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INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
Confidential Taped Statement
Investigator Lynn Courtney DPSST #13609

Interview Date: 05/05/2010
IAD #: 2010-B-0004
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Complainant: Portland Police Bureau

Interviewed: William Snow

COURTNEY: This is LYNN COURTNEY of the Internal Affairs Division. Today's date is May the 5th, 2010. The time is 10:47 a.m. I'm placing a call to WILLIAM SNOW who is a witness on IAD Case Number 2010-B-0004. (phone dialing and ringing)

SNOW: Hello.

COURTNEY: Hello, WILL?

SNOW: Yeah.

COURTNEY: Yeah, my name's LYNN COURTNEY. I'm an investigator for the Portland Police Bureau. How are you?

SNOW: Um, good. How are you?

COURTNEY: Good, good. Um, we're just doing an administrative review of the shooting that you witnessed...

SNOW: Okay.

COURTNEY: ...involving AARON CAMPBELL. And my partner just got off the phone, I guess, with your girlfriend, JENNA, a little while ago.

SNOW: Oh, you're thinking of, um, that's TYLER.

COURTNEY: Oh, is that TYLER's girlfriend?

SNOW: Yeah.

COURTNEY: Oh, okay. Okay. I don't want to get you in trouble for anything (laughs) but...

SNOW: No, no, no. No problem. Don't worry.

COURTNEY: Do you have a few minutes to talk? Or do you...?

SNOW: Um, how long is a few minutes?

COURTNEY: Ten or so.

SNOW: Um, yeah, I'll make it work.

COURTNEY: Okay. Um, I was just going over some things as to reports and things, and I just wanted to clear up some, um, things to make sure I'm clear, um, understanding as to what happened or what you observed that day, and, of course, I've read the reports, and I know you were on the deck of your apartment, and, you know, TYLER was there and JENNA was there also.

SNOW: Yeah.

COURTNEY: And, um, you were laying down. Were you laying down on, on the balcony to observe this, or were you standing behind? Or...?

SNOW: Um, it was...well, we were periodically, at the beginning, I was in the apartment bedroom next to the balcony.

COURTNEY: Uh-huh.

SNOW: We didn't see...AARON hadn't come out yet. And we were just looking at the, all the policemen that were lined up, and all the cars, and there was a tree in between the bedroom...

COURTNEY: Right.

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50 **SNOW:** ...and the balcony.
51 **COURTNEY:** Right.
52 **SNOW:** And so, once they started, the police started to move forward, we went to the balcony, and at
53 first we were standing up for a little bit, but then we, um, began to lay down, and we were kind of
54 propped up on our elbows.
55 **COURTNEY:** Right.
56 **SNOW:** But just watching. Yeah, so, once we got there, we eventually went down to our, to our
57 stomachs.
58 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And, um, I know you arrived at the apartment after the police were at the scene,
59 um, according to your statements and stuff, but you actually saw when Mr. CAMPBELL came out of
60 his apartment?
61 **SNOW:** Correct, yes.
62 **COURTNEY:** And, um, tell me about that. When he came out, what was his demeanor like? Was he
63 walking back with his hands on his head? Or up in the air? Or what do you remember?
64 **SNOW:** Yeah, he was already walking back...he was walking...okay, let's see here...if I'm looking
65 at, here's like a doorway, or where he comes out of his apartment.
66 **COURTNEY:** An alcove?
67 **SNOW:** Right, exactly. Yeah, he was walking backwards in relation to that. Like if you'd say, he
68 was...the cops were to his right.
69 **COURTNEY:** Right. So, is he walking backwards?
70 **SNOW:** He was walking backwards, yes.
71 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
72 **SNOW:** And his hands weren't above his head yet. I believe they were just up in the air, you know,
73 kind of like showing that he had nothing in his hands.
74 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
75 **SNOW:** And, I'm sorry, go ahead.
76 **COURTNEY:** Go ahead, and what happened next?
77 **SNOW:** Oh, I was going to say, so there's a...I'm sure you've seen pictures of the car there right next
78 to the alcove.
79 **COURTNEY:** Sure. Right.
80 **SNOW:** He rounds the car, and then turns to back up towards the police officers.
81 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.
82 **SNOW:** And they're telling him to, you know, walk back, walk back, um, get your hands on your
83 head. And he keeps walking backwards, and he gets to a certain point, they tell him to stop, um, and
84 they're like, get your hands on your head, get your hands on your head.
85 **COURTNEY:** Where were, where were his hands then, if they weren't...?
86 **SNOW:** They were up like...I would, I would say his hands are above his shoulders.
87 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
88 **SNOW:** So they're close to behind his head.
89 **COURTNEY:** Okay. So he doesn't have his hands like behind his head, you know, interlaced his
90 fingers...
91 **SNOW:** Yeah, they're not, they're not locked yet. No.
92 **COURTNEY:** Okay.

