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INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
Confidential Taped Statement
Investigator Barry Renna DPSST #15038

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Complainant: Portland Police Bureau

Interviewed: Tyler Camp

CAMP: (This is where the dictation began. There was no introduction.) Hey there, this is TYLER.

RENNA: Hi, TYLER, how are you?

CAMP: Not too bad. How are you?

RENNA: Good, good. Hey, do you have a minute to chat with me about this incident?

CAMP: Absolutely.

RENNA: Okay. Um, how well do you remember it?

CAMP: Um, pretty well.

RENNA: Okay. All right. And, my understanding, you were up in your apartment, you shared that with WILLIAM SNOW?

CAMP: Yes.

RENNA: Okay. Um, why don't you tell me what you remember, what you remember seeing, what you were doing leading up to it, all that kind of stuff, because I, I got the impression...I've read, um, the interview that you did with the detectives, and I've also seen the transcript out of the Grand Jury, but if you could just tell me what you remember, and maybe I can ask any questions that, that I might have that come up.

CAMP: Okay. Um, well, I was up in my apartment, and my roommate, WILL, had come home, and he was saying that there was police cars outside and stuff like that. And so I looked out my window and I could see where the police cars were. Um, there was a tree right to my left that couldn't show me anything else...

RENNA: Okay.

CAMP: ...besides the police cars. So, um, after a little bit of time, me and my girlfriend, JENNA, we, and WILL, had all gone out to the balcony where we could see most everything that was going on. Um, the tree kind of blocked us from where the police officers were, um, but we could see what they were looking at. And, um, we kind of just were hanging out watching, um, not really sure what was going on. And then I had left and gone to the bathroom, um, and when I returned, I could see right out the balcony, JENNA and WILL were both laying down in front of me, and right out the back window I could see a man with his hands on his head. So, I didn't see him, see where he had come out from.

RENNA: Okay.

CAMP: Um, but he was standing in the middle of the road with his hands on his head, and he was, his back was to the police officers. Um, I looked down to my right and I could see, um, the dog, the police dog, with the, with its owner, I guess, um, waiting behind a dumpster. Um, the police officers were yelling to AARON to back up slowly and keep his hands on his head. Um, he started to back up, but he was backing up very fast, um, at a faster pace than anybody would walk forward. Um, and they, they continued to say, AARON, slow down. AARON, continue to walk backwards, but you need to slow down. Stuff like that. Um...

RENNA: Were they using his name?

CAMP: Yes.

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50 **RENNA:** Okay.

51 **CAMP:** Um, and finally one of the officers said, AARON, slow down or we will be forced to shoot.

52 And that's when he stopped the first time and had said, well, 'Fuck you, shoot me then.'

53 **RENNA:** Okay.

54 **CAMP:** And then he...

55 **RENNA:** Did he turn his head around to tell them that?

56 **CAMP:** No, not that time.

57 **RENNA:** Okay. Do you think they heard him?

58 **CAMP:** What's that?

59 **RENNA:** Do you think that the officers heard him when he said that?

60 **CAMP:** I'm sure they did because they were closer than I was.

61 **RENNA:** Okay. And how close would you estimate that you were?

62 **CAMP:** Um, oh, probably less than 25 yards.

63 **RENNA:** Okay. All right, sorry to interrupt. Go on.

64 **CAMP:** Oh, that's okay. Um, so then, um, right after he said that, he paused for a second, and then he

65 continued to back up at about the same pace that he was. And so the officer repeated himself, I

66 believe, three times. AARON, slow down or we will be forced to shoot. AARON, you need to slow

67 down. AARON, slow down or we will be forced to shoot. And that's when he stopped again and had

68 said, well, 'Fuck you, shoot me then.' And that's when he had turned towards us, to his left, and he

69 had turned his head and dropped his hands from his head. And pretty instantly...(silence) Um, at first I

70 didn't know what it was, but then I saw the bean bag on the ground. Time kind of slowed down for

71 me. Um...

