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INTERVIEW WITH
Q=Sergeant Brown
Q1=Sergeant Omori
A=

Q: 91316 at 11:44. Memoriam Brown Titus.

Q1: (Unintelligible) forever.

Q: Yeah, well, the tree's in the way, too.

Q1: (Unintelligible). Sometimes we (unintelligible).

A: Hi, sorry.

Q: Hello.

Q1: Hello.

A: Hi.

Q: Good morning.

A: Hi how are you?

Q: Sergeant Brown, this is Sergeant Omori.

A: Hi.

Q: We're with the Sheriff's Office. We were just hoping maybe to get a minute of your time if that's okay.

A: Sure, sure. Can I come out?

43 Q: Sure.
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45 A: All right. You stay here. Stay. Okay. Sorry.
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47 Q: Um, we're doing the investigation into what occurred next door.
48
49 A: Right.
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51 Q: Um, and just hoping maybe to get, you know just a couple things. Number
52 one, just your - your knowledge of the (Craig)'s and how long you've known
53 them, stuff like that, but also, uh, if and what you heard last night. Um, so I
54 guess we can maybe - your name is?
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56 A: Oh, I'm sorry,
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58 Q:
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60 A:
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62 Q:
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64 A:
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66 Q:
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68 A: Yes.
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70 Q:
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72 A:
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74 Q:
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76 A: Yeah, no, um, they were original owners of their house...
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78 Q: Uh-huh.
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80 A: ...and we moved in, in 83'.
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82 Q: Sometime ago then.
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84 A: Sometime ago, yeah.

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86 Q: Uh-huh.
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88 A: And you know.
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90 Q: They were already there.
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92 A: They were already there.
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94 Q: So, uh, you've known them quite some time then. Um, tell me about your
95 relationship, your friendship with them, if any.
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97 A: We say hello, we don't go over there regularly, but his wife is a Japanese, uh,
98 citizen. And so I used to take some stuff to her once in a while. You know, but
99 with (Gene) I kind of stayed away because he'd tell me his opinion of
100 everything and I didn't necessarily want to hear it.
101
102 Q: Mm-hm.
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104 A: And so I tried to avoid contact with him.
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106 Q: Um, his personality, uh, would you say, uh, you kind of avoided contact with
107 him just because, uh, didn't want to, you know, necessarily hear his opinion on
108 everything or was it something more like maybe I don't know, uh, ill-
109 tempered or - or, uh, maybe...
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111 A: Probably.
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113 Q: ...mean in any way?
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115 A: But he was never mean or anything to me. It's just, you know, like I said, I
116 didn't want to hear his opinion about Obama and (unintelligible).
117
118 Q: What about to - what about to his wife, his relationship with his wife?
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120 A: It seemed okay. I mean the...
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122 Q: Did you spend much time talking to her?
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124 A: Not that much because she speaks Japanese and I can barely understand it so.
125 Yeah.
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127 Q: Um, would she attempt or try to converse in English with you?
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129 A: Mm-hm, but not anything real.
130
131 Q: Substance.
132
133 A: Yeah.
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135 Q: Um, would he or she spend much time outside?
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137 A: They used to spend a lot of time in their yard, but then he got sick and then
138 after that she was doing it, but she just couldn't keep up, so they had
139 somebody come over.
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141 Q: Um, you mentioned him getting sick. Getting sick how?
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143 A: I think he had cancer.
144
145 Q: Um, but nothing verified or any in-depth knowledge that you have with that?
146
147 A: Mm-mm.
148
149 Q: And how long has that been?
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151 A: Couple years I think.
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153 Q: Couple years. I understand their yard used to be pretty nice.
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155 A: Mm-hm.
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157 Q: Um, not so much anymore.
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159 A: Right.
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161 Q: Um, how - when did that start to kind of deteriorate?
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163 A: About the same time...
164
165 Q: A couple years ago.
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167 A: ...a couple years ago. Yeah.
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169 Q: Would you say that was just because his medical condition kind of prevented
170 him from...

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172 A: I guess so.

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174 Q: Did he do it all himself?

175
176 Man: Yeah.

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178 A: The two of them did.

179
180 Q: Oh.

181
182 ((Crosstalk))

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184 Q: Um...

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186 A: Mm-hm.

