

**Exhibit 14**

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION**

TRANSCRIPT

<b>INTERVIEW DATE:</b>	June 11, 2020	<b>BCA CASE #:</b>	2020-338
<b>OFFENSE:</b>		<b>EXHIBIT #:</b>	
<b>INTERVIEW OF:</b>	Chief Medaria Arradondo (MA)	<b>INTERVIEWED BY:</b>	SA James Reyerson (JR) FBI SA Blake Hostetter (BH)
<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	James D. Reyerson		

JR Okay. Today is Thursday, June 11, 2020. It's approximately 12:58 p.m. This is Special Agent James Reyerson with the BCA. I'm here with Special Agent Blake Hostetter with the FBI. Also present for the interview is Minneapolis Chief Arradondo. Chief for the record could you please state your first name and last name and spell your last name for the recorder?

MA Yes. Medaria Arradondo. Last name is spelled A-R-R-A-D-O-N-D-O.

JR Okay. We are in the Chief's office of uh Minneapolis City Hall in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Uh this interview is in reference to BCA case 2020-338. Okay, Chief.

MA Yes.

JR Um how are you employed?

MA Uh through the City of Minneapolis.

JR Okay. And what is your current uh rank within the City of Minneapolis?

MA Uh my current position is the Minneapolis Police Chief.

JR Okay and is that a sworn position?

MA It is a sworn position. Uh but I am appointed.

JR Okay.

MA Yes.

JR And because it's sworn you have a corresponding uh Minnesota POST number?

MA That is correct.

JR And what is it?

MA It is 10513.

JR Okay. And do you have a corresponding badge number as well?

MA I do.

JR Okay.

MA Badge 0231.

JR Okay. And how long have you been an emp, a sworn employee with the City of Minneapolis?

MA Um, 31 years.

- JR Okay. And in those 31 years what have been some of your roles?
- MA Um I have served as a patrol officer. I have served um as um a supervisor. Uh at the rank of Sergeant. I have served as a Lieutenant um managing parts of the organization. I have also served as a um position of Commander. Um also served as a Precinct Inspector. Um, Deputy Chief as well as Assistant Chief and Chief.
- JR Okay. Uh and your current role is a Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the Minneapolis Police Department.
- MA That is correct.
- JR And what are some of your um roles in, in that position?
- MA Um so overseeing the goals, visions and the overall operations of the Minneapolis Police Department. Uh I report directly to the mayor of the City of Minneapolis. Uh I also um, uh have um conversations with our elected officials. Uh I reach out to all sectors of our uh city. Residents, business owners uh other stakeholders. Um I look at um whether it's new policy. Whether it's uh, tweaking old policy. Um certainly have uh relationships with our court systems. Our court leaders. Um, um the health and wellness of our, our employees. Both our sworn and civilians.
- JR Um-hm.
- MA Um I uh interact with our collective bargaining units. Um, and of course a-again just trying to stay on top of making sure that uh our population in terms of their public safety is the first and foremost my, my goal. Keeping uh our citizens safe. So, yeah.
- JR Okay. Fantastic. Um, so on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 there was an in custody death involving Minneapolis Police Department. Um specifically George Floyd. Are you familiar with that incident?
- MA Yes sir.
- JR Okay. Did you respond to that incident?
- MA I did not respond to the actual location of the incident.
- JR Okay. Did you respond in general to the, to the incident?
- MA Yes in general I did respond.
- JR Okay could you describe to me your response? Either to headquarters or the scene or, or wherever kind of from start to finish for me.
- MA Yes. Uh during the evening hours uh on that uh May 25<sup>th</sup> date um and it might have been around uh 20:30 or 21:00 hours. I received a call from uh one of my staff that Minneapolis Police officers had responded to a 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago in South Minneapolis. Um and in the course of making an arrest uh they had an adult male who went unresponsive. They had called for EMS. And um during my conversation uh during that call um there was indications to believe that, that individual may not survive. And so it was at that time at the conclusion of the call uh I made the decision to contact our uh states bureau of crime, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension uh to start our uh standard critical incident protocol. Uh that is typically used during officer involved shootings. Um but in this instance um which it did not, was not an officer involved shooting. Uh but yet an in custody matter. Um I still went ahead and made the notification to our BCA. Um I then proceeded... I was at my residence. I then proceeded into City Hall. My office is here uh at 350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street here in Minne, downtown Minneapolis. And then um the protocols were, were taking place at that time when I arrived here at City Hall.
- JR Okay. And, is that kind of your role as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer when there is a critical incident such as this to respond to, to City Hall?















































