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Unknown Male 1 = UM1  
Unknown Male 2 = UM2  
Unknown Male 3 = UM3  
Detective                    = DET.  
Unintelligible = UI

UM:                                    Just, I mean, you can have it. Take a seat and we'll have 'em come and get you. Alright?

:                                        What is this? Can I play with your knife while I'm sitting in here?

UM1:                                   Just give me a few minutes.

UM2:                                   You can take a picture (UI) give it to ya.

UM1:                                   Good luck (UI).

I'm trying to be friendly here

UM1:                                   I'm gonna go grab                    and tell him you're here. Alright?

That guy's too serious. SINGING LYRICS TO THE THUNDER ROLLS.  
SLEEPING. Aw, come on fellas. Come on. Come on. Come on. Chop,  
chop. Come on. Really? Come on. Come on. Come on. Come on. (UI)  
fucking bored.

DET.                                    Hi. How are you?

Great. Yourself?

DET.                                    Good, thanks. Do you need anything? I know you've been sitting in here a few minutes.

Um, my phone.

DET.                                    I can't give you your phone. Can I get you anything else? Do you need anything else to drink, or do you want....

Can I get a strawberry shake?

DET. : No strawberry shakes. We got some chips. Are you hungry? We can get you some chips or...

No, I'm cool...

DET. : ...a little something to eat...

...my wife's got me on a diet.

DET. : Aw, that's not fun. She's not here. It's okay.

Slim Fast and cucumbers for me.

DET. : Oh. That doesn't sound any good.

Well, if I didn't smoke so much, I wouldn't have to worry about my weight.

DET. : Ah.

So...

DET. : Do you need to use the bathroom or...

How much longer have we got here? I mean...

DET. : They're finishing talking to somebody else...

(UI)

DET. : ...and then it should just be a couple more minutes.

This is against my will now because he said it was only gonna take about an hour.

DET. : Yeah, it shouldnt take too long once they get started and they're just about finished with the other guys...

I know but it's already been over an hour.

DET. : Okay. Well sorry you're waiting. Uh, is there anything I can get ya besides the chocolate shake, strawberry shake?

You know a strawberry shake is good.

DET. : They are good. It's my favorite.

:                  Have you ever had a banana and blueberry shake...

DET.          :                  No.

                  :                  ...from Dairy Queen?

DET.          :                  Huh uh.

                  :                  You have got to try one of those.

DET.          :                  I didn't know they had those.

                  :                  Problem is, you can't go to every Dairy Queen 'cause they don't all have  
blueberry.

DET.          :                  That's true.

                  :                  Select few.

DET.          :                  Just the new one?

                  :                  The one in Hillsboro has blueberry. The one in Desoto, no blueberry.

DET.          :                  So you gotta know the right ones. Alright. If you need anything...

                  :                  Is that how you make light of it?

DET.          :                  Just kn-just knock, okay.

                  :                  Okay.

DET.          :                  And hopefully...

                  :                  I was just gonna break out. Are you locking me in here?

DET.          :                  Huh?

                  :                  What did I do?

DET.          :                  No, you didn't do anything.

                  :                  Oh, I was gonna come out and get my phone.

DET.          :                  No, yeah, we can't let you have your phone in here. Sorry about that.

                  :                  Oh.

DET.          :                  No phones in here.

I was gonna look up dog chasing tale on Youtube.

DET. S: Just to entertain yourself till somebody comes in? Yeah, there's not much in here that's entertaining. So, sorry...

Except for that camera right there...

DET. S: ...I'll let them know you're, you're in a hurry to go.

If I moon that camera will they be mad at me?

DET. S: No, by all means.

They locked me in. Really? Today. Fucking really getting bored in here. Come on. Son of a fucking bitch. Come on. Fuck, come on. You locked me in. Fucking did lock me in. What did I do? I'm fucking locked in here. Fucking come on. I didn't do fucking nothing. I'm fucking bored with being here. I'm ready to go. This shit don't interest me. Oh, fuck, come on.

DET. ?

Yeah.

DET. How are ya? Hi, my name is .

You're

DET. I'm Yeah.

First one I talked to.

DET. We met before. Yesterday, right?

Yeah. How you doing?

DET. Good...

No, not yesterday. The day before yesterday.

DET. That's right.

DET. Well, thanks for coming in and, and talking with us. I realize it's not how you wanna spend a, uh, a Thursday afternoon.

I don't like being locked in here.

DET. : Obviously this is, uh, um, an important case and there's a lot, of uh, attention to this, you know?

Yep.

DET. : So, thanks for coming in and having a conversation. Okay. Uh, if it makes you, deh, you feel any better, I did talk to and just to let him know that, uh, we were asking you to come in and at least have a conversation just have a conversation for a little bit and he was okay with that. Okay? So don't feel any, don't feel any stress in terms of, uh, what the boss is, is or isn't gonna say....

What did my wife say?

DET. : I haven't talked to your wife.

See that's the one. I can always find a job.

DET. : Can't always find a new wife, huh?

Not one that I've been with for 23 years.

DET. : Right. Okay. Well, uh, let's do this, okay? Uh, I obviously, uh, don't want you to-to get in trouble with the wife. So, let's talk for a few minutes and we'll get this over with just as quickly as we can. Okay? Alright. Because we are in a police station, alright, and because we are the police, there are certain rules that we have to follow. Okay? And obviously, um, it's kinda like you see on TV, we have to read you your rights. Okay? And that's because you're in a police station and because we're the police. Alright?

I'm being arrested?

DET. : Nope. You're not under arrest. Okay? And you know that. Alright?

(UI)

DET. : Okay? You, you came down here, we're, like I said just to have a conversation. And that's all we wanna do. But like I said, because we're the police and 'cause we're in a police station, I gotta read you your rights, alright? Okay? So I'm gonna do that now. Move this over here, okay. And, obviously there's other questions that I gotta ask that go along and are associated with this and please don't take any offense. It's something standard that I ask everybody I talk to, okay? Are you under the influence of any drugs or alcohol right now?

: Huh uh.

DET. Okay. And can you read and write?

Uh huh.

DET. Okay, what's the-like I said, please don't take any offense. Alright, it's, I have to ask everybody. If there was a, uh, neurosurgeon in here, I'd ask him the same thing, okay? Alright. And obviously neurosurgeons are, are highly educated and we all clearly know that. Okay. So, just go ahead and read along with me here, and I know this is a, uh, formality but let's, let's get it taken care of, okay? Before we ask any questions you must understand what your rights are. You do not have to make a statement at this time and have a right to remain silent. Just initial here saying that you understand what I'm telling you, okay.

That I understand that?

DET. Yeah, you would, yes sir. You're a lefty, huh? So am I. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. Again, just initial there saying you understand what I'm telling you. You're entitled to consult with an attorney before an interview and to have an attorney present at the time of the interview. Again, just initial there saying that you understand what I'm telling you and if you cannot afford an attorney one will be appointed for you. Again, just initial there saying that you understand you understand what I'm telling you. Okay. And go ahead and read this statement to yourself, okay? But essentially what it says is that-that you're okay having a conversation with us right now and that we haven't played any, any, uh, you know, any games to you, we haven't threatened you, you haven't threatened to, you know, uh, do any, anything evil or nefarious to you, okay? And if you would, just, uh, sign right there. And then the date is obviously 8/21/2014, and the time is 4:25 p.m. And if you just put, uh, p. m. there please, I'd appreciate it. Okay.

Um, about 45 minutes passed what the two guys said that I'd be here.

DET. Well and it...

I understand.

DET. ...I will take full responsibility for that, okay. I feel it's important to take responsibility for, for things in life, and- and that you can blame me...

I'm trying to make light of this...

DET. ...solely on me.

...because I have had no sleep.

DET. Okay. Alright.

I'm trying, I, I this, this bothers me so much...

DET. Well, let's do this, let's just get right down to it. And I assure you we can do this as quickly as possible, okay? Alright. Okay.

Where is

DET. , um, South Carolina? Georgia?

What?

DET. Yeah. I don't know. So South Carolina or Georgia?

He left town.

DET. Yeah. He's on vacation. He had a scheduled vacation and, um, and obviously, he couldn't cancel it. So, that's that.

He was a real nice guy to talk to.

DET. He is. He's a good guy. He and I worked together all the time. And I assure you that, um, eh, as much as I, as much as this may sound ridiculous, I'm just as nice of a guy.

Hm.

DET. Alright Hey, hey ...

I'm not gonna call you a liar.

