

INTERVIEW WITH OFFICER SHADEE HUNT

Q=Det. Smith

Q1=Inv. Binyon

Q2=Attorney Ethier

Q3=Det. Rowe

A=Officer Hunt

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15 Q: Okay this is Detective (David) Smith uh, with the Riverside Police
16 Department. It is Saturday, November 23 at 5:37 a.m. We're at the Magnolia
17 Police Station in a conference room. I'm here with my partner, Detective
18 (Greg) Rowe. Also in the room is uh, Deputy District Attorney (Michelle)
19 (Paradise), her Investigator uh, how do you spell your last name?
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21 Q1: Uh, Binyon.
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23 Q: Bin...
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25 Q1: B-I-N-Y-O-N.
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27 Q: Is it (Dan)?
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29 Q1: Yes.
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31 Q: (Dan) Bienen and uh, Attorney (Soku Ethier)?
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33 Q2: (Ethier).
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35 Q: (Ethier).
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37 Q2: Almost.
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39 Q: Okay.
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41 Q2: Yeah.
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43 Q: And you're here representing uh, Officer Shadee Hunt. Is that correct?
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45 A: Shadee sir.

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47 Q2: (Unintelligible).
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49 Q: How is it?
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51 A: Shadee.
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53 Q: Shadee?
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55 A: Yes sir.
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57 Q: How do you spell that?
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59 A: S-H-A-D as in David...
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61 Q: Uh-huh.
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63 A: ...E-E.
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65 Q: Okay. Hunt?
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67 A: Yes.
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69 Q: Okay. And we're here to discuss an incident uh, that happened uh, the day
70 before at about 2327 hours. That'd be November 22 under case number
71 P13169168 in the area of – it was originally put out as First and Vine but I
72 think we're using 3020 East La Cadena now. Okay. So, I see you're in police
73 uniform. Is that how you were dressed...
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75 A: Yes sir.
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77 Q: ...this evening officer?
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79 Q2: Could – could yeah just...
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81 Q: Oh I'm sorry.
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83 Q2: That's okay, that's okay. No um, just very briefly uh, Officer Hunt is here uh,
84 in compliance with uh, the Riverside uh, Police Department policy section
85 4.8.
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87 Q: Okay.
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89 Q2: That's it.
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91 Q: I see you're in police uniform. Is that how you were dressed – dressed this uh,
92 this evening?
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94 A: Yes sir.
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96 Q: Okay, long sleeve Riverside PD uniform, patches uh, badge, gun belt. You
97 got uh, is that a taser?
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99 A: Yes sir.
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101 Q: Two spare magazines. Were you wearin' a um, a uh, digital recorder this
102 evening?
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104 A: Yes sir.
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106 Q: Do you have that on you still?
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108 A: Yes sir.
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110 Q: Okay was that going at the time?
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112 A: The – are you referrin' to the Puma or?
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114 Q: The Puma.
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116 A: Yes sir and it was not going.
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118 Q: That was not going.
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120 A: Correct.
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122 Q: And your – we'll get to the COBAN in a second. You've got your HT, your
123 radio. Do you ha- were you had a – did you have a baton on you or a night
124 stick at the time?
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126 A: No sir.
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128 Q: Okay. What about a flashlight?
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130 A: Uh, no sir. Well I have a smaller one on my belt.
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132 Q: But that wasn't out?
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134 A: Correct.
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136 Q: Okay. I assume you have a handcuff uh, stuff behind you?
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138 A: Yes sir.
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140 Q: Pouches. Okay. And were you driving a marked unit?
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142 A: Yes sir.
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144 Q: Which unit number was that?
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146 A: I believe it was 3934.
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148 Q: And that's equipped with COBAN?
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150 A: Yes sir.
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152 Q: Were you wearin' the mic on your belt?
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154 A: I was not sir.
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156 Q: Where was that?
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158 A: It was inside the charger.
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160 Q: Okay. In the – in the unit?
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162 A: Yes sir.
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164 Q: Okay. Did you have your gear activated at all on this thing?
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166 A: Uh, no sir.
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168 Q: Overhead lights I mean and siren?
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170 A: No sir.
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172 Q: Okay. So, we did view some uh, COBAN video here, buffered video, there's
173 no sound. You've had a chance to review that as well right?
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175 A: Yes sir.
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177 Q: With your attorney. Okay.
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179 Q2: He did, yes.
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181 Q: Okay and what uh, was your designator this evening?
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183 A: I was Adam 137.
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185 Q: And what area were you assigned to?
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187 A: The north NPC.
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189 Q: Uh, graveyard or swings?
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191 A: Uh, graveyard sir.
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193 Q: Graveyard. Uh, were you working by yourself or with a partner?
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195 A: Uh, by myself.
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197 Q: Okay. And the reason that you're in the area was that um, just routine patrol
198 or were you responding to a call?
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200 A: No sir just routine patrol.
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202 Q: Okay. And I'll just have you uh, go through your direction of travel, what you
203 saw and go through the incident and then we'll – we'll break it down if we
204 need to from there. So I'll just have you start, what were you doin' over there
205 uh, what'd you see and just kind of go from there.
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207 A: Okay sir. I had previously left a call with my partner, previous call so I was