72 **RENNA:** Okay. You kind of...I don't know if your phone cut out or what, but you said that he said,

73 um, shoot me, and he dropped his hand off his head. And then you said, pretty instantly, and then there

74 was just silence. Um...

75 **CAMP:** Oh, okay, well, um, pretty instantly there was a gunshot.

76 **RENNA:** Okay.

77 **CAMP:** Um, and not knowing what it was, I was...can you still hear me?

78 **RENNA:** Yeah.

79 **CAMP:** Okay. Um, pretty instantly there was, um, I mean, just, okay, the gunshot goes off. And not

80 knowing what it was, but then I saw the bean bag fall from his back, from his lower back.

81 **RENNA:** Okay.

82 **CAMP:** Um...

83 **RENNA:** Did you see him react to that one at all?

84 **CAMP:** Um, yeah. He...both hands were off his head at that point.

85 **RENNA:** Okay.

86 **CAMP:** Kind of just stunned. Um, and, I mean, pretty quickly right after he was shot, he was on the

87 run. He just took off. Um, and then in three or four steps he was struck again, and I, I believe it was at

88 his lower left leg, in that area. Or, excuse me, his upper left leg. Kind of butt cheek, lower back area.

89 **RENNA:** Okay.

90 **CAMP:** Um, and he continued to run, and that's when he reached behind him. And I didn't see

91 anything from where I was. It was kind of dark out, um, but he was reaching towards his, um, his low

92 back, belt area. Um, I didn't know what he was reaching for or what he was doing, but he continued to

93 run with his hand back in that area. And that's when the third shot finally went off.

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94 **RENNA:** Okay. So you heard a total of three shots?
95 **CAMP:** Yes.
96 **RENNA:** All right. Um, and he was already running when, Mr. CAMPBELL was already running
97 when you heard the second shot, if I understood you correctly.
98 **CAMP:** Yes.
99 **RENNA:** Okay. And his hand stayed in the middle of his back by his beltline the whole time that he
100 was running?
101 **CAMP:** No, it...he got hit with the first one, and he took off. And then he got hit with the second one,
102 and he, he started to stumble a little bit. Um, he kind of just...after he got hit with the second one, his
103 body seemed to low for some reason.
104 **RENNA:** When you say low, what do you mean? Like his...
105 **CAMP:** Kind of hunched.
106 **RENNA:** Okay.
107 **CAMP:** Hunched forward. Kind of running with his head lower to the ground than you would if you,
108 if you were running.
109 **RENNA:** All right.
110 **CAMP:** Um, and then when he stood up, that's when he reached back. And it, it was pretty quick. I
111 mean, his hand wasn't there for long. I'd say maybe a second, and then it was the third shot, and he
112 was down.
113 **RENNA:** Okay. Um, was, did his hand stay back there, or was it back there at the time that you heard
114 the third shot?
115 **CAMP:** Yes.
116 **RENNA:** Okay. Um, were you in a position to be able to see what he was doing with that hand? Was
117 it moving around, or was it staying stationery?
118 **CAMP:** Um, honestly, it was pretty fast.
119 **RENNA:** Okay.
120 **CAMP:** I mean, he, he was on the run, um, and it went back there, it was maybe a second of it being
121 back there. And then the third shot was off.
122 **RENNA:** Okay.
123 **CAMP:** And so...I mean, it was pretty quick. And then the dog was released at about the same time.
124 **RENNA:** And did you see the dog, um, go up to Mr. CAMPBELL?
125 **CAMP:** Um, yes.
126 **RENNA:** Okay.
127 **CAMP:** Mr. CAMPBELL had fallen behind a car. A car was parked with its nose towards the
128 building...
129 **RENNA:** Uh-huh.
130 **CAMP:** ...and he had fell between the bushes and the car, so I couldn't see him, um, but I could see
131 what the dog was doing.
132 **RENNA:** What, what was the dog doing?
133 **CAMP:** Biting him, basically.
34 **RENNA:** Okay.
135 **CAMP:** I mean, but I couldn't see the body. I could see the, see the top of the dog.
136 **RENNA:** Okay. Um, when Mr. CAMPBELL was backing up, you said he was moving kind of quick.
137 Um, where did you see his hands? I mean, on his head. You said they were on his head.

