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New body camera footage shows Elk Grove Village man shot by police after calling 911 on himself

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An Elk Grove Village man fatally shot by police on Dec. 1 called 911 himself to warn he planned to “hurt someone,” according to recordings released Monday.

Officers came to Fern Drive after receiving a 911 call from Jack Murray, 24. They also received a call from a neighbor who reported seeing Murray exiting the house with a knife.

Murray was shot at least four times by Elk Grove Village police officers in a confrontation nearby. He was pronounced dead at Ascension Alexian Brothers Hospital. Three officers present when Murray was shot were placed on administrative leave the same day.

Murray was known to Elk Grove officers, footage shows, including one who responded to the scene.

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Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson released partial body camera footage Monday, as well as partial recordings of calls between a 911 dispatcher, Murray and Murray’s father. The officer who shot Murray has not been identified, and officers were not identified in the footage.

Antonio Romanucci, whose firm has been representing the Murray family, alleged Monday that body camera footage released by the Elk Grove Village Police Department has been edited to favor the officers.

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“What was released is an edited movie,” Romanucci said Monday. “Meant to confuse viewers about the legality of what officers are required to do to de-escalate a situation like this with a clearly emotionally distressed person.”

Portions of the second officer’s body camera footage were excluded, Romanucci said, including conversation between Murray and the officer and actual footage of the lethal shot.

On the day he died, Murray was “physically injured, emotionally distressed, confused, slurring and not OK,” Romanucci said in a statement Monday.



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In the first of the 911 calls released Monday, Murray is heard telling the dispatcher someone in the house has a knife, then identifies himself as the armed individual.

“He’s going to hurt someone,” Murray tells the dispatcher.

Murray’s father, who was also in the house, told the dispatcher that Murray was “possibly” intoxicated, and that his family was trying to get him to go to the hospital after allegedly breaking his foot the night before.

“Do you need help, Jack?” Murray’s father is heard saying. “It’s OK if you do ... you called (911) for a reason.”

Murray’s father follows him outside and pleads with him to put down the knife, the footage shows. “He’s not violent right now,” Murray’s father is heard saying.

The footage shows police cars parking down the street from Murray’s house. A group of at least four officers emerge from the cars and begin discussing Murray.

Officers are heard on the bodycam footage telling people to step out of the house with their hands up. They eventually recognize Murray walking down the sidewalk, footage shows. ”

“Officers are heard yelling ‘Put your hands up, Jack,’ ” several times. “He’s going to get himself tased,” one officer is heard saying.

The police-released footage displays text saying the officers deployed a taser twice on Murray as he continued toward them.

Officers instructed Murray to turn around as he approached, the video shows. Murray had turned to face the officers, who were still yelling for him to “put the knife down” when several shots could be heard.

As Murray is on the ground, officers yell “shots fired” and one officer instructs another to place Murray in handcuffs.

Officers can be heard repeatedly asking where the knife is as Murray lays on the ground. Officers are shown attempting CPR.

Police released a photo of the knife Murray was holding, saying it was 11 to 12 inches long.

Lawyers for the family are challenging the speed with which officers switched to lethal force, as well as their choice not to deploy a “bean bag” gun one officer was carrying.



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Bean bag rounds are rounded fabric balls fired from normal shotguns. They are considered nonlethal at most distances and are meant to disable, though they can still injure people.

Johnson first shared details from body camera footage at a Dec. 12 Village Board meeting.

Lawyers for the family alleged Johnson declined to meet with the family before describing the footage to village leadership. Johnson denied this Monday.

Officers involved in the shooting had previously received crisis intervention team training, mental health training and de-escalation training, Johnson said Monday.

The village plans to release a full cut of body and dashboard camera footage in the future, Johnson said. He said it could be months before an internal investigation is complete.

Murray had Type 1 diabetes and was aware of the impact on his physical and mental health, his aunt, Liz Belcaster, said at an emotional news conference Dec. 4. He had a yearslong history of becoming erratic when his insulin levels were low and had called Elk Grove police in the past when he needed help.

“He knew there was times when he needed help quickly, and he believed police could help him as they had in the past,” Belcaster said. “We don’t know what took place on Friday afternoon, but we know our family deserves answers.”

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