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INTERVIEW WITH JEFF PUTNAM
Q=Det. Rick Cobb
Q1=Det. Rick Wheeler
A=Jeff Putnam

Okay. Ah, this is Detective Rick Cobb. It is January 8, 2012 approximately 1:19 am. This is an interview with Officer Jeff Putnam. Ah, also present is his attorney, ah, Mr. Peter Horton. Ah, also present is my partner, Detective Rick Wheeler from the District Attorney's Office, ah, District Attorney (Sam Shouka) and, ah, District Attorney Investigator (Rick Fuentes). O.K., Officer Putnam, I just want to confirm that you have agreed to, per department policy, give an interview regarding the incident that happened yesterday. Is that correct?

Yes.

Okay. If you would, just brief -- take me -- like I said, not briefly, just take me from the beginning when you first got the radio call and take me all the way through the incident if you would.

Okay. Um, Espinoza and I were partners. We were actually headin' to an unrelated 476 call. Um, they preempted us. Um, we were at about Van Buren and Magnolia area when we got preempted to go to this call. Dispatch advised it was a 242 but when they read the call text, it read like a domestic violence incident. Um, drove up all the way up Van Buren, made a left on Cypress, went all the way down Cypress, got the - the call. I saw Officer Miranda's car parked on the street. Saw Miranda standin' to the front of his car talkin' to a female. I think there was maybe one other person there with them. I'm not sure. Um, we got outta the car. Um, I approached Paul. Paul told me that there was a guy in the back which is con-which is consistent with what the call text said that the guy had gone out of the back of the house and was vandalizing the car. So, ah, we're at the front of the driveway. We all all three of us, Ramon, me and Paul go walkin' down the driveway to contact the guy. Um, I think Paul was the first one to say somethin' to the guy. "Hey, come here" and somethin' like that. Um, I couldn't see the guy's hands too clearly. There was a tree and he was kinda far away. But, I heard, ah, Paul tellin' him to drop what was in his hand. Um, as we were walkin' up, I could see him. I could see the guy, ah, kinda reachin' around in his waistband, um,

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kind of on his right side by his belt area. Um, so I moved to the right. There was - there was a tree on the driveway. I remember the tree. Um, I drov-I walked over that way towards the tree for cover. I didn't know what the guy was gonna - gonna bring out. Um, I saw Ramon pull out his firearm. So I just instinctively went to my Taser for a less than lethal option. Um, at that same time, the guy -- I don't -- I didn't see him. I don't know if he pulled out somethin' from his waistband or if it was the thing he was holdin' in his hand originally but he opened up a - a folding knife, big silver blade. Um, the guy was talkin' - yellin' at us, you know, "F you guys and get outta here. F you guys." Um, at one point I remember him takin' the knife and he kinda with his -- he was holdin' it in his right hand. He kinda held it up to his neck. He's like, "I'll just fuckin' kill myself. I'll just fuckin' kill myself." Ah, we were -- I think all three of us -- I know I was givin' him commands to drop the knife. drop the knife, drop the knife. He, ah, kept the knife in his hand. Um, he was -- originally when we walked up, he was like reachin' in the back of the car. The trunk was open. And then, ah, when we walked up, he kinda walked a little bit away from the car. He kinda turned - turned and faced us. We were givin' the commands to drop the knife. He wouldn't do it. And then he turned and went to the front of the car towards the front of the car. Well when he went up towards the front of the car, there was a - there was a building there. There was another -- it looked like a outhouse or somethin' in the back. But when he started to go to the front of the car, I was concerned that he was gonna go around the back corner of the house. So we all moved up. Ah, I still had my Taser out. He, ah, didn't go around the building. He just went to the front of the car. Still givin' him verbal commands. I partially lost sight of him as he went to the front of the car 'cause the hood was open. Um, he's still vellin' not you know just F you guys just fuck -- I think he said just fuckin' shoot me, just fuckin' shoot me. Um, at one point he backs up, takes the knife and throws it. Um, he didn't - he didn't really throw it at us. He kinda threw it more towards the - towards the car kinda deal. Um, but then right after he did that, he pulled out a - pulled out a pipe - a white pipe. And so now he was holdin' a pipe. Kinda turned towards us, he took like one step and threw the pipe. Um, I just remember seein' the pipe just spinnin' through the air. Um, the pipe was comin' like right at me. Ah, we were all together kinda deal but it looked like it was comin' right at me. I thought the pipe was gonna hit me. Um, right after that, we had gotten to within a distance that I was pretty comfortable that my Taser wou- would reach him -- the 21 feet from the cartridge. Um, so I deployed my Taser. And, right when I deployed the Taser, I saw the top dart just sail right over the guy off into the backyard kinda deal. Um, the Taser had no effect. I heard it cycle. I knew it was workin' right. I just knew that that top dart - that second dart didn't get him. He, ah, ah, ah, he seemed to get a lot more agitated after that. He went right immediately back into the front of the car, ah, the hood area, came back up with another, ah, white pipe. Um, but I remember when I saw him pull that pipe up, it was -- it looked thicker. It looked heavier. When he produced it, it

