

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
CASE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

3510 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60653
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JG424436

Case id : 13210967
Sup ID : 16425667 CASR301

EXC. CLEARED CLOSED (OTHER EXCEPTIONAL)			DETECTIVE SUP. APPROVAL COMPLETE		
Last Offense Classification/Re-Classification		IUCR Code	Original Offense Classification		IUCR Code
HOMICIDE / First Degree Murder		0110	HOMICIDE / First Degree Murder		0110
Address of Occurrence		Beat of Occur	No of Victims	No of Offenders	No of Arrested
60 E MONROE ST		112	1	1	1
Location Type		Location Code	Secondary Location		Hate Crime?
Apartment		090	Hallway		NO
Date of Occurrence		Unit Assigned	Date RO Arrived	Fire Related?	Gang Related?
14-SEP-2023 19:22		0132	14-SEP-2023 19:42	NO	NO
Reporting Officer		Star No	Approving Supervisor		Star No
DOWLING, Daniel		21254	ROONEY, John		2559
Date Submitted		Date Approved		Assignment Type	
23-JUL-2025 15:51		23-JUL-2025 21:47		FIELD	

THIS IS A FIELD INVESTIGATION EXC. CLEARED CLOSED (OTHER EXCEPTIONAL) REPORT

VICTIM(S) :

JOSEPH, Abnerd

Male / Black / 32 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: 60 E Monroe St 2905
Chicago IL 60603

DESCRIPTION: 5'10,185-200, Black Hair, Braids Hair Style, Brown Eyes,
Black Complexion

SOBRIETY: Unknown

TYPE: Individual

OFFENDER(S):

SMITH, Garrett M

Male / White / 46 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: 60 E Monroe St 2901
Chicago IL 60603

BIRTH PL: Illinois

DESCRIPTION: 6'00,180,Blond / Strawberry Hair, Short Hair Style, Blue Eyes,
Light Complexion

OTHER IDENTIFICATIONS: Type - Firearm Owners Identification (Foid)
Card # [REDACTED]
State - Illinois
Type - Concealed Carry License #
[REDACTED]
State - Illinois

IR #: [REDACTED]

CB #: [REDACTED]

-- In Custody --

RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO OFFENDER:

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JOSEPH, Abnerd No Relationship

VICTIM INJURIES

JOSEPH, Abnerd

<u>Type</u>	<u>Weapon Used</u>	<u>Weapon Description</u>
Gun Shot	Handgun	Other - Sig Sauer P938
CAUSE: Weapon ? Firearm		
REASON: Other		
EXTENT: Fatal		
Injured by Offender		
HOSPITAL: Northwestern Memorial Hospital		
INJURY TREATMENT: Pronounced At 2011 Hrs		
PHYSICIAN NAME: Dr. Joung		

TRANSPORTED TO:

JOSEPH, Abnerd (Victim)
Transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Transport Was Authorized By Amb 74

WEAPON(S):

INV #: 15374980 **Evidence**
Used Displayed
Sig/S. I. G./Swiss Industrial Gesellschaft --Sz-- , Pt938 , 9 , Semi-Automatic Pistol
, Automatic , 3
SERIAL #: 52E078120
MAGAZINE CAPACITY: 6
Number Of Live Rounds used in the Firearm - 5
This Firearm was seized
OWNER: Smith, Garrett
POSSESSOR/USER: Smith, Garrett
LOCATION FOUND: 60 E Monroe St

LOCATION OF INCIDENT:

60 E Monroe St
Chicago IL 60603
090 - Apartment
Hallway

DATE & TIME OF INCIDENT:

14-SEP-2023 19:22

DEATH INFORMATION:

JOSEPH, Abnerd (Victim)
DATE OF DEATH: 14-SEP-2023 20:11

AUTOPSY INFORMATION:

PERFORMED BY: Eckhardt
CAUSE OF DEATH: Mgsu
MEDICAL EXAMINER #: 23-05553

METHOD CODE(S):

Person(S) Shot

CAU CODE(S):

DNA

FIREARM(S)

INV #: 15374980 **Evidence**

FILED DATE: 8/28/2026 10:56 PM 2024L005346

RECOVERED:

Sig/S. I. G./Swiss Industrial Gesellschaft --Sz-- , Pt938 , 9 , Semi-
Automatic Pistol , Automatic , 3
SERIAL #: 52E078120
OWNER: Smith, Garrett
POSSESSOR/USER: Smith, Garrett

LOCATION FOUND: 60 E Monroe St
MAGAZINE CAPACITY: 6
Number Of Live Rounds used in the Firearm - 5

PERSONNEL ASSIGNED:

Arresting Officer - First
SALMERON, Joel G # 9459 BEAT: 0162C
Arresting Officer - Second
GIERUT, Frank S # 11048 BEAT: 0162C
Assisting Officer
ISLAS, Veronica C # 6785 BEAT: 0162C
Detective / Investigator
DOWLING, Daniel J # 21254
DRIZNER, Rachel M # 20955 BEAT: 5362A
Reporting Officer
WAITE, David L # 10229 BEAT: 0132
VERA, Ricardo A # 16849 BEAT: 0132
Supervisor - On Scene
WELLS, Deidra L # 1793 BEAT: 0110
GILLILAND, Timothy D # 1895 BEAT: 0167
HOWARD, Pamela K # 1918 BEAT: 0120
TAYLOR, Cedric F # 2191 BEAT: 0120

CRIME CODE SUMMARY:

0110 - Homicide - First Degree Murder

IUCR ASSOCIATIONS:

0110 - Homicide - First Degree Murder
JOSEPH, Abnerd (Victim)
SMITH, Garrett, M (Offender)
SMITH, Garrett, M (Offender)
JOSEPH, Abnerd (Victim)

ASSOCIATED ARRESTS:

30280646

INCIDENT NOTIFICATIONS:

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 09/14/2023:202200
REQUEST TYPE: Notification
PERSON NAME: Jose,Duran
STAR #: 20850
EMP #: 100602
NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 09/14/2023:201700
REQUEST TYPE: On Scene
PERSON NAME: Daniel,Dowling
STAR #: 21254
EMP #: 102254

FILED DATE: 8/28/2026 10:56 PM 2024L005346

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 09/14/2023:000000

REQUEST TYPE: On Scene

PERSON NAME: Brian,Costanzo

STAR #: 20017

EMP #: 12233

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 09/14/2023:201700

REQUEST TYPE: On Scene

PERSON NAME: Sean,Driskill

STAR #: 20413

EMP #: 112632

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 09/14/2023:205000

REQUEST TYPE: Notification

PERSON NAME: ,Bryant

STAR #: 89

EMP #:

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 09/14/2023:204000

REQUEST TYPE: Notification

PERSON NAME: ,

STAR #:

EMP #:

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 09/14/2023:204400

REQUEST TYPE: Notification

PERSON NAME: Jesus,Vera

STAR #: 9589

EMP #: 107620

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 09/14/2023:205000

REQUEST TYPE: Notification

PERSON NAME: Alex,Aguas

STAR #: 8039

EMP #: 112612

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 09/14/2023:224400

REQUEST TYPE: On Scene

PERSON NAME: Hermogene,Del Toro Jr

STAR #: 8853

EMP #: 10686

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 09/14/2023:224400

REQUEST TYPE: On Scene

PERSON NAME: Angel,Cahue

STAR #: 5005

EMP #: 2504

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 09/14/2023:224400

REQUEST TYPE: On Scene

PERSON NAME: Dennis,Pociask

STAR #: 2552

EMP #: 57337

INVESTIGATION:

THIS IS AN AREA THREE EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED CLOSED (OTHER EXCEPTIONAL)
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

0110: Homicide

R.D. NUMBER:

JG-424436

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:

60 E. Monroe
48th floor (hallway)
Chicago, IL 60603

DAY, DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

Thursday, 14 September 2023 at 1922 hours

WEATHER & LIGHTING:

Indoors with adequate artificial lighting

DATE & TIME ASSIGNED:

14 September 2023 at 1955 hours

VICTIM (Deceased):

JOSEPH, Abnerd

60 E. Monroe St # [REDACTED]

Chicago IL 60603

M/1/32 yoa

DOB: [REDACTED]

601 - 203 lbs

Arrests: None

IR # None

Social Security# [REDACTED]

VICTIM CLOTHING:

Gray bathrobe, a blue pair of underwear, and a black pair of socks

VICTIM INJURIES:

Gunshot wound of the right side of the chest

Gunshot wound of the left axilla

(2) Gunshot wounds of the abdomen

Gunshot wound of the left forearm

Gunshot wound of the left ring finger

DAY, DATE, TIME OF ARREST:

Thursday, 14 Sep 2023 at 2009 hours

ARRESTING OFFICERS:

Beat 161C

P.O. SALMERON #9459

P.O. ISLAS #6785

P.O. GIERUT #11048

OFFENDER:

SMITH, Garrett M.

60 E. Monroe St # [REDACTED]

Chicago IL 60603

M/2/46 yoa

DOB: [REDACTED]

Arrest: None

IR# [REDACTED]

CB# [REDACTED]

IL DL# [REDACTED]

FOID/CCL# [REDACTED] (Active)

MEDICAL EXAMINERS:

ME# 2023-05553

ME Investigator BRYANT #89

TRANSPORTED TO:

Northwestern Hospital via Chicago Fire Department ambulance #74

PROUNOUNCED:

14 September 2023 at 2011 hours by Dr. JOUNG

FAMILY NOTIFICATION:

Delbert "Jay" CHARLES (brother)

(404)-436-[REDACTED]

WEAPON:

Sig Sauer, P938, Serial #52E078120, 9mm, Semi-Automatic pistol, 3-inch barrel, Inventory#

15374980

MANNER/MOTIVE:

Offender shot the victim after the victim battered two individuals.

EVIDENCE:

(5) 9mm fired cartridge casings (CSMs #1-5)

(1) Fired bullet (CSM# 6)

Pieces of jewelry recovered from the hallway floor (CSM#s 7-12)

Suspect red blood stain on the carpet of hallway (orange cone CSM #A)

Suspect red blood stain on the hallway wall (white and black tape CSMs #A, B, C, D, E, and F)

Photographs:

Overall: building (legacy hotel) located at 60 E. Monroe street

Both (overall/close up): elevator door to the 48th floor

Overall: "in situ" perspective of crime scene

Both (overall/close up): exterior of entry door to apartment 4806

Both (overall/close up): CSM 1-5: fired cartridge cases marked "9mm luger barnes +p"

Located on the floor near apartment 4806

Both (overall/close up): CSM d: suspect blood stain(s) located on the wall near Apartment 4806

Both (overall/close up): CSM e: suspect blood stain(s) located on the wall near Apartment 4806

Both (overall/close up): exterior of entry door to apartment 4803

Both (overall/close up): CSM 6: suspect fired bullet located near apartment 4803

Both (overall/close up): CSM 7 yellow metal chain links located on hallway floor near apartment 4803

Both (overall/close up): CSM A: suspect blood stain(s) located on hallway floor near apartment 4803

Both (overall/close up): CSM b: suspect blood stain(s) located on hallway wall near Apartment 4803

Both (overall/close up): Suspect blood stain(s) located on hallway floorboard near Apartment 4803

Both (overall/close up): CSM C: suspect blood stain(s) located on hallway wall near Apartment 4803

Both (overall/close up): Damaged ceiling lamp located above csm a

Both (overall/close up): Suspect bullet impact mark located on wall near apartment 4803

Both (overall/close up): Exterior of entry door to apartment 4804

Both (overall/close up): CSM 8: yellow metal chain locking clip located on hallway floor near apartment 4804

Both (overall/close up): CSM 9: yellow metal chain link located on hallway floor near Apartment 4804

Both (overall/close up): CSM 10: yellow metal egyptian pharoah pendant located on hallway floor near apartment 4804

Both (overall/close up): Exterior of entry door to apartment 4805

Both (overall/close up): CSM 11: black stone pendant located on hallway floor near Apartment 4805

Both (overall/close up): CSM 12: yellow metal chain located on hallway floor near Apartment 4805

Overall: White post mortem bag containing decedent

Both (overall/close up): Suspect bullet impact wound about the decedent's chest area

Both (overall/close up): Name tag on post mortem bag

Both (overall/close up): Identification of photographs of decedent (JOSEPH. Abnerd D.O.B

07apr91)

Both (overall/close up): (2) suspect bullet impact wounds about the decedent's lower abdomen

Both (overall/close up): suspect bullet impact wound about the decedent's chest area

Overall: Identification photographs of suspect (SMITH, Garrett D.O.B 26feb77)

Both (overall/close up): The top of the suspect's head

Both (overall/close up): The bandaged right pinky finger of suspect

Overall: brown paper bag

Both (overall/close up): Suspect's shirt located inside the brown bag

Inventories:

15375046

Jewelry CSM 7 yellow metal chain links recovered from hallway carpeted floor

Jewelry CSM 8 yellow metal chain locking clip recovered from hallway carpeted floor

