

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

Date Prepared: 03-27-09

1. Original File No. P09008550	2. [Redacted]	3. Off. ID 303	4. NPC	5. Crime-Ct.	6. Crime-Ct.	7. Crime-Ct.	8. Date / Time Occurred 01-17-09 / 1943	9. Day		
10. [Redacted]	11. [Redacted]	12. [Redacted]	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) South of 2855 Mulberry St, Riverside							18. Type of Place Vacant Field			
For ID USE: V = Victim, I = Informant, W = Witness, O = Other										
19. ID: W	20. Last Name - First - Middle (Firm Name if Business) Hyatt, Iris						21. Race - Sex B - F	22. DOB [Redacted]		
23. Residence Address 3468 Spruce St. Riverside, CA			24. Business or School Address			25. Home Phone [Redacted]	26. Bus. Phone			
27. ID: W	28. Last Name - First - Middle (Firm Name if Business) Bruce, Jeffrey "Jeff"						29. Race - Sex W - M	30. DOB [Redacted]		
31. Residence Address 3468 Spruce St. Riverside, CA			32. Business or School Address			33. Home Phone [Redacted]	34. Bus. Phone			
S U S P E C T	35. Last Name - First - Middle Hyatt, Russell F.		36. Race - Sex	37. Age	38. Ht.	39. Wt.	40. Hr.	41. Eyes	42. DOB or ID [Redacted]	43. Arrested Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	44. Address - Clothing - Other Marks or Identifying Characteristics Deceased									
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									
56. Juv. Other ( ) 2 Disp: Juris.		Juv. Ct. Prob. ( ) 5		Within Dept. ( ) 6		Detained ( ) 1		Not Detained ( ) 2		

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) 664-187 (On a Police Officer) (2)	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: [Redacted] 62a. Audio Recording Available? Yes 62b. Incident Number: [Redacted]

**Additional Witness:**

W/Blakeman, Leon F. - W/M [Redacted]

2841 Mulberry St. Riverside, CA / [Redacted]

**Follow Up Interviews:**

W/Iris Hyatt

W/Jeffrey Bruce

W/Leon Blakeman

Reporting Officer: Det. R. Wheeler

Reviewed By: M. [Redacted]

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1 **Assisting Personnel:**

2 Det. Rick Cobb – Partner Officer  
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4 **Evidence:**

5 Audio recordings of all three interviews. Downloaded to the RPD audio server.  
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7 **Investigation:**

8 On Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Det. Cobb and I went to 3468 Spruce St. Riverside, to speak with  
9 W/Leon Blakeman who was a witness on the night of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This address belongs to  
10 W/Iris Hyatt and S/Russell Hyatt. Upon knocking on the front screen door, I was contacted by  
11 W/Jeffery “Jeff” Bruce. Jeff is related to the Hyatt family through marriage and lives at the residence.  
12 Iris was also home at the time and allowed myself and Det. Cobb to enter. Iris was in her kitchen having  
13 her hair done by friends while I spoke with her. She agreed to answer a few questions I had regarding  
14 the shooting from January 17<sup>th</sup>. This interview, as well as the interview with Jeff, were recorded. What  
15 follows is a synopsis of those interviews.  
16

17 **W/Iris Hyatt:**

18 Iris and Russell lived together at the Spruce St address until right around the first of 2009. Russell  
19 began using Heroin again during this time and was arrested on a parole violation. As part of the terms  
20 for his punishment, Russell was assigned to a live in rehabilitation facility in Indō. Russell spent about  
21 1½ weeks in the program before he called Iris on January 17<sup>th</sup>. During this phone call, Russell told Iris  
22 that he had been kicked out of the program for fighting. Iris initially agreed to send a co-worker to pick  
23 him up but before doing so, she decided to call the facility. During this call, Iris spoke to one of the  
24 directors who told her that Russell had not been kicked out for fighting but rather, he had been caught  
25 drinking alcohol. The director said Russell was not welcome to stay there until he recommitted himself  
26 to treatment. Iris told the director to pass on to Russell that she would not be picking him. Iris had no  
27 further contact with Russell until later that night.  
28

29 In the early evening hours the same night, Russell showed up at the Spruce St address. Iris watched as a  
30 blue pick up truck dropped Russell off to the front of their home. Iris did not recognize the truck and did  
31 not see the driver. Russell walked toward the truck both she and he owned, which was parked in the  
32 open driveway. Russell began to rummage around inside the truck while Iris yelled at him to leave from  
33 the house. Russell left the truck and walked to the security screen door at the front entrance. This door  
34 was locked so Russell could not get inside. He banged on the door demanding to be allowed inside. Iris  
35 said he appeared to be drunk. Russell continued to bang on the screen door demanding his keys and  
36 wedding band. Iris refused to give him these things because she feared he would sell them to buy drugs  
37 or alcohol. While he stood outside, Russell produced a handgun and pointed it to his head stating he  
38 was going to kill himself. Iris did not believe he would be able to do it.  
39

40 Since Russell could not gain entrance at the front door, he went around to the rear and came in through  
41 the back door. Once inside, Russell held the gun to his head and repeated several times he was going to  
42 commit suicide. People tried to talk to him and calm him down but nothing seemed to work. Russell  
43 went into his bedroom and rummaged around for awhile before going into the dining room.  
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1 In this room, Iris watched as Russell held the gun to his head and began to count to three. At three,  
2 Russell pulled the trigger of his gun but nothing happened. He continued counting to 10, pulling the  
3 trigger every few moments. Because the gun never fired, Iris believed it was jammed and could not fire.  
4 She claimed to have given this information to responding RPD officers during the initial 911 call to her  
5 home. Iris blacked out at one point and lost track of some events. When she came to, Russell kicked  
6 open the security screen door at the front entrance and left the residence. It was after he left that RPD  
7 officers arrived.

8  
9 Iris admitted she knew Russell wanted to be killed by police officers because he could not commit  
10 suicide on his own. She confirmed Russell had assaulted an officer in the past and had been to prison as  
11 a result. Iris claimed to have heard rumors Russell never pointed his gun at officers before the shooting.  
12 She also confirmed she was not there to see the shooting for herself. She added someone at her church  
13 had information that the police knew the gun was "jammed" when they confronted Russell on the 17<sup>th</sup>.  
14 Iris refused to give me any details on what exactly she heard or the names of anyone providing her this  
15 information. Iris has heard Russell got his gun from a family friend named "Buddy" because Buddy is  
16 now missing a gun. (Note: Iris gave me "Buddy's" cell number and it matches O/Warren Debelling's  
17 number)

18  
19 During the interview, Iris referred to the police officers involved in the shooting and the department as a  
20 whole as "Pigs". She also claimed the shooting was unnecessary. Refer to the audio interview for  
21 details.

22  
23 After speaking with Iris, I talked with W/Jeff Bruce outside.

24  
25 W/Jeffrey "Jeff" Bruce:

26 Jeff is related to the Hyatt family through marriage. He was living at the Spruce St residence on January  
27 17<sup>th</sup>. During the early evening hours of that date, Jeff and Iris watched as Russell rummaged around  
28 inside the truck they owned looking for something. Russell came to the front door of the house and tried  
29 to enter but the security screen door was locked. Iris would not allow him to come inside. Russell then  
30 pulled a handgun from his clothing and threatened suicide. When he could not get inside, Russell went  
31 around to the rear entrance and came in. Once inside, Jeff decided to go into his bedroom to avoid the  
32 situation. Moments later, Jeff came back and found Russell with the gun pointed to his head while he  
33 threatened to kill himself. Jeff described what Russell was doing as out of character. Jeff had been  
34 incarcerated with Russell in the past and nothing like this ever happened during that time. Jeff feared  
35 Russell might shoot himself or someone else in the house so he tried to talk with him but Russell did not  
36 listen.

37  
38 Russell finally decided to leave the house through the front screen door. While walking away from the  
39 residence, Jeff, Iris and others went outside to watch where he was going. Jeff saw Russell turn back  
40 toward the group on the front porch and point his gun at them. Fearing he might shoot them, Jeff and  
41 the others went quickly back inside. Jeff was not present for the shooting on Mulberry.

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1 After speaking with Iris and Jeff, Det. Cobb and I spoke with W/Leon Blakeman who is the house  
2 manager at 2841 Mulberry St. This interview was also recorded and the following is a synopsis of the  
3 interview.

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5 W/Leon Blakeman:

6 Leon has known Iris and Russell since September 2008 when he came to live in one of the homes they  
7 own. He is now a manager/ resident in charge of their home located at 2841 Mulberry St. Leon was  
8 home on January 17<sup>th</sup> along with three other people. [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] he third was W/Dana Derring. Dana spoke with police officers  
10 the night of the shooting. Leon did not.

11  
12 At around 1830 hrs on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Russell entered the house on Mulberry St by using the rear  
13 entrance. Russell appeared to be upset and may have been under the influence of something when Leon  
14 first saw him. Leon described him as looking like he was "at the end, giving up". After being in the  
15 house for about 10 minutes, Russell asked to use Leon's cell phone to make a call. Leon did not see  
16 Russell with a weapon at this time. Once the call began, Leon could tell that Russell had called Iris due  
17 to hearing the voice on the other end of the call. Russell said he wanted to see their son and made some  
18 other demands. While making the call, Leon heard Russell tell Iris he was going to commit suicide by  
19 "blowing my brains out!" He also told Iris that he was "going to have the cops blow my head off!"  
Russell got angrier and ended the call by throwing the phone at Leon.

21  
22 Before Russell left the residence, Iris called Leon and asked if Russell was still there. Leon said he was  
23 so Iris told him and everyone in the house to leave right now. Leon hung up with Iris and followed her  
24 instructions by having all the residents leave the home. Russell was present for this and started to leave  
25 the home through the back door while Leon mobilized the tenants. Leon watched as Russell exited the  
26 residence and saw him pull a gun from his pants. The gun was small and chrome in color. Leon saw  
27 Russell walk to the front of the house where he was quickly confronted by uniformed police officers and  
28 police cars. Leon came to the front of the house and stood on the porch as he watched Russell walk  
29 south down Mulberry St out of sight. About one minute later, Leon heard two gunshots come from  
30 south of their home in the direction Russell had been walking. Leon could not tell who fired the shots.  
31 He never heard any conversation between Russell and the police prior to the shooting.