Um, he grabbed that outta the car and backed up, turned and faced us, took one or two steps towards us. Um, kinda had it raised above his head. Um, I knew that my Taser wasn't gonna work anymore 'cause I - I'd already deployed my cartridge. I -- you know a dry stun. I - I wasn't close enough to do any of that. So I immediately dropped my Taser. I went to lethal with my sidearm. Um, as I'm comin' up, the guy's still approachin' towards us. I hear -- just remember hearin' one - one shot. Um, I shot at him. Um, instinctively just from training, shoot and move. I went to move to my left after I shot. I didn't see that there was a pile of debris, like a dirt pile with some bricks, on the ground. And I tripped and my left foot got caught up on it. Um, kinda I fell to the ground. I - I tried to stay up on target with my pistol with one hand as I'm fallin'. I broke my fall with my left elbow. I went all the way down to the ground. Um, he's still standin' up. We were still -- I hear commands, yellin' at him and I shoot at him again. When I'm done with -- you know I - I shot at him. I -- I shot him. Um, I reassessed. I could see now that he was on the ground. I looked over. I saw Ramon Espinoza was still standin' up. So I took the time to stand up to get back to my feet. And then, ah, at this time, the whole family, ah, I - I'm assumin' they're family. But a whole bunch of pissed off people came out and were yellin' at us. There was an Explorer that was with Miranda. He was really the only one not engaged and he was -- I looked over at him and I saw that he was tryin' to hold the family back by himself. And they weren't really goin' along with it. So, um, as I stood up, I did a tactical reload and put my magazine in my left pocket - my left back pocket. I reloaded, topped off and then I holstered. I turned around and tried to give the people that were crowdin' in on the scene directions to get back, get back, get back. Um, at this, ah, at the same time as I'm standin' up, I did my tactical reload. I holster and I put out -- I grabbed my radio as I'm turnin' around. And I put out shots fired. Um, I dealt with the family for just a brief little bit of time. I looked over at - at (Pauly) and - and Ramon, Miranda and Espinoza, asked them if they were okay. Both of them said they were okay. So that's when I got back on the air and tried to wait for some air time. I put out that, ah, officers were code 4. One suspect - one suspect down. And then I - I remember callin' for medical aid but I don't know if it was the second transmission - second transmission or the same transmission. And then after that, um, we just d- had to deal with the family behind us.

looked like he was more, ah, you know workin' harder to - to hold this pipe.

A:

Okay. All right, ah, what I'd like do is kinda go back to the beginning and I'm gonna go kinda piece by piece as we go. Um, when you showed up and you saw, ah, the first officer talking to the female, ah, lookin' at the female, could you tell that the supposed victim of the domestic violence?

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Um, I didn't really look at her too closely. I - I don't know that she was. I assumed that she was 'cause Miranda was talkin' to her.