DET. ....yeah, yeah, yeah. So um, hey listen...

(U)

DET. ...do me a favor, okay? Would you tell me, uh, just rehash again for me one time what, um, uh, you guys got to the, the st-the, uh, complex that day about what time?

I would say 7:05; 7:10.

DET. Okay. And it was just you and, um ...

DET. ...right? Okay. Did you guys ride together or did you take separate trucks or...

We took separate trucks this time.

DET. Okay, and when you guys got there you basically just went to work. Is that right?

Well, our stock lot is over by theirs so we load up our pipes, what we think we're gonna use...

DET. Uh huh.

...and then we started doing, uh, building checks. So we're making sure that this one's done, this one's done, this one's done around this building so building one is done.

DET. Sure.

Then we move to two, then we move, I mean, we run five and six I believe.

DET. Yeah.

So we're walking, working our way around, if there was something that was way out of hand that we couldn't do, we didn't do. We just moved on. But the idea was to get the downspouts out to the road.

DET. Okay. Alright.

So we would do that. If we couldn't grade it out because it was muddy, it had just rained, so we didn't do that, we just ran the pipes and called it good.

DET. Okay.

That's basically all we were doing.

DET. So not necessarily a full on, full on workday, more of a Saturday.

Yeah. We had a op-uh, option to go to Lake St. Louis and help finish that.

DET. Yeah.

But there wasn't enough work to support eight people so we just came out there to nit-pick the...

DET. Knock that small stuff out.



...well, if you wanna count chiseling at roots small stuff because because the first four days I was there, we did the all the easy stuff. The one where you just dig the trench and throw the pipe in there.

DET. Sure.

Now we were on the ones where we had to actually hammer out and patch it out the roots.

DET. Okay. Alright.

So...

DET. I gotcha. Alright. And so you and        are working on the same building throughout most of the day. Is that fair to say?

We started out, I wish I had a picture of the buildings. We started out finishing...

DET. I'll get that.

I call building one where the office is.

DET. Uh huh.

Then building two and then building three. We finished up a little bit on building three and then building four over here, we finished one that was over there and then we shipped it across the street.

DET. Okay.

Now mind you this was, uh, we got over across the street at eleven o'clock. About ten thirty and then that's where all the roots were. There, they, they cut down big trees right there. So I, we had to take the thing and make turns and instead of just going straight out like normal...

DET. Yeah.

...and underneath the sidewalk but we didn't have, uh, we didn't have the machine over there, what we normally would do is try to channel underneath the- the sidewalk but we got bored with that because that...

DET. It's a pain.

...basically sucked.

DET. Yeah. Yeah.

So we started cutting, then we just lift the curb out and then dig a trench.

DET. Okay. Alright.

Under that, so, that one was, uh, the one that I was working on at eleven was the worst.

DET. And where was that one at? West Florissant's over here. There's the, uh, leasing office right there.

Yeah, this is one.

DET. Yeah.

And then this is two. We finished, and three, yeah, we-we-we pretty much knocked these ones out and then got over to here.

DET. Okay.

This is where I'm talking about where it was, uh, the root infested one. This is where I had o-originally talked to Michael.

DET. Okay.

And I was wrapping all that up and then when Michael and his little buddy took off, then we just drove the truck across to here and started on this one.

DET. Yep.

Well, when they left, he had walked over to here. This is where we store all of our stuff. This is where mine and       's little time are different. I'm a foreman and he not really a laborer so, I figure it took him about fifteen minutes to go up there and get the Bobcat to come over here.

DET. Okay.

And he figures it took a half hour. So I-I-I don't know. And when they left, that's, this is where I was at, my truck was parked right here. And he came over to dig out this one, dig out this one, and dig out that one.

DET. Okay. And so when you first encountered, encountered Mike, what time was it?

11:00.

DET. The first time you talked to him was at 11:00?

Yeah, from 11:00 to about 11:30.

DET. : Okay. And that was where at again, were you're talking to him?

Right here, in front of this building.

DET. : Okay. And was Mike with anybody?

No.

DET. : And were you with anybody?

Uh, I was with or, but-but was over in here finishing up and knocking stuff down. We weren't together.

DET. : So he was in eyesight, but he wasn't....

Yeah, he was there....

DET. : ...part of the conversation.

...and then after about ten minutes of talking with him then came over.

DET. : Alright.

It wasn't very long that come over to see what was going over there.

DET. : Alright. So tell me about that conversation that you had with him.

He felt like there was, uh, feeling some bad vibes. And I'm down on my knees chipping at roots, I said "Here, here's a shovel. You come down here and see what kinda bad vibes you got." Naw, I just don't think that's it. So I made a little joke about, well you shorted me nine bucks on my check, but it-it-it wasn't shorted me nine bucks on my check. I actually made four dollars more on my check, but the government took nine more dollars out.

DET. : Okay.

That's what it ended up being. I ain't doing that and he started talking about all this, he kept going, with his eyes being, I-I thought he was...

DET. : You're like making your eyes flutter? Is that what you're (U)...

...Yeah, he would I like closing them and be talking. I thought he was retarded or slow.

DET. Okay.

So, I just kinda played along or whatever, he just, he came out just to talk to somebody. Okay...

DET. (U)...

....you, you can talk, I'm gonna keep digging. Well then I started putting my pipes together and that's when            come over and we finished up that one and he had to just get going.

DET. Okay. Alright.

When he went up into this building,...

DET. To which one?

...this one.

DET. Same one he came out of, or a different one?

I didn't see him come out of anything. He just showed up.

DET. Okay.

But I mean it, I made jokes about his yellow socks with the pot leafs 'em and I said "You ain't gonna go find a job wearing those anywhere." And aw man, you know, weed and so bad, you know?

DET. Yeah.

So, when it...

DET. Do you smoke?

Huh?

DET. Do you smoke?

Weed?

DET. Yeah. Every now and then? I- I can tell by your answer that it's yes, it, I don't care, man. I'm not the drug police.

I'm a tell you right now and I can, I can give you the phone number to a hundred thousand people who'll tell ya, if you give me this much weed, it'll last me about eight years.

DET                    Alright.

I might take one hit every...

DET                    Just every now and then?

I don't, back in the day I used to party it up real good.

DET                    Yeah.

I mean I ain't gonna say but now, I-I just, I can't be high. I can't, I don't like being high. It's, it's...

DET                    It's hard to work when you're high?

...I don't, I, I'm not, if I'm ever high, I'm, I'm at home.

DET                    Okay.

I can't go nowhere. My wife knows that. She'll tell everybody.

DET                    Alright.

And everybody that I know will say that.

DET                    Yeah.

You can call, I'll-I'll give you numbers to people you can call.

DET                    And            , ay, ay, man (UI)...

I'm telling ya...

DET                    ...ay, it's legal in, it's legal in Colorado-...

...I don't care what it is in Colorado...

DET                    ...it's legal in Washington. I'm not the drug police. I-I (UI)...

I don't care what it is in Colorado. I can pass a drug test right now.

DET                    Eh, fine by me.

I don't, I don't do drugs.

DET. Okay. Alright.

I- I'm, I'm      years old and I got two kids.

DET. Okay.

My house is almost paid off. I'm ready to retire.

DET. So you talk about the, the socks, right?

Yeah.

DET. And then what?

Well, we were just talking about, uh, him working. Because he kept telling me that, you know, I, I have anger issue and then the Lord Jesus Christ is gonna, and then he kept, I-I kept thinking he was retarded so I was just playing along with his game while I'm trying to get my pipes put in and glued together.

DET. Yeah.

I had no iden-I, I have no idea what he was talking about really. And we were just sitting there talking and then he had to disappear. Well then he came back out with, uh                      whatever that kid is that's doing all the loud mouthing on the TV.

DET. What did he look like?

Uh, he looked like the kid on the TV.

DET. Okay. Kid with dreadlocks?

Yeah. I-I-I knew who he was and the first time I heard him talk on the TV, I started bitching and my wife said shut that shit off. And she wouldn't let me never watch the news again. So I haven't really watched the news since Tuesday of last week.

DET. Okay.

She won't, she goes to-no, you're not gonna sit here and bitch and piss and moan about all this bullshit. She said just, all she wants to do is argue now and, when I heard him say his little spiel, I said that is not what (Ui) happened. And-and, I, it pissed me off to hear that. Which I understand he's probably frustrated on what happened. But that's not what I saw.

DET. : Uh huh.

