

August 9, 2014
5:56 p.m.
Detective
St. Louis County Police Department
Bureau of Crimes Against Persons
DSN

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DET. : This is Detective with the St. Louis County Police Department's Bureau of Crimes Against Persons, DSN . Today is August 9, 2014, and the time is 5:56 p.m. I'm here, a. near a, also present is Detective DSN and we're talking with...will you say your name for the recorder please?

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DET. : And, , spell your first name.

DET. : And your last name.

DET. : And your date of birth is...

DET. : Do you know your Social Security Number?

: No sir.

DET. : And, you stay at Is that correct? Do you stay at , right?

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DET. : Okay. Also present is your mom. Mom, would you say your name for the recorder please?

DET. : Spell it please.

DET. : Okay. And, your last name.

DET. : Okay.

(Talking in background - two females arguing)(Non-pertinent)

DET. And you stay at also?

Yes.

DET. Okay. And, what is your date of birth ma'am?

DET. Okay. Alright. A, would you please retell into the recorder your account of what took place today?

: He was walkin' up the street. He came up Canfield going to his friend house to tell his friend he was going to the store. His friend told him to wait 'cause he would come with him but he went to the store anyway and when he came...he was coming back from the store, he had come back runnin' crossing the street from this side and the police came from around just turned and then shot him.

(Talking in background - two females arguing)(Non-pertinent)

: And then the officer told him to get on the sidewalk and he shot him. He got down with his hands up and then he a, when he- he shot him in the a, side and got down with his hands in the air and said, "Don't shoot, don't shoot" and then they shot him-they shot him in the head then he fell. He was still breathing for air for a little bit and then he kept shootin' him, shootin' him, and shootin' him. Then, he finally died. And then, that's when all people car comin' up like, "somebody dead in the street, somebody dead in the street."

(Continued background talk – two females arguing)(Non-pertinent)

(Phone ringing)

DET. Alright, so obviously there is some distractions going on in here. Um, where were you standing when this took place? How far away were you standing from this?

About right there where that grey car is across the street.

DET. Okay. And, so you're pointing to the south section of the south side of a Canfield Court or Canfield, right?

Yes sir.

DET. Okay. And, who were you with? By yourself or you with somebody?

Walkin' by myself going over to my friend house.

DET. And, which way were you walking?

Walking that way.

DET. Okay. And, did you see what-what started this incident between a the officer and this individual?

No sir.

DET. So, what's the first point that your saw?

I seen him shoot him in the side. That's when he fell down like, "don't shoot, don't shoot."

DET. Where was the officer standing?

He was in the truck. He shot-he shot him out of the car. The first time in the side, he shot out of the truck.

DET. Okay. And, where was the-the a, individual standing?

Walkin'-he walkin' like, in the middle of the street walkin'.

DET. How far away were they from each other?

He was like almost close to where he could to grab out and grab him. Close to him when he shot him.

DET. Okay. And then after he shoots him...

: Is when he got down. He was like, "don't shoot, don't shoot" 'cause I guess they told him to put his hands up or somethin' like that...and he was like "don't shoot, don't shoot."

DET. Was he right by the car or, where was he?

He was in the, right there by the street bending down saying "don't shoot, don't shoot." That's when they shot him in the back of the...shot him in the head.

DET. Okay so, you said the officer shot from in the car, right?

Yeah, (U) in the side.

DET. Explain that. What'd you see?

: I seen him drivin' and then he I guess, he told him "get down" and he kept, I guess he didn't hear the officer when the officer said "get down" and he kept runnin' toward this way and goin' across the street then that's when he-when he got shot he looked at the offi...he turned around and seen the officer and got down like, "don't shoot, don't shoot" , kept begging asking him to don't shoot but the officer shot anyway and kept shooting.

DET. And, where was the officer at? Was he in his car or was he outside of his car?

He, a, when he kept sayin' "don't shoot, don't shoot" he walked up to him and started shooting. He shot him in the head then he started, he hovered over him when he fell and started shootin' him again.

DET. Okay, and maybe I'm not-maybe I'm not gettin' to the-the nuts and bolts of what we need to talk about here but, so you see the officer...which way is the officer driving on the street?

That side. That where he goin' straight down the right side.

DET. So, he's headed towards West Florissant?