32  
33 Just prior to the shooting, Dana also came to the front of the house with Leon. Leon said Dana was on  
34 the sidewalk to the front of the driveway when the shooting occurred. He talked with Dana after the  
35 shooting and confirmed that neither man saw the shooting take place. Based on what Leon saw that  
36 night, he felt the officers had no choice but to defend themselves when they encountered Russell.

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38 On September 9, 2009, S/Russell Hyatt's CDL was booked into property at CIB.

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40 NFI

**Riverside Police Department  
PROPERTY REPORT**

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Date/Time  
01/17/09 -17:56

Type of Complaint OIS - OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING			Address 3468 SPRUCE			
Victim	DOB	Sex	Race	Address		
Arrestee / Suspect HYATT, RUSSELL FRANKLIN	DOB [REDACTED]	Sex M	Race White	Address 3468 SPRUCE ST - RIVERSIDE CA 92501		
Arrestee / Suspect	DOB	Sex	Race	Address		
Arrestee / Suspect	DOB	Sex	Race	Address		
Finder	DOB	Sex	Race	Address	Phone No.	
By Officer(s)	ID No.	Supvr. Approving	RMC/RSC Case No.		Property Clerk	
Item	Owner	Itemize, Describe, List Serial Numbers... Only 1 Article per line			Prop. Loc.	Rel. Dispo
RW0001		S/ Hyatt's CDL			MAG	

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INTERVIEW WITH IRIS HYATT AND JEFFEREY BRUCE

Q=Det. Wheeler

A=Man

A1=Woman

A2=Iris Hyatt

A3=Girl

A4=Man

A5=Jefferey Bruce

17 A: How you doin' man?

19 Q: Hey, how's it going?

21 A: All right.

23 Q: Is, uh, Leon here?

25 A: Uh, Leon.

27 A1: Yeah.

29 A: They're looking for Leon.

31 A1: Okay, hold on a second.

33 A: Parole.

35 Q: No, not Parole.

37 A1: One minute.

39 Q: Thanks, man.

41 A: The floor's kind of wet. Be careful.

43 Q: Okay.

45 A2: Hi, I'm Iris.

46  
47 Q: Hi Iris, I'm Detective Wheeler with the police department. You got a couple  
48 of minutes or you're in the middle of getting the hair done?  
49  
50 A2: Uh, just a second, got a second?  
51  
52 Q: Okay. Where's - is Leon around?  
53  
54 A2: Uh, he's back on Mulberry.  
55  
56 Q: He's back over at the other house?  
57  
58 A2: Yeah.  
59  
60 Q: Okay. I'll talk to him over there then in a minute, um, can you take maybe  
61 five or so, I just want to touch base with you a little bit, maybe ask you just a  
62 couple questions and get out of your hair, is that okay.  
63  
64 A: So to speak.  
65  
66 Q: Um, yeah, so to speak. Um, I don't want to - I don't want to mess up your  
67 hair, or your, uh...  
68  
69 A: (Unintelligible) we'll be (unintelligible) you.  
70  
71 Q: Are you, all right, well.  
72  
73 A1: Just don't leave no messes for me.  
74  
75 Q: No, I'll try not to. I think the shoes are fairly clean so, you're one of those.  
76  
77 A2: There's a chair right there.  
78  
79 Q: That's fine. I - I'm sittin' half the time anyway. Do you want to, uh, talk here  
80 with everyone else or?  
81  
82 A2: It doesn't bother me at all.  
83  
84 Q: Is it okay, okay. Um, I know you talked with a handful of detectives that  
85 came over the night this whole thing happened with, uh - with (Russell) and,  
86 uh, there's a couple of questions that after reading the reports I just wanted to  
87 kind of run by you and see if you could maybe help me answer some of the  
88 things. Some of it is kind of dealing with, uh, what happened before he even  
89 showed up here at the house, kind of get some background in that respect  
90 okay.

91  
92 A2: Well, he got put out of the program in Indio because he drank a beer.  
93  
94 Q: Okay, and that was actually in Indio.  
95  
96 A2: In Indio.  
97  
98 Q: Okay, is that...  
99  
100 ((Crosstalk))  
101  
102 Q: Was that ABC...  
103  
104 A2: Yeah.  
105  
106 Q: ...Recovery?  
107  
108 A2: Recovery.  
109  
110 Q: How long had he been there?  
111  
112 A2: About a week and a half.  
113  
114 Q: Okay, so he was just getting started there.  
115  
116 A2: Yes.  
117  
118 Q: More or less. How as he doing? Was he doing okay or?  
119  
120 A2: He said he was doing good, but he was, um, a little bit depressed because I  
121 hadn't came out.  
122  
123 Q: To see him?  
124  
125 A2: Yeah.  
126  
127 Q: Okay, so it was a live-in type of a place...  
128  
129 A2: Yeah.  
130  
131 Q: ...he was there, okay.  
132  
133 A2: And, uh, I told him I wanted him to get help, um, and without me going there  
134 to see him it made him worry about our marriage.  
135



136 Q: Ah.  
137  
138 A2: But there was nothing to worry about, we have a child, we're gonna raise it  
139 together, well, we were until you guys did what you did.  
140  
141 Q: Okay. What, uh - what was it that he was going to recovery wise for? Was it  
142 alcohol or something else or?  
143  
144 A2: A bunch of something elses.  
145  
146 Q: Okay, okay. Was alcohol even part of it, that's what I was...  
147  
148 A2: Alcohol was...  
149  
150 Q: ...hearing, but I...  
151  
152 A2: ...a part of it.  
153  
154 Q: Okay, what else?  
155  
156 A2: He had a beer and, uh, heroin and...  
157  
158 Q: Okay.  
159  
160 A2: ...crystal, um, marijuana.  
161  
162 Q: Okay. So he had quite a few different things that he was working on.  
163  
164 A2: Yeah.  
165  
166 Q: Had he been off of it for awhile, but this place was gonna help him stay off or  
167 was he...  
168  
169 A2: Yeah.  
170  
171 Q: ...still using prior to going in?  
172  
173 A2: It was gonna help him stay off.  
174  
175 Q: It was, okay. So he had been off or at least trying to stay off for a little while.  
176  
177 A2: Yeah.  
178  
179 Q: That's good.  
180

181 A2: His birthday was December 3 and he's - that day, um, him and my son were  
182 sitting down, singing - we were singing happy birthday to him...

183  
184 Q: Mm-hm.

185  
186 A2: ...and I happened to notice a thing on his arm.

187  
188 Q: Oh.

189  
190 A2: I said, "What happened?" He said, "I missed."

191  
192 Q: Okay.

193  
194 A2: And, um...

195  
196 Q: Missed a vein or is he talking about he missed...

197  
198 A2: Missed a vein.

199  
200 Q: Okay.

01  
202 A2: He tried - he (unintelligible) do what he want to do, commit suicide...

203  
204 Q: Okay.

205  
206 A2: ...and he missed that day and I - and I said to him, you know, "Why you  
207 gonna kill yourself on your birthday?"

208  
209 Q: Sure. So you guys have how many kids, or one or?

210  
211 A2: Yeah.

212  
213 Q: Yeah, that's a lot still to live for.

214  
215 A2: And, um, the child was - it's the same name and same birthday...

216  
217 Q: Right.

218  
219 A2: ...is that how you want us to remember our son's first birthday...

220  
221 Q: Yes...

222  
223 A2: ...I don't.

224  
225 Q: ...not good.

226  
227 A2: And he said, "Well, help me," so I called his parole officer the next day.  
228  
229 Q: Is that Agent?  
230  
231 A2: Johnson.  
232  
233 Q: Johnson, okay.  
234  
235 A2: And I told Agent Johnson my husband's struggling, he's back on drugs and he  
236 wants to get off.  
237  
238 Q: Okay.  
239  
240 A2: So my husband didn't report. I can't talk right now. He didn't report to his  
241 parole officer 'cause he was dirty and he was afraid they were gonna lock him  
242 for the holiday.  
243  
244 Q: Sure, sure.  
245  
246 A2: Uh, instead he went - he did go to jail.  
247  
248 Q: He - he did?  
249  
250 A2: Yeah, 'cause I called the parole officer while he was drunk.  
251  
252 Q: How long was he, uh, in custody?  
253  
254 A2: About a week and the parole board sent him to the ABC Recovery Center.  
255  
256 Q: Oh, okay.  
257  
258 A2: He explained to them that...  
259  
260 Q: Okay.  
261  
262 A2: ...he didn't like his life and he wanted to stop doing drugs, and even though I  
263 have a program, your program don't work on your family.  
264  
265 Q: And it's hard when it's - when it's family.  
266  
267 A2: When it's your own family.  
268  
269 Q: Yeah, sure.  
270

271 A2: Get out of here Amber. Um, you know, it's different rules because they know  
272 your hard side, your soft side...  
273  
274 Q: Sure.  
275  
276 A2: ...and all of that.  
277  
278 Q: I understand.  
279  
280 A2: So I asked them, you know, just give it a ch- a shot and he, "Are you gonna  
281 leave me?" and I'm like, "No, (Russell), I'm not gonna leave you"...  
282  
283 Q: Mm-hm.  
284  
285 A2: ..."but you did tell me if I go back to jail you weren't gonna communicate,"  
286 and I said, "And I'm not, but that doesn't mean I don't love you. It means I  
287 want you to get better."  
288  
289 Q: Mm, so he was definitely worried that if he were to screw up again that was  
290 gonna be the end of you and him and the kids, and all that stuff, okay. I can  
291 see that.  
292  
293 A2: So, um, he came that day.  
294  
295 Q: This is the day that everything happened?  
296  
297 A2: Mm-hm.  
298  
299 Q: Okay. Did you know he was on his way?  
300  
301 A2: I felt he was.  
302  
303 Q: Okay. Had he called you, or anybody called from the program to say he had  
304 left?  
305  
306 A2: Yes.  
307  
308 Q: Okay, tell me what happened on that.  
309  
310 A2: He called me that day around 12:00 o'clock and said, "I was in a fight and I'm  
311 gettin' kicked out." I was, like, "What?" "I was in a fight and gettin' kicked  
312 out," so I said, "All right, call me back, I'm gonna get Mike to come and get  
313 you," 'cause we were...  
314  
315 Q: Mm-hm.

