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WASHINGTON, U.S.A.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date:

To: Chief Brian Smith

From: Deputy Chief Jason Viada

RE: Pursuit Summaries 2020

Chief Smith,

Listed below are summaries from the four 2020 pursuits. I have reviewed the pursuit memorandums for each incident. The pursuit incidents were all reviewed by command staff soon after each occurrence. All pursuits were within policy.

On August 24, at 1940 hours, SPD and CCSO were in a pursuit westbound toward the city of a driver believed to be a violent felon wanted for 7 fresh charges including 3 counts of unlawful possession of a firearm. Corporal Sexton assigned Officer Cameron to stage at the east city limits. Corporal Sexton deployed his spike strips just inside the city. The pursuing vehicle hit the spikes but continued west. Officer Morse took over as lead vehicle, but due to the suspect vehicle's continued high rate of speed and Officer Morse driving a police SUV he was not able to keep the fleeing vehicle in sight. The suspect vehicle was lost. The pursuit was within policy. The suspect was later apprehended.

On September 6, at 1348 hours Officer Jackson VanDusen attempted the stop a suspect vehicle driven by a dangerous violent wanted felon. Officer Van Dusen pursued the vehicle for about 4 miles. Stop sticks were deployed, but avoided by the suspect. Pursuit was discontinued by Corporal Rife due to high speeds in a residential area. The pursuit was within policy. The suspect was later apprehended.

On November 26, at 2251 Officers were investigating a DUI collision and traffic was re-routed. Officer Fairbanks observed an unrelated suspect vehicle run a red light and drive through the traffic detour without slowing and strike a parked car within the detour. Officer Fairbanks attempted to stop the vehicle, which fled. The vehicle continued west out of the city at a high rate of speed. Officer Fairbanks and Corporal Stamon were about to terminate the pursuit when the fleeing driver, lost control, crashed, and fled into the woods., which resulted in a K9 apprehension. The pursuit was within policy. The suspect was booked.

On November 30, at 1659 Corporal Rife observed a hit and run. Corporal Rife attempted to stop the suspect vehicle, which resulted in a pursuit. The pursuit lasted 34 seconds. The suspect failed to negotiate a turn and the suspect vehicle got stuck in landscaping. The suspect fled on foot, but was identified by the officer. This pursuit was within policy.

Analysis: There was a different supervisor on duty in each of these four pursuits. There was a different initiating officer in each of the four pursuits. There are no patterns that would suggest early warning indicators or any bias whatsoever. A further analysis number of pursuits in 2020 is consistent with the last several years during which PAPD has engaged in 4 or 5 pursuits each year.

Respectfully,

Jason X. Viada
Deputy Chief of Police

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321 East 5th Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Date: August 24, 2020
To: Chief Brian Smith #101
From: Corporal S. Sexton #288

RE: Other Agency Assist Pursuit

On 08/24/2020 at 1940 hours (according to CAD notes) Sequim Police Officer Dalidenas and Clallam County Sheriff's Deputy Titterness were in pursuit of a black passenger they believed to be occupied by Steven Goodman ; SPD CFS#2020-07839 and CCSO CFS#2020-17173. Goodman had active probable cause for his arrest for 7 fresh charges including Unlawful possession of a firearm (x3) and possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver. Goodman also had an active DOC warrant for his arrest.

The pursuit initially started in the Sequim area and traveled westbound at 100MPH (according to CAD notes). As the pursuit was approaching the Port Angeles area, CCSO Deputy Titterness requested PAPD's help with deploying spike strips. I assigned Officer Cameron to stage in the area of Highway 101 and DelGuzzi street.

I continued to monitor the pursuit via radio and made my way toward the east city limits. The vehicle continued toward the city limits at a high rate of speed. Based on the speed of the fleeing vehicle, I knew I was not going to be able to make it to Officer Cameron's location. I staged at East Front and North Penn, where I deployed my spike strips. I was able to apply my spike strips to the vehicle, which continued westbound into town.

Officer Morse took over as lead car and attempted to catch up to the vehicle. I advised all other involved PAPD units to downgrade and only Officer Morse to continue as there were other vehicles in the pursuit to assist. Due to the vehicles high rate of speed Officer Morse was never able to close the distance enough and lost sight of the vehicle as it was near the Estuary Park (300 West Front Street). The pursuit was discontinued, and information was later obtained that the vehicle was last seen westbound HWY 101 passing Elwha Food and Fuel.

