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TRANSCRIPTION OF TAPE-RECORDED INTERVIEW OF

POLICE OFFICER JULIO QUINTANILLA

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DETECTIVE BROWN: Today is Sunday, December 19th, 2021. The time is now 0300 hours. I'm Detective Tom Brown, B-r-o-w-n, serial number 34045. I'm assigned to Force Investigation Division. I'm here at Newton Station to interview Police Officer II Julio Quintanilla.

Sir, could I have you say and spell your name and provide your serial number?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Officer Julio Quintanilla. First name J-u-l-i-o. Last name Q-u-i-n-t-a-n-i-l-l-a. And serial number is 42454.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And this is regarding an officer involved shooting incident that occurred in the area of [redacted] Home Address on 12/18/21 at approximately 1710 hours. This interview is being digitally recorded.

Also present are --

DETECTIVE GRABE: Detective Tim Grabe, T-i-m G-r-a-b-e, serial number 32649 from FID.

ATTORNEY WILCOX: Leslie Wilcox, W-i-l-c-o-x, on behalf of Officer Quintanilla.

ATTORNEY ELLIS: Jenna Ellis, E-l-l-i-s, attorney observer.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And, Officer Quintanilla, has everybody in the room been identified for the tape?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And before we begin the interview, will you provide a voluntary statement?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Since you declined to provide a voluntary statement, I must read you the following: The entire investigation concerning this incident, including the digitally recorded interview, is classified as confidential by the Chief of Police.

Do you understand?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And as a supervisor for the Los Angeles Police Department and as authorized by the Chief of Police, I want to inform you that your silence could be deemed as insubordination and could lead you to administrative discipline, which could result in your discharge or removal from office, and that any statement made under the threat of the compulsion -- or under the compulsion of the threat of such discipline cannot be used against you in any subsequent criminal proceedings.

Do you have any questions?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: If I refuse to answer your questions, will I be subject to discipline that could be as much as discharge or removal from office?

DETECTIVE BROWN: Yes.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: For those reasons and those reasons alone, I will give you a statement. I'm not waiving any of my constitutional rights, and I am asserting of all my rights under the Public Safety Officer Procedural Bill of Rights Act.

However, I will cooperate with the criminal investigation arising out of the incident because case law and the LAPD manual require me to do so upon pain of being charged with insubordination resulting in possible termination.

I also demand that prior to this interrogation, I be allowed to view audio -- any audio or video recordings pertaining to this incident that you do not deem to be confidential.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. So noted. Now at this time I'll order you to provide a statement and answer questions in the matter. We did review your body-worn video before the beginning of this interview?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And we did not review your digital in-car. Did you watch any department video, body-worn, digital in-car without FID present?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. Have you seen any news broadcasts, social media, any other type of broadcast about this incident?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No.

DETECTIVE BROWN: What was your start of watch yesterday?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: 1400.

DETECTIVE BROWN: 1400?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: That's when I started, yeah.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And approximately what time did you wake up yesterday?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: 7:30.

DETECTIVE BROWN: 7:30 a.m.?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: A.m.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And approximately how many hours sleep did you get?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Six.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Six? Okay. Is there any issues with sleep deprivation? Can you do the interview right now?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. A little bit of background information from you. How long have you been with the department?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Going on six years in February.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And how long have you been assigned to Newton?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I've been here about four and a half years.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And your current assignment?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I work for the Gang Enforcement Detail.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And how long have you been assigned to the Gang Enforcement Detail?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Two years.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Two years? And your partner on this particular date was?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Officer Zavala.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Zavala. And how long -- or how often have you been partnered with Officer Zavala?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: On and off two years. Since I've been up here on and off.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And who's your supervisor in that unit?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: [redacted].

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. Did you discuss tactics with your partner or do you regularly discuss tactics?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir. We discuss tactics every day. We do it as a unit in roll call and we do it once we get in the vehicle. We start talking about tactics, contact, cover, and we go over scenarios every day.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And do you guys, as partners, do you set up your tactical roles for the day?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And did you have particular roles set for today?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: He was going to be contact, the driver. I was going to be cover.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. What I'd like to do at this time is just open it up to -- in a narrative form have you tell us what brought you there, what you heard and saw with as much detail as possible, what activities you engaged in, your use of force, and then we'll go back and ask some clarification questions, if need be.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir. So today at start of watch right off the bat, the sergeant had

told us that watch five had banged in. So we were short already with bodies for the -- for our division and that they needed help with picking up radio calls, because the division was full of them already.

So, you know, we said good to go. We're going to go ahead and handle that in the box today. I talked to my partner about it. We went to log in and sure enough we already had a call in our stack ready to go. So my partner and I fuelled up -- fuelled up, packed our stuff in the car and we headed out to our first code two call.

After that we went to another code two call that we had. We handled that as well, no issues. I believe it was the third call that it was going to be somewhere around Broadway and 58 that we're heading when we heard this radio call come out, which was -- I believe it came out as a suicide suspect or suicide investigation, I think.