316  
317 A2: ...collecting donations in that area.  
318  
319 Q: Who's Mike?  
320  
321 A2: He's my driver, Mike.  
322  
323 Q: Is - someone that works in your program and...  
324  
325 A2: Yeah.  
326  
327 Q: ...and drives, okay.  
328  
329 A2: And so Mike was on his way to go get him and Mike said, "I hear it's not," so  
330 I called back and I spoke to the house manager there...  
331  
332 Q: Do you know who that was?  
333  
334 A2: Uh, no, I don't, but...  
335  
336 Q: Okay.  
337  
338 A2: ...I could probably get my records to tell you who.  
339  
340 Q: Okay.  
341  
342 A2: And, uh, my phone records, um, and the guy got on the phone and he says,  
343 "No, I'm not kicking him out 'cause he was in a fight, I'm kicking him out  
344 'cause he was drinking beer on the side of the building." And I was, like,  
345 wow, "Tell him I am done, I'm not coming out here to get him, and, um, I  
346 don't want to talk to him until he fixes his life."  
347  
348 Q: Was he still there when you were talking to this guy at the, uh...  
349  
350 A2: Yeah.  
351  
352 Q: ...facility, so he hadn't left yet.  
353  
354 A2: He had not left.  
355  
356 Q: Okay.  
357  
358 A2: I don't know how he got a ride down here. Whoever was in a blue truck that  
359 brought him.  
360

361 Q: It's was blue truck and - any one you've seen before at that...  
362  
363 A2: I've never seen the truck.  
364  
365 Q: What kin - who made the truck, is it Ford, Chevy?  
366  
367 A2: I don't know, we didn't really notice, my neighbors the one who saw the truck.  
368  
369 Q: Did they stop and talk or just drop him off or?  
370  
371 A2: Dropped him off and he came.  
372  
373 Q: Okay. And you haven't heard anything about who this guy might have been,  
374 there's no - no word.  
375  
376 A2: Didn't even see him, don't know who he was.  
377  
378 Q: Okay.  
379  
380 A2: But, um, so he comes to the house and I tell him, "Russell get out of the  
381 truck."  
382  
383 Q: Now, this is his truck right or...  
384  
385 A2: Our...  
386  
387 Q: ...the truck you guys own, okay.  
388  
389 A2: Our truck.  
390  
391 Q: Okay.  
392  
393 A2: The one that's parked right here in the driveway.  
394  
395 Q: Gotcha.  
396  
397 A2: "Get out of the truck (Russell)," he was just - "And - and just leave." So he  
398 came through the door, he'd seen his little boy, he - he must have forgot what  
399 he was going through 'cause for a second his drunk face turned into a, uh, oh  
400 my son, you know.  
401  
402 Q: Well, did he appear to you, knowing him as long as you guys have been  
403 together, was he drunk?  
404  
405 A2: He had been...

406  
407 Q: Or...  
408  
409 A2: ...drinking beer.  
410  
411 Q: And you could - you could tell from just...  
412  
413 A2: Yeah.  
414  
415 Q: ...the interactions, okay.  
416  
417 A2: I know my husband.  
418  
419 Q: Okay.  
420  
421 A2: And he seen his son and he went to open the door, the door was locked...  
422  
423 Q: Okay. This is the screen...  
424  
425 A2: ...and...  
426  
427 Q: ...that we got out front, right?  
428  
429 A2: Yeah, the...  
430  
431 Q: Okay.  
432  
433 A2: ...screen and then he, um, said, um, "Just give me my fin' truck keys and our  
434 wedding bands," he was gonna trade them for dope.  
435  
436 Q: Ah.  
437  
438 A2: That's the only reason why he wanted this.  
439  
440 Q: Gotcha.  
441  
442 A2: He said, "I'm gonna kill myself today, I'm gonna die, I'm tired," and this and  
443 that.  
444  
445 Q: Has he said that kind of stuff before?  
446  
447 A2: Yes.  
448  
449 Q: Okay.  
450

451 A2: And this is what led me to believe that he wasn't gonna do it because...  
452  
453 Q: Okay.  
454  
455 A2: ...had I thought he meant it...  
456  
457 Q: Well, sure, I don't think...  
458  
459 A2: ...he would have taken...  
460  
461 Q: I don't think anybody would have had any real idea he was gonna go through  
462 with it.  
463  
464 A2: Tables would have turned.  
465  
466 Q: Sure.  
467  
468 A2: So he - I said - he reached in his pocket, he pull out a gun, I said, "Oh my God  
469 he has a gun."  
470  
471 Q: What did this gun look like?  
+72  
473 A2: The gun he got busted with.  
474  
475 Q: Okay. Did...  
476  
477 A2: A...  
478  
479 Q: ...you...  
480  
481 A2: ...handgun.  
482  
483 Q: Can you tell me what it looked like though?  
484  
485 A2: Um, a little gun that you hold like this, a little gun.  
486  
487 Q: So is it like a - like I've got a semi-auto, it - it's got a magazine and all that...  
488  
489 A2: Didn't look like that.  
490  
491 Q: ...or is it a revolver like an old, uh, Wild West kind of gun?  
492  
493 A2: No, ask my daughter, she knows better.  
.94  
495 Q: Okay. But it's a semi-auto then, it's...



496  
497 A2: Yeah.  
498  
499 Q: ...something like what we carry.  
500  
501 A2: Yeah.  
502  
503 Q: Okay.  
504  
505 A2: And it was broke. He came right here to the door, him and my daughter were  
506 struggling, and he's "I'm gonna kill myself today," and my daughter wouldn't  
507 let him in the door and he - she said - turned around and looked over his  
508 shoulder and said, "(Russell), is it really worth it?" and he paused for a second  
509 and then he went through the back, the door right there and came in my room.  
510  
511 Q: Oh.  
512  
513 A2: And I was in the room with the baby on my hip and he said, uh - started  
514 rummaging through the drawer, "Just give my fuckin' wallet and my keys, and  
515 my rings," and I said, "(Russell), I'm not giving your truck or the wallet or the  
516 rings, get back to the recovery center."  
517  
518 Q: Mm-hm.  
519  
520 A2: "You don't love me anymore," and I'm...  
521  
522 Q: Is he still walking around with a gun in his hand or what...  
523  
524 A2: Yeah.  
525  
526 Q: ...what did he do with it?  
527  
528 A2: The gun in his hand, he pointed it to his head. Right here, he pointed at his  
529 head in front of my daughter and that's when my daughter said, "Is it really  
530 worth it?" And...  
531  
532 Q: Okay.  
533  
534 A2: ...he put the gun down and he walked through the bed - bathroom to the  
535 bedroom and he was at the door and he pulled the gun again and he said,  
536 "Give me my rings and my wallet, um, just give it to me and I'll leave." And I  
537 knew he was in a state, drunk, or you know, his mouth was - had the dry spot  
538 around here...  
539  
540 Q: Mm-hm.

541  
542 A2: ...so you could tell he had a few of those beers...  
543  
544 Q: Okay.  
545  
546 A2: ...and I said, "No, (Russell), you're not gonna drive and kill somebody else."  
547 And he put the gun to his head and said, "Do it, give it to me or I'll do it now."  
548  
549 Q: Mm-hm.  
550  
551 A2: And I just screamed, "Please, just leave," and the baby's in my arms. Then,  
552 um...  
553  
554 Q: Had to be pretty stressful I got to assume for everybody in the house.  
555  
556 A2: Yeah, it was.  
557  
558 Q: Uh, I would imagine.  
559  
560 A2: And, um, then he went right there and he told me, um, I don't love him and I'm  
561 not helping him and all that stuff. And I said, "I do love you (Russell) and  
562 that's why I'm begging you to go back...  
563  
564 Q: Mm-hm.  
565  
566 A2: ...to the recovery center."  
567  
568 Q: Sure.  
569  
570 A2: "I only want to stay the weekend until they reco- sent me back," and I said,  
571 "(Russell), I can't, you're drinking and I told you already I'm not gonna  
572 tolerate that in this house."  
573  
574 Q: And you got to think of yourself and the people that are here.  
575  
576 A2: So he went right there by that window...  
577  
578 Q: Mm-hm.  
579  
580 A2: ...and he counted one, two...  
581  
582 Q: With the gun to his head?  
583  
584 A2: ...three and pulled the trigger, it was jammed.  
585

586 Q: It didn't fire as far as you know.  
587  
588 A2: Right, and then he said, four, five, he - he kept going to ten and after he did  
589 three and - and it...  
590  
591 Q: So he tried a couple of times to pull the trigger...  
592  
593 A2: And it did not...  
594  
595 Q: ...didn't fire.  
596  
597 A2: ...go - yes.  
598  
599 Q: Okay.  
600  
601 A2: And I told the cop, I said - I said, "(Russell), just leave, please just leave, the  
602 cops are coming."  
603  
604 Q: Who - who had - who had called?  
605  
606 A2: My daughter.  
607  
608 Q: Your daughter called.  
609  
610 A2: Because my phone got stuck on 911 and once you do that on your cell phone  
611 it locks.  
612  
613 Q: Oh.  
614  
615 A2: And it can only be used for that purpose.  
616  
617 Q: Gotcha.  
618  
619 A2: So...  
620  
621 Q: So she called 911, you knew that she had, told him the...  
622  
623 A2: Yeah.  
624  
625 Q: ...cops are on the way...  
626  
627 A2: Mm-hm.  
628  
629 Q: ...what did he do next?  
630