208 goin' back towards the downtown area and I was heading southbound on La
209 Cadena towards Vi- or First I believe it is. And uh, I saw an individual kinda
210 runnin' across the street. So I got closer to that individual, threw my spotlight
211 on and said, "Hey what are you doin'?" He said, "I'm good." I said, "Okay
212 what are you doing?" "Oh I'm good." So I s- as I'm kind of having this
213 dialogue with him I get out of my car and as I get out of my car he's on the –
214 the passenger side of the vehicle so I can't see him from his head down. And
215 as I'm getting out of my car I just see his hands over the – the top portion of
216 the vehicle and I see muzzle flash. And at that point I think he fired at least
217 two shots at me. I immediately returned fire and like got uh, sought cover
218 behind my car.
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220 Q: Okay. So you were just on routine patrol going south on East La Cadena or
221 Vine whatever it – I believe it's East La Cadena. And you're pulling up to
222 First Street. To the area of First Street?
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224 A: Correct sir.
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226 Q: And you see somebody crossin' the street. What did that person look like or
227 what did you notice? Was it a man, a woman?
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229 A: I believe it was a Hispanic male. He had a – I believe he had a baseball cap
230 on and uh, black jacket on.
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232 Q: Okay. And he was crossing from what side of the street to what side?
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234 A: He was going...
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236 Q: So one side – on the west side there's houses.
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238 A: Right.
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240 Q: On the east side there's a gas station and uh, like an open parking lot.
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242 A: He was going from the area of the residence so from west to east across the
243 street.
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245 Q: Could you tell what house he was comin' from?
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247 A: That I don't know sir.
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249 Q: Okay. Was it pretty much adjacent to the car that he was going to or
250 somewhere in that area?
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252 A: I believe so but at – at the time that I saw him he was already more than
253 halfway across the street so I couldn't see which residence he was coming
254 from. I could only kind of tell the direction and that was just by his direction
255 of travel.
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257 Q: Okay and it's – it's almost 11:30 so it's dark and you're seeing this in your
258 headlights?
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260 A: Uh, yes sir.
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262 Q: Is that correct? Okay. And did you pull – you pulled up and stopped?
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264 A: Uh, yes sir.
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266 Q: Okay. And where was he when you stopped your police car?
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268 A: By the time I stopped my car he was already on the passenger side of the
269 vehicle.
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271 Q: Okay can you – you s- you're talkin' about a car...
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273 A: On the – he's on the rear passenger side of the vehicle.
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275 Q: Okay where was this car at that you're talkin' about?
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277 A: The car was in a – a dirt parking lot I believe is – there's gas pumps there.
278 I'm not sure if that's a business or what but I know there's fuel pumps there
279 and the car was I guess just a little bit south of the pumps just parked in the
280 dirt lot. It was dark and – and it wa- the vehicle was facing uh, northbound.
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282 Q: Okay so you're facing south and it's facing north.
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284 A: Correct.
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286 Q: It's parked in the dirt on the east side of the street?
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288 A: Yes sir.
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290 Q: In like some kind of little dirt parking lot.
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292 A: Yes sir.
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294 Q: Okay. Could you see anybody in that car? Did you notice if anybody was in
295 that car?
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297 A: Uh, when I first got there I just caught a glimpse of the driver so I'm kind of
298 lookin' at the driver and lookin' at the gentleman I just saw across the – cross
299 the street.
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301 Q: Okay. And so did you roll your window down to speak to him or did you get
302 out?
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304 A: Um, my window was already rolled down. At first – when I first said
305 something to him as far as, what are you doing? Uh, I was – the second time I
306 asked him a question just due to his behavior he was kind of real suspicious
307 and I – again I couldn't see him and see what he was doin' because of where
308 he was behind the vehicle. So I immediately got out of my car and – and I
309 was getting' ready to, you know, put out on the radio what I was doin' and
310 where I was.
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312 Q: Okay so you – you had stopped on the street or did you pull over to the side of
313 the road?
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315 A: I was kind of I guess in between the – the lot – the dirt lot and on the – the
316 northbound travel lanes.
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318 Q: Uh, where your car is now, is that where you stopped?
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320 A: Yes sir.
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322 Q: Okay. So wherever it is now that's where you...
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324 A: That's where it was.
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326 Q: ...parked it.
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328 A: Yes sir.
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330 Q: Okay. So, you – you see this guy run in front of you. Um, what...other than
331 him running in front of your car, is there anything i- uh, what in your mind
332 made you want to stop and talk to him I guess is what I'm getting at.
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334 A: A- again, he was just runnin' across the street. I didn't know exactly cause
335 I've seen a lot of – or I've talked to a lot of people in that area before and
336 usually somebody's may – may or may not be up to any good but it's very
337 dark around there. It's not a well lit area. I've stopped a person in a GTA that
338 was kinda comin' from that area before so just due to my beat knowledge I
339 just try to talk to people in that area just to see what they're up to. And again,
340 him running and as I'm talkin' to him, as far as I asked him, "What are you
341 doing?" He said immediately, "I'm good." Trying to kind of avoid me. So
342 again that just raised my suspicion a little bit so that's when I get out of the
343 car, "Hey what are you doin'?" And that's he goes, "We're good." So again
344 I'm about to get to put out my radio traffic and – and that's when the shots
345 were fired.
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347 Q: D- was he running through a crosswalk or just jaywalking across the street?
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349 A: Just jaywalking across the street.
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351 Q: Okay. And – so you pull up and you ask him what he's doing and – and he
352 says, "We're good."
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354 A: Yes sir.
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356 Q: Okay. At this time he's – he's to the back of this vehicle?
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358 A: He's at the probably a little bit – I - I'd say the – the rear passenger quarter
359 panel of the – of the vehicle.