But he's telling people that that's what happened. Like when it first happened. There was a kid in a red car they come over started yelling at the officers. Well the officers didn't know what to do. They were busy taping of the, the scene. Well here's this guy running around when people are coming from everywhere and he's running around shouting, he did this, he didn't do, so the only story they believe was what that little kid in the red car said. I don't know who that kid was. If you guys do, but, he's the first one that came up to us. Did you see that shit? I said yeah, I saw that shit, but, he was the one running around, all the way around the scene the whole time.

DET. : Okay. So, so you make reference to the socks, right? And he says what?

He said "Aw, man weeds okay, man. Everybody smokes a little weed."

DET. : Alright.

That's all he said. And that's when he went up into, into the building. Well then me and finished this one and I drove my truck over here and we were looking at this one and this one and this one coming off of this building. And I said well why don't you run over and get that, um, Bobcat that's over there... Mustang is what we call it. I said and you could pop these holes so we don't have to dig 'em out, all we're, they're already dug it in there, we just got to make 'em further away.

DET. : Okay.

And I didn't like 'em, so we, so the, so I don't have to hand dig 'em all-...

DET. : (U)

...all the way out of the, and it was getting ready to leave and then here come those two down the step.

DET. : Those two meaning? Dorian and...

(U)

DET. : ...and Mike.

Yeah. And, uh, they said "We're gonna run to the store real quick but I'm gonna come back and talk to ya about this anger, uh, issue that you have." Well I was already done with over here. I'm out of the roots. So I'm not gonna be angry. Now I gotta Bobcat coming that's gonna dig up my, I said yep, we'll see you in a little while. Then I didn't think nothing

of it when he walked over to go get the machine until I started hearing the popping.

DET. : Okay.

And it wasn't bang either, it was pop. It was something, I've heard guns go off before, but I've never heard the pop like that.

DET. : Right. Okay. So the conversation with-with, uh, Darian and Mike was...

Darian didn't say much. Mike, Mike...

DET. : ... who, Mike was doing the most of the talking?

Yeah.

DET. : Was, uh, present for that part?

Yeah, he was getting' ready to go get the machine. We just had moved all of our tools over to, from here to here.

DET. : Okay. Alright. And so, um-...

Soon as they left, then walked over. I believe we park our thing right there.

DET. : Okay. Alright. So, when, we're talking to Darian, right? Darian makes reference to, uh, same thing, the conversations that you guys had with one another. right? And he's talking about how, um, you know, talks to you guys, says you're nice guys. He says all this kinda stuff, right? But he also talks about the wax.

Wax?

DET. : Yeah. That you guys made mention of, uh...

Oh. I asked him, do you know where to get wax?

DET. : Okay.

But that's what I mean, he didn't say that was nothing.

DET. : Okay. Just and just so-so we're on the same page and so I can corroborate what, what Dorian was saying, tell me about that part of the conversation. Please.

When he said weed is, uh, weed is okay, I said "Well did you ever try the wax?" And I said, "I wouldn't mind figuring out how to get some of that



wax." He goes "I don't know, man. I don't know." That's about all I heard from Darian and then, uh, Michael started talking about anger again.

DET. Tell me about the wax, 'cause I, ah...

Wax is....

DET. ...I mean I know a little bit about it but I don't know a lot about it.

...-(UI) nothing

DET. Wax is what?

Wax wasn't anything.

DET. No-no-no I'm , I'm just saying, in general terms tell me about it.

Um, I, I know it's some kinda drug.

DET. How do you, how do you use it, how-how does it, how do you get it?

I don't know how to get it. Okay. Do I have the pipe? I have a pipe to use the wax. Have I tried it? I tried it once.

DET. Okay.

I don't, but I don't know how to find it. I don't know how to get it. In Houston I tried once.

DET. Okay.

And ended up with the pipe from a laborer.

DET. Okay.

And so I had it.

DET. And how does it make you feel?

High.

DET. Eh, eh, relative to...

Way high...

DET. ...relative to weed.

Way high.

DET. Best high? And I....

No-no.

DET. ....honestly...

....there's no such as the best high.

DET. Obviously I've never tried it, right? So I don't necessarily know what...

No- no, this is one hit is way out there.

DET. One hit, like from a one hitter?

No. You gotta take a torch and heat up this titanium little thing and then you take a pen and dip it in there and make smoke.

DET. And then what do you do?

Hit it.

DET. How?

One hit and you're way out there.

DET. How do you hit it? Just...

Through this little glass pipe thing.

DET. Uh huh. Alright.

And that's it. I tried it once and the guy didn't want the pipe back. I still have the pipe.

DET. And what is the, what does wax consist of? Do you know?

It is weed that is, if you look it up on Youtube, you put it in a pipe smash it down and shoot some in there, however you do it. It'll kill ya if you don't know how to make it.

DET. Really?

From what I hear.

DET. What do you shoot in there?

Um, some kinda gas to ss-crush it. You squeeze all the THC out of the weed.

DET. Alright.

Turns it into wax.

DET. And then what do you do with it?

I don't know.

DET. Okay. UI-...

I've only taken on hit off of it.

DET. Yeah, yeah, yeah. But then what, I guess once you got it, it's just (UI)...

It's a gooey little....

DET. ...looks like, looks like wax, right?

...It's a gooey little thing.

DET. Uh huh.

You go to the head shop.

DET. Yeah.

You can buy all that bullshit.

DET. Okay. Alright.

I mean, I don't know.

DET. And when's the last time you-you used it?

Probably about four months ago.

DET. Okay. Alright. And where is that at that you used it?

In Houston.

DET. Okay. And good high is what you're saying is essentially...

Don't..

DET. ...it's not a good high...

...see, when I tell you I get high....

DET. Yeah.

...I could take one hit and I'm good. But I'm way too high. I don't get high. Right now I can pass a drug test from anything. I haven't been high in a long time.

DET. Okay.

But the one hit that I took from that, I coughed for about, uh, 15 to 20 minutes and then I was way too high to do anything. Went to my hotel room, sat there.

DET. For roughly how long?

Till I fell asleep. Then woke up and went to work the next day.

DET. Alright. Alright.

DET. How long does it take to kick in?

Right now.

DET. Immediately, huh?

Yeah.

DET. Ha, interesting. (UI)...

So it...it's cool if you're sitting at home and you're into that shit.

DET. Yeah.

But, that was the one question.

DET. Tell me about the rest of the, the conversation about the wax and what not.

That was it. I don't know where you're going with this wax.

DET. Well Darian, Dorian implied that there was a little bit more to it.

No.

DET. So would, would he be incorrect in saying that or, what could he, what could he have perceived that there was more to that conversation?

I asked him if he knew where to get wax and he said no....

DET. Yeah.

...but he maybe could find some. And that's all Darian, that's what I said, Darian didn't say anything. He didn't, Michael did all the talking.

DET. Okay. So was that Michael that you were talking to about the wax then?

No.

DET. Or was it Darian?

Michael was talking to me about the anger issue.

DET. Okay.

Because when he was watching me I was digging roots up.

DET. Okay. And your opinion of Michael at that point was what again?

I thought he was either slow or retarded.

DET. Okay.

That's what I thought because he kept closing his eyes and-and talking real soft.

DET. Okay. Alright.

I mean, I don't know. I just thought he was somebody that lived there that had nobody to talk to. He wanted to come down and talk to people, you know. I don't, I-I-I believed he was like a 25 to 30 year old man when I seen him.

DET. Okay.

I didn't think he was a kid.

DET. And so when I say this, understand where I'm coming from, okay? And that, obviously, Michael died of gunshot wounds, correct?

Uh huh.

DET. We can all agree on that, okay? That is what killed him. Alright.

Uh huh..

DET. Understand that I am not the drug police. Alright? Understand that he is not the drug police. Understand that we don't care about drugs. We've got other things that we have to worry about and that's not just today with this case. It's almost year round because we got other things that we have to deal with that are much bigger than drugs. Okay? But what we are trying to do is understand the last hour, two hours of Michael's life. Okay? That's what we do. We're kinda storytellers, right? And we tell the story of what was Michael doing before and what happened.

You are losing me real fast here.

DET. Okay, well. Here's where I, here's where I'm a get to my point. Okay? If this is such a thing where there was some sort of interaction between you and Michael or between you and Dorian or between        and Michael or        and Dorian or all four of you or whatever that involves wax or weed, whatever. I just, the only thing is...I just wanna know. Okay? Because Dorian's saying something different than what you're saying. Okay? And I just wanna clarify those things.

