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7 **INTERVIEW WITH**

8 **Q=Det. Torres**

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12 Q: This is Deputy Chris Torres and I am interviewing  
13 Last name is in regard to Event 13-344-0172S.  
14 And this occurred in the area of MacFarland and Saratoga Avenue in the City  
15 of Saratoga. Okay, , there was an event that happened near your  
16 work today. Can you please tell me, uh, what happened and, uh, about what  
17 time this all started?

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19 A: Yes. So we had an 11:00 am meeting. The customer was Roku, I work for  
20 Dell. And we had a partner in the room with us that's also working on this  
21 project with us, Intraserve. And there were two members of the Roku team  
22 there and two members of the Intraserve team, of which one of the Intraserve  
23 team is a contractor for Roku, and myself representing Dell. Our meeting  
24 began about 11:00 am. And we were going to through the project parameters.  
25 And I was up with the board and we were going through some technical  
26 discussion around the equipment. And about 11:45 or so, a random man  
27 walked in the room and sat down. And from my perspective, I just thought he  
28 was part of the Roku team that I just hadn't met yet. He was - he looked like  
29 he belonged - it felt like - it felt like to me like he thought he belonged in the  
30 meeting, so he sat down. And it kind of disrupted the meeting a little bit  
31 because I almost, kind of, like, all right, well, what's going on? And, you  
32 know, and then everyone, kind of, turned their attention back to me, and so I  
33 continued on the board. And he was demonstrating some definite odd  
34 behavior. I felt like he was on something is what my first impression was. Is  
35 there something going? This guy is...

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37 Q: Could you elaborate a little bit on the odd behavior, what types of things that  
38 he do?

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40 A: He just didn't - he looked very disoriented, um, you know, he made a couple,  
41 like random, like comments when asked him, "Hey, Brandon, how's it  
42 going?" "Good. Everything okay. Yeah, it's great."

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44 Q: So is one of the people that were...  
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- 46 A: Works for Roku.  
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- 48 Q: He works for Roku and he was supposed to be in this meeting.  
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- 50 A: was. And , apparently, was the only person there that knew who  
51 this person was. And so, the fact that knew who he was made me feel  
52 like my earlier thought was valid, that he was part of the team, was supposed  
53 to be in the room. And then who was the contractor for Intraserve that  
54 is working for Roku asked him, "You know, you want a sandwich? Are you  
55 hungry?" And Brandon goes, "Yeah. That sounds good." Grabbed a sandwich,  
56 opened it up, you know, ate three or four bites. And, uh, yeah, he was eating  
57 so like I said I went back to what I was doing and then, um, I could tell that  
58 was distracted. And then asked him again, you know, "Hey,  
59 everything good? You know, you got this room booked out." And I - then I  
60 started to feel like, okay, well, maybe we're in this room and somebody else  
61 has it booked out and we've gone over time or something like that, because I  
62 didn't have my watch on so I didn't know what time it was.  
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- 64 Q: So you started to get the feeling from ...  
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- 66 A: That he wasn't...  
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- 68 Q: ... that he wasn't supposed to be there.  
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- 70 A: ... supposed to be there. Yes.  
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- 72 Q: And wondering what he was doing. Okay.  
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- 74 A: Right. So then we - um, so at that point, it really got weird. Brandon, um...  
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- 76 Q: And you're calling him Brandon because you say called him Brandon?  
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- 78 A: called him Brandon, yes.  
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- 80 Q: Okay.  
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- 82 A: So Brandon all of a sudden took another a bite of the sandwich and then like  
83 didn't like it, spit it out and then he, kind of, made some guttural sounds and  
84 he stood up like he was going to get sick. And - and then - then we were really  
85 like, "Hey, what's going on with this guy." And then I really thought he was  
86 on something, right? Because he was just was acting really, really weird and  
87 not really acknowledging what was taking place in the room as a normal  
88 person or a person that was, you know, there, right?  
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- 90 Q: At the meeting.

