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2	CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER, COUNTY OF ORANGE								
3	IN RE THE PROCEEDINGS OF:								
4	THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, )								
5	PLAINTIFF, )								
6	VS. ) NO. 12ZF0148								
7	JOSEPH ANDREW WOLFE,								
8	DEFENDANT. )								
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11	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS								
12	SEPTEMBER 19, 2012								
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25	WHICH THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD:)								
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- 1 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER 19, 2012
- 2 MORNING SESSION

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- 4 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 5 JURY ROOM:)
- 6 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE BE SURE ALL YOUR
- 7 CELL PHONES ARE TURNED OFF.
- 8 THE HEARING WILL COME TO ORDER.
- 9 THE COURT REPORTER WILL PLEASE RISE TO BE SWORN.
- 10 (WHEREUPON THE COURT REPORTER WAS DULY SWORN.)
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THE SECRETARY WILL PLEASE
- 12 CALL THE ROLL.
- 13 (WHEREUPON ROLL WAS TAKEN OF THE GRAND JURORS.)
- 14 THE GRAND JURY SECRETARY: MR. FOREMAN, 16 JURORS ARE
- 15 PRESENT.
- 16 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT 16
- 17 GRAND JURORS ARE PRESENT.
- 18 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY, THE NATURE OF THE
- 19 MATTERS TO BE HEARD AND THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED
- 20 HERE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO YOU BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
- 21 ANY MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY WHO HAS A STATE OF
- 22 MIND IN REFERENCE TO THE CASE OR TO THE PERSONS INVOLVED
- 23 WHICH WILL PREVENT HIM OR HER FROM ACTING IMPARTIALLY AND
- 24 WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS OF THE PERSONS
- 25 INVOLVED SHALL RETIRE FROM THIS HEARING.
- DO ANY OF YOU KNOW SOCIALLY, OR HAVE ANY OF YOU

- 1 HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS CASE OR ANY OF THE PERSONS NAMED
- 2 WHICH WOULD CAUSE YOU NOT TO RENDER AN UNBIASED DECISION?
- 3 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 4 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT NO
- 5 MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY HAS RETIRED.
- 6 MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DO YOU HAVE MATTERS TO
- 7 PRESENT TO THE GRAND JURY?
- 8 MR. RACKAUCKAS: YES, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO GO OVER THAT
- 9 STATEMENT THAT YOU JUST MADE.
- 10 DO ANY OF YOU KNOW SOCIALLY, OR HAVE ANY OF YOU
- 11 HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS CASE OR ANY OF THE PERSONS NAMED
- 12 WHICH WOULD CAUSE YOU NOT TO RENDER AN UNBIASED DECISION.
- I DIDN'T HEAR THE "NOT."
- 14 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: I SAID IT.
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: THANK YOU, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE
- 16 IT WAS RIGHT. AND IT IS.
- 17 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: OKAY. DO YOU HAVE MATTERS
- 18 TO PRESENT TO THE GRAND JURY?
- 19 MR. RACKAUCKAS: YES.
- 20 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: DO YOU WISH TO MAKE AN
- 21 OPENING STATEMENT?
- MR. TANIZAKI: MR. RACKAUCKAS WILL.
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: I WOULD LIKE TO.
- 24 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: VERY WELL.
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: I AM STANDING IN THE WRONG PLACE.
- 26 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YOU ARE STANDING IN THE

- 1 WRONG PLACE, SIR, THAT'S OKAY.
- 2 MR. RACKAUCKAS: THAT'S WHERE THEY PUT ME BECAUSE OF
- 3 THE SPACE.
- 4 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES.
- 5 MR. RACKAUCKAS: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE GRAND
- 6 JURY, GOOD MORNING.
- 7 (RESPONSE.)
- 8 MR. RACKAUCKAS: I WOULD LIKE TO START BY THANKING YOU
- 9 FOR YOUR SERVICE. AND I WILL TELL YOU THAT THE OPENING
- 10 STATEMENT YOU ARE GOING TO HEAR IS VERY BRIEF, AND WILL
- 11 HARDLY AT ALL EVEN CHARACTERIZE THE EVIDENCE. YOU ARE GOING
- 12 TO SEE THAT AS WE PROCEED, IT WILL GO RATHER QUICKLY, WE
- 13 EXPECT TO BE FINISHED WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS. SO IT
- 14 SHOULD GO RATHER WELL.
- THERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT I THINK ARE
- 16 IMPORTANT. YOU GET THE GRAND JURY INSTRUCTIONS GENERALLY
- 17 AFTER THE EVIDENCE AND AFTER EVERYTHING IS IN, WITH THE
- 18 ARGUMENTS AND SO FORTH, BUT THERE ARE A COUPLE THAT I THINK
- 19 WILL BE IMPORTANT TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION AT THIS POINT.
- 20 AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS REFER YOU TO GRAND
- 21 JURY INSTRUCTION NUMBER 7 TO START WITH. AND IN THIS
- 22 PARTICULAR CASE IT MAY TEND TO BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN SOME
- 23 OTHER CASES.
- 24 GRAND JURY INSTRUCTION NUMBER 7, AND I WILL READ
- 25 IT:
- 26 "YOU MUST DECIDE ALL QUESTIONS OF FACT

- 1 IN THIS CASE FROM THE EVIDENCE RECEIVED IN
- 2 THIS PROCEEDING AND NOT FROM ANY OTHER
- 3 SOURCE.
- 4 "YOU MUST NOT INDEPENDENTLY
- 5 INVESTIGATE THE FACTS OR THE LAW, OR
- 6 CONSIDER OR DISCUSS FACTS TO WHICH THERE IS
- 7 NO EVIDENCE. THIS MEANS, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT
- 8 YOU MUST NOT ON YOUR OWN VISIT THE SCENE,
- 9 CONDUCT EXPERIMENTS, OR CONSULT REFERENCE
- 10 WORKS OR PERSONS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
- 11 "YOU MUST NOT DISCUSS THIS CASE WITH
- 12 ANY OTHER PERSON EXCEPT A FELLOW JUROR, AND
- 13 THEN ONLY AFTER THE CASE IS SUBMITTED TO YOU
- 14 FOR YOUR DECISION, AND ONLY WHEN ALL JURORS
- 15 ARE PRESENT IN THE JURY ROOM."
- 16 THIS IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE ANY OUTSIDE WORKS,
- 17 REFERENCES, THAT SORT OF THING, CAN CAUSE AN ERROR AND
- 18 RESULT IN A DISMISSAL OF THE CASE ON A 995 MOTION OR
- 19 SOMETHING. SO I JUST WANTED TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO
- 20 THAT, AND I KNOW EVERYBODY WILL OBSERVE THAT. BUT LIKE I
- 21 SAY, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE IT IS KIND OF EASY TO WANT TO
- 22 DRIVE BY THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER AND TAKE A LOOK
- 23 AROUND AND MEASURE THINGS FOR YOURSELF AND THAT SORT OF
- 24 THING, AND WE ARE ASKING YOU NOT TO DO THAT, AND THE LAW
- 25 ASKS YOU NOT TO DO THAT.
- 26 IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR SOME REASON FOR THE