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93 **SNOW:** And, um, so he's...he's almost like semi-cooperating, you know. And then he starts to give
94 them a little bit of lip, um, and they're basically saying, you know, if you don't, um, do what you're
95 told to do, we're going to use force, and he's like just fucking shoot me, you know. And he starts
96 to...it's almost like he starts to lower his left hand. Not very low, just kind of below his shoulder, and
97 when that happens, he kind of looks back over his left shoulder.
98 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.
99 **SNOW:** And he gets popped with a bean bag gun.
100 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
101 **SNOW:** And I believe that one was in the back, in the center of the back, and then the second one was
102 in his lower, in his left leg.
103 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And how did he respond to that?
104 **SNOW:** Um, he kind of almost like fell forward a little bit. He didn't fall down. And then he started
105 to take off towards that car that was by the alcove.
106 **COURTNEY:** Okay. Where did his hands go when he got hit with the bean bag? Did he reach back
107 where he was hit?
108 **SNOW:** Yeah. Well, he would have been...this is, this is what I said. Um, for me, from my view, it
109 looked like he was hit in the center of his back.
110 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.
111 **SNOW:** And when he was running, getting ready to round the car, um, he took his left hand, it almost
112 looked like he went to his waistband, like that area. So it was like in between...to me, it looked it was
113 in between where the bean bag shots were placed on his body.
114 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And when you say his waistband, is it his back waistband?
115 **SNOW:** His back waistband. It's almost like...I mean...like I said, I didn't know what was going on
116 in the situation, but I thought he was reaching for something.
117 **COURTNEY:** Okay. Did you see anything that he might have had?
118 **SNOW:** I didn't see a gun, I didn't see anything like that. I said in, um, I believe in the report, that I
119 saw, I believe I saw like a dark object, but that could have been just his underwear band.
120 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
121 **SNOW:** Um, like I said, I didn't say it was a gun, um, I mean...and he didn't even have one.
122 **COURTNEY:** Did you see any kind of bulge around his waistband or anything?
123 **SNOW:** You know, it was...he had like a heavy jacket on, and it was, it was kind of covering his
124 waistband. It was like, it looked like he was reaching up under the jacket into the waistband.
125 **COURTNEY:** And when he was reaching back there, was that immediately after he was hit with the
126 bean bag gun?
127 **SNOW:** No, no, no. He stumbled forward, like his hands like flew forward. You know, he got shot
128 twice with the bean bag gun.
129 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh. Right.
130 **SNOW:** Kind of fell forward, and I think they had been drinking too, so he probably lost his balance.
131 But, um, when he, yeah, when he went forward, um, it was almost like as he was running, then he
132 started to reach back. It wasn't, it wasn't immediate, no.
133 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
134 **SNOW:** And then when he reached, you know, you know what happened next.
135 **COURTNEY:** Right.
136 **SNOW:** Bam! Right in the back, and he's done.