631 A2: He, um, kept talking to me and I - and I kind of blacked out for a second.  
632  
633 Q: Black - blacked out, like, you just don't remember or did you actually pass  
634 out?  
635  
636 A2: I kind of, um, fell down by the couch on the floor 'cause I don't have my baby  
637 in my arm and I remember - this is the Detective, this is my daughter.  
638  
639 A3: Hi.  
640  
641 Q: Hi.  
642  
643 A3: Hi.  
644  
645 A2: And, um...  
646  
647 A3: What's going on?  
648  
649 A2: ...and then I - I kept him hearing him talk while it was dark and I got back up  
650 and I just screamed, "Please just leave," and he kicked the door and that's why  
651 the screen door was broke.  
652  
653 Q: Gotcha.  
654  
655 A2: 'Cause he tried to get out and he kicked it and, um, then he left and all the  
656 helicopters and stuff came and - and, uh, I was talkin' to the cop...  
657  
658 Q: Sure.  
659  
660 A2: ...and I kept telling them, "Whatever you do, please don't kill my husband.  
661 His gun doesn't work"...  
662  
663 Q: Mm.  
664  
665 A2: ...and - and he was like - still writing and asking me these questions that - he  
666 was ignoring what I was asking him...  
667  
668 Q: Mm-hm.  
669  
670 A2: ...I said, "He's sick, he wants to commit suicide, he feels like he doesn't have  
671 anybody right now."  
672  
673 Q: He had done something similar to that in the past where he had confronted an  
674 officer and - and almost gotten into something similar...  
675

676 A2: Well.  
677  
678 Q: ...awhile back I'm hearing from his family.  
679  
680 A2: It was bleach.  
681  
682 Q: It was bleach?  
683  
684 A2: A cup of bleach, he threw it in the cops face to run.  
685  
686 Q: Oh, I see, yeah.  
687  
688 A2: He told the cop, "I'm gonna run this way, you run that way" ...  
689  
690 Q: Mm-hm.  
691  
692 A2: ...and the cop was running and screaming, "Please don't shoot, please don't  
693 shoot," that's why he got the ten and a half years...  
694  
695 Q: Right, okay.  
96  
697 A2: ...so - so, um, he let the cop go and the cop let him go.  
698  
699 Q: Mm.  
700  
701 A2: The cop was scared, he was scared, but the cop didn't have a chance to grab  
702 his gun.  
703  
704 Q: Right.  
705  
706 A2: He opened the door with the gun in his hand.  
707  
708 Q: So, yeah, I mean, he - I guess I bring that up to say he's had some  
709 confrontations with law enforcement before that weren't exactly great.  
710  
711 A2: Yeah, but - and he wasn't gonna kill a cop or anybody that day. He had ample  
712 opportunity to kill my whole program over there...  
713  
714 Q: Mm-hm.  
715  
716 A2: ...on that street. He had first chance to kill me and my child at the door...  
717  
718 Q: Mm-hm.  
/19

720 A2: ...he didn't, second chance to kill my daughter who him and her just didn't see  
721 eye-to-eye.  
722  
723 Q: Mm-hm.  
724  
725 A2: Third he could have killed Jeff.  
726  
727 Q: Have you heard the family talking about that they - he had said to them in the  
728 past that, uh, if he was gonna go or if he was gonna die he was gonna make  
729 the cops do it?  
730  
731 A2: Yes.  
732  
733 Q: Okay. I - I'm - I'm not necessarily...  
734  
735 A2: Because he...  
736  
737 Q: ...uh, because - I...  
738  
739 A2: ...couldn't do it.  
40  
741 Q: ...'cause I'm not crawling - that's what I'm saying. I'm wondering if he  
742 couldn't make that lau- leap himself, he knows you're not gonna do it 'cause...  
743  
744 A2: No.  
745  
746 Q: ...your family and all, um, and I'll - unfortunately us not knowing this guy and  
747 having the chance to stand and talk with him, uh, you got someone with a  
748 handgun pointed at you...  
749  
750 A2: Let me tell you...  
751  
752 Q: ...that's an issue.  
753  
754 A2: ...that handgun was not pointed at him. The neighbor saw it and said he had  
755 the gun at his own head the whole time...  
756  
757 Q: Well...  
758  
759 A2: ...the cop lied, he did not...  
760  
761 Q: Well, what, uh...  
762  
763 A2: ...shoot.  
764

765 Q: What I can tell you is he did have the gun pointed at his head initially...  
766  
767 A2: Yes.  
768  
769 Q: ...but that same person who claims to have seen the gun with his head did not  
770 see when the shooting happened...  
771  
772 A2: I seen him.  
773  
774 Q: ...because we spoke with him. Do - who is the person you're talking about?  
775  
776 A2: Who are you talking about? There was somebody right there on that balcony  
777 that saw it.  
778  
779 Q: Okay, well...  
780  
781 A2: The whole thing...  
782  
783 Q: ...who is...  
784  
785 A2: ...from the balcony.  
786  
787 Q: Who is that person?  
788  
789 A2: I don't know their name.  
790  
791 Q: You just talked with them?  
792  
793 A2: Yeah, they're saying...  
794  
795 Q: They didn't give...  
796  
797 A2: ...I'm saying...  
798  
799 Q: ...you their name...  
800  
801 A2: ...they...  
802  
803 Q: ...or anything like that...  
804  
805 A2: No.  
806  
807 Q: ...or nothing?  
808  
809 A2: They say...

810  
811 Q: What - what address are they at 'cause I obviously want to speak to them if...  
812  
813 A2: Uh-uh.  
814  
815 Q: ...they think they have something different.  
816  
817 A2: It was at that address, wh- the fields right there.  
818  
819 Q: Mm-hm.  
820  
821 A2: Where we have his flowers and his stuff...  
822  
823 Q: Right.  
824  
825 A2: ...that are dying or whatever.  
826  
827 Q: Is it the house right next door to it or how many down?  
828  
829 A2: The fields right here and it's to...  
30  
831 Q: Mm-hm.  
832  
833 A2: ...the left side.  
834  
835 Q: So if I'm looking in the field it's to the left?  
836  
837 A2: Yeah.  
838  
839 Q: How many houses down, next door?  
840  
841 A2: Yeah.  
842  
843 Q: Or - right next door to the field?  
844  
845 A2: Yeah, because that field had a house on a thing...  
846  
847 Q: Mm-hm, right, and then right next to it is an actual house.  
848  
849 A2: Yeah, but the house, uh, I can't remember now, um, but it's a house that's not a  
850 house yet because it's up on stilts.  
851  
852 Q: Right, that's right next door to the field...  
853  
854 A2: Yeah, it's...



855

856 Q: ...is that house...

857

858 A2: Yeah.

859

860 Q: ...right next to it, okay.

861

862 A2: Yeah.

863

864 Q: I see what you're saying.

865

866 A2: Up on the balcony.

867

868 Q: That persons claiming that they saw the actual situation take place.

869

870 A2: Yes, and then my neighbor who lives in the back where my program is at said  
871 that she heard the whole thing too.

872

873 Q: Mm-hm.

874

875 A2: And they kept telling him, "Mr. Hyatt, put the gun down."

876

877 Q: Mm-hm.

878

879 A2: And he said, "No, I'm gonna kill myself tonight..."

880

881 Q: Okay.

882

883 A2: ...today." And they heard two shots and both shots came from your cop's  
884 gun.

885

886 Q: Yeah, I'm not disputing that they - that they didn't.

887

888 A2: Because my husband's gun was jammed.

889

890 Q: Well, how much do you know about guns?

891

892 A2: Um, enough to know that it was jammed.

893

894 Q: Okay. Have...

895

896 A2: And you...

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898 Q: ...you ever - have you ever fired one, you...

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900 A2: Yeah.  
901  
902 Q: ...ever been involved in firing like a semi-auto, one of these with a, uh, a  
903 revolver in it...  
904  
905 A2: Yeah.  
906  
907 Q: ...well, not a revolver but a, uh...  
908  
909 A2: It just keeps jamming when you shoot.  
910  
911 Q: ...magazine? It does, as long as it's working properly. Have you ever had to  
912 fix a jam in a gun?  
913  
914 A2: No.  
915  
916 Q: Okay, it's done very, very easily and unfortunately when they had contact with  
917 him and he pointed that gun at them...  
918  
919 A2: He didn't do that.  
920  
921 Q: ...they - well you weren't there and I wasn't there, but the officers that I spoke  
922 to, which there are several...  
923  
924 A2: The pigs are gonna be lying for each other and...  
925  
926 Q: Can...  
927  
928 A2: ...you know...  
929  
930 Q: Well...  
931  
932 A2: ...that.  
933  
934 Q: You can - and you can call them pigs with your - based on what you feel  
935 about them, but...  
936  
937 A2: Well, I shouldn't have called them that...  
938  
939 Q: ...what I'm...  
940  
941 A2: ...but...  
942

943 Q: ...what I'm telling you is that the situation is such that he pointed a weapon at  
944 an officer and - and that's where things came from and, uh, and based on the  
945 things that took place here at the house...

946

947 A2: Mm-hm.

948

949 Q: ...and the things that took place, uh, in the past with him and the way in which  
950 he wasn't exactly together that night, uh, I - I can't say I put it past him. Us as  
951 officers, the last thing I want to do is take somebody's life 'cause now I got to  
952 deal with it for the rest of my life. I have to deal with family members  
953 questioning and wondering. I don't want to have to live with that, I don't want  
954 to have to go home for the rest of my life so nobody has a grudge against  
955 (Russell), nobody was out to get (Russell) 'cause nobody knows (Russell) well  
956 enough to have a grudge against him. It - it is the way that, I believe based on  
957 everybody that I've talked to thus far...

958

959 A2: Yeah.

960

961 Q: ...that it is the way that it happened and unfortunately you not being there,  
962 you can't say for sure, I can't say for sure. I can only go based on the evidence  
963 that I've got so if you've got somebody that was at a house next door that  
964 claims things are totally different, I want to talk to them, I want to see what  
965 they actually saw. I want to see what they're willing to come and speak to me  
966 about.