So at the time we're heading still southbound towards our radio call and at which time we hear Sergeant on the radio responding to the -- to the location. Obviously knowing that he's the only sergeant that was going to be taking care of the division for a while until the other watch came down, we decided we're going to go ahead and back him.

So we got on the radio. I let the RTO know that we're going to go and respond and back that unit up. When we're driving to that location, my partner and I are going over tactics. We're going just -- we'll go over there. And when we're driving out there, the RTO puts out that the same suspect is now running. He was chasing civilians with a butcher knife in an attempt to harm them.

So that -- at that point my partner and I started discussing tactics. Okay, you know, you're contact, cover. We're going to get there and we'll see what we have. So we arrive at scene. Right when we were arriving, we see [redacted]. He's by himself. I believe he's making contact with the suspect.

The suspect was already -- the suspect was sitting down in the stairway and we go -- we go code six there to the location. My partner right away, he requests an RA due to the suspect having a butcher knife in his hand and not knowing, you know, what was going to happen next at the time.

When I came out the vehicle, I took my firearm out because based on the tactical situation and just by the radio call saying that he had a butcher knife and he was chasing people in an attempt to hurt them. I believe that, you know, it could escalate to the

point where deadly force may be justified, so I drew my firearm out.

At that time we began to give commands to the suspect who was sitting there at the time with this big ol' butcher knife and, you know, there was civilians around the area too. So, you know, we wanted to make sure that he wouldn't go and chase other civilians, because he was -- he had already done that.

So at that time we began to -- we began to communicate with him. We began to -- we had a little plan. We start -- [redacted] started yelling out, you know, "Hey, I got less lethal here. You go over there." He assigned me as cover or lethal -- lethal officer. So right away I was like roger that.

And at that time we continued to -- we began to use our other resources, which was we requested an airship, a backup. My partner put out the backup and my partner actually put out the RA request at the time as well when we got there.

The whole time I was still on the suspect just making sure that he doesn't come towards us or goes and tries to harm anyone. I began talking to the suspect. Well, first [redacted] starts talking to him in English, giving him commands to put the knife

down, to cooperate, to comply.

I noticed that he's not really responding to it. He seemed a little -- kind of like if he was under the influence of a narcotic. So I'm like, you know what, I'll just try talking to him in Spanish. So I start talking to him in Spanish. I start kind of, you know, letting him know that we're here to help him out and that we wanted to help him. We didn't want to hurt him. And whatever it was, just to drop the knife, you know, because we're here to help him out.

So while that's going on, we're all trying to communicate. We're all giving him commands, trying to make him kind of just -- you know, trying to make this -- just de-escalating the situation. That's what we really wanted.

So after that happens, we see that the -- there's civilians walking. There's civilians walking to my right side. I'm trying to kind of -- making sure that a civilian doesn't go that way in order for the suspect to grab them and turn into a hostage situation. So I was really scared about that. So I made sure to tell the civilian to stay that way, don't come close.

We continued talking to the suspect and giving him commands, trying to just talk to him and trying to

get him some help. And at that point it was due to not kind of responding to us, he starts getting the butcher knife and he puts it in his neck as an attempt like he was going to try to cut his neck or something.

He's doing this to his hand, like trying to cut his hand, I guess. I don't know. And he does it to his neck again. So [redacted] says we're going to go ahead and use less lethal on him and he puts out a less lethal stand by -- a 40 stand by.

And that's when -- I don't know what officer did it, but a 40 gets deployed, hits the suspect. I believe it was right in his chest. It bounces off and the suspect did not flinch at all. He just -- he just took it. It was like -- it was crazy. Just at that point I realized like, yeah, he has to be under the influence of something.

Because normally, like, people that get hit with a 40 at that short distance, like it knocks them out or they walk away or something. So to me, I was like, okay, he needs to be under the influence or something. So at that time we continued giving him commands. We're trying to make him -- just help him out.

And he gets up from the top of the stairway and he starts making his way down and I keep telling him, you know, "Hey, don't. Don't do it. You know, don't

come any closer. Like drop the knife." I keep giving him commands in Spanish and English. I tell him that we're there to help him.

And so then he continues walking forward and he -- you know, I was scared, you know, because I didn't -- I didn't want to do nothing to him. I knew he needed help somehow, you know, and I know he was probably going through something or he was under something.

So, you know, I wanted him to drop the knife. I really wanted him to drop the knife. So when he came down, we kept giving him commands and once he hit the sidewalk, I mean, I was scared and he ended up walking towards us -- towards the officers and myself and that's when I -- I had to use deadly force.

It was necessary for me to use it, because I felt that he was going to -- at the time I felt that he was going to either cut me with the knife, cut my partner, or there was -- there was a civilian right there just right next to him, maybe like a few feet away from him on the sidewalk. And I felt that if he would have got to the citizen, he probably -- probably would have hurt him too. So I felt that at the time that I had to do it. You know, it was necessary for me to use deadly force on him.

