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1:38 p.m.

Detective

Sergeant

St. Louis County Police Department

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DET. This is Detective with the St. Louis County Police Department, uh, today's date is August 14, it is 1:38 p.m. With me is, uh, Sergeant and we are here in the presence of at her residence at I understand you were with your family on Saturday?

Yes.

DET. : Up on, uh, Canfield, can you can you tell me what you saw?

Um, we was pulling up on Canfield Drive, going into the Canfield Green Apartments and I seen a officer in his cruiser which was a SUV

DET. Ok.

And, uh, I seen a young man standing near the cruiser, you heard two shots fired.

DET. Uh hmm..

And then you seen him take off down the street.

DET. : Ok.

And then a police officer hopped out of his cruiser and started chasing him, the dude turned back around and started charging towards the police officer, the police officer told him to stop at least three times.

DET. Uh hmm.

And the boy wouldn't stop, he fired three rounds, the dude kept running, fired four more rounds, and then he finished off the rounds I guess, and he fell on the ground dead.

DET. Ok, so, um so you-you saw an SUV...

Uh hmm.

DET. : ...police car?

Uh hmm.

DET. How was that police car parked?

Um, like it was fittin' to turn into, um, the Canfield Green Apartments.

DET. Ok.

It was like not going, not coming away from West Florissant, but like facing towards it.

DET. Towards, it was facing West Florissant, like it was going to go there?

Yeah, but he was look like he was, like it was turned into the parking lot on Canfield.

DET. Ok.

Like he was fittin' go into the parking lot.

DET. : Right.

But, he stopped.

DET. : Ok and then where was, um, the-the other man standing?

Um, on the side where the sidewalk was.

DET. Ok, was he, how close to the police car was he?

Uh, he was pretty close to it and then you seen him take off running after you heard the first two shots.

DET. Ok, when you said he was close to the police car, was he close to the driver side or the passenger side?

I believe it was the driver side.

DET. : Ok, if you don't remember that's fine, just-just let me know.

I believe it was the driver side.

DET. Ok, uh, and then did you see the policeman? When-when he, when the other guy was standing, uh...

No, not until he got out of his cruiser.

DET. : Ok, did he get out of the passenger side, the driver side?

The driver side.

DET. : Ok, and then before the policeman got out of the car, how many shots did you hear?

Two.

DET. : Two shots, ok, and then what did that guy do, the-the other guy?
He took off running.

DET. : Ok, did he run towards you or the other direction?
The opposite direction

DET. : Ok, and then-then what, what did-what did the policeman do after he started running?

Um, he got out of his cruiser and chased him.

DET. : Ok.

And, the guy turned around.

DET. : Ok.

And the police officer stopped.

DET. : Uh hmm.

Stopped running and the dude started running back towards the officer.

DET. : Ok, how were his hands, the other guy?

He was just running like this.

DET. : Ok, so just because we're on an audio recording, you have your hands up in fists and you kind of have them up...

Yeah...

DET. : ...towards your-your chest?

...balled up in fists like he's running like with his hands close to his chest.

DET. : Ok, did he put his hands up at anytime?

He did for a second.

DET. : Ok, what where-where was he at when he put his hands up?

He was still down the street, he was running back, he like did like, he put his hands up for a few seconds and then put his arms down and he kind of put them close to his chest and he started running.

DET. : Ok, so just so I can describe for the audio, you had both of your hands up in the air towards your head.

Yes.

DET Um, kind of, uh, should or elbow length...

Yes.

DET. ... uh, apart, ok. Um, and then did you hear the policeman shoot, uh, at all when he was when he was running away?

No.

DET. : Or only when he was coming back?

Only when he was charging at him.

DET. : Ok, and then you said that you heard a group of about three shots and then the guy kept coming and you heard maybe four more?

Yes.

DET. : Ok, was there anything after that four?

Yes, he, uh, I don't know like-like two or three more.

DET. Ok, then two or three more, ok. Where were you, uh, sitting in the van?

Um, I was in the middle of you know how minivans are made with the seat in the middle?

DET. Uh hmm.

I was in the middle where you could see straight through the, um, dashboard.

DET. : Ok, so you know you've got the first row with the driver, you got the second row, and then the minivan's got the third row.

I was in the second row.

DET. : You were in the second row in the middle?

Uh hmm.

DET. : In the middle of that...

Uh hmm.

DET ...Middle of the middle row.

Right.

DET. : There you go. Was there anything between, if-if you're looking through the-the front....

The windshield.

DET. : ...windshield of the van, is there anything that could have been blocking your view between the van and the police car?

No, the only thing that was in front of us was, the police cruiser, on off to the left-hand side.

DET. : Ok, um, I have a map of the area, are you, and you-and you were there, were-were you guys going there to

DET. Ok, do you-do you go there a lot?

DET. Ok, well the reason why I ask is because, uh, I just want to make sure you are familiar with the area.