Jewelry CSM 9 yellow metal chain link recovered from hallway carpeted floor

Jewelry CSM 10 yellow metal egyptian pharaoh pendant

Jewelry CSM 11 black stone pendant recovered from hallway carpeted floor

Jewelry CSM 12 yellow metal chain recovered from hallway carpeted floor

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gun shot residue kit, one sealed isp gun shot residue kit (23-127) administered to smith garrett in area 3 interview room #e @ 2043 hours

15375083 clothing / fur violet mens long sleeve shirt with suspect blood stains recovered from Area 3 Detective Division

15375125 cloth robe gry in clr

15374998 recordings - audio /visual optical disc in an envelope

15375000 recordings - audio /visual optical disc in an envelope

15464853 recordings - audio /visual optical discs in three envelopes

15412008 recordings - audio /visual optical disc in envelope of oemc return

15376602 attorney/711 visitation notification

15376602 copy of credentials

15464853 copy of receipt from Romanucci Blandin lawfirm

15375114 sealed swab box containing 2 swabs of suspect biological evidence from the firearm inv #15374980

15375124 sealed env mk'd "left fingernails (me# 2023-05553 Abnerd-Joseph m/1/32) rec'd from dr. Eckhardt

15375039 gun: fired bullet/bullet fragment csm 6 fired bullet recovered from hallway carpeted floor

15375123 gun: fired bullet/bullet fragment sealed envs mk'd "projectile"; (me# 2023-05553 abnerd-joseph m/1/32) rec'd from Dr. Eckhardt

15375034 gun: fired cartridge case/shotshell csm 1-5 fired cartridge cases headstamped "barnes 9mm luger +p" recovered from hallway carpeted floor

15375120 buccal swabs sealed swab box mk'd "oral swab"; (me# 2023-05553 abnerd-joseph m/1/32) rec'd from dr. Eckhardt

15375121 blood card sealed env mk'd "dna"; (me# 2023-05553 abnerd-joseph m/1/32) rec'd from Dr. Eckhardt

15375051 blood swabs 1 swab box containing 2 swabs of suspect blood recovered from red stain located on hallway carpeted floor labeled "a"

15375054 blood swabs 1 swab box containing 2 swabs of suspect blood recovered from red stain located on hallway wall labeled "b"

Blood swabs 1 swab box containing 2 swabs of suspect blood recovered from red stain located on hallway wall labeled "f"

15374980 gun: firearm Sig Sauer, P938, 52e078120, 9mm, semi-automatic pistol, 3" barrel length, blue steel Gun: live cartridge/shotshell live 9mm round, Gun: magazine, stripper clip, moon clip silver magazine containing unknown number of live 9mm rounds, and a black holster

NOTIFICATIONS:

All proper notifications were made by the reporting officers.

PERSONNEL ASSIGNED:

Beat 5307 Detective Div. Supervisor
Sgt KOLMAN #2000

Beat 167 Crime Scene Supervisor
Sgt. GILLILAND #1895

Beat 120 Crime Scene Supervisor
Sgt TAYLOR #2191

Beat 130 Crime Scene Supervisor
Sgt HOWARD #1918

Beat 132 Reporting Officers
P.O. Waite #10229
P.O. Vera #16849

Beat 161C Arresting Officers
P.O. SALMERON #9459
P.O. ISLAS #6785
P.O. GIERUT #11048

Beat 122 Crime Scene Protection
VILLAREAL #11592

Beat 163A Crime Scene Protection Northwestern Hospital
ALVEREZ #7861

Beat 111 Transporting Officers
P.O. KARMA #18282
P.O. MENDOZA #13292

Beat 5814 Evidence Technician
CAHUE #5005

Beat 5812 Evidence Technician
DEL TORO #8853

Beat 5321E Reporting Detective
Det DOWLING #21254

Beat 5311 Assisting Detective
Det COSTANZO #20017

Beat 5308F Assisting Detective
Det DRISKILL #20413

Area Technology Center Personnel:
Det R. DRIZNER #20955 Beat 5362A
P.O. D. SCHAFFER #15238 Beat 5362C
P.O. T. SCHMITZ #16444 Beat 5362D

WITNESSES:
Yoonan NENA

[REDACTED]

Jareth BENT

[REDACTED]

Ying "Shirley" MENG

[REDACTED]

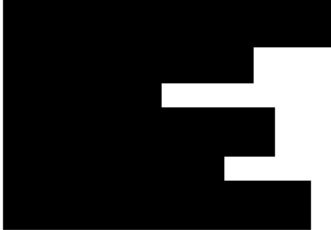
John BISHOP

[REDACTED]

Natalie BISHOP



Andy CLEMENT



Meredith RICCIO



Bernard SCHOTT



James DELEIO



INTERVIEWED:

Jareth BENT

Yoonan NENA

Ying "Shirley" MENG

John BISHOP

Natalie BISHOP

Andy CLEMENT

James DELEIO

Garrett SMITH

Meredith RICCIO

Bernard SCHOTT

INVESTIGATION:

This report is to be read in conjunction with all other reports generated under this Record Division Number. This report is a summarization of all reported information as well as all interviews and is not to be considered verbatim.

On 14 Sep 2023, reporting detective (R/D) was assigned the homicide investigation of Abnerd JOSEPH which occurred at 60 E. Monroe Street, Cook County, Chicago IL 60603. Sgt KOLMAN #2000 of the Area Three command assigned R/D this case. Sgt KOLMAN related an individual was shot in a condo building and the shooter called 911 reporting he had shot someone. R/D along with Sgt KOLMAN, Det COSTANZO and Det DRISKILL proceeded to the scene. This case is reported under the Chicago Police RD# JG-424436.

R/D arrived on scene and noted 60 E. Monroe St to be the Legacy Building at Millennium Park, a 72-story skyscraper, located along S. Wabash Ave. The Legacy Building is comprised of condominium units, rental apartments, as well as street level commercial retail spaces. R/D observed numerous marked and unmarked Chicago Police vehicles parked at the entrance to the Legacy Building. Beat 111, manned by P.O. KARMA #18282 and P.O. MENDOZA #13292 were assigned as the transporting officers for the offender, Garrett SMITH. SMITH was subsequently transported to Area Three Detective Division.

R/D then entered the lobby of 60 E. Monroe and was met by Beat 167 Sgt GILLILAND #1895 who directed R/D to witnesses Andy CLEMENT and Yoonan NENA. Sgt GILLILAND related two additional witnesses departed the area after the shooting (later determined to be John BISHOP and Natalie BISHOP). R/D learned Andy CLEMENT is a resident of 60 E. Monroe St, and Yoonan NENA is a door man for the Legacy Building. CLEMENT and NENA were then interviewed independently in the office spaces of 60 E. Monroe St. R/D and Det COSTANZO interviewed staff member NENA while Sgt KOLMAN interviewed resident CLEMENT.