(UI) When it came up about the socks, they were talking about aw a little weed ain't I- I said well I wouldn't mind finding some wax.

DET. Uh huh.

But I don't know where to find that? And that's all that was said about that. I don't know what he said. I don't know what he did. I don't, I don't care one bit what he said. That's all that was said about that.

DET. Was there any transactions...

No.

DET. ....one way or the other?

Nothing

DET. Nothing at all. (UI)

No transaction.

DET. Okay. Was there ever any-any gimme? Did you have some and (UI)...

Did I see weed? I seen weed.

DET. Okay, who had weed?

Michael had weed.

DET. How much did he have?

Not very much at all. He had it in a little paper deal and I said, what I said to him was I've used a, um, tampon wrapper before, but not a paper that thick. Oh no, I'm gonna get some skins, is what he said.

DET. Okay. And describe the paper that you're talking about.

A-a, just like this. A-a piece of notebook p-paper. And he was just rolling 'em...

DET. As in like...

...well it's about, and he was just rolling it up. I said you're not gonna smoke it outta that are ya? Oh no, then that's when they took off. That's the last I've seen of 'em.

DET. Okay. And, what else are we missing about this? 'Cause this, there's still a little bit more that, that we're missing.

Not from me there's not.

DET. Did you get any of his?

Nope. I don't...

DET. Did you get...

I'll pee in a cup right now.

DET. ...did he get any of yours?

My what?

DET. I don't know, whatever it is that you had.

No. I have nothing. There was no drugs from me at all.

DET. Anybody else?

No. I was working.

DET. Okay. I understand. But I understand also that people can sometimes indulge when they're at work. And it's not, it's not any of my business...

My comment was, I wouldn't mind finding some wax.

DET. Uh huh.  
That's all I said. It has nothing to do with anything.

DET. Okay, so when did Michael pull out this weed then?  
That's what he got when he was coming down going to the store and they were on their way out the door.

DET. And it was rolled up in a white....  
No.

DET. ...piece of paper?  
It was folded in half, and then he started rolling it up when they were taking off.

DET. Alright. Did you see anybody else with anything?  
Huh uh.

DET. Dorian?  
Huh uh.

DET. You?  
Huh uh.

DET.  
Huh uh. I don't think does drugs at all. And I know I don't.

DET. Okay.  
Have I? Yeah. I've done my share of all kinds of drugs.

DET. Do you consider weed a drug?  
Anything that fucks ya up is a drug.

DET. Okay, so, so do you, I mean, in your mind, weed is a drug.  
Yep.

DET. Okay. Then the only question I would have is, why would you say to Michael "I wouldn't mind getting some wax?"



I didn't say it to Michael.

DET. What did you ss-who did you say that to?

To Darian.

DET. Okay. Alright, so but ...

(U)

DET. Okay, alright, look let me, I just wanna clarify 'cause I don't wanna put words in your mouth. I'm not trying to do that. I'm not trying to trick ya or do anything. This isn't, this is about as open and up front as we can get. Alright. Dorian and Michael are together, correct when they come down the stairs? And are you talking to both of them...not specifically about weed or whatever, but you're talking to both of them at the same time? You with me?

I didn't meet Darian until then I didn't even meet him then.

DET. Right.

But he come down the stairs and I said you brought help or something to...

DET. Okay.

...to come down and help, and that's when the weed thing, he had was rolled up in there.

DET. Okay. So, so Michael has the weed...

Michael had the weed...

DET. So Michael has the weed and Dorian's over here next to next to each other...

Uh huh.

DET. Right? They're next to each other. And then so you see the weed that Michael has and then you make a comment to Darian...

All I say is I wouldn't mind finding some wax.

DET. Okay, who was that directed at?

I guess Darian.

DET. Okay.  
Do I know for sure it was....  
That's fine-that's fine.  
They were both standing right here.

DET. Okay, that's fine.  
But they were on their way out.

DET. Sure and, look, I wasn't there. wasn't there...  
You guys are confusing me now.

DET. That's not our intension. I'm trying to, we're trying to underst-have  
make you under-make us understand it. Does that make sense?  
Um, no, because I didn't...

DET. Okay.  
...have drugs.

DET. Okay.  
I didn't do drugs.

DET. Sure.  
...I didn't exchange drugs.

DET. Okay.  
I didn't do...

DET. And that's, that's fine...  
...all my comment was is I wouldn't mind finding some wax was all I said.

DET. Okay. What did you anticipate the response to be from them?  
Maybe they know where to get some.

DET. Okay. Did they tell you where to get some?

No, they had no idea....

DET. Did they say they had some?

They said they heard about it.

DET. Okay. Tell me about that.

They said they heard about it. And that's all. That was it. They said "I've heard about that stuff." And away they went and that's when he was turning that in the paper.

DET. Well, there has to be more to it than that.

There's not.

DET. In this sense of, hold on, listen to what I'm saying. Okay. In the sense of...

(UI)

DET. ...yeah we've heard about it but then the ne-uh, a reasonable...

No.

DET. ...question would be "Have you tried it?", or something like that.

No.

DET. You know what I mean? I

DET. It-it just seems...

No.

DET. ...like there's...

No.

DET. ...it-it-it seems like there's some kinda break...

They were on there way to the store.

DET. Okay, but it...

They were coming down off the steps...

DET. Alright.

...and we were shifting over to the other side.

DET. Hey, just....

Everybody was moving.

DET. ...sure, just-just from our stand point. Coming in at the very end. We're trying to make this make sense. Alright? D-I mean, that-that's basically our job. Okay? But it just sounds like when we're- we're having this conversation that there's all of a sudden a period at the end of the story and it doesn't seem like there-there could have been. There w-you know, you guys are having an interaction about something, about wax, about whatever it is and then all of a sudden the conversation just stops...

(UI)

DET. ...without any real resolution. Does that make to me, to you?

They were going to the store.

DET. Okay.

They were on their way to the store, coming down...

DET. Did they say anything about oh, we'll hit you up when we get back? Did (UI)...

The were gonna come back and talk to me when he got back about my anger issue...

DET. ....Ah, is that what he said?

Yes.

DET. Okay, so there's, there's some more conversation after this, and we're trying to get there...

This wasn't even a-a conversation when they came down the steps. We were shifting over, they were leaving and I seen what he had there and I said I wouldn't mind finding some wax and they said well, away they went, it was, there w-there was no, me and were shifting all of our tools over. They were coming up...

DET. Was with you when this was said?

Yeah.

DET. Where was he standing?

Behind the truck. Probably, maybe 15, I don't even know if he heard.

DET. Okay, so he's not, I mean, he's not...

I don't know if, no, I guess he was, we were grabbing our tools from over here and moving 'em over here.

DET. Okay, so-so...

Everything was, we were moving and they were coming out and going. It was like we were passing in the night on that one.

DET. Okay. So the, what's the last thing they say. After you say I wouldn't mi-  
listen to me, let, let me ask the question before you answer it, okay.  
Alright? So let's go from, they come down the stairs and you say "I  
wouldn't mind getting some wax.

No that ain't what even happened.

DET. What did you say? Then take me through it.

They, when they came down the stairs, I- I looked at 'em, I said "oh you  
brought some help." I said "Well we're done with this one." I don't  
know we're gonna go to the store and I seen 'em rolling this up.

DET. Okay.

And then I, I made the joke about, you know, I've used tampon papers  
like that. And I said "I wouldn't mind finding some wax." just to see if  
maybe they knew. Okay, but, he goes "I've heard of that stuff." and...

DET. Which one said that?

Devan said that or Teron I don't, what's his name?

DET. Dorian.

The, the dreadlock guy.

DET. Sure.

And then, they said we're gonna go to the store real quick and then, uh,  
Michael said when I get back, he goes, we'll talk about that anger issue.  
I said when we're all done with the roots. I said we're moving over here.  
And they just walked off. Eh, there was nothing. There was no

exchange, there was no hand shake, there was no fist pump, nothing, between us the whole time. There was, we just, I thought he was slow so I was playing, asking if he wants to shovel the whole time that we were talking and I just let him talk and then, it-it was, there was, it, nothing occurred to me. I was busy digging my little trench.

DET. So all this, this conversation that you had with-with, uh,...

The first half hour that-that was just, I was down on my knees digging a hole while he was standing there watching me dig.

DET. Okay and that's when Michael was by himself?

Yeah.

DET. Alright. When he came back down the stairs, where are you at when the conversation takes place?

We were gathering our stuff and getting' and...