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138 **CAMP:** Yeah.

139 **RENNA:** Were, were they on top of his head, behind his head?

140 **CAMP:** Um, more-so behind.

141 **RENNA:** Okay. Were you able to see what his, if his fingers were touching? Were they interlocked?

142 **CAMP:** I believe they were interlocked.

143 **RENNA:** Okay. Did it appear that Mr. CAMPBELL was complying with the directions of the

144 officers?

145 **CAMP:** Um, to the extent of, basically, have your hands on your head and back up. But, other than

146 that, they continued to give orders and he was, he was acting in (dog barking in the background) an

147 erratic manner. He wasn't...overall, he wasn't doing what they wanted.

148 **RENNA:** Okay. Sounds like I've got an echo on this...

149 **CAMP:** Yeah. And my dog was barking. Sorry about that.

150 **RENNA:** Okay. Could, um, when you first saw Mr. CAMPBELL, when he was backing up, could

151 you see how he was wearing his pants?

152 **CAMP:** Um, he had a, he had a pretty long jacket on.

153 **RENNA:** Uh-huh.

154 **CAMP:** Um, so not really. Um, they were, they were normal, I would say. Not, not belly-button; I

155 would say right around the hip bone.

156 **RENNA:** All right. So, a little bit low, but not, not excessively low?

57 **CAMP:** Not excessively, no.

158 **RENNA:** Um, and could...you said you couldn't see what the officers were doing? You could just

159 hear them?

160 **CAMP:** Yeah.

161 **RENNA:** When you said he was moving fast, when he was moving back, can you describe that? Um,

162 a little bit more than walk-speed, you said?

163 **CAMP:** Um, moving fastly. Um, trying to figure out a way to describe that. Um, just, I mean...

164 **RENNA:** Well, did it look like he was, um, going out of his way to, to move back quickly? Um, to

165 move back fast?

166 **CAMP:** I, I would say so. Because, in my opinion, nobody walks backward that fast. You know,

167 when, when you walk backwards, it's not as comfortable as walking forwards.

168 **RENNA:** Okay.

169 **CAMP:** So, he was, he was moving much faster than anybody in a normal situation would walk

170 backwards.

171 **RENNA:** All right. Did you have...from where you were standing, did you have a pretty good idea of

172 where the officers were positioned?

173 **CAMP:** Yeah, I knew where they were...

174 **RENNA:** Okay.

175 **CAMP:** ...based on, um, my, my bedroom window. (Indecipherable, talking over each other)

176 **RENNA:** Okay. And how far do you think Mr. CAMPBELL, when he stopped the last time, how far

177 away from them do you think he was?

178 **CAMP:** Um, probably about ten yards.

179 **RENNA:** Okay. So about 30 feet. Um, and when he, when he stopped for the last time, um, you said

180 that he dropped his hand, his left hand off his head?

181 **CAMP:** Yeah. When he was saying, um, what he had said.

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182 **RENNA:** Okay.

183 **CAMP:** He kind of turned towards the officers, and then his left hand had dropped from his head.

184 They were no longer interlocked.

185 **RENNA:** Okay. But he kept his right hand up on his head?

186 **CAMP:** Yes.

187 **RENNA:** How far down did his left hand come at that point?

188 **CAMP:** Um, it hadn't gone too far. I would say, I'm trying to do it right now. Um, his, his fingers

189 couldn't touch his head. They were probably a finger's distance from his head.

190 **RENNA:** Okay. And how quickly after he moved that hand did you hear the first shot go off?