Below is the interview of Yoonan NENA and is not verbatim unless otherwise noted with quotation marks.

Yoonan NENA

NENA related earlier in the day, on 14 Sep 2023, he was employed as "Door staff" for the Legacy Building. NENA was known to residents by his nicknames of "Yoon" or "Jonah". NENA received a call at the front desk from a resident stating there was a person knocking on doors and screaming on the 29th floor. NENA further related the resident caller stated he did not know the person. NENA then called 911 and requested police assistance. Please refer to the Office of Emergency Management, audio recorded, service call event# 2325712868 at 1921 hours for a complete and accurate account of the 911 call.

NENA elicited the help of a custodian "HAMILTON" after receiving multiple calls from residents of the 29th floor concerning a disturbance. HAMILTON relocated to the 29th floor in an effort to

investigate the source of the disturbance. HAMILTON was requested by NENA as NENA did not want to leave the front desk position unattended. HAMILTON returned and related there wasn't anyone located in the 29th floor hallway. NENA explained "a married couple" (now known as residents John and Natalie BISHOP) then came to the building's front desk and reported a male Black yelling in the elevator. John and Natalie BISHOP informed NENA that a male Black was yelling while he exited the elevator on the 48th floor. John and Natalie BISHOP observed the male Black as they entered the same elevator he was exiting.

NENA was then approached at the front desk by an additional resident who notified him of an individual causing a disturbance. NENA described him as "the shooter" ("the shooter" is now known as Garrett SMITH). NENA said SMITH, John and Natalie BISHOP, and Andy (CLEMENT) all joined NENA in heading to the 48th floor in an attempt to locate the male Black who was yelling in the hallway. NENA noted Andy was a friendly resident who regularly hangs around the front lobby desk. Andy is known to help with issues arising with the computer based security camera system. NENA said the group was worried for other tenants after hearing reports of a person in the building screaming and knocking on doors.

NENA related himself, Andy, John and Natalie BISHOP, and SMITH, exited the elevator on the 48th floor, and the group immediately heard screaming and someone pounding on doors. NENA observed a male Black in a black robe say, "Hey buddy, what happened?". NENA described a feeling of relief because he believed the male Black knew someone in his group. The male Black then "rushed" NENA and struck him with a fist two to three times in the side of the head. The closed fist strikes that NENA received caused him to fall backward into the wall. NENA struck his elbow on the wall and fell into the group of people behind him. According to NENA the male Black then struck Andy in the jaw causing him to fall to the ground unconscious. NENA described John and Natalie BISHOP as being behind him when he started to back up. SMITH then said, "I have a gun, I have a license.". NENA stated the male Black "punched the shooter, and the shooter fired four to five shots". Andy was then observed by NENA as he began to crawl away as NENA backed up toward the elevator. NENA, SMITH, Andy, and John and Natalie BISHOP all relocated back downstairs to the front desk via an elevator. It was then NENA activated the Police Panic Alarm button located at the front desk. Please refer to Office of Emergency Management, audio recording, service call event# 2325713127 at 1937 hours where a third party alarm company notified 911 of a panic alarm activation.

NENA told investigators he realized he recognized the male Black as a resident he believed to be named "JOHNSON".

That concluded the interview of Yoonan NENA.

Below is the interview of Andy CLEMENT and is not verbatim unless otherwise noted with quotation marks.

Andy CLEMENT

Sgt KOLMAN #2000 had the occasion to interview resident Andy CLEMENT who witnessed this event. Andy related he went to pick up food and upon returning saw the doorman, "Jonah", on the

phone taking a call of a disturbance on the 29th floor. Jonah then requested the maintenance man check it out. Andy further related before the maintenance man returned, calls from the 48th floor began coming in of disturbance on that floor. Jonah, Andy, an older couple, and the offender who are all residents went to investigate.

Andy said, upon arriving on the 48th floor, Jonah exited first followed by Andy then the older couple (now known as the BISHOPS) and the offender. Screaming could be heard to their right and down the hallway. Andy described the hallway having a dead end where you must turn right or left. The group walked to the end of the hallway toward the screaming and shouting and Jonah encountered (the victim) JOSEPH first and Jonah asked JOSEPH, "What was wrong?" JOSEPH then rushed toward Jonah and began to strike him about the head and body. Jonah tried to fend off the attack and began to retreat. At some point, Jonah ended up behind Andy and JOSEPH then struck Andy one time in the face causing him to fall to the ground. Andy believed he was "knocked out" for a bit of time.

Andy went on to describe that he heard one shot and felt someone pull him down the hallway away from JOSEPH. Andy related he then got up off the floor under his own power and began to move toward the elevator. Andy did not see who shot. Andy did not know any witnesses involved except Jonah the doorman.

That concluded the interview of Andy Clement

R/D, Sgt KOLMAN, Det COSTANZO, and Det DRISKILL relocated to the 48th floor in order to process the crime scene. R/D observed the 48th floor to be an L-shaped main hallway bisected by a bank of elevators. The L-shaped hallway was built in an east/west orientation. The west end of the main L-shaped hallway terminates with a perpendicular, smaller, unit access hallway. The crime scene was protected by Beat 0122 with yellow crime scene tape securing the section of the hallway which was located west of the elevator bank. Unit #'s 4803 4804 4805 4806 make up the western portion of the 48th floor. R/D observed a gold chain, a gold pendent, and a gold charm on the carpeted floor in front of Unit# 4804. An apparent bullet hole was located in the floor baseboard between Unit #'s 4803 and 4804. A suspected red blood stain was located just south of the intersection where the unit's hallway intersects with the main hallway. Five (5) 9mm expended shell casings were observed near the intersection of the main hallway and the unit's hallway, in a line in a north/south direction, directed toward Unit# 4806. Six small suspected red blood stains were observed on the east and west walls closest to Unit# 4806 in similar fashion to a blood spatter pattern. Please refer to the crime scene video and photos for further information.

Evidence Technicians CAHUE and DEL TORO arrived on scene, and walked the scene with R/D. R/D pointed out items of evidentiary value to CAHUE and DEL TORO. Crime scene markers, further referred to as CSMs, #1-8 and CSM A were placed. CSMs #1-5 were designated for 9mm expended shell casings. CSM# 6 highlighted a fired bullet. CSMs #7-12 were designated for the various pieces of jewelry located on the floor nearest to unit# 4804. A small orange cone denoting CSM A was placed marking the suspected red blood stain where responding police located the victim JOSEPH. White and black tape markers labeled A, B, C, D, E, and F were then placed on the wall highlighting suspected red blood stain splatter. Suspected red blood stain markers A, B, and F were swabbed for potential biological material. Evidence was video recorded, photographed, and recovered and given

a unique Chicago Police Department inventory number.

