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SA ...did, did you see what took place last Saturday? That would

have been...August the ninth around noon.

Yes, I did, I did not see the initial...I did not see the initial start of the situation but I seen the closure of the situation. Because I was on my

porch...to get reception on my phone? And, um, I heard a

gunshot..fo..it, it, it caught my attention.

SA Okay.

As it did the attention of everybody else around h'r...And when I got, um... to my phone, as far as then talking on my phone, I told the individual...I told her, I call them back. Out of town call...I stood up...walked that direction...to see what was going on and when I looked to see what was going on...police was running after a young man that

was running in the direction toward that way...

SA Okay.

SA

He shot again, shot the individual in the back, Mr. Brown, I don't know what part of the back he shot but he turned around, Mr. Brown turned around...and literally put his arms up...in a, in a fashion to where...my

understanding that means surrender.

So the individual is running away and then turned around and put his

hands...

After being shot!

SA ...up. Okay.

SA Can you...so on this map here..where, where was it..you would say that

you saw him running towards?

I gotta see this...I'm, I'm getting up... SA (chuckles) SA Oh, I understand. That's fine. (sighs)...Okay so...this bend, this bend coming off West Florissant right? SA Yeah. Exactly? SA That's right. So...he's..running..in this direction... SA Okay. ...trying to run in this direction. Well, he actually ran in this direction. SA Okay, so he ran Eastbound on Canfield then? Exactly. SA Okay. So...it'd be goin this...it'll be coming-going this way. SA Okay. So...as I see that, as I walk further on my porch, I see the officer chasing after the individual and he hit him "pow" one time in the back...and the individual realized he was shot...so he turns around and immediately put his arms up, and as he's stepped closer to the-the officer...he's surrendering himself, he...he...the officer....has his arms up already and he continued to let every round, I mean every round, the visual is so clear. He let every round in his chest off and as he got closer, he let a round off in his head, his cheek, his head and he finished a round and stood over him. SA How...how many rounds total? I, I didn't count cause I was stunned...I was in shock. I, I, I stopped counting. SA Okay. It was gruesome.

SA	Soso the officer continued to shoot at him, in the chest? Do you know what the distance was between the officer
	I'd say about a good twenty feet.
SA	Okay.
	beforehe capbefore he got shotin the sense of thethe back shot
SA	Uh huh.
	he turned around, it was closerI mean-I mean he was close, he was so close. The visual was gruesome.
SA	Okay.
SA	Could you put an "x" on this map. I'll give you my pen here, andwherewhere this took place, just so we can confirm.
	I can't seethiswhat number would I be?
SA	So this is Canfield right here
SA	You are (chuckles)
SA	you'rewe are in building
	Exactly.
SA	this is labeled as building
	Exactly, yes, that's a clear visual in which I had. Um, okay, cause this was Crenshawthis Crenshaw building right here. This the leasing office, I'm believeit happened. I'm
SA	You're
SA	That's right. So, your front porch facing that way.
	Exactly, so I'm gonna say that it happened, the visual
SA	Yeah, 'cause you can see it right front your front porch, correct?
	Exactlyand thatthat's where he turned around, cause I seen when he turned around and immediately put his arms up.

SA	Okay.
	And he started walking back, this direction, toward the officer and the officer closed in on him, literally closed in on him and
SA	How close was he when you said he closed in on him?
	(sighs)
SA	Ten feet? Ten yards?
	Less than that.
SA	Really? Like from me to the wall, or?
	He ahhe washe did this
SA	Like ah, from here to here.
	Yes, and I think that he did not know whhe did not know to get down.
SA	Oh okay.
	He didn't know to get down. He didn't know to get down. So, he walked up on him.
SA	So he was walking to the officer with his hands up.
	He didn't know tahe didn't know
SA	Right, 'cause he's a young kid, probably really never been in trouble.
	Scaredshot.
SA	Yeah.
	Body started feelin' hot.
SA	Uh huh.
	I know I got a bullet in my back, I been, I been shot before, so he didn't know to get down. So
SA	Okay.
	he did, he did
SA	Was walkbut with his hands up andyeah.