DET. So you're by the truck. You're not digging it, digging a hole (UI) whatever-...

No, we're just, we had just finished and we're starting to move across the street. So Scott was helping me move stuff, throw it in the truck, clean up and move.

DET. Okay. Were you doing something while you were talking to them or were you just...

Yeah.

DET. ... focused on the....

I was loading truck. I'm not interested in people.

DET. How long did that conversation take?

That didn't was our conversation.

DET. How long did that interaction take?

That was just on the pass by.

DET. So seconds.

Yep.

DET. So they didn't stop.

They...

DET. So, what I'm trying to get at is so no one around...

No. No.

DET. ...listen to me, listen to the question before I ask you, okay.

I'm sorry.

DET. Alright, so no one around in the apartment complex in...

Uh huh.

DET. ...listen to the before you answer. Okay? That's what I'm trying to get at. Just listen to my question first.

Uh huh.

DET. Alright. No one that, is there anybody that could have possibly seen something different of how long you two were standing there? Or you three, I'm sorry, you three where standing there talking? That's what we're, that's what we're trying to, uh, so are you...

I can't answer that.

DET. ...okay, if somebody, if something happens and there's multiple people that see whatever it is, a car accident or a bank robbery or anything, you would assume that everybody would see and ss-see the same thing or have a different perception of it. But, it would generally fit the same mold. Correct? If everybody's in the same location...

Yeah.

DET. ...that, then everything would kind of fit and be like okay, well he was standing at a different spot at the intersection when the car accident happened. Or they were at the transaction counter and saw the bank robbery happen over here so their p-views are going to be a little different. Correct? But, it would generally fit the same mold. Would you agree with that?

Uh huh.

DET. Okay. That's not happening right here when we're talking to you about this second interaction that you had with Darian and Michael. That's what we're trying to- to understand and- and make-make it make sense

to us, because like Matt said, we're here trying to tell the story of the last two hours of Michael's life. And you play a critical role in that. Okay? You can provide us with critical answers that we cannot get from anyone else. It is you.                   this- this is the reality of it right now is that nothing is gonna change what happened. The only thing that's gonna change is the fact that we will have what happened the last moments of Michael's life and that's why you're sitting in this room and that's why we're talking to you. We want to understand it. And we need your help to understand it. Okay? There's no tricks, there's no games, there's no, there's nothing. It is your statement. You're time to tell us what happened. You're the only one that can do it. You're the only one that talked to Michael that day at any length of time. Help us understand it.

was there too.

DET.                   was 15 feet by-behind you by your own admission...

Uh huh.

DET.                   ...loading up the truck. You had a interaction with Michael and Darian that moment. However long it may be even though it's different from your account to the next guy's account to the next guy's account, that conversation was with you. And this is where it stops, is with you. We need to understand,                   . This is our job. You need to make us understand it. Tell us what happened.

But, I'm-I'm trying to tell you what happened. When they come down the steps, it was all, they were going to the store, we were packing up the tools and it was like, everybody was busy and they were going.

DET.                   Sure.

We didn't stop and talk...

DET.                   Okay.

...on the last one.

DET.                   Alright. There are multiple people...

(UI)

DET.                   ....telling us, there are multiple people telling us that that conversation or that interaction lasted longer than seconds in just passing. Okay? Now...

I'm telling you it didn't.



DET. Okay, but maybe in your perception it, you, there was something that, that was said or something that w-that happened that, um, that you are, uh, for some reason not remembering and we're trying to-to-to figure this out. Okay?

That transaction, I remember them coming down and just passing. That's the only thing I remember of that. It was all that, we were, I was done on that side and we were shifting to the other side so I was picking up tools and throwing stuff in the truck and I was gonna drive my truck over to the other side is what I was doing. And they came through and said he was going to the store....

DET. Sure, I, I understand what you were, you were...

I understand too, but that's what I remember.

DET. it, you contacted his family, is that correct?

No, they contacted me.

DET. Okay. They contacted you. And did you have a conversation with them?

His mom, yeah.

DET. Why did you do that?

She called me.

DET. And you had a conversation, right?

(UI)

DET. You spoke with here. Why...

I told her I didn't wanna be doing all this.

DET. Why did you speak with her though?

I don't know. I thought it was something that was right to do.

DET. And having done it, do you still feel that it was something right to do?

No. I wanna be completely rid of this.

DET. You don't feel that it was, that it was proper for you to get....

I think it's (UI)...

DET. ...hold on, So-so you do feel that it was proper that you were able to provide a grieving mother, right, some semblance of what took place from your perspective? Do you feel that that was the right thing to do?

I didn't really go too far into what happened.

DET. Okay, but you talked to her.

I told her that I'd talked to Michael and I thought Michael was a really quiet and shy guy.

DET. Okay. And what else?

That's what I told her.

DET. Okay. And did you say that you were, that you were sorry...

I try-I told her...

DET. ...for what happened?

Yeah. I was sorry for what happened.

DET. Yes. Okay, and why did you tell her that?

Because I was sorry for what happened.

DET. Okay, and because you're a caring person, right?

Yep.

DET. Okay, and you, regardless of the circumstances of his death, right, you feel bad, that-that a mother lost her son. Is that correct? Is that fair to say?

That is fair to say.

DET. Okay. And did you not call or did you not have a conversation with one of the news channels?

That's...

DET. And provide your account. Right?

I don't have a lot of comment on that lady.

DET. Okay, well, I, you know, and here's the deal. Nobody else knows it's you, but I can tell you that I know that it was you, okay. We know...

I don't have a lot of comment on that lady...

DET. Okay.

...that lady shoved it up my ass on that one then I called her and told her that.

DET. Okay.

She told me she wasn't gonna do it that way and that's what she did.

DET. Alright. But what did, and I'm not, I, ss-l, I would say that most people probably have no idea...

I believe I was one hundred percent wrong talking to that lady.

DET. Okay. But why did you do it?

Because they were piping stuff out on the air that was wrong.

DET. Okay. In order to provide an account of what took place, is that fair to say?

There was riots and shit going on...

DET. I know I know...

...and those guys were reporting stuff that was wrong.

DET. Okay, and so you wanted to get...

I wanted to tell her to stop.

DET. ...your version of the events out. Right?

Uh huh.

DET. Okay. Now, having said that, having, knowing that you contacted the media, right?

Uh huh.

DET. And to, in order to get your account of what to place out, and knowing that you had a conversation with Michael's mom, right, about the last

moments of his life, right? You do that because just as with anyone, it's important to get what actually happens out. Right?

I'm trying.

DET. And here's the thing, alright, and this, and we deal with this all the time we deal with this...

I understand.

DET. ...day in and day out is here's what people wanna know, okay. People already know the who, they already know the what, they already know the when, they already know the ww-the already know all that, but the one thing that they don't know is the why. And that's true in this case and that's true in other cases, okay. And this is the-the, the crux of what we deal with on a daily basis, is why does something happen, right. And in order for us to get to that why, in order to find, for us to find out why something happens, it is critically important, it is so important for us to go back and to figure out what a person was doing in the last two hours of their life. Okay? And so here's what we're saying to you, okay. You obviously, you clearly had, clearly, clearly, clearly had a lengthy conversation with Michael Brown. Right? Right. Okay, and you had that conversation within that last two hours of his life. Right? Right. Okay. Did you kill Michael Brown? Of course you didn't. Of course you did not kill him. We all know what happened, alright?

Uh huh.

DET. But what we need from you, okay, and nobody-nobody, it doesn't matter what you say. Okay? Other than the fact that you tell us the truth. Alright. We need to know...

That's what I been telling you.

DET. ... listen to what I have to say. Okay? Please. We need to know why you and a guy that you haven't met but wh-the from the first time you your life. Right? Have in excess of a half hour conversation together and then you guys have another conversation after you finish up that half hour conversation.

That's not a conversation what we had on the way out.

DET. Okay, well, you get what I'm saying though, right

No I don't get what you're saying because...

DET. You have inter-okay, you had conversations, you had interactions...

...he was on the way out the door and I was loading my truck...

DET. Yeah.

...and as I'm going you just talked to be as their walking by. And that's what it was.

DET. And did you talk to him and he talk to you? So that's a conversation, okay.

It wasn't. Well (UI)...

DET. We're splitting hairs here. Right? We're splitting hairs...

...I know it, that's what we're doing but you make it sound like...

DET. ...but you (UI)...

...I talked to him for 20 minutes.

DET. Well, we've already established the fact that you've talked to him for a half hour the first time, right?