R/D, Sgt KOLMAN, Det COSTANZO, and Det DRISKILL began to canvass the 48th floor. Unit# [REDACTED] was occupied by Ying "Shirley" MENG. MENG was interviewed by Det DRISKILL while R/D was present.

Below is the interview of Ying "Shirley" MENG and is not verbatim unless otherwise noted with quotation marks.

Ying "Shirley" MENG

MENG related she heard a loud disturbance in the hallway. MENG said she looked through the peephole of her door, and observed a male Black banging on her door. MENG utilized her cell phone in order to record the incident from inside her unit. The video recording captured voices in the hallway. The video containing audio of an interaction moments before the shooting was then provided to the Area Three Technology Center and R/D via email. Please refer to inventory# 15375000 for the complete video. MENG then related she called "911" to report hearing an unknown number of shots.

That concluded the interview of Ying "Shirley" MENG

At 2114 hours R/D along with Det DRISKILL attempted to make contact with the occupants of Unit# [REDACTED] to no avail. At 2120 hours R/D was then alerted to Unit# [REDACTED] opening the door to speak with investigators. The occupant was an elderly White female who wished to not give her name or information. R/D informed the resident R/D was investigating a shooting in the hallway. The resident related she heard loud talking in the hallway but did not hear any gun shots. The female White thought the talking she heard "may have been building maintenance" personnel. The female White related she resided in the unit with her husband who was located in the bedroom sleeping, and her husband was asleep at the time of the shooting. R/D requested permission to enter her residence in order to locate the bullet that was fired into the baseboard from the hallway. R/D was granted access, and R/D with Det DRISKILL inspected the interior of the kitchen cabinets which are affixed along the condo/apartment side of the hallway wall. R/D could not locate a fired bullet inside the cabinets nor a bullet hole.

Unit# [REDACTED] was occupied by Bernard SCHOTT and his partner Meredith RICCIO. R/D reviewed body worn camera footage where SCHOTT related to responding officers that he heard a disturbance through the door and heard someone say, "I will shoot." SCHOTT saw a "man in a work uniform for the building" and then SCHOTT heard gunshots. SCHOTT's observations were memorialized via recorded body worn camera under Axon Evidence.com Det TORRES Employee #111871.

Sgt KOLMAN had the occasion to interview SCHOTT where SCHOTT gave essentially the same sequence of events but SCHOTT expounded on his previous observations.

Below is the interview of Bernard SCHOTT and is not verbatim unless otherwise noted with quotation marks.

Bernard SCHOTT

SCHOTT related he looked through the door's peephole and observed what appeared to be a person in a black vest, a doorman, retreating. SCHOTT saw who he believed to be the shooter in a sweater, and heard three rounds being fired. SCHOTT did not see anybody shooting a gun. SCHOTT observed RICCIO call the building's front desk employee prior to the shooting to report a disturbance in the hallway.

That concluded the interview of SCHOTT.

Below is the interview of Meredith RICCIO and is not verbatim unless otherwise noted with quotation marks.

Meredith RICCIO

RICCIO phoned the lobby after hearing a disturbance through the door. At 1930 hours RICCIO stated she heard someone say, "I'm going to fuck you up." RICCIO heard three gunshots then dialed "911" at 1934 hours.

That concluded the interview of Meredith RICCIO.

Sgt KOLMAN and Det DRISKILL completed the canvass of the 48th floor then continued to canvass the 29th floor. It was learned both SMITH and JOSEPH lived in close proximity to each other. SMITH resided in Unit# [REDACTED] and JOSEPH resided in Unit# [REDACTED] James DELEIO is the resident of Unit# [REDACTED]

Below is the interview of James DELEIO and is not verbatim unless otherwise noted with quotation marks.

James DELEIO

DELEIO related to Sgt KOLMAN that earlier in the night he heard yelling in the hallway. DELEIO looked out of his door's peephole and saw his neighbor banging on his own door while yelling incoherent words. DELEIO was referencing Unit# [REDACTED] being banged on. DELEIO called down to the front desk to report his observations. DELEIO then observed his neighbor going toward doors on his floor and banging on their doors as well. DELEIO went on to say a short time later the floor went silent. DELEIO did not see the shooting, and DELEIO never left the 29th floor.

That concluded the interview of James DELEIO.

R/D along with Det COSTANZO relocated to the lobby of 60 E. Monroe and observed the BISHOP couple returned to their residence. R/D introduced himself and asked John and Natalie BISHOP to sit for an interview. At 2224 hours the BISHOPS were interviewed by R/D and Det COSTANZO.

Below is the interview of John BISHOP and is not verbatim unless otherwise noted with quotation marks.

John BISHOP

John BISHOP related he and his wife Natalie were headed to dinner and pressed the elevator button to leave the 48th floor. John BISHOP said the elevator door opened and a male Black in a blue robe starting yelling "Fucking white crackers". The male Black then exited the elevator before John and Natalie BISHOP entered. John BISHOP described the male Black as "yelling and pounding" as he walked toward Unit# [REDACTED] John BISHOP along with Natalie BISHOP rode the elevator to the first floor.

John BISHOP related he and his wife approached the building's front desk to inform them of the male Black on the 48th floor. John BISHOP spoke to Jonah at the front desk. Natalie BISHOP was concerned she may have not locked their front door and wished to go back up to the 48th floor to confirm the door was secure. It was then John BISHOP, Natalie BISHOP, Jonah, Andy, and a resident (now known as SMITH) who said "I have a license to carry" all went to the 48th floor.

John BISHOP said, "the elevator opens and we hear yelling". John BISHOP did not know what the individual was saying. John BISHOP stated, "the guy was pissed, angry out of his mind" when he referenced the demeanor of the male Black. John BISHOP went on to describe the male Black attacking the group with the group falling backward into each other 'like dominos'. John BISHOP said Andy was struck and was observed to be "wobbling". John BISHOP heard several gunshots as he was falling backwards. John BISHOP went on to say all the residents then entered the elevator except the guy who was shot.

John BISHOP then said he remembered, in the past, he would consistently see a Chicago Police Squad car parked around the corner from his residence. John BISHOP then relocated to Wabash Ave and summoned the officer who was assigned a fixed post at that location. John BISHOP spoke to Det TORRES #20806, and informed him there was a shooting and the victim was injured. Det TORRES followed John BISHOP to the 60 E. Monroe lobby. John BISHOP observed SMITH being detained by the Chicago Police Department personnel.

That concluded the interview of John BISHOP.

Below is the interview of Natalie BISHOP and is not verbatim unless otherwise noted with quotation marks.