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361 Q: Okay. And what kind of car or what did the car look like if you can describe
362 it.
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364 A: It was a four door Nis- Nissan Altima. I believe it was a like a lighter brown
365 color.
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367 Q: Okay. And this time he – by this time, so you stop, your window is down you
368 ask him what he's doing. He says, "We're good." He's already almost all the
369 way around the back of the car?
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371 A: Yes sir.
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373 Q: And coming up the passenger side.
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375 A: Correct.
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377 Q: Okay. And you asked him what he was doing again?
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379 A: Correct.
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381 Q: From inside your car?
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383 A: No. I was halfway outside my car at that point.
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385 Q: Now you're getting out?
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387 A: Yes sir.
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389 Q: Okay. And where is he now?
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391 A: He's closer to the, I guess maybe in between the – the front passenger side and
392 the – the rear dra- or passenger side. Like in...
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394 Q: He's on the passenger side in between the doors?
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396 A: He's on the passenger in between the doors yes sir.
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398 Q: Okay. And he's – all he's saying is, "We're good."
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400 A: All he's saying is "We're good."
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402 Q: Okay. Could you see his face?
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404 A: I could – I could see his face vaguely.

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406 Q: Okay. And how did he seem to you? I mean as far as how he was acting?
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408 A: His demeanor it just – it made me think he was doing something just because
409 the way – again, the way he answered my questions and also he was just – it
410 seemed like he was in a rush to get out of there. Didn't wanna have anything
411 to do with me at all.
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413 Q: Okay. And what was that doin' to you as far as what you're thinking?
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415 A: It just kept again raisin' my level of suspicion thinking that he's – there's
416 some type of maybe criminal activity goin' on or they're just up to something.
417 Again, I – I saw the pa- the driver rather in the vehicle as well.
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419 Q: Okay. So this guy didn't stop and come back and talk to you or anything to
420 your inquiries. He kept movin' away saying "We're good" uh, and moving
421 towards the car basically.
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423 A: Correct as if he was trying to get away from me and didn't – didn't want to
424 speak to me anymore.
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426 Q: Okay. And so you're halfway out. He's on the other side of the car now and
427 you said, you could only see his – basically his head.
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429 A: I could only see his head sir. Couldn't...
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431 Q: Okay.
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433 A: ...see his hands or anything.
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435 Q: And then you said next thing you knew you saw his hands on top of the car or
436 somethin' like that?
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438 A: I – basically I – I – I saw the muzzle flash from a gun.
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440 Q: Oh, muzzle flashes.
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442 A: Yes sir.
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444 Q: And were you watchin' him the whole time or had you looked away at any
445 point?
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447 A: I was pretty much watchin' him the whole time. Kind of divided my attention
448 between him and the – and the driver just tryin' to pay attention to the driver
449 make sure he wasn't doin' anything or I was in any danger from him as well.

