

CASE REPORT / CLOSING

CASE NO: 2010-136
DATE: December 1, 2010
INVESTIGATOR: J S. Purdy
SUBJECT: Officer Involved Shooting, Fort Myers Police Department
Officer Glenn Thompson
Kamyn Jodeci William Bright, Deceased

On Tuesday, September 7th, 2010, Officer Glenn Thompson of the Fort Myers Police Department used deadly force upon Kamyn Jodeci William Bright, born October 25, 1992. The incident occurred at 4415 Metro Parkway, in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida.

I have reviewed investigative case package FM-27-0011, compiled by Special Agent Gregory Monk of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. His report received October 12, 2010, and additional information provided through November 19, 2010, is representative of a thorough and complete investigation as required for our purpose of a legal review.

In summary, on September 7th, 2010, at 10:33 pm, uniformed officers with the Fort Myers Police Department responded to a 911 call regarding a 'request for extra patrol' at the McDonalds Restaurant located at 2295 Colonial Boulevard, in Fort Myers, Florida. The caller reported seeing employees of the McDonalds laying on the floor and not responding to the drive thru window. Fort Myers Police dispatchers received no answer while attempting to call the business.

Upon arrival to the area, Officers David Gaide and Adam Vasquez, approached the McDonalds and observed two subjects, dressed in black, their faces masked, brandishing semi-automatic pistols inside the restaurant. Officer Vasquez notified dispatch it was in fact an armed robbery in progress. Seconds later, the two suspects exited the McDonalds, separated and ran through the parking lot. Officers Gaide and Vasquez pursued them while shouting, "Stop, police, Police, stop".

K-9 Officers Glenn Thompson and George Sanford arrived, in separate vehicles, at the service road in the direction the suspects were heading. Officer Thompson observed a person (later identified as Kamyn Bright) who was dressed in all black, wearing a mask, run in front of his patrol vehicle from the area of the McDonalds. Thompson deployed his K-9 partner Rosco. As Rosco and Thompson closed the distance on Bright, Thompson observed Bright turn toward him lifting his arm in his direction and then observed muzzle flashes and heard three gunshots. Thompson drew his Heckler & Koch, 40 caliber, department issued firearm and ordered Bright to drop the gun. Thompson advised Bright

again turned toward him and Thompson fired three rounds at Bright. Bright continued to run away with Thompson pursuing. Bright once again turned toward Thompson and Thompson fired three more rounds at Bright.

Bright began to slow down after the two crossed Metro parkway near the SunTrust Bank located at 4415 Metro Parkway. Thompson holstered his firearm and deployed his Taser twice without result while yelling "Stop". Bright then stopped, turned toward Thompson and charged at him grabbing for Thompson's holstered firearm. Thompson struggled with Bright, drew his baton, and struck Bright in an attempt to gain compliance. Thompson was able to push Bright away and step back. Bright then bent down as if to grab for a firearm placing Thompson in fear for his life. Thompson drew his firearm and shot three times at Bright, who fell to the ground. Thompson handcuffed Bright and called for an ambulance. Bright was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS. Thompson later learned that his K-9 partner Rosco had been fatally wounded by gunfire.

The second suspect Gilberto Amaya headed north through the commercial district parking lot. Officer George Sanford exited his vehicle and deployed his K-9 partner Axe, moments later both Sanford and Axe lost sight of Amaya. Amaya acquired a get-a-way vehicle and drove it at Officer Sanford with the headlights off. Sanford stepped out of the way, drew his firearm and fired three rounds at the vehicle. Amaya struck Axe with the get-a-way vehicle while fleeing the area causing non-life threatening injuries. Amaya was appended following a vehicle pursuit wherein Amaya ultimately crashed the vehicle. The investigation has revealed Officer Sanford's gunfire did not injure or strike any known individuals.

On September 8, 2010, an autopsy of Kamyn Jodeci William Bright was conducted by Medical Examiner Rebecca A. Hamilton, MD. The report indicates that the deceased died as a result of a "Penetrating gunshot wound of thorax". Bright was struck by two projectiles which were both identified by FDLE Crime Lab Analyst James Kwong as coming from Officer Thompson's firearm.

Gilberto Amaya has been charged (10CF19009) with robbery while possessing a firearm, injuring a police dog, fleeing to elude and second degree felony murder.

Based on the contents of this report it is my opinion that Officer Glenn Thompson used deadly force as justified by law.

This case is closed, pending a legal review.

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Investigator IV