- 1 GRAND JURY TO GO OUT THERE, THEN IT WOULD BE AS AN ENTIRE
- 2 BODY.
- 3 AND THE OTHER INSTRUCTION, GRAND JURY INSTRUCTION
- 4 NUMBER 8, VERY IMPORTANT AS WELL:
- 5 "STATEMENTS, COMMENTS, INSTRUCTIONS,
- 6 INFORMATION OR ADVICE MADE AND GIVEN TO YOU
- 7 BY THE COURT OR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, EITHER
- 8 ORALLY OR IN WRITING, ARE NOT EVIDENCE.
- 9 HOWEVER, YOU MUST FOLLOW THE LEGAL
- 10 INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLY THEM TO THE FACTS YOU
- 11 FIND TO BE TRUE."
- 12 SO TYPICALLY IN A TRIAL, A GRAND JURY PROCEEDING
- 13 OR ANY OTHER KIND OF HEARING, THE ATTORNEYS MAKE A LOT OF
- 14 STATEMENTS. AND TALK ABOUT THIS, TALK ABOUT THAT. BUT IT
- 15 IS THE EVIDENCE THAT YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO CONSIDER HERE, NOT
- 16 STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS OF THE ATTORNEYS.
- 17 SO EVEN QUESTIONS ARE NOT EVIDENCE. SO IF AN
- 18 ATTORNEY ASKS A QUESTION, AND MAYBE IT IS A LEADING QUESTION
- 19 AND THE ANSWER COMES OUT NOT AS EXPECTED OR SOMETHING, THE
- 20 QUESTION ISN'T EVIDENCE, IT IS ONLY IMPORTANT WHEN IT GIVES
- 21 MEANING TO THE ANSWER. SO I JUST THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO
- 22 CONSIDER THAT. ALL RIGHT.
- 23 AND ANOTHER THING THAT IS IMPORTANT HERE IS GRAND
- 24 JURY INSTRUCTION NUMBER 2, AND THAT'S THE JOHNSON RULE. AND
- 25 I AM PRETTY SURE YOU ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THAT BY NOW. BUT
- 26 WHAT THAT SAYS BASICALLY, AND WHAT THE JOHNSON CASE AND NOW

- 1 THE CALIFORNIA LAW SAYS, THAT IT IS PRIMARILY, SINCE IT IS
- 2 THE PROSECUTION WHO HAS THE ABILITY AT THIS POINT TO DO THE
- 3 INVESTIGATION AND TO HAVE THE POLICE OUT THERE WORKING AND
- 4 HAVE ALL THESE RESOURCES, AND THE DEFENSE REALLY DOESN'T
- 5 HAVE ANY RESOURCE YET, SO THE JOHNSON RULE SAYS THAT IN
- 6 ORDER TO BE FAIR, IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE
- 7 EXCULPATORY, MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL TO THE DEFENDANT, THEN WE
- 8 HAVE A DUTY TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THAT. AND TO PROVIDE IT,
- 9 AND IF YOU WANT TO HEAR THE WITNESS OR SEE ANY DOCUMENTS,
- 10 THEN YOU ARE ENTITLED TO DO THAT.
- 11 IF YOU THINK THAT ANY OF THAT OTHER EVIDENCE THAT
- 12 IS OUT THERE, AND WE ARE GOING TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF WHATEVER
- 13 IS THERE, IF YOU THINK THAT ANY OF THAT WOULD TEND TO
- 14 EXPLAIN AWAY THE CHARGES, THEN, PLEASE, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO
- 15 THEN ASK FOR THAT EVIDENCE AND TAKE A LOOK AT IT.
- 16 SO THOSE ARE IMPORTANT THINGS.
- 17 NOW, THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE, I HATE TO SAY IT
- 18 IS SELF EXPLANATORY, BUT IN A BIG WAY IT IS. AND THE MAJOR
- 19 PART OF THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE IS GOING TO BE THE
- 20 INCIDENT, THE VIDEO OF THE INCIDENT.
- 21 WHAT HAPPENED HERE JULY 5TH, 2011, ON THAT
- 22 EVENING THERE WAS A CALL IN TO THE FULLERTON POLICE
- 23 DEPARTMENT. AND THAT CALL IN WAS A LADY WHO SAID THAT,
- 24 WELL, THERE IS THIS GUY IN THE PARKING LOT, APPARENTLY
- 25 TRYING CAR DOORS. AND SO SHE CALLED THE POLICE, AND THEY
- 26 COME OUT AND SEE WHAT IS GOING ON. AND SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS

- 1 SOMEBODY SHIRTLESS WITH A BEARD, I THINK I KNOW THAT PART OF
- 2 THE DESCRIPTION FOR SURE, MAYBE SHE SAID HE WAS SMALL OR
- 3 SOMETHING, I DON'T RECALL THAT. BUT CERTAINLY BEARDED WITH
- 4 NO SHIRT ON.
- 5 SO THE POLICE, OFFICER RAMOS WAS THE FIRST TO
- 6 RESPOND, OFFICER WOLFE RESPONDED PRETTY MUCH ABOUT THE SAME
- 7 TIME AS OFFICER RAMOS, CAME IN SEPARATE CARS, SO THEY ARE
- 8 NOT -- THEY WERE NOT PARTNERS ON PATROL, BUT THEY WERE BOTH
- 9 PATROLLING THAT GENERAL AREA, AND THEY ARRIVED THERE IN
- 10 SEPARATE CARS. AND THEN THIS INCIDENT STARTED.
- 11 IT IS JUST ONE OF THESE INCIDENTS WHERE THE
- 12 POLICE ARE TALKING TO THIS INDIVIDUAL TO TRY TO FIND OUT
- 13 WHAT IS GOING ON, TO SEE WHAT HE IS DOING, AND IT GOES ON
- 14 FOR SOME TIME. THERE IS DISCUSSION. THERE IS TIT FOR TAT,
- 15 KIND OF SORT OF A LITTLE BATTLE OF WITS GOING ON. YOU WILL
- 16 SEE ALL THAT.
- 17 AND THEN IT JUST ESCALATES. IT STARTS AS JUST AN
- 18 INFORMAL, PRETTY MUCH KIND OF DETENTION OF THIS PERSON,
- 19 KELLY THOMAS, AND IT GOES ON FOR, I DON'T KNOW, 18 OR 20
- 20 MINUTES, WHERE THEY ARE JUST TALKING.
- 21 AND THEN IT CHANGES. OFFICER WOLFE IS LOOKING
- 22 THROUGH A BACKPACK THAT KELLY THOMAS HAD HAD ON, THAT HE
- 23 VOLUNTARILY GAVE UP SO THEY COULD SEARCH, AND FOUND SOME
- 24 MAIL IN THERE THAT DIDN'T APPARENTLY BELONG TO KELLY THOMAS.
- 25 AND THEN FIGURED IT WAS STOLEN. AND SO THEN SUGGESTED TO
- 26 RAMOS, OR STATED TO RAMOS, BOY, I AM THINKING ABOUT 496.