967

968 A2: Well...

969

970 Q: So, I mean, people - people are gonna - are gonna tell you things that they  
971 may think you want to hear, but I got...

972

973 A2: What do I want to hear?

974

975 Q: ...I - I've got evidence that tell you different so.

976

977 A2: Then my husband's gun wasn't jammed?

978

979 Q: Well, I - at this point I can't say for sure whether it was actually working but  
980 when you have somebody who points at handgun...

981

982 A2: Do you want me to tell you something?

983

984 Q: Sure.

985

986 A2: I know that it was jammed and we knew the next day that it was jammed.

987

988 Q: How was it that you knew it was jammed?  
989  
990 A2: I was asking, I could tell you something.  
991  
992 Q: Well, uh, please do, this is...  
993  
994 A2: But one of these cops...  
995  
996 Q: ...this is important.  
997  
998 A2: One of the cops that done that he knows, uh - a member at my church, that's  
999 all I'm gonna - I'm gonna say. He didn't tell me but he told my - somebody  
1000 else. The point is...  
1001  
1002 Q: Okay, we'll wait, wait...  
1003  
1004 A2: ...the cops said...  
1005  
1006 Q: Be - be specific with me about that.  
1007  
1008 A2: No, I can't do that.  
1009  
1010 Q: You're saying...  
1011  
1012 A2: 'Cause I said I wasn't gonna say nothin'.  
1013  
1014 Q: But you're saying an officer told someone at your church that they knew  
1015 something about how the gun was?  
1016  
1017 A2: Yes.  
1018  
1019 Q: Okay, so tell me what is it that they said they knew.  
1020  
1021 A2: The gun was jammed, the police knew just like I told them on the porch. The  
1022 gun was jammed.  
1023  
1024 Q: Mm-hm.  
1025  
1026 A2: And also my husband was down, they shot the person, I guess my husband fell  
1027 and my husband was down on his knees with a gun to his self.  
1028  
1029 Q: Okay. Well, I can tell you that wasn't what happened, but obviously you're  
1030 gonna have...  
1031  
1032 A2: Two shots wasn't fired by...

1033  
1034 Q: Pe...  
1035  
1036 A2: ...your cop?  
1037  
1038 Q: ...people - well I didn't say that two weren't - I didn't say that two weren't. I  
1039 said that he - the fact that he had the gun pointed to his head when he was shot  
1040 isn't true. But like I said, you're - you're gonna believe who you want to  
1041 believe and, you know, that's - that's based on how you feel the situation is. I  
1042 can't - I can't convince you otherwise, all I can...  
1043  
1044 A2: Y'all just don't know...  
1045  
1046 Q: ...do is tell you evidence wise.  
1047  
1048 A2: ...what it's like because you go to your wife and your child every day.  
1049  
1050 Q: No, but I can tell you this, four officers up in, uh...  
1051  
1052 A2: Your (unintelligible) weren't there.  
1053  
1054 Q: ...up in - listen to me, listen to me first. They're four officers up in Oakland  
1055 right now who are not going home at this time, have to deal with situations  
1056 similar to the one that your husband put them in, so would you rather those  
1057 four officers like in Oakland just decided not to do anything and now they're  
1058 dead. Had an officer that night not done anything that night, who's to say he  
1059 doesn't go home at the end of the day.  
1060  
1061 A2: Well, you know what...  
1062  
1063 Q: (Russell)...  
1064  
1065 A2: ...I'm glad the cops...  
1066  
1067 Q: (Russell) put them...  
1068  
1069 ((Crosstalk))  
1070  
1071 Q: ...in that situation unfortunately.  
1072  
1073 A4: (Unintelligible) I think we're done here.  
1074  
1075 Q: Yeah, I'm...  
1076  
1077 A2: Get...

1078  
1079 Q: ...I'm good. I'm good.  
1080  
1081 A2: Get the fuck out of my house, okay.  
1082  
1083 Q: Good, I'm - I'm still talking to you - I'm still talking to you.  
1084  
1085 A2: You get out. You get out of my house...  
1086  
1087 Q: He's...  
1088  
1089 A2: ...right now.  
1090  
1091 Q: He's with me. He makes sure that I'm gonna be safe all right.  
1092  
1093 A2: Well, you are safe...  
1094  
1095 Q: Okay. Well...  
1096  
1097 A2: ...the cops have a cop here.  
1098  
1099 Q: ...here's what - here's what I need to ask...  
1100  
1101 A2: Or taking you away from your child.  
1102  
1103 Q: Here's - here's what I need to ask you.  
1104  
1105 A2: Or your wife.  
1106  
1107 Q: Have - have a seat and relax for a minute, all right. Leon, is he living at the  
1108 house next door or, uh, down the street over on Mulberry?  
1109  
1110 A2: Yes.  
1111  
1112 Q: Okay. What is his cell phone number?  
1113  
1114 A2: 'Cause I don't know that, I'd have to check if the phone rings.  
1115  
1116 Q: Okay. Does somebody have it that they can look at it for...  
1117  
1118 A2: Yeah.  
1119  
1120 Q: ...me real quick? Let's - let's go ahead and take a quick look 'cause I want to  
1121 make sure I can talk to him. What's Leo's last name, Leon.  
1122

1123 A2: Leon is Blakeman.  
1124  
1125 Q: Blakeley?  
1126  
1127 A2: Blakeman.  
1128  
1129 Q: And he's the guy that runs that house or at least...  
1130  
1131 A2: Yeah.  
1132  
1133 Q: ...is in charge of it?  
1134  
1135 A2: Mm-hm, yeah.  
1136  
1137 Q: Okay, if you've got a number for him that'd be good.  
1138  
1139 A2: [REDACTED]  
1140  
1141 Q: Okay.  
1142  
1143 A2: [REDACTED]  
1144  
1145 Q: [REDACTED]  
1146  
1147 A2: [REDACTED]  
1148  
1149 Q: Okay. Do you know a guy named (Warren Debelling)?  
1150  
1151 A2: Was he the guy named (David)?  
1152  
1153 Q: Uh, I'm - I'm just asking if you know a guy named (Warren Debelling), does  
1154 that name sound familiar at all to you?  
1155  
1156 A2: I couldn't hear names that night, I don't know.  
1157  
1158 Q: Okay. It - it wasn't that night, I'm asking if that name sounds familiar at all?  
1159 No. Do you have any idea where, or do you have an idea of where, um,  
1160 (Russell) may have gotten the gun, has anybody said?  
1161  
1162 A2: Well, I asked my sister-in-law and, um, I can give you my brother-in-laws  
1163 phone number. They told me that it sounds like Buddy's gun and his gun is  
1164 missing.  
1165  
1166 Q: Bu - Buddy?  
1167

1168 A2: Buddy's Teresa's boyfriend.  
1169  
1170 Q: Okay. And he's missing a gun as of when, do you know?  
1171  
1172 A2: Um, prior to that.  
1173  
1174 Q: Okay. Has anybody said anything more about it, like, yeah that's the gun that  
1175 he had or?  
1176  
1177 A2: No, would you like me to give you his phone number to call?  
1178  
1179 Q: Sure, this is the brother-in-law?  
1180  
1181 A2: Um, Teresa's not there.  
1182  
1183 Q: Okay. What's his name?  
1184  
1185 A2: Uh, hold on one second. Leon, it's Iris, um, how many bags of carrots are you  
1186 supposed to have, uh, three bags of carrots, but, um, I wanted to tell you, uh,  
1187 Detectives on his way to your house.  
1188  
1189 Q: I don't know if I'll catch him today, but I'll talk with him.  
1190  
1191 A2: A Detective is gonna come to...  
1192  
1193 Q: I'll get a hold of him.  
1194  
1195 A2: ...your house today or sometime. He says you can go - okay, I gotta get off  
1196 the phone Leon because I'm talking to him. Okay, well, you only have one  
1197 bag the carrots, um, so let me check and see if I have more in my refrigerator.  
1198 I brought the potatoes, are they already cut? Alrighty, I'll call you back in a  
1199 minute. It's okay.  
1200  
1201 Q: Okay, the brother-in-laws number?  
1202  
1203 A2: Let me got get it off the - out of my husband's wallet.  
1204  
1205 Q: Okay.  
1206  
1207 A2: Can I get that (unintelligible)?  
1208  
1209 A: Check out the tape.  
1210  
1211 A2: Um.  
1212



1213 Q: What's his name?  
1214  
1215 A2: I only know his face, but I can call (Russell)'s, uh, maybe his...  
1216  
1217 Q: Where does he live?  
1218  
1219 A2: Okay, here it goes, Buddy's cell phone.  
1220  
1221 Q: Okay.  
1222  
1223 A2: [REDACTED]  
1224  
1225 Q: Mm-hm.  
1226  
1227 A2: [REDACTED]  
1228  
1229 Q: Mm-hm.  
1230  
1231 A2: [REDACTED]  
1232  
1233 Q: Now, Buddy is the guy that supposedly...  
1234  
1235 A2: Missing a gun.  
1236  
1237 Q: ...is missing a gun.  
1238  
1239 A2: Mm-hm.  
1240  
1241 Q: Okay. All right, well I'll check with him. Um, do you know a guy named Jeff  
1242 Bruce?  
1243  
1244 A2: Yeah, he's right...  
1245  
1246 Q: Does that name come up...  
1247  
1248 A2: ...here, that's my son-in-law.  
1249  
1250 Q: Okay, was Jeff here when all this stuff went down?  
1251  
1252 A2: Yes.  
1253  
1254 Q: Okay.  
1255  
1256 A2: Want to talk to him right now?  
1257