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451 Q: Now where did you see the muzzle flashes at?
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453 A: From the I guess the – the top portion of the – the passenger side in the back
454 area just cause he was – he was shootin' over top of the car.
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456 Q: Over the roof or over the trunk?
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458 A: Over the roof.
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460 Q: Okay. So you saw muzzle flashes coming from uh, the passenger roof side of
461 this car?
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463 A: Yes sir.
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465 Q: And did you ever see him come up with his hands or move his hands up on
466 top of there? Did you ever notice him doing anything?
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468 A: I didn't.
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470 Q: Was – where was your spotlight at this time, pointing?
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472 A: At – I had believe it was kind of on him but not too much cause my concern
473 was to get out of the car just by the way his reactions were – or his actions
474 were. I wanted to just get out of my car and try to get on the radio.
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476 Q: Did you ever shine your spotlight?
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478 A: I did. As I was driving up the street and I saw him crossin' the street that's
479 when I put my spotlight on him and I kind of started watchin' him and then I
480 began my dialogue with him.
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482 Q: Okay. And so when you're getting out of the car are you continuing to turn
483 your spotlight to follow him or is it just wherever it was prior to that?
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485 A: When he got towards the back of the car I followed him to that I believe about
486 right there and I just stopped cause again I couldn't see what he was doin' and
487 I just wanted to get out of the car.
488
489 Q: Okay. So, you see a muzzle flash.
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491 A: Yes sir.
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493 Q: And do you know how many you saw?
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495 A: I'm – I'm – I – I believe he shot at least two times before I was able to return
496 fire.
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498 Q: And where were you when he was shooting?
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500 A: I was pretty much just in front of my – the driver's side door. So I guess I'm
501 closer to their – the back passenger side of their veh- or the back driver side of
502 their vehicle.
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504 Q: So your door is open uh, and you're out somewhere. Are you out in front of
505 your door, behind your door?
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507 A: I'm in f- I believe I was in front of my door at that time.
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509 Q: So out – you had already gone out around your door to the front?
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511 A: Correct.
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513 Q: Like to go contact him or?
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515 A: I believe yeah and I was trying to get back there so I can see what he was
516 doing cause obviously I had no visual of him from my standpoint at that point.
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518 Q: And were you moving towards the vehicle? His car at this point? Like out –
519 you got out of your car and you're heading towards him or where were you
520 going?
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522 A: I believe I was just trying to get to the front of my car, to the rear of their car
523 so I can just at least see his hands and see what he was doing.
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525 Q: Okay. And were you trying to maintain some distance outside or were you
526 trying to go towards...
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528 A: No. I was trying...
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530 Q: ...towards him?
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532 A: ...to maintain some distance just – just in case.
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534 Q: Okay. So you start movin' out. You think you're out in front of your door a
535 little bit?
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537 A: I think yes sir.
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539 Q: Okay.

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541 A: It was close cause I might've been a little bit behind it but somewhat in front
542 of it. But I was in the general area of my door.
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544 Q: Okay. And then you notice these muzzle flashes and um, I wanna say you
545 said two?
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547 A: Yes sir.
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549 Q: Is that what you said? Instantly what – what does that tell you in your mind?
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551 A: Instantly I thought he was trying to kill me.
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553 Q: Okay. And – and muzzle flashes mean what to you?
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555 A: That means there's somebody shootin' a gun sir.
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557 Q: Okay. So, you do what when you see these muzzle flashes?
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559 A: It finally clicks to me that this guy is shootin' at me so I immediately
560 unholster my gun and I tried to – I – I think I fired possibly two shots in – in
561 uh, in his direction and the last place that I kind of saw him. And then I
562 immediately got to the dr- the passenger side of my vehicle but tried to
563 maintain some cover the best I could.
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565 Q: And did he disappear from your view after he shot or did you lose site of him
566 cause you looked someplace else. I mean, you said last place you saw him.
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568 A: Because he was near the – I believe the – the back passenger side of the
569 vehicle and again all I had visual of, it was his head. But I knew he was in
570 that general area.
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572 Q: So when you were shooting what were you aiming at?
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574 A: I was aiming to where I thought he would be behind that door.
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576 Q: Okay so you couldn't see him anymore, or you could?
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578 A: You know sir honestly it happened so fast. I – I'm pretty sure when I fired I
579 still had my sight of him. But again, I couldn't see him from his neck down.
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581 Q: Okay. So the muzzle flashes were in the – were they in the area where his
582 head was?
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584 A: Yes sir.

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586 Q: When you saw him though.
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588 A: Yes sir.
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590 Q: So it was all kind of over the top of the car...
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592 A: Yes sir.
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594 Q: ...generally speaking uh, about midway or so.
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596 A: Yes sir.
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598 Q: Okay. And that's where you directed your fire, where you saw him?
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600 A: Yes sir.
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602 Q: Okay. And you think you fired twice?
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604 A: Yes sir.
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606 Q: And were you moving when you fired or were you stationary? Do you
607 remember?
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609 A: I believe I was moving.
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611 Q: And which direction were you – were you going?
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613 A: I was going from my door to the front portion of my car near the engine
614 compartment to get back behind on my passenger side so I can have –
615 maintain some type of cover.
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617 Q: Okay. So you get around there. Did you hear any shots from him after you
618 returned fire?
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620 A: No sir.
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622 Q: Okay. Did you ever see him again...
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624 A: No sir.
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626 Q: ...at that point?
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628 A: No sir.
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630 Q: Okay. And – so you stayed – did you st- did you stay on that side of your
631 vehicle?

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633 A: Yes sir.

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635 Q: And then what did you do?

