Item JS3 (white tank top) was cut into two pieces. It was a "George" size large (42-44) shirt. It was cut at the right and left shoulder straps and through the interior back tag. Suspected blood stains were on the front collar, left shoulder strap, left side, approximate lower middle of shirt, right side, right shoulder strap, and right shoulder area

Item JS4 (white sock) was "Fruit of the Loom". Suspected blood stains were on the top of the sock, toward the opening.

Item JS5 (black jacket) was a "Port Authority" size medium. A gray Mercedes emblem was on the front left side. A plastic bag of green leafy substance was in the right front pocket. A "Swisher Sweet Leaf" package with brown tobacco pieces were in the left front pocket. A paper program for "Sincere Kenwun Reuben Pierce" was in the right interior pocket.

The plastic bag with green leafy substance residue, the "Swisher Sweet" package, and the paper program were documented on a property receipt as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>
JS5a	1	plastic bag w/green leafy substance residue
JS5b	1	"Swisher Sweet Leaf" package
JS5c	1	paper program for "Sincere Kenwun Reuben Pierce"

On Tuesday, December 8, 2020, RJ Lee Group, signed for and received item JS2 (khaki pants). On Tuesday, December 22, 2020, CSI Kroom signed for and received item JS2 (khaki pants).

All items of evidence were transferred to the BCSO Evidence Unit.

All photographs were transferred to the BCSO Records Management System.

An FDLE Evidence Submission Form was completed requesting the analysis for the following item:

Item MK2 Projectile: Firearms Examination

On December 23, 2020, Agent Straight received FDLE report number: 20200515480, in reference to the recovered fragment located at the crime scene. FDLE concluded the following:

"The bullet has design features consistent with bullets loaded in 9mm Luger caliber cartridges. There are numerous manufacturers of firearms with similar rifling characteristics."

A RJ Lee Group Request for Analysis - Criminal Forensics was completed requesting the analysis for the following item:

Item JS2 Khaki pant w/black bandana, w/suspected blood stain: Gunshot Residue.

On December 18, 2020, Agent Straight received a final report from RJ Lee Group, in reference to the analysis of Item JS2. RJ Lee Group concluded the following in RJ Lee Group Work Order Number: CFJ1060352-0:

JS2 Khaki Pant:

“Right leg PE (RJ Lee Group Sample Number 10526924A) contained particles characteristic of GSR and two components particles (see Figure 1)”

“Left Leg PE (RJ Lee Group Sample Number 10526924B) contained particles characteristic of GSR and two component particles (see Figure 2)”

Social Media Review

Throughout this investigation, twenty-eight (28) Florida Today articles and social media postings were reviewed regarding this incident. The postings contained response message posts, photographs and one video. I observed the majority of the funeral attendees, to include Ms. Quasheda Pierce, were dressed in “Mossy Oak” camouflage. Most of the camouflage shirts were screen printed with various photographs of Mr. Sincere Pierce and the words “Long Live Spud”, “You will be truly missed” and the letters “LLS” (Long Live Spud).

In a Florida Today photograph taken by Staff Photographer Craig Bailey (file number: 2020-12-07_16-27-23.png), Mr. Jonterich Smith is depicted as one of six pallbearers as they carry Mr. Sincere Pierce’s casket to the gravesite. Mr. Smith is depicted wearing a black jacket with a gold in color collar and lapel design and a white T-Shirt. This photograph was taken while facing Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith is the rear, right pallbearer.

In a social media photograph taken by an unknown photographer (file number: IMG_1580.PNG), Mr. Jonterich Smith is depicted near the casket with his right arm around Ms. Quasheda Pierce. Mr. Smith is wearing full length khaki pants with a black bandana tied around his right leg, directly below the knee. Mr. Smith is dressed in a white T-Shirt. This photograph was taken from the right rear of Mr. Smith. No suspected bullet hole was observed in the outer right pant leg at the time of the photograph, which indicates the photograph was taken prior to the gunshot.

In a Florida Today photograph taken by Staff Photographer Craig Bailey (file number: 2020-12-07_16-25-55.png), Mr. Jonterich Smith is depicted with his right arm around Ms. Quasheda Pierce. Mr. Smith’s left arm is resting on the casket. A black jacket with a gold in color collar and lapel design is seen draped over Mr. Smith’s left shoulder. Mr. Smith is dressed in a white T-shirt with a screen printed photograph of Mr. Sincere Pierce affixed to the front of the shirt. This photograph was taken from the front, left of Mr. Smith.

