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Force Investigation Team Report Officer-Involved Critical Incident

Incident: Officer Involved Shooting – Fatal

Agency Involved: Ogden Police Department

Relevant case numbers: 26G42955, 26CS579,
OME2026-01518

Date of Incident: 4 June 2026

Time of Incident: 05:58

Location of Incident:

FIT Lead Investigator: Michael Rounkles

Involved Officer: Officer Zach Young

Involved Subject: Tracy Nielson

Weber County Attorney's Office
Criminal Investigation
Officer Involved/Deadly Force Used
Date: 4 June 2026
Investigator Michael Rounkles
Premise: 2341 Madison Ave #12
City: Ogden City

Agency Involved: Ogden City Police Department 26G42955

INTRODUCTION

On 4 June 2026, the Ogden City Police Department (OPD) reported that there had been an officer-involved critical incident involving an OPD officer in Ogden City. The officer-involved critical incident protocol for Weber County was initiated.

This force investigation was handled by the Weber County Attorney's Office (WCAO) as outlined in the protocol. The information provided in this document is a summary of the complete and thorough investigation conducted by the WCAO Force Investigation Team. The following investigators were utilized:

WEBER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM:

- Investigator Steve Haney – (WCAO)
- Investigator Cameron Hartman – (WCAO)

OVERVIEW/SUMMARY

- Involved: Officer Zach Young – Ogden Police Department
- Subject: Tracy Nielson -
- Victim: Sedgewick Johnson –
- Witnesses:
 - Holly Clement –
 - Lewis Graham –
 - Jarin Hunt –
- Witness Officers:
 - Officer Noah McCullough – OPD

- Officer Christopher Witte – OPD
- Officer Brayden Boothe – OPD
- Officer Anthony Sanchez – OPD

On 4 June 2026, at 05:58 hours, witness, Holly Clement called 911 and reported that a male was stabbing another male inside her home at Ogden, Utah.

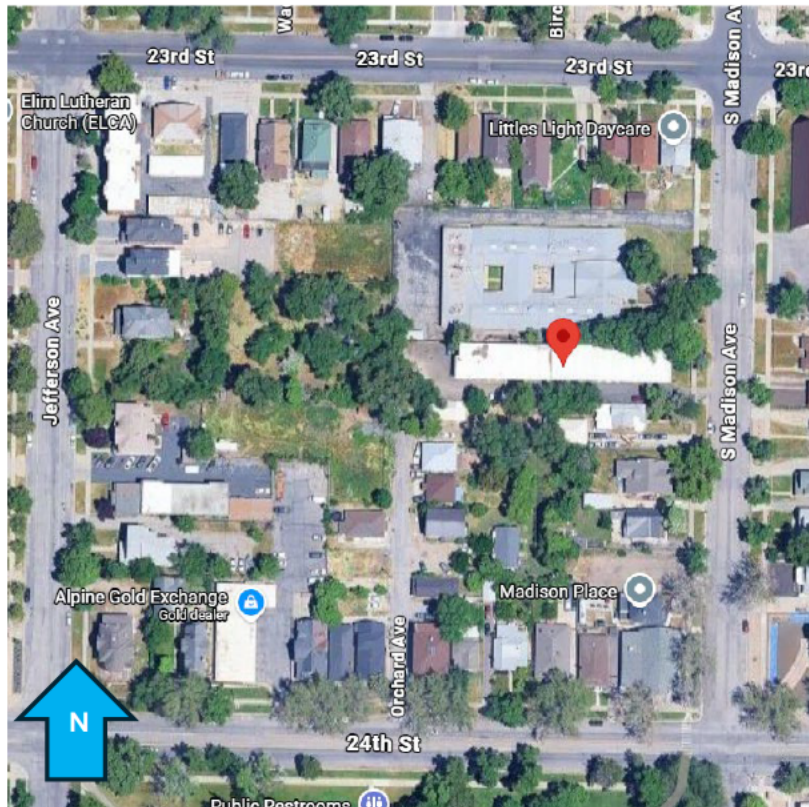
At 06:02 hours, OPD Officers Anthony Sanchez, Zach Young, Brayden Boothe, Noah McCullogh, and Christopher Witte arrived on scene and were let inside by Clement. Officer Sanchez and Officer Young entered the bedroom and observed witness, Lewis Graham standing at the end of the bed and the subject, Tracy Nielson on top of the victim, Sedgewick Johnson. Officer Young fired his duty weapon, striking Neilsen in the head. Nielson was pronounced dead at the scene.

Johnson was transported to the hospital with multiple stab wounds.

The incident was captured on the officers' body worn cameras.

Incident Location:

The apartment building is situated mid-block in the 2300 block of Madison Ave. on the west side of the street in a residential area. All apartment entrances are oriented towards the south. Apartment #12 is the second door from east to west on the second floor.



INVESTIGATION

At 06:08 hours, OPD Lieutenant John Cox advised me via telephone that an OPD officer was just involved in an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) and requested that the WCAO Force Investigation Team respond to handle the investigation per the protocol. I then notified WCAO Investigators Steve Haney and Cameron Hartman.

At 06:37 hours, I arrived at _____ and contacted OPD Sgt. Travis Copier who briefed me on the incident. I was advised that Officers Anthony Sanchez, Zach Young, Christopher Witte, Brayden Boothe, Noah McCullough responded to _____ on the report of an active stabbing. Officer Young fired his duty weapon during the incident. The subject, Tracy Nielson was deceased inside the apartment.