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| 136 | Q: | Okay. You didn't see any expression on her face and look at her or anything |
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| 137 | ζ. | like that? |
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| 139 | A: | No. |
| 140 | 11. | |
| 141 | Q: | Okay. Did Miranda tell you anything about what was goin' on? |
| 142 | Q. | Okay. Did Windida ton you anything about what was gone on. |
| 143 | A: | Um, not that I recall. |
| 143 | A. | Oili, not that i recail. |
| | 0. | Okay. But you knew it was a DV call. You knew that the possible suspect |
| 145 | Q: | |
| 146 | | was the guy in the back. Did you have were you able to see him right |
| 147 | | away? |
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| 149 | A: | I could see a guy in the back by a car that matched the description and |
| 150 | | matched what the call text said was goin' on. |
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| 152 | Q: | And - and Officer Miranda was takin' the lead, right? |
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| 154 | A: | Correct. |
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| 5 | Q: | Okay. So you guys are walkin' down. About how far up the driveway were |
| 7د، | ζ. | you guys when you first or Miranda started first conversing with him? |
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| 159 | A: | How far up the driveway or how far from him? |
| 160 | 71. | now far up the driveway of now far from min. |
| 161 | 0: | Either one, you tell me whatever's easier for you to describe. |
| | 0.5 | Ether one, you ten me whatever s easier for you to describe. |
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| 163 | A: | Ah. |
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| 165 | Q: | How close were you to him if that makes it easier? |
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| 167 | A: | I would say when we - when Paul started givin', you know, the hey - the hey |
| 168 |) A. V. | you, whatever he said, I - I would estimate it to be about 40 feet away from |
| 169 | 1/3:, | the guy. |
| 170 | | |
| 171 | Q: | Okay. Did he give him any commands to drop the stuff that was in his hands |
| 172 | OV | at that point? |
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| 174 | A: | Yes. |
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| 176 | Q: | Okay. Did you could you see what he had in his hands at all? |
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| | A: | I couldn't. |
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| 180 181 182 | Q: | Okay. And as you - as you got closer, that's when you finally saw him - you - you saw him reaching for his waistband, right? Did you pull your gun at that point? |
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| 183 | | politi. |
| 184 | A: | I don't think |
| 185 | 11. | |
| 186 | Q: | Or was it when you saw the knife? |
| 187 | Ψ. | |
| 188 | A: | I don't on the initial my initial thing, I don't - I don't remember pullin' |
| 189 | • • • | my handgun. 'Cause I remember Ramon pulled his handgun. So I knew he |
| 190 | | had already had a lethal cover on him with the firearm. So I immediately |
| 191 | | went straight to my Taser. |
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| 193 | Q: | I apologize. Yes. Sorry, I remember that you did tell me that you pulled out |
| 194 | ζ. | your Taser first. |
| 195 | | |
| 196 | A: | Correct. |
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| 198 | Q: | I'm sorry. I apologize for that. Um, so you saw that. And then at that point |
| 199 | | you saw the knife. You saw him pull out a knife? |
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| أدي | A: | Yes. |
| 202 | 0 | |
| 203 | Q: | Okay. And he unfolded it, correct? |
| 204 | .0 | |
| 205 | A: 6 | Right there |
| 206 | .0-9 | |
| 207 | Q: | Okay. |
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| 209 | A: | and holding it up right in front of him. |
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| 211_ | Q: | All right. And he puts it up to his neck and everybody starts givin' commands |
| 212 | | to drop the knife and he's not droppin' the knife. |
| 213 | A: 21412 | - |
| 214 | A: | Correct. |
| 215 | | |
| 216 | Q: | Ah, about at this point when he's got the knife to his neck, how far away |
| 217 | 2 | were you from him? |
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| 219 | A: | Ah, we had probably walked up about another 10 feet to the - to that tree. I |
| 220 | | remember that. I remember usin' the tree for some version of cover. I mean I |
| 221 | | was behind the tree. |
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| 3 | Q: | Okay. Do you know about how far you were from him though? Can you just |
| 224 | | give me an estimate? |