- 1 496 IS RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY. AND SO THEY KIND OF HAD
- 2 THAT LITTLE DISCUSSION.
- 3 AND THEN OFFICER RAMOS REAPPROACHED KELLY THOMAS,
- 4 WHO WAS STILL SITTING WHERE HE HAD BEEN PLACED BASICALLY BY
- 5 OFFICER RAMOS. AND THE TENOR CHANGED AT THAT POINT. AND
- 6 OFFICER RAMOS BECAME ANGRY RATHER QUICKLY, AND EVERYTHING
- 7 ESCALATED. AND IT WENT INTO A VIOLENT CONFRONTATION THAT
- 8 RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF KELLY THOMAS. AND I DON'T WANT TO
- 9 TRY TO CHARACTERIZE THE DETAILS OF THAT, YOU ARE GOING TO
- 10 SEE THOSE AS WE PROCEED.
- 11 OTHER WITNESSES WILL HAVE TO DO WITH THE
- 12 FOUNDATION TO ALLOW, TO MAKE THE VIDEO ADMISSIBLE AND THE
- 13 SOUND ADMISSIBLE.
- 14 AND BASICALLY WHAT HAPPENS IS, OVER THERE AT THE
- 15 FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER WHERE THIS OCCURRED, A
- 16 DISTANCE AWAY, NOT THAT FAR AWAY, THERE WAS A CAMERA THAT
- 17 SURVEILLED THAT PARKING LOT AND THAT AREA. AND THAT CAMERA
- 18 CAN BE CONTROLLED, THE DIRECTION OF IT CAN BE CONTROLLED
- 19 FROM THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT BY THE WATCH COMMANDER
- 20 AT THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 21 AND YOU CAN SEE THAT AS THE INCIDENT STARTED THAT
- 22 THE CAMERA WAS, THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WAS CAUGHT, AND
- 23 THEN THAT PERSON WAS BEING FOLLOWING BASED ON THAT CAMERA.
- 24 AND YOU CAN KIND OF SEE IT GOING IN LIKE THAT, AND WHEN HE
- 25 LOSES THE PICTURE, HE GETS IT BACK. YOU CAN SEE MOST OF THE
- 26 INCIDENT.

- 1 BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN'T SEE. THERE
- 2 IS A TIME WHEN IT GOES BEHIND SOME BUSHES, YOU CAN HEAR
- 3 EVERYTHING AT THAT POINT, AT LEAST YOU CAN HEAR A LOT, BUT
- 4 YOU CAN'T SEE EVERYTHING. BUT I THINK YOU WILL SEE ENOUGH
- 5 TO HAVE A VERY CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT OCCURRED.
- 6 NOW, THERE IS SOUND, THE SOUND COMES FROM WHAT
- 7 ARE CALLED D.A.R.'S OR DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDERS THAT THE
- 8 POLICE WEAR. AND THE INDIVIDUAL POLICE OFFICERS HAVE THESE
- 9 DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDERS. AND THEY CAN TURN THOSE ON, THEY
- 10 CAN TURN THEM OFF. AND GENERALLY THE IDEA IS THEY ARE
- 11 SUPPOSED TO TURN THEM ON WHEN THERE IS AN INCIDENT OR
- 12 INTERVIEW, OR WHEN THEY ARE CONDUCTED BUSINESS THEY ARE
- 13 SUPPOSED TO TURN THESE ON.
- 14 SO WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE HERE IS THAT WE HAVE
- 15 TAKEN THESE D.A.R.'S OR DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDERS OF THE
- 16 INDIVIDUAL POLICE OFFICERS, AND PUT THOSE TOGETHER WITH THE
- 17 VIDEO, AND VERY PAINSTAKENLY. SO THAT WAS DONE. WE WILL
- 18 HAVE TESTIMONY AS TO HOW THAT WAS DONE.
- 19 AND THERE IS A TRANSCRIPT OF ALL OF THE
- 20 CONVERSATION THAT TAKES PLACE, AND WE WILL HAVE TESTIMONY AS
- 21 TO HOW THAT WAS DONE, SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT WAS DONE TO
- 22 DEVELOP THIS EVIDENCE SO THAT IT COULD BE VIEWED BY YOURSELF
- 23 OR BY ANOTHER TRIER OF FACT.
- 24 THE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE WILL HAVE THEN TO DO WITH
- 25 THE INJURIES, ALL THE INJURIES THAT HAPPENED TO MR. THOMAS
- 26 DURING THIS INCIDENT, AND THAT RESULTED IN HIS DEATH.

- 1 AND SO WE WILL HAVE AN AUTOPSY SURGEON TESTIFY
- 2 CONCERNING THAT. THE EMERGENCY, THE DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF THE
- 3 EMERGENCY ROOM AT U.C.I. WILL TESTIFY AS TO WHAT HE HAD WHEN
- 4 KELLY THOMAS ARRIVED AT U.C.I.
- 5 AND THE CASE IS GOING TO BE -- AND WE WILL ALSO
- 6 HAVE AN EXPERT ON POLICE USE OF FORCE. AND THIS IS
- 7 DR. MCNAMARA. AND YOU WILL SEE FROM HIS CREDENTIALS THAT HE
- 8 HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN POLICE WORK FOR A VERY LONG TIME. HE
- 9 WAS A POLICE OFFICER IN NEW YORK, AND A POLICE CHIEF IN
- 10 KANSAS CITY, A POLICE CHIEF IN SAN JOSE, AND HE IS A PH.D.
- 11 NOW HE IS CONNECTED AND WORKS WITH THE HOOVER, THE STANFORD
- 12 HOOVER INSTITUTE.
- 13 AND HIS TESTIMONY WILL BE OFFERED FOR YOU TO
- 14 CONSIDER IN REVIEWING THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LAWFUL OR
- 15 UNLAWFUL USE OF FORCE BY POLICE. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS
- 16 ALL ABOUT. THIS IS ALL ABOUT DID THE POLICE, UNDER ALL THE
- 17 CIRCUMSTANCES IN THIS CASE, USE UNLAWFUL, UNREASONABLE FORCE
- 18 AGAINST KELLY THOMAS WHICH RESULTED IN HIS DEATH?
- 19 AND THE STANDARD THAT I WILL TELL YOU, JUST IN
- 20 GENERAL, WHAT IS UNREASONABLE, UNLAWFUL POLICE FORCE, WHAT
- 21 IS IT? DO THE POLICE HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE WHATEVER FORCE
- 22 IN ANY SITUATION? I MEAN THEY DON'T, THERE IS SOME LIMIT TO
- 23 THE FORCE THAT THE POLICE CAN USE.
- 24 AND THE LAW REALLY LAYS THAT DOWN PRETTY MUCH IN
- 25 LAY TERMS. YOU KNOW, IT IS THE FORCE THAT IS REASONABLY
- 26 NECESSARY FOR THE POLICE TO DO THEIR OFFICIAL DUTY. A

