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DET. Today's date it Saturday, August 16, 2014. The time is approximately 7:15 p.m. Uh this interview is in reference to, uh, an officer-involved shooting documented in Ferguson, documented in St. Louis County police report 14-43984. Um, present for this interview is myself, Detective DSN Detective DSN and the person being interviewed is and this interview is takin' place . Um, Mr. , um, for the record, um, you're aware that this is being recorded, correct?

: Yes I am.

DET. Ok, um, and can you, uh, um tell me, uh date of birth, please?

DET. Ok, and you said on the date of this incident, um, you had an occasion to be in the area visiting . Is that correct?

: Yes sir.

DET. : Ok. Can you tell me in your own words, um, we spoke prior to this recording, um, can you reiterate in your own words what had occurred?

: Sure, like I mentioned before that me and my wife, we were comin' into Canfield, um, it was about twelve thirty, twelve thirty-five, somewhere around there. Um, we entered s driveway when we was comin' down the street we saw the officer drivin' down the street and walked in, got out the truck, proceeded up the stairs and we saw the officer stop the two, two gentlemen that were walkin' in the middle of the street.

DET. Ok, uh, which direction was the officer traveling?

The officer was traveling towards West Florissant, I guess that's west on Canfield?

DET. Ok and what about the two, a...?

The two gentlemen, which coming, sss, uh, east, east on Canfield.

DET. Ok.

: So they were comin' into, into the subdivision, into the complex. Um, the officer pull, came, pulled up beside them, I don't know exactly what was said. Um, the officer then, the two gentlemen proceeded to walk passed the police officer right after he stopped his vehicle and he said somethin' to the gentlemen. Um, the gentlemen k-proceeded to walk. The officer then put his truck in reverse and swung it around to I guess to block the two gentlemen comin' down the street and that's when me and my wife saw a scuffle goin' on between the officer and the, uh, uh, th-, th-, the, uh, th-, ss-, th-, th- the kid that was down there. Th-the gentlemen was, um, in th-the goin' back and forth. Um, his friend was standin' there, uh, they were goin' back and forth, um, we heard a gun, uh, shot go off. In the vehicle. His friend took off. He ran. I don't know exactly where he ran, I know it was a white vehicle that was parked behind his car. Um, I don't know if he ran to the car or he ran away, he just, he (UI), we looked up he was gone. Um, at that particular time, um, the guys, Mike, he was still goin', you know, sss- goin' back and forth with the police officer as far as I can see. I don't-....

DET. : Was this after the shot was fired?

: ...yes.

DET. : Ok.

Yes. I don't know if he, if the officer exited his vehicle or if he was tryin' to get Mike inside the truck, I couldn't tell from that, from the angle that we had from looking over the vehicle.

DET. : Ok, so what was your, what was your angle on this, the initially?

We were standin' on s porch looking down Canfield, about a hundred meters....

DET. Ok.

: ...about a hundred yards.

DET. : And, and you had indicated earlier you were, uh, I guess looking at the passenger's side of the car?

Yes.-...

DET. Ok.

DET. : ...-while they were inside the car. Uh, you said the policeman was inside the car-...

Yes.-...

DET. ...-Is that right? Ok.

...-He was inside the vehicle. He, I don't, I, from like I mentioned, when the car was turned, he was, like, uh, he, he was headed towards, he was headed west down on Canfield. When he pulled his car back around, that was where he headed, like towards, um, southwest.

DET. Ok.

: N-northwest, goin' towards like goin' up towards, if you goin' back up West Florissant, so it's, caddie corner, it's blockin' both side of the street.

DET. Ok.

: So he's in the middle. When, when I looked over we could only look above the vehicle because we were standin' on the porch. We was on 's porch looking down. So, we could only see what was goin' on. I couldn't tell if he opened the door, if, or what. I, we couldn't, I can't speak to that. I don't know.

DET. Wh-what first drew your attention to the vehicle? You said you realized there was a scuffle. Did you hear anything? Did you hear noises?-...

: W-we, it was-...

DET. ...-Did you hear or see the vehicle moving?

: It, it was just the point that, w-we was standin' there and we saw him when he threw his truck in reverse and he sss-he, he hit the gas and he swung back so quick, so, you know, so abruptly. And when he came back, the two gentlemen, they, stopped and that's when it, it started. You know, I don't, it wasn't, like I'm tellin' my wife, it, it started, it went from zero to sixty in two seconds. You know, it was, they were, I don't know if the cop, off the officer grabbed Michael or if Michael grabbed the co-I can't, like I said, I don't know. I can't see, I qu-I'm not privy to that information 'cause I'm not on that side of the car.

DET. Right.

: Um, I just see them goin' back and forth and he, you know, Mike is sss-goin' back and forth with the police officer and then that's when we

hear the gun shot go off and then me and my wife and my brother,
we run inside the house, we stay in there about thirty seconds
and then we come back out and Michael still strugglin' with the officer
and then his, like I mentioned, his friend ran and he broke off, he got
finally, broke away from the police officer and he started to run down
the street. And, like I mentioned, he got to the edge of the driveway.
He, uh, looked at his hand and he turned around and started walkin'
back towards the police officer.

DET. Ok. Now, about how far from the patrol vehicle did, uh, Mike Brown
run?

I probably would say, maybe about, twenty, about twenty, twenty
yards, twenty, thirty yards maybe.

DET. Ok.

Yeah.

DET. In the, uh, uh, this when you guys come back out, uh, you'd indicated
you were, uh, I guess prior to that you were in _____'s
apartment?

: Yes.

DET. : And that's a second floor apartment?

: It is.

DET. Ok, and you guys were standin' on the balcony-...

: Um hum.

DET. ...-watchin' this? Is there anything that obstructed your view at all?

It's a tree that's standin' that's on _____ side of the parkin' lot on _____ side
of the, uh, in fr-in front of _____ buildin' but it's across the parkin' lot. So
it's really not obstructing my view because of where _____ apartment is. It
faces Canfield,...

DET. : Ok.

: ...-so if you standin' on, if you standin' on _____ porch, you have a clear
shot....

DET. : At what happened?

...straight down Canfield.

DET. : Ok. And, uh, who was on the porch with you?

: My wife, my brother and

DET. : Ok. And just for the purpose of this, can you identify, just the first and last name?

: Um, , and

DET. : Ok. Um, and then prior to this incident, um, did you, uh, know, uh, either of the two individuals that were stopped on the street by the police officer?

: No.

DET. : Ok. Did you know the police officer...

: No.

DET. : ...-just from livin' in the area?

: No.

DET. : Ok. Alright.

DET. : Anything you want to add to that, sir?

: That's all I have. I mean, that's, that's what I saw. I mean I hope it helps.

DET. : Okay.

DET. : Thank you very much. We appreciate it.

DET. : That'll conclude the interview the time is approximately 7:25 p. m.