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637 A: That's when I got on the radio, told them shots fired, where I was and I just
638 waited for uh, responding officers to arrive.

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640 Q: Okay. Were you um, yelling anything to people in the car or anybody over
641 there?

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643 A: I – I think I – I believe I said let me see your hands and I heard some type of
644 chatter between the two – between I – what I believe was the suspect and the
645 driver, and that was it.

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647 Q: Did it sound like two people talking or one person or?

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649 A: I believe it sounded like two people.

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651 Q: Okay and do you...

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653 A: But I couldn't make out what they – what was being said.

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655 Q: And how long did that conversation last between them?

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657 A: Uh, it was seconds.

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659 Q: And when did that happen?

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661 A: It was right after the shots were fired.

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663 Q: Right after he shot or you shot?

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665 A: Right after I shot.

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667 Q: Okay. So you heard this from the other side of the car or as you were running
668 around to get on the other side?

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670 A: I heard it after I had already – I was already behind the passenger side of the –
671 my vehicle.

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673 Q: Okay.

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675 A: So I was already stationary in my sp- in uh, behind cover of the engine.
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677 Q: Okay. Um, and so you waited for the other officers to get there?
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679 A: Yes sir.
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681 Q: And then what happened?
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683 A: Uh, after other officers get there I kind of give them a quick brief of what just
684 happened and uh, and I think the air unit they arrived a short time after and I
685 kind of did my best to give what description of the suspect that I had and
686 where I last saw him.
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688 Q: Okay. Did you have any idea where he was at that point?
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690 A: No sir. I just knew he was on that side of the vehicle and I didn't – I never
691 saw him run away.
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693 Q: Okay.
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695 A: So as far as I knew he was still there.
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697 Q: Okay. Um, and then uh, I'm told that you at some point got your rifle?
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699 A: Yes sir. A...
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701 Q: When did that happen?
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703 A: After uh, I believe Officer (Schmitz) he was the next person on scene. He
704 maintained cover on the car for me and I say hey I'm gonna grab my long gun
705 since – cause we were still kind of close and personal and wanted to back up
706 try to at least get a little bit more cover once more people arrived. So while he
707 maintained cover I went and inside my vehicle and grabbed my rifle.
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709 Q: And where was it?
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711 A: It was inside the – it was inside the uh, the – the lock I guess, if you will,
712 inside the vehicle next to the shotgun.
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714 Q: Okay. So it's in a rack in between your – in your front cab.
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716 A: Yes sir in between the seats.
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718 Q: Okay. When – when Officer who? I'm sorry who was the first one that got
719 there?

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721 A: Uh, Officer (Schmitz).

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723 Q: (Schmitz).

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725 A: (Victor).

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727 Q: When he pulled up did he tell you that he could see – did he pull up to the rear
728 of the car? The other...

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730 A: Uh, I believe he actually – I wanna say he may have – I'm not 100% sure but I
731 think he came southbound on Vine too so he was behind my car but he went
732 and turned around. And he was at the same exact spot I was. He was just on
733 my right basically so he had as much visual as I did. He – he – I don't believe
734 he could see anything.

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736 Q: When did you learn that there was somebody down on the other s- other side
737 of that car?

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739 A: I didn't know for awhile. I think actually, I'm sorry, when the air unit put it
10 out.

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742 Q: And they – do you remember what they said?

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744 A: I believe they said there was a – a male on the passenger side of the vehicle
745 half in and half out.

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747 Q: Okay. And that's the first you knew that the guy was probably still right
748 there?

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750 A: Yes sir.

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752 Q: That's uh, uh, okay. And um, were you injured at all?

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754 A: No sir.

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756 Q: Okay. When you were returning fire could you see where your rounds were
757 hitting?

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759 A: I saw the glass explode so I knew it had went through the uh, I believe the
760 passenger or the driver side of the back window.

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762 Q: The rear passenger side window or the front – I'm sorry the rear driver side...

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764 A: Yes sir.

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766 Q: ...window or the...
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768 A: Yes sir.
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770 Q: ...driver side, you know, what I mean. There's the driver's window and then
771 there's the pa- the passenger, rear passenger window on the driver's side.
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773 A: Well I saw – I saw it after everything was said and done cause I was sittin'
774 there for awhile waitin' for the other units to arrive. I saw that one was in the
775 front driver's side and one was in the back passenger side.
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777 Q: Of the – of the vehicle.
778
779 A: Yes sir.
780
781 Q: Okay. When – when the guy was shootin' at you did you ever notice if the
782 glass in that suspect vehicle was breaking or do you think that was your return
783 fire breaking those windows?
784
785 A: I think it was my return fire.
786
787 Q: Okay. Um, and did you ever reload your magazine in your handgun?
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789 A: No sir.
790
791 Q: Okay. Um, and you – you just returned your firearm to your holster at some
792 point. Did you ever give it to anybody or anything?
793
794 A: No. After I – after I retrieved my long gun at the – I holstered my sidearm.
795
796 Q: Okay. And did you ever pick up your – any casings or anything out there that
797 uh, from your gun?
798
799 A: No sir.
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801 Q: Did you ever collect any evidence whatsoever at the scene at all while you
802 were there?
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804 A: No sir.
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806 Q: (Greg)?
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808 Q3: Um, just so I'm clear. When – when you got out of your car to start uh, um,
809 approaching the um, the person on the passenger side um, where exac- if you

810 – if you remember, where exactly were you at when you first saw the muzzle
811 flash or heard the gunshots?
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813 A: I was I...

