

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Date Prepared: 11-08-08

1. Original File No. P08-157587	2. [Redacted]	3. Off. ID 496	4. NPC W	5. Crime-Ct.	6. Crime-Ct.	7. Crime-Ct.	8. Date / Time Occurred 10-31-08 / 2145	9. Day 6				
10. Time Assigned	11. Date / Time Inv. Start	12. Date / Time Inv. Term.		13. Type Clr. EXC	14. Type Cont. REC	15. Additional Adults Arr.	16. Additional Juv. Arr.					
17. Address of Occurrence (Street No. - Name - City - Zip) 7800 block of Cypress Avenue, Riverside							18. Type of Place city street					
For ID USE: V = Victim, I = Informant, W = Witness, O = Other												
19. ID: C-1	20. Last Name - First - Middle (Firm Name if Business) Abbruzzese, Robert					21. Race - Sex W - M	22. DOB					
23. Residence Address			24. Business or School Address RFD Fire Captain (Station 7)			25. Home Phone	26. Bus. Phone (951) 351-6107					
27. ID: C-2	28. Last Name - First - Middle (Firm Name if Business) Fike, Bradley Eugene					29. Race - Sex W - M	30. DOB					
31. Residence Address			32. Business or School Address RFD Firefighter / Paramedic (Station 7)			33. Home Phone	34. Bus. Phone (951) 351-6107					
S U S P E C T	35. Last Name - First - Middle Acevedo, Marlon Oliver (deceased)			36. Race - Sex H - M	37. Age 35	38. Ht. 5-7	39. Wt. 230	40. Hr. BLK	41. Eyes BRN	42. DOB or ID [Redacted]	43. Arrested Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	44. Address - Clothing - Other Marks or Identifying Characteristics 7857 Cypress Avenue, Riverside											
45. Juv. Other () 2 Disp. Juris.		Juv. Ct. Prob. () 5		Within Dept. () 6		Detained () 1		Not Detained () 2				
S U S P E C T	46. Last Name - First - Middle			47. Race - Sex	48. Age	49. Ht.	50. Wt.	51. Hr.	52. Eyes	53. DOB or ID	54. Arrested Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	55. Address - Clothing - Other Marks or Identifying Characteristics											
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ORIGINALLY REPORTED DOLLAR VALUES ARE CHANGED AS SHOWN BELOW

Cat.	A Currency Notes	B Jewelry Prec. Met.	C Clothing Furs	E Office Equip.	F T.V. -Radio Cameras	G Firearms	H Household Goods	I Consum. Goods	J Livestock	K Misc.
PS	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PR	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

60. Originally Reported Offenses (Code - Crime) (1) 69 P.C. (2) Officer Involved Fatal Incident	61. Original Offenses Changed to (Code - Crime) (1) (2)	58. Stolen Auto Value ASP	59. Recovered Auto Value A2
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62. Narrative of Supplemental Report	62a. Audio Recording Available? Yes	62b. Incident Number:	Reporting Officer Det Sanfilippo
C-3--Smith, Sean Michael, WM, RFD Fire Engineer (Station 7), 951-351-6107			Reviewed By M. Rossi
C-4--Griffin, Renee, WF, RFD Firefighter / Hazmat Specialist (Station 2), 951-6102			COPIES TO
C-5--Brein, Susan Laura, WF, AMR Paramedic, 951-782-5234			
C-6--Treitler, Brian Thomas, WM, AMR EMT, 951-782-5234			
Refer to the following pages for a synopsis of the recorded interviews of RFD and AMR personnel. For more details of each interview refer to the recordings downloaded to the server.			VCL0 ()
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RFD Fire Captain Robert Abbruzzese interview / 11-04-02008- 1025 hours

C-1 Abbruzzese advised they responded to the 7800 block of Cypress Ave. after receiving a call of a 5150 W.I.C. in RPD custody. C-1 Abbruzzese stated C-2 Fike, C-3 Smith and C-4 Griffin were with him when they responded from RFD Station 7 (10191 Cypress Ave.). C-1 Abbruzzese added the AMR unit arrived at the location at the same time. C-1 Abbruzzese advised he parked the RFD fire truck in the west lanes of Cypress Ave. C-1 Abbruzzese said he parked a few feet from the RPD officers and S-1 Acevedo. C-1 Abbruzzese stated he observed S-1 Acevedo lying in the street on his stomach. C-1 Abbruzzese said he observed two RPD officers next to S-1 Acevedo upon their arrival but he (C-1) wasn't sure if they were kneeling or standing next to S-1 Acevedo. C-1 Abbruzzese advised he never heard S-1 Acevedo say anything or make any sounds.

C-1 Abbruzzese advised S-1 Acevedo was "for a lack of a better word hog-tied on the ground". C-1 Abbruzzese stated S-1 Acevedo's head was facing east with his head turned to the side facing south. C-1 Abbruzzese said he made contact with an officer (Officer Koehler) that had a bloody lip and had his name tag hanging from his uniform. C-1 Abbruzzese advised the officer (Officer Koehler) didn't want medical attention at the time advising he (C-1) didn't want to take away from the care of S-1 Acevedo.

C-1 Abbruzzese stated C-2 Pike and C-5 Brein were the first to make contact with S-1 Acevedo after a short briefing from the officers. C-1 Abbruzzese said he learned S-1 Acevedo had been standing in the middle of the street yelling at the cars as they drove past him. C-1 Abbruzzese added the officers felt S-1 Acevedo was possibly under the influence due to his behavior and actions.

C-1 Abbruzzese advised he observed an RPD officer and C-2 Pike roll S-1 Acevedo on his (C-1) left side so S-1 Acevedo could be medically attended to. C-1 Abbruzzese said C-5 Brein got up from S-1 Acevedo and walked away towards her ambulance so he (C-1) decided to check on S-1 Acevedo. C-1 Abbruzzese added he noted S-1 Acevedo wasn't breathing and was told by C-2 Pike that he (S-1) had no pulse (Pulseless Apneic). C-1 Abbruzzese stated the officers then removed the handcuffs and restraints from S-1 Acevedo so he could be medically attended to.

C-1 Abbruzzese advised S-1 Acevedo was worked on at the scene briefly prior to being placed into the ambulance. C-1 Abbruzzese didn't know if CPR had begun on S-1 Acevedo prior to him being placed into the ambulance. C-1 Abbruzzese said S-1 Acevedo was then immediately transported to Parkview Hospital. C-1 Abbruzzese added he (C-1) along with C-2 Pike, C-4 Griffin, and C-5 Brein rode with S-1 Acevedo in the back of the ambulance. C-1 Abbruzzese added S-1 Acevedo was worked on by medical personnel the entire time of the drive to the hospital. For more details refer to recorded interview.

RFD Firefighter Bradley Fike / Paramedic interview / 11-04-2008-1040 hours

C-2 Pike advised he responded to a 5150 W.I.C. in RPD custody in the 7800 block of Cypress Ave. C-2 Pike advised he responded from RFD Station 7 (10191 Cypress Ave.) along with C-1 Abbruzzese, C-3 Smith and C-4 Griffin. C-2 Pike said upon arrival he observed three or four RPD officers standing next to S-1 Acevedo who was lying in the street. C-2 Pike stated he was told by an officer (unknown) that S-1 Acevedo had been attempting to punch moving vehicles while standing in the street. C-2 Pike added S-1 Acevedo

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was lying on his stomach in the street facing east, with his (S-1) head turned to the right (south). C-2 Pike advised S-1 Acevedo's hands were handcuffed behind his back and feet were bound. C-2 Pike described S-1 Acevedo as being in a "hog-tied" position. C-2 Pike learned from an unknown RPD officer that S-1 Acevedo had been "combative", "agitated" and possibly under the influence. C-2 Pike added he never heard S-1 Acevedo say anything or make any sounds.

C-2 Pike advised he along with C-5 Brein and C-1 Abbruzzese approached S-1 Acevedo and rolled him onto his left side. C-2 Pike said he observed two "taser darts" in S-1 Acevedo's abdomen when he was rolled over. C-2 Pike stated S-1 Acevedo wasn't breathing and had no pulse. C-2 Pike added S-1 Acevedo was removed from the handcuffs and restraints immediately and medical personnel began to work on S-1 Acevedo. C-2 Pike stated S-1 Acevedo was placed on a backboard and guerny as CPR began prior to him being placed into the ambulance. C-2 Pike advised when S-1 Acevedo was placed into the ambulance and hooked up to the monitor he was "Asytyle" (no heartbeat / flatline). C-2 Pike said he rode in the back of the ambulance tending to S-1 Acevedo along with C-1 Abbruzzese, C-4 Griffin and C-5 Brein. C-2 Pike added S-1 Acevedo was transported to Parkview Hospital. For more details refer to recorded interview.

RFD Firefighter Engineer Sean Smith Interview / 11-04-2008--1055 hours

C-3 Smith advised they responded to the 7800 block of Cypress Ave. after receiving a call of a 5150 W.I.C. in custody with RPD. C-3 Smith stated he was acting Captain for the day and upon arrival they were cleared to roll into the scene. C-3 Smith said he observed S-1 Acevedo on his stomach on the ground in a "prone position", "handcuffed and hog-tied". C-3 Smith advised S-1 Acevedo's face was straight down into the ground, "neutral with his body". C-3 Smith stated S-1 Acevedo didn't have good color and wasn't making any sounds.

C-3 Smith said C-1 Abbruzzese and C-5 Brein began to assess S-1 Acevedo after a short briefing from RPD officers. C-3 Smith said C-5 Brein advised she couldn't find a pulse from S-1 Acevedo and C-1 Abbruzzese stated he wasn't breathing. C-3 Smith added the RPD officer with the bloody lip (Officer Koehler) immediately removed the handcuffs and restraints from S-1 Acevedo. C-3 Smith said he then went to the RFD truck to recover his ALS gear (monitor, narcotics and airway bag) while assisting emergency medical personnel worked on S-1 Acevedo.

C-3 Smith said S-1 Acevedo was placed on a backboard and guerny prior to being placed into the ambulance. C-3 Smith added S-1 Acevedo was then transported to Parkview Hospital. C-3 Smith said from his experience (23 years) he feels the RPD officers had no knowledge that S-1 Acevedo had stopped breathing. For more details refer to recorded interview.

RFD Firefighter Renee Griffin / Hazmat Specialist Interview / 11-05-2008--1100 hours

C-4 Griffin advised they received a call of a 5150 W.I.C. in RPD custody in the 7800 block of Cypress Ave. C-4 Griffin stated upon arrival she observed S-1 Acevedo lying on his stomach in the street (west bound lanes) facing east. C-4 Griffin was not sure of the positioning of S-1 Acevedo's head. C-4 Griffin said S-1 Acevedo hands and feet were restrained behind his back. C-4 Griffin advised she didn't hear S-1 Acevedo

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make any sounds. C-4 Griffin advised there was a twenty to thirty second briefing meeting with RPD officers prior to making contact with S-1 Acevedo. C-4 Griffin said C-5 Brein checked S-1 Acevedo but was unable to find a pulse. C-4 Griffin added C-1 Abbruzzese advised S-1 Acevedo wasn't breathing therefore his restraints were immediately removed. C-4 Griffin advised S-1 Acevedo was placed on a backboard and guerney. C-4 Griffin advised CPR compressions were started at the scene prior to S-1 Acevedo being placed into the ambulance. C-4 Griffin added she continued CPR compressions all the way to Parkview Hospital.

C-4 Griffin said C-1 Abbruzzese, C-2 Pike and C-5 Brein rode with S-1 Acevedo and her in the back of the ambulance to Parkview Hospital. C-4 Griffin stated two Taser wires were disconnected from S-1 Acevedo's abdomen during medical attention in the ambulance. For more details refer to recorded interview.

