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File #P12-003517
Det Rick Cobb #260

V-3 / Officer Jeff Putnam

Riverside PD

W-1 / Margadonna, Anthony
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Unknown address [REDACTED]

Interview of Anthony Margadonna

I contacted W-Margadonna on Cypress Street in front of 10745. I was told by patrol officers that he was a witness to the shooting earlier.

When I spoke to W-Margadonna he appeared angry. I asked him if I could interview him regarding what he saw. He said he wanted his cell phone back. He said his cell phone was taken from him by officers and he wanted it back. I told him I did not know where his phone was and asked him again if I could interview him. He said he wanted his phone back or he was not going to talk to me. Patrol officers told me they did not know where his phone was.

W-Margadonna became more angry and said he was not going to talk to me. I told him he did not have to talk to me, but he would have to leave the crime scene area. He was not leaving so I ordered him to leave and told him if he did not leave he would be arrested for interfering with a criminal investigation. He then walked away.

A few minutes later, a patrol officer came to me and said W-Margadonna had his cell phone and now wanted to talk to me. I brought him back to the area where I first contacted him and asked him if I could talk to him about what he saw. He said yes.

I started my digital recorder and placed it on the car next to us. He was aware that the interview was being recorded.

W-Margadonna said that S-Ledezma was his Uncle. He said that he was in the living room of the house at 10745 Cypress Street playing video games when he saw three police officers and one officer in a light blue uniform walking towards the rear of the property. He said he saw the officers with their guns out and pointing them at S-Ledezma. He said he came outside and was standing behind the officers.

W-Margadonna said that he heard the cops yelling "Drop the knife". He said he did not see S-Ledezma with a knife. He said he was five feet behind the officers but did not see a knife.

W-Margadonna said he heard S-Ledezma tell the cops "I didn't touch her. She's alright".

W-Margadonna said that S-Ledezma was standing near the trunk of the Dodge that was parked in the rear of the property. He said S-Ledezma grabbed a white stick and was holding it. He said one of the cops then shot his taser at S-Ledezma. He said the stick then flew out of his hand and the cops shot him. He said S-Ledezma did not throw the stick at the cops. He said S-Ledezma did not walk towards the cops.

W-Margadonna said that while the cops were shooting at S-Ledezma, one of the cops threw himself to the floor while still shooting.

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I asked W-Margadonna where S-Ledezma was standing when he was shot. He said S-Ledezma was standing near the trunk of the Dodge. While I was talking to him, I was standing to the rear of a police car near the trunk. W-Margadonna said that S-Ledezma was standing next to the trunk of the Dodge, just like I was standing next to the trunk of the police car. (It should be noted that S-Ledezma was shot while in front of the Dodge)

I asked W-Margadonna if he heard any arguing between S-Ledezma and his wife prior to the police arriving. He said they were not arguing. He said everything was fine between them. He said he did not see Rebecca before the cops arrived.

W-Margadonna had no further information.

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