Natalie BISHOP

Natalie BISHOP related she was heading to dinner with her husband John BISHOP when a male Black exited the elevator and walked between herself and her husband in order to walk toward Unit# 4802. When the male Black exited the elevator he said "Fucking white crackers". Natalie BISHOP observed the male Black wearing underwear and a robe that was open and not tied. Natalie BISHOP said she heard the individual yelling as he went down the hallway and she could hear pounding. Natalie BISHOP and her husband boarded the elevator and while heading down to the lobby Natalie BISHOP realized her and her husband have had a "bad habit of leaving the door unlocked" due to "letting their guard down with a door staff". Natalie BISHOP wished to go back upstairs to verify if her door was indeed locked.

Natalie and John BISHOP informed the doorman of their observations before getting on the elevator. Natalie BISHOP said a resident (now known as Garrett SMITH) stated, "I have a licensed to carry" which she believes to be a gun permit. Natalie BISHOP, her husband, Jonah, a bald guy (now known as Andy CLEMENT), and SMITH all entered the elevator.

Natalie BISHOP then noted when she took the elevator back to the 48th floor she did not go toward the yelling; Natalie BISHOP instead went directly toward her residence in the opposite direction. Natalie BISHOP heard gunfire and returned to help the bald guy who was uneasy on his feet. Natalie BISHOP then asked if everyone was "okay". Natalie observed the victim JOSEPH slumped on the floor. Natalie BISHOP and the other residents then entered the elevator to return to the lobby. After police personnel arrived Natalie BISHOP then departed for dinner.

That concluded the interview of Natalie BISHOP.

R/D along with Det COSTANZO proceeded to Northwestern Memorial Hospital located at 251 E. Erie in order to process the remains of the victim Abnerd JOSEPH. At 2322 hours on 14 Sep 2023, Dets arrived and observed JOSEPH secured in the morgue guarded by P.O. ALVAREZ #7861 of Beat 163A. JOSEPH was unclothed, intubated, and within a human remains bag. JOSEPH had sustained gunshot wounds to the right side of the chest, the left axilla, the abdomen (two times), the left forearm, and left ring finger. ETs photographed the remains of JOSEPH and evidence preservation bags were placed on both hands to protect potential biological material. Please refer to Crime Scene Report# 515976 for further information concerning the Forensics Services Section processing of the 60 E. Monroe and Northwestern Hospital crime scenes.

R/D requested beat 163A summon Allied Removal service for JOSEPH to be transport to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office in order for an autopsy to be performed.

In an effort to locate next of kin, R/D enlisted the assistance of 60 E. Monroe St staff in retrieving the emergency contact information for victim Abnerd JOSEPH. Jareth BENT was listed as a "Brother" for JOSEPH. BENT resided at [REDACTED] Chicago IL 60605. At 0003 hours R/D along with Dets COSTANZO and DRISKILL arrived at [REDACTED] to interview BENT and give a next of kin notification.

Below is the interview of Jareth BENT and is not verbatim unless otherwise noted with quotation marks.

Jareth BENT

BENT related he was a fraternity brother of Abnerd JOSEPH. BENT referred to JOSEPH by his nickname "Nerd". BENT stated he has known "Nerd" since college. "Nerd" would seek help from BENT with business ideas, and BENT said "Nerd" wanted his analytical feedback. In the last two weeks BENT has noticed "Nerd was off" and developed an unusual way of discussing topics. BENT received a phone call from JOSEPH in the morning hours of 14 Sep 2023 where JOSEPH told BENT just to listen and not speak. JOSEPH proceeded to talk with BENT about business ideas that were not grounded in reality. BENT said "Nerd" seemed a little weird and eccentric.

BENT said prior to the shooting he received a phone call from Casey, a fraternity brother at Florida State University, to inform BENT as to JOSEPH's mental state, Casey stated, "something was wrong with him, and he is not okay". BENT received the call from Casey requesting BENT conduct a well-being check because he had a close relationship with "Nerd" and BENT was local to JOSEPH. BENT described his fear that JOSEPH may "jump from the building" referencing the high rise where JOSEPH resided. BENT said he relocated to 60 E. Monroe and saw several police and fire department vehicles parked with their emergency lights activated. BENT overheard police and citizens talk of a shooting. BENT attempted to inquire with 60 E. Monroe staff and police if JOSEPH was involved in the shooting that took place. BENT then observed JOSEPH being taken to a Chicago Fire Department ambulance via a stretcher. BENT then contacted JOSEPH's brother Delbert "Jay" CHARLES and informed CHARLES that his brother had been shot. BENT furnished R/D with a phone number for CHARLES.

That concluded the interview of Jareth BENT.

R/D made notification of the passing of Abnerd JOSEPH to his brother, Delbert "Jay" CHARLES, via telephone at 0009 hours on 15 Sep 2023. R/D phoned CHARLES due to CHARLES living in the state of Georgia. CHARLES related there was no known mental health issues with JOSEPH, but CHARLES was concerned with JOSEPH becoming mentally exhausted. CHARLES related JOSEPH had a prescription for Adderall. CHARLES related to R/D he would get an airline ticket to Chicago as soon as possible.

R/D and Det COSTANZO returned to the Area Three Detective Division in order to interview the offender Garrett SMITH. SMITH's arrest is documented under CB# 30280646. It was then R/D learned that P.O. SALMERON #9459 of Beat 161C recovered a firearm from SMITH's front pants pocket. The firearm recovered was found to be (1) Sig Sauer P938, Serial# 52E078120, 9MM, SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL, 3" BARREL LENGTH, BLUE STEEL containing a silver magazine and live rounds. The firearm was inventoried under inventory# 15424810.

While in interview Room E SMITH was read rights under Miranda by Det MONTALVO #21047 at 2155 hours on 14 Sep 2023 in the presence of Det STRAZZANTE #21121. Dets MONTALVO and STRAZZANTE began the interview due to R/D processing the scene and interviewing witnesses.

Below is the interview of Garrett SMITH and is not verbatim unless otherwise noted with quotation marks.

Garrett SMITH

SMITH stated he was at his home working on his computer when he heard someone trying to "bang the door down". SMITH looked out of the peephole and observed what he believed to be a male Black with long hair due to only seeing the top of his head. SMITH described the person as loud and very violent. SMITH stated the individual outside his door banging said, "I'm gonna break your door down". SMITH said he heard his door handle moving. SMITH related he called the door man and then he called "911". SMITH further related he "thought he was on drugs because he was talking about someone behind the mirror". SMITH related the individual was "clearly not rational". SMITH relocated to the lobby after the individual departed his hallway. SMITH said he was joined by four

other people who were headed to the elevator to go the 48th floor. SMITH related he didn't expect anything to go wrong with a group of people. SMITH related when the elevator doors open he could hear shouting and banging on doors. SMITH related to MONTALVO and STRAZZANTE that he observed the male Black on the 48th floor strike CLEMENT with a knife or possible weapon.