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188 Q: But, uh, it kind of started going downhill at that point.

189
190 ((Crosstalk))

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192 A: Right.

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194 Q: Um, did he or she or any of them, uh, seek help at - at all for any, whether it's,
195 uh, medical issues, household chores, anything at all?

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197 A: I don't think so.

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199 Q: Nothing at all. Um...

200
201 ((Crosstalk))

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203 Q: ...would you hear or know of any issues he had, um, maybe inside the house,
204 whether it be with his wife or I understand he has a son.

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206 A: Mm-hm.

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208 Q: Um, do you know of any issues that he had with either of them?

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210 A: They weren't on good terms with their son for a while. And long ago, he used
211 to say, "We're leaving. If my son comes, call the cops." I'm like, "No, I'm not
212 going to call the cops if your son comes." You know?
213

214 Q: Do you know why he said that?
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216 A: I don't know, he just...
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218 Q: Um, do you know of any, um, falling - huge falling outs they may have had,
219 uh, first hand or is it just all of a sudden he started...
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221 A: He just - no that was just - it was just comments that he would make, you
222 know, about that. But I know he was real close with his granddaughter.
223

224 Q: Right.
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226 A: They were paying for her to go to school. They would...
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228 Q: How recently?
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230 A: ...(unintelligible). Um, I think she just finished maybe a year or two ago.
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232 Q: Any animosity over that? Uh, having to - to - not having to, but maybe, you
233 know, uh, funding her - her education.
234

235 A: I don't think so. I think they're really, really proud of her.
236

237 Q: Oh really?
238

239 A: Yeah.
240

241 Q: Um, do you know if there were - that you know of, any - any falling outs or
242 issues with her subsequent to her - her college education?
243

244 A: Mm-mm. I know they looked forward to her coming over.
245

246 Q: Uh...
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248 A: She used to ride the bus or the train or something to get here so - because she
249 lived up in Sacramento.
250

251 Q: How often would you say she visit?
252
253 A: I don't know - I don't know because I never saw her.
254
255 Q: Um, so fair to say you didn't spend much time talking to either of them.
256
257 A: Yeah.
258
259 Q: Um, I understand she used to take walks though.
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261 A: Mm-hm.
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263 Q: Uh, would you see her pretty regularly on her walks?
264
265 A: Uh-huh.
266
267 Q: Um, would...
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269 A: (Unintelligible).
270
271 Q: ...he ever be with her?
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273 A: No.
274
275 Q: Um, did he come outside much subsequent to becoming ill?
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277 A: Mm-mm.
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279 Q: Um...
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281 A: I'd see them driving, you know, places, but that was it.
282
283 Q: Um, together, alone?
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285 A: Mm-hm. Together.
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287 Q: Both?
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289 A: Right.
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291 Q: Okay. Um, what about, um, I - I - I'm - understand he had a - a hobby, a - a - a
292 love of - of firearms. Do you know anything about that?
293
294 A: Mm-mm.
295
296 Q: Um, what about her? What are her hobbies?
297
298 Child: Put your foot down.
299
300 A: Sewing, craft, she was...
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302 Q: I heard she was quite an artist.
303
304 A: Mm-hm.
305
306 Q: Okay.
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308 A: Yeah, and real - really talented seamstress.
309
310 Q: Uh, any issues with (Gene) or his wife and the neighbors?
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312 A: I don't think so.
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314 Q: N- definitely not with you guys. It didn't seem like a - a friendship, but not
315 necessarily anything...
316
317 A: Right.
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319 Q: ...detrimental towards, you know being neighbors.
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321 A: Mm-mm.
322
323 Q: And, uh, anybody else?
324
325 A: I don't know.
326
327 Q: Did you hear about the incident with the bird out in the backyard?
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329 A: Bird? No.
330
331 Q: No? Okay. Don't know what I'm talking about. Okay. Um, last night.
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333 A: Mm-hm.
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335 Q: Uh, were you home?
336
337 A: Yes.
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339 Q: Uh, and I understand that a deputy came and talked to Did they also
340 speak to you?
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342 A: No.
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344 Q: Okay. Good.
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346 A: But...
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348 Q: What - what did...
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350 A: ...he did hear the shooting.
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352 Q: Okay, and that's what...
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354 A: Because I...
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356 Q: ...I want to get to.
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358 A: Yeah. Because I, you know, that was later on, I said, " is someone
359 knocking on the door?" Because we have the cameras.
360
361 Q: Right.
362
363 A: He was looking, he goes, "No." And I thought, oh, okay. And then, you know,
364 hear all these sirens. Because the dog didn't bark when, you know, at the
365 shots. But...
366
367 Q: But I noticed the dog barked when I just knocked right now.
368
369 A: Yes.
370
371 Q: Okay.
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373 A: Yes, and she - she only barks when we're home. She's home by herself, and
374 we knock on the door, she doesn't bark.

