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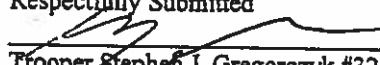
Subject: Cambridge and Burr Street

1. On Saturday April 30, 2011 at approximately 1210 hours, I, Trooper SJ Gregorczyk #3276 was radioed by Sgt. Joubert to respond to the area of Cambridge Street in the City of Springfield. There was a double shooting that just occurred on State Street. The suspect was described as a black male thin build, last seen running down Montrose Street toward Burr.
2. I positioned myself at the Oak Grove Cemetery on Bay Street at the intersection of Cambridge Street and monitored the scanner for radio traffic. Within a couple minutes of my arrival I heard a Springfield Police Officer call for assistance at Cambridge and Burr Street over the scanner. I responded to this location and observed Officer Raul Gonzalez conducting a high risk motor vehicle stop on a light colored Chevrolet Impala. I took up a cover position on the passenger side of the suspect vehicle. Officer Gonzalez removed the female operator from the vehicle and directed her to another uniformed Springfield Officer who had arrived.
- ★ 3. At this point Officer Gonzalez reached near the drivers side seat and activated the trunk release. I moved down the length of the passenger side and took up a cover position directly next to the passenger rear quarter panel. I had a fence to my rear. Officer Gonzalez reached the rear of the vehicle and pushed the trunk open. As the trunk rose I observed a black male in the trunk. He was lying on his right side with his head away from me toward the drivers side of the car. I saw a gun in his hand and then he shot me. I heard and observed a handgun discharge. I immediately felt the impact of a bullet on my chest. I then squatted to take cover. I heard several rounds being discharged, and began to stand back up to observed the suspect. As I rose the firing stopped and I observed the subject in the trunk to be Tamik Kirkland, A Department of Correction escapee.
4. Kirkland had been struck by several rounds, and at this point still had a handgun in his right hand. I then reached to extract the weapon from his hand when I observed his hand begin to move the weapon. As a result, I employed a striking technique with my right hand, while reaching for the weapon with my left hand. I removed the weapon and took possession of it and assisted in the arrest of Tamik Kirkland. I then subsequently turned Kirkland's weapon over to a Springfield Detective.

5. I then turned to Officer Gonzalez who was struck by a bullet and began to check him for injuries. I determined that he had no obvious injuries. At this point uniformed Officers from Springfield Police arrived to take control of Kirkland and the scene.
6. I eventually went to the hospital for evaluation and was later released with a contusion to my upper chest which reflected where the impact from the round was on my body armor.

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Respectfully Submitted


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