AMR Paramedic Susan Brein Interview / 11-06-2008--1435 hours

C-5 Brein advised she and her partner C-6 Treitler received a call of a 5150 W.I.C. in custody of RPD in the area of Cypress Ave. and Van Buren Blvd. C-5 Brein stated as they arrived in the area they were guided to the location where the incident took place (7800 block of Cypress Ave.). C-5 Brein advised upon arrival she observed S-1 Acevedo "prone" in the street (west bound lanes). C-5 Brein said S-1 Acevedo's hands were handcuffed behind his back and his legs were bound. C-5 Brein advised S-1 Acevedo was facing east with his head facing south. C-5 Brein advised she never heard S-1 Acevedo say anything while she was at the location. C-5 Brein stated an RPD officer briefed them prior to contact with S-1 Acevedo. C-5 Brein stated it took thirty seconds to one minute to contact S-1 Acevedo from the time she exited the ambulance. C-5 Brein said she learned S-1 Acevedo was combative and assaulted an officer. C-5 Brein stated she learned S-1 Acevedo had been "tased" three times in order to control him.

C-5 Brein said she observed "drool" from S-1 Acevedo's mouth as she approached him. C-5 Brein stated an RPD officer rolled S-1 Acevedo to his left side and at that point she saw S-1 Acevedo take "one last breath". C-5 Brein advised S-1 Acevedo had no pulse and wasn't breathing. C-5 Brein advised S-1 Acevedo was placed on a backboard and a guerney at the scene and CPR compressions began prior to being placed into the ambulance. C-5 Brein said when S-1 Acevedo was placed into the ambulance an IV was started, he was incubated and a round of medication was given. C-5 Brein added she observed one "taser probe" in S-1 Acevedo's abdomen when his shirt was being cut off in the ambulance. For more details refer to the recorded interview.

AMR -EMT Brian Treitler interview / 11-06-2008--1451 hours

C-6 Treitler advised he was the driver of the ambulance when he and his partner C-5 Brein received a 5150 W.I.C. call. C-6 Treitler stated the location of the subject was given as Cypress Ave. and Van Buren Blvd. C-6 Treitler said as they arrived they were directed to the scene by an RPD officer. C-6 Treitler advised upon arrival he observed several RPD officer standing over S-1 Acevedo who was lying on his stomach in the street (Cypress Ave.). C-6 Treitler added S-1 Acevedo was facing east but is unsure the positioning of his head. C-6 Treitler stated S-1 Acevedo was handcuffed behind his back but he didn't observe any restraints on his legs. C-6 Treitler said when C-5 Brein made contact with S-1 Acevedo she discovered he

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he had no pulse. C-6 Treitler said S-1 Acevedo was immediately placed on a backboard and guerny. C-6 Treitler advised C-4 Griffin began CPR compressions prior to S-1 Acevedo being placed into the ambulance. C-6 Treitler advised he learned during the briefing by an RPD officer (unknown) that S-1 Acevedo had been struck several times in the legs with the baton. C-6 Treitler added RPD officers also used a "taser" on S-1 Acevedo. C-6 Treitler advised RPD Officer Wright rode with him in the front seat when they transported S-1 Acevedo to Parkview Hospital. For more details refer to the recorded interview.

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INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT ABBRUZZESE

Q=Det. Ron Sanfilippo

A=Robert Abbruzzese

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12 Q: It is November 4th, 2008 at approximately 10:25 in the morning. I'm at RFD
13 station number seven?

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15 A: Yes.

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17 Q: And, can you give me your first and last name?

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19 A: Yeah, ah, Robert.

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21 Q: Okay.

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23 A: And last name is A, two B's as in Boy...

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25 Q: Okay.

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27 A: ...R-U-Z-Z-E-S-E.

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29 Q: Okay. And you're a fire captain?

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31 A: Yes.

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33 Q: Okay. And, what's the, ah, phone number here?

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35 A: 351-6107.

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37 Q: And the address?

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39 A: Ah, 10191 Cypress.

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41 Q: Cypress, okay. And, Robert, I was - I'm here to investigate the incident from
42 the other night on - on 10/31/08 about 2145.

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44 A: Mm-hm.
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- 46 Q: Right down the street, as matter of fact.
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- 48 A: Yes.
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- 50 Q: 7800 block of Cypress, there was a, ah, RPD rolled out to a - either a guy was
51 under the influence or 5150, like, in the middle of the street.
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- 53 A: Right.
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- 55 Q: And I guess they end up calling you or dispatch - you were dispatched out to
56 that call also. Can you tell me how you got the call and what happened after
57 you got the call?
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- 59 A: When we got the call, um, it came in as a 5150 in RPD custody.
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- 61 Q: Okay.
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- 63 A: So, um, and - and it was very - it - there's not a lot of information, so, when
64 we heard it and when we heard what it was, we got Van Buren and Cypress,
65 we figured it was a homeless-type person, you know...
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- 67 Q: Ah-huh.
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- 69 A: ...on the corner? So, we pulled up and we were surprised to see all the units
70 there and what not. So we knew that something big was going on. Um, we
71 contacted RPD and the patient. Um, we got on scene and right as we got on
72 scene, AMR was, um, we cleared them into coming with us.
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- 74 Q: Okay.
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- 76 A: So, ah, we contacted them on the westbound lane of Cypress.
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- 78 Q: Okay.
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- 80 A: Um, in the middle of the street, they had the road blocked off, and they had a,
81 um, patient that was, for lack of a better word, hog-tied on the ground.
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- 83 Q: Okay.
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- 85 A: Um, and it looked like his face was, um, his face was able t- you know, he -
86 his face was off to the side, so it wasn't like he was...
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- 88 Q: Was he - was he laying flat on his stomach at the time? Or was he...
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- 90 A: He flat on his stomach with his face off to the side.

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92 Q: Okay, you know what kind of side - to the - so you're...
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94 A: If - if I - well, when we walked up, he was facing an easterly direction, with
95 his face off to the right.
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97 Q: Okay, so he's facing east, away from your station.
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99 A: Right.
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101 Q: And his facing right, it would be south?
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103 A: S- yes.
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105 Q: Okay.
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107 A: So, and so we came up, um, and Brad, who's over here, he - he's firefighter
108 medic so he's patient man, and that's kinda - that's his job description...
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110 Q: That's Brad.
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112 A: ...Brad yea, so my...
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114 Q: Okay.
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116 A: ...so my thing is - and - and I was acting engineer, my engineer was acting
117 captain for the shift...
118
119 Q: Okay.
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121 A: ...so he was taking on a supervisor role however I was still a supervisor and
122 stuff, so I walked up. And as I came up, I was the- then trying to handle the
123 medical aid.
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125 Q: Okay.
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127 A: And I actually contacted the officer that was in the scuffle, 'cause he...
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129 Q: Okay.
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131 A: ...had blood on his mouth.
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133 Q: Okay.
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135 A: His name tag was dangling down so you could tell that he had been in a fight.

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137 Q: Okay.
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139 A: So I said, "Hey, are you okay? Do you need some help?" And he goes, "You
140 know what?" He goes, "Don't worry about me, worry about the patient, you
141 know? 'Cause I don't wanna take anything away from the patient." And, so
142 we alre- we had four people in the engine, so...
143
144 Q: Okay.
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146 A: ...we already had two people going straight towards the patient. So, at that
147 time, AMR was coming over, um, and I think Brad and AMR, the female
148 medic, rolled him over, the female medic definitely checked the pulse on the
149 patient. And then she kinda nonchalantly walked away. So I was down after
150 talking to the officer, and I'm like, I looked and I said, "This guy's not
151 breathing," and the Brad was - then Brad checked the pulse. I put my hand on
152 the guy's belly, best way to tell if they're breathing...
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154 Q: Mm-hm.
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156 A: ...I put my hand on his belly, said, "Brad, this guy's not breathing." And he's
157 like, "He's got no pulse," so about the same time, we kinda both identified
158 he's - we call it pulsus apneic...
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160 Q: Okay.
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162 A: ...which - they're not breathing, apnic, and pulsus is no pulse.
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164 Q: Okay.
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166 A: So I - I told AMR, "Hey, grab back board, we - we gotta work this guy up."
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168 Q: Mm-hm.
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170 A: And at that point, I told PD, I said, "Hey, you need to get handcuffs off of him
171 and stuff. Could we maybe just roll him over," I said, "Handcuffs off, we
172 gotta work this guy up." And, that was when the seriousness of the situation
173 that they knew, "Oh, no," you know? And so the c- officer's, like, "Oh, sh-"
174 you know, right away taking everything off, you know?
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176 Q: Mm-hm.
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178 A: No problems, you know? We - we started working him right there.
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180 Q: Okay.

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182 A: So, um...

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184 Q: Working, meaning CPR?

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186 A: Working him - yes, exactly, getting him on the back board so we could start
187 CPR and then on to the gurney...

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189 Q: And you start CPR there on the street? Or the - in the rig?

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191 A: Yeah, we'll have to ask Brad because as soon as - as soon as I identified that
192 he wasn't breathing and told AMR to get back board, and then I told the
193 officer, "We need to get him unhu- uncuffed and such so we can get him flat
194 and on the back board," I went straight to the back of the ambulance and
195 started getting the incubation stuff ready, 'cause I - I put a tube into his mouth
196 and to his lungs...

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198 Q: Okay.

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200 A: ...to breathe for him. So I went into the back ambulance to set that up, so as
201 soon as the gurney came in, I could incubate him.

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203 Q: Mm-hm. Okay.

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205 A: So, as far as that, I kinda went away from that and they were there, so I don't -
206 I know they were getting him on the back board, I don't know if they're
207 actually able to give any compressions yet.

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209 Q: Okay.

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211 A: Or not, 'cause s- you know, takes a minute to get all that happening.

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213 Q: Okay.

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215 A: And then we took him in.

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217 Q: So the- when you guys walked up, um, AMR walked up, remember the - the
218 AMR - her name, the female?

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220 A: I don't remember her n- exact, no.

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222 Q: Was the second AMR, ah, personnel also with her? Or was he still back at the
223 rig? Or she comes up by herself?

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225 A: She walked up and she was - she was there and I'm not sure where he was.

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227 Q: Okay.
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229 A: And I was - I just kinda caught her come up out of the corner of my eye, and
230 at that point, I think, Brad said something to her, and we kinda converged at
231 the same time on there...
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233 Q: Mm-hm.
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235 A: ...and that's when they both rolled him over to identify, you know, what's
236 going on.
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238 Q: Now, did they - when you - when you guys walked up and the guy's laying
239 there, ah, faced down, tilted to the right, did they tell you why they needed
240 medical aid?
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242 A: Wa- no-
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244 Q: Was there a reason why they called...
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246 A: Um...
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248 Q: ...medical aid?
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250 A: Yeah, they - they told Brad 'cause I was - when I came up, like I said, I talked
251 to the one officer and then he was talking to another officer, and the other
252 officer, I believe, who said to Brad before - as this happening, you know, told
253 Brad, "Hey, the- we came up, the guy was in the street, you know, yelling at
254 cars, dodging cars, and we think he's under the influence, blah, blah, blah."
255 And then as that's going on, we're rolling him over.
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257 Q: Okay.
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259 A: You know, kind of a fluid type thing.
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261 Q: When you walked up was there an officer down on the ground with him? Or is
262 he down by himself? That you saw?
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264 A: They - there was two officers - two or three officers, I can't remember if there
265 was three or not...
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267 Q: Mm-hm.
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269 A: ...but there's a minimum of two officers right with him.
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271 Q: Okay.
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273 A: Right there.
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275 Q: Right with him...
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277 A: One - one...
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279 Q: ...on the ground, kneeling with him? Or standing, do you remember?
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281 A: Ah, you know, I can't recall exactly...
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283 Q: Okay. That's fine.
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285 A: ...if he was or not.
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287 Q: Now, when they - when you said - when the AMR, did she check him? Or just
288 look at him? Did she say she...
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290 A: We rolled him over...
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292 Q: Who, "we?" Who's, "we?" Do you remember?
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294 A: Brad and her...
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296 Q: Okay.
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298 A: ...rolled him on to his side.
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300 Q: Okay.
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302 A: And she actually went for a pulse.
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304 Q: She checked right around the neck area.
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306 A: Yeah, for a pulse. And she didn't identify him being pulsus apneic or
307 anything...
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309 Q: (Unintelligible)...
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311 A: ...she kinda s- checked for a pulse we're kinda watching, like, "Okay, is he - is
312 he pulsus apneic, what's the deal?" She kinda got up and was, like, for lack of
313 a better word, deer in the headlights type, inexperienced medic type stuff, if
314 you ask me, you know?
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316 Q: Right, okay.
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318 A: And, so, so when I saw that, I said, "Nah." And that's when I grabbed and -
319 and Brad checked for a pulse because we both been medics (unintelligible)...
320
321 Q: So what'd she do, she just walk away?
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323 A: She kinda just got up and actually do like a 360 standing, kinda looked
324 around, like, "What's going on?"
325
326 Q: Huh.
327
328 A: And so we kinda said, "Well, um, you know," we, so Brad and I identified - I
329 said, "He's not breathing?" "Bobby she doesn't have a pulse," so ar- or, "He
330 doesn't have a pulse? Okay, let's get this guy worked up."
331
332 Q: Okay. And you asked him to - first it's pulsus apnatic?
333
334 A: Ap- A-P-N-E-I-C, yeah, apneic.
335
336 Q: A-P-N...
337
338 A: N-E-I-C.
339
340 Q: E-I-C?
341
342 A: Yeah.
343
344 Q: And you said that, ah, you worked he- asked the officers to remove the cuffs -
345 the handcuffs and stuff like that?
346
347 A: Mm-hm.
348
349 Q: Did they remove all the cuffs? Including the ones on his hands?
350
351 A: Yes.
352
353 Q: Okay, so the hobble off his feet and also the tarp which connects the two and
354 also the - the handcuffs?
355
356 A: Yeah.
357
358 Q: Okay. So everything was removed.
359
360 A: Right.