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| 226 | A: | I'd say - I'd say it was about 30 feet and then we |
| 227 | 111 | 40 |
| 228 | Q: | Okay. |
| 229 | Q. | Okuy. |
| | ۸. | we closed about anther 10 feet. |
| 230 | A: | we closed about affilier to feet. |
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| 232 | Q: | And you had said earlier you closed, ah, close enough in your mind where you |
| 233 | | could deploy the Taser within 21 feet, correct? |
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| 235 | A: | Later yes. |
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| 237 | Q: | That was later? |
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| 239 | A: | Yes. |
| 240 | 11. | |
| 241 | 0. | Okay, but. Ah, as you start to advance towards him when he's got the knife to |
| | Q: | his neck, what are you doing at that point? |
| 242 | | his neck, what are you doing at that point: |
| 243 | | if he is he he he had by himself with a lenifo |
| 244 | A: | My - my thought process was, you know, if he's holdin' himself with a knife, |
| 5 | | he's only at - at that point an immediate threat to himself. So I took a position |
| <u>-</u> 16 | | of advantage behind the tree. I knew that my Taser's only within 21 feet. My |
| 247 | 0 | concern was is if he charges us with the knife then I can take a - a attempt at |
| 248 | | the Taser. |
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| 250 | 0. | Okay. And did eventually though you - you started getting closer to him, |
| 251 | | correct? |
| | 65 | Concer. |
| 252 | | Yes. |
| 253 | A: | 1 65. |
| 254 | | 0.1.1.1.1.1 |
| 255 | Q: | And why did you start going closer? |
| 256 | | |
| 257 | A: 12/A/2 | As we were givin' him verbal commands from the tree area to - to drop the |
| 258 | 104 | knife, he refuses. |
| 259 | 10% | |
| 260 | O: | Mm-hm. |
| 261 | ~V | |
| 262 | A. | And then that's when he turns and walks to the front of the car which is |
| 263 | K. | somewhat outta view from the position that we're at, at the tree. And we |
| 264 | | hadn't been back there. Ah, I didn't know if there was another person back |
| 265 | | there. I didn't know if there was more family back there. I didn't know |
| | | anything about what was back there. So in hold to not lose sight of him, we |
| 266 | | , , |
| 247 | | went out. |

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| 269 270 271 | Q: | How close were the other two officers when he had the knife to his neck? Were they closer than you were? |
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| 271 272 273 | A: | Ah, ah, I would say no. Ah, we were all pretty - pretty close to even. |
| 274275276 | Q: | Okay. At the point when he had the knife to his neck, even though he had the neck to his neck. Were you concerned for your safety or the other officers' safety? |
| 277 278 279 280 | A: | Ah, I my concern at that point was that he was gonna charge at us 'cause he was, you know, fuck you, fuck you, just shoot me, fuck you. I my concern was he was gonna charge at us with the knife which is why I stayed at the tree. |
| 281 282 283 284 | Q: | Okay. And you tried how'd you feel when thinkin' that he was gonna charge me possibly charge you with a knife? |
| 285 286 | A: | I thought that he was gonna hurt me or my partners or |
| 287 288 | Q: | Were you concerned, scared? |
| <u>~</u> 9 | A: | I was, ah, scared. Yeah. I mean I |
| 291 | Q: Q C | (Unintelligible). |
| 292 293 294 295 | A: DF | Scared, adrenaline, training, thinking about what to do next, had a little bit of everything goin' on. |
| 296 297 298 | Q: | You've seen enough training where you know that somebody could advance with a knife very quickly? |
| 299 300 | A: | Quicker than I can react. |
| 301 302 303 | Q: | Okay. So and then let me get back to it. He's got the knife and then eventually he throws the knife away from you guys at the car? |
| 304 305 | A: | Correct. |
| 306 307 308 | Q: | Okay. And then he immediately did you see him actually pick up the first pole? |
| 309 310 | A: | No. I saw him go to the front of the car and he had the like I said, the hood was up. |
| 313 | Q: | Mm-hm. |