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1258 Q: Mm, yeah, I'll talk with him outside for just a minute if he doesn't mind.  
1259  
1260 A2: Okay, let me see if he wants to do that.  
1261  
1262 Q: That'd be fine.  
1263  
1264 A2: Jeff.  
1265  
1266 A5: Yeah.  
1267  
1268 A2: Come here. He wants to talk to you. He said did I know a Jeff Bruce, I told  
1269 him you're my son-in-law.  
1270  
1271 Q: Jeff, if you don't mind I'll talk with you outside real quick.  
1272  
1273 A5: Okay.  
1274  
1275 Q: Okay, thank you for your time Iris. Hey, Jeff, did, uh - were you here when  
1276 this whole thing went down with (Russell)?  
1277  
1278 A5: Yeah.  
1279  
1280 Q: Okay. I think, uh, officers either stopped by to try and talk with you or  
1281 wanted to speak with you, um, what can you tell me about that night?  
1282  
1283 A5: Just that - that - the only thing I remember is we were standing at the door...  
1284  
1285 Q: Whose we?  
1286  
1287 A5: Uh, me and mom, and everybody and, uh, he, uh - he was in the truck.  
1288  
1289 Q: He meaning (Russell)?  
1290  
1291 A5: Yeah, he was in the truck and, um, he - he wanted the keys to the truck,  
1292 whatever, and - and she's telling him no, uh, we had the door locked, he  
1293 banged on the door and, uh, he was saying, uh, "Let me have my keys to my  
1294 truck." And he had a, uh - he had a gun so.  
1295  
1296 Q: Did you see what kind of a gun it looked like?  
1297  
1298 A5: Uh, I don't - I'm not sure. See, that's - I - I went in the back room, they closed  
1299 the door...  
1300  
1301 Q: Mm-hm.  
1302

1303 A5: ...uh, then I realized that the back door was open because I was cooking food,  
1304 a cream dish or something, I forgot, uh, enchiladas, and he went around to the  
1305 back. Before I got there he pushed his way in...  
1306  
1307 Q: Mm.  
1308  
1309 A5: ...you know, not pushed his way but came in, the door was open so he came  
1310 in, uh, he had the gun in his hand, uh...  
1311  
1312 Q: What was he doing with it?  
1313  
1314 A5: ...like - like first like he was trying to stop him and, uh - and then I think there  
1315 was like - he tried to push his way through so they weren't pushing or arguing  
1316 or nothing...  
1317  
1318 Q: Mm-hm.  
1319  
1320 A5: ...so he comes in to - goes - goes the living room, that's when he pulls his, uh,  
1321 that's when he pulls his - his gun out and, uh, he said, "I'm gonna shot myself  
1322 if you don't give me my keys."  
1323  
1324 Q: Is he pointing the gun at himself?  
1325  
1326 A5: Yeah, at himself.  
1327  
1328 Q: Okay.  
1329  
1330 A5: So he said, "I'm gonna kill myself," he had his gun to his head and I - I tried to  
1331 calm him down, uh.  
1332  
1333 Q: Did he look drunk or anything like that, or do you know him well enough to  
1334 know if he was drunk?  
1335  
1336 A5: Uh, I wasn't really - I was trying to see - I just thought he was gonna shoot  
1337 himself so I just kept turning away and telling him, you know, 'cause he kept  
1338 doing like this and I was - I didn't want to see it so, you know.  
1339  
1340 Q: Is that out of character for how he has been in the past?  
1341  
1342 A5: Way out of character. For - I mean, from what I know of him, I - I've been in  
1343 prison with him, I've been - I've been - I stay at the house with him...  
1344  
1345 Q: Mm-hm.  
1346  
1347 A5: ...and I've never seen him that way, I mean...

1348  
1349 Q: So he was definitely different that night?  
1350  
1351 A5: Uh, he looked like he was upset, sad, depressed, something. Yeah, I know - I  
1352 know something was bothering him, you know.  
1353  
1354 Q: Did - did you see him actually pull the trigger and shoot himself or?  
1355  
1356 A5: No, no, he - I - I - see I don't think - see it - it tripped me out because he - I  
1357 don't even know if the gun was - I don't know if it was working or not 'cause I  
1358 - I thought - I figured, you know, the ways he acting he would have shot  
1359 himself, I don't know. So - or he would have shot one of us, I don't know, he  
1360 just - it didn't - it just didn't seem right. None of it seemed right, it didn't seem  
1361 right so.  
1362  
1363 Q: I had heard that he pointed it at some of the people as...  
1364  
1365 A5: Right, well...  
1366  
1367 Q: ...he - as he was leaving, what did...  
1368  
1369 A5: ...well, see...  
1370  
1371 Q: ...what did you see?  
1372  
1373 A5: ...when he left, we all stopped - and I was trying to stop him and he - he got  
1374 about to right there and he pointed the gun at us and...  
1375  
1376 Q: Back at you guys in the front of the house?  
1377  
1378 A5: ...and - yeah, we run - we run back in the house and close the door and that  
1379 was basically it. There wasn't...  
1380  
1381 Q: So potentially had he decided to he could have been shooting at your guys  
1382 then while you're out on - on the porch or the front of the door, I guess if...  
1383  
1384 A5: He, uh...  
1385  
1386 Q: ...he wanted to.  
1387  
1388 A5: I mean, if he - if he - I don't think - I think the whole thing was he was just  
1389 upset and depressed, he lost his wife and just, you know, he's on parole and -  
1390 and just life was going bad for him and I just think...  
1391  
1392 Q: Okay.

1393  
1394 A5: ...I think the whole thing was he's depressed, you know, I just.  
1395  
1396 Q: Yeah, it's hard to say exactly what was going through his head.  
1397  
1398 A5: I mean, from what I understand, I mean, I've been in a situation where life got  
1399 pretty bad and all that, but you know, I think - I think - I've been around  
1400 prison and - and - and drugs and - and everything else and - and, you know,  
1401 there's - there's a point in your life where you make that decision, where things  
1402 are going so bad that either you give up or you just want to quit or die or - or  
1403 you - you just - you face up with life and deal with it. I think he was at the  
1404 point where...  
1405  
1406 Q: He was done.  
1407  
1408 A5: ...he just couldn't handle it. Just didn't, uh, and - and it was sad. He lost his  
1409 wife, his family...  
1410  
1411 Q: Okay.  
1412  
1413 A5: ...and he was just depressed or something.  
1414  
1415 Q: Um, Iris was telling me that there was somebody, I guess, who watched the  
1416 whole shooting take place, did you hear about that, do you know anything  
1417 about it?  
1418  
1419 A5: I don't know.  
1420  
1421 Q: Okay.  
1422  
1423 A5: I don't know.  
1424  
1425 Q: Uh, is it Jeff or Jefferey?  
1426  
1427 A5: Jefferey.  
1428  
1429 Q: Uh, J-E - J-E-F-F-E-R-Y?  
1430  
1431 A5: E-Y - E-R-E-Y.  
1432  
1433 Q: E-R-E-Y. What's your, uh, birthday?  
1434  
1435 A5: [REDACTED]  
1436  
1437 Q: And what's a cell number for you?

1438  
1439 A5: Uh, [REDACTED]  
1440  
1441 Q: Okay.  
1442  
1443 A5: [REDACTED]  
1444  
1445 Q: Okay, and do you live here?  
1446  
1447 A5: Yeah.  
1448  
1449 Q: Okay. How long have you known, uh, or did you know (Russell)?  
1450  
1451 A5: About three years.  
1452  
1453 Q: And you said you were, uh, in prison with him?  
1454  
1455 A5: Yeah.  
1456  
1457 Q: Okay, was he having issues in prison too?  
1458  
1459 A5: No, no. I met him - I met him on the streets and then we, like, went fishing  
1460 together later so.  
1461  
1462 Q: What did he use?  
1463  
1464 A5: I - personally I - the only thing I ever seen him do is drink beer and smoke a  
1465 little marijuana and that's it.  
1466  
1467 Q: Okay.  
1468  
1469 A5: That's about it. I've never seen him do anything else. I mean, I wouldn't -  
1470 well we were around each other off and on so I - I - I really don't know.  
1471  
1472 Q: All right.  
1473  
1474 A5: Other than that, so.  
1475  
1476 Q: All right, man.  
1477  
1478 A5: All right.  
1479  
1480 Q: I appreciate it, thank you.  
1481  
1482 A5: Yeah.

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1484

Q:

Preceding our, uh, interviews done with Iris Hyatt and Jefferey Bruce.

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Today's date is March 26, and the time is 11:40.

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7 **INTERVIEW WITH (LEON) BLAKEMAN**

8 **Q=Det. Wheeler**

9 **A=(Leon) Blakeman**

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11  
12 Q: (Leon)?

13  
14 A: Yeah.

15  
16 Q: Hey, how you doing? Can I talk to you outside for a minute?

17  
18 A: Sure.

19  
20 Q: Yeah, come on out. Uh, I need to - this is my partner, Detective Cobb. Uh, did  
21 you just talk with uh, Iris a little bit?

22  
23 A: Yeah.

24  
25 Q: (Unintelligible) we're gonna stop by.

26  
27 A: Yeah.

28  
29 Q: Let's go ahead and get this out of the way so we can make it simple.

30  
31 A: Okay.

32  
33 Q: Let me get some information from you real quick. Now do you have your  
34 license on you or anything?

35  
36 A: (Unintelligible) ID on it.

37  
38 Q: That'll work.

39  
40 A: (Unintelligible).

41  
42 Q: Okay.

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44 A: Okay and I also let my parole officer know that you guys are coming down.  
45



46 Q: Who's your PO?

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48 A: My PO is (Dalmatory).

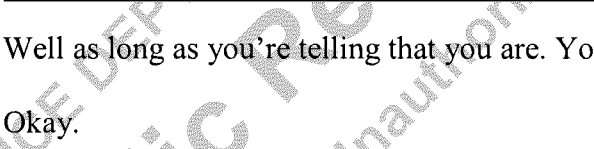
49  
50 Q: (Dalmatory) local P- uh...

51  
52 A: Yeah.

53  
54 Q: ...PO officer?

55  
56 A: Riverside. Already contacted him.

57  
58 Q: 

59  
60 A: 

61  
62 Q: Well as long as you're telling that you are. You know I can find it out...

63  
64 A: Okay.