- 361
362 Q: And then, um, did you wi- well, you weren't there when they started any kind
363 of compression - you - you may have - th- they may have just started them at
364 the end.
365
366 A: They may have started as I - 'cause we all kinda know, you know, we work
367 off of each other...
368
369 Q: Right.
370
371 A: Especially (unintelligible)...
372
373 Q: What would they do if they didn't start compressions at that point?
374
375 A: They would be putting him on to the back board...
376
377 Q: Okay.
378
379 A: ...which, when we have a full rest, that's kind of out procedure, to put him on
380 a back board so we have a hard surface, so when we do compressions, that
381 they're actually working, 'cause when they go into the gurney, the gurney's
382 got a sponge mattress on it...
383
384 Q: Okay.
385
386 A: ...and if you do compressions, it won't, um, it's basically, like, you're doing
387 on pillows, and it's no good.
388
389 Q: Ah-huh.
390
391 A: So, they would be unhandcuffing him, rolling him over, and, um, making sure
392 there's no change, pulse, respiration's, putting from the - strapping him and
393 putting him on to the back board, moving him to the gurney...
394
395 Q: Okay.
396
397 A: ...and then that short distance, 'cause the ambulance was probably, um, from
398 where we were here, to the cabinets, so then transferring him into the back of
399 the ambulance. And then as soon as we got him into the back of the
400 ambulance, we were doing compressions and start bagging him, which is
401 ventilating with air.
402
403 Q: Okay.
404

405 A: So, definitely as soon as we got him into the ambulance, we - we were, and
406 then, like I said, you'd have to ask Brad what - what they did, um, between the
407 ground and the back doors, which should be the first, you know, um...

408

409 Q: So, the ambulance is only about 15 feet away?

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411 A: Yeah, it wasn't very far away, it's between...

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413 Q: And, upon arrival, when you guys pulled up, he was his face was to the side,
414 did you hear of him say anything or anything?

415

416 A: No.

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418 Q: Was he - di- did he appear to be conscious at all? Or just laying there? Or, you
419 couldn't tell by just looking at him?

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421 A: I couldn't tell by just looking at him, 'cause when we walked up, he, like,
422 'cause of he's facing away like that, and the - and whenever, ah, and when we
423 pull up, and whenever we deal with the police department, we wanna make
424 sure that what's going on so we know what we're dealing with. 'Cause we
425 don't wanna, obviously, come up crime scene or anything like that. We wanna
426 make sure we're doing what we need to do within the parameters of what...

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428 Q: Mm-hm.

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430 A: ...PD needs to do.

431

432 Q: Right.

433

434 A: So, so we came up and I a- and to make a long story short, I couldn't tell from
435 - 'cause I came from the driver's seat of the engine, which I parked here, and
436 walked over, so I was walking in kinda the back of his head type thing. And -
437 and the officer was standing - I believe he was either standing on kneeling...

438

439 Q: Mm-hm.

440

441 A: ...at the head. And then when we came up, he was definitely standing, when
442 we came up, so he maybe he stood up if he was kneeling, and - and I saw the
443 blood and...

444

445 Q: Okay.

446

447 A: ...tag was hanging, "Are you all right?" He's like, "Yeah, I'm fine, just, you
448 know, let's - let's help him out," so.

449

450 Q: Okay. And you guys originally blocked the roadway is that what you did?
451
452 A: No, we didn't, I - I pulled up, um, in - I was traveling eastbound, and I went
453 over into the eastbound lane...
454
455 Q: Mm-hm.
456
457 A: ...in front of - of where, you know, they were - they were in the westbound
458 lane. And I was coming eastbound, so I pulled into the westbound lane, right
459 in front of them. So I was - I probably parked, from me to - to the workout
460 equipment behind us, you know, to make sure the - 'cause I didn't wa-...
461
462 Q: Twenty-five, 30 feet?
463
464 A: Yeah. 'Cause they...
465
466 Q: Because I heard the tape and it says, ah, Air-1 was up there, and it says, ah,
467 they were trying to get units to block traffic.
468
469 A: Oh, okay.
470
471 Q: And they said, "Well, don't worry about it - over by Montgomery right now,
472 'cause RPD just blocked that roadway for you."
473
474 A: Oh.
475
476 Q: "They got that blocked for ya." So I didn't know, the way you parked, if it
477 was just (unintelligible)...
478
479 A: No, I just...
480
481 Q: ...intentional, or...
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483 A: ...I just took the one lane...
484
485 Q: Okay.
486
487 A: ...and then AMR came up and parked in the other lane, so - so actually cars
488 couldn't get around either of us 'cause they were here and I was here. So no
489 one could be able to...
490
491 Q: Okay.
492
493 A: ...go through us, probably why.
494

495 Q: Okay. Um, anything else you can remember? Um, reference what happened
496 out there? Any statements made or anything? Any officers say anything that
497 you remember? Other than what - the one - I think that's Officer, um,
498 Koehler, he's the one that had the - the nametag hanging, he had the little
499 bloody lip.
500
501 A: Yeah.
502
503 Q: Stuff like that, yeah. He didn't say anything else? Or...
504
505 Man: Night, Bobby.
506
507 A: All right, Sean. I'll give the chief call in a minute...
508
509 Man: All right.
510
511 A: ...let him know. Um, yeah, I don't remember what his name was. Kinda
512 huskier guy, blondish...
513
514 Q: Yeah.
515
516 A: ...short hair?
517
518 Q: Yeah, okay. Nothing else you can remember, though?
519
520 A: That was the way it - we just kinda asked them what was goin- actually, Brad
521 did more of the asking what happened pertaining to, then I was asking them,
522 "Hey, how you doing?" type deal.
523
524 Q: Okay.
525
526 A: So that's - that's really about it.
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528 Q: Okay. It's, ah, 10:38 in the morning, and that'll conclude, ah, the interview.
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530 A: Okay.
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532 Q: Thanks.
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535 transcription.
536 Signed Det. Ron Sanfilippo 01-06-09

INTERVIEW WITH BRADLEY EUGENE FIKE

Q=Det. Ron Sanfilippo

A=Bradley Eugene Fike

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12 Q: Okay it is 10:40 in the morning on 11-4-2008. I'm at the RFD station number
13 seven. And I'm with um, Brad - is that Bradley or Brad?
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15 A: Ah, true name's Bradley.
16

17 Q: Okay. And do you have a middle name Bradley?
18

19 A: Ah, Eugene.
20

21 Q: And your last name?
22

23 A: Fike. F as in Frank - I-K-E.
24

25 Q: Okay. And what's your ah, title here?
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27 A: Ah, firefighter-paramedic.
28

29 Q: Okay. And Bradley the other night we went out and investigated an incident
30 that occurred down there at Cypress and um, well 7800-block of Cypress.
31

32 A: Mm-hm.
33

34 Q: Where an - officers got into a little ah, physical altercation with a subject that
35 was in the m- middle of the roadway I guess. And they got called out there.
36 And I guess you guys responded out there. Ah, could you tell me um, what
37 you remember about getting the call? And what happened when you
38 responded to the location and met - met up with the subject?
39

40 A: Sure. Um, we got the call. Ah, it - it came down as a 5150 um, in police
41 custody...
42

43 Q: Right.
44

45 A: ...ah, clear to roll in. Ah, so we ah, responded down there. When we get
46 there...

47

48 Q: And you guys were here at the time when you got the call?

49

50 A: That is correct. Yeah we were at the station.

51

52 Q: Okay.

53

54 A: Um, we responded out to the call. Once we arrived on scene um, we saw
55 several officers, approximately three or four from what I remember.

56

57 Q: Okay.

58

59 A: Um, and the male subject lying in the street...

60

61 Q: Okay.

62

63 A: ...um, in custody, handcuffed. Ah, I walked up to one of the officers and asked
64 him, you know, "What do we have? What's going on?"

65

66 Q: Mm-hm.

67

68 A: Ah, he says we got involved with ah, incident - individual trying to come out
69 here ah, boxing cars, basically very a- agitated.

70

71 Q: Mm-hm.

72

73 A: Um, you know, running after cars and causing a scene. Um, I said, "Okay so
74 we may have somebody also that might be under the influence of, you know,
75 drugs or something as well as the 5150..."

76

77 Q: Right.

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79 A: ..."something to be aware of."

80

81 Q: Mm-hm.

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83 A: And he says, "Yeah possibly." I says, "Okay great." Um, at that point um,
84 AMR has arrived on scene as well.

85

86 Q: Mm-hm.

87

88 A: Ah, AMR medic um, got out of the rig, rolled the patient over. Ah, the patient
89 ah, apparently appeared to be apneic, which is not breathing. She says, "Hey I
90 don't think he's breathing."
91
92 Q: Mm-hm.
93
94 A: So at this point in time I refocus my direction from the police officer...
95
96 Q: Mm-hm.
97
98 A: ...to the patient. Um, I was - started to check for a pulse. Ah, the AMR um,
99 paramedic ah, went back to the ambulance to rapidly get the gurney...
100
101 Q: Okay.
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103 A: ...and started getting the gurney out of the back of the ambulance. And ah, my
104 partner Bobby as well came over and put his hand on his abdomen.
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106 Q: Mm-hm.
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108 A: And (unintelligible), "I don't think he's breathing." And I says, "And I don't
109 feel a pulse."
110
111 Q: Okay.
112
113 A: So ah, he says, "Okay." So we told the officer, "Hey this guy's not breathing.
114 And it doesn't look like he has a pulse. We need to get him um, unrestrained."
115
116 Q: Okay.
117
118 A: "And - so we can start CPR." Officer said, "Okay."
119
120 Q: Mm-hm.
121
122 A: Ah, rapidly unrestrained the individual.
123
124 Q: Mm-hm.
125
126 A: Ah, we rolled the individual onto a backboard and ah, put him in the back of
127 the ambulance and transported to Parkview Community Hospital. Um, and in
128 fact when we did get the patient in the back of the ambulance we were able to
129 hook him up to the monitor. Ah, patient was asystolic actually, you know, no
130 heart beat and was not breathing.
131
132 Q: Mm-hm.

133
134 A: So we performed CPR and ah, our standard ALS protocols for ah, eh, that
135 type of person and ah, transported into the hospital. And then ah, the ER staff
136 took over with the patient care.
137
138 Q: Okay. Uh, upon arrival originally - I'll just go back to the beginning.
139
140 A: Sure.
141
142 Q: Upon arrival you spoke to an officer. Do you remember what officer you
143 spoke to?
144
145 A: I do not know.
146
147 Q: Know what he looked like?
148
149 A: Um, let's see. He - average build, dark hair. I mean it was kind of that dusk
150 amount of time, you know, that - that so I can't - I don't remember his name
151 nor...
152
153 Q: Did he say that they did anything to him or - or any kind of physical activity
154 with him other than just taking him into custody to take (unintelligible).
155
156 A: He said - um, no he did not get into - to any detail. His detail to me was the
157 individual was combative.
158
159 Q: Mm-hm.
160
161 A: Ah, that they had an altercation with him. Uh, and he needs to be restrained.
162
163 Q: Okay.
164
165 A: So um, but upon rolling him over, you know, we did notice he did have ah,
166 you know, the taser darts in his abdomen.
167
168 Q: Okay.
169
170 A: So obviously that's gonna - obviously it's gonna let us know that this fairly
171 unruly.
172
173 Q: Yeah.
174
175 A: And needed to be...
176
177 Q: Right.