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| 314 | A: | And when he went around to the front of the car, he went around to the side |
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| 315 | | where I could see to the left of the car. I could see to the right of the car. |
| 316 | | And you can almost see behind the car. But he went to the front of the car |
| 317 | | where you couldn't right see him. |
| 318 | | where you couldn't right see inin. |
| 319 | 0. | Olvery |
| 320 | Q: | Okay. |
| | A . | |
| 321 | A: | And then he came back out and that's when he had produced that first pole |
| 322 | | or |
| 323 | | |
| 324 | Q: | About how - how long was that first one? |
| 325 | | |
| 326 | A: | Maybe 2 feet about. |
| 327 | | |
| 328 | Q: | Okay. And I think you kinda described it. When he took and threw it at you |
| 329 | • | guys, did he throw it like you he's throwin' a baseball or a football? |
| 330 | | gays, and de the year the content of a football; |
| 331 | A: | He yes. |
| 332 | 11. | Tie yes. |
| 333 | Q: | Or did ha did ha tagg it an did ha thrown it hand at any a |
| 224 | Q. | Or did he - did he toss it or did he throw it hard at you guys? |
| | ۸. | We show the board of the course of the cours |
| 5 | A: | He threw it hard. If, ah, just like a tomahawk. I mean that's as it was flying |
| 336 | | through the air that's what I was thinking was |
| 337 | | |
| 338 | Q: | And you - you it was comin' towards you? You were all pretty close |
| 339 | C | together at that point I think is what you said. |
| 340 | .0- | |
| 341 | A: | Yeah, we, ah, ah, I believe we were three abreast to where we were, you |
| 342 | | know, slightly offset a little bit from each other. At that point in time, I - I |
| 343 | | kinda lost track of Ramon and Espinoza. I was so engaged on him that, you |
| 344 | 10 | know, I know they weren't in front of me 'cause I didn't see them. But |
| 345 | | , and the state of |
| 346 | Q: | Okay. |
| 347 | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| 348 | A: | I don't know - I don't recall where they were at. |
| 349 | 71. | don't know - I don't icedii where they were at. |
| 350 | 0:1 | And tell ma again when you deployed the Tager? |
| 351 | 50 | And tell me again when you deployed the Taser? |
| 352 | A: | He throws that East this a |
| 353 | A: | He threw that first thing. |
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| 354 | Q: | (Unintelligible). Mm-hm. |
| 355 | ۸. | A. 14 I I I I I T |
| 256 | A: | And then I deployed the Taser. |
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| 358 | Q: | Okay. And tell me why you deployed the Taser. |
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| 359 | | |
| 360 | A: | Because he was an immediate threat. That stick was another that stick |
| 361 | | flyin' at me was an immediate threat. |
| 362 | | |
| 363 | Q: | Okay. |
| 364 | | |
| 365 | A: | I was in fear that, you know, he's already thrown one stick. You know if that |
| | Λ. | |
| 366 | | one misses, you know I don't know what else he has on the front of the car. I |
| 367 | | remember seein' a tool chest on the ground next to the car. |
| 368 | | X AU 01 |
| 369 | Q: | Okay. |
| 370 | | |
| 371 | A: | Car and weapons were plenty and I couldn't see what they were so. |
| 372 | | The same of the sa |
| 373 | Q: | And even after he threw that one even after you deployed the Taser and did it |
| | Q. | |
| 374 | | appear to you like he knew you deployed a Taser at him? |
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| 376 | A: | Yes. He be |
| 377 | | |
| 378 | Q: | Okay. |
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| 0 | A: | he became more angry. |
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| 382 | 0. | He wasn't givin' up or anything. He was (unintelligible). |
| | Q: | The wash t givin up of anything. He was (uninterligible). |
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| 384 | A: | No. |
| 385 | ,0- | |
| 386 | Q: | Did you see him actually grab the second one? |
| 387 | | |
| 388 | A: | It was this kind of the same scenario as the first one. He ran right up to the |
| 389 | | front of the car. I mean he took like a step or two. I mean he never the real |
| 390 | | |
| 391 | Q: A: 12/4/29 | that from area of the car. |
| | | Olson |
| 392 | Q: | Okay. |
| 393 | | |
| 394 | A: | But he walked up in there and then he came out with that second pole or |
| 395 | a'V | |
| 396 | Q: | And you're describin' your well - well did he have it in his right hand? |
| 397 | | |
| 398 | A: | Yes. |
| 399 | | |
| 400 | Q: | Okay. Both times for both poles? |
| 401 | ₹. | , . Dom miles for som poiss. |
| 2 | A: | Both times. |
| | 11. | Don times, |
| 403 | | |