In a Facebook social media screen capture posted by Daeshonna Pete, whose actual identity is unknown, (file number: 2020-11-28_15-33-38.png), the post reads “Prayers for Quadie Bang & NoSafety Nobrakes I Know Yall Gonna Pull Thru Y’all Are Soldiers”. Inserted amongst the words in the post are the praying hands, gold crown, and crossed fingers emoji’s (ideograms).

The Facebook account name “Quadie Bang” was later identified as belonging to Ms. Quasheda Pierce and “NoSafety Nobrakes” was identified as belonging to Mr. Jonterich Smith.

In a Facebook social media screen capture posted by Facebook account “Jet Lee”, later identified as Mr. Kenneth Green, (file number: 2020-11-28_20-16-15.png), “Jet Lee” posted he was with “NoSafety Nobrakes”. The post reads “outta everybody we expected you last longlive my brudda LLS”. Inserted amongst the words in the post are a dove, broken red heart and a black heart emoji’s (ideograms). A digital photograph is attached to the Facebook post that captured “Jet Lee” and Mr. Jonterich Smith standing behind an off-white color vehicle. Mr. Smith is captured wearing khaki full length pants and a white T-shirt with a screen printed image of Mr. Sincere Pierce, with the words “LONG LIVE SPUD” affixed to the front of the shirt. Behind Mr. Smith and laid on top of the vehicle’s trunk is a black jacket with gold in color cuff and lapel design. Mr. Smith is not wearing a belt in the photograph. The bottom hem of the T-shirt hangs freely about Mr. Smith’s waistline, with the notable exception of the bottom right front of Mr. Smith’s T-shirt. An unknown object secured in Mr. Smith’s front waistband causes the T-shirt to wrinkle and bunch up above his waistline exposing the waistband of his underwear. A large, black heart emoji (ideogram) was digitally superimposed over and obscures the unknown object in his waistband.

It should be noted, I made several attempts to make contact with Mr. Kenneth Green, and every attempt was met with negative results.

“Camo Gang”

Based on the evidence gathered during this investigation, multiple indicators were observed that establish links between Mr. Jonterich Smith and a group of juveniles and young adults based in the Cocoa and Brevard County area, commonly known as the “Camo Gang.” While this organization is not yet documented as a street gang at the time of this report, the following indicators point to the probability of street gang affiliation.

During the sworn statement of Ms. Lajoyce Jones, the mother of Mr. Jonterich Smith, she stated the belief there are four groups of teenagers and young adults who are constantly at odds with each other. Ms. Jones stated her son and his group of friends like to wear “Mossy Oak” camouflage clothing. Because they wear this brand of camouflage, other people consider them a gang and frequently target them through online threats and physical violence.

Ms. Jones further explained her son is close friends with several boys in the neighborhood and was best friends with Mr. Angelo “A.J.” Crooms and Mr. Sincere “Spud” Pierce. Ms. Jones believed if Mr. Smith was in the area, he would have been in the vehicle with Mr. Crooms and Mr. Pierce. (BCSO Case Number 2020-395879).

Ms. Jones stated that prior to the shooting death of Mr. Kenmyree Anderson on June 21, 2020, Mr. Anderson was at her home with her son and other boys. Ms. Jones told the group of boys they needed to separate themselves from the street violence or half of them would end up in jail and the other half would be dead. Later that day, Mr. Smith returned home and told Ms. Jones, he (Mr. Smith) and his friends needed their guns because Mr. Anderson was just shot and killed (Rockledge Police Department Case Report 2020-20473).