Uh hmm, I am.

DET. So I'm gonna show you this map here, um, so...

And this is West Florissant.

DET. : Yeah, this is West Florissant.

And this is the apartment buildings.

DET. Uh huh, here's a satellite photo if that helps as well.

Ok, when you get to these buildings stays like in this part right here.

DET. Ok, do me a favor, let's uh, what I'm gonna do then is on this black and white half, I'm gonna circle here.

That's building.

DET. : And I'm gonna put A, then that's gonna be building.

But, when we came in, we were like in this area, when we seen it cause we was fittin' to turn into Canfield...

DET. Ok.

...Apartments.

DET. : So this is, so this is Canfield here.

Uh hmm.

DET. : And this is Copper Creek Drive.

Yeah, we was fittin' to turn into Copper Creek 'cause stay off the

DET. Ok, can you circle where you saw the police car?

Uh, it was like right here.

DET. Ok, so I'm gonna put B for police car and then can you put where your van was at?

Uh, like right here.

DET. Ok, I'm gonna put C for the location of the...

But, not that far back closer to this building.

DET. ...ok, uh, here?

Uh hmm.

DET. : Ok, so I'm gonna put C there and then I'm gonna scribble out this circle that's, uh, the wrong spot, so C will be the location of your van?

Uh hmm.

DET. Ok, um, if I'm gonna take, let's flip this map over here, I'm gonna draw a road.

Ok.

DET. : It's gonna be pretty simple here, but just a two lines going down the middle, for the double yellow line and then this is gonna be Canfield Drive here, can you draw how the police car or...how the police car was parked?

Ok.

DET. : Here you can.

I got it.

DET. You got it, ok.

Canfield is (drawing), and this door was kinda open.

DET. : Which door was-was kinda open?

The passenger, I mean the, uh, driver side.

DET. The driver side door was open.

Yeah.

DET. : Ok.

He was kinda like turned off the street slightly.

DET. Ok, and then you were, you were facing this way?

Yes.

DET. So you were traveling...

Uh hmm.

DET. ...in that direct, towards the car, ok, where was the, um, if the policeman was in the car where do you think the other guy was at?

He was close enough to this side of the car.

DET. : Ok.

But I wouldn't say all the way up on it.

DET. Ok.

So, like right here.

DET. : Ok, so you got two lines there that show that where he might've been, ok, maybe a couple feet from the door?

Uh hmm.

DET. Or-or closer?

Clo... probably a couple of inches.

DET. Ok.

Maybe like a foot at the most.

DET. How were his arms when he was standing at the police door, uh, the door of the police car?

(UI) I don't know what he was doing, but like if you see a person like this...

DET : Uh hmm.

...that's how it was.

DET. : Ok, so he had his hands down towards his waist.

Right.

DET. : Ok, and did, um, did you see anything in his hands at all?

Huh uh.

DET. Ok, um, and then you said that you had heard the-the police when he was running, when the other guy was running you heard the police officer yell?

He said stop three times.

DET. Three times, ok, was that when he was running away or when he was coming back towards him?

When he was running towards him.

DET. Oh, when he was running toward him, ok. Um, Sarge do you have anything else?

SGT. : No.

DET. Do you know what time this was?

SGT. You got her position? (UI)

It was like 12:15, right before 12:20.

DET. About 12:15, 12:20.

SGT. : And she identified herself on the map where she was, where her vehicle was?

DET Yeah, that uh, here...

Sgt. (UI)

DET ...at the letter C, um, the last thing if you don't mind, if you could sign, uh, on this side and this side and put the date down, just so we know that-that we showed you this map and not anybody else. And today's the 14th, will you put today's date down? Let us do the other side, too. Ok, did you see anybody else standing around that-that you would be able to recognize? Did your see anything?

I did see another dude take off running towards the opposite way.

DET. : Ok.

To the right side of the building.

DET Ok, what was that guy wearing?

He was, um, wearing a black t-shirt and gray pants, I guess, because the other dude that got shot was wearing khaki cargo shorts and he had like either a gray or olive green shirt.

DET. : Gray or green shirt, khaki shorts was the guy who got shot.

Uh hmm.

DET. The other guy was wearing a black t-shirt and what kind of pants?
Gray pants.

DET. Gray pants.
He had...

DET. : And which, do me a favor on here, can you show me where he was running, if-if B is the policeman...
He ran, like, this way.

DET. : So he ran south, um, I'm just gonna, could you just put an arrow so that way we can indicate which direction that he was running?
Uh hmm, if this is, if this is the cop car he ran like in between, behind this building right here.

DET. : Ok, alright, so he ran then south from Canfield, ok, alright I think that's about it. Anything else, that we might need to know?
No, that's all.

DET. Alrighty, I appreciate your time, I'm gonna go ahead and end the recording now, uh, the time now is 1:49 p.m. This interview was approximately ten minutes and fifty-five seconds long.

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