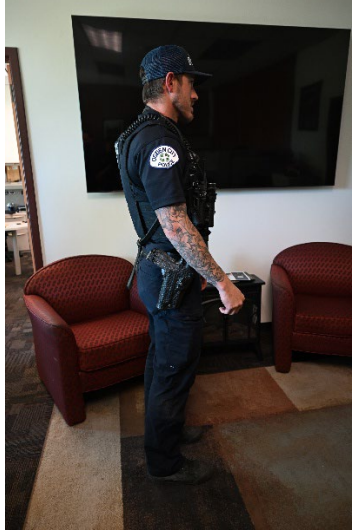
Stabbing victim, Sedgewick Johnson was transported to McKay-Dee Hospital for emergency medical treatment by the Ogden Fire Department. Once the scene was secure, Officer Young was transported to OPD. The outside of the apartment was secured with crime scene tape. Witness, Lewis Graham was seated in a chair west of the apartment outside the crime scene tape and witness, Holly Clement was seated on a large rock near the driveway of the apartment complex with her dog that was bleeding from a laceration on his neck.

Investigator Haney arrived on scene and obtained a search warrant for the apartment signed by Second District Judge Conklin. CSI responded and started processing the scene.

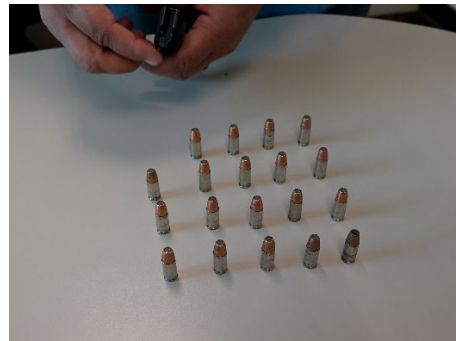
Officer Zach Young – Bullet Count

Investigator Haney and I responded to OPD and met with CSI Biggs and Officer Young to collect and process his duty weapon. Officer Young was photographed to document his appearance at the time of the incident. Investigator Haney then took possession of Officer Young's duty weapon and counted the remaining rounds in the gun and magazine, which was video recorded by CSI Biggs. The photographs of Officer Young, his duty weapon, and rounds are attached below:

- Glock, Model 45, 9mm, Serial Number: BRMD170
- Nineteen (19) rounds in the gun; one (1) in the chamber, eighteen (18) in the inserted magazine
- Duty carry is nineteen (19) rounds with one (1) in the chamber – Fired one (1) time
- Two (2) spare magazines with nineteen (19) rounds each



Officer Z. Young



Subject – Tracy Nielson (
Utah State Criminal History



- Total number of incidents: 19
- Total number of incidents with convictions: 12
- Total number of incidents with a felony: 5
- Total number of felony convictions: 4

Witness – Holly Clement

Holly Clement was interviewed on scene by WCAO Investigator Cameron Hartman. The following is a summary of the information received during the interview:

Holly Clement resides in _____ with Lewis Graham. Clement met Nielson five days earlier on Saturday, 30 May 2026, at a park. She was having issues with her dog “Max” pulling and jumping and Nielson offered to help her train him. Since then, Nielson had slept at her apartment once or twice. Sedgewick Johnson was Clement’s homeless friend who stopped by periodically. On the day of the incident, Nielson and Johnson came over to help Clement clean her apartment for an upcoming inspection.

In the early morning hours of 4 June 2026, Nielson spent an inordinate amount of time in the bathroom taking a bath, which prevented others from accessing the restroom. Clement pounded on the bathroom door until Nielson let her in, but then he climbed back into the tub. Clement told Nielson he needed to get dressed and leave. She said she asked Johnson to stay with her because she felt like Nielson was acting “really weird.” Nielson eventually got dressed and entered her bedroom where she and Johnson were talking. Clement told Nielson again that he needed to leave and he became “aggressive” toward her. Johnson then stood up from the chair he was seated in and placed himself between Nielson and Clement. It was at this time that Nielson produced a knife and began “swinging the knife and stabbing him (Johnson).” When asked where Johnson had been stabbed, she replied, “Everywhere. He kept swing that knife.”

Clement exited the room while Nielson was attacking Johnson, went to the front porch, and dialed 911. She then yelled at Graham who was sleeping on the living room couch to wake up and get out but he instead got up and went to the bedroom. Clement said she was “outside when they (the police officers) came running up and I said, right there, and they went through the door.” It was then she realized that her dog, “Max,” was also injured, because he shook and got blood on her. Clement stated that Max doesn’t like aggression and probably “went after” Nielson to protect Johnson and got stabbed in the processes.

Below are photos of Clement and her dog, Max:



Witness – Lewis Graham

I initially contacted Lewis Graham just outside of _____ As we started talking, it seemed to me that he was dissociated based on his distant demeanor and inability to answer basic questions about the incident. I later learned from speaking to Clement that Graham suffered from a previous traumatic brain injury, which affected his short-term memory and decision-making ability. Graham later confirmed the previous brain injury and the negative effects thereof. The following is a summary of the incident witnessed by Graham:

Graham was sleeping on the couch in the living room when he awoke to “hollering” and a “commotion” from the bedroom. When he entered the bedroom, he observed Nielson “holding the other guy (Johnson) down. Graham was unable to provide details about the physical altercation such as statements, strikes, and weapons. When asked about his reaction to the fight, he replied, “I just kind of stood there and watched him, watched Tracy (Nielson) hold the guy (Johnson).” I asked if he remembered what the police said when they arrived and he said, “they said, stop, or something and fired a shot. It was at this point that Nielsen released Johnson, and the officers made them leave the room.