65  
66 Q: ...if you're not, so.

67  
68 A: 

69  
70 Q: Okay.

71  
72 A: I can show it to you if you want?

73  
74 Q: No, I'm good right now. So how long have you uh, known Iris and uh - how  
75 did you know Russell?

76  
77 A: I know - let's see...on September 11<sup>th</sup> I believe that's who I called on  
78 September 7<sup>th</sup> and I stayed out on the street for a week, so 14<sup>th</sup>.

79  
80 Q: Fourteenth of September?

81  
82 A: (Unintelligible) called them, yeah.

83  
84 Q: Okay.

85  
86 A: Trying to...

87  
88 Q: Now are you the house manager here?

89  
90 A: I'm the house manager, yeah.

91

92 Q: Okay. And so you are living here now? This is your residence?

93

94 A: This is my residence.

95

96 Q: Okay. Were you here on uh, January 17<sup>th</sup> when this whole thing went down?

97

98 A: I was the last one talking to Russell.

99

100 Q: Okay, who else was here with you when he came over to the house?

101

102 A:

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104

105 Q: Oh, he does?

106

107 A: Yeah, so and he 74 years old (unintelligible)...

108

109 Q: Does he remember anything that happened?

110

111 A: Well...

112

113 Q: Did you talk to him about it?

114

115 A: Uh, probably not. He took it the wrong way.

116

117 Q: Meaning what?

118

119 A: Meaning that he was really agitated over what happened.

120

121 Q: (Kenneth) was?

122

123 A: Yeah, he was mad at Dana because Dana made the 911 call. He was the one...

124

125 Q: Oh, he didn't want officers involved?

126

127 A: Yeah. And then since he was police dispatch, he worked in the dispatch...

128

129 Q: Who did?

130

131 A: Um, Dana. He was the resident at the time on floor. Um, I think his parole  
132 officer was (Anderson). He's the one who made the 911 call. By law he has to  
133 because he worked - you know, when he worked at uh, Dispatch.

134

135 Q: So was it you, this older guy, and Dana that were here when it happened?

136  
137 A: Yeah, yeah.  
138  
139 Q: Anybody else or just three of you?  
140  
141 A: Um, Gomez was in his room and he's out there too. Um, (unintelligible), you  
142 never understand him.  
143  
144 Q: Okay. So tell me what happens? Do you - do you hear anything about what's  
145 going on with Russell and his family before...  
146  
147 A: Yes, I do.  
148  
149 Q: ...he showed up?  
150  
151 A: Um, I knew that he was in prison because he was using.  
152  
153 Q: Okay.  
154  
155 A: And he turned himself in (unintelligible) violation. He absconded not sure  
156 where he went. Um, (unintelligible) I think in (unintelligible). I'm not sure on  
157 that, went to a program.  
158  
159 Q: I heard he was in a program. Is that what you heard?  
160  
161 A: But I think it was a - I don't know how long he stayed there. It wasn't long.  
162 And then (unintelligible) basically got - I don't know if he got kicked out or  
163 left the program. I'm not sure on that.  
164  
165 Q: That's okay.  
166  
167 A: Um, I knew he had a bad drug problem. Had it for many years.  
168  
169 Q: Okay. Did you know that he had shown up over at uh, Iris' house before he  
170 came here to your house?  
171  
172 A: (Unintelligible).  
173  
174 Q: So you didn't know...  
175  
176 A: (Unintelligible).  
177  
178 Q: ...you didn't know anything about what was going on until he shows up here?  
179  
180 A: No. But I found out afterwards...

181  
182 Q: Yeah, I'm - I'm just concerned about what you knew before he showed up. So  
183 you didn't know anything? All of a sudden...  
184  
185 A: I was...  
186  
187 Q: ...Russell shows up?  
188  
189 A: I was shocked to see him.  
190  
191 Q: And you - you knew him?  
192  
193 A: I - he picked me up from the parole office and brought me to the program...  
194  
195 Q: So he was someone that would have been okay coming over here right? Or  
196 no?  
197  
198 A: Um, yeah he - he was - he helped move us into here. Um, I knew him,  
199 everyone else knew him. I thought it was kind of odd 'cause I (unintelligible)  
200 I knew something was up.  
201  
202 Q: That day?  
203  
204 A: That day when...  
205  
206 Q: Okay, tell me what happened when he showed up?  
207  
208 A: Okay.  
209  
210 Q: What exactly took place?  
211  
212 A: Well it was about 6:30-7:00. It's um, 6:30-7:00 he walked in. And I could tell  
213 something was wrong just by his look. Um, something was wrong. I didn't  
214 know if he was on something or not. I - I had my suspicion but I won't go  
215 there if I didn't know.  
216  
217 Q: Okay.  
218  
219 A: He asked me to use the phone 'cause I - 'cause he knew that this is a rent-  
220 renter's house too, so this house is always open.  
221  
222 Q: Okay.  
223  
224 A: Okay, so he knew he could come there. And so at first he came in I was  
225 (unintelligible) waiting - waiting for, you know, to take care of my dinner.

226

227 Q: This front door is locked most of the time it seems like?

228

229 A: Most of the time.

230

231 Q: How did he get inside?

232

233 A: Back door is open.

234

235 Q: So he knew to come around the back...

236

237 ((Crosstalk))

238

239 A: ...the back door is open now.

240

241 Q: Did he just walk in - he just walked in?

242

243 A: Just walked in, sat down, and he watched me get my (unintelligible) I would  
244 say 10-15 minutes (unintelligible).

245

246 Q: Okay.

247

248 A: And then he asked me to use the phone and I'm accustomed to letting him use  
249 the phone to call Iris.

250

251 Q: When you were talking with him, did he sound like he was amped up or  
252 pissed or angry? Or did he say what was going on, or what?

253

254 A: Uh, before he talked to Iris he was really down. Really depressed. I could just  
255 tell.

256

257 Q: Okay, did you say what about?

258

259 A: No, he didn't really say, um, after I found out what was going on with him out  
260 of the program. At that time I didn't know he left the program.

261

262 Q: And that's what I'm - I'm more looking at right now, is what...

263

264 A: Right.

265

266 Q: ...were you - what did you know that night when it happened? You didn't  
267 know why he was upset or depressed?

268

269 A: Um, I had my suspicions.

270

271 Q: What did you think?  
272  
273 A: I think - I think now he was at his end, uh, drug wise.  
274  
275 Q: At his end? What do you mean?  
276  
277 A: At his end (unintelligible). He - he didn't know what to do.  
278  
279 Q: Like he was giving up? Like...  
280  
281 A: He was giving up.  
282  
283 Q: We talking suicidal type stuff?  
284  
285 A: Talking suicidal. He did make that statement on the phone.  
286  
287 Q: And what did he say?  
288  
289 A: Well he talked to Iris. He wanted his truck back. He wanted to see his son.  
290 And Iris...  
291  
292 Q: Okay.  
293  
294 A: ...said no way because she wanted him in a program. Wanted him to go back...  
295  
296 Q: Okay.  
297  
298 A: ...to the program. Any kind of program.  
299  
300 Q: Could you hear her side of the conversation while he was talking?  
301  
302 A: Um, on the cell phone you can - I can hear it.  
303  
304 Q: Okay, so you can hear some of what...  
305  
306 ((Crosstalk))  
307  
308 Q: ...she was saying?  
309  
310 A: Somewhat...  
311  
312 Q: And obviously you could hear him talking to her?  
313

314 A: Right. And um, Russell was upset because (unintelligible) and parole  
315 (unintelligible) and he's not used to that. Um, um, he told Iris on the phone  
316 that he was at his end and he wanted to blow his brains out.  
317  
318 Q: He actually said that?  
319  
320 A: He actually said that.  
321  
322 Q: Okay.  
323  
324 A: Okay? At that time I didn't know he had a gun on him.  
325  
326 Q: Hadn't seen it at that time?  
327  
328 A: At that time I didn't.  
329  
330 Q: Okay. And what happened next?  
331  
332 A: Well of course they argue on the phone. (Unintelligible) go back to your  
333 program and he wasn't used to (unintelligible) because (unintelligible) the  
334 program (unintelligible).  
335  
336 Q: (Unintelligible).  
337  
338 A: (Unintelligible). He was just at his end. (Unintelligible) he didn't know how to  
339 deal with it.  
340  
341 Q: Okay, what happened next?  
342  
343 A: After that, um, he threw the phone back at me.  
344  
345 Q: Is this after he was done with the call with her?  
346  
347 A: In fact, this is the phone that he used.  
348  
349 Q: Okay.  
350  
351 A: Okay. And then Iris called me on my phone.  
352  
353 Q: Was this while he was still there?  
354  
355 A: While he was still there.  
356  
357 Q: Okay.  
358

359 A: Asked me if he had a gun.  
360  
361 Q: Okay.  
362  
363 A: And at that time I said - I said, "No I don't think so." Because I didn't know if  
364 he did or not.  
365  
366 Q: Did you ask him if he had one?  
367  
368 A: No, I didn't.  
369  
370 Q: Okay.  
371  
372 A: And right after that, Iris said, "Get everyone out of the house now."  
373  
374 Q: She did?  
375  
376 A: Yeah. So I told - I stood up and I go, "Everybody out of the house now."  
377  
378 Q: Was that while he was still there?  
379  
380 A: That was while he was still there.  
381  
382 Q: So he heard that?  
383  
384 A: And that's when it broke loose. That's when he got up at the kitchen table and  
385 left, and walked out the back door, and he pulled out his gun. And that's when  
386 I saw the gun.  
387  
388 Q: Okay. What's...  
389  
390 A: (Unintelligible) saw him (unintelligible).  
391  
392 Q: Where - where did he have the gun at, did you see?  
393  
394 A: Back - back pocket pants.  
395  
396 Q: Back pants pocket?  
397  
398 A: Right. He pulled it out. It was right around here.  
399  
400 Q: Went around the driveway area?  
401  
402 A: He didn't say nothing.  
403