814 Q3: I- in relationship to your car?

815 Q3: I believe I was in front of my driver side door...
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817 A: I believe I was in front of my driver side door...
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819 Q3: So...
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821 A: ...by the time I s...
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823 Q3: ...between the engine block and be- and the passenger jor- door so right in
824 that area?
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826 A: Uh, I believe so sir.
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828 Q3: Okay. And the...
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830 A: I mean...
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832 Q3: ...reason why I'm asking is because there's two bullet holes in your driver's
833 door right there just below the spotlight basically. Um, is that...
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835 A: I believe that's about...
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837 Q3: ...basically...
838

839 A: ...approximately where I was standing.
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841 Q3: Okay. D- and – and do you recall if you were more towards the driver's door
842 or more towards the engine block and...
843

844 A: I wanna say I was closer to the engine compartment.
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846 Q3: Okay.
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848 A: Cause I believe when he started firing I was pretty much – we were straight
849 from each other.
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851 Q3: Okay.
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853 A: And that would've put me closer to the front of portion of my vehicle.
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855 Q3: Right. Um, had he – had he – was he able to get around and open the
856 passenger door? Did you see the pa- passenger door open before?
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858 A: I – I don't remember seeing it open sir.
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860 Q3: Before he got to that point?
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862 A: But I'm not 100% sure.
863
864 Q3: Okay. And rea- reason why I'm askin' is whether or not he would've had the
865 gun on him or whether he would've got into the vehicle to retrieve the gun.
866 Do you – do you – do...
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868 A: Oh, before he started firing sir I don't believe he opened the door. I – I'm...
869
870 Q3: Okay so he wouldn't have had...
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872 A: Yeah.
873
874 Q3: ...time to get into the car to get a gun and then...
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876 A: I don't think so sir.
877
878 Q3: Okay. And you didn't notice anything when you spotlighted him as he was
879 crossing the street? Anything in his hands at that – at that point?
880
881 A: From the distance that I was I didn't see anything but at the – I was a little bit
882 further back so I – I couldn't – I wouldn't be 100% if I did see something.
883
884 Q3: Did you see anybody else in the neighborhood that was out at the time? Was
885 there anybody that started screamin' when the gunshots went off or did you
886 hear anybody...
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888 A: I didn't hear anything sir.
889
890 Q3: ...any neighbors or anything yelling or anything like that?
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892 A: The only thing I heard after the shots were fired was just there was a little bit
893 of chatter inside their vehicle.
894
895 Q3: Inside their vehicle?
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897 A: Yes sir.
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899 Q3: Okay. And you di- and during the incident you didn't have your um, uh,
900 COBAN...
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902 A: No sir.
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904 Q3: ...turned on at all? Okay.
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906 Q: So, you merely stopped your car and say something to this guy like, what are
907 you doin', prior to uh, things really getting' more suspicious and then he starts
908 acting weird and then so it's kind of taken it up and then you get out. You
909 start to get out to see what's going on and then he's getting even more nervous
910 or?
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912 A: Yes sir. Just by the way he answered me the second time like "We're good."
913 Like another, leave me the hell alone type reaction from him. So a- again,
914 that's just what raised my suspicions a little bit and I kind of wanted to dig a
915 little bit further to see what specifically was going on.
916
917 Q: What was your at least at that point and I know it's all evolving quickly.
918 What was your idea about what – what were you plannin' on doing? Just
919 contacting them to – to talk to 'em or were you gonna detain people or what
920 are you – at that point...
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922 A: At – at that point sir I was really just gonna talk to him. But again, just the
923 way he kept reacting to my questioning then uh, I'm like okay this might go
924 ahead and – and go up to a detention cause there – again they're in this dark
925 area and I've, you know, stopped and – and spoke with numerous individuals
926 around there doing things that they shouldn't be doing. And then I didn't
927 know exactly where he came from. If they had just maybe robbed that house
928 that he was running from or – or whatever the case may be.
929
930 Q: Okay so and – and in your mind um, something started as a simple contact is
931 raised to the level as very – as very suspicious to you and it's getting – and it's
932 just pro- progressing up until he really starts shooting at you?
933
934 A: Yes sir.
935
936 Q: And at that point you hadn't detained anybody, handcuffed anybody, patted
937 anybody down, gotten a good story about what's going on here, who's – do
938 you belong here? Any of those things?
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940 A: No sir. I was merely feet away from, you know, my passenger seat by the
941 time he started shootin'.
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943 Q: Did you recognize that guy at all?