	He did it in a fashion to where probeyscared the shi
SA	Oh yeah.
	You knowso
SA	Go ahead, you can say it.
	He-he-he finished him off. It doesn't make it's not justthat wasn't protocol. That's not protocol. It wasn't protocol at all.
SA	Do you remember what Mr. Brown was wearing that day?
	(sighs) Wow.
SA	Can you describe himphysically?
	What I can remember is basically he had a red hat on, a shirt on, some shorts, some socksyou know stripey socks, long socks and the flip flops in which was left up the streetbefore he start running
	Let me secure that door too.
SA	Okay.
	(sighs)
SA	Okay, so, so to recap hereand correct me ifstop me at any point if, if I'm incorrect about how I understand um, your, ah accountof events here. So, you were standing on your front porch here, on your phone, correct? You heard a single gunshot, is that right?
	I heard a shot.
S	Okay. And, youyou couldn't see anything at that time
	No.
SA	Is that correct?
	Exactly.
SA	Andand then, shortly thereafter
	I seen individual
SA	Did you walkon your porch there?

direction, you say what bound?, East bound? You said? SA Right, so that would be as you indicated there, it looks like it would be eastbound on Canfield. Right, so I seen him running and I, I heard another gunshot "pow" and Mr. Brown turn around and put his arms up. Ya know, and I seen the officer pursuing him, getting up on him...and Mr. Brown was walking towards him cause he didn't know ah...how to get down after being shot...he didn't know no procedure...you don't know. SA Okay. So, the officer, I don't know...just shot him. Repeatedly. SA Okay. So, when he was-when he was walking away... When who was walking away? SA When Mr. Brown was walking from the officer, or running away, and a shot was fired, do you know if that shot struck him? I, I...(sighs)...yeah, I believe so, cause it was s..s. ..a so called, I think the first shot was the shot that went off in the SUV. SA And that's when you paid attention? Yeah. SA Okay. And then that second shot, another shot...it was, I think it was three shots prior to me, because there was one shot that went off in the SUV from my understanding. And then another shot went off in the building over there, in which they retrieved the bullet. And another shot went off in his back and the remainder, I don't know what k..k..kinda clip he had...I don't know was it a sixteen round with extra in the clip....I don't know what kind of gun he had. SA Okay. SA So, we, we want to focus today on what...so, I...I know that the media

Yes. And, I seen an individual, I seen Mr. Brown running in this

obviously has, has...

Trying to.

SA	reported on thisand, as much as you can, I know it's difficult.
	No it's not.
SA	But we want to focus specifically on , you know, what you saw.
	Exactly
SA	as opposed to
	Exactly, exactly
SA	as opposed to what
	Exactly, it's all about my visual. What I seen.
SA	Right. Okay, so as, as he is walking, or running orwas it walking or running down Canfield?
	Hah. He was running.
SA	He was running, okay. So as he was running down Canfield, you observelassumeah
	I observe
SA	did you actually observe the police officer make the shot or you just heard the shot?
	The first shot? I just heard the shot. The second shot, I'm sure it came from the officer.
SA	Okay.
	No, cause I seen the individual turn around.
SA	Okay.
	And, and, and theand, and in amazement like, I know he didn't shoot this individual, cause he had no armsonhim.
SA	Okay.
	And when he realized he was shot, he immediately turned around and walked toward the officer.
SA	And the officerwhen did the officer come into your field of view.

	I'm clearyou, you, youwant to stand out there and see?
SA	Yeah. Well, yeah, let's, let's go and then come back to the recorder though to though.
(shuffling, clothing sounds hea	rd)
	Okay.
SA	You good?
	(UI) good, tha(UI) jacket, theyso basically
[outside now]	
	I was right there, listening. See how much of a visual I have. It's clear.
SA	Okay.
	Let's say he therethat tree right therehe's walking back, he's walking, he's walking back towards the officerand the officer closed in on him.
SA	Okay.
	And, as he walking closer to the officer, the officer continued to let rounds off.
SA	Okay.
	Period.
SA	So he'sthey're walking towards each other
	Yes.
SA	at this point, and the officer is shooting at him.
	Yes, sir.
SA	Okay. So, again, you're standing here on your porch
	Yes.
SA	You hear a shot, right?
	Yes.

SA	You see, ah, Mr. Brown
	Yes.
SA	running east down Canfield there
	Yes.
SA	and then at that point, when did the officer come into view, before or after you heard that shot?
	He came into viewafter I heard the shot, because
SA	Okay.
	I'm trying to figure out why is this individual running.
SA	Okay.
	And he turns around immediately, like I said, puts his arms up
SA	Youand you don't know if he was hit or not by that round, right?
	Ilyeah, it was a clear indication because he turned around like this.
SA	Okay. So you think he was hit and that time?
	Yes, I believe that he was hit.
SA	Okay.
	When he was running away.
SA	So, you think he was hit in his back then, right?
	Yes.
SA	Okay. And then, he turned around and continued.
	Yes, he did.
SA	Okay.
	'cause theMr. Brown closed in on the officer in the sense of surrendering himself.
SA	Okay.

