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RE: OFFICER SWORN STATEMENT

I Wesley Skaggs DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE BELOW MENTION NARRATIVE IS TRUE

On 01/31/2022 I received a call from Deputy Leif Smith of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, who informed me that they were at 1734 Jisco West Rd, attempting to make contact with probationer, William E Beach. Smith stated that Beach was suspected of trespassing on a neighboring property, possibly attempting to enter an occupied structure and had recently fled the property when confronted by the property owner. Dep Smith advised that Shawn Norman, the owner of the residence where Beach was located, advised Dep Smith that Beach was living in the building on Norman's property. Dep Smith advised that they were able to follow footprints from the neighboring residence to the building on Norman's property. I advised Smith that I would be en route to the residence. On our way to the residence, Dep Smith called and advised that Beach was on an ankle monitor and that Herb McGuire had confirmed that Beach was at the residence the night of 1/30/2022 and was at the neighboring property earlier in the day.

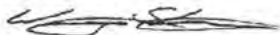
Probation Officer Edwards and I arrived at the residence and made contact with Dep Smith [REDACTED] and Deputy Reynolds. I knocked on the door of the building, addressed 1818, where it had been confirmed Beach was living, identified myself as a probation officer and ordered Beach to open the door. After performing this sequence several times with no response,

I made the decision to enter the building. Dep Smith attempted to open the door with a card but could not move the latch. I handed [REDACTED] a knife and he was able to unlatch the door but the door would not open as it was barricaded. [REDACTED] then opened the window next to the door. [REDACTED] advised he saw Beach with a hatchet raised above his head and advised everyone to clear the porch and back up. Once off the porch I grabbed a long PVC pipe, used it to move the window curtain and saw Beach with a raised hatchet in one hand and a handgun in the other. I advised Beach had a gun and [REDACTED] ordered everyone to find cover.

Once behind cover we began ordering Beach to drop the weapons and step outside. Beach responded that if he were to come outside, he would not drop the weapons. Beach then stated that he would not come outside and would rather burn the building down while still inside. I attempted to talk and reason with Beach, informing him if he would step outside unarmed, he would not be charged with serious crimes and that no one would be hurt. Beach stated that he thought we wanted to shoot him and that he wanted us to shoot him. Beach stated that it was his intent to kill a deputy and for a deputy to then kill him. Throughout my exchange with Beach, he seemed irrational and seemed to be talking either to another person or himself. I saw Beach through the window on several occasions, including once when he reached out the window and placed a pill bottle outside. I asked beach what the pill bottle was for and he advised that he had taken all of the pills 40 minutes prior in an attempt to overdose. Several other units responded to scene, including Sheriff Frazier and Chief Deputy Conley, who called for a negotiator from the Highway Patrol. A search warrant was also obtained for the residence.

When the negotiator arrived, they made contact with Beach and attempted to talk him out of the building. After some time, the decision was made to breach the building. [REDACTED] Dep Spangler and Dep Smith breached the door, began ordering Beach to drop the weapon and a single shot was fired. Once Deputies removed the weapons and had Beach under control, I went in the building to help removed items, to make a path for paramedics to access Beach while Dep

Smith and [REDACTED] provided medical attention. Beach was loaded onto a stretcher and placed in an ambulance. PO Edwards and I cleared the scene shortly thereafter. -END REPORT-



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