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945 A: No sir.
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947 Q: Or the car?
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949 A: No sir.
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951 Q3: When – when you pull- pulled up and maybe we can watch the COBAN
952 again, when you pulled up did your uh, and you see him runnin' across the
953 street were you already stopped or was he runnin' as you guys – as you were
954 pulling up?
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956 A: As I approached the vehi- he was still going across the street.
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958 Q3: As you – as you pulled up and stopped?
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960 A: Yes sir.
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962 Q3: He was still runnin' across the street?
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964 A: Yes sir. He was more a little probably a little bit more than halfway across the
965 street when I got close to that vehicle.
966
967 Q3: Okay. Okay and so that when you were running I mean did you have to
968 basically slow down or stop to avoid hitting him or was it that type of?
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970 A: No sir. It was just dark out and I – I just, you know, kind of see a – a blur.
971
972 Q3: Okay.
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974 A: So to speak in the street so that's what made me turn my spotlight on to s- see
975 what was goin' on.
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977 Q3: Okay. Had – and – had you pulled up to stop and to contact the people that
978 were in the car or – or the – the guy runnin' across the street?
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980 A: Well I stopped to talk to him first cause he's the first thing that I saw. I didn't
981 see the driver of the car 'til after. I pretty much I'm almost door to door with
982 the vehicle.
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984 Q3: Okay. Um, how long have you been on the department?
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986 A: Uh, almost – April it'll be three years sir.
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988 Q3: Okay. And um, is this the only department you work for or did you lateral?

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990 A: I didn't lateral but I have worked for a couple of other agencies.
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992 Q3: Okay. What – what agen- I mean I guess I should just ask, how many years of
993 law enforcement experience.
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995 A: I guess three prior to this so maybe almost six years sir.
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997 Q3: Okay. And where did you work before?
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999 A: I was a correctional officer in – in Florida, Key West, Florida.
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1001 Q3: Okay.
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1003 A: And I was a Deputy Sherriff in Montgomery County, Maryland...
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1005 Q3: Okay.
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1007 A: ...prior to this.
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1009 Q3: How long were you a Deputy Sherriff?
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1011 A: Uh, just a little bit under a year sir.
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1013 Q3: Okay. And how long were you in corrections in Florida?
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1015 A: Almost two years sir.
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1017 Q3: Okay. Um, and this is the first um, law enforcement in – in California?
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1019 A: Yes sir.
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1021 Q3: Okay. What uh, when did you go to the Academy?
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1023 A: I believe I started the Academy in January of 2010.
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1025 Q3: Okay.
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1027 A: I graduated in June of that year.
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1029 Q3: Okay and w- um, and then you got hired on with the poli- with uh, Riverside?
1030
1031 A: Yes sir.
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1033 Q3: Okay.

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1035 Q: We're talkin' about muzzle flashes um, do you have any military experience?
1036
1037 A: Yes sir.
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1039 Q: And what – what would that be?
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1041 A: I was in the Army for seven years.
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1043 Q: Okay. I'm assuming you fire firearms...
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1045 A: Yes sir.
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1047 Q: ...when you're in the Army for seven years?
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1049 A: Yes sir.
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1051 Q: And you – your experience with muzzle flashes? Seeing them, recognizing
1052 them?
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1054 A: Yes sir.
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1056 Q: Did you hear anything...
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1058 A: I...
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1060 Q: ...at this point or do you just remember muzzle flashes?
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1062 A: Well the fir- the first thing I saw was the flash and I heard the sound and I'm
1063 getting oh, this is kind of computin' in my head oh, he's shooting at me.
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1065 Q: So very quickly you realized what was happening.
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1067 A: Yes sir.
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1069 Q: And you didn't even draw your firearm until...
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1071 A: After...
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1073 Q: ...the muzzle flashes?
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1075 A: Yes sir.
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1077 Q: Do you have anything you guys want to bring up?
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1079 Q2: No. I don't. I think he's already expressed his state of mind and what he
1080 thought the individual was trying to do so I'm - I'm good. I don't have
1081 anything.
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1083 Q: Do you have any um, do you think we've covered everything very completely
1084 or is there anything that happened uh, that you think that we need to talk about
1085 or that we haven't talked about?
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1087 A: Uh, not to my - I don't think so sir. I think you've asked all the questions that
1088 pertain.
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1090 Q: Okay. So what we'll do is we'll take a five or ten minute break and let you
1091 guys relax and then maybe talk. We'll - we'll all leave and uh, if you think
1092 there's anything else we need to cover or talk about based on what we've
1093 already talked about we'll come back in and then uh, we'll just, you know,
1094 whether we talk or not I'll just - we'll start my tape recorder again and say
1095 whether or not we're gonna continue the interview or not.
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1097 Q2: That works.
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1099 Q: Is that okay?
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1101 Q2: That's fine with me. Yeah.
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1103 Q: Okay. So right now it's uh, 6:06 a.m. and I'll go ahead and stop this for now.
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1106 This transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
1107 transcription.
1108 Signed 