	(UI)Yeah, so I, I, I seen it. I mean (sighs)I seen it ya know?
SA	Okay. And so, he, you said then he turned around towards the officer
	Yea.
SA	and they continued to walk towards each other?
	Yes, Mr. Brown came in closer, not knowing to get down.
SA	How close do you think he got to the officer?
	Stay right there.
SA	So that looks like about maybe six, seven feet to me? Okay.
	The officer got closer, and (UI) got closer
SA	Okay. Okay.
	Execution style.
SA	Andas the officer continued to approach, he continedwhat did he do?
	He continued to let off rounds.
SA	Okay. And, do you know where the rounds, when he continued to approach him, actually struck then?
	Based on where I was standing at-based on where I was standing at, I could say that it was um, upper chest, lower abdominal, repeatedly, um, and then, um a head shot.
SA	Oh really.
SA	Where, where was he ah, when the head shot took place? Where was the officer in proximity to Mr. Brown?
	I mean, it wasit was like less than the feet that we was just apart.
SA	Okay.
	It was a visual to where
SA	Like an arm's length? Or what are we talking about here?
	Hmmph, less than that.

SA That was when the headshot happened? Boom, boom... SA Where, where was Mr. Brown, like was Mr. Brown standing, was he kneeling, was he on the ground, where was he when the headshot took place? The headshot took place...before he...ah, got down on the ground. 'Cause he had took several shots in his upper torso and his lower abdominal. And...the headshots came when he, he, less than, he was too-he was close, too close, he was too close... SA Okay. And...the individual, Mr. Brown...was like "don't shoot", after taking these bullets. You heard him say "don't shoot"? SA Yes. SA Okay. That was his last words. SA Okay. So... He knel...he fell, he fell to the ground-he fell he fell to the ground and he continued to let the rounds off. And everybody seen this on a Saturday morning, kids are all playing. SA Right. So, so he was actually on his knees... Yes... SA .... when he received the round to the head? Before he flipped over. SA When he received the round to the head or.... No, he had received the round to the head before he had got on the ground. SA Okay.

	And he still had life in him. And the extra rounds came after he(sighs) sloped over. Andit was overkill.
SA	So, when he actuallywhat did he do, did he fall forward?
	He fell forward.
SA	Okay, he fell forward and then what happened?
	The officer stood over him and finished him off.
SA	Okay, can you, can you explain thathow did he finish him of
	Well, finish him off means in a sense finish his rounds off. He's already tookenseveral bullets, and to actually stand over individual and finish a clip off[slaps hand]
SA	How, how many rounds would you say?
	I, man, I, I, I was in awe, I, I, I, I couldn't believe the officer was out of I couldn't believe a officer was out of protocol. Based on a man being unarmed.
SA	Okay.
	SoIthe numbers, in which how many rounds went offI couldn't tell you. Its justwhat the f
SA	Fuck. (chuckles)
	I couldn't tell you, man.
SA	Okay. So the officer just, let me make sure that I understand your, your, your description hereso the officer is standing over him
	Yes, sir.
SA	While he's, at this point, laying on the ground.
	Yes, sir.
SA	And he continued to fire?
	Yes, sir.
SA	And he struck him in his head .
	Yes, sir.

SA Okay. Wha..what happened after that? Hah. Everybody came out...that was seeing it. They was just in awe. Couldn't believe that this officer for six years on the force... Uh huh. SA ...didn't use protocol, didn't use a taser, didn't use...if he was armed, didn't shoot him in the leg, ya know...and...l...everybody was just in awe. SA Okay. So, basically...a crowd started to... Yes. SA Okay. Did you see anyone with Mr. Brown? No, I did not. I didn't see, like I said, I didn't see the initial start, ya know...and the people that you s..probably know that was with Mr. Brown, I didn't, I didn't see them. SA Okay. So you just saw Mr. Brown.... You know. SA ... and you saw the officer? Yes. SA Can you give me, an obviously a police officer's is gonna be in uniform, but can you give me characteristics, basically a good description of the what the police officer looked like, to you? (sighs) He was tall. Um, I see (UI) brunette, ah, he was tall brunette, ah, ah, I, I just knew he was in uniform. SA Okay. I couldn't give you a visual really of how he looked. SA So, he..he was tall with brown hair, you said? Something like that. Brunette. SA Okay.

Ya know, I didn't, I just was, couldn't, I, d..I'm looking at the uniform.

SA	Sure.
SA	Right.
	Ya know, I'm not
SA	Sure.
	really trying to get a visual
SA	Oh, I understand. Umdo you know like what type of build he had? If, is he was like
	Slimslim build.
SA	Slim build?
	Yeah.
SA	The officer?
	Yeah.
SA	Okay.
	Yeah
SA	So he was tall, slim, he's got brown hair.
	Something like that, yeah.
SA	Okay. And then, what color are their uniform shirts?
	It was blue.
SA	Ahlike light blue or navy blue.
	Navy blue.
SA	Okay. [pause] What am I forgetting to ask you here? Whawhat else is
SA	Whatever you want toI don't know, I mean
SA	Is there anything else we need to know that we didn't ask
SA	That's all I know.