178
179 A: ...you know, tased. So that was the extent of.
180
181 Q: Okay. Did you walk up by yourself from RFD or was somebody walking with
182 you when you walked up do you remember?
183
184 A: Um, when we got there we all pretty much walked up together.
185
186 Q: Okay.
187
188 A: Um, my captain, engineer park fighter and myself.
189
190 Q: Okay.
191
192 A: And ah, my first thing is for our safety.
193
194 Q: Mm-hm.
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196 A: You know, we have an individual that's bound...
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198 Q: Mm-hm.
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200 A: ...on the ground, came down as a 5150.
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202 Q: Mm-hm.
203
204 A: Um, I spoke to the first officer on scene that I saw.
205
206 Q: Right.
207
208 A: And asked him, "Hey what's going on?" So I can protect ourselves as we, you
209 know, for our safety.
210
211 Q: Okay.
212
213 A: And then that's when the AMR arrived right there and then my captain.
214
215 Q: Okay. And then the subject when you looked at him what was his positioning?
216 Where was he?
217
218 A: Um, he was kind of lying facedown, slightly tilted over to his left shoulder...
219
220 Q: Okay.
221

222 A: ...um, handcuffs. And I mean I don't know if this is proper term but hogtied,
223 you know, feet tied and feet tight - bound with - with the handcuffs.
224
225 Q: So his head was tilted to one side or the other do you remember?
226
227 A: Um, he was laying - head was facing basically um, east you'd call it on...
228
229 Q: Okay.
230
231 A: ... Cypress. And he - his head was slightly tilted to the ah, to the right side.
232
233 Q: Okay. Where was his feet and head then? What was - were they
234 (unintelligible)?
235
236 A: Um, his - his feet were - were pointing...
237
238 Q: West?
239
240 A: West. Head - head appeared to be pointing east. Ah, I mean this is Cypress so
241 he...
242
243 Q: Right.
244
245 A: ...lying, you know, this way kind of diagonal in the - in the street...
246
247 Q: Okay.
248
249 A: ...and over onto his left shoulder and slightly...
250
251 Q: Facing south then.
252
253 A: Yeah.
254
255 Q: That'd be south.
256
257 A: Yeah.
258
259 Q: Okay. (Unintelligible) okay. And then um, when you walked up did he - did
260 you hear him saying anything or making any noises or anything like that - the
261 - the subject on the ground at all?
262
263 A: No I did not.
264
265 Q: (Unintelligible). Okay.
266

267 A: No and there - like (unintelligible) when I very first walked up my attention
268 focused on the officer to - to make sure.
269
270 Q: Okay.
271
272 A: That you know, it's kind of one of those things with him laying there. He was
273 kind of in a facedown...
274
275 Q: Mm-hm.
276
277 A: ...position but, you know...
278
279 Q: Right.
280
281 A: ...what we've - what we would call ah, prone...
282
283 Q: Okay.
284
285 A: ...you know, or - or facedown.
286
287 Q: Okay.
288
289 A: Because his face was considering, you know? It was down.
290
291 Q: Okay. Um, what - you and the ah, who went up to the body? Do you
292 remember from your personnel who were on scene? Was it ah...
293
294 A: Um, m- myself and Captain Abbruzzese.
295
296 Q: Okay. Was there anybody from the AMR that went up there?
297
298 A: Ah, yes.
299
300 Q: (Unintelligible) do you know who she was?
301
302 A: I do not know her name no.
303
304 Q: Okay. But it was a female right?
305
306 A: Yes.
307
308 Q: Okay. And then when - did you guys roll him over more to - on his left - left
309 shoulder? Or did you just completely turn him on his back to check him? Or
310 how did you guys...
311

312 A: We - we...
313
314 Q: ...find out that he was in distress?
315
316 A: We rolled him over onto his left shoulder.
317
318 Q: Okay.
319
320 A: On - onto his side.
321
322 Q: Right.
323
324 A: Um, in case there was any aspiration or anything like that, you know, we
325 wouldn't occlude his airway.
326
327 Q: Okay.
328
329 A: Um, and then when she said, "Hey I don't think this guys breathing..."
330
331 Q: Mm-hm.
332
333 A: ...then, you know, I'm - she immediately went to go get the gurney.
334
335 Q: Okay.
336
337 A: I immediately went to the patient. He was still on his left side. At that point
338 ah, Bobby and I were there pretty much simultaneously. We fully rolled him
339 onto his back.
340
341 Q: Mm-hm.
342
343 A: And then Bobby checked for his breathing. I checked for a pulse.
344
345 Q: And he checked his breathing. You put your hand out. What did - where -
346 where'd he check the...
347
348 A: Um, actually ah, Bobby put his hand...
349
350 Q: Uh-huh.
351
352 A: ...um, the individual's abdomen...
353
354 Q: Okay.
355

356 A: ...to see 'cause usually, you know, when your breathing you're gonna be able
357 to feel...
358
359 Q: Yeah.
360
361 A: ...a rise and fall of the abdomen.
362
363 Q: Right.
364
365 A: He didn't feel any rise and fall of the abdomen.
366
367 Q: Okay.
368
369 A: I checked the carotid pulse...
370
371 Q: Okay.
372
373 A: ...and didn't feel any pulse.
374
375 Q: Okay. And then at that point they ah, she went for the - the board.
376
377 A: Mm-hm.
378
379 Q: And then you told the officers to uncuff him. They did.
380
381 A: Mm-hm. Mm-hm.
382
383 Q: And then you placed him on the board when she returned? Is that what
384 happened next?
385
386 A: Yes. (Unintelligible).
387
388 Q: Okay. And then once you got him on the board did they - did you guys start
389 CPR out there at the scene? Or did you wait until you got inside the rig?
390
391 A: No we started CPR out there on the scene...
392
393 Q: Okay.
394
395 A: ...if I recall correctly.
396
397 Q: Okay. And then after you started there you just brought him into the rig?
398
399 A: Mm-hm.
400

401 Q: And no - at any time there was any - you never heard him say one thing - the
402 suspect - at any time from the time you arrived there (unintelligible)?
403
404 A: That's correct.
405
406 Q: Okay. You got in there. And then what happened when you got inside the rig?
407
408 A: Um, well to back up just a little bit...
409
410 Q: Okay.
411
412 A: ...you know, we did roll him onto the board. Um, there was a lot of family
413 members around s- started to get very emotional obviously.
414
415 Q: Okay.
416
417 A: Um, if I recall we did start CPR on scene. There - that's when the individuals -
418 the bystanders - started to get pretty emotional. We put him directly in the
419 ambulance to kind of diffuse that situation. And then once we got him into the
420 ambulance we continued CPR.
421
422 Q: Okay.
423
424 A: Ah, we hooked him up onto the monitor - heart monitor, which showed in fact
425 he was asystolic - no heartbeat whatsoever.
426
427 Q: How do you spell systolic?
428
429 A: Ah, it's um, A - how do you spell it? I gotta write it down.
430
431 Q: Write it down?
432
433 A: It's kind of one of those things yeah.
434
435 Q: Just so I have the correct spelling for...
436
437 A: Here you go. A-S-Y-S-T-O-L-E.
438
439 Q: A-S-Y-S-T-O-L-E?
440
441 A: Yes, asystole is the actual (unintelligible)...
442
443 Q: Okay. And that - and the definition of that is basically...
444
445 A: Is...

446
447 Q: ...no...
448
449 A: ...flat line - no - no heartbeat whatsoever.
450
451 Q: Okay. Now did you ride in the ambulance to the...
452
453 A: Mm-hm.
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455 Q: ...hospital? Okay.
456
457 A: Yeah.
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459 Q: Do you know who was in the ambulance with you?
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461 A: Mm-hm, it was the AMR paramedic.
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463 Q: Okay the female?
464
465 A: The female.
466
467 Q: Okay.
468
469 A: Ah, myself.
470
471 Q: Uh-huh.
472
473 A: Ah, Bobby ah, Captain Abbruzzese...
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475 Q: Mm-hm.
476
477 A: ...and Renee Griffin.
478
479 Q: Okay. And Renee's over station two right?
480
481 A: Yes.
482
483 Q: Was there a police officer that when in there with you guys?
484
485 A: Ah, he followed up. I'm not sure if he followed up or rode in the front of the
486 ambulance. We were...
487
488 Q: Okay.
489
490 A: ...so busy, you know...

491
492 Q: Right.
493
494 A: ...at that point in time that I - I didn't notice. But there was an officer on scene
495 at Parkview Community when we were there.
496
497 Q: Okay.
498
499 A: You know, once we got there.
500
501 Q: Right. Okay. Anything else that you can remember? Um, basically what
502 happened or what was said, overheard, anything like that or?
503
504 A: No.
505
506 Q: Okay.
507
508 A: I mean once we, you know, realized that he wasn't breathing we pretty
509 much...
510
511 Q: Mm-hm.
512
513 A: ...focused.
514
515 Q: Right.
516
517 A: All - all the attention, you know, there. Um, yeah.
518
519 Q: Okay.
520
521 A: Yeah.
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523 Q: Well good deal. I think that concludes the interview. It's ah, about ten of
524 11:00. And I appreciate it.
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528 transcription.
529 Signed Det. Ron Sanfilippo 01-06-09

INTERVIEW WITH SEAN MICHAEL SMITH

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A=Sean Michael Smith

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12 Q: Okay. I'm Detective Ron Sanfilippo. It is November 4, 2008 about 10:55 in
13 the morning. I'm at the RFD Station number seven with what - what's your
14 first name?

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16 A: Um, Sean, S-E-A-N.

17
18 Q: Okay.

19
20 A: Last name Smith.

21
22 Q: Okay. You got a middle name?

23
24 A: Michael.

25
26 Q: And what's your title here?

27
28 A: Ah, fire engineer.

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30 Q: Okay. And on 10-31-08 about 2145 I guess you guys got a call to assist R-
31 RPD. And there was a subject down um, Cypress right down the street there -
32 Cypress - 7800-block. You remember getting that call? And what happened
33 when you got that call?

34
35 A: Yes I do. Ah, tones from up here at our station for a ah, call came in as a 5150
36 in custody - RPD.

37
38 Q: Right.

39
40 A: Ah, scene was secure - go ahead and roll in. Um, we proceeded down Cypress
41 eastbound to ah, where the activity was.

42
43 Q: Mm-hm.

44
45 A: Um, when on scene I was a- acting captain that day.

