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	STATUS	ORIGINAL REPORT DATE 09/16/06	TIME 1720	THIS REPORT DATE 02/09/09	TIME 1030		
	LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE NE CLACKAMAS ST. / NE 33RD AVENUE					PRECINCT OF OCCURRENCE Northeast Precinct	
SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEW WITH OFFICER HUMPHREYS						CAD INCIDENT NUMBER	
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CODE SB	NAME: (Last, First Middle) CHASSE, JAMES PHILLIP			CRN	SEX M	RACE W	DOB 05/07/64
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NARRATIVE (COMMENTS) <u>ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION</u> (2) Deputy District Attorney Chris MASCAL (1) Commander Eckhart - Detective Division							
<u>SUMMARY</u> On February 4th, 2009, a follow-up interview was conducted with Officer Christopher HUMPHREYS pertaining to the death investigation of James Phillip CHASSE which occurred on September 17th, 2006. Specifically, a video recording from the Multnomah County Jail was obtained from the day James CHASSE was brought into jail by Officer HUMPHREYS. There are DVD copies of that jail recording that were presented as part of the initial investigation. Later, the same video was posted on the Portland Tribune web-site which included captions to the communication heard in the jail recording. On the Portland Tribune web-site jail recording Officer HUMPHREYS is captioned as saying "We tackled him." During the interview with the primary investigators and the deposition by Attorney Tom STEENSON, Officer HUMPHREYS does not describe the method he used to take James CHASSE to the ground, as "tackling him." This interview of Officer HUMPHREYS was conducted to explain the comment made on the jail recording, and to clarify the term "tackling" as it pertained to Officer HUMPHREYS' actions that took place with James CHASSE.							
<u>INTERVIEW OF OFFICER CHRISTOPHER HUMPHREYS:</u> On February 4th, 2009, Officer Christopher HUMPHREYS was interviewed at the Portland Police Detective Division. The interview was arranged through HUMPHREYS attorney, Steve MYERS. Steve MYERS was also present in the interview which was conducted by writer. The interview was tape recorded with the consent of both Officer HUMPHREYS and Mr. MYERS.							
The following is a summary of the interview with Officer HUMPHREYS. A transcription of the recorded interview has been produced, which will provide a more accurate copy of the questions and answers in this interview.							
In summary, Officer HUMPHREYS stated that he had seen the DVD version of the jail recordings twice but							
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had not seen the captioned version downloaded on the Portland Tribune. He explains that when he did review the video tape, he can't clearly detect if anyone used the word "tackle." I explained to Officer HUMPHREYS that I had seen the Portland Tribune captioned video and it was obvious to me that he had made a comment like "we tackled him." Officer HUMPHREYS told me that he also does not recall making the comment "we tackled him" in the jail. When he was asked to explain why he would have said something like that, or to explain what he may have meant by saying that, Officer HUMPHREYS explained "it was simply meant as a characterization of the way that I caused Mr. CHASSE to go down to the ground. um. by knocking him off balance. by using my forearms." "You know, general characterization versus an explanation within context at the time." When Officer HUMPHREYS explained this to me he also acted out by putting both arms up to his chest, as though demonstrating a football block.

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When asked be me, Officer HUMPHREYS explained that he was not asked by any jail personnel to provide a detailed statement or description of his actions with Mr. CHASSE. Additionally, he does not know of any Bureau policy or jail policy that requires him to provide such statement or description to complete the jail booking process. When asked again to than describe the conversation that took place in jail between he and jail personnel or Officer BURTON, Officer HUMPHREYS described it as "banter."

Officer HUMPHREYS explains that he doesn't recall using the term "tackle" to describe his actions with Mr. CHASSE, in the Grand Jury testimony, the detectives interview, or the deposition with Mr. STEENSON. Officer HUMPHREYS was asked to provide his definition of "tackle." He explains that it would have to be defined in the context of how it was being used. He explains like in an open field tackle as in football, by wrapping up and taking the person down. He also explains like when you strike someone with the ball and knock him to the ground.

Officer HUMPHREYS was asked to define "tackle" in the context of a police action. He explains "I guess wrapping him up and taking him down. In the context of the specific description." Officer HUMPHREYS explains that based on the definition of "tackle" as wrapping up, he did not tackle Mr. CHASSE.

Lastly, Officer HUMPHREYS was asked if he ever denied telling anyone that he tackled Mr. CHASSE. Officer HUMPHREYS said that he never denied telling anyone that he tackled Mr. CHASSE.

The interview ended with Officer HUMPHREY'S attorney, Steve MYERS recapping Officer HUMPHREYS explanation of defining and using the term "tackle" by putting it into some context rather than giving it in simple definition form without an explanation.

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The interview was conclude with no further questions.

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