191 **CAMP:** It was, it was almost instantaneous. I was, I was shocked that he was dropping it...(he

192 dropped out briefly again) and the gun had gone off.

193 **RENNA:** You were shocked that what? You kind of (Indecipherable, talking over each other)

194 **CAMP:** Um, that (Indecipherable, talking over each other) said what he had said. Um, he just

195 dropped it, and it was pretty instantaneous from him dropping his hand.

196 **RENNA:** Okay. Is there anything that I, that I haven't asked you, or that we haven't talked about that

197 you think, you know (Indecipherable, the echo is back) is important?

198 **CAMP:** Um, I don't think so.

199 **RENNA:** All right. Are you still living out there on Sandy Boulevard?

200 **CAMP:** No, I'm actually in Vancouver now. Just across the bridge.

01 **RENNA:** Okay. Um, did you have any problems after this incident was over?

202 **CAMP:** No. We, we had moved onto campus at Concordia University.

203 **RENNA:** Okay. What's your major?

204 **CAMP:** Business.

205 **RENNA:** Okay. You seem like you were pretty, um, kind of knew what was going on with this. Have

206 you got any relatives in law enforcement, or taken law enforcement classes?

207 **CAMP:** Um, I've taken a criminal justice class in high school. It was like, it was for three periods.

208 And I would go and, um, be around and deal with all this kind of stuff.

209 **RENNA:** Okay. Um, is there anything that you've seen in the, on television, heard on the radio, any

210 of the reports in the paper, anything that has caused you to change anything that you recall?

211 **CAMP:** No, absolutely not. I mean, my name was in the paper, and I felt that they kind of butchered

212 my story a bit, um, tried to make it seem like my roommate and I and my girlfriend had different

213 opinions, but, um, nothing that has changed my...my story's been the same the whole time. I mean, I

214 saw what I saw, so...

215 **RENNA:** Okay. No, you seem pretty consistent. All right. Well, I appreciate you calling me back,

216 TYLER. Um, take care, and if...you've got my number if anything comes up that you remember,

217 please give me a call.

218 **CAMP:** Okay.

219 **RENNA:** All right. Thank you very much, TYLER.

220 **CAMP:** Thank you.

221 **RENNA:** All right. Bye.

222 **CAMP:** Bye.

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224 **RENNA:** Renna.

225 **CAMP:** Hey, it's TYLER again.

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226 **RENNA:** Yeah, TYLER.
227 **CAMP:** Hey, I had a quick...(Indecipherable, static in the background) I just kind of...where is this
228 going? Like this has kind of been down for a little while. I mean, I haven't been involved in a little
229 while.
230 **RENNA:** Okay.
231 **CAMP:** And I was just kind of wondering...
232 **RENNA:** You mean where is it going and why am I talking to you?
233 **CAMP:** Basically, yeah.
234 **RENNA:** Okay. Um, I'm assigned to Internal Affairs, so, basically, a case like this, um, gets
235 investigated initially by detectives to make sure that there's no, um, criminal wrong-doing on the part
236 of an officer or anybody else in the event of a death.
237 **CAMP:** Uh-huh.
238 **RENNA:** Um, and, and that is followed up by a Grand Jury. So, the District Attorney's office is in
239 charge of presenting a case to the Grand Jury. But my role in all this is that we do an administrative
240 review on these kind of cases any time force of this type is used. So, we just...the reason I called you
241 back was to see if there was anything else that you remembered and just to go through it all again.
242 **CAMP:** Oh, okay.
243 **RENNA:** It, it's not the criminal part. It's the Internal Affairs Administrative Review portion of, of
244 this whole incident. It, it's very standard. It's, we do it on, on all of them.
45 **CAMP:** Oh, okay.
246 **RENNA:** Okay.
247 **CAMP:** Okay. Well, thank you.
248 **RENNA:** Oh, you bet. Thank you. Bye.
249 **CAMP:** Bye.
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