46
47 Q: Okay.
48
49 A: Um, we did our thing with our MDCs, um, got out. And basically we went
50 over to where police were and where the ah, suspect was in custody. And um,
51 I remember um, paramedic - firefighter-paramedic Fike asking the closest
52 officer...
53
54 Q: Mm-hm.
55
56 A: ...what was going on. And that's usually our typical MO - find out what the -
57 what was happening. So we know what to do...
58
59 Q: Okay.
60
61 A: ...with the ah, patient. And um, I noticed the AMR medic as well as Captain
62 Abbruzzese - who was driving that day - um, go down and start assessing the
63 patient.
64
65 Q: Okay.
66
67 A: Um, found the patient in the sup- um, prone position...
68
69 Q: Okay.
70
71 A: ...handcuffed and hogtied.
72
73 Q: Okay.
74
75 A: Ah, or sh- black strap around his ankles and I think around the cuffs.
76
77 Q: Okay.
78
79 A: And um, it was at that point that ah, the paramedic asked the sergeant or, not
80 sergeant, the closest officer - he had a bloody lip or a scuff on his lip...
81
82 Q: Okay.
83
84 A: ...looked a little disheveled. Asked if he was okay and he said, "Yeah I'm fine.
85 Don't worry about me." And then at point um, the AMR medic said, "I c- I
86 can't find a pulse."
87
88 Q: Okay.
89

90 A: Captain Abbruzzese double-checked that and said, "No he's not breathing."
91 So the ah, same officer that had the a um, busted lip...
92
93 Q: Mm-hm.
94
95 A: ...lack of better term, uncuffed him. Um, we rolled him over. At that point I
96 put down my clipboard, left the immediate area, ran back to get our ALS gear.
97
98 Q: Okay. What's that?
99
100 A: That's the...
101
102 Q: The ALS?
103
104 A: ...ah, the um, life pack, the monitor.
105
106 Q: Okay.
107
108 A: All our narcs and drugs and the ah, airway bag, which is the O2 and airway
109 adjuncts that we use for BLS and ALS procedures.
110
111 Q: Okay.
112
113 A: Um, then I grabbed all three of those, came back.
114
115 Q: Mm-hm.
116
117 A: I set them down on the ground. At that point I already noticed that AMR and
118 our crew were getting the guy on the backboard.
119
120 Q: Okay.
121
122 A: And once he was on the backboard they placed him on the gurney. And
123 basically he was at a - a ah, saying of "load and go." They loaded him up. And
124 all three of my crew members - Captain Abbruzzese, firefighter-paramedic
125 Fike and firefighter ah, Griffin...
126
127 Q: Mm-hm.
128
129 A: ...hopped in the back of the AMR unit.
130
131 Q: Okay.
132
133 A: And then they left code three to Parkview.
134

135 Q: Okay. So when you - when you walked up with your crew, you said he was in
136 a prone position?
137
138 A: Yeah.
139
140 Q: How would you describe that prone position? Was he - which way was he
141 facing?
142
143 A: He - he - he - he was - he - his face was straight down.
144
145 Q: Okay.
146
147 A: I mean he w- he was perfectly prone with his, you know, hands handcuffed
148 and his feet up. I mean he wasn't off to an- any one side...
149
150 Q: Okay.
151
152 A: ...eh, whatsoever. And his face was - his head was pretty much neutral with
153 his body.
154
155 Q: Okay. Because - 'cause the other two guys that came in said that he was -
156 head was tilted to the ah, right.
157
158 A: Okay. No I - I saw his (unintelligible)...
159
160 Q: Saw it differently?
161
162 A: Yeah.
163
164 Q: Okay. He was proned out. And he was - it looked like his - his - he was in a -
165 what you called hogtied position. Um, what was the reason? Did anybody tell
166 you - any of the officers why you were even called in? What was the reason
167 you guys were there if you just (unintelligible).
168
169 A: Um, usually I'm - and - and we went on one later or - later on that night or
170 early the next day...
171
172 Q: Mm-hm.
173
174 A: ...morning um, usually just to check the patient out. Make sure they - whatever
175 complaints they have are viable enough to have them transported upon PD's
176 request or if we deem it necessary to transport.
177
178 Q: Okay.
179

180 A: But it - it's - or it's a standard procedure to go in and do a patient check.
181
182 Q: Okay.
183
184 A: So that's why we were called in.
185
186 Q: Okay. When you - when you ah, how close did you ever get to the suspect?
187
188 A: Um, I was probably within a foot from him.
189
190 Q: Okay.
191
192 A: Enough to see that his color wasn't very good.
193
194 Q: Okay. Did you ever hear him make any noises...
195
196 A: (Unintelligible).
197
198 Q: ...any kinds of sound at all?
199
200 A: Not one - not one. No.
201
202 Q: Okay. When you first walked up was he laying there by himself? Was there an
203 officer with him kneeling down or?
204
205 A: Ah, no they - no - no - they - they were probably a good um, 3, 4 feet away.
206
207 Q: Okay. Did they seem concerned or anything like he wasn't breathing or
208 something or (unintelligible)?
209
210 A: No. I don't - honestly from my ah, opinion after being a firefighter for 23
211 years...
212
213 Q: Mm-hm.
214
215 A: ...I didn't eh, I don't think they knew to be honest with you.
216
217 Q: Okay. It doesn't sound like it the way they were - okay. And then you said the
218 paramedic - do you know the female's name?
219
220 A: Renee - R-E-N....
221
222 Q: No I mean the - I'm sorry. AMR?
223

224 A: Oh AMR I do not. No. She actually um, I haven't seen her in this area before.
225 And - and I know from just being the acting captain sitting in the office doing
226 paperwork...

227

228 Q: Mm-hm.

229

230 A: ...there's a lot of activity going on in the city as you probably noticed. Um, so
231 we probably pull an AMR unit that's not really familiar with this area.

232

233 Q: Okay.

234

235 A: Hence not knowing, you know, visually knowing her on sight.

236

237 Q: Okay. So she was the first one to - to basically diagnose that he wasn't
238 breathing or (unintelligible).

239

240 A: That's what I saw. She went down first to check to see if he had a carotid
241 pulse. And ah, she was a little uncertain. And I said to the captain, who was
242 also a medic - been a medic for a long time - went down right after that to
243 check.

244

245 Q: Okay. And at that point - do you know who turned him over?

246

247 A: Ah, no dude like I said I - I - when they said that...

248

249 Q: Mm-hm.

250

251 A: ...I ran back to the engine, which is again probably maybe 8 feet from where
252 our front bumper was - put - go down and grabbed our stuff.

253

254 Q: Okay.

255

256 A: Not knowing how AMR was gonna interact and I know how my crew works.
257 I've got two very aggressive paramedics.

258

259 Q: Mm-hm.

260

261 A: Or we have two aggressive paramedics and ah, so I just - I'll just go grab our -
262 our shit.

263

264 Q: Okay. And your unit is ah, or you truck was about 8 feet away from the body
265 then (unintelligible).

266

267 A: Yeah probably only about 8 feet away.

268

269 Q: Okay. Was AMR pretty close too?
270
271 A: Yeah - yeah they were right next to us.
272
273 Q: Okay. Anything else that you can remember? And ah, that pretty much takes
274 care of it. We're just trying, you know, obviously put everybody back in the
275 situation where everybody was standing, where the body was and stuff like.
276 It's very important.
277
278 A: Yeah.
279
280 Q: And - and um, is there anything else you can remember later? (Unintelligible).
281
282 A: No I - I remember it being um, and actually the ah, yeah. Eh, on the road and I
283 remember it being right in front of 7875.
284
285 Q: Did anybody ever mention anything about um, the taser being used or
286 anything like that?
287
288 A: Um, no. I mean he had a couple wires coming out of him. But I don't where
289 the barbs were.
290
291 Q: Okay.
292
293 A: And I just - like I said I went and got the stuff. By that time the - they had him
294 handcuffed and were rolling him over onto the backboard. Then I could see
295 the other paraphernalia hanging off him.
296
297 Q: Mm-hm.
298
299 A: But as far as any words, verbalization um, I was absent for that. And then all -
300 all the contact I had was with my crew.
301
302 Q: Okay.
303
304 A: It's - it's usually rare to have all three...
305
306 Q: Mm-hm.
307
308 A: ...crew members off the engine go.
309
310 Q: Right.
311
312 A: Um, usually it'll be a firefighter and a firefighter-medical that assists AMR.
313

314 Q: Right.

315
316 A: But with our captain u- uniquely being a paramedic we had both of our guys
317 go.
318

319 Q: Okay. Okay. I think that concludes this. It's about five after 11:00.

320
321 A: Okay.

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325 transcription.

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INTERVIEW WITH RENEE GRIFFIN

Q=Det. Ron Sanfilippo

A=Renee Griffin

Q: I'm Detective Ron Sanfilippo. It's November 5, 2008 at approximately 11:00 am.

A: Mm-hm.

Q: And I'm at the Riverside Fire Department Station two correct?

A: Correct.

Q: Okay. And I'm with Renee Griffin?

A: Mm-hm.

Q: Can you spell Renee for me?

A: R-E-N-E-E.

Q: Okay. And Griffin?

A: G-R-I-F-F-I-N.

Q: Okay. And what is your actual title?

A: I'm a firefighter and hazmat technician.

Q: Okay. Hazmat tech?

A: Yes. Actually hazmat specialist.

Q: Specialist. Okay. The reason I came over to talk to you Renee is because um, on Halloween - on 10-31-08...

A: Mm-hm.

46 Q: ...um, RPD responded to an incident out at ah, 7800-block of Cypress.
47
48 A: Mm-hm.
49
50 Q: And you ah, I guess were working station seven that - that evening.
51
52 A: Mm-hm, correct.
53
54 Q: And you guys got a call also to assist on a medical assistance.
55
56 A: Yeah.
57
58 Q: Ah, do you remember - if you can explain to me what type of call it was? And
59 what happened when you guys responded? What you saw and what you did?
60
61 A: Um, yes. We got a call ah, from our dispatch.
62
63 Q: Mm-hm.
64
65 A: And I believe it was for a ah, 5150...
66
67 Q: Okay.
68
69 A: ...and right down the street from the station. We arrived on scene same time
70 AMR arrived on scene.
71
72 Q: Okay.
73
74 A: And from where I was sitting ah, viewing forward I could ah, see several
75 police units and a bunch of police officers just standing around. And the
76 person that they were calling us for um, the main person was ah, facedown in
77 the street.
78
79 Q: Okay. Do you remember which way he was facing?
80
81 A: Ah, his head was towards Van Buren.
82
83 Q: Okay. So he was facing east then? He was on Cypress...
84
85 A: Yes.
86
87 Q: ...facing...
88
89 A: Yes.
90

91 Q: With - now was his face completely facedown? Or was he - his head one side
92 to the other? Do you remember?
93
94 A: I do not know if it was one side.
95
96 Q: Okay. But he was on his side?
97
98 A: Yes. On his side.
99
100 Q: Okay. So when you guys rolled up then what happened?
101
102 A: Um, we - actually we pulled up and used our units to ah, so we were kind of
103 behind them. The ah, blocking.
104
105 Q: Okay.
106
107 A: And AMR pulled up right next to um, him. Ah, it's standard. Ah, ah, usually
108 'cause the AMR is right there. So we use their equipment - same equipment.
109
110 Q: Okay.
111
112 A: So ah, we walked up and our ah, medic went directly to the police officer.
113
114 Q: And who - who was that? Which medic?
115
116 A: Our ah, Brad Fike.
117
118 Q: Okay.
119
120 A: Ah, to basically get what happened...
121
122 Q: Okay.
123
124 A: ...as far as before we um, touch the person. He was ah, handcuffed and tied -
125 his hands and feet tied behind his back.
126
127 Q: Okay.
128
129 A: Um...
130
131 Q: Was he - was he making any noises or moving around...
132
133 A: No.
134
135 Q: ...when you arrived?

136
137 A: No.
138
139 Q: Do you remember anything like he was conscious?
140
141 A: No. It - that time it - there was no noise or movement from where I was
142 standing.
143
144 Q: Okay.
145
146 A: Um, and ah, our paramedic talked to a police officer...
147
148 Q: Mm-hm.
149
150 A: ...to get what the situation was. Um, and the police officer said that the person
151 was in the street and ah, con- confronting cars, yelling and screaming...
152
153 Q: Okay.
154
155 A: ...ah, when they arrived.
156
157 Q: Mm-hm.
158
159 A: Ah, the person only had ah, the wires from um, tasers?
160
161 Q: Right.
162
163 A: ...the little...
164
165 Q: Okay.
166
167 A: ...couple wires on him.
168
169 Q: Well do you remember where they were at on his body?
170
171 A: No I don't.
172
173 Q: Okay.
174
175 A: But I - I do later as far as when we cut the shirt off. But at that time I just
176 noticed there was wires. But I didn't know where they at.
177
178 Q: And then later you found out they were attached to or?
179
180 A: Yes.