And when I fired the -- my firearm at him to stop him -- to stop the threat, you know, I -- I had thought I shot him twice. I know I -- no. I pulled the trigger and I pulled it again and then he went down. And that's when -- when he was on the floor, that's when, you know, I just -- you know, I --

My whole -- you know, I just felt -- I just felt like man. I just felt like -- I don't know. My whole -- there was so much going on. It was just really, really, really weird the feeling that I felt, you know, because I wanted to help this guy. You know, I wanted to help this kid.

So right when that happened, he goes down. You know, and then [redacted] tells me, "Hey, we're going to go and take him into custody." I come around the car. He tells me right away, "Hey, you're going to be -- you're going to be hands on." So I holster my firearm and we go up to him.

We take him into custody. And right away I start -- I start telling him, you know, "We're here to help you. I'm going to help you." You know, I start trying to render aid to him. I actually asked the officer that was next to me that if he had a medical kit. He said he didn't. So I asked him to go to my shop and look for a medical kit, because I wanted to

start working on him.

And then right when that happened, I looked to my left and I saw that the RA was there. So I told an officer to please get the RA to come and start working on him, because he needed some help. At the time, you know, again, I was just scared the whole time. You know, I really felt that he was going to -- he was going to hurt me.

You know, and not only that, there was civilians there. There was civilians to the right and to the left. And the way he was acting, the way -- you know, the comments of the call, everything going -- everything just going in my head. I knew that it had to be done. You know, he had to be stopped. And after that we took him into custody. RA took him. And my partner and I got separated, yeah.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. So I'm going to go back and just ask some questions and fill in some details and get a little more clarity. You used a couple terms right at the beginning of the interview. I just want to -- your perception. You said the watch before "banged in." What do you mean by that?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Like nobody showed up to work from that watch.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Is that a common term that mean

they called in sick or didn't show up?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Oh, yes. Whether it be sick or family ill stuff, yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And then you used a term "the box" in reference to your patrol activities. What do you mean by "the box"?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: That we're going to handle radio calls. We weren't going to just deal with gang related issues. We were going to actually help our division by picking up radio calls and -- oh, the box meaning like our division -- taking care of our division by handling radio calls.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. So your assigned area is what you mean by the box?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Our assigned area, sir, yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And then you said -- you used another term "call in the stack." For the layperson who may not know what that means, could you tell me what --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Oh, yeah, so right when we got -- we already -- we already had a radio call pending in our -- we were assigned to our radio call before we even logged in. So once we logged in to our system and show ourself that we're ready to

work for that day, we already had a call we had to go to and help.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And that's a term that's commonly used.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: A stack.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: So as calls come in to a unit, they stack up.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: They stack up.

DETECTIVE BROWN: That's what you -- okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. So forgive me if you -- if I missed this, but your response when you heard the radio call, did you respond code two? Code three?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: It was -- we showed ourselves responding, but we responded code two.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And why is that?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: We were pretty close by and we wanted to get there safe -- safely, so we were already close by. We didn't feel the need to go lights and sirens.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And now you said you went code six. Do you recall if that was broadcast over the air? Did you do that on an MDC? How was

that done?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: So we didn't go code six -- we didn't -- I didn't push the button to go at scene.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Because at the same time that we were responding to this man with a knife call, a backup came out and the radio was tied up. So I didn't -- you know, yeah, I didn't push the button and I didn't show myself on the radio code six, but my partner did put out an RA request. So I assume that they were -- they knew that we were there already because of the request of the RA.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And I think you said that you put out a backup request or your partner did?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: My partner -- my partner did a backup as well.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And do you know if he gave the location when he gave the backup?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes. I'm sure he did, yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And did additional units respond to that request and show up?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. Now, you talked about

that you requested an RA. What was your mindset? Why did you request that RA?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Based on our past experiences and our training, you know, when we deal with subjects or suspects or victims that are, you know, under the influence or have mental illness, we want to make sure that -- or a situation that may lead to deadly force or a use of force, we want to make sure that we have the help for them too right after for we could render aid to them. So that's why we put out the RA request.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. Now, you described when you first arrived, the suspect was -- I believe you said seating on the -- sitting on the stairs. Can you just give a little more description of where on the stairs and what he was doing?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: He was at the top of the -- at the beginning or the top of the stairway, closer to the door than the sidewalk of the building there. And he was -- he had the butcher knife on his right hand and he was, like, moving it around. He was putting it next to his neck. He was kind of like just, you know, looking at us and looking towards our direction with the knife and that's what he was doing.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And as far as a description,

can you describe him?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Male about 5'6", 150, male Hispanic, wearing a white shirt, blue jeans, I believe it was.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And you're describing this knife you saw. Did you see -- what hand did he have it in?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: The knife was a butcher knife. It was really big. It was -- it was in his right hand when I saw him with it. The size of the knife was probably eight inches maybe and it was, like, a big ol' butcher knife. Like I mean -- yeah, a butcher knife.

ATTORNEY WILCOX: It's okay.

DETECTIVE BROWN: You were talking about the civilians that you were concerned about. Why were you concerned about those civilians?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I was concerned, sir, because the radio call already had said that he was chasing civilians with a butcher knife attempting to hurt them. That's exactly what the RTO said. So to me, he already was trying either to take a hostage or he was trying to hurt -- harm the citizens around there. So I was concerned.