A photo of Graham is attached below.



Witness – Jarrin Hunt

Jarrin Hunt lives at _____ which is the neighboring _____ On 8 June 2026, he met me at my office to provide a statement. Hunt signed an 1102 admonition prior to providing a verbal recorded statement. The following is a summary of Hunt’s statement:

Hunt was in his bedroom and heard the raised voices of two men, which he initially ignored. After about five minutes, it escalated to the point that it sounded like furniture was toppled over and a dog was barking. Hunt heard a male say, “Calm down, man. You’re high. Calm down.” Moments later, someone said, “He’s got a knife.” It got quiet for a moment, so he went to his front room and

looked out the window. Hunt observed officers approach the apartment and Clement direct them inside. He then ran back to his bedroom to listen and overheard someone yell, "Drop the knife!" This was followed by a single gunshot and silence.

Victim – Sedgewick Johnson

Sedgewick Johnson was interviewed at McKay-Dee on 8 June 2026 after he was moved to the surgical recovery unit. The interview was audio recorded. He was provided with the 1102 admonition, which he signed. The following is a summary of the interview:

Johnson spoke highly of Clement and talked about the times that she had provided him with food and a place to sleep. He thought of her as the "momma of the neighborhood" and commonly referred to her as "Momma" or "Momma Holly" throughout the interview. Johnson met Nielson a few times at Clement's apartment prior to the incident.

On 4 June 2026, Nielson was already at Clement's apartment when Johnson arrived. Johnson was visiting with Clement when she offered him a drink and asked him to "stay a while," which he perceived as a coy indication that something was amiss with Nielson. Clement and Johnson were seated in her bedroom when Nielson entered, and she told him, "You're gonna (sic) have to leave." Nielson responded by becoming loud and argumentative, so Johnson interjected and told Nielson he was being "disrespectful."

Johnson then stood up to go to the bathroom and Nielson challenged him, "You wanna (sic) go at it?" and pulled a knife from somewhere on his right side and immediately began stabbing Johnson. It was at this time that the dog got involved and Nielson struck the dog. Johnson became emotional at that moment in the interview and relayed the following through a shaky voice and tears in his eyes:

"The only thing I could do was grab the blade and fall on it and hold it until somebody else come (sic) in. The uncle (Referring to Graham) came up, and I said, hey, just call somebody. This guy is crazy. I looked at his (Nielson) face and eyes were like...I didn't know what that was, but it wasn't...that couldn't have been human. Something was wrong with him."

When asked where he was stabbed, Johnson replied, "in my spleen," and proceeded to show me his post-surgery stab wounds to include: three wounds on the left side of his mid/lower back, two on the left rib cage, one on the rear of his left shoulder, one on his left pectoral, one on the right side of his head inside his hairline, and multiple defensive wounds on hands (photos attached below). Additionally, I observed an approximately 10" vertical surgical laceration from his belly button to his xiphoid process where surgeons gained access to Johnson's internal organs.

Johnson believed he had been fighting with Nielson for about five minutes when officers entered the room. He remembered officers said something to the effect of "Get down" and then, "They

popped him with some kind of thing.” At that moment, Nielson released him, the officers extracted him from the room and began checking his wounds. Johnson could not remember much after that because he “blacked out.” Furthermore, Johnson felt that Nielson would have harmed Clement if he had not been there. When asked if he thought Nielson intended to kill him, Johnson replied, “I don’t know. In his eyes, it looked like he was trying to. He did, and he looked like he wanted to kill me. He had rage.”

Johnson recently learned that Nielsen died and said of the officers “No one should judge that man. He was doing what he was supposed to do. That officer is doing his job. He serves and protects – he’s doing every bit of it. They all were doing their job.”



Involved Officer – Officer Zach Young

Officer Zach Young, accompanied by his attorney, JC Jensen, met with Investigator Haney and me to provide a statement on 9 June 2026, which was audio recorded. The following is a summary of his statement:

Officer Young recalled that at approximately 06:00 hours, or shortly before, dispatch toned the channel and dispatched him and Office Sanchez to a reported stabbing in progress involving one male stabbing another at [REDACTED] Officer Young responded to the address from 22nd St/Lincoln behind two or three other OPD units. All the units traveled east on 22nd St to Madison Ave and south on Madison Ave to the address.

Officer Sanchez arrived first, and the other units parked behind him. Officer Young drove past the other units and parked next to Officer Sanchez. Officer Sanchez and Officer Young ran up the stairs on the east side of the complex toward the apartment with Officer Sanchez ahead of Officer Young. As they were arriving, dispatch advised that the altercation was ongoing, and the complainant would wait for them on the balcony in front of the apartment.

Officer Young saw the complainant standing on the balcony on the phone, and she attempted to enter the apartment ahead of them. Officer Young directed Officer Sanchez to remove the complainant, and he was able to pull her back. As they made entry into the apartment, Officer Young heard a commotion and yelling from the bedroom to his left, and verbally instructed Officer Sanchez in that direction. Officer Sanchez was able to fully enter the bedroom through the open door, and Officer Young was able to partially enter through the threshold.

Officer Young stated the following:

"I could see a guy pinned down on the bed with a guy on top of him; they were kind of like cross-bodied is what I remember. The dog that was outside had jumped up on the bed with the two of them. I remember the guy looked back at us as Sanchez is giving commands and seemed to get closer to the male...or the victim that was on the bed. At that point, I thought this guy...he is going to kill this guy if we don't do something.