181
182 Q: To where?
183
184 A: On his ah, stomach or - or chest area - his abdomen area.
185
186 Q: Okay.
187
188 A: Next to each other.
189
190 Q: Okay.
191
192 A: It looked like two tasers. Um, and then ah, our - the medic actually - the first
193 one to - AMR medic - um, rolled him over and checked for a ah, pulse.
194
195 Q: And do you know who that - that was - the AMR medic?
196
197 A: No I don't.
198
199 Q: Was it a male or female?
200
201 A: Female.
202
203 Q: Okay. And how long do you think from the time you guys arrived to the time
204 that they made contact with the body - how long do you think that was?
205
206 A: Um, um, from the time we got out of our unit? Ah, 30 seconds?
207
208 Q: Thirty seconds?
209
210 A: She was actually making contact with him while our medic was talking to the
211 police officer.
212
213 Q: Okay. So you think it was like 30 - you think there was any kind of time lapse
214 from the time you guys got there to the time that the AMR medic made
215 contact with the - the ah, subject (unintelligible).
216
217 A: The - seconds.
218
219 Q: Okay.
220
221 A: Literally.
222
223 Q: Okay.
224

225 A: Like I said 20, 30 seconds - at the same time we walked up to get the situation
226 the medic um, approached the patient and...

227
228 Q: Okay.

229
230 A: (Unintelligible).

231
232 Q: And then she said - what happened when she assessed him? What was - she
233 said she couldn't find a pulse or something like that?

234
235 A: It - she - she'd actually motioned to her EMT and said that um, they gotta get
236 him untied and - and get him going. Ah, it - right there at the same time um,
237 they were - they were looking for restraints. Because we obviously couldn't
238 take him with his - the way he was tied. So um, they were getting that out of
239 their unit when our captain actually checked for a pulse and said that there
240 was no pulse.

241
242 Q: And then - then did she say that to anybody - that there was no pulse? Or what
243 did she say?

244
245 A: I do not recall.

246
247 Q: Okay. She just said, "We need to get him..."

248
249 A: I...

250
251 Q: "...out of his handcuffs?"

252
253 A: ...I don't believe - yeah. I don't believe she...

254
255 Q: Okay.

256
257 A: ...stated whether...

258
259 Q: Did she say that or did somebody else say - decide we need to get him out of
260 handcuffs? Do you know?

261
262 A: Um, I know that my captain did. I don't know if she did.

263
264 Q: Okay.

265
266 A: And I also stated it. I also said that we need to get the ah, tie off of him.

267
268 Q: Okay. And then the captain - what's his name - the captain?

269

270 A: Abbruzzese.
271
272 Q: Abbruzzese okay.
273
274 A: Yeah.
275
276 Q: And the tie meaning the - the thing connecting the hands and the feet that was
277 (unintelligible)?
278
279 A: Correct.
280
281 Q: Okay.
282
283 A: Um, so at the same time we were both kind of saying, you know, we need to
284 get him out of this.
285
286 Q: Okay.
287
288 A: And an officer came over. I don't know what officer came over and took the
289 um, that restraint off.
290
291 Q: Okay.
292
293 A: And then he was still handcuffed behind his back. But at this time I was on
294 my knees by the patient. And I said um, "We need to get him out of the
295 handcuffs too."
296
297 Q: Yup.
298
299 A: So they took him out of the handcuffs.
300
301 Q: Um, when you were down by - by the patient's ah, head area - is that what
302 you said? Or shoulders or upper body?
303
304 A: Actually I was right by his torso and, the middle.
305
306 Q: Was there anything that you saw ah, at that point you realized he wasn't
307 breathing or he was...
308
309 A: That is correct.
310
311 Q: Okay. And that was from basically your captain saying that - that there was no
312 pulse?
313
314 A: Yes.

315
316 Q: As far as you know?
317
318 A: Yes.
319
320 Q: Okay. And then the medic - did he say anything?
321
322 A: He was...
323
324 Q: His name's Brad?
325
326 A: ...it - it - at that time - yeah - at that time we were all actually - were kind of -
327 he was um, telling AMR to get a backboard out - that we needed to load and
328 go. And so they - he - I'm not sure who got the backboard. I know he said that
329 we need a backboard.
330
331 Q: So the backboard showed up. But you don't know how it got there?
332
333 A: Ah, yeah I don't know if it was ah, 'cause I said that AMR was just right there.
334 So maybe - I don't know if was some AMR person or him. It was a - I mean
335 we were all over there already. It just got pulled out right away. And...
336
337 Q: And then do you...
338
339 A: ...(unintelligible).
340
341 Q: ...place him on the backboard and then what happened?
342
343 A: Then um, we started what we would call working him up. We started doing
344 um, compressions.
345
346 Q: I mean did you do that at the scene? Or did you wait 'til you got...
347
348 A: We (unintelligible).
349
350 Q: ...to the rig?
351
352 A: There was a few compressions done on scene.
353
354 Q: Okay.
355
356 A: In fact I - I believe that ah, AMR medic started compressions (unintelligible).
357
358 Q: The female or?
359

360 A: The female.
361
362 Q: Okay.
363
364 A: And um...
365
366 Q: It was a female and male was it not? AMR?
367
368 A: Yeah. It was one and one is usually a - a medic and the other's a EMT.
369
370 Q: Okay.
371
372 A: And there was a medic. And she ah, she started compressions. And then um, I
373 saw - I continued doing ah, she started. And then I continued doing
374 compressions. And I did compressions all the way to the hospital.
375
376 Q: Okay. And you were the one who stayed with the compressions all the way in
377 the back of the ambulance?
378
379 A: Yes. Yes.
380
381 Q: Okay. Do you remember who was in the ambulance with you when you guys
382 rode over there?
383
384 A: Yes. The um, in the back of the ambulance was the ah, medic from AMR.
385
386 Q: Mm-hm.
387
388 A: Ah, Brad Fike our medic and ah, our captain um, who's also a paramedic.
389
390 Q: Okay.
391
392 A: And then myself.
393
394 Q: Okay. Do you remember a police officer being in the...
395
396 A: There was a police officer riding shotgun in the ah, ambulance.
397
398 Q: Okay. Okay. Um, so just to back up a little bit. So ah, and just (unintelligible)
399 you guys roll up.
400
401 A: Mm-hm.
402

403 Q: And how long do you think you - take you from the time you got the call to
404 the time you got on scene? Do you remember how long it - I know you're
405 right down the street.
406
407 A: I - ah, yeah I was gonna say - I would say it was 10:30 so we all had to put our
408 turn out pants on.
409
410 Q: Mm-hm.
411
412 A: That's all we had to jump into so that would have been two minutes.
413
414 Q: Okay.
415
416 A: (Unintelligible).
417
418 Q: You guys get on scene. And you guys all exit your rig. AMR pulls up next to
419 you.
420
421 A: Mm-hm.
422
423 Q: And somebody - one of your captains I believe you said went up and talked to
424 the officer?
425
426 A: Ah, the paramedic.
427
428 Q: Which would be Brad?
429
430 A: Yes.
431
432 Q: Okay. Brad went up - talked to paramedic. And at that point nobody made
433 contact yet with the subject or they did?
434
435 A: Correct. It - it - while he - while Brad...
436
437 Q: (Unintelligible)...
438
439 A: ...was speaking with the officer.
440
441 Q: Okay.
442
443 A: Um, our ah, med- the medic from AMR was the first one to make physical
444 contact er, then our captain...
445
446 Q: Okay.
447

448 A: ...immediately after.
449
450 Q: And at this point he's facedown. The subject's facedown.
451
452 A: Yeah.
453
454 Q: And in a position where legs are tied up with his - with his hands with a
455 device.
456
457 A: Correct.
458
459 Q: Um, and you don't remember if his head was to either side?
460
461 A: I don't remember. The first time I saw his face was when the medic um, came
462 over. And she rolled him on his ah, left side - left lateral.
463
464 Q: Did an officer help her - help her roll him? Or was it just the medic that did it?
465
466 A: I - I don't recall. I just...
467
468 Q: Okay.
469
470 A: ...know that she was at the head and...
471
472 Q: From the time you got there though you don't remember the subject making
473 noises, saying anything or anything?
474
475 A: No.
476
477 Q: Okay. And then so she checks him. And you don't know what she says. But
478 then the captain - your captain - says, "He's not breathing," or something to
479 that effect or?
480
481 A: Yeah he went over and ah, checked for a pulse.
482
483 Q: Okay.
484
485 A: And couldn't find one and his eyes were ah, slightly opened.
486
487 Q: Okay.
488
489 A: And ah, his color did not look good. So he said that, "He's - he's not
490 breathing. I can't find a pulse." So...
491

- 492 Q: Okay. And then they basically - medic - you said asked that the officer
493 remove the - the ah, device tying up the hands and the feet. And then you
494 asked the officer also you got to move the handcuffs. And both - all the
495 restraints were taken off him?
496
- 497 A: Mm, correct.
498
- 499 Q: Okay, then you guys put him on a board.
500
- 501 A: Mm-hm.
502
- 503 Q: And started working him up from there - three compressions out there. And
504 then the rest pretty much in the ambulance all the way to Parkview?
505
- 506 A: Correct.
507
- 508 Q: Okay. Anything else that you um, maybe remember? Or I didn't fill in there or
509 that could be helpful or?
510
- 511 A: Um...
512
- 513 Q: And you - you think from the time you got...
514
- 515 A: No I mean it - it sounds like a lot. But it was literally - I would say maybe a
516 few minutes from the time we got on scene...
517
- 518 Q: Mm-hm.
519
- 520 A: ...had him on the backboard in the ambulance and going.
521
- 522 Q: Okay.
523
- 524 A: I mean all that - it all happened really quick.
525
- 526 Q: Mm-hm.
527
- 528 A: So...
529
- 530 Q: From the time you - from the time, best estimation from you - from the time
531 you guys arrived on scene to the time that contact was made with the body.
532 was about you said 20, 30 seconds at the most?
533
- 534 A: Eh, yes.
535
- 536 Q: Okay. Okay. Sounds good. Anything else?

537

538 A: That's it.

539

540 Q: Good. It's ah, concluding the interview about 11:08 in the morning.

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542 A: Mm-hm.

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544 Q: ..on 11-5.

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A=Renee Griffin

Q: Okay. We're back on record. It is 11:12 am on 11-5-2008. And I'm at station two with Renee Griffin. And there's one more thing we want to put on tape that Renee remembered. Um, can you just um, tell me basically what happened with the ah, the taser, the little um, barbs that were on the - the shirt? You mentioned something about how you guys had to strip him:

A: Yeah. Um, well down in the back of the ambulance we ah, stripped the shirt off. So we could get the pads on him and do compressions and everything - what we need to. Um, and I - I just remember they were both ah, those little two ah, holes to the shirt. And um, because I was ah, one of the people cutting off the shirt. And um, as we cut the shirt off the ah, one of the wires ah, got tangled and pulled out and then another one as we were ripping the shirt off. We started cutting. And I grabbed the shirt and ripped it. And then another one of the tasers got pulled out. But they were both actually with wires attached - attached near the skin in his like upper abdomen area...

Q: Okay.

A: ...um, is where they were.

Q: Okay. Good. I just wanted to note that. That concludes the interview 11:15.

This transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate transcription.

Signed Det. Ron Sanfilippo 01-06-09

INTERVIEW WITH SUSAN LAURA BRIEN

Q=Det. Ron Sanfilippo

A=Susan Laura Brein

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Q: The date is November 6, 2008 at approximately 25 of 3:00 in the afternoon. I'm at the Riverside Police Department, Magnolia Street Station. And present with me is Susie.

A: It's Susan Brein.

Q: You have a middle name Susan?

A: Uh Laura.

Q: Is that L?

A: A-U-R-A.

Q: Okay and spell your last name?

A: B-R-E-I-N.

Q: And you work with AMR?

A: Yes.

Q: And what is your title?

A: I am a paramedic.

Q: Okay. How long you been a paramedic?

A: Uh four - four years. Four and a half years.

Q: Four years, okay. What's the address you guys carry? For your AMR, what's the address?

A: Um, I'm not sure.