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137 **COURTNEY:** And then one of the things I was...when he was walking back, um, what do you
138 remember, what kind of commands do you remember the officers were giving him to do?
139 **SNOW:** Um, okay, well it was...it wasn't all at the same time, but there was different officers saying
140 different things.
141 **COURTNEY:** Okay. There were different officers giving him commands?
142 **SNOW:** Yeah, well from...like I said, from where I was standing there, I couldn't necessarily see the
143 police officers because the tree was in my way.
144 **COURTNEY:** Right.
145 **SNOW:** This is all hear-based, so I can only see AARON. That's the best, closest view I had.
146 **COURTNEY:** Right.
147 **SNOW:** Um, but it sounded to me like it was...one officer was like, you know, get your hands behind
148 your head, you know. And then I, I...it all happened so fast, but I felt like another officer was saying,
149 um, you know, like, get your hands behind your head, do as your told, we're going to use force if you
150 don't cooperate, and then AARON just started jawing back, kind of became a slur of words to me.
151 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.
152 **SNOW:** Um, and then...you know, and after he started to lower his hand said, just fucking shoot me.
153 **COURTNEY:** Okay. In your, um, I was just reading your detective interview you mentioned
154 something about how officers were telling him to, um, get down on the ground. Do you remember
155 that?
156 **SNOW:** Oh, yeah, yeah. I'm sorry. I apologize. Yes, I believe I did hear that, yes.
157 **COURTNEY:** Okay. Um, is that the same officer that's telling him...or can you tell by voice?
158 **SNOW:** I honestly, I honestly could not tell.
159 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
160 **SNOW:** Yeah. Like I said, I was, it was a very intense moment.
161 **COURTNEY:** Right. Right, right. And, um, I think you said earlier, you couldn't see the officers,
162 you could just see Mr. CAMPBELL.
163 **SNOW:** Yeah, I could see...because they had started to push forward. I could see there was a, um, a
164 police officer that was right below me with...behind a dumpster with a canine.
165 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.
166 **SNOW:** Um, and then I could see a couple of cop cars, you know, lined up, and the policemen were
167 behind them. If I looked through the tree I could kind of see some of them, but it wasn't clear, it
168 wasn't a clear shot for me.
169 **COURTNEY:** Well, immediately prior to the officers firing the bean bag, where were Mr.
170 CAMPBELL's hands? Do you remember?
171 **SNOW:** I couldn't...actually, well, he went straight down to the ground. He fell behind the car. I
172 couldn't see him anymore.
173 **COURTNEY:** No, but I mean after he was shot with the bean bag. The first time, when he walked
174 back.
175 **SNOW:** Oh, oh. Like I said, he was just...his hands were still partially up. He started to lower his left
176 hand, almost to look behind him so he could see what was going on.
177 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.
178 **SNOW:** So, his right hand...I believe his right hand was still up. Not behind his head. You know,
179 like I said, they were above his shoulders.
180 **COURTNEY:** Right.