So, I started looking for a spot to place a shot where I wouldn't shoot the victim and the only spot, I could see that was clear the victim was the head. It was the only thing that had passed the victim's body that was clear with no other obstructions. At that point, I fired my one shot. I watched the suspect slump into the victim. I don't know if he just fell off the victim or if the victim kind of like shoved him off. As the suspect fell to the floor and slumped down, I watched the victim stand up it looked like he pulled a knife out of his side and threw it to the ground. We got him and then other guy that was standing next to the edge of the bed out. Once the room was clear of anybody else, and I realized the suspect wasn't a threat anymore. Sergeant Powell got there and I advised him that I was out and I excluded myself from it."

Witness Officer – Officer Anthony Sanchez

Officer Anthony Sanchez relayed the following in a supplement report, OPD case 26G42955. Officer Sanchez responded to _____ on the report of an active stabbing. When he arrived, he ran up the stairs on the east side of the complex and drew his firearm. A female, later identified as Clement, exited the apartment as he approached and directed him to the bedroom. Officer Sanchez immediately sought out the bedroom and located it in the northwest corner of the apartment.

Upon entry, he observed an uninjured male standing near the foot of the bed and a white male in a dark colored shirt on top of another male. The male on top made a quick movement with his arm, but he couldn't see what the male was holding. Based on the reported stabbing, the visible blood, and two males in a physical altercation, Officer Sanchez instructed the male on top to "Drop the knife." The male on top lifted his head and looked at Officer Sanchez but did not comply. He then heard a single gunshot and noticed the male was bleeding from his left ear. It was at that moment he realized the male had been shot in the head.

Officer Sanchez instructed the male at the foot of the bed and the stabbing victim, later identified as Sedgewick Johnson to exit the room. As Johnson stood up from a prone position, he removed a knife from his lower right side near his stomach and threw it on the bed. When Johnson stood up, it caused the male with the gunshot wound to slump off Johnson, and Officer Sanchez observed that the male's right hand had been in the same location where Johnson removed the knife. Johnson was bleeding from multiple locations on his torso.

Officer Sanchez broadcast on the radio that there was male with a gunshot wound to the head and another with multiple stab wounds. Officer Sanchez and Officer McCollough approached the male with the gunshot wound who had fallen to the ground in a fetal-like position. The male was not breathing, his eyes were wide open, and his lower body had stiffened up. Officer McCollough checked for a pulse, but it was either faint or non-existent. Based on the gunshot wound location and lack of any signs of life, medical aid was not rendered.

Officer Sanchez exited the apartment and remained in the 2300 block of Madison Ave for scene security until he was tasked with identifying the stabbing victim. Clement told Officer Sanchez that she only knew the stabbing victim as "Cedric (sic)" and further added that Cedric was trying to protect her from "Tracy" because he was acting weird. Clement said that Tracy had gotten in her face and Cedric stepped in between them, which resulted in argument. Clement then stepped away to call police.

Officer Sanchez utilized the information from Clement to confirm Johnson's identity. Officer Sanchez remained on scene until he was dismissed by Sergeant Powell.

Witness Officer – Officer Christopher Witte

Officer Christopher Witte relayed the following in a supplemental report, OPD case 26G42955. Officer Witte responded to _____ on the report of a male stabbing another male on a bed. When he arrived, he noticed that multiple officers in front of him had their firearms in hand, so he drew his Taser to have a less-lethal contingency available. As Officer Witte approached the bedroom, he heard an officer yell, “Put the knife down now!” He stopped just outside the bedroom threshold behind two officers inside the room and heard a single gunshot.

Officers began clearing the occupants from the room and Officer Witte escorted a male with white hair and a blue shirt, later identified, as Lewis Graham outside the apartment. He then assisted with providing aid to a male with multiple stab wounds until EMS arrived.

Witness Officer – Officer Noah McCullough

Officer Noah McCullough relayed the following in a supplemental report, OPD case 26G42955. Officer McCullough responded to the report of an active stabbing at _____. Upon arrival, a female was exiting the apartment with a large dog. Officer McCullough followed other officers into the residence and to the back bedroom. He heard the officers that had already entered the room say, “Put the knife down.” From his position, he could also see a male standing near the bed and noted that he did not appear to be a threat.

Officer McCullough heard a single gunshot come from one of the officers in front of him and discovered immediately afterward that Officer Zach Young had shot the suspect in the head. Two males were escorted out of the bedroom and Officer McCullough entered and observed a male that was bleeding from his head crouched down by the bed. He and Officer Sanchez then moved the male to the floor. Officer McCullough noticed that the male was not breathing, his pupils did not respond to light, and that he had a very weak pulse in his wrist. Officer McCullough determined at that point that the male was beyond medical aid. He then left the apartment and assisted with securing the scene.

Body Camera Footage from Officer Young (Axon Camera-30 second delay until audio starts)

The following is a breakdown of the key moments filmed on Officer Young’s Axon body camera. The recording begins at 06:00:25 hours and depicts the interior of Officer Young’s patrol vehicle including the steering wheel, dash, laptop, the emergency equipment control panel, a partial view out of windshield and front passenger side window. It appeared he was traveling eastbound in the 300 block of 22nd St. based on the view of the Ensign Plaza South building located at _____. Visible through the passenger door window followed by the traffic lights at the intersection of 22nd St./Washington Blvd.