| 404 405 | Q: | Okay. So he's got the other pole and I think you can correct me if I'm wrong you described it as it appeared a lot heavier? |
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| 406 407 408 409 | A: | Yes. The way he was manipulating it in his hand, ah, it just you know I it's one of those things were it's hard to explain but it just looked heavier. It looked more substantial. |
| 410 | | recited mere buestaman. |
| 411 | Q: | Could you tell where the other two officers were at that point in relation to |
| 412 | | you? |
| 413 | ۸. | No. |
| 414 415 | A: | No. |
| 416 | Q: | Okay. Um, (unintelligible) when you say he - he raised it above his head, |
| 417 | | correct? |
| 418 419 | A: | He - he reared it back. |
| 420 | Α. | The he reared it back. |
| 421 | Q: | Mm-hm. |
| 422 | | |
| 423 | A: | Just like you're gonna throw a football and at the same time, he took one, two |
| 4 | | maybe three steps towards us and I don't - I don't remember what he said but |
| .25 | | I know he was hollerin' somethin'. Ah, pretty much along the lines of what |
| 426 | Q | he was hollerin' the whole time. |
| 427 | | W. H. (41), 1, 1, 1 |
| 428 | Q: | Hollerin' like he's angry? |
| 429 | 5 | The's missands |
| 430 | A: | He's pissed. |
| 431 432 | 0. | Okay. And he's comin' right at you? |
| 433 | Q: | Okay. And he s commi fight at you: |
| 434 | A: | Um, right at me, yes. |
| 435 | | |
| 436 | 0: | Yeah. |
| 437 | Q: A: 2/A/2 | |
| 438 | A: 0 | And I'm assuming the other officers as well but I know he's comin' right at |
| 439 | | me. |
| 440 | áV | |
| 441 | Q: | And you heard - you heard a shot first, is that correct? |
| 442 | | |
| 443 | A: | Well when he, ah, when he's comin' at me |
| 444 | | T 71. 1. 1 |
| 445 | Q: | Uh-huh. |
| · 7 | A: | I took a split second to realize my Taser's done. So I drop my Taser. You |
| 448 | | know I didn't even bother tryin' the holster. I just dropped it. And then I |

| 449 450 | | went to lethal. And right, ah, right as I'm pullin' up, I hear all I remember |
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| 450 451 | | hearin' is one round. |
| 452 | 0. | You heard one round first. And then you fired because he's comin' at you. |
| | Q: | Tou heard one round first. And then you fried because he's comme at you. |
| 453 | A . | II-2- will associated as |
| 454 | A: | He's still comin' at me. |
| 455 | | |
| 456 | Q: | (Unintelligible) and he doesn't stop. |
| 457 | | |
| 458 | A: | Correct. |
| 459 | | |
| 460 | Q: | Okay. Do you remember how many rounds you got - got off before you |
| 461 | | ended up trippin'? |
| 462 | | |
| 463 | A: | Ah, I don't remember the exact number. I - I |
| 464 | | |
| 465 | Q: | O.K. That's alright |
| 466 | • | |
| 467 | A: | I - I just don't remember. |
| 468 | • | |
| <i>∞</i> <9 | Q: | That's okay. Were they in quick succession of the first (unintelligible)? |
| . , j | ζ. | That's okay. Were they in quiek succession of the first (uninterngible). |
| 471 | A: 0 | Yes. |
| 472 | A. | 103. |
| | 0. | Okay. Quick succession and then you trip. And as you're goin' down, he's |
| 473 | Q: | |
| 474 | 5 | still comin' at? |
| 475 | | |
| 476 | A: | Correct. |
| 477 | 1.10 | |
| 478 | Q: | Okay. And even though you're down on the ground, you're holdin' point on |
| 479 | NO | him? |
| 480 | . 1 | |
| 481 | A: (1) | I'm tryin' |
| 482 | A: Q: 2/A/2 | |
| 483 | Q: | You |
| 484 | | |
| 485 | A: | I'm tryin' the best I can to keep him on - on sight. |
| 486 | | |
| 487 | Q: | Okay. And you fire again because he's still comin' at you? |
| 488 | ▼ ₹ · | |
| 489 | A: | Correct. |
| 490 | Z 1. | |
| 490 | Q: | Okay. Do you remember at that point how many rounds you fired? |
| 2 | ٧٠ | Okaj. Do jou remember at that point now many rounds you mou: |
| 4 | | |