Yeah, but not the second time. Second time he was on his way to the store.

DET. Alright. Fair enough. As, as...

(UI)...

DET. ...brief as it may be. here's what we need out of you, okay? We need to hear the, that conversation in its entirety. Alright?

It was...

DET. Don't leave anything out.

I'm not gonna leave anything out.

DET. Don't embellish anything and I, okay, don't leave anything out, don't add something that didn't happen. We just wanna know the truth of what that conversation consisted of. And if you're telling me that it...

I told you already.

DET. Hold, hold on. We, listen, it's a half hour conversation....

No.

DET. ...and you've provided, you've provided two minutes of that conversation based on, based on your own comments to us, right? You've- you've essentially elaborated into a two-minute time span of what this conversation was. When in reality we know that there was another 28 minutes of conversation between you and him, right?

And it was all about working. And me being, uh, me being frustrated and, and mad and, uh, the Lord Jesus Christ gonna gimme, I'm down there digging, working through roots, so I'm working when he's just standing there. I thought he was slow and retarded when I'm down on my knees digging out these roots, so I'm just talking with him saying well grab a shovel.

DET. The first conversation...

Yeah, the first one.

DET. ...took place while you were digging?

Yeah.

DET. The entire time?

Yeah.

DET. The entire 30-minute conversation.

...the entire time I was digging them roots.

DET. I don't believe you

Well.

DET. I'm sorry, and I mean I'm trying, you need, uh, I help me...

(UI)...

DET. ...listen to me. Hold on, hold on UI....

...that root infested area over there...

DET. ...okay, I, I'm not, I'm not doubting the fact that you were probably working your ass off that day. There's no doubt in my mind 'cause, trust me, I wouldn't wanna be out there digging roots up either. Okay? So you were busting your ass, I get it. Alright? But, like rr-remember when we were back to the car accident in the bank, alright. The car accident.

(U)

DET. Listen to me. The-the, the example I gave you, alright, from the car accident and the bank and how people see different things alright. They're telling us the conversation took place in a different place. It took place on the inside of the truck, It didn't take place while you were digging roots out. Okay?

That's what I was working on and that's what I was doing.

DET. Do this for Michael. He's not here to speak for himself. Right? He can't speak for himself. This is...

I know what I was working and I know where I was talking to him. Did I get up and talk? Did I have to change uh, the shovel? Did I have to grab my pipes to put my, grab my pipes together? I was working.

DET. Okay, alright, so-so you were (U).

(U) the whole time I was down on my knees? When I dig...

DET. I asked you, I...

...when I dig, I, I get down on my knees, it's, it's easier to chop.

DET. Okay.

Okay, and then I gotta get up and I gotta grab a pipe and I put a 90 in there...

DET. Okay.

...and put that (U)...

DET. Okay.

...so it doesn't mea the whole conversation was me on my knees.

DET. Well okay, but see...

I was (U)...

DET. ...that's the, it doesn't take...

...I was still working.

DET. ...okay, nobody's saying you weren't working, Alright. We're, and see that's the thing is we're asking you for an exact account of what

happened. Now I know you're not gonna know exact times and exact, exact, but when you tell me that you were down in this ditch the entire time...

That's basically...

DET. And then, and then...

...what I was doing though.

DET. ...we talk about it and we tell you that-that can't be true and I don't believe you...

But that's basically...

DET. ....-just listen to me            You, d-you can't interrupt me and hear what I'm saying at the same time. Okay, man? I know you're getting' frustrated and I know you're getting' upset. Bear with us and we're gonna get through this. I'm just telling you for the sake of Michael Brown and his family, we need to give him the answers. That's our job and these are only answers that you can provide. Okay? I can't do it. I can't do it. The neighbors that are in the apartment complex do it. His mother can't give these answers. Okay? They are gonna come directly from you. It's as simple as that. There's no way around it. Alright. They're in your head. It's how they're gonna get out is that's important, that they need to get out. Everything that happened that day is important. It's critical to understanding what happened. To understanding what went through Michael's head. What his thoughts were. And those are the only things that-that you can provide us. Because you are one of the last people that had interaction with Michael before he died. Do you understand how important it is that we get the most clear picture of what happened from you, from your perspective, you point of view, this is...

I'm telling ya...

DET. ...                            this is-this is more important than anything else going on right now.

I know, but, when I say I'm down there digging, I have to get up, I get a, a 90 and then I'll go back down....

DET. (UI)                            ...

....then I'll ge-...

DET. ....you (UI) beyond that...



(UI) and people are...

DET. Okay...

...you're telling me people have seen us standing by the truck. That's when I'm go to stand by the truck...

DET. Okay.

...and then I go down and I get my other pipe and I tape our...

DET. Okay, alright, alright...

...glue together and that's up and down, up and down, up and down.

DET. We're gonna, we're gonna argue...

That's where I'm working.

DET. ...we're gonna argue about semantics all day long...

That's what I (UI).

DET. ...I think. I mean that's (UI)...

That's where I was working on, that's what all...

DET. That's where we're at I think. We're just gonna argue about certain words like interaction and conversation...

I'm trying to...

DET. ...and where you were at...

...I'm tryin to. I don't know what you're looking for.

DET. The truth. Simple. I mean that's a one word answer. We're looking for the truth. Alright? We're looking for what happened.

I don't know what happened.

DET. You were there,

DET. Help us tell Michael's story. Help us tell his, the last events of his life. Okay.

I don't know...

DET. ...you're not, we're not claiming that you killed the kid. Okay? We're not saying that by any means.

I don't know what to tell ya. I'm-I'm...

DET. Just tell us...

...I'm lost right now.

DET. Just tell us...

But I...I'm confused right now.

DET. Just tell us about the conversation....

I know where I was and you guys are telling me that's not what happened. Okay. I-I-I'm confused. I know what I saw. I know where I was. I know what I did. And you're telling me that's not what happened.

DET. Okay. Again, we are not talking about, I-I don't care, alright, if you are telling me that you're on your knees having a conversation or you're standing up having a conversation and then you move back to your knees and then you sit down for a minute. It doesn't matter. Okay?

I'm gluing pipes...

DET. Yeah, yeah, I get it I get it.

That's what I don't understand.

DET. I get it.

But we're still talking...

DET. No. Y-you're right. We are. We're still not, we're still not seeing eye to eye on this. Okay?

Alright then, I don't have no idea what you're looking for.

DET. We wanna know the context of the conversation that you had. Would you agree that, okay, that, we're talking roughly 30 minutes that he was standing out there the first time? Would you agree...

I offered him a job. That's what it was, because that's what I was doing.

DET. Okay. Would you agree that he was out there roughly 30 minutes? And I'm not holding you down to the second, but would you agree with that?

A, somewhere in there.

DET. Okay and...

From 11:00 til about 11:20.

DET. ...alright, and would agree to, would you agree that during our conversation today, you've told us roughly two minutes worth of conversation topics and, a, conversation that took place?

No. Because...

DET. Then tell, then tell us the rest.

...that's all it was. It, uh, it's, when he's trying to explain to me how I have an anger problem, I'm down there digging and he's watching me work and I said well you can grab a shovel and you can help me. I'll hire you right now. I said we got all these other ones to do. That was basically...

DET. Okay, we've been in this room less than 30 minutes, alright, together...

I don't know what to tell you.

DET. Okay. We've been in this room less than 30 minutes, but yet it took us that long to get (UI)...

That's what...

DET. ...listen. See, I-listen to me bud...

Uh huh.

DET. ...alright, it's taken us that long to get out about a two minute conversation. Okay? So there's has to be more that was talked about. And furthermore, h-have you ever met Michael before today. Before that day...

Huh uh.

DET. ...that Saturday? Never once.

Huh uh.

DET. Alright. You, how long, how many days were you in that com-apartment complex? Weeks?

Four I think, four days.

DET. Four, four days? That's it?

Three days. Four days I think.

DET. Okay, and that, that entire apartment complex in Ferguson you been in there four days?

Three or four days.

DET. Okay. Alright. In those four days, have you ever seen Michael before?

Huh uh.

DET. Just that Saturday? Okay. And you had a 30 minute...

I never even talked to...

DET. Okay.

...I talked to one man...

DET. Okay.

...right in that complex.

DET. And I don't care about that one man.

I, that's but I'm saying...

DET. That one man didn't get shot in the middle of the street. Okay?...

In them four days...

DET. ...listen to me. , just, listen to me...

...I've only talked to one person.