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376 Q: Very protective them.
377
378 A: Yeah. Yeah. But, um...
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380 Q: Did, uh, the dog bark - cause I - I understand that the deputies came and
381 knocked on the door prior to...
382
383 A: Mm-hm.
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385 Q: ...that all going down over there.
386
387 A: Yeah. Twice.
388
389 Q: And so they knocked on the door twice.
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391 A: Mm-hm.
392
393 Q: Um...
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395 A: She barked twice.
396
397 Q: Were you privy to the conversation that I guess the deputies had with
398 at that time?
399
400 A: Um, no.
401
402 Q: Or were you pretty much kind of...
403
404 A: Yeah, I just heard spurts of it. Like when they asked about the key, I said, "Oh
405 yeah, we have a key...
406
407 Q: Uh-huh.
408
409 A: ...but it turned out it was an old key." So...
410
411 Q: Right. Right.
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413 A: ...but other than that.
414

415 Q: Oh so they entrusted you and with the key to the house then? Um, did
416 you ever have to use it for any reason?
417

418 A: Mm-mm, no.
419

420 Q: Um, so last night, about what time would you say the deputies first started
421 knocking on the door?
422

423 A: Hm, sometime before 8:00.
424

425 Q: Okay. Okay.
426

427 A: I think.
428

429 Q: Um, and they spoke to and then they left, um...
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431 A: Mm-hm.
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433 Q: ...are - you know of calling ?
434

435 A: Yes.
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437 Q: Was that the first time the deputies...
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439 A: No. That was the second time.
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441 Q: The second time. So they came back the second time. They had this
442 conversation with Did stay here?
443

444 A: Um, he was (unintelligible).
445

446 Q: Or did he go with them?
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448 A: I think he went with them.
449

450 Q: Okay.
451

452 A: That time.
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454 Q: How long was he gone?
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456 A: Um, I don't know, probably less than half an hour.

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458 Q: So sometime more than five minutes but...

459

460 A: Uh-huh.

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462 Q: ...less than 30.

463

464 A: Yeah.

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466 Q: Uh, did he say when he got back what - what - what he had done? What they
467 had done?

468

469 A: No, he, you know, he said they - that, "He found out that one key was for the
470 gate." But no, he didn't say that much.

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472 Q: How long would you say that was back before you heard, and you
473 asked him, is somebody knocking? No, I think it's next door.

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475 A: I don't know. Maybe 15 minutes, I'm not sure.

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477 Q: 15 minutes or so?

478

479 A: Yeah.

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481 Q: Did you guys look out to the front prior to that time to see what was going on?

482

483 A: No.

484

485 Q: Um, you just heard the - the knocking sound or the - the popping sound.

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487 A: Right.

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489 Q: How many would you say you heard?

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491 A: I don't know, more than two or three I think.

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493 Q: Less than 10?

494

495 A: Yeah.

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497 Q: More than 2 or 3, um, like a regular, um...

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499 Child: Hey, hey, hey.
500
501 A: It was like...
502
503 Q: Kind of rapid...
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505 A: Yeah. Yeah.
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507 Q: ...um, and steady, uh, no gap between them.
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509 A: Mm-mm.
510
511 Q: Um, and then...
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513 A: That's why I thought someone was knocking on the door.
514
515 Q: Uh-huh. And then once it was done.
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517 A: It was done.
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519 Q: It was done. Did you hear prior to that any yelling, screaming, anything...
520
521 A: Mm-mm.
522
523 Q: ...verbal coming from next door at all?
524
525 A: No.
526
527 Q: What time now would you say that that was?
528
529 A: I have no idea.
530
531 Q: Sometime after, right?
532
533 A: Yeah.
534
535 Q: Um, shortly thereafter, you - you - you talked about the sirens and - and the
536 people coming.
537
538 A: Mm-hm.
539