That was my big concern that there was families

walking by. There was kids. There was -- you know, it's a regular day. You know, it's a Saturday, you know, and people are about their -- just about their day. So there's a taco stand right there on the corner. There's families that go there. My fear was that he was going to go and grab them and possibly kill them.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Now, as -- did you hear -- when you arrived, did you hear the suspect say anything or did he respond to any of your commands or --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I don't remember him saying anything.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. Did he -- again, did he ever appear to respond or react to anything that officers were saying?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I felt like he was on something. Is what it seemed like that he was under the influence of some type of narcotic, because he was just on his own kind of like little world, I guess. I mean, he was just messing with that butcher knife the whole time we were there. The whole time we were giving him commands and he was just doing that.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Did he seem to --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: (Unintelligible).

DETECTIVE BROWN: I'm sorry.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I guess he went like this, like, you know, when people pray.

ATTORNEY WILCOX: What are you doing with your hands?

DETECTIVE BROWN: Yeah, describe that.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: He's doing like the holy spirit sign, like when they -- when they -- like the Catholic church, when they do, like, the holy spirit sign.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Like making the sign of the cross?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Like making a cross of the sign.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yeah, and that's the only thing he was doing besides messing with the butcher knife.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Did he seem to be aware that you were there?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Oh, yes. He was aware.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. On body-worn video I heard you giving commands in English and Spanish. Did you give those commands separately -- simultaneously to your other officers giving commands or did you wait

and do it separately? Can you describe?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I think we did it separately. [redacted] started giving the commands in English with the PA and without the PA. And then we -- then my partner started giving him commands, but every time we spoke, if I remember correctly, we didn't talk over each other.

We wanted him -- we wanted to get the message across. We wanted to let him know that -- for him to understand us. So that's why we went in Spanish, because I even -- I let my partner know -- or I let [redacted], hey, Spanish speaker. Because we started hearing someone saying -- I started hearing someone say Junior, like calling him Junior.

So I believed at the time that his name was Junior, so I started calling him Junior. I started saying, "Junior," you know, in Spanish, "put the knife down." You know, giving him commands and letting him know that we're going to -- we're here to help him out. We didn't want to hurt him. We don't want to hurt him.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And what's your intent -- your overall intent in addressing him and talking to him and using his name? What are you trying to do?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I'm trying to make

him drop that knife. I'm trying to get him help. I'm trying to just make sure he gets home or get the help that he needs, whether it be, you know, going to get some medical attention or going to get some mental help, but that was my intention. My intention -- I wanted him to put that knife down.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Was that an effort to de-escalate the situation?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes. We needed -- we were trying our hardest to de-escalate the situation.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Now, in the sequence of time, you described how you unholstered. At what point when you -- upon arriving, at what point did you unholster your firearm?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Right when we go code -- right when we arrive at scene and I come -- I get out of the vehicle, that's when I unholster.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And when you get out of the vehicle, do you stay at the vehicle? Do you -- what do you do?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: So I'm using the vehicle as cover and I'm standing behind my ballistic door and I'm trying to -- I'm trying to just use my vehicle as cover as best I can, not giving him ground.

We're already in front of him. We want to make sure that we still have visual on him, but maintaining cover as well.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Approximately how far from you to was the suspect?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I want to say about 15 feet.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Now, you described -- you talked about unholstering. How did you hold that gun and where was it positioned and what was your grip?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I hold it with my right hand. I'm a righty and I had my right hand firm grip -- two firm grips with two hands and I was pointing it to the suspect.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And are your sights aligned on target at that time or --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes. My sights are towards the direction of the suspect -- aligned to the suspect.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And how about your trigger finger? How are you positioning that?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: My trigger finger is on the slide away from the trigger -- from the trigger.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And what is your background

while you're positioned like this and you're watching the suspect? What was --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: So the background to where the suspect was and where I was pointing my firearm, there's an apartment building that was behind him. However, the apartment building is elevated. There's a stairway where he comes down from, which is below where the apartment is. So there is a -- the background, there is an apartment complex there.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Is there anybody directly behind him?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: At first actually there was. I didn't mention this earlier. When he was out there, a gentleman comes out. I don't know. He probably didn't know what was going on. He was just going about his day. He comes out of the -- of that apartment building.

And, actually, that freaked me out because the suspect could have just turned around and grabbed him and done something. So luckily we give the gentleman commands to go back inside and close the door and he does that right away. And so, yeah, that was the only person that I saw there and he goes in there and I don't see him again.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. You described that there

was less lethal deployment. Approximately how long after you arrived was the less lethal deployed?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I want to say within -- from the arrival, within two minutes approximately. It was pretty -- maybe more. Maybe like four minutes. I mean, we -- first we tried to talk to him. We tried to talk to him a lot. We were talking to him. We took turns talking to him before even the 40 was deployed, the less lethal.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And at the time that the less lethal was deployed, did you hear anybody give a less lethal warning or --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes. Sergeant [redacted]. I remember hearing it. "40 stand by" and then I heard the pop.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Was there any type of warning given to the suspect that he'd be -- less lethal would be used on him?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I don't remember hearing that.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And then when the less lethal was deployed -- I know you described a little bit. Could you -- just for clarity, where it struck him or if you saw that it struck him --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: -- or what his reaction was?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: So the suspect was playing with -- not playing, but he had the butcher knife and he was holding it in his right hand. And he starts putting it -- the butcher up towards his neck and he does, like, a cutting motion. So the officer -- I can't remember his name that has the 40.

