

Interview of Ms. Lupe Castro

The Commission requested interview with witness Lupe Castro. The purpose of the interview was to determine Ms. Castro's observations of other witnesses after the shooting. I interviewed Ms. Castro in her home at 5808 Yarborough Drive.

I asked Ms. Castro to describe what she saw, if anything, immediately after the shooting. Ms. Castro confirmed that she remained in the garage, and started to move toward the door to the adjoining residence. Ms. Castro said several guests ran into the home, and a few other persons remained in the garage.

I asked Ms. Castro specifically if she saw what Carlos Quinonez, Jr., did after the shooting. Ms. Castro replied that "Junior" started yelling angrily at police, and was walking around in the garage and driveway. Ms. Castro said that "we" started yelling at Junior, telling him to stop and lay down as ordered by the police, who were yelling commands to Junior. Ms. Castro said the both she and Maria Quinonez were yelling to Junior to stop.

Ms. Castro wanted Junior to stop because he was "making it harder" for the police. Ms. Castro feared that police might think other members of the party could be armed, or that someone else might shoot at them (police). Ms. Castro said she yelled several times for Junior to "stop" and to "do what they tell you."

Ms. Castro said that after a few minutes, Junior finally went to the ground in the garage near the driveway. However, instead of lying flat, Junior did several pushups. Finally, Junior stopped and lied on the ground as instructed by police.

Interview of Ms. Waudier Rucker-Hughes

Ms. Rucker-Hughes had expressed her concern over the time lapse from the shooting until she was interviewed. The shooting, involving Carlos Quinonez, Sr., occurred at about 8:16 PM. Ms. Rucker-Hughes said that after the shooting, she expected contact by police, as she lives at 5776 Yarborough, in close proximity to the shooting location.

I interviewed Ms. Rucker-Hughes by telephone. Ms. Rucker-Hughes said she was in her home when she heard shots being fired. She went to her second-story window to look across the street at the location of the incident. Ms. Rucker-Hughes observed Mr. Quinonez down in the driveway, and saw police in positions of cover.

Ms. Rucker-Hughes saw additional police officers arrive, and after several minutes, the officers approached the driveway, grabbed Mr. Quinonez by his feet (the closest part of his body to the street), and dragged him down the street toward ambulance and fire trucks. Ms. Rucker-Hughes was concerned that

Quinonez' head appeared to strike to roadway was he was being dragged or carried.

Ms. Rucker-Hughes said she anticipated that police would knock at her door at some point to ask if she had any information. At around 11:00 PM, Ms. Rucker-Hughes exited her home to initiate contact so that she could go to bed after giving her account.

Ms. Rucker-Hughes confirmed that when she went outside, the area still appeared to an active scene, with the investigation still in process. She saw crime scene yellow tape, several police cars, and several police personnel.