540 Q: Did you have any idea what was going on?
541
542 A: No, I figured something serious though with all of those coming down the
543 street.
544
545 Q: Makes - makes sense.
546
547 A: Sirens.
548
549 Q: Um, okay.
550
551 Q1: Um, do you know if your security cameras record? Does...
552
553 A: They do.
554
555 Q1: Okay. And how long does - does the memory...
556
557 A: It's like a two week.
558
559 Q1: Okay, is it possible we can, uh, either from you or get, uh, any
560 surveillance footage from last night during all the contacts they had at your
561 house?
562
563 A: Oh, I guess so.
564
565 Q1: So kind of a time frame of when - when they came by...
566
567 A: Yeah. Yeah.
568
569 Q1: ...and what the cameras may have picked up. I don't...
570
571 A: Mm-hm.
572
573 Q1: It's kind of looks...
574
575 A: It - it - it's kind of - it's kind of narrow.
576
577 Q1: It kind of shows...
578
579 A: It's just (unintelligible) right way.
580

581 Q1: Yeah, I kind of see where they're pointed, but you- you'd be surprised
582 sometimes...
583

584 A: Okay.
585

586 Q1: ...what these things ca- uh, pick up.
587

588 A: Yeah.
589

590 Q1: Um...
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592 A: So how would we...
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594 Q1: Would it be possible we could get your contact information? And then...
595

596 A: Sure.
597

598 Q1: Um...
599

600 Q: Who - who does that? You- yourself or ?
601

602 A: would do it.
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604 Q: would do it.
605

606 A: Yeah. We just got it put in like a couple weeks ago, so I'm still, you know,
607 cause he goes, "Check your phone." I said, "I did, but it doesn't always come
608 in." And - and depending on where you are, the Wi-Fi gets it, or it doesn't, but
609 it - it records all the time.
610

611 Q: I understand subsequent to that knocking popping too, that somebody actually
612 came back again.
613

614 A: After?
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616 Q: After.
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618 A: Hm, oh, they came - a couple of them came to use the bathroom.
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620 Q: Oh, okay. Um, and I wanted to talk to too, just to kind of ask him,
621 because I know they got a little bit of the background, a little bit of the history
622 when they came the first couple times, but I don't know if anybody really

623 asked him, hey, after that, what - what did you - kind of the same questions...
624
625 A: Right. Right.
626
627 Q: ...I'm asking, what did you hear? So I wanted to speak to him about...
628
629 A: Yeah.
630
631 Q: ...that as well.
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633 A: Because I don't think he heard the shots because he was in the back, and I was
634 over here.
635
636 Q1: Did it sound very loud or muffled shots to you?
637
638 A: It was fairly was loud, but I had the TV on, that's why I couldn't tell if it was
639 knocking.
640
641 Q1: Hm, okay.
642
643 A: That's why I asked him if it was knocking.
644
645 Q1: Mm-hm.
646
647 Q: Um...
648
649 A: Well we...
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651 Q1: Did you - did you hear, uh, any announcing, sheriff's office...
652
653 A: Nothing.
654
655 Q1: ...drop the gun...
656
657 A: Uh-uh.
658
659 Q1: ...anything like that? No?
660
661 A: No, sorry.
662

663 Q1: Um, did you actually see any of the deputies that came by last night or was it
664 all - all the contact with ?
665

666 A: I just saw that there was a - a female officer and a male officer.
667

668 Q1: Okay, and what were they wearing last night?
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670 A: Their uniforms. Their khaki uniforms.
671