INTERVIEW WITH OFFICER SHADEE HUNT**Q=Det. Smith****Q1=Det Rowe****Q2=Attorney Ethier****A=Officer Hunt**

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14 Q: Okay. It is uh, 6:20 a.m. and we're back on – and we're back in the
15 conference room. The same persons are present. Um, Officer Hunt we
16 looked at the COBAN video and it appears uh, I know we talked about when
17 you thought you uh, returned fire and that was – you said uh, you think you
18 were by your driver's door and then you ran to the other side of your car and
19 took cover. Um, looking at the scene your shell casings appear to be on the
20 passenger side of your vehicle and then we just reviewed the COBAN with
21 you and your attorney again and it looks like after you run around your
22 vehicle that there were puffs of smoke going across the hood of your car – at
23 least one, maybe two -- um, after you run and take cover. And so in retrospect
24 do you think you fired – do you still think you fired from the driver's side or
25 do you think you returned fire after you obtained the cover?

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27 A: After reviewing the video to refresh my memory I believe I did fire from after
28 – after – I fired from the point after I took cover.

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30 Q: Okay. And is that based on what you're seeing or what you're remembering
31 now uh, because of the video or...

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33 A: What I'm – what the – what the video refreshing my memory a little bit as to
34 the – the progression of things.

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36 Q: And I understand – clearly this happened all within a matter of seconds and its
37 – it was a - a very dangerous uh, deadly situation so um, don't feel like – I
38 mean this is common uh, for people to, sequence of events to um, get jumbled
39 up sometimes because it's – it's a traumatic event so um, it's just, the physical
40 evidence in the video contradicted a little bit about where you said you
41 returned fire.

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43 A: Yes sir.
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45 Q: So we wanted to clear that up with you and now in retrospect based on all of
46 that you think that you probably returned fire after you take cover?

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48 A: Yes sir. Now that I'm thinking back uh, my frame of mind at that time was –
49 it was – I just wanted to get behind something because being that we were so
50 close together I just wanted to immediately get behind something before I did
51 anything else.

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53 Q: Okay. And when you got over there and returned fire what were you looking
54 at? What were you aiming at?

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56 A: I was...

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58 Q: Did you see him still?

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60 A: I saw kind of a silhouette but again the – the windows were very tinted so I
61 was going more off the last place that I saw him because he ducked down and
62 he didn't – I- I didn't think he had a – a place to go that quickly from – just to
63 the point of him firing to the point of me getting cover and returning fire. So I
64 thought that he would probably still be in that spot.

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66 Q: Okay. And uh, I - I know that you said you saw somebody sitting in the
67 driver's side...

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69 A: Yes sir.

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71 Q: ...prior to that. Did you still see them when you were returning fire or...

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73 A: Uh, I think I was a little bit more focused on the suspect but after I was done
74 firing I looked at the driver and he was still sitting there and so...

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76 Q: Okay.

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78 A: ...he was still there during the exchange.

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80 Q: Okay and this is something that I forgot to ask you – why did you stop firing
81 after only two rounds?

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83 A: Because his firing stopped. I wanted – I had my position of cover so I felt a
84 little bit more comfortable and I wanted to get on the radio so I could start
85 getting other units there just in case that – if he started firing upon me again.

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87 Q1: (Unintelligible) that was the question that I had.

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89 Q: And did – these new questions do they bring up anything – questions for uh,
90 for you or anything else that you can think of?
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92 A: I don't – I don't think so sir.
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94 Q: Uh, you have anything?
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96 Q2: No. I think you covered it. I think it's what you said earlier about uh, things
97 happening so quickly. I think it was within 6, 7 seconds. So – sometimes
98 sequence -- like you said -- gets out of order but I think we've clarified it.
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100 Q: Okay. Uh, if there is any other questions, or if I have any other questions are
101 you – would you like me to get a hold of you...
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103 Q2: That'd be great.
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105 Q: ...or get a hold of him?
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107 Q2: Yeah. Get a hold of me um, and then we can coordinate if we need to get
108 back together.
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110 Q: Okay.
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112 Q2: Yep.
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114 Q: And if he has questions for me I'll just...
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116 Q2: Yeah.
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118 Q: ...go through you...
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120 Q2: That'd be great.
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122 Q: ...as well. That way we'll keep you in the middle.
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124 Q2: That'd be great.
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126 Q: Does that sound good officer Hunt?
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128 A: Yes sir.
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130 Q: Okay. We will conclude this interview at 6:25 a.m, November 23rd.
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