At 06:00:55 hours, the audio activated as Officer Young made a right hand turn (presumably southbound on Madison Ave). At 06:01:18 hours, Officer Young arrived at _____ exited his vehicle, ran to the stairwell on the east side of the apartment complex, and ascended the stairs (06:01:25).



By 06:01:29 hours, Officer Young had reached the top of the stairs and was approaching apartment _____ with his duty weapon in his right hand. The complainant, Holly Clement, was visible just outside of the apartment door, followed by Officer Sanchez and Officer McCullough.



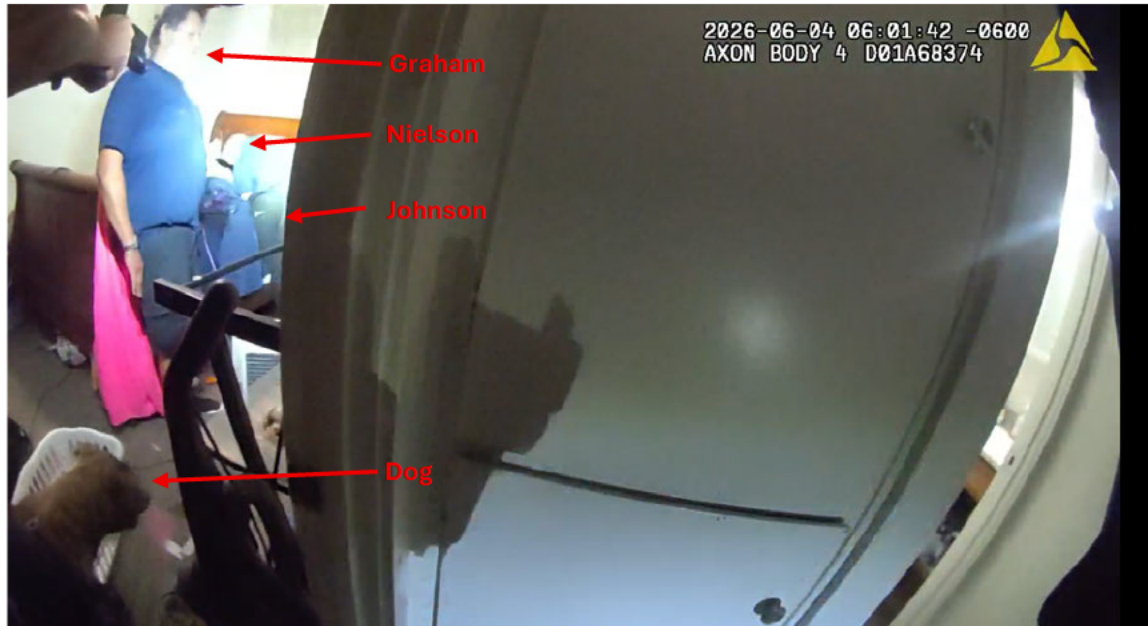
Officer Young passed Officer McCullough and took position behind Officer Sanchez (06:01:32 hours). Clement attempted to enter the apartment, and Officer Young instructed her to “Get out of the house.” Clement was then stopped by Officer Sanchez.



The officers then walked passed Clement into the living room, and Clement told them “They’re in the bedroom” (06:01:37). The officers walked passed the kitchen (06:01:39) to the hallway and made a left toward the bedroom. As they were about to make entry, a male inside the room screamed in a manner consistent with a person in distress (06:01:41).



At 06:01:42 hours, Officer Sanchez made it through the bedroom threshold and stopped to address the occupants to his right. Officer Young followed suit and stood inside the threshold, shoulder to shoulder with Officer Sanchez. Immediately in view, was Lewis Graham standing near the foot of the bed. Tracy Nielson was lying across Sedgewick Johnson's back, and the dog had just entered the room. Officer Sanchez pointed his firearm at Nielson and yelled, "Put the knife down!" Officer Young also pointed his firearm at Nielson and yelled, "Let me see your hands!" Nielson lifted his head slightly and appeared to look back at the officers before burrying his head next to Johnson (06:01:43).



Officer Sanchez again yelled, "Put the knife down, now!" One of the officer's then yelled, "Put it down!" (06:01:44). Nielson then lifted his head again and appeared to look back at the officers. It was at that moment that Officer Young fired his weapon (06:01:45). The muzzle flash is obvious in the attached still frame below. Nielson immediately fell limp over Johnson's body (06:01:46).





At 06:01:54 hours, Johnson pushed himself upward in a partial standing position and tossed a knife onto the bed from with his right hand. The clothing on his back left side appeared to be soaked in blood. Additionally, Johnson's positional change caused Nielson to slide off him.



At 06:02:00 hours, the officers instructed Johnson and Graham to exit the room. Officer Young stepped back to allow Johnson space to get through and then stepped back into the threshold. Nielson's body was observed partially on the floor leaning against the bed with head dropped, his left arm hung to the side, and his right arm across the top of the bed (06:02:04).



At 06:02:08 hours, Graham exited the room. By 06:02:48 hours, Officer Young exited the apartment with Sergeant Powell, and the recording ended at 06:03:20.

Body Camera Footage from Officer Sanchez
(Axon Camera-30 second delay until audio starts)

The following is a breakdown of the key moments filmed on Officer Sanchez's Axon body camera. The recording begins at 06:00:49 hours and shows the interior of his vehicle and a partial view out of the windshield and front passenger window. Officer Sanchez appeared to be traveling south on Madison Ave based on the abandoned church at _____ that was visible through the window.