He deploys it and I see the round -- clear as day, the blue round hit him right in, like, the chest area. It bounces off and the suspect does not flinch. He doesn't do anything. He just takes it. And that was it. I remember just that one time that they threw the -- they did the less lethal.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And did the suspect stay in the same position or did he move or --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Shortly after -- just shortly after he starts moving, but at that time first he just -- he's just staying there. He gets hit and he just stays there.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And then when you described -- you just said -- talked about him moving again after that deployment. Where does he move to or what's he -- what's he --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: He begins to come down the stairway and he starts coming towards

officers. He starts advancing towards us. At first it's just slowly down the stairway, but then once he gets to the sidewalk, he starts coming towards our -- towards us and with the knife in his hand, not on him anymore. He's like this, like he has it, like, pointing towards our direction.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Is he saying anything at this point?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: He's not saying anything. Well, I can't hear anything. I can't hear him say anything.

DETECTIVE BROWN: You described that less lethal deployment. Was there another one or was there any -- was that the only one that you saw?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: That's the only one that I --

DETECTIVE BROWN: So you only saw one?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. You just described this movement and what he was doing. Was that the point that you deployed less -- or your lethal?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes. Once he comes down the sidewalk, he faces towards my partner and I direction and he advances at us. He makes an advance motion at us and I deploy my firearm.

DETECTIVE BROWN: So why did you deploy it?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I deployed it because I had -- you know, it was -- I had to use -- I had to stop him. I had to stop the threat. He was coming towards us. He was going to cause myself or my partner serious bodily injury. He was going to cause death. And also there was still civilians just to the right of me, just a few feet away from me. So he could have caused serious bodily injury or death to them if I didn't do that. I had to do it.

DETECTIVE BROWN: When you say a few feet away, are they on the sidewalk near the suspect?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes. They're on the sidewalk just east of the corner of [redacted] and [redacted]. Because I could still see them in my peripherals. I could still see the citizen right there.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And when you fired, what was your target or where were you targeting?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: When I -- I was targeting him in his chest. And I fired -- I squeezed the trigger twice to stop him from coming towards us, because he was advancing at us and that's when the suspect goes down.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And when you fired, was

the background still the same as you described earlier or did it change?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes. The apartment complex was elevated. The suspect was already in the bottom in the sidewalk.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And when you fired, can you give us a little more detail on sequence of your fire? Did you -- how many times did you fire? Was there a pause or an assessment?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: At the time I thought I fired two rounds.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: And when he went down, I stopped shooting. I stopped. You know, the threat was down, so I stopped and I assessed and that's when -- that's when [redacted] came and we went and did the arrest circle -- the arrest approach.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. As -- before you -- or as you make this arrest team, are there specific jobs doled out by the sergeant or how was that organized?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes. As soon as we get there, [redacted] starts assigning -- taking command. He starts telling people -- I could hear him. I'm not looking at him, but I could hear him saying, "You got less lethal. You got less lethal.

Contact. DCO. DCO." And then I remember hearing my name saying, "You're lethal, lethal."

So I had that assignment. You know, it's a tough assignment, but you're protecting your brothers or sisters that are there. Because, you know, obviously when someone's lethal and if deadly force needs to be used to transition to that, that's going to be a tough job. So it's on me to protect not only myself, but my partners and the people around there.

DETECTIVE BROWN: I'm going to back up just a little bit because I wanted to ask this question. I forgot. When you -- at the time you fired, did you believe there was any other option that you had available to you?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No, sir. All the options were already -- they already had been done. We had talked to him. We tried to reason with him. I tried to do it. I mean, I tried to really put -- make him put the knife down. We used less lethal. We used a 40, which is very effective in most cases, and that didn't work. And it was just necessary for me to do it. I had to do it. If not, one of us probably would have been killed today.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And so to get back to the arrest team. Your role again, I'm sorry, was when

you --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Lethal. Oh, sorry. When we go back to try to get him, it was just hands on to take him into custody. The officer that was there pretty much took his handcuffs off, handcuffed him, and I just assisted by grabbing the suspect's left hand to handcuff him.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: And then I -- once I got there, I tried to put him in the fetal position, tried to help him out.

DETECTIVE BROWN: So you holstered before you approached?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Oh, yeah. Way before, sir. Right when we -- when [redacted] Sergeant tells me, "You're going to be hands on," I holstered, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: So it was another officer who actually cuffed and you just assisted?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I assisted, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Do you know who cuffed?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I don't remember his name, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. Did the suspect appear to resist or fight --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No.

