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Supplemental Investigation Report



On Sunday, January 19, 2025, at approximately 12:24 AM, Sergeant M. Ayala #332, Officer W. Pena #372, Officer W. Carbajal #390, Officer K. Gibbs #398 and I responded to 80 Teaneck Road on a report of a motor vehicle collision involving a parked vehicle. For further information, refer to P.O. Gibbs' initial report.

During the course of the investigation, the driver, Ms. Kate Gorman, was tested for impairment due to the observations made by officers on scene. As a trained practitioner, I administered the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test and informed Ms. Gorman that I would be testing her eyes. It should be noted that nystagmus is defined by an involuntary jerking of the eyes.

Prior to testing, I asked Ms. Gorman if she had any medical conditions that would affect her to follow a stimulus. Ms. Gorman advised me that she did not have any medical conditions that would affect her.

I instructed Ms. Gorman to keep her head still and follow the tip of my pen, with her eyes only. I held my pen approximately twelve to fifteen inches in front of her nose and slightly above her eyes. Ms. Gorman's pupil size was equal, normal, and she did not have resting nystagmus. I checked for equal tracking by moving my pen smoothly in a straight line across her field of vision. I observed that Ms. Gorman had equal tracking.

I first checked for any lack of smooth pursuit in Ms. Gorman's eyes. I held my pen approximately twelve to fifteen inches in front of her nose and slightly above eye level. I moved my pen smoothly in a straight line to the right, that brought Ms. Gorman's left eye as far as it could go, at a speed that took approximately two seconds. Next, I brought my pen smoothly to the left in a straight line, at a speed that took approximately two seconds to be back in front of her nose. I continued to move my pen smoothly, in a straight line to my left, to make her right eye go as far as possible to check for any lack of smooth pursuit. I moved my pen smoothly in a straight line back in front of her nose. The test was repeated twice in a row, checking each eye, starting with the left. I detected nystagmus in Ms. Gorman's left and right eyes while checking for smooth pursuit.

Next, I checked Ms. Gorman's eyes for distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation. I held my pen approximately twelve to fifteen inches from her nose and just above eye level. I moved my pen smoothly in a straight line to my right, to reach the end of her left shoulder and held my pen at that position for approximately four seconds. Next, I moved my pen to my left smoothly and in a straight line back in front of her nose and continued to move my pen to my left to the edge of her right shoulder to test her right eye. Once there, I held the position for approximately four seconds. I repeated the test starting with her left eye. I detected sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation in both her left and right eye.

Next, I checked Ms. Gorman's eyes for onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees. I held my pen approximately twelve to fifteen inches from her nose and just above eye level. I moved my pen smoothly in a straight line to my right, to reach the end of her left shoulder (approximately 45 degrees) and held my pen at that position for approximately two seconds. Next, I moved my pen to my left smoothly and in a straight line back in front of her nose and continued to move my pen to my left to the edge of her right shoulder to test her right eye. Once there, I held the position for approximately two seconds. I repeated the test starting with her left eye. I detected nystagmus prior to 45 degrees on Ms. Gorman's left and right eye.

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The final test I administered was for vertical gaze nystagmus. I positioned my pen horizontally approximately twelve to fifteen inches in front of Ms. Gorman's nose. Ms. Gorman was advised to keep her head still and follow my pen with her eyes only. I raised my pen until Ms. Gorman eyes were elevated as far as possible. I held that position for approximately four seconds. I did not detect vertical nystagmus while conducting the test.

As a result of the incident, Ms. Gorman was later placed under arrest and charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Again, for further information, refer to P.O. Gibbs's incident report.

Submitted by: P.O. Fernando Tise #370

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