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Bonus I Ed Riscen and Deputy Ron Smith, responding from the office, had entered the courtroom behind Deputy Wofford. When Deputy Wofford moved into the room, Bonus I Riscen placed himself at the right side of the wall inside the doors. He could see one person under the counsel table and Deputy Wofford moving through the well of the court and up to the clerk's desk. Deputy Wofford yelled twice to the suspect to drop his guns. As the suspect swung the gun in his right hand towards him, Deputy Wofford fired into the suspect's chest area with no apparent effect. The suspect fired at Deputy Wofford hitting him once in the abdomen. Bonus I Riscen observed wood splinters fly up from the desk top and Deputy Wofford flinch as if he were shot.

Deputy Smith exited out the front of the courtroom and ran to cover the two back doors. Bonus I Riscen exited, radioed a "code red-deputy down" call, and covered the front doors.

After being hit, Deputy Wofford's gun jammed. He went to one knee behind the clerk's desk, cleared the jam, inserted a new magazine, moved to a new position at the other end of the clerk's desk, and continued the gun fight. After being shot a number of times in the lower torso, Mr. Sigmond went limp. Deputy Wofford told Deputy Warford to handcuff the suspect and he left the courtroom. He went into the Marshal's Office, said he had been hit and needed an ambulance, went out the front door and on to the sidewalk where he was given assistance until the paramedics arrived.

Later, the investigation found that Mr. Sigmond was wearing a bulletproof vest and that two rounds were found impacted in the front panel. Four rounds were fired from Mr. Sigmond's Heckler and Koch 9mm weapon and six rounds were fired from Deputy Warford's revolver. Deputy Wofford fired a total of eleven rounds. Mr. Sigmond was shot ten times, eight into his body and two into the vest. Deputy Wofford had been wounded by a 9mm round.



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