| 493 494 | A: | I - I don't remember the exact number. I - I seem to remember doin' a failure drill four rounds. |
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| 495 496 497 | Q: | Okay. |
| 498 499 | A: | Bu- but I could be |
| 500 501 | Q: | Were they in quick succession also? |
| 502 503 | A: | Yes, very quick. |
| 504 505 | Q: | Okay. Um, at that point then did he still finally go down? |
| 506 507 | A: | He goes down to the ground. Yes. |
| 508 509 510 | Q: | Okay. Then afterwards you said you get up. You're - you're takin' cover. Did you handcuff him? |
| 511 512 | A: | Um, not until assisting units got there but yes, I did handcuff him. |
| -13 4 | Q: | You were the one that handcuffed him. Okay. |
| 515 516 | A: | Yes. |
| 517 518 519 | Q: SIDE | That's what we wanted to find out, who handcuffed. Okay. And once and - and extra units got there, there was plenty of cover and you go handcuff him. |
| 520 521 | A: | Correct. |
| 522 523 524 | Q: | Okay. Let me back up a second. When they throw that first pole, did you, ah, did you hear it comin' by ya in the air, ah, wishin' by ya at all? |
| 525 526 | A: 214.12 | Ah, I - I don't - I don't really remember hearin' anything. |
| 527 528 | Q: | Okay. |
| 529 530 531 532 | AST | I just remember that pole. From the minute he took it back, I saw the pole. I saw it was a pole. That was my main concern 'cause I didn't know what it was. And then I saw him bring it forward and I just saw it. |
| 533 534 | Q: | Did you hear it hit the ground at all? |
| 5-25 | A: | No. |
| 537 | Q: | Okay. The second one, did you hear the second one hit the ground at all? |