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92 A: Mentally for the meeting event.  
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94 Q: Excuse me.  
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96 A: It's okay.  
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98 Q: If you - okay, so I received a phone call. Sorry for the interruption. And, um,  
99 uh, right, where were we? Can you go ahead and please tell me where you  
100 were?  
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102 A: So, yeah, we were right where he had gotten up and he looked - he was acting  
103 like he was going to be sick. And he, kind of, stuck his fingers down his throat  
104 like he was trying to throw up but he wasn't over the garbage can. He was  
105 just, kind of, standing by the door like he was going to open the door.  
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107 Q: Okay. Now, you guys were inside a conference room.  
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109 A: We're in a conference room.  
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111 Q: Yeah, and, uh...  
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113 A: And, um...  
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115 Q: How big was the conference room? Was it - it was about, uh...  
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117 A: It was roughly about the size of this conference room. I'd say it's probably 12  
118 x 18.  
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120 Q: That's 12 x 20 or so. Yeah.  
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122 A: Twelve x 20, yeah. Would be my guess.  
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124 Q: Okay. Okay. So he's inside the conference room that was six of you in there  
125 including...  
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127 A: Including him there was six of us, yes.  
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129 Q: Okay.  
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131 A: Um, and at that point, we're like "Hey, man, are you okay? Like what can we  
132 do for you? What's going on? You're going to be sick. Maybe you should go  
133 to the bathroom." Um, but then he, again, was not acknowledging our  
134 comments, right? And he just kind of said, "No, I'm good." Or I guess he,  
135 kind of, did but not really. It wasn't - it didn't feel like he was really digesting

136 what we were saying to him, so then he sat down.  
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138 Q: So, we talked a little bit about this earlier.  
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140 A: Yes.  
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142 Q: Uh, at this point was he - was, uh, I believe you had mentioned earlier that his  
143 father was on the phone at that point.  
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145 A: Right. So I - so then I think what happened after that, that he didn't feel good.  
146 He sat back down and - and - um - and that's when I'm - I - I - after I thought  
147 of this after we talked, the sequence of events, the way it went was it was right  
148 after that where he kind of like was gagging. Sat back down and he took a  
149 handful of pills.  
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151 Q: Okay.  
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153 A: And it looked to me like he had five or six pills in his hand and he took them.  
154 And I was thinking, okay, that's definitely not good.  
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156 Q: Right.  
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158 A: Because I don't know of any prescription requires five pills, right? So at that  
159 point was a little worried too. And then he - uh - he had dialed - ah, he  
160 sat back down. We're like, "Hey, man, are you cool?" "And then he's just  
161 "I'm good, man. I'm good." And then all of a sudden he dials - dials a phone  
162 and this - the service answers and it says, um, it's a doctor's office. "Hey, I  
163 need to speak with Dr.-" whatever it was. And, um, and then he referred to  
164 him as, "Yeah, I need to talk to my dad. This is Brandon. Dad, dad, I need you  
165 to come down." His dad gets on the line. "Dad, I need you to come down here.  
166 I have a problem. I need you down here right now. I have a problem." And  
167 we're all of us kind of like, "Woah, what's going on?" And then his dad was  
168 like, you know, "Where are you?" And then he like gave him the address of  
169 where we were. And said "I'm at Roku. Come and get me. I'm having a  
170 problem. I need you right now." And...  
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172 Q: He is an employee of Roku, is that right?  
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174 A: Yeah. He's an employee of Roku.  
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176 Q: Brandon.  
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178 A: Which I found out after the fact that - yeah.  
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180 Q: Okay. Okay.

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182 A: So he, um - and then like - then he gets up again. And he's rifling through his  
183 bag and meanwhile, we're like, "Are you his dad?" "Yeah, I'm his dad." And  
184 then like, "Is there something we should do? Should we call like the hospital  
185 or like the what's going - you know, what's going on with him?" And his dad  
186 was just like...

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188 Q: Mm-hm.

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190 A: It was crickets on the other end, I mean, he didn't want - he didn't want to say  
191 anything. He's like "Can I - can I talk to Brandon?" "Well, he's here still but  
192 you're on this conference call, right? On this conference call, so you're on  
193 speaker phone." "Well, can I talk to him?" "It looks like he's calling you on  
194 his phone right now." So Brandon gets on the phone with him and he grabs his  
195 bag and goes out...

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197 Q: And Brandon had a separate cell phone and he was trying to call his father?

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199 A: Yes.

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201 Q: Uh-huh.

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203 A: And I - I heard him say, "Hey, I need to talk to my dad. This is," you know,  
204 again, the same sequence of events as far as talking to the receptionist.

