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Date of entry 07/17/2024

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed at the Butler County Government Center (124 W. Diamond St. Butler, PA. 16001) by Corporal [redacted] (Pennsylvania State Police) and TFO [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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Deputy [redacted] is employed with the Butler County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). [redacted] could not recall the exact day that she was informed of the Trump rally. On July 11, 2024, [redacted] was told that she would be working the event. [redacted] believes that she was given her specific posting (Post 4) on Friday, July 12, 2024. [redacted] was sent a map that showed the layout of the event site and where the various posts throughout the site were located. [redacted] confirmed the map and officer roster, provided to interviewers by Chief Deputy [redacted] was what she had received on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:37pm via email. No other formal briefings were provided. [redacted] asked [redacted] what the role of posts 3, 4, 5, and 6 were? she was told that those posts were to monitor and make sure the fence line remained secure. [redacted] was not involved with any of the planning for the rally. [redacted] was not briefed on the use of deadly force prior to the event.

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[redacted] was not familiar with the Butler Farm Show grounds prior to the rally. [redacted] arrived at approximately 10:40am and [redacted] personally drove her to her post. No other ops plans were given to [redacted] position was in front of the AGR building. [redacted] position was between two fence lines with the rally site behind her. [redacted] could see the front and left sides of the AGR building. [redacted] had no field of view to the right or back sides of the structure. [redacted] was unaware of any law enforcement presence at/in the ARG building. [redacted] didn't anticipate having any people gather at the AGR building. [redacted] was surprised that there ended up being approximately 100 in that area. [redacted] confirmed that the group of people were on the opposite side of the fence line from her position. [redacted] reported that she and a PSP trooper had to address a few problems "a few hours" before the arrival of Trump. [redacted] stated that there was a guy wearing a red cut-off shirt (mid to early 20's, 5'7 170

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lbs.) who was waving to her. At that time, [REDACTED] stated that the trooper to her right was talking with a Butler ESU team member. [REDACTED] stated that when she approached the fence line, an older guy in his 50's whom she thought was the owner of AGR was requesting that people be removed from the property. [REDACTED] asked if the owner meant the guy in the red cut-off shirt, to which the owner replied that he wanted everyone off the property. With the assistance of the trooper at Post 5 the crowd was ordered to move back from the area towards a group of trees. [REDACTED] also described a male in a neon green shirt that was acting "different". He was 6'0 tall, 160 lbs., dark hair, glasses, hat and long dark pants. [REDACTED] stated that at least 3 times she approached the fence line to speak to him and all three times he looked and walked away from her. At no time did she ask for the identification of red shirt or neon green shirt. [REDACTED] did say that neon green shirt acted as though he was filming once Trump got on stage.

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[REDACTED] recalled calling Sgt. [REDACTED] to verify what channel they were operating on. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that she could hear radio traffic of the event on "police ops 3" and "police ops 4". [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to remain on the "sheriff's channel". [REDACTED] knowing that she might have to speak to officers on both channels, tuned her portable radio to "sheriff's channel" while tuning her car radio to "police ops 3". [REDACTED] did state that it was at times difficult to discern what agency was talking on the radio.

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[REDACTED] stated that cell phone service was very spotty during the event. [REDACTED] stated that she had to restart her phone multiple times. [REDACTED] stated that the trooper at Post 5 also was having difficulties with his phone. [REDACTED] stated that the trooper at Post 5 had to use her phone to call PSP resources to attempt to clear the people from the AGR property. That call was made at approximately 5:15pm. After that request a PSP vehicle was seen in the area of the water tower.

At some point prior to the arrival of Trump, [REDACTED] recalled hearing radio traffic from Sgt. [REDACTED] on the sheriff's channel requesting officers to be on the lookout (BOLO) for a man on a bike with long hair, grey shirt, backpack and possibly wearing a hat. [REDACTED] saw an older male on a bike wearing a white shirt, with short hair that was determined to not be the subject. [REDACTED] asked why they were looking for this male and was told that he was seen with a range finder. [REDACTED] continued to keep an eye on red shirt and neon green shirt while scanning the crowd for the BOLO subject. [REDACTED] never saw the BOLO subject in person. [REDACTED] had received a photo of the subject via text from Sgt. [REDACTED] at 5:53pm. [REDACTED] never received information from the crowd regarding the BOLO subject. [REDACTED] heard

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someone on the radio saying, "long gun". [REDACTED] repeated "long gun" on the sheriff's channel. [REDACTED] began to see police officers running around the AGR building. [REDACTED] was in the process of going towards Post 5 to share the photo with PSP when the shots were fired. [REDACTED] estimated 5-6 rounds fired. [REDACTED] believed that shots came from in front of her at the AGR building. [REDACTED] immediately exited her vehicle, withdrew her firearm and was prepared to engage any threat that she saw. [REDACTED] was still between fence lines, so she was unable to move towards the AGR building. [REDACTED] did not engage in any further enforcement actions.

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[REDACTED] confirmed that the BCSO is not outfitted with body worn cameras (BWC). [REDACTED] did not take any photos or videos from personal devices.

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No other media outlets or law enforcement agencies have reached out to [REDACTED] other than the PSP and FBI. This is the first statement she has provided regarding the shooting at the Trump rally.

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