672 Q1: Okay.
673

674 A: They were easily identified.
675

676 Q1: Okay. Um, do your - do your phones have audio as well?
677

678 A: Our telephone?
679

680 Q1: Um, I mean not phones.
681

682 A: Oh, these are (unintelligible).
683

684 Q1: I'm sorry cameras.
685

686 A: No.
687

688 Q1: My - my brain...
689

690 A: No.
691

692 Q1: ...is a little mused today.
693

694 A: No. Cause I'm going yeah our phones.
695

696 Q: Hi, .
697

698 Q1: Yeah, I'm sorry.
699

700 A: No. They...
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702 ((Crosstalk))
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704 Q1: We've been up for quite a while.
705
706 A: Yeah. I know, since last night. Right?
707
708 Q1: Yeah. Um, okay, well, here, can I, um...
709
710 Child: Daddy.
711
712 Q1: ...can I just write down your information and then - and then, um...
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714 A:
715
716 Q1: And that's your, uh, house line?
717
718 A: Yes.
719
720 Q1: Okay.
721
722 Man: I ain't gonna say it again.
723
724 Q1: Um...
725
726 A: And you want ?
727
728 Q1: Yes, .
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730 Man: (Unintelligible) seven. (Unintelligible).
731
732 A: Same last name.
733
734 Man: Well I'd like to find it. (Unintelligible).
735
736 A: Okay. And then do you have a card or something where we can contact you
737 or...
738
739 Q1: Uh, you know what? I didn't bring my - my card with me, but I know you
740 need that. Actually, you know what? Right here.
741
742 A: Okay.
743
744 Man: Then I have tomorrow's better. You know I - I have (unintelligible). Yeah. I
745 do know that (unintelligible) hours.

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747 Q1: It's kind of a - kind of a big incident.
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749 A: Mm-hm.
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751 Q1: Especially in a usually quiet neighborhood.
752
753 A: Mm-hm.
754
755 Child: I said help me.
756
757 Q1: So you guys have been here 25 years so or?
758
759 A: Longer than that. Like 40, 35? I don't know. It's before our kids were born.
760 Okay.
761
762 Q1: This is the , uh, police number here.
763
764 Child: I need your help.
765
766 Child: Hey.
767
768 Man: Hey (unintelligible).
769
770 Child: Dude that was my seat.
771
772 Man: Yeah, I know. (Unintelligible).
773
774 Child: Just roll, roll. (Unintelligible).
775
776 Q1: Uh, that's Sergeant (Jason) Brown.
777
778 A: Okay.
779
780 Q1: I'm Sergeant (Brendan) Omori.
781
782 A: All right.
783
784 Q1: Uh, you can contact either one of us. His - his office, uh, and cell phone is
785 also in the back. These are just general lines of the phone.
786
787 A: Oh, okay.

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789 Q1: So, um...
790
791 A: All right.
792
793 Q1: Just whenever you guys might be able to get around to looking at that video
794 and being able to...
795
796 A: Okay.
797
798 Q1: ...um, get that to us.
799
800 A: Yeah.
801
802 Q1: Or, uh, that'd be...
803
804 A: Because, uh, I'm still trying to figure out how to use it.
805
806 Q1: No - no rush, just want to make sure it doesn't go in that window where it
807 might start...
808
809 A: No.
810
811 Q1: ...deleting but...
812
813 A: It's - it's like two weeks. So yeah.
814
815 Q1: It would be very - it would be very important to our...
816
817 A: Okay.
818
819 Q1: ...investigation, so...
820
821 A: Right.
822
823 Q1: ...we would appreciate it. But thank you for your time .
824
825 A: Okay. And so...
826
827 Q1: Thank you.
828
829 A: ...what - what format? Do we put it on a CD or something? Or...

830
831 Q1: Uh...
832
833 A: ...well I guess we can't do it.
834
835 Q1: Um...
836
837 A: Since it's...
838
839 Q1: If you need us to bring by a thumb drive or something, we could do that or...
840
841 A: Oh okay.
842
843 Q1: You just - you just let us know, uh, once you figure out what...
844
845 A: Okay.
846
847 Q1: How to work it or, uh, if already knows.
848
849 A: Yeah.
850
851 Q1: Just let us know, and we'll - we'll be accommodating to whatever would be
852 best to you guys.
853
854 A: Well I could, uh, bring out my tablet if you want to look to see right now. I
855 can try it. Or do you want to wait and...
856
857 Q1: But the - I don't think we'd be able to download them from your tablet though,
858 right?
859
860 A: Oh, okay. Yeah.
861
862 Man: All right. (Unintelligible).
863
864 A: Okay.
865
866 Q1: Okay, well we appreciate it, .
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868 A: All right. Thank you.
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870 Q1: Thank you very much again.
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872 A: All right.

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874 Q1: All right, bye bye.

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876 Q: 12.

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880 transcription.

881 Signed _____