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| 538 | | |
| 539 | A: | No. |
| 540 | _ | |
| 541 | Q: | Okay. Hhe never actually threw the second one? He had it up there comin' at |
| 542 | | ya. Is that correct or did he actually throw it? |
| 543 | | |
| 544 | A: | I - I never saw him throw it. |
| 545 | | |
| 546 | Q: | Okay. |
| 547 | | |
| 548 | A: | No. |
| 549 | | |
| 550 | Q: | Okay. |
| 551 | | |
| 552 | Wheeler: | Do you remember when he throws that first pipe; do you have to move to |
| 553 | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | avoid being struck by it? As best you can, I know you guys were kinda |
| 554 | | abreast of each other there. |
| 555 | | doledst of each other there. |
| 556 | A: | I don't - I don't remember. I always I was moving. I was tryin' to take |
| 557 | Λ. | slight movements. I - I didn't wanna get too far outta line with the other |
| 557 558 | | officers 'cause I didn't - you know I didn't wanna get anything like that. But I |
| _ | | |
| 9 560 | | remember movin' to the left but I don't recall moving to specifically dodge |
| 560 | . 9 | that pipe. The only thing I remember about that first pipe is like I said, is just |
| 561 | | tomahawkin' through the air. And it was comin' pretty much on a B line right |
| 562 | (O) | for me. |
| 563 | (5) | |
| 564 | Wheeler: | Okay. And do you have an idea as to distance you think when you employed |
| 565 | | your handgun? Is it the same distance you were at when you tried the Taser? |
| 566 | | .00 |
| 567 | A: | I would say yes. |
| 568 | | la contraction of the contractio |
| 569 | Wheeler: | Somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 feet give or take. |
| 570 | | |
| 571 | A: | 20 -21 I - I saw my bottom dart on my Taser str- hit, ah, I think in the leg. |
| 572 | . 9.1 | |
| 573 | Wheeler: | Okay. |
| 574 | | |
| 575 | A: | So I knew I was within 21 feet. |
| 576 | - | |
| 577 | Wheeler: | Okay. |
| 578 | | |
| 579 | A: | But I don't - I don't know |
| 50 0 | | |
| . 1 | Q: | But when you fired your handgun, you do remember him. He was coming |
| 582 | | closer to you. |
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| 583 | | |
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| 584 | A: | Mm-hm. |
| | A. | WIIII-IIIII. |
| 585 | 0 | |
| 586 | Q: | So he actually got closer than the 21 feet? |
| 587 | | |
| 588 | A: | Yeah, he was |
| 589 | | |
| 590 | Wheeler: | You were at the same distance but now he's closing (unintelligible). |
| 591 | | |
| 592 | A: | Yeah. We - we weren't advancing on him. But like I said, the only time we |
| 593 | | advanced up was to not lose visual sight of him. |
| 594 | | advanced up was to not lose visual sight of him. |
| 595 | Wheeler: | Right. |
| | wheeler. | Right. |
| 596 | | |
| 597 | A: | So long as - as soon as we had him in sight, we stopped where we were. |
| 598 | | |
| 599 | Wheeler: | Okay. And, ah, I think we forgot to ask, what, ah, unit were you in? |
| 600 | | ~ . Co ::V |
| 601 | A: | Ah, I was ridin' partners with Espinoza in 3931. |
| 602 | | |
| 603 | Wheeler: | Okay. And what was your, ah, designator? |
| 4 | | Stary, Carry Market Joseph Market Stary |
| 605 | A: 0 | Charles 426. |
| 606 | Α. | Charles 420. |
| | Whatler | Olaw |
| 607 | Wheeler: | Okay. |
| 608 | 6 | |
| 609 | Wheeler: | Is it safe to say that his demeanor from, ah, Miranda's first contact with him |
| 610 | | all the way through until he's been put down on the ground, ah, noncompliant, |
| 611 | , 'YO | angry, ah, focused on either harming himself or harming you guys. That |
| 612 | | nothing really changed. You guys didn't really break through to get a hold |
| 613 | 10 | (unintelligible) knock this off. |
| 614 | | |
| 615 | A: 1,721A:129 | Ah, nothin' changed. All the way through to the end, nothin' changed. He |
| 616 | | was angry. He was aggressive. He kept, like I said, kept tryin' to throw |
| 617 | O/Dr. | things at us to hurt us. It never changed. |
| 618 | V. P. | things at us to nurt us. It hever changed. |
| | 0.4 | Olara A 11 mi a 1.4 |
| 619 | Q: | Okay. All right. |
| 620 | | |
| 621 | Q: | You know I just wanna make sure too, um, the when he had the second pole |
| 622 | | and he starts advancing towards you, was there anything in between the two of |
| 623 | | ya (unintelligible)? |
| 624 | | |
| 625 | A: | Like physical obstacles? |
| 5 | | |
| 627 | Q: | Yeah, obstacles, any cover or nothin'. It was just you and him. |

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| 628 | A | NT. |
| 629 | A: | No. |
| 630 | ^ | |
| 631 | Q: | It was a |
| 632 | | |
| 633 | A: | Nowhere to go. |
| 634 | | |
| 635 | Wheeler: | So if he - he woulda just advanced right at ya, he wouldn't have had to dodge |
| 636 | | anything or anything to get to ya. |
| 637 | | |
| 638 | A: | Correct. It was |
| 639 | | |
| 640 | Q: | Okay. |
| 641 | | 0-0 |
| 642 | A: | a little bit of dirt and a little bit of driveway. |
| 643 | | |
| 644 | Q: | You were scared he was gonna come at ya and he was gonna hurt ya, correct? |
| 645 | | |
| 646 | A: | Well I knew that's what he was tryin' to do. |
| 647 | | |
| <u>~48</u> | Q: | Okay. |
| .) | | |
| 650 | Q: | Okay. Um, is there anything that you might wanna add that I didn't I failed |
| 651 | | to ask or you feel might be important at this point? |
| 652 | | and the second s |
| 653 | A: | No. |
| 654 | 25 | A DA |
| 655 | 0: | Okay. Mm-hm. Okay. I'm gonna go ahead and, ah, end the interview. It's |
| 656 | A | approximately 1:45 am. |
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