

INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY JOSEPH BROWN

Q=Sgt. Jason Brown

Q1=Sgt. Hermon Leon

A=Deputy Joseph Brown

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Q: Okay. (Unintelligible) with Deputy Brown. Just a couple more questions real quick. Um, (unintelligible) military experience?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: What kind?

A: Uh, 10 years in the United States Marine Corps.

Q: Um, as what rank?

A: Uh, Staff Sergeant.

Q: Staff Sergeant? Um, in 10 years, I assume you've been deployed various...

A: Yes.

Q: ...regions. Um, do you use that training and experience with this line of work now or does it come in handy with what we do here?

A: It comes in handy, but I tend to fall back on my, uh, sheriff's office training.

Q: Sheriff's office training? Um, did, uh, any of your previous military experience and training, uh, come up during this incident at all, um, that you can recall?

A: Uh...

Q: Or was it was mostly just, uh, mostly law enforcement reaction?

43 A: Mostly law enforcement reaction. Stress inoculation probably be the only
44 military experience that would be beneficial to me. And that's - that's what I
45 like to use.
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47 Q: Um, you carry a, uh, a department-issued sidearm. Do you carry a backup
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50 A: No, I do not.
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65 Q1: You used the term stress inoculation. Can you describe that?
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67 A: Uh, it's being able to think calmly under a stressful situation.
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69 Q1: In your prior military experience, were you ever under stressful, uh,
70 situations?
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72 A: Yes.
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74 Q1: Can you briefly describe any of those?
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76 A: Um, the Battle of Fallujah in 2004 in Iraq.
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78 Q1: Okay.
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80 A: Um, it's very stressful situations when you're dealing with, uh, mortar rounds
81 coming into your fort operating base on a hourly occurrence. And, yeah.
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83 Q1: Not uncommon for you to, uh, come under direct, uh, fire?
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85 A: Exactly, not uncommon.
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87 Q1: Okay. Now, eh, I guess s- s- s- I'm just trying to figure out, you - you said you
88 felt threatened, uh, as the suspect was advancing rapidly with a knife in hand.
89 Yet, you refrained from firing your own firearm, correct?
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91 A: Yes.
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93 Q1: Can you explain that - some of that thought process is to what - what - what
94 you might have been thinking at that time?
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96 A: Um, the way I explained it is there is a human element and a person, no matter
97 what situation they may be mentally, uh, on their own. They're still a human
98 being. And if it comes to me and them yelling at each other for a long period
99 of time, in my experience, that's what I would rather have occur. Uh, and
100 yeah. That's - that would be my answer, I guess.
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102 Q1: Is it fair to say then that you felt having the car between you and her, based on
103 the fact she had a knife, was sufficient cover and concealment for you?
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105 A: My attempt was to create distance between her and I so I can attempt to speak
106 with her. Uh, she had something totally different in mind, in my opinion.
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108 Q1: Okay.
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111 Q: Do you know if she ever tried to communicate with you?
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113 A: I can't recall.
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115 Q1: Was your impression of her being there - did you believe she was a resident of
116 that complex?
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118 A: I do not know.
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120 Q1: Okay. I know you said she was standing or sitting in front of the first unit.
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122 A: Yes.
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124 Q1: Could you s- tell if that unit's door was open or closed?
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126 A: I could not tell.

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128 Q1: Okay.

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130 Q: Did you see anything else around the porch that you can recall?

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132 A: Not that I can recall.

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134 Q: Okay.

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136 Q1: Anything else?

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138 Q: No. All right.

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140 Q: Oh you know what? Um, the one thing I do want to do while we still have
141 everybody here, if it's okay with you? If I could just have you, um, I can
142 provide it to you if you don't know, write the DV number across the top?
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144 A: Absolutely, I do know that.

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146 Q: (Unintelligible). Okay. All right. Thank you very much. Okay. What's the time
147 and see if we can get you...

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149 Q1: It's now 10:00.

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151 Q: ...get you, uh...

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156 transcription.

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