Officer Sanchez arrived at _____ at 06:01:04 hours, exited his vehicle, and ran to the stairwell located on the east side of the apartment complex. The sound activated at 06:01:18 hours as Officer Sanchez began running up the stairs to the second floor. As Officer Sanchez approached _____ Clement exited the apartment with a cell phone to her left ear (06:01:27). Officer Sanchez asked her, "Where is he at?" and she replied, "I'll take you there, come on" while gesturing with her hand to follow her and opened the door (06:01:30).





At 06:01:32 hours, Clement began to re-enter the apartment and both Officer Young and Officer Sanchez instructed Clement to "Get out of the house." Clement complied, and the officers made their way passed her into the living room and she told them, "They're in the bedroom" (06:01:37). Officer Sanchez was first to cross the bedroom threshold at 06:01:41 hours as a male was heard screaming. Upon entry, Graham was observed standing at the foot of the bed and Nielson and Johnson were near the headboard engaged in a physical altercation. Nielson appeared to have Johnson in a bear hug position from behind and had him bent over the bed.



Officer Sanchez entered deeper into the room, which allowed Officer Young to partially enter the room to his right (06:01:43), but also significantly limited his angles to safely fire his weapon.



Officer Sanchez and Officer Young provided clear commands to Nielson to include “Put the knife down” and “Let me see your hands,” but he failed to comply after he looked at the uniformed officers yelling at him. At 06:01:44 hours, the dog jumped onto the bed with Johnson and Nielson as one of the officers yelled, “Put it down!” At 06:01:45 hours, Nielson lifted his head again and Officer Young fired his duty weapon. The smoke from barrel of the gun was visible in the still frame.





Nielson fell limp over Johnson and blood was visible in his left ear (06:01:46).



At 06:01:54, Nielson began sliding off of Johnson onto the floor as Johnson stood up and tossed the knife on the bed with his right hand (06:01:55).



Once Johnson and Graham exited the room, and Officer Young left the scene with Sergeant Powell, Officer Sanchez and Officer McCullough donned latex gloves and approached Nielson who had slumped partially to the floor and was leaning against the bed. There were two large blood spots on the bed, and one on the pillow where Johnson and Nielson were initially observed. Officer Sanchez

pointed at the bed and informed Officer McCullough “The guy that was underneath moves (sic) a knife after he (Nielson) got shot” (06:03:08).



The officers then cleared some clutter to make space to move Nielson to the floor. Officer McCullough asked about the bullet entry location, and Officer Sanchez replied, “Entry is going to be in this left-hand ear” (06:03:21). Nielson was then laid down on the floor (06:03:26).



OPD Officer Tyler Griffin arrived on scene after the shooting occurred and entered the room while Officers Sanchez and McCullough assessed Nielson. Officer Griffin asked Officer Sanchez some clarifying questions and Officer Sanchez explained that Nielson “was shot” and Johnson was “stabbed (06:03:39). Officer Griffin then asked about the location of the firearm and Officer Sanchez replied, “Young shot him in the head” and Officer McCullough added, “because he had a knife.”

At 06:03:59 hours, Officer Sanchez asked Officer McCullough if Nielson had a pulse and he answered, “barely”. Officer Sanchez attempted to adjust Nielson’s legs to place him in a supine position while Officer McCullough checked Nielson’s pupils. Officer McCullough stated, “His pupils are not reactive at all” (06:04:03). Officer Sanchez then told Officer McCullough that Nielson was “ridged.”



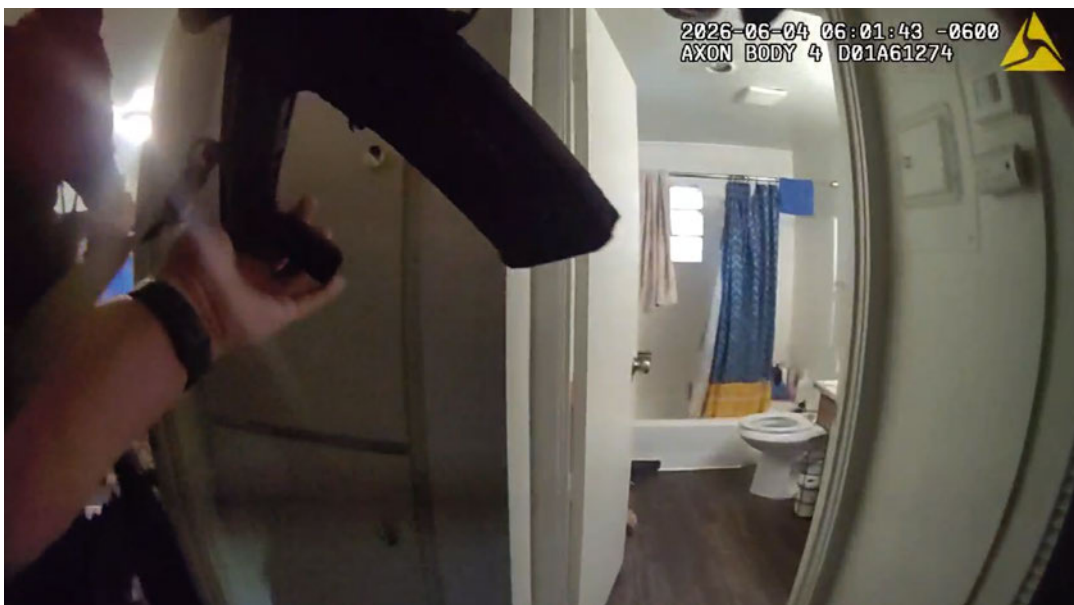
Officers Sanchez and McCullough ended their assessment and proceeded to leave the room. Officer Sanchez said, “Let’s just secure this, nobody comes in this room” (06:04:15). Officer Sanchez then went outside the apartment and assisted with scene security and gathering information until he was excused from the scene. The recording ended at 06:55:47 hours