- 1 POLICE OFFICER ACTING IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY, IS SOMETHING
- 2 TAKING PLACE THAT REQUIRES HIM TO USE FORCE, AND IF SO, IS
- 3 THE FORCE THAT HE USES REASONABLE UNDER ALL THE
- 4 CIRCUMSTANCES?
- 5 AND SOME OF THE CASE LAW, THE MAJOR CASE IN THAT
- 6 GIVES CERTAIN STANDARDS TO TAKE A LOOK AT, THIS IS THE
- 7 GRAHAM CASE, AND IT IS USED PRETTY MUCH UNIVERSALLY IN THIS
- 8 AREA. BUT IT SAYS THE STANDARDS TO LOOK TO IN MAKING THIS
- 9 DETERMINATION ARE:
- 10 THE SEVERITY OF THE SUSPECTED CRIME AT ISSUE.
- 11 WHAT KIND OF CRIME ARE WE TALKING ABOUT.
- 12 WHETHER OR NOT THE SUSPECT POSES AN IMMEDIATE
- 13 THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE OFFICERS OR TO OTHERS.
- 14 WHETHER THE SUSPECT IS ACTIVELY RESISTING ARREST
- 15 OR ATTEMPTING TO EVADE ARREST BY FLIGHT AT THE TIME.
- 16 AND THE SUSPECT'S MENTAL ILLNESS, WHEN THAT MIGHT
- 17 BE APPARENT.
- 18 BUT THESE ARE JUST ALL KIND OF STANDARDS TO TRY
- 19 TO HELP A JURY, OR TRY TO HELP A TRIER OF FACT TO SORT OF
- 20 LOOK AT ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AND JUST MAKE A
- 21 DETERMINATION, IS THIS A REASONABLE USE OF FORCE, OR IS IT
- 22 EXCESSIVE FORCE?
- AND THAT'S REALLY THE BOTTOM LINE, THAT'S WHAT
- 24 YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DECIDE. AND I WILL BE ASKING YOU
- 25 NOT TO TRY TO DECIDE IT JUST BASED ON ONE ACT, BUT TO LOOK
- 26 AT EVERYTHING, THE CUMULATIVE, THE WHOLE SERIES OF ACTS, THE

- 1 ENTIRE CONSTELLATION OF BEHAVIOR, BECAUSE THAT'S HOW WE HAVE
- 2 TO LOOK AT THINGS AND VIEW THEM.
- 3 NOW, WE ARE GOING TO DIVIDE UP THESE WITNESSES A
- 4 LITTLE BIT IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION AS WELL
- 5 ORGANIZED AS WE CAN.
- 6 AND I WANTED TO TELL YOU ABOUT JOHNSON, JUST TO
- 7 MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE, THAT YOUR ATTENTION IS BROUGHT TO
- 8 ALL THAT EVIDENCE THAT WE KNOW OF, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE
- 9 KEITH BOGARDUS, AND I FORGOT TO TELL YOU, GOOD MORNING, TONY
- 10 RACKAUCKAS FOR THE PEOPLE, AND I AM HERE WITH SENIOR
- 11 ASSISTANT JIM TANIZAKI AND ASSISTANT KEITH BOGARDUS.
- 12 MR. TANIZAKI: GOOD MORNING.
- 13 MR. BOGARDUS: GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND KEITH BOGARDUS AT SOME POINT
- 15 BEFORE THIS IS OVER, HE IS GOING TO DELINEATE IN DETAIL ALL
- 16 OF THESE ITEMS THAT WE NEED TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO THAT
- 17 YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER. THAT MIGHT, MIGHT HAVE SOME
- 18 TENDENCY TO BENEFIT THE DEFENSE, IF IT WAS PRESENTED TO YOU.
- 19 SO YOU WILL LOOK AT THAT.
- 20 SO THE WAY WE ARE DIVIDING THESE WITNESSES UP,
- 21 THE FIRST WITNESS, DAWN SCRUGGS FROM THE FULLERTON POLICE
- 22 DEPARTMENT, WILL BE EXAMINED BY JIM TANIZAKI.
- 23 AND THEN THE NEXT FOUR WITNESSES, THE NEXT TWO,
- 24 THREE, FOUR, FIVE AND SIX, EXCUSE ME, I CAN'T COUNT, THE
- 25 NEXT FIVE WITNESSES, AND THOSE WILL BE KAREN KOBAYASHI, DANA
- 26 HUFFMAN, CESAR NAVARRO, GARY SIRIN, AND MICHAEL CHOCEK,

- 1 THOSE WILL ALL BE EXAMINED BY MR. BOGARDUS, KEITH BOGARDUS.
- 2 AND THEN THE NEXT TWO WITNESSES, RON STANCYK AND
- 3 DR. MICHAEL LEKAWA FROM U.C.I., WILL BE DONE BY
- 4 MR. TANIZAKI.
- 5 AND THEN I AM GOING TO DO THE EXAMINATION OF
- 6 DR. SINGHANIA, THE AUTOPSY SURGEON, AND JOSEPH MCNAMARA, THE
- 7 USE OF FORCE EXPERT THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE PRESENTING.
- 8 SO WITH THAT, I AM GOING TO ASK MR. TANIZAKI TO
- 9 GO AHEAD.
- 10 MR. TANIZAKI: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL NEED DAWN
- 11 SCRUGGS.
- 12 (WHEREUPON DAWN SCRUGGS ENTERED THE GRAND JURY
- 13 ROOM.)
- 14 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: GOOD MORNING.
- 15 THE WITNESS: GOOD MORNING.
- 16 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT
- 17 HAND.
- DAWN SCRUGGS,
- 19 CALLED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, HAVING BEEN FIRST
- 20 DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
- 21 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
- 22 SPELL IT OUT FOR THE RECORD.
- 23 THE WITNESS: DAWN SCRUGGS; D-A-W-N, S, LIKE SAM,
- 24 C-R-U-G-G-S.
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: HAVE A SEAT.
- THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).

