



ARKANSAS STATE POLICE

Criminal Investigation Division

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

On Saturday, July 27, 2024, Arkansas State Police (ASP) Troop L requested assistance with a Use of Force Investigation concerning an Officer Involved Shooting (OIS).

On the above date, ASP Highway Patrol, Troop L Dispatch, notified ASP Company D, CID, of an Officer Involved Shooting involving an ASP Trooper. Trooper Alexandria Duncan (Trp. Duncan) initiated a traffic stop near the 82-mile marker, southbound, on Interstate 49 in Benton County. Trp. Duncan was wearing a class B Arkansas State Police uniform with her name plate and badge visible. Trp. Duncan attempted to stop the vehicle for speeding and reckless driving. Trp. Duncan initiated her blue lights and siren and followed the vehicle for approximately 1 mile before he stopped. Trp. Duncan approached the vehicle, opened the door, and advised the driver 26-year-old Angel Zapet-Alvarado (H/M DOB 12/27/1997), an undocumented Guatemalan, to exit the vehicle. Zapet-Alvarado did not comply with Trp. Duncan's commands. Trp. Duncan attempted to remove Zapet-Alvarado from the vehicle. Zapet-Alvarado resisted Trp. Duncan, she used her taser to try and subdue Zapet-Alvarado. Zapet Alvarado was able to wrestle Trp. Duncan's taser from her and throw it into the lane of traffic, where it bounced off of a vehicle. A female driver, Kylie Sutton, witnessed the physical altercation and stopped to aid Trp. Duncan. Sutton retrieved Trp. Duncan's taser from the roadway and attempted to give it back to her. During that time Zapet-Alvarado was able to get on top of Trp. Duncan. Trp. Duncan received two kicks to the head by Zapet-Alvarado before Sutton was able to help her. Sutton attempted to get on Zapet-Alvarado's back which aided Trp. Duncan to pull Zapet-Alvarado to the ground where she pulled her service weapon and fired one shot striking Zapet-Alvarado in his right temple. Trp. Duncan initiated the traffic stop at 19:43. Trp. Duncan wrestled with Zapet-Alvarado for 4 minutes 26 seconds from the approach when Zapet-Alvarado did not comply until she fired the shot. Trp. Duncan was able to hold Zapet-Alvarado on the ground until additional troopers arrived to assist her in placing him in handcuffs. The total time from her approaching the vehicle until Trp. Duncan and Trp. Surette were able to handcuff Zapet-Alvarado was approximately 6 minutes and 30 seconds. The total time from the initiation of the traffic stop until Zapet-Alvarado was handcuffed was approximately 9 minutes.

On Saturday, July 27, 2024, Special Agent Jaran McCormick interviewed Angel Zapet-Alvarado at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, AR. Zapet-Alvarado said he had worked all day, getting off work at 4:00 p.m. Zapet-Alvarado said he rested in his vehicle for one hour and consumed one light beer. Zapet-Alvarado said he started driving home when he noticed blue lights, prompting him to pull over. Zapet-Alvarado said he was driving as he normally would without any hurry. Zapet-Alvarado said Trp. Duncan gave him instructions, but he did not understand. Zapet-Alvarado said after being tased four times he saw the situation as an attack, and he was going to beat the officer. Zapet-Alvarado said his reaction to miscommunication with police would be to fight rather than to comply, with the goal of going home.

On Saturday, July 27, 2024, Special Agent Sor Lee interviewed Kylie Sutton a witness. Sutton said she was traveling southbound on Interstate 49 and saw two feet sticking out between the police vehicle and a grey Toyota, so she pulled

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over to the shoulder. Sutton said when she approached the Toyota, she saw the officer and a male on the ground fighting. Sutton said she tried to help the officer; she saw the male subject trying to hurt the officer, he was kicking her in the head.

On Saturday, July 27, 2024, Special Agent McCormick interviewed Trooper Surrette. Trp. Surrette said he heard Trp. Duncan out on a traffic stop near the 82-mile marker, southbound. Trp. Surrette said he heard her siren then he heard the radio communication, and it sounded like she was fighting someone. Trp. Surrette said while enroute to her location he heard shots fired over the radio. Trp. Surrette said upon his arrival Trp. Duncan was still trying to put Zapet-Alvarado's left arm behind his back while he continued to resist. Trp. Surrette said he was able to get Zapet-Alvarado's right arm and helped Trp. Duncan get him handcuffed.

On Tuesday, July 30, 2024, I (Special Agent Jana Cordes), and Lieutenant Phillip Pierce interviewed Trooper Alex Duncan at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Lowell, AR. Trp. Duncan said she initiated a traffic stop on July 27, 2024, at the 82-mile marker on Interstate 49. Trp. Duncan said she initiated the stop for speeding 114 mph, and reckless driving. Trp. Duncan said when she approached the vehicle and opened the car door, Zapet-Alvarado tried to put the vehicle in drive. Trp. Duncan said she was able to get the vehicle into park and take the keys. Trp. Duncan said she was afraid she might get drug down the road if she did not get the vehicle secured. Trp. Duncan said she gave Zapet-Alvarado commands to exit the vehicle and Zapet-Alvarado would not comply. Trp. Duncan said she deployed her taser in an attempt to get Zapet-Alvarado to comply with her, but he would not, Zapet-Alvarado wrestled the taser away from Trp. Duncan. Trp. Duncan and Zapet-Alvarado were fighting between her unit and his vehicle on the roadside and a civilian Kylie Sutton stopped to help Trp. Duncan. Sutton was able to help Trp. Duncan gain some advantage on Zapet-Alvarado. Trp. Duncan fired her weapon slightly injuring Zapet-Alvarado. Trp. Duncan was able to hold Zapet-Alvarado on the ground until Trp. Surrette arrived. Trp. Surrette and Trp. Duncan were able to subdue Zapet-Alvarado and place him in custody.

On Saturday, July 27, 2024 a crime scene search was conducted on Interstate 49 at the 82 mile marker, and a FARO 3D Laser Scanner was also used. The vehicle driven by Zapet-Alvarado was secured and transported to Arkansas State Police Troop L headquarters. On Tuesday, July 30, 2024 a search warrant was signed by the Honorable Circuit Judge Brad Karren for the vehicle. On Wednesday July, 31, 2024 a crime scene search of the vehicle was conducted by Special Agent Sor Lee and Special Agent Jana Cordes. Cpl. Britt Clements and Sergeant Corwin Battle conducted the search of the vehicle's EDR data system and the logical extraction of Toyota multimedia recorder.

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