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### **Adams County / Jack Yantis: Officer-Involved Shooting**

#### **FACT SHEET**

November 1, 2015, Highway 95, milepost 142, north of Council, Idaho.

#### **Involved Persons:**

Jack Yantis, 62 years old, .204 Ruger bolt action rifle, fired one (1) shot.

Adams County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Wood, 31 years old, law enforcement since 2010, no prior officer-involved shootings, .223 Remington semi-automatic rifle, fired sixteen (16) shots.

Adams County Sheriff's Deputy Cody Roland, 38 years old, law enforcement since 2001, no prior officer-involved shootings, .45 Glock handgun, fired four (4) shots.

#### **Autopsy, Necropsy, Toxicology:**

Jack Yantis received twelve (12) gunshot wounds [three (3) to his abdomen, eight (8) to his upper extremities and one (1) to his chest]. The wound to the chest was fatal and was caused by a .223 bullet.

The bull experienced eight (8) wounds [six (6) of those appear to be from gunshots].

Deputies Wood and Roland tested negative for drugs and alcohol.

Jack Yantis's blood alcohol content was .104%.

#### **Timeframe:**

7:10 p.m. Deputy Roland calls dispatch "bull injured & not very happy."

7:22 p.m. Deputy Roland asks dispatch to call Jack Yantis, owner of the livestock, as bull is getting more agitated.

7:27 p.m. Deputy Roland advises dispatch "shots fired, owner has been shot" and Deputy Wood issues "we need all units now, owner has been shot" call to dispatch.

**Officer Interviews:**

Deputy Wood fired several shots into the bull as a result of its aggressive actions.

Jack Yantis then arrived on scene to euthanize the bull.

Officers became concerned for the safety of others due to the direction Yantis was aiming toward the bull and, as a result, the officers intervened.

Both officers state Yantis then pointed his rifle toward Deputy Roland and fired and that they fired in response to that perceived threat.

**Investigation:**

ISP Detective Jason Horst served as lead detective.

There is no body or dash camera video of the incident.

The investigation resulted in more than 50 witness interviews, 5,300 pages of documents, 590 photos and 30 hours of audio and video recordings. ISP provided the results of its completed investigation to the OAG on March 10, 2016. In addition, the OAG received supplemental investigative information on April 14<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> and, at the request of the OAG, ISP re-interviewed Deputy Roland on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The OAG received the recording of that interview and the final ballistics report on June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>. Finally, the OAG (including Attorney General Wasden) attended a walk thru of a reconstructed scene and visited the actual scene in Council with ISP detectives on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Miscellaneous:**

In addition to the twenty (20) spent shell casings recovered at the scene, a .20 caliber round was found on the scene and Yantis's .204 rifle had an empty shell casing in the chamber. The FBI ballistics expert who tested the .20 round could not conclusively establish that bullet was from Yantis's .204. Blood on the round was tested and found to be that of Jack Yantis.