SA ...cause you know...we... SA I mean, that's all I have. SA ...cause we got very general, you know, very general information... Yeah, I...that's okay. SA ...that's why we're talking to you guys. Yeah, it's okay. I mean, because, I mean...I haven't been to sleep since Saturday and I was looking to get some sleep. SA Sure. Yeah, ya know what I'm sayin'? SA And you got both of us knocking on your door. (laughs) SA That's okay, but I figured you guys were coming anyway. SA Yeah. So, um, I have not really...I was tryin' to get in contact with you guys, you know. I knew you was coming. My name is out there already. You know what I'm saying...and I wasn't holding my tongue concerning what I seen. SA Yeah. It was gonna be told. You know? Um, I wanted to go to the Marines, you know what I'm saying, I wanted to become...you know what I'm saying...and get a chan... SA Do the right thing. I didn't get a chance to. You know what I'm saying, and so...you know, and for me to see this..,.it just, just... SA Especially with a kid. You know.... Yes, it tears me up. SA We know what it's like. Good God. Now check this out. My...n...I just found out he's my

nephew's friend....

SA Ohhhh....

> ... and my sister um, came and visual yesterday...she say he's been over to her house several occasions, I say how was his character, she say he's very well mannered. And, and it's like people put displays of trying to assassinate his character, like he was a thug...okay, you might have a visual or camera of him hanging with some individuals where they probably did that...whatever they did at Ferguson Market or whatever had you, but...his parents, his grandma...they didn't tolerate that crap, so therefore...whatever the media try to project his character to be...

SA Right. Yeah.

That's right.

SA Yeah, that's the problem with (UI) the media. You know.

Yeah, cause they want a story. They need a story.

SA Umm hmm.

> That's how they get paid, you know what I'm saying, but if you wanna...put something out there, put it out the right way 'cause Karma gonna come back and whether you want to accept it or not. You gonna

be exposed.

SA Right.

You know.

SA Yeah. Clearly the whole situation is very sad.

It is, it's a sad...I mean, other human being. Sa...it has nothing to do

with color. You know what I'm saying?

SA Right.

> You bleed the same way, you got a heart, you got a brain, you know...you know... I police this...this over here. I'm like the...Mr.

boonie man...

SA (laughs)

> ...I put my boonie on, I put my boots on, and... I tell you that I'm concerned about the elders over here and the kids over here and there state of mind. I-I perimeter, I check everything and I by myself. I'm the same like minded individual ya know what I'm saying. That we go out here..we make sure everybody's okay. I don't get in until three o'clock

every morning and I make sure everybody's cool, you know what I'm saying. (sighs) Um, just trying...just keep doing the right thing 'cause what they're doing in West Florissant has nothing to do with this community over here.

SA Right.

And...and um, what they doing in West Florissant, this where happened at.that stuff that happened at Quick Trip and all the other places, these people coming from the city and the north count, south county and just expressing themselves...opportunities...

SA Hurts you guys.

They looking for opportunities, opportunists, you know what I'm saying and we don't represent none of that violence, you know what I'm saying?

SA Right.

SA

Just..we trying to keep the order here.

SA Good. That's how it should be.

Exactly, ya know what I'm sayin'? And I never seen people come together and there is always a tragedy gotta happen before people can come together and what we trying to instill in them is consistency after months and months ...

SA Well remember that and keep going.

Exactly, exactly.

SA Any questions, any additional questions?

SA Ya know, if we leave you with a card, and you can call...

I was waiting for it. I was waiting...I was waiting to see your guys badges too though. But...

Oh, we can give you that too.

Yeah.

SA It's so rainy now we don't want to get everything all wet.

Exactly, right. Do you mind if I hold it?

SA So what I'm going to do with card is right the office number on the back of it. Okay. SA And, you... I'm gonna lock it in my phone, don't worry. SA (laughs) Yeah, if you ever need anything...(UI) you can call us. Right. SA You can call either number, I encourage you to call the number of the office on the back, which is Okay. SA And obviously this is a stressful situation for everyone who's involved, so if at some point you remember something you forgot to tell us...ah, if your perception of what took place changes, anything of the like there, just don't hesitate to reach out to us... Okay. SA ...there gonna take your name, they're gonna take your number and then we're going to call you back. Okay. I'm, I'm, I'm, I'm...in the regards of it changing..it's been consistent. It's been the same. Because, I mean when you have a visual...actual, seeing what actually went down... SA It's caught. Yeah. And, I mean, I only se...I only seen this when I was twelve, I seen a guy...um, a mailman take the life of a...guy... you know, when I was in grade school or whatever... SA Oh wow... Um, he got caught...you know. But, a 357 and all the kids and...you playing in the school yard and he take the life of this dude cause of jealousy, cheating, you know...got caught and like what?...bow! He was running everywhere. I can remember...

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