Sea Girt Police Department
Vehicle Pursuit Analysis Report

To: Chief Kevin Davenport

From: Captain Justin Macko

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Chief Davenport,

In accordance with directive 3:16 Pursuit and Forcible Stopping Guidelines I have prepared the an analysis of the agency pursuits utilizing data from 2018, 2019, and 2020. There has been insufficient data in previous years to compile an analysis of pursuits. There has been a absence of any vehicular pursuits in most calendar years. The past year (2020) has had a markable increase in the number of pursuits providing sufficient data for an analysis.

DATA COLLECTION

Pursuit data from the 2018, 2019, and 2020 was compiled and used as a basis for the analysis. In 2018 this agency did not engage in any vehicular pursuits. During the 2019 calendar year, one vehicular pursuit was reported. The single pursuit in 2019 was added to the aggregate of the pursuits in 2020 to compile this analysis.

SUMMARY OF PURSUITS

12/5/2019 At 22:16 hours Officer VanBrunt attempted to stop a motorcycle after observing an equipment violation. After Officer VanBrunt activated his emergency light, additional moving violations were observed. The motorcycle engaged fled from Officer VanBrunt. Within moments of the pursuit being initiated, it was terminated by the OIC. There were no accidents, injuries, or arrests.

4/16/2020 At 01:07 hours Patrolman Fasano observed a suspicious vehicle in the center of the roadway on Baltimore Boulevard. The vehicle's high beams were illuminated. Moments later the vehicle blacked out its lights and fled at a high rate of speed. Patrolman Fasano was able to observed a license plate on the

vehicle which dispatch confirmed as a stolen vehicle. The pursuit was terminated by the OIC after approximately 5 miles. It was discovered that the occupants of this vehicle were attempting to steal or burglarize two high-end vehicles parked in the immediate vicinity of where the pursuit was initiated. There were no accidents, injuries, or arrests.

8/16/2020 At 05:11 hours Patrolman Bolchune observed three suspicious vehicle parked in the middle of the road, in the middle of the block in the area of New York Boulevard and 1st Avenue. All three vehicle immediately fled at a high rate of speed. Patrolman Bolchune engaged the vehicle in a pursuit. Two of the vehicle became disabled after each being involved in single car motor vehicle collisions. The two disabled vehicles were previously reported stolen. The occupants of these vehicle were attempting to steal or burglarize high-end vehicle parked in the immediate vicinity of where the pursuit was initiated. Two of the suspect vehicles were disabled due to traffic collisions, there were no injuries, and two juveniles were arrested.

8/21/2020 AT 05:08 hours officers were dispatched to 203 Boston Boulevard for a report of a vehicle burglary in progress. While responding to the incident, Sergeant DeMillio observed a vehicle stopped in the middle of the roadway in the 200 block of Philadelphia Boulevard (the block immediately to the north of the incident location). Two vehicle immediately accelerated toward Sergeant DeMillio with the 2nd almost ramming into his vehicle. Patrolman Bolchune and Patrolman Hurych initiated a pursuit with the two vehicles. The pursuit was terminated by the OIC after approximately 5 miles. One of the vehicle was confirmed to be a stolen vehicle out of Spring Lake. It was also discovered that the one vehicle at 203 Boston Boulevard was burglarized, another was attempted. These were both high-end vehicles. It was also found that a significant number of high-end vehicles in the area showed signs of burglary/theft attempts. There were no accidents, injuries, or arrests.

9/14/2020 At 04:38 hours Patrolman Fasano observed a vehicle pass his stationary location at a high rate of speed. A subject in the vehicle was observed to be masked which covered the entire face. The vehicle blacked out it's lights and fled. Patrolman Fasano, who was also acting as the OIC, self-terminated the pursuit. The time, manner of flight, and route of flight was consistent with vehicles involved in high-end vehicle thefts.

Total Pursuits in Period:	5		
Pursuits Daytime:	0		
Pursuits Nighttime:	5		
Accidents:	0		
Injuries:	0		
Arrests:	2		
Officers Involved (All involved):	DeMillio	1	
	Fasano	2	
	Bolchune	2	
	Hurych	1	
	VanBrunt	1	
Supervisors Involved:	DeMillio	2	
	Bolchune	1	
	Sherman	1	
Reason for Pursuit:	MV Violation	1	
	Stolen Vehicle	1	
	Suspicious	2	(Area Auto Theft Activity)
	Crime in Progress	1	

ANALYSIS

With the limited data of pursuits over the past three years I conducted an analysis of agency pursuits. The following is my finding:

The pursuit reported in 2019 appears to be an outlier among the other pursuits reported during the analysis period. This particular pursuit was a motorcycle with a single rider which fled north into Spring Lake Heights. The pursuit was immediately terminated. The only data point in common with the other pursuits is that it was during the nighttime hours.

During the 2020 calendar year there was a significant increase in the number of pursuits in this agency. This has been the most pursuits in the Sea Girt Police Department in a single calendar year in at least the past 10 years.

An examination of the pursuits found that each of the pursuits occurred during the nighttime hours. Each of the pursuits involved vehicle were involved in high-end auto thefts and burglaries in the area. These high-end vehicle thefts are being experienced throughout the County.

Vehicles involved in high-end vehicle thefts in Manasquan and Brielle were found to flee utilizing a similar escape route to those vehicles which fled from our jurisdiction.

Looking at CAD reports in Spillman for all agencies using Spillman in Monmouth County shows a total of 72 pursuits in 2020. Of those pursuits, 44 were conducted between 22:00 hours and 07:00 hours. There were 39 pursuits in Spillman during the 2019 calendar year 33 in 2018.

The increased high-end vehicle thefts and attempted thefts in Monmouth County appears to be the cause of the increase in motor vehicle pursuits here in Sea Girt and elsewhere throughout the County.

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Justin Macko