404 Q: Okay.  
405  
406 A: I - I think he was crying.  
407  
408 Q: Okay.  
409  
410 A: Okay, and he just ran.  
411  
412 Q: Did you watch him as he left?  
413  
414 A: I watched him as he left (unintelligible) trying to (unintelligible). And at that  
415 time my - my parole (unintelligible) says I can't get off the porch after seven.  
416 (Unintelligible).  
417  
418 Q: Okay. Did you see where he went once he left?  
419  
420 A: He went that way.  
421  
422 Q: So that's going south on Mulberry.  
423  
424 A: Yeah, he went that way.  
425  
426 Q: Okay. And did you see any police officer show up or anything like that?  
427  
428 A: Oh, they were here like estimate 45 seconds because I was calling too.  
429  
430 Q: So you saw them show up?  
431  
432 A: I saw them show up. They pulled up right here and (unintelligible) they had  
433 everything blocked off. I don't know how many police officers, it had to have  
434 been quite a bit.  
435  
436 Q: Okay could you see Russell anymore where he went?  
437  
438 A: (Unintelligible) around the thing and after that I didn't see him.  
439  
440 Q: So he got out of view?  
441  
442 A: He was out of view.  
443  
444 Q: Did you hear anything like between the officers and Russell or did you hear  
445 what was said?  
446  
447 A: (Unintelligible).  
448

449 Q: Did you hear them talking or yelling, or anything like that before the  
450 gunshots?  
451  
452 A: No, I didn't hear that because the sirens and the screeching of the cop car  
453 tires.  
454  
455 Q: Okay.  
456  
457 A: (Unintelligible).  
458  
459 Q: How - how soon after Russell walked away and the cops showed up did you  
460 hear gunshots?  
461  
462 A: In a minute.  
463  
464 Q: Okay, so it was fairly short?  
465  
466 A: It was quick.  
467  
468 Q: Okay. How many gunshots did you hear?  
469  
470 A: If I remember correctly, I heard two.  
471  
472 Q: Okay. Did they sound...  
473  
474 A: Sounded...  
475  
476 Q: ...like they were coming from where Russell had been walking?  
477  
478 A: Yes.  
479  
480 Q: Okay.  
481  
482 A: (Unintelligible).  
483  
484 Q: You didn't see the shooting?  
485  
486 A: I - I...  
487  
488 Q: You just hear the gunshots?  
489  
490 A: I did not see the shooting. I did not see the shooting.  
491  
492 Q: Okay. Do uh...do you know what happened after you heard the gunshots?  
493

494 A: I put two and two together. Then Dana he went out, the one who made the call  
495 (unintelligible).  
496  
497 Q: Mm-hmm.  
498  
499 A: He - he claims he actually saw the shooting. (Unintelligible) he was on the  
500 porch couldn't see it.  
501  
502 Q: Did you see where he was? Where Dana was when the shooting happened?  
503  
504 A: I would estimate he was on the sidewalk cl- you know, in the sidewalk. I  
505 would estimate he probably might of seen the cop who fired but the actual hit,  
506 no. I don't think he did.  
507  
508 Q: Did you actually see him standing out here on the uh, sidewalk in front of the  
509 driveway?  
510  
511 A: Yes.  
512  
513 Q: Is that where he was?  
514  
515 A: Yeah, that's where...  
516  
517 Q: Okay, so he wasn't down the street where Russell had gone?  
518  
519 A: No, he wasn't.  
520  
521 Q: Okay.  
522  
523 A: I know that for a fact, he was not.  
524  
525 Q: Okay. Okay.  
526  
527 A: But then he went over after the shooting...  
528  
529 Q: Okay.  
530  
531 A: ...and said it was a 187 and I...  
532  
533 Q: Okay.  
534  
535 A: I already knew it was.  
536  
537 Q: All right.  
538

539 A: (Unintelligible).  
540  
541 Q: What did - what did the gun look like that he pulled out? Can you describe it?  
542  
543 A: Small caliber. I'm - I think it was a .38. I'm not too good on my guns.  
544  
545 Q: Is it like a revolver, like a wild west gun?  
546  
547 A: It was a (unintelligible)...  
548  
549 Q: Or was it a semi-auto like a square one?  
550  
551 A: It was a revolver about hand size. Um, metallic not black, but silver.  
552 Something like that.  
553  
554 Q: Okay.  
555  
556 A: (Unintelligible).  
557  
558 Q: And you know the difference between a revolver and a semi-auto? Revolver is  
559 the one that's got the wheel?  
560  
561 A: Revolver is the one with the wheel. The ones with (unintelligible).  
562  
563 Q: Like a wild west kind of gun?  
564  
565 A: Exactly. Yeah.  
566  
567 Q: And you think that's what it was? Or you're not sure?  
568  
569 A: I don't want to really guess on that.  
570  
571 Q: Okay.  
572  
573 A: 'Cause I kinda (unintelligible) up. I mean, I...  
574  
575 Q: Okay.  
576  
577 A: I remember seeing the gun silver.  
578  
579 Q: Okay. Did he...  
580  
581 A: (Unintelligible).  
582  
583 Q: ...ever point that gun at anybody as he was leaving?

584  
585 A: No, he was not.  
586  
587 Q: Did you see what he actually did with the gun once he pulled it out of his back  
588 pocket?  
589  
590 A: He's pulling it out - I just remember seeing this and I saw the gun go out of  
591 his back porch and he made it and I think it was (unintelligible) like that, but  
592 I'm - I...  
593  
594 Q: Did you ever see him point it at anybody or at himself?  
595  
596 A: No. No.  
597  
598 Q: Okay.  
599  
600 A: No, I (unintelligible).  
601  
602 Q: Uh, I'm - I'm just (unintelligible)...  
603  
604 A: (Unintelligible).  
605  
606 Q: ...talk about.  
607  
608 A: (Unintelligible) because I don't know.  
609  
610 Q: Did you make - ever make it out to the sidewalk? Or did you stay back here  
611 on the...  
612  
613 A: I was on the porch because that was parolee time.  
614  
615 Q: Okay, so, okay. So you really couldn't see him, like I'm looking here over the  
616 bushes, I can see some of it, you can't see where he's at from...  
617  
618 A: No.  
619  
620 Q: there?  
621  
622 A: Impossible.  
623  
624 Q: Okay. All right. Um...what is your cell phone number?  
625  
626 A: (Unintelligible) never call my number, so I don't know.  
627

628 Q: That's okay if you can just pull it out there for me that would be great. Oh,  
629 you have to look for it?

630  
631 A: Yeah, I (unintelligible) very rarely call myself so. Might have it written down  
632 (unintelligible).  
633

634 Q: Say that again?  
635

636 A: Might have it written down (unintelligible).  
637

638 Q: Yeah, if you do, please.  
639

640 A: (Unintelligible). Yeah, I don't have it on me.  
641

642 Q: If I read you a number would you - would it sound familiar?  
643

644 A: Yeah, it would, yeah.  
645

646 Q: Okay. You know I actually have it in the car. Uh, let's see.  
647

648 A: I can give you the parole (unintelligible) number? (Unintelligible).  
649

650 Q: Yeah, that's fine.  
651

652 A: All right.  
653

654 Q: Do you have that one with you most of the time?  
655

656 A: Yeah.  
657

658 Q: What is that number?  
659

660 A: (Unintelligible). Let's see. (Unintelligible). No.  
661

662 Q: (Unintelligible) find it for you.  
663

664 A: (Unintelligible). I probably got the right one. I'm not used to calling myself.  
665

666 Q: Yeah, that's okay.  
667

668 A: Let's see.  
669

670 Q: [REDACTED]  
671

672 A: That's it.

673  
674 Q: Okay, so that one you have with you most of the time?  
675  
676 A: All the time.  
677  
678 Q: All right, sounds good. All right, Leon is there anything that we didn't talk  
679 about that you felt uh, was pertinent from that night, or...  
680  
681 A: No.  
682  
683 Q: ...that you remember that would be helpful?  
684  
685 A: I don't think he meant to - I don't know I know it's opinion, but um,  
686 (unintelligible) and he did say on the phone that he - he did mention police  
687 assisted suicide.  
688  
689 Q: So did he say something in your presence on the phone that he said, "I'm  
690 going to have the cops shoot me" or what?  
691  
692 A: "I'm going to let the cops blow my head off."  
693  
694 Q: And you heard him say that?  
695  
696 A: Word for word.  
697  
698 Q: So when he left out of here with a gun in his hand, there's no doubt in your...  
699  
700 A: I...  
701  
702 Q: ...mind...  
703  
704 A: No doubt it's going to happen.  
705  
706 Q: Okay. Okay.  
707  
708 A: No doubt whatsoever.  
709  
710 Q: All right.  
711  
712 A: And it's just (unintelligible) he was at his end.  
713  
714 Q: And he actually said that to you?  
715  
716 A: He actually said that (unintelligible).  
717

718 Q: Yeah, it's unfortunate. It - it is.  
719  
720 A: And I talked to...  
721  
722 Q: And it's...  
723  
724 A: ...my parole officer, my POC and I do agree with what (unintelligible) well  
725 what they say, the police had no choice 'cause there is a gun pointing at me, to  
726 have family and everything and...  
727  
728 Q: Yeah, that's how people get...  
729  
730 A: (Unintelligible). It's just unfortunate that, you know, that the cop will have to  
731 live with that too.  
732  
733 Q: Yeah. Well, yeah it's tough, but you know, if he uh, if he points a gun at - at a  
734 law enforcement officer or anybody else, you just can't take that risk, so.  
735  
736 A: No - no you don't know where that bullet is going to go. No idea.  
737  
738 Q: All right, (Leon), I appreciate it. Thanks for the time, man.  
739  
740 A: All right.  
741  
742 Q: All right, take care.  
743  
744 A: (Unintelligible).  
745  
746 Q: You too. (Unintelligible) a uh, interview with (Leon) Blakeman. And today's  
747 date is uh, 3/26/09 and time is 1200 hours.  
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750 This transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate  
751 transcription.  
752 Signed

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