DETECTIVE BROWN: -- during the cuffing?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Did you see the -- did yourself or did you see the other officer utilize any kind of twist locks, grip locks, or any --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: After the suspect was taken into custody, did you engage with any of the citizens that were in that area?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No, I didn't.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. Did you see any of the officers involved in any type of use of force?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. And the crowd that was out there, was that -- what was the demeanor of that crowd out there?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: At the beginning they were, like, supportive. They were -- they wanted him -- it seemed like they wanted him apprehended. They wanted him to get caught --

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: -- or arrested or taken into custody, because they were like -- and I could hear them in the background kind of saying it in

Spanish and English. And then when we're trying to give him -- when we're giving him commands, I could even hear people saying, "Just do it. Like just do it." As in like do what we're saying, like comply with the officers' commands.

And so at the time -- at the beginning, yeah, it was -- the crowd was -- how do you say? They were supportive. And then after the -- the shooting happened, they began -- they began to be very -- extremely hostile, very 415. They started screaming, cursing. They started throwing things at officers.

DETECTIVE BROWN: After the -- after the suspect is taken into custody, are you contacted by a sergeant or separated?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir. Sergeant [redacted] tells us -- because we didn't have sergeants at the time there still. He tells myself and Zavala to sit in separate vehicles. And a sergeant comes and Sergeant [redacted] assigns him to just watch us while more sergeants get there.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. So eventually does a particular sergeant come and take over monitoring you and separating?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes. Sergeant [redacted] -- Sergeant Cruz.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Cruz? Okay. And did Sergeant Cruz take a public safety statement from you?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Before he took that statement, did he advise you to turn off your camera?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And did he collect that camera from you at that time?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. I'm going to turn it over to you if you got anything you want to cover. I'm going to go over my notes.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. So we noticed when we started watching your video that just started a little bit after you arrived at scene. Can you just explain to us why that occurred?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir. I mean, the situation is so chaotic, I guess you could say, that I wanted to make sure the -- right when we pull up, I see the suspect there already with the butcher knife in his hand. I wanted to make sure to get out on time, get out and have plenty of time to actually address the suspect and just make sure, okay, now I'm good. I could back my partner up. I could back the people up. And then I went -- I activated, sir. That

was the reason.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. We -- at one point during the incident you're yelling to someone about "get out of the fucking car" or something to that effect. Can you explain what's happening at that point?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir. So, again, there was civilians going about their day not knowing probably what was going on with this incident. I see this gentleman that's -- that's trying to come eastbound towards -- towards where the suspect is and between -- pretty much between us -- the officers and the suspect. And obviously I didn't want that to happen. I didn't want him to get hurt.

I see an officer in his vehicle, and I tell him -- you know, because he's not getting out the car and telling him to leave. So I scream at him and I tell him, "Hey, get out the car and address this citizen and tell him to get out the way or leave the area," I believe, I told him. But I did scream that to the officer.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. So -- so the expletive was directed towards an officer, not to the citizen?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Oh, yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Is that correct?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: It was to the officer.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. And so -- then that brings me to another question. So this citizen that was getting close to where -- or between you and the suspect, you're saying. Can you give an estimation of the distance between that citizen and your suspect at that point?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Maybe like 20, 25 feet.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. Can you -- had that citizen, for instance, made it to the sidewalk on the south side of -- I'm drawing a blank on the main street here.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Street 2.

DETECTIVE BROWN: It's Street 2.

DETECTIVE GRABE: On the south side of Street 2?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: So that citizen was all the way to the sidewalk already?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: He was already on Street 2 -- on the sidewalk of Street 2, yes.

DETECTIVE GRABE: So he had crossed the crosswalk

and was on that sidewalk?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I believe he came northbound on [redacted] --

DETECTIVE GRABE: Oh, northbound and was -- okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: -- and then made an eastbound turn [redacted], I believe.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. And where was this officer at that was remaining in his car that wasn't getting out?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: He was go -- he was pointed -- his vehicle was pointed southbound on [redacted] and [redacted] right on the corner.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: So --

DETECTIVE GRABE: Do you know who that officer is?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No. Never seen him.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. And what would have occurred if that citizen had made that corner?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No, it would have been bad, sir. If that citizen wouldn't have got stopped from going in between us, he -- I believe -- I strongly believe that that suspect would have grabbed that citizen.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. All right. Now, I am

going to kind of jump around here. Sorry. Things are a little bit of order, but we'll just get through these. Your -- at one point on your video, we notice that you pick up the suspect's hat. Can you explain why you did that and what was going on?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir. So just so much, like, muscle memory. Every time something -- somebody gets transported with the fire department or the RA, we want to make sure that all their belongings are with him or her. So in my head so much going on, I wanted to make sure that he had his belongings going with him to the hospital.