DET. ...and that so, Michael?

No...

DET. You talked to Michael that day...Saturday you talked to Michael for 30 minutes. Okay? Correct?

(U)

DET. The first time. The second time you have a brief interaction to-to make you happy with that terminology. Right? A brief interaction as they're passing and you feel comfortable enough to say that you want some wax?

No. I wouldn't mind finding some wax.

DET. Okay. So you feel comfortable, that's oh-to me as sitting here as, as a, um, and out, an outsider. Okay? That to me sounds like a proposition, that you're looking for something. Okay? It's, that you're looking for some type of, uh, some type of, a drug. Y-you were looking for wax. Okay? That's what it sounds like to me. Now, you've known him for 30 minutes of your entire life. You don't know that guy from a can of paint. Alright? And yet you feel comfortable enough after a conversation about Jesus and about employment, you felt comfortable enough to make the comment about f-wanting to find some wax. Which by-by what you said gets you higher than anything else you've ever done. Explain it. Just explain it so I understand how you felt that comfortable...

'Cause he had weed in his hand that he was rolling up in that little paper.

DET. Okay. I mean, did he say something about wax?

No.

DET. Did the other guy, the, the guy with the dreads?

Nope, I just said I wouldn't mind finding some wax.

DET. And you felt comfortable after 30 minutes of saying that? Did, before did you ever talk about weed?

Huh uh.

DET. The first 30 minutes?

Nope. Not once. We were talking about him helping me.

DET. And did, so did you feel comfortable enough bringing that topic up with...

If you see somebody with weed in their hand you can feel comfortable talking about anything. I believe.

DET. Okay.

DET. remember that we've talked to Dorian. Right?

Yeah.

DET. Remember that we, and I, I'm sure you've probably heard this, but remember that we have canvassed, meaning we have went and knocked on every single door in that apartment complex.

Good. When am I leaving out?

DET. Okay. And we have talked to a lot of people in that apartment complex. Okay? Alright? Remember that we've talked to

Uh huh.

DET. Alright? Remember that we've talked to those two critical people. Right?

Uh huh.

DET. Dorian.

Uh huh.

DET. Alright, and we've talked to a lot of people in this apartment complex. Is there anything about this that you wanna change your story?

I don't know what you're getting at. I'm- I'm really confused right now.

DET. Let me ask you this. I, one other thing. Okay? Let's do this. When you said I'd really like some wax and they said what?

They've heard of it.

DET. They've heard of it.

And then they were going to the store. Th-that's as fast as that happened.

DET. Okay.' Cause here's what I'm gonna tell you about that.

Okay.

DET. They had not heard of it to that point.

Aaa, What he said was I've heard of that and then they were going to the store.

DET. Well, they didn't know what it was.

Okay.

DET. So we may be talking about very specific words in a particular sentence but that's important for us. Okay? Because they didn't know what it was. Now, was there an interest in them trying it?

They were walking by so I-I- my...

DET. Were they interested in trying it,

My answer to that would be no. My answer to that would be...

DET. Think about your answer. Think about your answer.

My answer to that would be no.

DET. Were they interested in trying it,

Because they were walking by and going to the store. No they weren't.

DET. Not at all.

No.

DET. There was no comments...

No.

DET. ...from them that they had any interest in that at all.

They said I've heard of that.

DET. What else did they say,

Th-we're going to the store and we'll be back.

DET. What else did they say?

We're going to the store and they'd be back. That's what he told me. That's what he said, I mean, they left. That's what I remember. Okay...

DET. That may be what you remember...

...if I'm wrong, I'm wrong...

DET. ...alright, but think hard...  
...that's what I remember.

DET. Think hard,  
I don't know.

DET. Think hard.  
I don't know what you want from me.

DET. I want you to tell us the truth.  
I'm, that's what I'm trying to do.

DET. Think hard about that conversation.  
I don't remember that conversation. I remember them coming down and going to the store. And that happened that quick when we were going...

DET. So you-you say you don't remember the conversation. Was there...  
...that's just what I remembered of it...

DET. ...listen to me, Was there more of the conversation that...  
No.

DET. ...you just don't remember right now?  
It...

DET. That's, there's there listen...  
...you guys have me so confused right now I don't know.

DET. ... we're talking about a very specific time in your life...  
I understand.

DET. ...a very...  
But what I remember of that very specific time in my life was they were coming down and going and I seen him rolling up that paper and I said I wouldn't mind trying some wax and...



DET. listen to me, alright, you, there's a big difference between you saying that there's a small interaction, alright, and the fact that you don't remember what the conversation was. Alright? So either one or two things are true. There was more to the conversation and you don't remember it or two, actually three things, or two there, that was the end of the conversation or three you just don't wanna tell us. So that's the (UI)....

I will tell you what ever I know.

DET. Okay. I don't think that's true right now, I think there's some hurdles that we're trying to get over and that's what we're going...that's what we're going through right now.

Your wrong.

DET. Okay.

DET. We can get there, We can get there. Okay?

I will tell you what ever you wanna know. I'm not hiding anything from nobody. I don't understand where you're going with all of this. I don't know what you're talking about. I know they came out they walked by while we're moving over to the other side and that's what I know. That's what I remember. I don't remember, I barely remember half of what we talked about for the first time. I don't, because I was working. I don't...

DET. Well, I-I, and-and, and can be ..

I'm not a people person.

DET. Listen to me in me sitting right here, I think you're choosing not to remember a lot of topics that happened that day. Alright? I think you're making a very deliberate choice.

No. I you're wrong.

DET. Now, this is, alright, I said I...

Maybe in the back of my mind...

DET. ...listen to me.

...I'm doing that? I don't know...

DET.

...I don't know that I'm doing that...

DET. Okay. listen to me...

(UI)

DET. ...I said as I sit here today in front of you, that's what it appears like. Because I have everything, we've been working on this since the day it happened. I was standing there that day. I have been involved in this investigation every single day, And I'm sitting in front of you talking to you, telling you that I don't believe everything that's being said in this room right now. Alright, it's not because I don't think that, eh, that I, that I think that you're a liar. That's not true. Alright? I think that you're an honest man that has some emotions running through your body right now that you don't know how to deal with. Alright? And you feel some type of emotion that it is overpowering you from thinking that if you tell the truth, something bad will happen to you. The only thing is is we need to know the truth. Alright? Listen to me

...

I came here knowing that I was gonna tell you guys (UI)...

DET.

DET. Listen, listen...

DET. You need to understand that all of these hurdles of emotion that you're feeling right now need to, you just need to put 'em aside. Put 'em in a box. Lock it down and come out with the truth. This is the only thing that matters right now.

I'm telling you the truth...

DET. This is nothing, This is nothing. This is so minuscule.

I have nothing to hide.

DET. You're not, what you're hiding is so little in the grand scheme of things....

DET. But it's so important...

DET. ...that's exactly right.

DET. ...for, for you to come forward and just tell us the God damn truth of what happened,

DET. This nothing big man. This is nothing.

What are you trying, I'm, I told you what...

DET. Just tell us the truth.

...-I've got to say.

DET. we're, we've come to, we've come a long way. Alright? From sitting in this room. Alright? Can you agree with that? That we're almost there. We almost have a full understanding of what happened of what the last...

Man, I don't know. I don't know what you want me to say.

DET. ...listen, listen to me.

Tell me what you want me to say.

DET. What's that, no that's not the way this works. Okay?

I don't know. I'm telling you.

DET. This, okay, this is this....

I'm not hiding anything.

DET. ....it's not the way it works,

I stand to gain nothing from this. I stand to lose a lot.

DET. You stand to gain. What do you stand to lose?

My family.

DET. How?

She's ready to leave now.

DET. Because?

She just doesn't like the uh...

DET. Do you think that she would be more...

...she tells me to shut my mouth.

DET. ...listen to me. Listen to me. Is it more important for your wife to think that you're an honest man than someone that has something to hide? What is more important?

I don't have anything to hide.

DET. I asked you a question. What is more important?

My wife.

DET. Okay. Does she think it's going to be more important for you to stand here and sit in this room and be an honest man...

That's what I'm doing.

DET. ...or to hide something...

I'm not hiding anything.

DET. ...keep it in the back of your mind and just move on with your day...

I have no idea what you want me to say...

DET. ...-and not try to speak for Michael?

I don't know what you want me to say.

DET. I want you to speak for Michael. You're the only one that can tell us what was said, what happened two hours before that-that boy died.

I don't know what ...

DET. That's it.