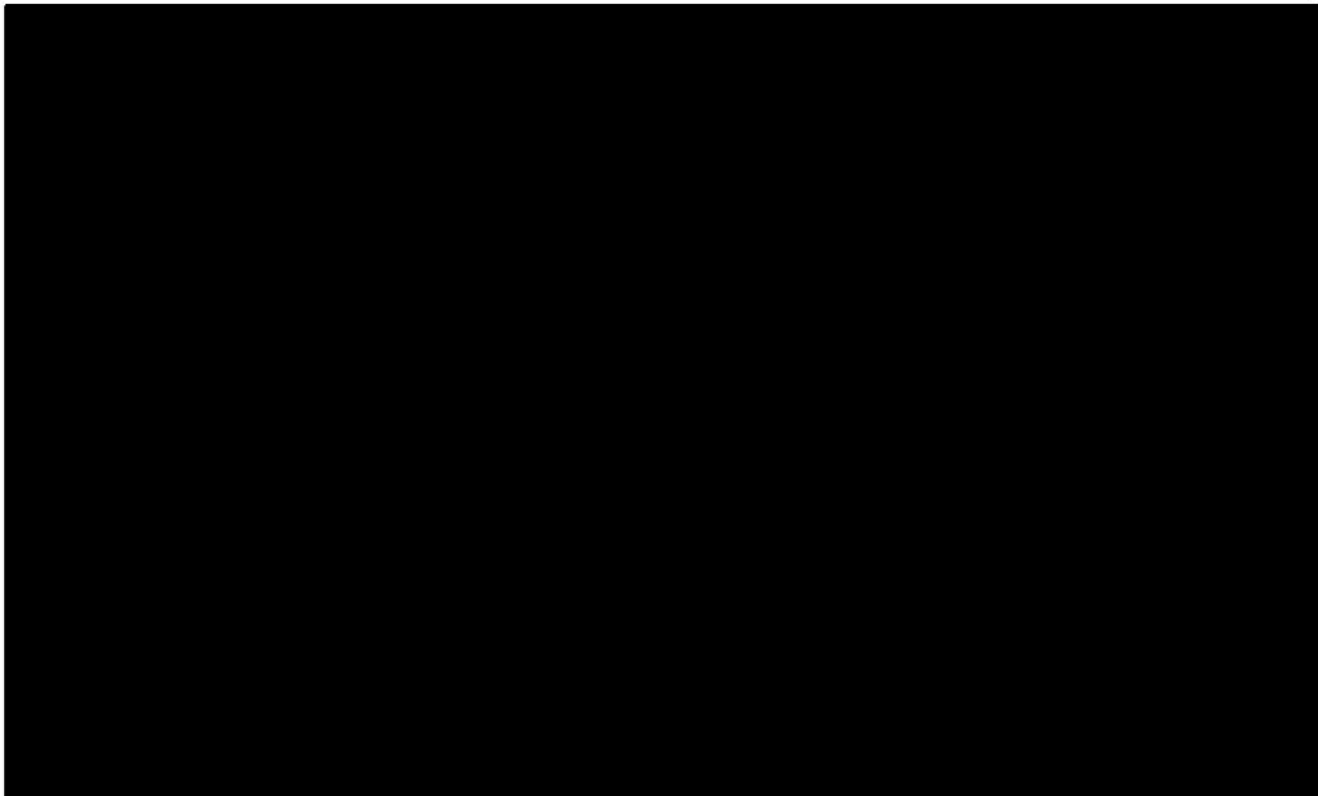
On November 18, 2020, Mr. Malcolm Denmark and Mr. Tim Short, employees of the Florida Today, photographed a protest at the intersection of US Highway 1 and State Road 520, in Cocoa. Members of the "Camo Gang" were photographed in attendance at the protest. Photographs included in the Florida Today article depict individuals dressed in Mossy Oak camouflage. Imprinted on the hood of one camouflage sweatshirt is a large, white in color Star of David. The Star of David is a known and well-documented symbol associated with the Folk Nation street gang.

Source: <https://www.floridatoday.com/picture-gallery/news/2020/11/19/cocoa-proest/3772734001/#slide:3773284001>

(sic: "proest" was spelled incorrectly in the Florida Today article)

Mr. Smith is affiliated with Mr. Crooms, Mr. Pierce, and other young males who identify themselves as the "Camo Gang", based upon the specific brand of Mossy Oak camouflage worn to represent their affiliation. Social media posts depict these individuals dressed in camouflage while in the possession of firearms.

- Criminal History



Investigative Summary

On Saturday, November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:19 p.m., Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies responded to the Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery, located at 3751 North Highway 1, Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida, in reference to a shooting incident.

The investigation determined the following:

On November 28, 2020, at approximately 2:00 p.m., the funeral service for Mr. Sincere Pierce took place with approximately 100 to 150 people in attendance. According to witnesses, the large crowd of attendees encircled the graveside service with the decedent's mother, Ms. Quasheda Pierce (Victim), and a 16-year-old, Mr. Jonterich Smith (Suspect). Ms. Pierce and Mr. Smith stood beside each other as the casket was lowered into the ground. Ms. Pierce stood to Mr. Smith's right side, on top of a plywood floor covered with synthetic turf.