205  
206 Q: Okay.

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208 A: He goes outside. Kneels down on - on the floor.

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210 Q: In the reception area.

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212 A: And he's on - on the reception area - he's on - on the - which is adjacent to  
213 where we were so we could see him through the doorway. And goes  
214 out to see if he's okay. And he's taking more pills and talking on the phone.

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216 Q: Did you see how many pills he was taking at that time?

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218 A: I - the second time I didn't see how many, but he, you know, again, he poured  
219 them, right? And...

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221 Q: And the pills came out of a - a colored bottle.

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223 A: A prescription type bottle, right?

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225 T: Prescription like...

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227 A: Yeah.  
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229 Q: ... maybe golden or brown one of those colors, uh, that are normally on the  
230 prescription bottle.  
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232 A: Yeah, yeah, just the standard...  
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234 Q: Okay. Okay.  
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236 A: ...prescription bottle, right? And, um, so is like, "Hey, man -",  
237 you know, we know his name was at that point, right because  
238 had referred to him as a couple of times.  
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240 Q: Right.  
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242 A: "Brandon, you probably shouldn't take those pills, man." And then is  
243 like "I'm - I'm going to call 911." And so he hung up on the dad. By then the  
244 dad may have hung up on him, he wasn't saying anything anyways. And we  
245 called 911 and told 911, "Hey, there's a guy here. We think he's trying to  
246 OD," you know, and at that point Brandon like was doing the gagging thing  
247 again. And then he got - suddenly got up and walked outside, so is  
248 like, "I'm going to go outside, make sure he doesn't hurt himself. I'll just  
249 kinda watch him." So was out there. And I walked to the doorway to  
250 kind of give play by play to 911 through .  
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252 Q: Okay.  
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254 A: Okay, "This is the way he's going. First, he was running towards Cox Avenue  
255 then he was walking - running towards Saratoga." And he was like just in a  
256 random pattern and that there was a second there where I thought he was  
257 going to jump in the UPS truck because the UPS guy was delivering...  
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259 Q: So the door that he ran out of actually faced east, I would say which is, ah...  
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261 A: Yes.  
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263 Q: ... parallel...  
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265 A: East.  
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267 Q: ... to MacFarland.  
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269 A: Yes.  
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271 Q: And, uh, so when he ran out of that door, uh, you say he ran toward Cox or  
272 north.  
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274 A: First, yeah, first he ran north.  
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276 Q: North, and the - with the, uh, parking lot there.  
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278 A: Yes. First he ran north. Then he changed direction and ran west towards  
279 Saratoga.  
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281 Q: Okay.  
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283 A: Right. And then he changed directions and ran, uh, east or south towards...  
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285 Q: Toward MacFarland.  
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287 A: ... MacFarland.  
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289 Q: Okay.  
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291 A: And then that's when he disappeared from our view.  
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293 Q: Okay.  
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295 A: And didn't pursue him because said that when he came back  
296 in, said, "Yeah, he thought I was chasing him. He said in the phone,  
297 'They're chasing me now. They're chasing me now.' I don't want to freak  
298 him out." So came back in. And then is like, "I'm going to see  
299 what's going on with him." So actually went back out. And - you know,  
300 not being a - it wasn't my company - I wanted to go see if I could help, but at  
301 the same time I was like, I don't know what's going on. So, I didn't go out  
302 there right away. We were in there. And then after a while like my morbid  
303 curiosity is getting the better of me, so - because we have seen the paramedic  
304 early, fire truck come through. So I walked out there and by the time I got out  
305 there, the deputies were restraining him. And he was on the ground, on his  
306 stomach.  
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308 Q: Okay.  
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310 A: Um, and as I was walking around the corner of the building, a gentleman who  
311 I'd been talking to earlier in the lobby came out and said, "Did you see - did  
312 you see them put him down or, um, taser him?"  
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314 Q: Mm-hm.  
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316 A: And I said, "No." He's like, "Oh, yeah, man, he rushed them - he rushed the  
317 cops and then they shot him - they -" he said shot him or something. But I  
318 didn't, you know?  
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320 Q: Who rushed the cops?  
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322 A: Brandon.  
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324 Q: Brandon rushed - so the person that you spoke to said that Brandon rushed the  
325 cops and then they tasered him or shot him.  
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327 A: Shot him.  
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329 Q: Yeah.  
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331 A: They - he pulled - he said he pulled something out and shot him with  
332 something but he wasn't sure if it was a taser or a gun.  
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334 Q: Okay. And, uh...  
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336 A: Um, and then...  
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338 Q: The person that said this to you, you - was an employee of Roku?  
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340 A: Yeah.  
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342 Q: And...  
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344 A: And he was a tall guy. I would say like 6'3", 6'4".  
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346 Q: Okay.  
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348 A: Um, that we had spoken with earlier, a couple of times. And he was out there  
349 for a while, I know talking to, uh, both HR and, um - and the police.  
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351 Q: You referred earlier to a - uh, bottle of, uh, pills that, uh, Brandon was taking.  
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353 A: Yes.  
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355 Q: Uh, did he get those pills from a pants pocket or from a jacket? Or...  
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357 A: They were in his backpack.  
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359 Q: So he had a backpack with him?  
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361 A: And here's the interesting thing. So, he had two bags with him. And he left  
362 one of them in there.  
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364 Q: Okay.  
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366 A: Which was - I came back out after we had spoken and said, "Hey, there's a  
367 bag in here." I don't think - I don't know if I told you that - I think I told you  
368 that...  
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370 Q: I don't know. I asked about a bag.  
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372 A: But did you...  
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374 Q: But you said he took it with him.  
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376 A: He took a bag but there was another black bag in there that I didn't realize was  
377 his until after we were all folding up shop.  
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379 Q: Uh-huh.  
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381 A: And then I'm like, "I'm not touching that. I don't know what's in it, right?"  
382 So, um...  
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384 Q: Right.  
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386 A: I went out and told one of the other officers, "Oh I'll just leave it there." I  
387 said, "Okay."  
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389 Q: Okay.  
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391 A: So there was a black bag. It looked like a bag that like it was square, maybe  
392 12, 13 - 12, 14 inches in width and, you know, maybe 8 inches in depth. And  
393 it had the over flap, so that you could...  
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395 Q: Okay.  
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397 A: ... open the flap up and then presumably be a zipper or something there.  
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399 Q: Right.  
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401 A: Something that you might keep like a tablet in or something like that. So it  
402 wasn't a very large bag.  
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404 Q: But, uh, the people that were in that meeting, uh, it didn't belong to anybody  
405 else, so you guys presumably thought that...