- 1 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE
- 2 WITNESS IS YOURS.
- 3 MR. BOGARDUS: JUST INITIALLY FOR PURPOSES OF THE
- 4 RECORD, WE ARE GOING TO MARK THE FIRST 73 EXHIBITS.
- 5 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 1)
- 6 MR. BOGARDUS: EXHIBIT NUMBER 1 IS THE GRAND JURY MEMO.
- 7 EXHIBIT NUMBER 2 THROUGH 73 CAN BE DESCRIBED
- 8 COLLECTIVELY RIGHT NOW AS PHOTOGRAPHS. AND THOSE WILL BE
- 9 FURTHER DESCRIBED NOW WITH THE TESTIMONY OF MS. SCRUGGS.
- 10 THANK YOU.
- 11 EXAMINATION
- 12 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GOOD MORNING, MS. SCRUGGS.
- 13 A. GOOD MORNING.
- 14 Q. BEFORE WE BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU THAT
- 15 YOU ARE NOW APPEARING BEFORE A DULY CONSTITUTED GRAND JURY
- 16 THAT IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL
- 17 LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 19 A. YES, SIR.
- 20 Q. YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER OATH. THAT MEANS YOUR
- 21 TESTIMONY HERE TODAY HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS IF YOU
- 22 WERE IN A COURT OF LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 24 A. YES, SIR.
- 25 Q. THAT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TELL
- 26 THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH IN THIS PROCEEDING, OR

- 1 YOU COULD SUBJECT YOURSELF TO A POSSIBLE PROSECUTION FOR
- 2 PERJURY.
- 3 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 4 A. YES, SIR.
- 5 Q. THANK YOU.
- 6 MS. SCRUGGS, FOR WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED?
- 7 A. EMPLOYED BY FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 8 Q. AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE
- 9 FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT?
- 10 A. ABOUT 14 YEARS NOW.
- 11 Q. AND LET'S START WITH WHEN YOU WERE FIRST EMPLOYED
- 12 WITH FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 14 YEARS AGO, WHAT WAS YOUR
- 13 CAPACITY OR ASSIGNMENT?
- 14 A. I WAS A POLICE DISPATCHER.
- 15 Q. WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF A POLICE DISPATCHER?
- 16 A. I RECEIVE NON-EMERGENCY AND EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS
- 17 FOR SERVICE, AND WE DISPATCH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 18 Q. LET ME GET THE MICROPHONE FOR YOU.
- 19 A. OKAY.
- 20 MR. TANIZAKI: DO WE NEED TO GO OVER THAT AGAIN; DID
- 21 YOU HEAR IT? ME LOUDER?
- 22 A GRAND JUROR: START OVER.
- MR. TANIZAKI: OKAY. LET'S START OVER.
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: FOR WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED?
- 25 A. EMPLOYED BY THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 26 IT IS LOUDER NOW, LET ME BACK IT UP A LITTLE BIT.

- 1 Q. AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE
- 2 FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT?
- 3 A. I HAVE BEEN WITH THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 4 FOR OVER 14 YEARS.
- 5 Q. AND WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT WITH THE
- 6 FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT?
- 7 A. POLICE DISPATCHER.
- 8 Q. AND WHAT IS A POLICE DISPATCHER?
- 9 A. A POLICE DISPATCHER, WE WILL WE ANSWER 911
- 10 EMERGENCY CALLS AND NON-EMERGENCY CALLS FOR SERVICE, AND WE
- 11 DISPATCH THE POLICE OFFICERS TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO ASSIST
- 12 CITIZENS.
- 13 O. HOW LONG WERE YOU A POLICE DISPATCHER?
- 14 A. WITH FULLERTON FOR FIVE YEARS, BUT PRIOR TO THAT
- 15 I WAS A DISPATCHER, FIRE AND POLICE DISPATCHER FOR EIGHT
- 16 YEARS.
- 17 Q. NOW, AFTER THE FIVE YEARS OF DISPATCHING FOR THE
- 18 FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, DID YOU CHANGE ASSIGNMENTS?
- 19 A. YES, I DID.
- 20 Q. AND TO WHAT ASSIGNMENT DID YOU GO TO?
- 21 A. FORENSIC SPECIALIST.
- 22 Q. AND WHAT IS A FORENSIC SPECIALIST?
- 23 A. CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR.
- 24 Q. WHAT IS A CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR'S DUTIES?
- 25 A. AT THE REQUEST OF AN OFFICER, WE RESPOND TO A
- 26 CRIME SCENE TO DOCUMENT THE SCENE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OR

- 1 FINGERPRINTS, VIDEOTAPE, DIAGRAMS, SO OUR JOB IS TO MERELY
- 2 IDENTIFY EVIDENCE, DOCUMENT IT, AND PRESERVE THE EVIDENCE.
- 3 Q. AND PLEASE DESCRIBE FOR US YOUR TRAINING WITH
- 4 RESPECT TO BEING A CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR.
- 5 A. WELL, INITIALLY I WAS SENT TO A TWO-WEEK CRIME
- 6 SCENE INVESTIGATION FIELD TECHNICIAN COURSE. IT COVERED ALL
- 7 THE BASIC DUTIES OF CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS.
- 8 I TOOK PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES AND FINGERPRINT
- 9 COURSES IN SACRAMENTO WITH THE F.B.I.
- 10 AND I SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN COLLEGE LEARNING THE
- 11 BASICS OF FORENSIC TECHNOLOGY.
- 12 Q. AND HOW MANY CRIME SCENES HAVE YOU PROCESSED WITH
- 13 THE CITY OF FULLERTON?
- 14 A. (NO RESPONSE).
- 15 Q. APPROXIMATELY?
- 16 A. SEVERAL THOUSAND.
- 17 Q. SEVERAL THOUSAND?
- 18 A. YES, LOTS. I HAVE BEEN THERE FOR NINE YEARS NOW.
- 19 Q. AND ON JULY 5TH, 2011, WERE YOU DISPATCHED TO 123
- 20 SOUTH POMONA IN THE CITY OF FULLERTON, THE COUNTY OF ORANGE,
- 21 WHICH IS REALLY THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER?
- 22 A. I WAS NOT ORIGINALLY DISPATCHED TO THAT SCENE,
- 23 BUT I DID RESPOND TO THE SCENE.
- Q. AND ABOUT WHAT TIME DID YOU ARRIVE AT THE SCENE?
- 25 A. I ARRIVED AT THE SCENE AT 9:15 P.M.
- Q. AND UPON ARRIVAL, WHAT DID YOU DO?

- 1 A. AFTER I ARRIVED TO THE SCENE, I GOT OUT OF MY
- 2 WORK TRUCK AND WALKED OVER TO THE AREA WHERE MR. THOMAS WAS,
- 3 AND SEVERAL OFFICERS AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND JUST
- 4 STOOD BY UNTIL THEY TRANSPORTED MR. THOMAS TO THE HOSPITAL.
- 5 AND I BEGAN JUST SPEAKING WITH THE OTHER OFFICERS ABOUT WHAT
- 6 HAPPENED.
- 7 Q. ALL RIGHT. NOW, APPROXIMATELY WHAT TIME DID YOU
- 8 ACTUALLY START YOUR CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION PROCESSING?
- 9 A. AT ABOUT 10:30 P.M.
- 10 Q. AND WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN 9:15 AND 10:30,
- 11 OTHER THAN TALKING WITH POLICE OFFICERS THAT YOU HAVE
- 12 DESCRIBED PREVIOUSLY?
- 13 A. WELL, I STOOD BY SO MY SERGEANT AND THE WATCH
- 14 COMMANDER AND LIEUTENANTS, OR WHOEVER ELSE WAS INVOLVED,
- 15 COULD DETERMINE WHO WOULD BE HANDLING THE CRIME SCENE.
- 16 O. AND ABOUT WHAT TIME WERE YOU AUTHORIZED TO START
- 17 THE PROCESSING OF THE CRIME SCENE?
- 18 A. 10:30 P.M.
- 19 O. AND WHAT DID YOU DO FIRST IN THE PROCESSING OF
- 20 THE CRIME SCENE?
- 21 A. WELL, I SPOKE WITH THE OFFICERS THAT WERE
- 22 INVOLVED, OFFICER WOLFE, OFFICER RAMOS, AND HAD THEM WALK ME
- 23 THROUGH THE SCENE SO I WOULD KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN TO
- 24 DOCUMENT.
- Q. OKAY. AND AFTER THAT, WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 26 A. I BEGAN TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE --

- 1 O. YOU ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING I BELIEVE AT
- 2 SOMETHING RIGHT NOW TO REFRESH YOUR RECOLLECTION?
- 3 A. YES, MY POLICE REPORT AND MY NOTES, I JUST WANTED
- 4 TO BE CORRECT WITH MY ANSWERS.
- 5 Q. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR NOTES, IS THAT SOMETHING YOU
- 6 HAD ACTUALLY PREPARED IN ADVANCE OF A POLICE REPORT
- 7 SPECIFICALLY?
- 8 A. YES, SIR.
- 9 Q. PLEASE GO AHEAD.
- 10 A. (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 11 INITIALLY AFTER BEING WALKED THROUGH THE CRIME
- 12 SCENE, I WAS ASKED TO PHOTOGRAPH A TASER, WHICH I DID.
- 13 Q. AND THEN AFTER THAT, WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 14 A. I BEGAN TO PHOTOGRAPH OFFICER WOLFE AND HIS
- 15 INJURIES.
- 16 Q. AFTER THAT WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 17 A. (NO RESPONSE).
- 18 Q. I AM GOING TO HAVE YOU JUST FOR THE RECORD JUST
- 19 INDICATE THAT YOU ARE REFRESHING YOUR MEMORY WITH A LOOK AT
- 20 YOUR POLICE REPORT.
- 21 A. ABSOLUTELY, YES, I AM REFERRING TO MY NOTES.
- 22 AND AFTER THAT I BEGAN TAKING PICTURES OF OFFICER
- 23 RAMOS AND HIS INJURIES AS WELL.
- Q. AND AFTER YOU TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE
- 25 INJURIES OF THE OFFICERS, WHAT DID YOU DO NEXT?
- 26 A. THEN I BEGAN TO TAKE OVERALL AND CLOSEUP PICTURES

- 1 OF THE ACTUAL CRIME SCENE, BEGINNING FIRST AREA OF CONTACT
- 2 TO THE FINAL POINT OF REST.
- 3 MR. TANIZAKI: LET ME HAVE YOU LOOK AT THE MONITOR IN
- 4 FRONT OF YOU.
- 5 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 2)
- 6 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: DO YOU SEE SOMETHING IN FRONT OF
- 7 YOU ON THE MONITOR WHICH IS MARKED GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER
- 8 2.
- 9 A. YES, SIR.
- 10 Q. DO YOU RECOGNIZE WHAT IS DEPICTED IN GRAND JURY
- 11 EXHIBIT NUMBER 2?
- 12 A. YES, I DO.
- 13 O. WHAT IS THAT?
- 14 A. THIS IS THE BUS DEPOT, THE TRAIN STATION AREA.
- 15 THIS IS THE AREA WHERE THE INITIAL AND FINAL CONTACT WAS
- 16 MADE WITH MR. THOMAS.
- 17 Q. AND DOES THIS EXHIBIT LOOK LIKE IT IS AN AERIAL
- 18 VIEW OF THAT AREA?
- 19 A. YES, IT IS.
- 20 Q. AND EVEN THOUGH THAT APPEARS TO BE A DAYTIME
- 21 PHOTOGRAPH, DOES THAT ACCURATELY DEPICT THE AREA OF THIS
- 22 PARTICULAR INCIDENT?
- A. YES, IT DOES.
- 24 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 3)
- 25 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT IS NOW
- 26 PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 3; WHAT IS

- 1 THAT?
- 2 A. THIS IS JUST A FURTHER BACK PICTURE OF THE VIEW
- 3 OF THE TRAIN STATION AND THE BUS DEPOT AND THE BARS.
- 4 Q. AND THAT ALSO IS A FAIR AND ACCURATE DEPICTION OF
- 5 THE AREA?
- 6 A. YES, IT IS.
- 7 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 4)
- 8 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: SHOWING YOU GRAND JURY EXHIBIT
- 9 NUMBER 4; WHAT IS THAT?
- 10 A. IT IS A CLOSER SHOT OF AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE
- 11 SCENE.
- 12 Q. IS THAT ALSO A FAIR AND ACCURATE DEPICTION OF THE
- 13 SCENE FROM AN AERIAL STANDPOINT?
- 14 A. YES, IT IS.
- 15 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 5)
- 16 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: SHOWING YOU GRAND JURY EXHIBIT
- 17 NUMBER 5; WHAT IS THAT?
- 18 A. THAT IS A GROUND LEVEL PHOTOGRAPH FACING IN THE
- 19 NORTHEAST DEPICTING THE BUS DEPOT.
- 20 Q. AND IS THAT ALSO REPRESENTED IN A FAIR AND
- 21 ACCURATE WAY?
- 22 A. YES, SIR.
- 23 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 6)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY NUMBER 6; WHAT IS
- 25 THAT?
- 26 A. THIS IS ALSO A GROUND LEVEL PHOTOGRAPH FACING

- 1 EASTBOUND.
- 2 Q. IS THAT ALSO A FAIR AND ACCURATE DEPICTION OF THE
- 3 AREA THAT YOU WALKED THROUGH AND PROCESSED?
- 4 A. YES, SIR.
- 5 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 7)
- 6 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 7; WHAT
- 7 IS THAT?
- 8 A. THIS IS AN OVERALL GROUND LEVEL VIEW FACING
- 9 SOUTHBOUND SHOWING THE BUS DEPOT.
- 10 Q. IS THAT ALSO REPRESENTED IN A FAIR AND ACCURATE
- 11 WAY?
- 12 A. YES, SIR.
- 13 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 8)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 8?
- 15 A. YES.
- 16 Q. WHAT IS THAT?
- 17 A. THIS IS A GROUND LEVEL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BUS
- 18 DEPOT FACING IN A SOUTHWESTERN DIRECTION.
- 19 Q. IS THAT ALSO A FAIR AND ACCURATE DEPICTION OF
- 20 THAT AREA?
- 21 A. YES, IT IS.
- 22 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 9)
- 23 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 9; WHAT IS
- 24 THAT?
- 25 A. THIS IS A DIAGRAM THAT I CREATED FROM THE CRIME
- 26 SCENE THAT NIGHT.