The evidence supports that Mr. Smith had a concealed firearm in the waistband of his pants and discharged the firearm he possessed at approximately 2:19 p.m. Based on the steep, downward trajectory of the bullet, which was recovered from the ground beneath where Mr. Smith and Ms. Pierce stood, the bullet traveled through Mr. Smith's underwear, into Mr. Smith's upper right thigh, exited his right thigh and exited the right leg of his pants. The bullet then traveled into the rear of Ms. Pierce's left calf and then exited her calf. The bullet then continued its downward trajectory and penetrated the synthetic turf and plywood before it came to rest in the ground. Ms. Pierce and Mr. Smith were the only two, out of approximately 100 to 150 closely gathered attendees, struck by the single projectile. Witnesses, Ms. Tamorow Rhynes and Ms. Saadia Rhynes observed a cloud of smoke near Ms. Pierce at the time of the gunshot.

Mr. Smith's khaki pants had only one bullet hole, yet his thigh had an entrance wound and an exit wound. The interior of Mr. Smith's khaki pants were laboratory tested for the presence of gunshot residue (GSR). According to the RJ Lee Group laboratory results, the interior of both the right and left legs of Mr. Smith's khaki pants contained particles characteristic of GSR and two component particles. I reviewed the digital photographs taken by Agent Bailey at the [REDACTED]. I observed one hole in the front of the right leg of Mr. Smith's underwear, on his upper thigh. I also observed this hole was in the same location of the upper gunshot wound (suspected entrance wound). Clearly seen in the same photographs is the bandage for Mr. Smith's lower gunshot wound (suspected exit wound), which is lower and on the outside of his right thigh. The lower wound is also lower than the bottom of Mr. Smith's underwear leg, thus the bullet did not need to penetrate his underwear when it exited his thigh, but did exit through the only bullet hole in his khaki pants.

No firearm or bullet casing was discovered during the crime scene examination conducted by CSI Mercedes Kroom. Mr. Smith did not possess a firearm upon his admission to the [REDACTED]. Mr. Smith also did not possess a bullet casing on his person at the time of his admission in the emergency room. Due to the lack of cooperation from Mr. Smith and his mother, Ms. Lajoyce Jones, the firearm and underwear possessed by Mr. Smith were not recovered.

18th Judicial Circuit Court, State Attorney Review

Based on the facts and circumstances identified in this investigation, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office respectfully submits the investigation and related enclosures to the Brevard County State Attorney's Office to review and determine whether the actions of Mr. Jonterich Smith constitute a violation(s) of F.S. 790.01 (2): Unlicensed Carrying of a Concealed Firearm, F.S. 784.05 (2) Culpable Negligence with Personal Injury to Another, F.S. 790.22 (3): Possession of a firearm (Juvenile), F.S. 775.087: Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony and violation of F.S. 790.15 (1): Discharging a firearm in public or on residential property.

Enclosures

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- I. Copy of Original Case Report: Deputy Tonisha Hemphill
- II. Copy of Supplemental Case Report: Agent Leandro Balparda
- III. Copy of Supplemental Case Report: Agent Nalicia Bailey
- IV. Copy of Supplemental Case Report: Agent Maria Fernez
- V. Copy of Supplemental Case Report: Agent Howard Shelton
- VI. Copy of Supplemental Case Report: CSI Mercedys Kroom
- VII. Copy of Brevard County Fire Rescue Incident Report
- VIII. Subpoena (Florida Today) and Subpoena Response
- IX. Property Receipt for thumb drive from Florida Today
- X. Copy of BCSO Computer Aided Dispatch Report
- XI. Thumb Drive Containing Digital Media
 - A. Subpoena Compliance from Florida Today
 - B. Text Conversations with Ms. Quasheda Pierce
 - C. Text Conversations with Ms. Lajoyce Jones
 - D. Social Media photographs and videos
 - E. Photographs of Mr. Jonterich Smith's Injury
 - F. 911 Calls
 - G. Digital Audio Files:
 1. Sworn audio interview with Duncan MacKenzie
 2. Sworn audio interview with Tamorow Rhynes
 3. Sworn audio interviews with Lajoyce Jones (x4)
 4. Sworn audio interviews with Jonterich Smith (x2)
 5. Sworn audio interviews with Quasheda Pierce (x4)
 6. Sworn audio interview with Saadia Rhynes
 7. Audio interaction with Mr. Jonterich Smith and Ms. Lajoyce Jones
 8. Audio interaction with Armani Wiley
 9. Audio interaction with Blake Jackson
 10. Audio interaction with Lyric Jackson
 11. Audio interaction with Unknown 911 Caller
 - H. Agent Leandro Balparda Enclosures
 - I. Agent Nalicia Bailey Enclosures
 - J. Agent Maria Fernez Enclosures
 - K. CSI Mercedys Kroom Photographs