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407 A: It was his. Yeah, we presumed it was his 'cause he came in with a bag. But it  
408 easily could he have two bags because he set them both down on the wall.  
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410 Q: Okay.  
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412 A: So we could have missed that, right?  
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414 Q: Okay.  
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416 A: But he was pulling everything out of his backpack. But I will say there was  
417 one thing that I - I will tell you. My - my over - my overall feeling and  
418 comfort level in that meeting at one point got to where I was concerned.  
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420 Q: Yeah, you'd mentioned earlier...  
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422 A: Right. I didn't know...  
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424 Q: ... that you felt, ah - you felt...  
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426 A: I felt a little unsafe, right?  
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428 Q: Right.  
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430 A: And there is so much nonsense going on in the world right now with people  
431 losing it and shooting everybody that I actually moved to where I had a clear  
432 line to him.  
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434 Q: Right.  
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436 A: Thinking, God, if he pulls out a gun or something like that, I'm just going to  
437 drill him, right, because I didn't know. And, um, I...  
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439 Q: You had that kind of behavior that, kind of led you to feel a little unsafe like  
440 that?  
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442 A: This was - I was - I was - I was a little scared.  
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444 Q: Okay.  
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446 A: Um, that would be - that will be the way I will determine it. Um, I know  
447 people don't like to admit they're scared but I was a little scared and my  
448 thought was if this guy pulls a gun out, you know, before I could have like one  
449 - one chance at like taking it away from him before he kills everybody, right?  
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451 Q: Yeah. But well, that's - that's...

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453 A: That was my thoughts.

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455 Q: That's not a bad, uh, way to be prepared. Okay. ...

456

457 A: Yeah.

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459 Q: I think have, uh, everything I need, um, and I'm going to go ahead and, uh,  
460 end the recording at this time.

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462 A: Okay.

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464 Q: And...

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467 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate  
468 transcription.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_