After JOSEPH struck CLEMENT, SMITH described drawing his gun and JOSEPH then striking Jonah. SMITH believes the elderly couple fled. SMITH described JOSEPH as he ran toward him and SMITH said he backed into a dead end corner. SMITH said he fired when JOSEPH was about six feet away. SMITH believes he fired three (3) rounds. SMITH stopped firing because the gun was slipping from his hands. SMITH related JOSEPH fell on top of him after he fired. JOSEPH then got up, patted the front of his body, and walked toward the opposite corner of the hallway.

R/D joined the interview with Dets MONTALVO and STRAZZANTE at approx. 0118 hours on 15 Sep 2023

SMITH related much of the same account except SMITH did not make mention of JOSEPH having any possible weapons to R/D. SMITH related he was concerned for his neighbors and SMITH didn't want any of his neighbors to get hurt. SMITH said, " he was moving toward me, I fired." SMITH did not recall saying anything before firing or after firing.

At 0229 hours offender SMITH requested an attorney and detectives terminated the interview at that time.

That concluded the interview of Garrett SMITH

Please reference the ERI recorded video of Garrett SMITH for a complete and accurate account of the interview.

R/D took photographs of the injuries to the body of SMITH. SMITH had abrasions to both knees and his back.

On 15 Sep 2023 R/D contacted the Cook County States Attorney's Office and advised them there was an individual in custody and charges for First Degree Murder would be sought.

On 15 Sep 2023, Dr. ECKHARDT performed an autopsy on the remains of Joseph ABNERD and determined the cause and manner of death to be Multiple Gunshot Wounds / Homicide. An external examination revealed: Gun Shot Wound (GSW) #1 to the right upper chest, GSW #2 to the abdomen (lodged), GSW #3 entered the right abdomen and exited right flank, GSW #4 to the left axilla (lodged), GSW #5 entered and exited the left forearm, and GSW #6 entered and exited the left hand ring finger. An internal examination by Dr. ECKHARDT revealed: one projectile recovered from chest, one projectile recovered from clothing, and one projectile recovered from the spinal column. Projectiles were inventoried by Beat 5809 Evidence Technician J. CONNELL# 19974 under inventory# 15375123. JOSEPH's left fingernails were recovered and inventoried under inventory# 15375124. Buccal swabs, finger prints, and a blood card were administered to JOSEPH. The robe worn by JOSEPH at the time of the homicide was inventoried under inventory# 15375125.

R/D was notified by the Chicago Police Forensic Firearms Lab that an evaluation of the firearm recovered from Garrett SMITH was conducted where a test fire confirmed the shell casings recovered from the scene at 60 E. Monroe St are consistent with having been fired from the Sig Sauer P938 fired by Garrett SMITH and inventoried under inventory# 15374980.

On 15 Sep 2023, Cook County Assistant States Attorney GALLAGHER arrived in Area Three Detective Division and conducted interviews of the witnesses of this homicide. The interviews occurred in the Area Three Homicide office with no other witnesses present.

Yoonan NENA was interviewed by ASA GALLAGHER with R/D being present. NENA essentially related the same facts of this case but went on to describe JOSEPH's demeanor in more detail. NENA told ASA GALLAGHER that JOSEPH had, "vengeance in his eyes, and there was no negotiation". NENA stated to ASA GALLAGHER that, "Garrett saved a lot of lives". NENA said prior to the 14th of September JOSEPH was very cordial and would usually "fist bump" with NENA, and JOSEPH would ask NENA "how are you doing?". NENA said JOSEPH was a "different person" when he was shot. NENA related he sought medical treatment after leaving work on the night of the 14th into the early morning hours of the 15th of Sep 2023.

ASA GALLAGHER interviewed John BISHOP with R/D present. John BISHOP related essentially the same version of events in this case as previously related to investigators.

ASA GALLAGHER interviewed Natalie BISHOP with R/D present. Natalie BISHOP related essentially the same version of events in this case as previously related to investigators.

ASA GALLAGHER interviewed Andy CLEMENT with R/D present. Andy CLEMENT related essentially the same version of events in this case. CLEMENT went on to inform ASA GALLAGHER that he sought medical treatment for a sore jaw prior to arriving at the Area Three Detective Division.

ASA Ryan GALLAGHER CI'd (continuing investigation) this case at 1845 hours on 15 Sep 2023. The offender was therefore Released Without Charging pending further investigation.

On 28 Sep 2023, at R/D's request, Andy CLEMENT provided R/D with an "after visit summary" of his medical treatment. R/D forwarded this document to the Cook County States Attorney's Office. R/D requested NENA provide a copy of his medical records via phone conversations and in an in person request. R/D's request of NENA's medical records remained unanswered.

On 11 Dec 2023 R/D met with legal counsel representing the victim's family. At 1633 hours Attorney Jason FRIEDL of the law firm Romanucci and Blandin tendered an iPhone, that belonged to the victim, to R/D. The victim's iPhone was located when the family of JOSEPH was cleaning out his apartment after his death. JOSEPH's family believes an audio recording captured the audio of the homicide of JOSEPH. A memo drafted by the law firm documenting the iPhone turnover to R/D was signed by R/D. iPhone inventoried under inventory# 15424810. A data extraction was performed on the victim's iPhone and (3) Optical discs each inside an envelope along with a copy of the receipt from the law firm Romanucci and Blandin were inventoried under inventory# 15464853. A phone audio file recovered from the victim's iPhone, contains a male voice stating erratic statements and a speech which contains a high respiratory rate. The male voice went from excited, to crying, to being

paranoid of police.

On 08 Feb 2024 R/D contacted the Cook County States Attorney's Office with an update on this case.

On 01 May 2024 R/D met with Cook County Assistant States Attorney Jennifer McCarty with an update on this case.

On 03 May 2024 R/D received Toxicology results from Det ANDINO who was assigned to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office. NMS Labs, a third party, produced work order# 23362891 where Abnerd JOSEPH's toxicology results revealed the following substances: 11-Hydroxy Delta-9 THC, Amphetamine (Adderall etc), Benzoylcegonine (cocaine derivative), Delta-9 Carboxy THC, and Delta-9 THC. These results were forwarded to the Cook County States Attorney's Office.