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181 **SNOW:** But the left hand was going down. And that's when he was looking behind his left shoulder,
182 and that's when he got hit.
183 **COURTNEY:** And did he say anything prior to...
184 **SNOW:** AARON?
185 **COURTNEY:** Yeah. Did you hear him say anything to the officers?
186 **SNOW:** Oh, yeah. Like I said, he was just jawing to the cops to just shoot him.
187 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
188 **SNOW:** That's all, that's all he kept saying. It was repetitive.
189 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And, um, okay, and do you know how many times he was shot with the bean
190 bag?
191 **SNOW:** Twice.
192 **COURTNEY:** Twice. Okay. And then he takes off running? Is that the way it went?
193 **SNOW:** Yeah. It wasn't like a dead sprint. I mean it was kind of like a stumble-jog-run, I guess you
194 could say, and you could tell the coordination wasn't quite there because he had just been hit twice.
195 **COURTNEY:** Right. And when he's running, that's when, I think you said, he then reaches back
196 with his left hand.
197 **SNOW:** Correct.
198 **COURTNEY:** To, um, his back left, or his back waistband area.
199 **SNOW:** Correct.
200 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And did it appear to you in doing so...now, is he like trying to hold up his
201 pants? Are his pants baggy or...?
202 **SNOW:** Well, like I said, that very well could have been it. At the time, like point blank situation is
203 happening to me. I don't what's going on. In my eyes, it looked like he was...it was...he was reaching
204 for force. Now, I know he didn't have any, once I found out (indecipherable, talking over each other)
205 **COURTNEY:** Right, right.
206 **SNOW:** That's, that's what's going through my head. Um, if I had, if I had walked back through it
207 and looked at it again, it very well could have been him just reaching for his pants to pull them up so
208 that way he could keep running, which it sounds like it probably was.
209 **COURTNEY:** Right, right.
210 **SNOW:** Yeah, you said he wasn't, he wasn't wearing tightly fitting clothing.
211 **COURTNEY:** Right. Okay. And then, after he is shot, do you see him fall down then?
212 **SNOW:** Oh, yeah.
213 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
214 **SNOW:** Yeah, he fell almost, it was like in between the car and then there was like a set of bushes...
215 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.
216 **SNOW:** ...between the car and the, um, between the car and the apartment. Like a shrub almost. I
217 saw him fall basically into that, like in between the shrub and the car. I could see the shrub shaking.
218 And then as soon, as soon as he was down, the canine was released, like just after that.
219 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh. And then did you continue to watch? Did you see the canine go up to him?
220 **SNOW:** Yeah, yeah. I stayed and watched. Um, the canine went in there, he was there for just a few
221 short seconds, and the police officer who was working with the canine called him off, and the dog
222 came running back. And from there on out, it was just a game of, they were trying to get AARON to
223 show them his hands.
224 **COURTNEY:** Right.

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225 **SNOW:** So they could, you know, go, go to him.
226 **COURTNEY:** Right.
227 **SNOW:** Obviously that never happened. After some time the SWAT showed up, and then they, you
228 know, they took care of it.
229 **COURTNEY:** Right. Okay. Um, anything else about this incident that you remember now that
230 you've, we've had some time since the incident to now, um, that you maybe...since the time you were
231 interviewed previously?
232 **SNOW:** Um, I don't want to say something that's not, that I don't remember, that's not there.
233 **COURTNEY:** Right.
234 **SNOW:** Um, let's see, I pull in, I go on next to the cops, I drive by, I go up to my, my roommate's
235 bedroom, I see them all lined up. Um, guns, you know, out. They're trying to...they got the kids out.
236 And they got the, I believe there was a mother in there. Um, and then after that, after awhile, they
237 started to move forward, the garbage dumpster with the canine behind it. That's when I repositioned
238 myself to the balcony.
239 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.
240 **SNOW:** And after, you know, however long it was, AARON came out, and he walked backwards,
241 they told him to stop.
242 **COURTNEY:** And when he walks backwards, how would you describe that? There's been kind of a
243 difference of opinion as to...
44 **SNOW:** Okay, like...
245 **COURTNEY:** Is he walking slowly? Is he walking fast? Or...?
246 **SNOW:** Okay, so, at, at, I mean, at the time, it looked like he was walking fine. He came out of his,
247 the alcove. Like I said, he was walking back towards me, so the police officers were to the right.
248 **COURTNEY:** Right.
249 **SNOW:** And he just kind of rounded the corner and...when, as he got closer to the cops, it almost
250 looked like at times he was speeding up.
251 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
252 **SNOW:** Um, but when he first...initially when he came out, it was, it was normal. I mean, I'm sure
253 the guy was full of adrenalin.
254 **COURTNEY:** Right.
255 **SNOW:** So, I mean, speeding up, I don't know, maybe he was getting nervous or whatnot. But then,
256 you know, he eventually slowed down and stopped, and that's when, you know, they were trying to tell
257 him...
258 **COURTNEY:** Did he stop on his own, or did the officers tell him to stop?
259 **SNOW:** Um, they were, they were telling him to stop. They were commanding him.
260 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
261 **SNOW:** Yeah, yeah. He didn't just stop in plain sight. They were like, that's enough. Stop.
262 **COURTNEY:** And I know you couldn't see the officers from your position, but did you get a sense of
263 how close he was to them, to their car?
264 **SNOW:** Yeah, well, I mean, if, if...I don't know, do you have pictures there?
55 **COURTNEY:** Yeah, we have diagrams and all that stuff. Just I wondered from your perspective...
266 **SNOW:** Well, exactly. I was just going to try and give you a visual. Because I'm remembering it in
267 my head. I'm just picturing it. If I'm looking out my balcony, straight ahead out of my balcony...
268 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.