46
47 Q: Okay we'll get that later. How about a phone number?
48
49 A: It's uh 951...
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51 Q: Mm-hm.
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53 A: 782...
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55 Q: Okay.
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57 A: 5234.
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59 Q: Okay. And basically Susan what I'm here to talk to you about is the incident
60 on October 31st, about 2145 hours. On the 78 - 7800 block of (Cypress) in the
61 city of Riverside. It was a uh, officers were involved in an incident and they
62 called for medical assistance. And um you rolled up with your partner and
63 also RFD Station Seven. So can you tell me from the beginning what type of
64 call you received and just go right into what happened when you got there,
65 what you did and et cetera? All the end, to the time you dropped him off at
66 Parkview.
67
68 A: Okay. Um we got the call we were sitting at Van Buren.
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70 Q: Mm-hm.
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72 A: Um got the call as uh 5150 uh with RPD.
73
74 Q: Okay.
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76 A: We responded, um, showed up on the scene about less than ten seconds later
77 after P - or fire did. We got out. We saw - I saw the patient lying prone on the
78 floor, um was handcuffed.
79
80 Q: Okay.
81
82 A: And had his legs bound.
83
84 Q: Okay. Now when - when he's prone is he on his back or stomach then?
85
86 A: Stomach.
87
88 Q: Okay he's on his stomach. Did you see if his head was face down or to either
89 side?
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91 A: Um it was to the - to the patient's left side.
92
93 Q: Okay so and he was facing which way? Do you remember which he was
94 facing? Was he facing towards Van Buren?
95
96 A: He was facing - yeah, he was facing um...
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98 Q: He was facing east?
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100 A: East.
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102 Q: Okay so his uh head would have been facing south then?
103
104 A: Correct.
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106 Q: And when you rolled up was he saying anything? Or any noises from him or
107 anything?
108
109 A: Uh negative. Um when we - once we rolled up RPD started giving us the
110 rundown that the patient was um a little combative, assaulted an officer. I
111 didn't really get too much of the story. Um uh I just know that he was - he said
112 something about him being tased.
113
114 Q: Okay.
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116 A: So I suggested that we should roll him over.
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118 Q: Okay.
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120 A: Because I could see some drool from his mouth. Once we rolled him over,
121 um, I just - I kind of knew at that point that we probably - this was going to be
122 a load and go. Just, he had that look to his face. So I walked over to him, um I
123 did a pulse check and I watched the...
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125 Q: Were you the first one over to the patient?
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127 A: Yes.
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129 Q: Do you know who rolled him over?
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131 A: No.
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133 Q: Was it an officer?
134
135 A: Yeah.

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137 Q: Okay so an officer rolled him over. Do you remember what he rolled him over
138 on his - on his right shoulder or left shoulder?
139
140 A: Um so he would have rolled him over on to his left.
141
142 Q: Okay. On to his back completely?
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144 A: Um, not yet because he was still handcuffed.
145
146 Q: Okay.
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148 A: Um at that point I went and checked for a pulse. I watched the patient take one
149 last breath.
150
151 Q: Mm-hm.
152
153 A: Um checked for a pulse, um he had none.
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155 Q: Mm-hm.
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157 A: So I walked back over to my partner and told him to grab a backboard. And
158 um then the officer tried to un-handcuff the patient.
159
160 Q: Mm-hm.
161
162 A: Um, I think...
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164 Q: Tried or did he get it done?
165
166 A: He was having some difficulties. I don't know if the key got stuck or
167 something?
168
169 Q: Was this in the hands?
170
171 A: Yeah.
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173 Q: The handcuffs, okay.
174
175 A: Yeah. Um, they got the legs undone. Uh the handcuffs for some reason, he
176 wasn't able to do it. So finally he was able to get them un - undone.
177
178 Q: Mm-hm.
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180 A: At least one arm, so we just rolled him all the way on to his back, got the
181 backboard over. Put the patient on the backboard. Then he um, wait - put the
182 patient on the backboard, then carried the backboard on to our gurney and
183 then he completely took the cuffs off the other arm.
184
185 Q: Okay.
186
187 A: Then we loaded the patient up. Um we started going, I think we spent six
188 minutes on scene all together.
189
190 Q: Okay.
191
192 A: If I can remember correctly.
193
194 Q: Okay.
195
196 A: Um got him into the back, we intubated. We start our line. We did two rounds
197 of epi and atropine. Um, I believe the patient was in KEO, if that's important.
198
199 Q: What's that?
200
201 A: Um, it just means he had electrical activity in heart but it was no heartbeat.
202
203 Q: Okay.
204
205 A: So we continue CPR all the way over to Parkview.
206
207 Q: Um, when did you first - when did they first start CPR?
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209 A: The second we were able to get the handcuffs off the patient.
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211 Q: So he was still out in the scene then or was he already in the rig?
212
213 A: Um as soon as we got him on to my gurney.
214
215 Q: Okay.
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217 A: I - I attempted to start the CPR at that point.
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219 Q: Okay.
220
221 A: Um did the CPR until we got to Parkview. We got to Parkview and um we
222 transferred the patient over.
223
224 Q: Okay.

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226 A: We - all together I think it was like eight minutes, nine minutes
227 (unintelligible).
228
229 Q: Okay so when you got out there, he was handcuffed, the handcuffs were
230 behind back.
231
232 A: Mm-hm.
233
234 Q: And you said his legs were tied also?
235
236 A: Mm-hm (unintelligible).
237
238 Q: And - and then his legs were also connected to his handcuffs then?
239
240 A: Uh I'm not sure about that.
241
242 Q: Were his legs up in the air or flat - or laying flat, straight out?
243
244 A: I - I honestly I don't remember.
245
246 Q: Okay so you know he was handcuffed and legs were bound.
247
248 A: Yeah.
249
250 Q: Okay but you don't know if they were pulled up or flat or straight up?
251
252 A: No I - I don't honestly remember.
253
254 Q: Okay. And then you know how long before from the time you got out of your
255 rig until the time you actually made contact with the patient how long it was?
256
257 A: Um maybe - maybe - if even a minute.
258
259 Q: Okay and then - 'cause then you were at that point getting briefed from RPD.
260
261 A: Yeah.
262
263 Q: Do you know what officer you guys spoke to?
264
265 A: Uh, I don't.
266
267 Q: And you were the first one to go up there. Did anybody go up there with you
268 from RFD or RPD (unintelligible)?
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270 A: Well actually we were maybe like two feet away from the patient.
271
272 Q: Okay.
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274 A: That's why I said maybe a minute if even that. That-that's really stretching it.
275 So it was probably more like, couple of, maybe 30 seconds or so.
276
277 Q: Okay.
278
279 A: So we were only a couple feet away from the patient, maybe, I'd say about 10
280 feet away from the patient. He was giving us a report.
281
282 Q: Okay.
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284 A: And then I walked over to the patient, had him roll him over, and then um
285 checked his pulse.
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287 Q: You said you saw him take his last breath?
288
289 A: Yes.
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291 Q: How - what exactly do you mean by that? He just...
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293 A: It - it was just the one quick gasp and then that was it.
294
295 Q: And then eyes closed at that point, wasn't conscious or did you hear?
296
297 A: At that point, no. I - I didn't hear anything. Anything.
298
299 Q: And when you checked for his um his pulse was that from carotid?
300
301 A: Yes. Correct.
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303 Q: Okay. And you got no pulse.
304
305 A: Yeah.
306
307 Q: And then what did you do? Did you tell anybody or did somebody right there,
308 you said, hey this guy don't have a pulse or?
309
310 A: Yeah, yeah, they were all around. Everybody was here.
311
312 Q: So you told everybody.
313
314 A: Yeah.

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316 Q: RFD included.
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318 A: I believe so, yes.
319
320 Q: Okay. And then you got up, do you know if anybody went to him when you
321 got up at that point? You said you got up and?
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323 A: I - I think I believe the officer was trying to get the handcuffs off at that point.
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325 Q: And then RFD started tending to him then or did he just lay there?
326
327 A: Well I think that they were trying to get the handcuffs off him because there
328 was nothing we could do with him handcuffed like that (unintelligible).
329
330 Q: Okay. Okay.
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332 A: So we needed to get him on his back.
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334 Q: So when they get the one cuff of they laid him flat on his back and then...
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336 A: And then we did it. We worked on him from that point.
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338 Q: You and your partner?
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340 A: Um no, me and um Engine Seven.
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342 Q: Right.
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344 A: We did.
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346 Q: Okay.
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348 A: My partner was getting everything ready in the back of the unit and stuff.
349
350 Q: Okay. And then at that point what did you guys first do when you - when he
351 was laying flat on his back? What was the first medical procedure you guys
352 started with? Was it CPR you said? Or?
353
354 A: Uh no we put him on to the backboard.
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356 Q: Right.
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358 A: And put him on the gurney.
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360 Q: Okay.
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362 A: At that point. And then um uh attempted to start CPR at that point. Um, the
363 other officer was trying to get the handcuffs off and then we loaded him right
364 away.
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366 Q: Okay.
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368 A: So he would - it was just - it was real quick movement.
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370 Q: But you said there was some compressions, something started out there,
371 though, when he was on the gurney.
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373 A: I - I attempted to on the gurney.
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375 Q: Okay.
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377 A: But not um - we couldn't do it on the scene because we had to lift him so.
378
379 Q: Okay but he - I mean he was still outside the rig when you first started though.
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381 A: When I tried, yes.
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383 Q: Okay. And then you got him inside. Do you know who rode in the back with
384 you? In the uh - in the ambulance, do you remember? If you don't know that's
385 okay - if you don't...
386
387 A: Engine seven.
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389 Q: Oh, Engine Seven.
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391 A: Yeah. It will - it was the fire captain who was a medic.
392
393 Q: Okay.
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395 A: Um (Erin) I believe that's her name.
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397 Q: Okay.
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399 A: Um, the girl and uh...
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401 Q: Renee?
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403 A: Oh is it Renee?
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405 Q: It's Renee.
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407 A: It is Renee.
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409 Q: Yeah, uh-huh.
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411 A: Okay Renee and then the um other guy.
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413 Q: Okay.
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415 A: And then he was behind him.
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417 Q: Okay.
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419 A: So...
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421 Q: And then an officer - did you see an officer get in the rig also?
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423 A: Yes, he sat up front with my partner.
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425 Q: Okay. And then you guys got him to Parkview, turned him over to Parkview -
426 now on the trip over there, was he - he was getting CPR?
427
428 A: Yes.
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430 Q: And you said he was intubated?
431
432 A: Yes.
433
434 Q: And what else was going on?
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436 A: I - I started on an IV, um, we did or did we - we already did one round of
437 meds, I - I don't know because I can't see. I don't have my paperwork. I think
438 it was one round. We did round of uh epi and atropine, down his ET tube
439 before I could get the IV.
440
441 Q: Okay.
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443 A: And um - we were - we were at uh Parkview so I wasn't with him anymore.
444
445 Q: Okay and - and anything else you can remember that uh maybe - I may not
446 have asked you or anything? I mean, I told you it was going to be pretty
447 short...
448
449 A: Yeah.

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451 Q: I just need to try to get the information and what was seen. What - what did
452 the officers tell you? Other than it was - he was combative and stuff like that?
453 Did - you anything else they told you about what happened or and they said
454 they tased him?
455
456 A: Yeah.
457
458 Q: Did he mention anything else about the taser or anything? Or?
459
460 A: No he just said that he was tased three times, I believe.
461
462 Q: Okay.
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464 A: And I didn't really get the story too much because I came in the middle of
465 their conversation with Engine Seven.
466
467 Q: Okay.
468
469 A: So they got more of the full story.
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471 Q: Okay. How about the um - the probes for the tasers. Did you see those?
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473 A: Yes.
474
475 Q: Okay. Where were they located?
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477 A: I saw one was in the abdomen or maybe - yeah one was in the abdomen.
478
479 Q: Mm-hm.
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481 A: And that - that's the only one I saw. And then I just cut off his shirt as fast as I
482 can.
483
484 Q: Okay. Now did you cut off his shirt or did Renee?
485
486 A: Uh I - I cut of the shirt and somebody else cut off the pants.
487
488 Q: Okay.
489
490 A: 'Cause I remember I went around - as best as I could - around the taser marks,
491 so.
492
493 Q: Okay.
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495 A: Did she say she did.
496
497 Q: Mm-hm.
498
499 A: Oh.
500
501 Q: She said - she said both probes were - she told me yesterday that both probes
502 were still connected.
503
504 A: Yes.
505
506 Q: And then they were - they only became - became disconnected when she cut
507 off the shirt.
508
509 A: I'm - I think she went to lift it.
510
511 Q: She may have (unintelligible).
512
513 A: Yeah, she went to lift it. I was cutting the bottom of the shirt.
514
515 Q: Okay.
516
517 A: And she went to lift it. And then I remember we had a conversation, a quick
518 conversation about that. And she was like, "It's okay because um the probes
519 came out." And she was like, "It's okay. It's just gonna interfere with our
520 CPR." I was like okay.
521
522 Q: Do you remember any kind of smell on the uh the subject at all?
523
524 A: Um, that's uh - I don't have a good sense of smell at all.
525
526 Q: Oh okay.
527
528 A: So even if he did I - I can't smell anything.
529
530 Q: Okay. Good deal. I think that will complete it, um, if there's something else I'll
531 get a hold of you. If there's something else that comes up I'll ask you. But I
532 think right now that pretty much covers everything.
533
534 A: Okay.
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536 Q: Um it is about 2:47 in the afternoon right now and that concludes the
537 interview.
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541 transcription.