So I picked up his hat in an attempt to make sure he gets it. But then I was told, "Oh, no. You have to leave it," and I remembered that's right to an OIS. I'm going to leave it here, so I threw it back -- I tossed it back to -- to the direction where I had picked it up.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. Now, at some point from watching your body-worn video, I think you turned on your DICVS; is that correct?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: And if so, why did you do it and when? That kind of thing.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I turned it on, sir,

because I noticed when I walked -- when I looked towards my shop, I realized that our red light forwards wasn't on and I knew that it's very important for evidence. So I wanted to make sure it was turned on. So I tell my partner, like, "Hey, DICV is not on. I'm going to turn it on." So I go over there and I turn it on to make sure that that's on and working.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. How do you usually turn on your DICVS? You specifically.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: When I -- most important -- most of the time I'm driving, sir. So usually it's always when I go on number three when I do a traffic stop, it automatically turns on because I'm already -- my lights and -- my forward reds are already on. So it automatically turns on.

DETECTIVE GRABE: So you're basically saying that you usually turn your DICVS by turning on your forward facing red light?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. But in this case it wasn't done that way and, therefore, you didn't know that it wasn't on?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. Now, we noticed that when you were sitting back down in your car after

you'd been told to separate that you turn off the spotlight -- the forward facing spotlight that was on the driver side of your vehicle. What was the reason for doing that?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Again, it's like muscle memory. I'm usually the driver when I work. I love driving. So it's just a habit. When I go into a vehicle -- my vehicle after the traffic stop is done or the investigation is done, I right away turn off the light, because I don't want to blind someone. I don't want to do that to anyone. So it was just muscle memory that I did there, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. Now, you were talking about some civilians in the area. This was in your narrative. And you were talking about they were going this way or that way, but can you talk to us about which way -- the directionality of civilians that were in close proximity, where they were coming from, which direction they were going to? Where were these civilians specifically that may have been in danger -- put in danger by the suspect?

ATTORNEY WILCOX: So prior to the OIS?

DETECTIVE GRABE: Prior to the OIS, yes.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: There was -- there was civilians walking northbound on [redacted] just --

just west of where the suspect was with the butcher knife. So they weren't able to see him because there was a big bush tree there. So they had no idea that he was there with that knife. There was them. There was --

To the east of the suspect, there was another house -- a residence there. There was -- there was people there too that that could have been a big potential threat to them, because the suspect was right there just close proximity -- just the neighboring -- pretty much the neighboring building next to them. We had a taco stand, again, just across the street. There's always ped traffic there as well.

So, I mean, that -- anybody could just be going back home or -- it's a main street. It's a big, busy -- Street 2 is a big main street, so there's traffic all the time there. So at any point everyone that was walking there could have got -- could have got stopped by him and maybe even got killed by him.

DETECTIVE GRABE: You -- a couple times in your interview, you talked about pulling the trigger twice and then at one time you said, "At the time I thought I fired twice." So explain to me how many times -- now that we're here right now, how many times do you feel that you fired? If it's different than twice,

explain to me why it's different than twice. Just explain to me how many times you know -- you think you fired now that we are sitting here right now.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: So I thought I fired twice. However, after we did the count of the fire -- my firearm and the magazines, I was -- I was advised that I had -- that I was -- I had fired once. But at the time I remember firing twice at him. I remember pushing the trigger twice and then the suspect just goes down.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: So it was like one, pause, one.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. So you've seen your video.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: And we even showed your video in a frame by frame, so that you could better see some timing and -- do you believe -- so you and I discussed as we were watching your video in a frame by frame. We watched the slide of your handgun go back at one point.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Do you believe that the second shot you fired was prior to that or after that one

that we saw where your slide --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Prior.

DETECTIVE GRABE: So prior to that?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. And how -- how much time prior to that?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Less than a second.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. So you think you would consider your -- the shot -- the two rounds that you felt you fired were fired in rapid succession or was there a pause between the rounds?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I believe a rapid -- rapid -- like a -- I don't know. We call it in the military hammer pair.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Hammer pair?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay.

ATTORNEY WILCOX: Two consecutive shots?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: It was like (untranslatable sound). Just like one, two.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. Did you feel -- now we're going to what your perception was, what you feel you did.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Did you feel -- did you hear

multiple rounds? Did you feel multiple rounds? What made you think you fired twice?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Because I squeezed the trigger. I squeezed the trigger once and I squeezed it again and I saw him go down.

ATTORNEY WILCOX: The first part of that question was did you hear multiple rounds.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I didn't hear. The only -- the only thing I remember is me firing. I didn't remember hearing anything else.

DETECTIVE GRABE: So did you intend to fire twice?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. So on our department, we call that a controlled pair or accelerated pair.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: (Unintelligible).

DETECTIVE GRABE: So did you intend to fire an accelerated or a controlled pair?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes. I tried to attempt to fire a controlled pair.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. And was your intention then to assess after the controlled pair?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: And when you did assess, what did you observe?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I observed that the suspect was already down on the floor and that's when we -- we started forming an arrest team to go take him into custody.

