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8 **Q=Sgt. Cardenas**
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Q: Hi

A: Hey.

Q: Um, just a couple more questions here I'd like to ask.

A: Mm-hm.

Q: Let me find a pocket to put this thing in here. Uh, phone number, can I get phone number?

A: Uh, I don't - I don't know whether that's right or not, giving out somebody else's phone number. He lives in Saratoga, you can find it. I know, uh, you know.

Q: Okay.

A: But he's, um, I wouldn't want nobody giving my phone number to somebody. But, uh - uh...

Q: Okay. Have any...

A: ...I guess it'd be all right, I don't know.

Q: Yeah, he's kind of a...

A: But...

Q: He - he's kind of a key person in here, right? 'Cause he ties you...

A: Yeah.

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44 Q: ...to - to...
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46 A: ...(unintelligible) here, yeah.
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48 Q: ...to (Gene) and - and...
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50 A: But I don't like giving somebody's phone number out.
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52 Q: Well - well how about...
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54 A: (Unintelligible).
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56 Q: ...I promise you this, sir, I promise I won't tell him where I got it from.
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58 A: Well, I don't care about that.
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60 Q: Okay.
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62 A: I - I, yeah. I could call him if he was o- wasn't on his way home. I could call
63 him and ask him but, um, I just don't like to give people's phone numbers out.
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65 Q: I appreciate that.
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67 A: His home phone number is
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69 Q: Mm-hm.
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71 A:
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77 Q:
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79 A: Mm-hm.
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81 Q: Okay. Thank you.
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83 A: Mm-hm.
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85 Q: Um...

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87 A: I don't like doing that (unintelligible). Uh, I guess giving it to the policeman

88 ain't bad but...

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90 Q: Yeah, I'm certainly not gonna...

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92 A: ...I (unintelligible) nobody.

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94 Q: Yeah, certainly not gonna do anything...

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96 A: Yeah - yeah.

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98 Q: ...nefarious with that information.

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100 A: Yeah.

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102 Q: Now I just wanna confirm that - that - about how much time do you think took

103 place, transpired between, um, you talking to that young female Deputy and

104 telling her about the - the guns and the gun under his pillow, and then you

105 hearing the shots fired? If you had to - if you had to guesstimate how much

106 time transpired?

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108 A: Not very much. Um, 'cause they was kinda starting to move into the house,

109 toward the house at that time.

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111 Q: Mm-hm.

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113 A: And they banged on that big door and they - they couldn't have broke it down

114 with one of them things y'all knock on the doors with.

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116 Q: Mm-hm.

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118 A: Um, uh...

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120 Q: And that's the front door you're talking about?

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122 A: Yeah. Uh...

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124 Q: Okay.

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126 A: ...and then they immediately went around to the back.

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128 Q: Does (Gene) have it pretty well, like, fortified? Or - or he's got just...
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130 A: Well...
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132 Q: ... heavy-duty locks? Or...
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134 A: ...he - he put in a great big old 400, 500-pound door and a big metal piece in
135 the wall. And...
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137 Q: Really?
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139 A: Yeah - yeah.
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141 Q: Huh.
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143 A: 'Cause him and his wife were there by themselves, you know, and his boy
144 broke into the house...
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146 Q: Okay.
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148 A: ...to - and, uh, and that's when he bought his safe for his guns and...
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150 Q: Yeah.
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152 A: ...(unintelligible). 'Cause his boy was gonna steal his guns and go sell them.
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154 Q: Oh, okay. Okay.
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156 A: And he almost killed his son.
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158 Q: Wow.
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160 A: If he - he - he said that, uh, "Some light flashed across his face just in time
161 before I hot him, and I seen who it was."
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163 Q: Yeah.
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165 A: And he said...
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167 Q: Well, thank God.
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169 A: ...because (unintelligible) come through the window was in the room.
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171 Q: Wow, and - and when...
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173 A: And...
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175 Q: ...was this, how long ago was this?
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177 A: Oh, it was a long time ago. Uh, yeah, two...
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179 Q: Years ago?
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181 A: Yeah, years ago.
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183 Q: Okay.
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185 A: And so that's when he bought his safe for his guns.
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187 Q: Yeah.
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189 A: And, uh, and he - and then he, uh, fortified the door a little bit. But then later
190 on he went back and bought the heavy-duty door and the heavy-duty big steel
191 plate in the w- wall and did the wall and everything. So...
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193 Q: Wow.
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195 A: ...and then he put security on everything and...
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197 Q: What like, uh, surveillance you mean? Like...
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199 A: Uh - uh...
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201 Q: ...security cameras?
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203 A: Uh, ca- uh, lights, automatic lights.
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205 Q: Uh-huh.
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207 A: Cameras, everything.
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209 Q: Okay.
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211 A: Yeah.
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213 Q: Okay. Um, and so other than prior to the shots, hearing those - those
214 gunshots, did you any, uh, hollering or - or screa- or...
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216 A: Uh...
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218 Q: ...from the Deputies?
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220 A: I heard it afterwards, but not before.
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222 Q: Uh, before, um, when they were trying to make their way into the house, go
223 through that front door, were they saying anything?
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225 A: (Unintelligible).
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227 Q: Yelling anything? You didn't hear them yelling, "Sherriff's Office?" Or...
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229 A: "Hello - hello," that's all I heard them say.
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231 Q: Okay, just hello?
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233 A: Yeah.
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235 Q: Um, did you ever hear them yell out, "Sherriff's Office," or identify
236 themselves...
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238 A: No.
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240 Q: ...as police?
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242 A: No.
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244 Q: Okay. And whereabouts were you standing when...
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246 A: I was standing right there. By (unintelligible)...
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248 Q: The same place you were - you were telling me?
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250 A: Yeah.
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252 Q: Right in front of the next door nearby the garbage cans? Okay. All right. I
253 appreciate it and I - I...
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255 A: When I heard the banging, I - I kinda walked out here and - and I could see
256 them going around the back of the thing.
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258 Q: You heard the banging and, uh, when...
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260 A: (Unintelligible).
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262 Q: ...they were banging on the door?
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264 A: Yeah.
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266 Q: And you - so you walked...
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268 A: And I was gonna tell them...
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270 Q: ...out here to the street?
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272 A: ...you can't - you can't get in that door. You might as well go break a window.
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274 Q: Okay.
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276 A: But then they was already going around the back so I figured they'd just go
277 break a window back there.
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279 Q: Okay.
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281 A: Yeah.
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283 Q: All righty.
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285 A: But I knew they couldn't break that door down. Not without something...
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287 Q: Yeah.
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289 A: ...substantial.
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291 Q: Okay.
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293 A: And he was proud of that door. He...

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295 Q: Really?

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297 A: ...(unintelligible), "Ain't nobody gonna break in here and get me."

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299 Q: Yeah. Okay. All right, sir, thank you very much.

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301 A: Yeah.

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303 Q: And I'm gonna, um, I'm gonna remind the lead investigators here that, uh, that
304 you're sitting here waiting to take...

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306 A: Waiting...

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308 Q: ...care - yeah.

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310 A: ...to take care (unintelligible) yeah.

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312 Q: Yeah, okay. Thank you, sir.

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315 This transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
316 transcription.

317 Signed _____