- 1 Q. AND LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE DIAGRAM, AND MORE
- 2 SPECIFICALLY, DO YOU SEE WHAT IS REPRESENTED, THERE IS A
- 3 NUMBER 802; WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 4 A. 802 IS A POLICE CAR THAT WAS PARKED IN THE
- 5 DRIVEWAY OF THE BUS DEPOT, AND IT WAS FACING NORTHBOUND AT
- 6 THE TIME.
- 7 Q. AND HOW ABOUT 807?
- 8 A. THAT IS ANOTHER POLICE CAR PARKED WEST OF 802,
- 9 AND IT IS FACING SOUTHBOUND.
- 10 Q. OKAY. YOU HAVE ALSO TRIANGULAR MARKERS ALSO ON
- 11 THE DIAGRAM; WHAT DO THESE REPRESENT?
- 12 A. THOSE REPRESENT THE NUMBERS OF THE ITEMS OF
- 13 EVIDENCE THAT I MARKED.
- 14 Q. AND THEN THERE ARE OTHER POLICE CARS THAT ARE
- 15 MARKED WITH OTHER NUMBERS, ARE THOSE PLACED WHERE YOU FOUND
- 16 THEM, AS FAR AS YOUR CRIME SCENE THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT?
- 17 A. YES, SIR.
- 18 Q. AND CAR NUMBER 802 AND 807 WERE ALSO DEPICTED IN
- 19 THE SAME FASHION?
- 20 A. YES, SIR.
- 21 Q. IS THIS DIAGRAM A FAIR AND ACCURATE DEPICTION OF
- 22 THE CRIME SCENE AND THE ITEMS THAT YOU HAVE PUT ON THE
- 23 DIAGRAM; IS THAT FAIRLY DEPICTED THERE?
- 24 A. YES, SIR.
- 25 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 10)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 10; YOU

- 1 RECOGNIZE THAT?
- 2 A. YES, I DO.
- 3 Q. IS THIS A PHOTOGRAPH THAT YOU ACTUALLY TOOK?
- 4 A. YES, IT IS.
- 5 Q. AND WHAT DOES THAT DEPICT?
- 6 A. THIS IS A GROUND LEVEL PICTURE OF AN OVERALL SHOT
- 7 OF THE SCENE FACING SOUTHBOUND, DOCUMENTING THE POLICE CARS
- 8 AND THEIR POSITIONS.
- 9 Q. THIS PHOTOGRAPH WOULD HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY TAKEN
- 10 SOMETIME AFTER 10:30?
- 11 A. YES, SIR.
- 12 Q. AS OPPOSED TO ACTUALLY THE PREVIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS,
- 13 WERE WHICH TAKEN LATER DURING THE DAYTIME?
- 14 A. YES, SIR.
- 15 Q. NOW, WITH RESPECT TO THE TWO POLICE CARS THAT ARE
- 16 REPRESENTED IN GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 10, IS THE POLICE
- 17 CAR TO YOUR LEFT, IS THAT THE POLICE CAR THAT YOU
- 18 REPRESENTED AS 802, I BELIEVE, IN YOUR DIAGRAM?
- 19 A. YES, SIR.
- 20 Q. AND THE POLICE CAR TO THE RIGHT, IS THAT POLICE
- 21 CAR DEPICTED AS NUMBER 807?
- 22 A. YES, SIR.
- 23 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 11)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT IS MARKED
- 25 GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 11; TELL US IF YOU RECOGNIZE THAT
- 26 PHOTOGRAPH?

- 1 A. YES, I DO.
- Q. WHAT DOES THAT DEPICT?
- 3 A. THIS WAS AN OVERALL SHOT SHOWING THE CURB AREA
- 4 WHERE THE INITIAL CONTACT WAS WITH MR. THOMAS.
- 5 Q. OKAY. AND THAT WAS RELAYED TO YOU BY THE
- 6 OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION, RIGHT?
- 7 A. YES, SIR.
- 8 Q. SO YOU JUST TOOK A PHOTOGRAPH OF THAT AREA?
- 9 A. ABSOLUTELY.
- 10 Q. AGAIN, THAT AREA, IS THAT FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY
- 11 DEPICTED BY YOUR PHOTOGRAPH?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 12)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 12;
- 15 WHAT IS THAT?
- 16 A. SAME IDEA, TAKING A PICTURE OF THE AREA WHERE HE
- 17 WAS INITIALLY CONTACTED, GIVING A DIFFERENT VIEW, AND THAT
- 18 IS FACING SOUTHEAST.
- 19 O. IS THAT FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY DEPICTED IN THAT
- 20 PHOTOGRAPH?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. HOW IT LOOKED THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT?
- A. YES, SIR.
- 24 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 13)
- 25 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 13;
- 26 WHAT IS THAT?

- 1 A. THAT IS THE ACTUAL CURB AREA WHERE THE INITIAL
- 2 CONTACT WAS MADE WITH MR. THOMAS.
- 3 Q. THE POLICE CAR, IS THAT CAR NUMBER 802 IN YOUR
- 4 DIAGRAM?
- 5 A. YES, SIR.
- 6 Q. DOES THAT PHOTOGRAPH ALSO FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY
- 7 DEPICT THAT AREA ON THE NIGHT YOU PROCESSED THIS?
- 8 A. YES, SIR.
- 9 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 14)
- 10 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 14;
- 11 WHAT IS THAT?
- 12 A. THIS IS AN OVERALL VIEW OF THE BLOOD STAIN ON THE
- 13 GROUND ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE DRIVEWAY.
- 14 Q. AND THE POLICE CAR THAT HAS THE, WHAT APPEARS TO
- 15 BE EITHER THE PARKING OR BRIGHT LIGHTS ON, IS THAT THE CAR
- 16 REPRESENTED 807 IN YOUR DIAGRAM?
- 17 A. YES, SIR.
- 18 Q. AND YOU HAD DESCRIBED A BLOOD AREA IN THAT
- 19 PHOTOGRAPH?
- 20 A. YES, SIR.
- Q. OKAY. AND THIS AREA AGAIN FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY
- 22 DEPICTED WHAT YOU SAW THE NIGHT YOU PROCESSED THE CRIME
- 23 SCENE?
- A. YES, SIR.
- 25 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 15)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 15;