**Body Camera Footage from Officer Boothe
(Axon Camera-30 second delay until audio starts)**

The following is a breakdown of the key moments filmed on Officer Boothe's Axon body camera. The recording begins at 06:01:09 hours. Officer Boothe arrived at 2341 Madison Ave at 06:01:14 hours and ran up the stairs on the east side of the complex. Officer Sanchez and Officer Young were making entry into the apartment about the time he arrived and took the third position in line behind Officer Young (06:01:35).



At 06:01:43 hours, Officer Boothe was standing right behind Officer Young. The frame below shows Officer Young's position in the threshold just before he fired his weapon.



Officer Boothe escorted Johnson to a chair just outside of the apartment door and began assessing his injuries. Johnson had visible stab wounds on the outside of his left pectoral and left rib cage (06:03:08).



At 06:05:28 hours, medics with the Ogden Fire Department (OFD) arrived and took over the treatment of Johnson. Officer Boothe remained outside the apartment and assisted with scene security and information gathering until he was excused from the scene. The recording ended at 06:56:29 hours.

**Body Camera Footage from Officer McCullough
(Axon Camera-30 second delay until audio starts)**

The following is a breakdown of the key moments filmed on Officer McCullough's Axon body camera. The recording begins at 06:00:27 hours with Officer McCullough responding to the scene in his patrol vehicle. At 06:01:10 hours, Officer McCullough arrived at _____ exited his vehicle, and ran to the stairs on the east side of the apartment complex. As he approached the apartment, he was initially right behind Officer Sanchez but ended up in the fourth position in line behind Officer Boothe as he made entry (06:01:37).

By the time officers had entered the bedroom, Officer McCullough ended up in the living room behind Officer Boothe and Officer Witte just before the recorded sound of gunfire (06:01:45).



Once Johnson and Graham exited the room, Officer McCullough donned latex gloves and entered the bedroom to assist Officer Sanchez. At 06:03:21, Officer Sanchez moved Nielson from his position leaning against the bed to a semi-fetal position on the floor.



Officer McCullough checked Nielson for a carotid pulse and pupil reaction (06:03:59)



At 06:04:26, Officer McCullough exited the bedroom and left the apartment. Officer McCullough remained on scene to assist with scene security and information gathering until he was excused from the scene. The recording ended at 06:58:03 hours.

**Body Camera Footage from Officer Witte
(Axon Camera-30 second delay until audio starts)**

The following is a breakdown of the key moments filmed on Officer Witte's Axon body camera. The recording begins at 06:00:54 hours with Officer Witte responding to the scene in his patrol vehicle. Officer Witte arrived at 2341 Madison Ave at 06:01:19 hours and ran to the stairs located on the east side of the apartment complex. Officers were making entry as Officer Witte arrived at the apartment (06:01:36). He holstered his firearm, drew his Taser, and took the fifth position in line behind Officer McCullough. Officer Witte announced to the other officers that he "had less lethal." At 06:01:45 hours, Officer Witte moved past Officer McCullough into the hallway leading to the bedroom just before Officer Young fired his weapon.



Officer Witte escorted Graham outside of the apartment and sat him down in a chair outside the apartment door next to Johnson (06:02:26). Officer Witte then assisted with treating Johnson. At 06:04:07 hours, Officer Witte was applying pressure to the wounds on Johnson's abdomen and Johnson stated, "All I could do was hold onto the blade."



Officer Witte remained on scene to assist with scene security and information gathering until he was excused from the scene. The recording ended at 07:18:53 hours.