At no time was a PAPD unit outside of the city limits. No accidents, collision or damaged property was reported. PAPD units were involved in the pursuit for approximately 2.5 miles before terminating. Weather was clear, the roadway was dry, and traffic was minimal.

Based on all facts and circumstances known at the time including the alleged crimes, possible suspect info and current conditions; I believe all PAPD officers exercised due care and caution, acted within policy and terminated the pursuit at an appropriate time. I believe this pursuit was in compliance with PAPD Policy 307.

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321 East 5th Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Date: November 30, 2020

To: Deputy Chief Jason Viada

From: Sergeant Kevin Miller

Re: Vehicle Pursuit, Cpl. Rife

Deputy Chief Viada,

The following information pertains to the above referenced vehicle pursuit:

Date/Time/Duration/Speed of pursuit:

On November 30, 2020 at 16:59:42 Corporal Rife initiated a traffic stop upon witnessing the suspect vehicle strike a legally parked unoccupied vehicle. Corporal Rife observed the suspect leave the scene without meeting his duty to notify the property owner, RCW 46.52.010. This misdemeanor occurred in Corporal Rife's presence. Corporal Rife activated his emergency lights of his fully marked police car to initiate a traffic stop. The suspect, NB on "G" Street, drove through the stop sign, turning left onto West 8th Street, accelerating. The suspect vehicle failed to yield and pull over in response to Corporal Rife's emergency lights. The suspect accelerated to elude the officer. Corporal Rife advised the suspect was failing to yield and activated his siren in conjunction with his emergency lights. The suspect, to flee apprehension, drove through the stop sign on 8th Street at "I" Street, making a right turn and heading NB on "I" Street. He then made another immediate left turn, heading WB on 7th Street. Corporal Rife advised radio the suspect was traveling at 50 MPH, this was a non-posted 25 MPH residential speed zone. The suspect traveled three residential blocks on West 7th when the suspect failed to negotiate a right turn on "M" Street, high centering his vehicle in some landscaping. The suspect then fled on foot in a NE direction.

The conditions were little to no traffic and clear/dry roadways. The suspect's actions of failing to yield to Corporal Rife's marked police car (lights and siren activated) constitutes attempting to elude a police vehicle, RCW 46.61.024, a class "C" felony in addition to civil penalties by the Department of Licensing. Additionally, the suspect failed to stop for a stop signs at "G"

Street/8th Streets and again at West 8th Street and "I" Streets, civil infractions (x2). The pursuit covered .67 miles across 6.5 city blocks and lasted 34 seconds.

Initial reason/circumstances for pursuit:

I was speaking with Corporal Rife on the phone when he said he just witnessed a hit and run accident. I then heard Corporal Rife verbally state over the radio that a green colored mustang was failing to yield.

Length of pursuit, start/termination points:

The pursuit was first initiated from 8th and "G" Street at 16:59:42 when Corporal Rife said the vehicle was failing to yield. The suspect failed to negotiate a turn and became disabled in some landscaping at 7th and "M" Street at 17:00:16 covering a total distance of .67 miles in 34 seconds. The suspect then fled on foot.

Involved Vehicles/Officers:

The driver of the suspect vehicle, a green Ford Mustang, has yet to be identified and the case is still open and active. Corporal Rife was the only officer involved in the pursuit and was operating his fully marked Police package Chevrolet Tahoe.

Alleged Offense:

The suspect driver committed a hit and run unattended accident and fled the scene in the officer's presence and failed to meet the driver's obligation or duty as prescribed by law, RCW 46.52.010. The driver then accelerated and attempted to flee from Corporal Rife who has both his emergency lights and siren activated, RCW 46.61.024. While doing so the suspect drove in a reckless manner by driving at speeds in excess of 50 MPH in a 25 MPH residential zone and failing to comply with two different stop signs, placing the community at risk.

Additionally, other citizen's reported reckless driving in the area of a green Ford Mustang prior to Corporal Rife witnessing the hit and run.

Suspect Apprehended/Means/Use of Force:

The suspect fled on foot and has not been apprehended. The investigation remains open and active.

Arrestee Information:

N/A

Injuries:

None known

Property/Equipment damage:

The suspect vehicle sustained damage from the initial collision and possibly from driving into some landscaping. The victim vehicle struck sustained damage as well.