542 Signed

Det. Ron Sanfilippo

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INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN THOMAS TREITLER

Q=Det. Ron Sanfilippo

A=Brian Thomas Treitler

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12 Q: It is November 6, 2008. And it is appro- approximately 2:51 in the afternoon.
13 And I'm in the interview room at the Riverside Police Department - Magnolia
14 Station...

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16 A: Right.

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18 Q: ...with ah, Brian's your first name correct?

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20 A: Yup.

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22 Q: B-R...

23
24 A: I-A-N.

25
26 Q: Okay.

27
28 A: Yeah.

29
30 Q: Middle name Brian?

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32 A: Thomas.

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34 Q: That with an H?

35
36 A: Yup.

37
38 Q: And your last name?

39
40 A: Treitler.

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42 Q: Spell that for me?

43
44 A: T-R-E-I-T-L-E-R.
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46 Q: Okay. And what is your actual title with AMR?
47
48 A: Ah, EMT.
49
50 Q: EMT?
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52 A: Mm-hm.
53
54 Q: Okay. You know the address that you guys?
55
56 A: No I don't.
57
58 Q: Okay. Okay.
59
60 A: It's on Marlborough Avenue. I'm not sure the number.
61
62 Q: Okay. She didn't know it either.
63
64 A: Okay.
65
66 Q: Okay. On um, and the phone number I can reach you guys at? 782?
67
68 A: Ah...
69
70 Q: It's gonna be same number she had?
71
72 A: Yeah. It's gonna be the same one she had.
73
74 Q: I'll just use it from her number then. Is it 5234?
75
76 A: 5234 yeah.
77
78 Q: Okay. Um, on October 31, 2008 about 2145 hours ah, RPD ah, asked for
79 medical assistance...
80
81 A: Mm-hm.
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83 Q: ...with a subject they were dealing with. Um, and I guess you guys got that
84 call along...
85
86 A: Yeah.
87
88 Q: ...with RFD.
89
90 A: Yeah.

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92 Q: Can you expl- ah, can you pretty much tell me what kind of call you got, what
93 - how it came dispatched to you?
94
95 A: Yeah.
96
97 Q: And what happened from the time you got the call to the time that you
98 brought the - the ah, patient to...
99
100 A: Yeah.
101
102 Q: ...ah, Parkview?
103
104 A: Just freely?
105
106 Q: Sure. Just go ahead.
107
108 A: Okay. Um, we were sitting at K-Mart parking lot - Arlington/Van Buren's one
109 of our posts.
110
111 Q: Okay.
112
113 A: And we got a call for 5150.
114
115 Q: Mm-hm.
116
117 A: And so like all 5150 calls we kind of, you know, eh, what you gonna do?
118 Another crazy person.
119
120 Q: Mm-hm.
121
122 A: And we get the call. And we were - it was on - I think the call said Van Buren
123 or (Cypress) crossing Van Buren.
124
125 Q: Okay.
126
127 A: And so it was just right there. So we went out of the parking lot, ah, drove
128 code to the call, got there, was directed in by one of your guys' officers with a
129 flashlight guide us to where to go.
130
131 Q: Okay.
132
133 A: The first thing I saw when we pulled up is two officers standing over um, the
134 suspect um, yeah the suspect.
135

136 Q: Okay.

137

138 A: And he was on his face on the street.

139

140 Q: Okay.

141

142 A: And I didn't know how - yeah - I know he...

143

144 Q: On his stomach then?

145

146 A: Yeah. I know he was handcuffed. Um, I'm not sure if anything else. I heard

147 other things about him being hogtied. But I didn't see that. I just saw his hand

148 - I just saw that um, time I got out of the thing they were undoing...

149

150 Q: Mm-hm.

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152 A: ...his handcuffs. And my partner checked to see if he was even breathing. And

153 she said that he wasn't breathing. And he didn't have a pulse. So firefighters

154 and myself and my partner started CPR. And I grabbed the backboard

155 immediately. We rolled him onto that, got him onto the a - oh yeah the cop is

156 still undoing his handcuffs to free him up.

157

158 Q: Mm-hm.

159

160 A: Put him on the backboard. We ah, me, fire assistance and my partner s- we

161 lifted him on the gurney and loaded him up. Um, at that point ah, Officer

162 (Wright) jumped in...

163

164 Q: Okay.

165

166 A: ...with us. And we had three firefighters and my partner and myself. And we

167 d- went ah, code three to Parkview.

168

169 Q: Okay. When you guys arrived on scene Fire was there also?

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171 A: We pulled up at like almost the exact same time as them.

172

173 Q: Okay. And when you guys...

174

175 A: (Unintelligible).

176

177 Q: ...first got out - what happened when you guys first got out? Did you guys go

178 immediately to the subject or the suspect or?

179

180 A: Yeah. Ah, one of the police officers came up to us and let us know that ah,
181 this subject was tased. And that he also said he was hit with a club a few times
182 in the leg.
183
184 Q: Okay.
185
186 A: And that's all really what I remember.
187
188 Q: Was this a briefing that you usually get when you show up on a scene so you
189 know what you're dealing with?
190
191 A: Most of the time yeah.
192
193 Q: Okay. Do you remember the officer who told you this?
194
195 A: No I don't.
196
197 Q: Okay. Um, so are - at that point nobody had made contact with the suspect
198 yet?
199
200 A: No not yet.
201
202 Q: And then do you remember who first made contact with the suspect?
203
204 A: Ah, I believe it was Susie.
205
206 Q: Okay. And then Susie went up and then what - what was the next thing you -
207 you heard from - when Susie went up?
208
209 A: Uh, that he is not breathing and has no pulse.
210
211 Q: And that's what Susie said?
212
213 A: Mm-hm.
214
215 Q: Okay. And then what happened?
216
217 A: And then we began to ah, before we started anything I grabbed a backboard
218 immediately...
219
220 Q: Okay.
221
222 A: ...and then ran over there. And they didn't - whatever they were doing. And
223 we got him on the backboard. And one of the female firefighters started
224 compressions. And we loaded him up and left.

225
226 Q: Okay.
227
228 A: Well I think we were on scene for - on scene and off scene in like six minutes
229 I remember Susie saying.
230
231 Q: Okay. Now when you grabbed the backboard was the gurney already out
232 there? Or did you have to go back for the gurney?
233
234 A: The gurney was already out there.
235
236 Q: Okay. So you brought the gurney out before?
237
238 A: First yeah.
239
240 Q: Was the gurney out before you even found that he wasn't breathing?
241
242 A: Yeah. We ah, we usually do that immediately. Um, she'll go - what she does
243 is she goes out. And she went and checked him. And simultaneously I was
244 get- I was getting the gurney out of the ambulance.
245
246 Q: Okay.
247
248 A: So by the time I had the gurney over there is when she was like, you know...
249
250 Q: When you rolled up he was on his stomach you said his hands handcuffed.
251
252 A: Uh-huh.
253
254 Q: Do you remember if he was - his face was straight down or was he turned - his
255 head turned to his side?
256
257 A: I think it was ah, man I can't remember exactly.
258
259 Q: Okay.
260
261 A: I remember seeing his face and like going - immediately thinking like this guy
262 looks dead.
263
264 Q: And that was before...
265
266 A: That was right...
267
268 Q: ...(unintelligible).
269

270 A: ...when we - right when um, the officer and Susie rolled him on his side to
271 check his breathing and...
272
273 Q: Mm-hm.
274
275 A: ...pulse and stuff.
276
277 Q: So you don't remember if his face was straight down or...
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279 A: No.
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281 Q: Okay. Do you remember which way he was facing though?
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283 A: He was facing ah...
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285 Q: Toward Van Buren?
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287 A: ...east toward Van Buren. That'd be east right? Yeah - east.
288
289 Q: Yeah.
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291 A: Yeah he was facing toward Van Buren.
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293 Q: Okay. And one of the officers rolled him to his - on his shoulder you said?
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295 A: Yeah. I don't remember which one though.
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297 Q: That's when she checked...
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299 A: Mm-hm.
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301 Q: ...that's when she found out he wasn't...
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303 A: Mm-hm.
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305 Q: ...breathing or - and had no pulse?
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307 A: Mm-hm.
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309 Q: Okay.
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311 A: I remember she lifted up his head. And the officer helped her roll him over to
312 his side after he was done...
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314 Q: Mm-hm.

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316 A: ...unhandcuffing him.
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318 Q: Okay. So then they took the handcuffs off so you guys can get him on the
319 gurney? I mean on the blackboard - backboard.
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321 A: Yeah because you guys had his hands free when - 'cause he wasn't a threat to
322 us obviously because he was out.
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324 Q: Okay.
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326 A: So I (unintelligible).
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328 Q: So you guys got him on the backboard and then...
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330 A: Uh-huh.
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332 Q: ...got him on the gurney. And then...
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334 A: Backboard, rolled him onto the backboard, didn't strap him down or anything
335 just 'cause he was kind of a big guy. It was just to lift him up.
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337 Q: Right.
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339 A: It's easier than having like 'cause if you didn't...
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341 Q: Okay. Then when you got him on the gurney you said the firefighter - female
342 firefighter - started CPR?
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344 A: Uh-huh.
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346 Q: And then from there did that last a long time out there or was that just
347 (unintelligible)?
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349 A: No that was immediately. Like I said we were on scene and off scene in six
350 minutes.
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352 Q: So then you got (unintelligible)...
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354 A: I think that's what it was yeah.
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356 Q: From there she was doing it briefly then got him in the rig and then...
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358 A: Yeah she - well she'd do it like...
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360 Q: As you're moving?
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362 A: ...soon as we got him onto the gurney, she starts. And we're wheeling at the
363 same time...
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365 Q: Okay.
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367 A: ...load...she takes a quick brief pause. And we get him up. She started again.
368 And then the other firefighter intubated in the back. And we were - I was in
369 the front. And we were gone. I remember a couple of - one of the officers was
370 talking to um, it wasn't (Adam). It was ah, one of the other officers that was
371 gonna ride. And then (Evan) jumped in with us.
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373 Q: Okay. So then um, couple firefighters got in there. (Evan) rode in the front.
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375 A: Uh-huh.
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377 Q: And then you drove.
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379 A: Yup.
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381 Q: And from there um, do you know what they did in the back to him?
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383 A: No. What they usually do is ah, for full arrest like that um, obviously hooked
384 him up to the monitor. They started IV lines. They probably gave him some
385 epi, some atropine. Pushed some meds to - that help with the cardiac arrest.
386
387 Q: Okay. Anything else that um, you remember that I didn't ask you? Or
388 something else that stands out other than basically what we went over?
389
390 A: Not too much. Like I said when we got to Parkview - I called in a report on
391 the radio to Parkview.
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393 Q: Mm-hm.
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395 A: Let them know we were coming. 'Cause they were obviously busy in the back
396 to call it in. So...
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398 Q: Mm-hm.
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400 A: ...we called it in. And then got to Parkview and they worked up on it. They
401 worked him up there for quite a bit.
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403 Q: Okay. Okay. Um, I think that's it.
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405 A: Cool.

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407 Q: It's um, approximately 2:59 and that concludes the interview at this time.

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410 This transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
411 transcription.

412 Signed

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