R/D made several attempts to locate witnesses to present to the Cook County States Attorney's Office. R/D attempted phone and in-person contact with Ying Shirley" MENG on six occasions. Bernard SCHOTT, Meredith RICCIO, and Jareth BENT were contacted by R/D via telephone/text on several occasions.

R/D scheduled interviews to be conducted on 30 May 2024 with Bernard SCHOTT, Meredith RICCIO, and Jareth BENT in order to be interviewed by the Cook County States Attorney's Office. R/D was contacted by SCHOTT who related himself and his partner would not be presenting themselves to be interviewed. BENT contacted R/D on 29 May 2024 and he requested he seek legal counsel and related he would not be attending the interview on 30 May 2024.

On 06 Jun 2024 R/D requested James DELEIO present himself at The Area Three Detective Division in order to be interviewed by the Cook County States Attorney's Office. ASA John CHAMBERS interviewed DELEIO where DELEIO related essentially the same version of events as he related to investigators. DELEIO further related that Abnerd JOSEPH was "talking crazy, and out of his mind".

R/D again attempted to contact witnesses Ying "Shirley" MENG, Bernard SCHOTT, Meredith RICCIO, and Jareth BENT on several occasions. After not gaining cooperation with availability for interviews R/D drafted Grand Jury subpoenas for MENG, SCHOTT, RICCIO, and BENT. R/D was able to serve subpoenas upon SCHOTT, RICCIO, and BENT. R/D could not locate MENG after four attempts in person and numerous phone calls. Subsequently R/D placed a copy of the subpoena under the door of MING.

Pursuant to a subpoena, on 28 Aug 2024, witnesses SCHOTT and RICCIO presented themselves to the Cook County States Attorney's Office located at 26th and California, Cook County, Chicago IL in order to be interviewed by ASA John CHAMBERS. R/D was present during the interviews of SCHOTT and RICCIO. Both SCHOTT and RICCIO related the same version of events as they were related to investigators in this case except SCHOTT recalled hearing what he describes as "a punch striking a meaty surface" before he heard shots being fired. SCHOTT went on to voice his displeasure with a firearm being involved in a disturbance in his hallway.

After successfully being served a subpoena Jareth BENT presented himself, on 29 Aug 2024, to the Cook County States Attorney's Office located at 26th and California, Cook County, Chicago IL in order to be interviewed by ASA John CHAMBERS. R/D was present during this interview where BENT provided the same version of events previously related to investigators.

On 29 Aug 2024 Ying "Shirley" MENG failed to present herself to the Cook County States Attorney's Office in order to be interviewed. On 04 Sep 2024 R/D drafted a subpoena for MENG to present herself to the Cook County States Attorney's Office. The subpoena for MENG was unable to be served due to being unable to locate MENG.

On 23 Oct 2024 MENG was not present at 26th and California to be interviewed by the Cook County States Attorney's Office.

On 30 Dec 2024 R/D met with Cook County Assistant States Attorney Jennifer McCarty with an update on this case.

On 02 Jan 2025 R/D executed a search warrant for the iPhone possessed by offender Garrett SMITH during the time of the shooting. The iPhone inventoried under inventory# 15374982 was hand carried by R/D to The Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory located at 610 S Canal St, Chicago, IL 60607. R/D requested a data extraction be performed. Data extraction results were pending gaining access through security features of the iPhone.

On 07 Feb 2025 R/D contacted Cook County Assistant States Attorney Jennifer McCarty with an update on this case.

On 07 Mar 2025 R/D spoke with the Cook County States Attorney's Office Assistant States Attorney Jennifer McCarty at 1354 hours who rejected Charges for First Degree Murder.

Summary:

On 14 Sep 2023, R/D was assigned the Homicide Investigation of Abnerd JOSEPH which occurred at 60 E. Monroe St. R/D learned Abnerd JOSEPH was shot inside the hallway of a condo building on the 48th floor, and the shooter, Garrett SMITH, was placed in custody on scene by Beat 161C. JOSEPH was pronounced by Dr. JOUNG on 14 September 2023 at 2011 hours at Northwestern Hospital. R/D learned a weapon was recovered from SMITH's pocket. That weapon was found to be a Sig Sauer P938 9mm semi-automatic handgun and subsequently inventoried under inventory# 15374980. Garrett SMITH was transported to Area Three Detective Division for investigation. R/D conducted a walk-through of the crime scene in the hallway of the 48th floor of 60 E. Monroe St with Evidence Technicians CAHUE #5005 and DEL TORO #8853. Within the hallway, R/D observed suspect red blood stains on the walls, an apparent bullet hole in the hallway baseboard, One (1) fired bullet, and five (5) 9mm expended shell casings. All of the evidence was subsequently recovered and inventoried by evidence technicians.

During the course of the investigation R/D spoke with residents Andy CLEMENT, John BISHOP, Natalie BISHOP, and building door staff member Yoonan NENA who were present during this incident. The witnesses said they left the front desk lobby area with SMITH to investigate an individual banging on doors and yelling incoherent statements. Yoonan NENA, Andy CLEMENT,

and John BISHOP witnessed the incident in the hallway of the 48th floor and all gave essentially the same account of the sequence of events. The witnesses could hear yelling and banging as they exited the elevator. Witnesses related JOSEPH struck NENA and CLEMENT with his fist, and advanced toward SMITH before SMITH fired his weapon. SMITH fired his gun with bullets striking JOSEPH about the hand, forearm, and chest/abdomen.

R/D and assisting detectives had the occasion to interview Garrett SMITH. SMITH was read his Miranda rights by Det MONTALVO at 2155 hours on 14 Sep 2023. SMITH waived his right to counsel and SMITH related while in his condo he heard someone trying to "bang the door down". SMITH described the person as loud and very violent. SMITH stated the individual outside his door banging said, "I'm gonna break your door down". SMITH said he saw his door handle moving. SMITH related he called the door man and then he called "911". SMITH further related he "thought he was on drugs because he was talking about someone behind the mirror" referencing the individual outside his door he believed to be most likely Black. SMITH related the individual was "clearly not rational". SMITH relocated to the lobby after the individual departed his hallway. SMITH said he was joined by four other people who were headed to the elevator to go the 48th floor. SMITH related he didn't expect anything to go wrong with a group of people. SMITH related to Dets MONTALVO and STRAZZANTE that he observed the male Black on the 48th floor strike CLEMENT with a knife or possible weapon.

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On 07 Mar 2025, R/D spoke with the Cook County States Attorney's Office Assistant States Attorney Jennifer McCarty and presented the facts of this case. After reviewing the facts of this investigation, ASA McCarty Rejected Charges for First Degree Murder at 1354 hours.

R/D requests this case be placed into an Exceptionally Clear Closed (Other Exceptional) Bar to Prosecute status.

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