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269 **SNOW:** There's cracks in the road in line with the handicapped, I believe. Some kind of white line.
270 Um, he was right there.
271 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
272 **SNOW:** And then there's that tree to the right, and then there's the police officer in line with that tree.
273 So I'm, I'm going say less than 20 feet.
274 **COURTNEY:** Right.
275 **SNOW:** Um, that's about what would be my ballpark estimate.
276 **COURTNEY:** Okay. And then did officers contact you that day? Interviewed you?
277 **SNOW:** Oh, yeah.
278 **COURTNEY:** Okay.
279 **SNOW:** I actually had to get to work. I was, you know, obviously, all boxed in once I got in there.
280 **COURTNEY:** Right.
281 **SNOW:** So, I drove to work, and when I came back, it was closed off, and I stopped. And there was
282 an officer there. He wouldn't let me in, and I was like, well, I know what's going on, and that's when
283 he, he was like, well, I need to get your story. So, he took my story, and then I, when I got in to my
284 apartment, um, two detectives, Detective ANDREWS and Detective MUS, MUSSER?
285 **COURTNEY:** MUSSER, right.
286 **SNOW:** MUSSER, um, arrived.
287 **COURTNEY:** They interviewed you?
88 **SNOW:** Yeah, for a couple hours. So it was that night.
289 **COURTNEY:** Right. And then, have you been interviewed at any other time by any other
290 investigators, whether the plaintiff's attorneys or any...?
291 **SNOW:** Um, well obviously the Grand Jury.
292 **COURTNEY:** Right.
293 **SNOW:** Um, I don't believe so. I mean, I kept in contact with Detectives ANDREWS and MUSSER
294 just because they were just kind of walking me through what was going on.
295 **COURTNEY:** Sure.
296 **SNOW:** And then when the Grand Jury testimonies were made public...
297 **COURTNEY:** Sure.
298 **SNOW:** ...um, I talked to some people, I think it was the head detective, for a few minutes.
299 **COURTNEY:** Uh-huh.
300 **SNOW:** But it wasn't anything really regarding the case. It was just kind of seeing how I was doing.
301 **COURTNEY:** Right.
302 **SNOW:** Um, but, yeah, I...and, you know, I stayed away from the reporters or anybody...I didn't
303 want to talk to anybody.
304 **COURTNEY:** And, of course, you guys have moved from that apartment, I guess, huh?
305 **SNOW:** Oh, yeah. They, well, Victim's Assistance called us immediately after it happened, and when
306 the statements were made public...
307 **COURTNEY:** Yeah.
308 **SNOW:** And they, and they, yeah, they said it was best for us to get out of there, so...
09 **COURTNEY:** Yeah...
310 **SNOW:** We completely relocated.
311 **COURTNEY:** Because you haven't been, you haven't been harassed by anybody because of your
312 witnessing this event.

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313 **SNOW:** Um, no, because I haven't, yeah, I haven't been near anybody. I mean, I've been trying my
314 best to stay away.
315 **COURTNEY:** You're still going to school, right?
316 **SNOW:** Correct. Yeah, we actually just finished finals last week.
317 **COURTNEY:** Oh, good, good. What are you majoring in?
318 **SNOW:** Um, business major with a background in finance. Now, what I'm going to with that, I have
319 no idea.
320 **COURTNEY:** Okay. Yeah. Well, good, good. Okay, well, I appreciate your time, um, and I hope
321 everything goes well for you.
322 **SNOW:** Yeah, hopefully I could help you guys out.
323 **COURTNEY:** Okay. Thanks WILL.
324 **SNOW:** You're welcome.
325 **COURTNEY:** Okay. Bye-bye.
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