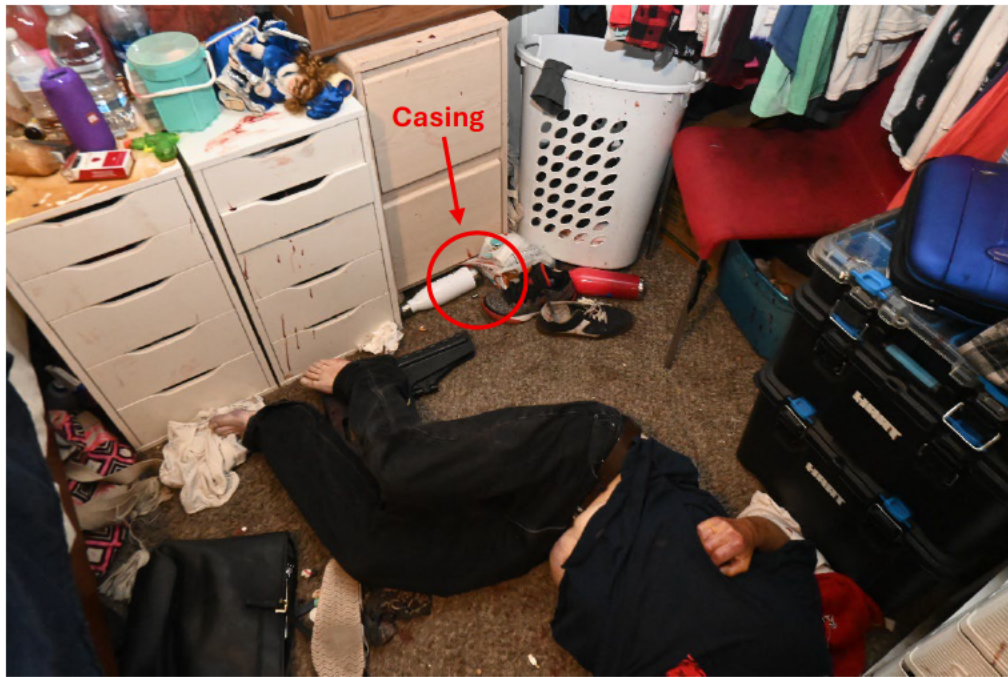
Crime Scene Photographs and FARO Scan

CSI processed the scene subsequent to a search warrant, which included photographs, evidence collection, and FARO scans. The FARO scanner is able to create 360-degree images of a crime scene and is the most efficient method for 3D measurement and 3D documentation available.

The knife that Johnson tossed on the bed is pictured below.



A single spent 9mm casing consistent with the rounds in Officer Young's firearm was located on the floor on the north side of the bedroom near a dresser.



The image below is a still frame from the FARO scan of the scene. By identifying Officer Young's position at the bedroom doorway, the location on the bed where Nielson was shot, and correlating those reference points with the body-worn camera footage, Officer Young was approximately 8.89 feet from Neilson when he fired his weapon.

The following is a summary of Officer Young's knowledge, perceptions, and subsequent actions at the time of the incident:

Officer Young was advised by dispatch that a male was actively stabbing another male at

Upon entering the apartment, he heard a commotion and yelling coming from the bedroom. Officer Young entered the bedroom and observed "a guy pinned down on the bed with a guy on top of him." Nielson looked at Officer Young and Officer Sanchez as commands were being given and instead of complying, Nielson "seemed to get closer" to Johnson. It was at that point that Officer Young said he believed "This guy (Nielson) is going to kill this guy (Johnson) if we don't do something."

Officer Young then looked for a location to place a shot that would not endanger Johnson. When Nielson lifted his head away from Johnson, Officer Young fired one round that struck Nielson in the left ear, incapacitating him immediately.

All the facts, statements, and evidence presented in this report should be considered when determining whether the use of deadly force was justified.

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RE: OFFICER-INVOLVED CRITICAL INCIDENT; ZACH YOUNG

Our office has concluded its investigation into an officer-involved critical incident involving Ogden City Police Officer Zach Young. The incident occurred when OPD officers, including Officer Young, responded to a 911 call where a woman had reported that a man was in the process of stabbing another man in her apartment in Ogden. This letter will provide only a brief summary of facts and evidence, along with our conclusions. The investigation report prepared by lead investigator Michael Rounkles will be sent to you separately. That report contains full details of the incident, and the report and its findings should be considered incorporated into this letter.

SUMMARY OF THE INCIDENT

On June 4, 2026 Sedgewick Johnson and Tracy Nielson were guests in Holly Clement's home at _____ Clement told Nielson he had to leave and he responded by becoming aggressive toward her. Johnson got in between them and Nielson produced a knife and began repeatedly stabbing Johnson. Clement called 911 and reported the situation. Ogden Police officers Young, Sanchez, Boothe, Witte, and McCullough responded to the address.

The officers arrived within three minutes of the 911 call and contacted Clement outside the apartment. Clement opened the door and directed them to the bedroom. Officer Sanchez and Officer Young entered the bedroom and observed an individual by the name of Lewis Graham standing at the foot of the bed and Nielson and Johnson at the head of the bed engaged in a physical altercation. Nielson was on top of Johnson and there was blood visible on the bed. Officers gave Nielson multiple verbal commands at gun point to include "Put the knife down" and "Let me see your hands." Based on the officers' statements and body camera footage, Nielson looked toward the officers, who were all wearing fully-marked OPD police uniforms, after they gave the verbal commands. Although Nielson appeared to be aware of the officers' presence and that they were speaking to him, he nevertheless continued assaulting Johnson.

Officer Young later explained that he believed "This guy (Nielson) is going to kill this guy (Johnson) if we don't do something." Officer Young then fired one round, striking Nielson in the head at the left ear, resulting in his death. The



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bloody knife was recovered on the bed. Johnson had multiple stab wounds to his abdomen, one on his head, and defensive wounds on his hands. Johnson was transported to McKay-Dee Hospital where he received emergency surgery and was hospitalized for several days.

CONCLUSION

Pursuant to Utah Code Section 76-2-404(2) "The defense of justification applies to the use of deadly force by an officer . . . when: (c) the officer reasonably believes that the use of deadly force is necessary to prevent death or serious bodily injury to the officer or an individual other than the suspect."

Officer Young is entitled to the defense of justification in this case because it was objectively reasonable for him to believe that the use of deadly force was necessary to prevent death or serious bodily injury to the victim, Sedgewick Johnson. Officer Young knew from the 911 call that a person was actively being stabbed. As he and other officers entered the bedroom, Young could see Nielsen still attacking Johnson, and he could see blood on the bed. Despite uniformed police officers shouting for Nielsen to drop the knife, he continued stabbing Johnson.

There is no question in this case that Nielsen was attempting to kill Johnson, and Johnson would likely be dead if Officer Young had not used deadly force to prevent that from occurring. Therefore, we conclude that Officer Young was justified in his use of deadly force.

Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



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