

August 10, 2014  
9:02 a.m.  
Detective  
St. Louis County Police Department  
Bureau of Crimes Against Persons  
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DET. : This Det. , St. Louis County Police, Bureau Crimes Against Persons. It is August 10, 2014, approximately 9:02 a.m. I'm at uh, Speaking with uh, date of birth, , um, in reference to the shooting in...officer-involved shooting in um, the City of Ferguson, uh, yesterday's date August 9, 2014. Um uh, this, you understand this will be recorded?

Yes.

DET. : You alright with that?

Yes sir.

DET. : Okay. So, if you would, just kinda tell me um, what happened yesterday where you were at, approximate distances and that kind of thing.

Well, it was about noon, uh, like you said, on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and we were uh, on the-on the east end of the apartment complex working on Building 8, I believe. Uh, we actually engaged with-in conversation with a gentleman named, Mike. Um, talked to him for about 30 minutes. Um, whereupon he said he was going to the convenience store. We proceeded to do some work and went to get a machine. Came back, the machine was on the west side of the property, got that, came back. Did a little bit of work and it was no more than 20 minutes had passed by, uh, and I was out at the machine I heard uh, a loud bang. I stepped around the corner to see what it was, um, at which time I saw uh the-the man named Mike, um, walk-walkin' west, sorry east down the street. I heard another bang and I saw him stumbling and I saw the cop behind him who had just shot him in the back and Mike turned around with his hands up in the air and said, "okay, okay, okay." We were about, I was about 40 to 50 yards away, possibly 60, uh, and Mike was like, "okay, okay, okay" with his hands up in the air. Uh, and then the cop proceeded to unload his clip into Mike and he...and he fell on the ground.



DET. : Okay. Um, I'm just gonna ask you some specifics about this and I-I can understand that it's, uh, um, was a troubling sight for you. Um, so you-you guys are um, I'll just use your street as, for my own visual, um, can you show me approximately I mean just with any of these cars or houses the distance that you were lookin'.

: That stop sign.

DET. : Okay. Alright, now um for uh, I guess the initial uh, couple shots...were you guys able to view that at all? What was goin' on there?

Not the first one. The first one I-I was caught off guard 'cause we're workin' with PVC and if you drop a bunch of PVC on the ground, it sounds like a big bang.

DET. : Okay.

And was like well, we don't have any PVC left on the truck. We put it all on the ground.

DET. : Right-right.

So, I was like what the heck then I came around the corner and at that time, I-I saw-I saw the man, heard another shot and then saw the cop as-as the man was turning around.

DET. Can you describe for me like when um the man came, Mike, when Mike came into view for you, what'd you see. Like, describe like how-how his um, is he walkin', is he slumpin', is he runnin'?

: Uh, it-it went from-it went from a fast walk to the second shot to a stumble and I knew he had gotten hit.

DET. Okay.

: And, that's when he turned around and put his hands up and started yelling, "okay, okay, okay, okay, okay."

DET. : Okay. So his hands were up in the air. Okay, he's sayin', "okay, okay, okay." Alright, and then what happens?

And then, I guess, he kinda started stumblin' and ya know...

DET. : Did you-did you wait when his, when his hands are in the air...

Right.

DET. : ...and sayin' "okay, okay, okay", did you hear shots after that?

: Yeah.

DET. : Okay.

That's-that's when he was like this. He goes, "okay, okay, okay" and then he was like comin' at, ya know, he was approachin' the cop.

DET. : Uh huh.

His hands were up and I don't know if he was stumblin' into 'em or what but he, just from me to you.

DET. : Okay.

Unloaded his clip.

DET. : Where, show me how when he had his hands up and he's approachin' him, well what did that look like?

Like this.

DET. : Okay, alright. So...

Then he-then he put it down and by that time he had three shots into him.

DET. : Okay, so I, like I said, I'm just gonna make sure I got this clear. You see him stumble. You hear shots, and-and you perceive he's taken shots in the back, this guy? That Mike is?

The-the-the first shot I heard I didn't see. The second shot I saw it hit Mike. I didn't see the cop that time but it hit him in the back.

DET. : Okay.

Every shot after that was in the chest or armpit.

DET. : Okay, so then, so then he turned around and faced the officer.

: He faced the officer.

DET. : And, he had his hands up in the air and said, "okay, okay, okay" and then he was shot how many times?

Seven times at least.

DET. : Seven at least, okay. So then does he stumble forward at all?

Yeah, he stumbled forward and then he landed on the ground. That's where he died.

DET. : How far did he fall forward?

I would say from...

DET. : I mean, just estimate...15-20 feet.

They'er-they're at 20-30 feet.

DET. Okay.

: I mean, I-I yeah.

DET. Okay.

: Maybe not even that far.

DET. : And did he fall on-did he fall on his face?

Yeah.

DET. : Like face down?

Yeah.

DET. Okay. Um, how many officers did you see on the scene at that time? At the time that he was shot, how many officers were there?

Three.

DET. : There were three on the scene when you, when...

I-I saw the one then I saw two more immediately after and I knocked...I kinda got out of the way.

DET. : But, I mean initially, what I'm asking, is that at the same time that he was shot, were there two other officers with him?

No.

DET. : Or, was he by himself when he shot?

: He was by himself and then once he was on the ground then I saw the two other cops.

DET. : Okay. But, they weren't like flankin' him or with him when he shot this, when he shot 'em?

No.

DET. : Okay, alright. Can you think of anything that I haven't asked you or that you saw otherwise that you think would be important?

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I mean I don't, no, my mind's kinda blank, if you know, other than knowing that's what I saw, ya know.

DET. Okay.

: I don't really, ya know...

DET. No, that's fine. I just, I just sometimes ya know, ya know I can't ask every question in the world and it sometimes...

I didn't see-I didn't see any weapons on him

DET. : Okay, so...

And, we talked to the guy for 20-30 minutes. He seemed like a nice guy.

DET. : Uh huh.

: Ya know, he said he was gonna run to the store with his buddy.

DET. : Uh huh.

And he'd be right back. We were workin' on the building that he was visiting somebody in.

DET. Okay.

Ya know and the next time I saw him he was stumblin' down, ya know he just got hit and stumblin' down the road.

DET. : Did you hear-did you hear the officer giving him any commands?

Nope. Did not hear him say a word.

DET. : No getting' down or nothin' like that?

: I didn't, I mean I don't know what he said before that, 'cause like I said, there's an apartment building here....

DET. : But you, I mean, you were close enough to hear

... (UI) in the street

DET. : ...pretty clearly though, right?

Right.

DET. So, you would've thought if you heard the officer that you would've heard those too right?

: Yeah, I mean he didn't say anything ya know after that shot was, the first shot, I didn't hear a cop...

DET. So, there's no getting down, no nothin' like that?

No.

DET. : Okay. Alright. If you don't have anything further, you have anything further?

Nope, that'll be it.

DET. : Alright, it is 9:08 a.m. We're gonna conclude the interview.