Following the pursuit other citizens called to report reckless driving by the suspect prior to Corporal Rife observing the hit and run unattended accident.

Name of Supervisor at the scene:

Sergeant Kevin Miller, PAPD

Preliminary policy compliance determination:

The pursuit was short, 34 seconds, was evolving and short in not only duration, but distance as well,.67 miles. For the duration of the pursuit, the totality of risk measured to pursue was weighted against the risk the suspect posed to the safety of the community.

Respectfully Submitted

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Sergeant Kevin Miller #224



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321 East 5th Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

September 6, 2020

To: Deputy Chief Jason Viada

From: Corporal Clay Rife

Re: Officer VanDusen Vehicle Pursuit on September 6th, 2020 PAPD 2020-15718

Deputy Chief Viada,

The following information pertains to the above referenced vehicle pursuit:

Date/Time/Duration/Speed of pursuit: 09062020, 1348 hours to 1354 hours.
Speeds between 50 mph and 80 mph (termination point).

Initial reason/circumstances for pursuit: Suspect, Clayton Folsom wanted on DOC warrant (Jail had previously confirmed they would accept)

Length of pursuit, start/termination points: Approximately 4.3 miles, start point was Eunice and Lauridsen, Termination point was Laurel and Forrest (see attached map).

Involved Vehicles/Officers: 482, 484, 475, 290

Alleged Offense: Confirmed DOC Warrant

Suspect Apprehended/Mean/Use of Force: Stop sticks deployed but not used.
Suspect not apprehended.

Arrestee Information: Folsom, Clayton A. 05/15/1987

Injuries: None

Property/Equipment damage: None

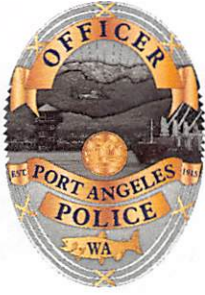
Name of Supervisor at the scene: Corporal Rife

Preliminary policy compliance determination: Within Policy

Respectfully Submitted


Corporal Clay Rife

MEMO



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Date: November 27, 2020

To: Deputy Chief Jason Viada

From: Corporal Brian Stamon

Re: Officer Fairbanks Vehicle Pursuit on November 26th, 2020 Elude – K9 deployment
Case 2020-20869

Deputy Chief Viada,

The following information pertains to the referenced vehicle pursuit:

Date/Time/Duration/Speed of pursuit: 11/26/2020, 2248 hours to 2251 hours. Very Light or no traffic. Speeds between 50 to 60 MPH to Lauridsen Blvd. 60 to 100 MPH on Edgewood Drive. 470 and I were about to terminate the pursuit when speeds reached 100 MPH but suspect lost control.

Initial reason/circumstance for pursuit: Initial stop was for failing to stop for red traffic signal. Suspect continued westbound on West 8th Street through an active DUI collision (20-20868). The suspect drove through a detour that was diverting traffic onto Cedar Street and continued into the eastbound lane without slowing as it passed through the scene, striking a parked occupied vehicle on the south shoulder.

Length of pursuit, start/termination points: Approximately 3.9 miles, start point was in the 400 block of West 8th Street to South I Street. South I Street to West 18th Street to South L Street. South L Street to West Lauridsen Blvd. West on West Lauridsen Blvd onto West Edgewood Drive. Termination point was in the south side of the 2900 block of West Edgewood Drive. K9 track started at the vehicle.

Involved Vehicles/Officer(s): 470

Suspect Apprehended/Means/Use of Force: Suspect fled from vehicle after crash. 470 advised she had one at gunpoint but suspect continue to flee. Containment was set up. K9 track initiated and K9 contacted suspect. See case report for further.

Arrestee Information: Eisenhower, Jesse A DOB 02/26/1991 Booked on Elude, Hit and run attended vehicle, DUI, DWLS 1st Degree

Injuries: Minor

Property/ Equipment damage: Suspect vehicle had front end damage.

Name of Supervisor on duty: Corporal Stamon –unable to get to scene due to DUI collision and the investigation of collision involving the suspect. Followed pursuit via radio

Name of Supervisor on scene: CCSO Sergeant Minks

Preliminary policy compliance determination: Within Policy

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian Stamon', with a stylized, flowing script.

Corporal Brian Stamon