...you want me to say. I told you everything.

DET. .

DET. , we're not gonna go back and tell you wife. We're not. We're not gonna go back and tell anybody. Okay...

I'm-I'm not hiding anything. You guys got me confused right now.

DET. No we don't.

And I know what you want me to say...

DET. You know exactly, you know exactly what I'm talking about...

No I do not.

DET. You got 40 something years...

No I do not.

DET. ...of life experience, ...

46.

DET. ...46 years of life experience...

I don't know what you're looking for.

DET. ...that's more than him and I together. Alright. Listen, we're not confusing you. We're asking you very basic direct questions that only you will know the answer to and you're hiding 'em.

Huh uh.

DET. You're suppressing them. You're not telling us the truth,

No sir, I am not.

DET. you're the only one that can answer the questions we're asking. Do you understand that?

I'm answering the questions. You're not believing my answers.

DET. you did not kill Michael Brown. Help us fill in the blanks. Okay? We wanna tell his story and as much as you don't...

I don't know what you're looking for.

DET. ...(U) as much as you don't wanna be a part of this...

I'm thirsty.

DET. ...you're-you're in it. Alright?

I don't know-I don't wanna be in it.

DET. I, it's too late for that...

I wanna be out of it.

DET. Yy-you can't change what happened, what you saw, what-what-what took place. You can't change it That's it. You can't change it. It happened.

But I'm not a liar. I'm telling me what I remember.

DET. Do the right thing,

I am doing the right thing.

DET. Be a gentleman. Be a man. Do the right thing.

DET. Give that mother some answers.

DET. Tell us what happened out there.

I just told ya.

DET. No. You have not. Tell us what happened...

Were you there?

DET. ...in those conversations.

Were you there?

DET. No, I wasn't. You're exactly right. I wasn't, but you know what I (UI).

How do you know what happened?

DET. Because and here's exactly (UI).

Because somebody else told you.

DET. You're exactly right. And not just one person.

Uh huh. I'm not lying. I'm not...

DET. If one person told us one thing, I would say, maybe that person has an axe to grind...

(UI)

DET. ...listen to me, Maybe that person has an axe to grind if they don't like or they don't like this or whatever...

I'm not keeping nothing...

DET. ...but, if, listen to me, if multiple people...  
I'm not hiding (UI).

DET. But, if...

DET. Yes you are.  
No I'm not.

DET. In my belief and in my mind, I'm not keeping nothing from you. Okay?  
What I remember of that conversation was, him talking about me being angry and him, me wanting him to work. That was it.

DET. did you have wax that day?  
No.

DET. Not true.  
No sir.

DET. Not true.  
Lie.

DET. Not true.  
Lie. You wanna bet?

DET. Yeah.  
I'll piss in a cup right now.

DET. You th-th-that's-that's (UI).  
Lie? You think I was on drugs, huh?

DET. I'm not saying you were using it. Did you have it with you?  
No.

DET. How much? Was it a little or a lot?  
None.

DET. Was it a little or a lot,  
None at all. None at all.

DET. You keep it in your truck or you keep it on you?  
Hmm.

DET. Which one?  
I haven't had wax in over four months in Houston.

DET. You keep it on you or in your truck?  
It's not in my truck. It's not on me. I don't have it. I don't ever have it.

DET. Well, you keep saying...  
When I said...

DET. (UI)

DET. You sure were looking for it.  
All I said was I wouldn't mind finding some. That isn't you sure were looking for it. I wouldn't mind having a soda right now. But I sure am looking for it.

DET. Alright, now, y-you just confused me. If you, if you say...  
I know.

DET. ... (UI).  
I wouldn't mind having a soda right now. But I sure am looking for it. Whatever you're talking about is a lie. It's bullshit. Wanna search me?

DET. Do I need to?  
Your call.

DET. And the reality is, what you have right now...  
What you have right now is a lie.

DET. Hold on, listen to what I'm saying. What you have right now does not change the fact of what happened on that Saturday.



Hm. Why would you ask me do I keep on me or in my truck?

DET. You tell me.

Why would you ask me that?

DET. 'Cause that's the only two places you'd keep it right? Is there any, is there, am I missing somewhere else?

I don't' do drugs.

DET. you've already...

I do not do drugs.

DET. Okay, you already explained to us that you smoke weed every now and then and you've used wax. Big deal. No one cares.

Four months ago.

DET. you either do drugs or you don't do drugs. It's as simple as that.

No.

DET. There, there is no-there is no in between. Either you do it or you don't. You said you used wax four months ago and you said you were looking...

What'd you guys...

DET. ....for some last Saturday.

...what are you guys getting' at?

DET. What is the difference? Who cares? Nobody cares if you do...

Really.

DET. ...or you don't.

What-what am I being charged with here?

DET. Nothing .

Can I go then?

DET. ...we are talking. We're talking.

Can I go then? You're accusing me of being a drug addict.

DET. Did I say that you were drug addict?

DET. No. It's not, it, uh, he didn't even come remotely close to that...  
No, he accused me of having drugs on me or in my truck.

DET. Yeah. I did.  
You wanna find it on me? You wanna find it in my truck? Then what do I do? You ain't gonna find it there 'cause I don't have it there. I don't it at all.

DET. Then where is it?  
I don't have it. I do not do drugs.

DET. Why would you make that comment to somebody that you barely know, Just an-an- answer me that question.  
All it was-was I wouldn't mind finding some wax on a pass. We didn't stand there and talk about it for 45 minutes. He was on his way to the store. That's all it was. He said, well I've heard of that and they just said we're going to the store. That's all it was. That is what I remember happened. You're-you're putting stuff in my head. You're-you're. I'm ready to go. That's not what happened. Whoever told you that line of shit, it's not what happened. And I know didn't fucking say that. 'Cause that's not what happened. I don't know where you got that shit. That's-that's-that's horse. That's what that is. And I'm ready to go.

DET. what, when you talked to that mother, what emotions were you feeling?  
Sadness, because I just lost my brother to cancer. I said that's the only thing I can feel.

DET. What else?  
That's it. I was just feeling sad. I don't, I, I don't know how to explain it.

DET. What goes with sadness? Why would you feel sad? Do you have (UI)  
Because you lose somebody that you love.

DET. ...did you lose somebody you love that day?  
Not that day.

DET. Okay.

But I know when I lost my brother...

DET. Lis-listen to me. Listen to me. So what emotions go along with sadness?

I don't know.

DET. Did you feel any guilt?

No. I felt, um, confused.

DET. Why'd you feel confused that day?

'Cause I've never seen anything like that before in my life.

DET. Okay, so, I mean, confusion does-I mean, because you've never seen anything before, why does that make you confused? Why is that an emotion?

'Cause I know it's crazy shit.

DET. I agree. And I agree, I-I think what happened before that was kinda crazy too.

Uh huh.

DET. Right?

Can I go now?

DET. What, did you feel remorseful at all?

I think I was in shock.

DET. When did you talk to the mom?

A little bit...

DET. Not-not-not that day and not the day you talked to Jason.

I didn't-I didn't feel like I just wanted to not talk to her anymore when she called. I talked to her and told her I was sorry, I just didn't, I didn't wanna keep talking, I wanted to get going. She told me to call her again tomorrow, I said I didn't call anybody. I didn't talk to anybody until, uh, you called me. And then some,                   guy tried calling me yesterday.

DET. Who?

Uh, somebody with the family. I said I really don't wanna get in the middle of all, none of this anymore. I said I already talked to, uh, St. Louis County, um, I'm done with this. I just wanna leave it alone.

DET. Alright, well, here's the deal, you're clearly not under arrest. Okay? If you wanna leave you can get up and walk out right now.

Okay.

DET. But I'd like to talk to you for longer if you're (U)...

I'd like for you to not call me a liar and a drug addict too. So, I feel bad for what happened...

DET. Well, for now, for now, just, just do me a favor. Just have a seat. Okay. (U)...

Can I get something to drink?

DET. Yeah. Absolutely.

DET. Yeah. We gotta get you an escort to walk you out though. Okay? It's a secured floor. We'll get you outta here in a second.

A, water.

UM Sure. Alright.

Thank you very much. Can I not go or?

UM Give me two seconds I'll have 'em come back and see you. Okay? I just brought you something.

No, I, I wanna go.

UM Oh, I know. I know.

And I don't want them to come back and see me I, I don't wanna....

UM No, no, no, I mean I'm going to, they're gonna do what they're gonna do, I'm a let them know that you're ready. Okay?