This way.

DET. He's headed this way. So, he's headed away from West Florissant, right? So, he's goin' from that direction this way. So, you're telling me he is going east, right? Okay. Okay, so the officer's going east and then what happens?

: That's when he shot him. He said, "I guess they thought he did something wrong." And he was like, "stop-stop-stop", but he kept goin'. That's when he shot him in the side and he got down, like "don't shoot."

DET. Okay, so hold on. We just jumped ahead, way-way ahead. So, you see the officer driving down the street and he's traveling east, which is this direction, right?

Yes sir.

DET. I'm pointin' to the east okay and then what happens?

They seen the guy comin' this way, running and I guess he must have did somethin' for the police officer to tell him, "don't move no more" but he kept goin' and he shot him in the side.

DET. Okay, well we just fast forwarded through a whole piece of-of I thought you said that the officer shot him in the car.

: Yeah. He comin' down this way...

DET. : Well, describe to me how the officer shot him in the car.

Aimed out the car and shot him in his side.

DET. : Aimed out the car? How was the officer...imagine...show me that you're the officer and what-what does he do, if you're sittin' in the car right now?

He aimed and he shot him while he was runnin'. That's when he stopped put his hands in the air...

DET. : So the officer was sittin' in his car?

...he was yelling "don't shoot, don't shoot."

DET. : And the officer, and you're puttin' your hands like out the window, you said the officer puts his hands out the window and shoots at the guy, right?

Yes, sir.

DET. : And, how far away is he at this point?

: Not that...he's like almost to the other side of the sidewalk when he (UI) he like...

DET. Okay, so he's to the other side of the sidewalk?
He's almost...

DET. We're talkin' maybe 15-20 yards?
He's like a little like where they was by that comin' up some more passed the yellow line down the middle of the street, right there and that's when he shot him and he stopped.

DET. Okay, so you're sayin' from where you're sittin' right now the officer puts his hand out the car window and shoots and the-the other individual is on the other side of the sidewalk right there, so 15-20 yards away. Is that what you're sayin'?
Like, on the other where-where the officer at down there...

DET. Yeah.
...he like-he was like a little...

DET. Where the police officer is?
Yeah, like a little back on the...

DET. Okay, so we're talkin' maybe-we're talkin' 70 yards then?
Yeah.

DET. So, the officer reaches, points out-points his gun out of the car and shoots this guy whose 70 yards away, right?
Well, he-he-he was drivin' still.

DET. The officer's driving down the road?
Yeah, when-when-when-when he shot him in the side but when he st...when he got down, it was like "don't shoot, don't shoot." That's when he got out of the car.

DET. So, where's-where's the-the guys who got shot, where's he standing then if the officer's pointin' his-his gun out the side of the car?
He stopped. He's-he's like kneeling almost to where that hole at down there in the street and (UI).

DET. Stopped, yeah, he stopped where? Was he in the grass or was he in the street?

In the street (UI).

DET. : The first time he shot-he got shot, he was in the street? Okay, alright. And, this is your best recollection of this incident, right?

Yes sir.

DET. : Okay. And-and you're tellin' the truth about all this?

Yes sir.

DET. : Alright, how many times did you see him shoot?

Eight times.

DET. : Eight times. Okay, and so the officer gets out of the car and what's he do?

He walks up to him, push him in the head, then he falls.

DET. : Where's he-where's he at? Is he standing? Is he sittin? Is he kneeling? Is he laying on the ground?

He's like-he's like hovering over the ground.

DET. : Huh?

He all the way to the ground. He hovering over the ground a little bit.

DET. : What'd you mean by hovering over the ground?

: His knees almost to the ground when he was standing up but he could, he-he-he (UI) he was still up like this but on his knees like right here from the ground. His knees weren't all the way there yet.

DET. And, the officer is how far away?

If I was, the guy be right there where that leaf at by the dirt and that officer is like right there and...

DET. What's, is the officer saying anything? Is the guy saying anything? What's he sayin'?

He's sayin' "don't shoot, don't shoot." He kept sayin' "don't shoot, please don't shoot." The officer shot anyway.

(Phone ringing)

DET. : Okay. Alright. If there is nothing else, the time is 6:06 p.m. and this concludes the interview.