DETECTIVE GRABE: So when we watched the video at a slowed pace, it was apparent that the suspect was on the way down or had fallen down when we saw your handgun cycle.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Is that what you remember in real time or is that not what your perception is of the real time?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No, sir. Real time the suspect was facing us and advancing forward with the butcher knife on his hand, and that's when I engaged him to just stop him from -- from killing myself or my partners or people around there.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. Now, that brings me to another question I had. Now, you did say that the suspect made an advancing motion, but can you describe to us what -- what exactly was he doing?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: He was walking towards us. He -- first he walked down the stairway already advancing, closing the distance with us and then he got to the sidewalk and he still takes the

step forward. I believe he took a step forward facing myself and my partner, and he takes a step forward. He literally goes from, like, facing this way to facing my partner and I and going towards that direction.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. So what you did -- you said he's facing this way, you were looking straight across the table here.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: And then you said "to facing this way" and you turned your body 45 degrees to the left.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Is that fair?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. And you're holding your right hand up about shoulder level. Would that be fair?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yeah, he was like this.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. So you have your -- you have your right arm bent at the elbow and your fist balled up near your shoulder. So would the knife have been in that fist?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Oh, yes. It was

there, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: It was clear as day.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. And so when you're turning -- you're rotating your body 45 degrees to the left, you're keeping your arm like that. Is that a fair assessment of what you're showing us?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. And so that is what you are talking about when you're saying that he is advancing -- the advanced motion towards you?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes. Because he takes the step forward.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: It's like -- like all one motion type.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. So turning 45 degrees to the left and taking a step forward?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. Now, you also said that after request for additional units was made, additional units arrived.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Did those units arrive before the OIS?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: We had put out a backup, so I'm sure officers were responding. Then the help call comes out, so I believe more officers obviously got there after the help call.

DETECTIVE GRABE: After? Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Well, but prior to the OIS or not? Because what I'm getting at is you have said that units were requested and they did arrive. I'm trying to find out did those units arrive prior to the OIS or after the OIS?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Some did arrive prior to the OIS and more arrived after the OIS.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Do you believe that there were enough units at scene to handle whatever the situation was at the time of the OIS?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No. There was -- I mean, we're short-staffed. I mean, we didn't have the man power. There was a 415 crowd forming up and we barely had officers at the time to hold them back, because there was people trying to lynch.

DETECTIVE GRABE: This is prior to the OIS I'm talking about. Prior to the OIS, what --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Prior to the OIS we did have enough officers.

DETECTIVE GRABE: You did believe --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes.

DETECTIVE GRABE: -- you had enough officers --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE GRABE: -- prior to the OIS? Okay.

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Sorry about that. Yes.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. And then so after the OIS is when you're describing that you don't think you had enough officers to handle what transpired after?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Correct, sir. That's correct, yes.

DETECTIVE GRABE: Okay. All right. Partner?

DETECTIVE BROWN: Yeah, just a couple things I noted here when I was going through my notes. Did you see any of the other officers fire their -- discharge their firearms?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: You did not. Okay. And I don't think we covered when we covered all the stuff about your firearm. Did we cover your loading -- were you topped off?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: I was, sir. Seventeen in the magazine and one in the chamber. Eighteen total.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And then you had a total of three magazines?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir. Seventeen each.

DETECTIVE BROWN: All loaded fully?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. Did you -- I don't think I covered this either. Do you have -- personally have any less lethal in your vehicle or on you?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Yes, sir. I have -- I have my Taser, sir, on my left side of the belt. I also have OC spray on my left side of the belt. And I had my baton, but it was in the vehicle -- I left it in the vehicle, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: And I know you described your assignment that you were given by [redacted] Sergeant, but was there a reason why you chose not to utilize your Taser or --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Sir, I did think about actually to use my Taser, but I knew that that wasn't going to be effective at that distance; especially him having that knife, civilians there. It wasn't going to make the effect, so I stayed with my -- with my firearm out. But I did think about using my Taser at one point.

DETECTIVE BROWN: I don't know if we covered this. I apologize. But upon -- when watching your body-worn video, we see that you're at scene when you actually hit the button. Is there a --

DETECTIVE GRABE: Yeah, we did.

DETECTIVE BROWN: We did cover that? Okay. Thank you. It's getting a little late. I apologize.

DETECTIVE GRABE: It's okay.

DETECTIVE BROWN: All right. After you shot the body-worn video and you gave your public safety statement, did you have any conversations with anyone regarding this incident?

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: No, sir.

DETECTIVE BROWN: That's all I have.

ATTORNEY WILCOX: Yeah, I think you got mine on the follow-up.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay.

ATTORNEY WILCOX: So I don't have anything.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. We covered this with quite a bit of detail. We asked -- I think we covered all the topics we need to for review process, but is there anything you want to clarify or you feel that we didn't address and you'd like to --

POLICE OFFICER QUINTANILLA: Just one. I mean, I just want to be clear, like, I didn't want to shoot

the guy. I really wanted to help him. And when I get there next to him, I really felt the need to help him and I tried to, but obviously the fire department was there, so I really was hoping to do that. I mean, I deal with a bunch of kids like him, and my goal is to help them. So I feel like that that's what is kind of is messing with me the most.

DETECTIVE BROWN: Okay. If there's nothing else, we'll go ahead and conclude then. Okay. The time is now 359 hours -- 0359 hours and we're going off.

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