- 1 WHAT IS THAT?
- 2 A. THAT'S AN OVERALL SHOT, GROUND LEVEL OF THE BLOOD
- 3 STAINED GROUND NEXT TO UNIT 807.
- 4 Q. THAT PHOTOGRAPH, IS THAT A FAIR AND ACCURATE
- 5 DEPICTION OF THAT PARTICULAR AREA OF THE NIGHT THAT YOU SAW
- 6 IT?
- 7 A. YES, SIR.
- 8 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 16)
- 9 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 16;
- 10 WHAT IS THAT?
- 11 A. THIS IS A CLOSER SHOT OF THE BLOOD STAINED AREA
- 12 NEXT TO UNIT 807.
- 13 O. IS THAT ALSO A FAIR AND ACCURATE DEPICTION OF
- 14 THAT AREA AS YOU SAW IT IS THAT NIGHT?
- 15 A. YES.
- 16 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 17)
- 17 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 17;
- 18 WHAT IS THAT?
- 19 A. A CLOSEUP SHOT OF THE BLOOD STAINED AREA NEXT TO
- 20 UNIT 807.
- Q. WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 22 A. THE BLOOD.
- 23 Q. AND DOES THIS PHOTOGRAPH FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY
- 24 DEPICT THE BLOOD AREA AS YOU SAW IT THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT?
- 25 A. YES, SIR.
- 26 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 18)

- 1 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 18;
- 2 THAT IS WHAT?
- 3 A. THIS IS A CLOSER SHOT OF THE BLOOD STAINED AREA,
- 4 ALONG WITH A MEASURING DEVICE WHICH WE CALL A SCALE. AND
- 5 THE NUMBER MARKER NUMBER 1, INDICATING THAT THAT IS MARKED
- 6 AS EVIDENCE ITEM NUMBER 1, A BLOOD SAMPLE THAT I COLLECTED
- 7 FROM THAT.
- 8 Q. DOES THAT PHOTOGRAPH FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY DEPICT
- 9 THE BLOOD STAINED AREA?
- 10 A. YES.
- 11 Q. THAT NIGHT?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 19)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 19;
- 15 WHAT IS THAT?
- 16 A. THAT'S A TASER.
- 17 Q. AND WHERE DID YOU GET THAT PARTICULAR TASER, OR,
- 18 I AM SORRY, YOU PHOTOGRAPHED THAT PARTICULAR TASER AT WHAT
- 19 TIME?
- 20 A. THAT WAS ONE OF MY FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS, SO AROUND
- 21 10:30 P.M.
- 22 Q. AND WHOSE TASER DID THAT BELONG TO?
- 23 A. CORPORAL CICINELLI.
- Q. AND DOES THIS PHOTOGRAPH FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY
- 25 DEPICT THE TASER THAT BELONGED TO CORPORAL CICINELLI?
- 26 A. YES, SIR.

- 1 Q. AND THE RED AREAS THAT ARE ON THAT PARTICULAR
- 2 TASER, WHAT WAS THAT ON THE ACTUAL TASER?
- 3 A. THAT WAS BLOOD.
- 4 Q. DOES THIS PHOTOGRAPH FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY DEPICT
- 5 THE TASER AS YOU SAW IT ON THE NIGHT THAT YOU PROCESSED THE
- 6 CRIME SCENE?
- 7 A. YES, SIR.
- 8 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 20)
- 9 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 20; YOU
- 10 RECOGNIZE THAT PARTICULAR PHOTOGRAPH?
- 11 A. YES, I DO.
- 12 Q. AND WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 13 A. THAT IS AN OVERALL VIEW OF OFFICER WOLFE'S BATON,
- 14 INDICATED WITH A SCALE.
- 15 Q. AND WHERE IS THIS ACTUALLY LOCATED, THAT BATON
- 16 RIGHT NOW IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH?
- 17 A. IT IS SITTING IN THE TRUNK.
- 18 Q. OF?
- 19 A. OF THE UNIT, I BELIEVE 807.
- 20 Q. WOULD THAT BE OFFICER WOLFE'S VEHICLE?
- 21 A. THAT I'M NOT SURE. IT IS EITHER OFFICER WOLFE'S
- 22 OR OFFICER RAMOS' CAR.
- 23 Q. DOES THIS PHOTOGRAPH FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY DEPICT
- 24 THE BATON OF OFFICER WOLFE THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT?
- 25 A. YES.
- 26 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 21)

- 1 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 21; YOU
- 2 RECOGNIZE THAT?
- 3 A. YES, SIR.
- 4 Q. AND WHAT IS THAT?
- 5 A. THAT IS AN OVERALL PICTURE OF OFFICER RAMOS'
- 6 BATON, INDICATED WITH A SCALE.
- 7 Q. AND, AGAIN, THAT IS ALSO SITTING IN THE TRUNK OF
- 8 ONE OF THE POLICE CARS?
- 9 A. YES, SIR.
- 10 Q. DOES THAT PHOTOGRAPH FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY DEPICT
- 11 THE BATON OF OFFICER RAMOS ON THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT?
- 12 A. YES, SIR.
- 13 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 22)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: LET ME SHOW YOU GRAND JURY
- 15 EXHIBIT NUMBER 22; WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 16 A. THAT IS A HOBBLE.
- 17 Q. AND WHAT IS A HOBBLE?
- 18 A. THAT IS A DEVICE USED TO BIND THE HANDS AND THEIR
- 19 FEET TOGETHER, I THINK ALL IN ONE MOTION. I DON'T USE THAT,
- 20 BUT THAT'S MY ASSESSMENT.
- 21 Q. I UNDERSTAND.
- 22 AND THIS PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN BY YOU?
- A. YES, IT WAS.
- 24 Q. AND WAS THIS PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BECAUSE THIS WAS
- 25 THE HOBBLE THAT WAS UTILIZED THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT AGAINST
- 26 MR. THOMAS?

- 1 A. THIS IS THE HOBBLE THAT WAS PRODUCED TO ME AFTER
- 2 I RETURNED TO THE STATION AND I TOOK A PHOTOGRAPH OF IT.
- 3 Q. OKAY.
- 4 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 23)
- 5 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 23; DO
- 6 YOU RECOGNIZE THAT?
- 7 A. YES, I DO.
- 8 Q. AND WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 9 A. THIS IS MR. THOMAS' BACKPACK, ALONG WITH HIS
- 10 SHOES, WHICH IS INDICATED NUMBER 5. AND ALL OF THE ITEMS
- 11 THAT WERE FOUND IN THE BACKPACK ARE ON THE TRUNK OF THE CAR.
- 12 Q. AND IS THAT A FAIR AND ACCURATE PHOTOGRAPH OF
- 13 THAT WHICH YOU HAVE JUST REPRESENTED AS TO THE BACKPACK,
- 14 CONTENTS, AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE SANDALS?
- 15 A. YES, SIR.
- 16 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 24)
- 17 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 24; YOU
- 18 RECOGNIZE THAT PHOTOGRAPH?
- 19 A. YES, I DO.
- 20 Q. AND WHO IS DEPICTED IN THAT PARTICULAR
- 21 PHOTOGRAPH?
- 22 A. OFFICER JOE WOLFE.
- 23 Q. AND WHEN DID YOU TAKE THAT PARTICULAR PHOTOGRAPH?
- 24 A. THAT WAS SHORTLY AFTER 10:30.
- 25 Q. IN THE EVENING?
- 26 A. YES, P.M., SORRY.

- 1 Q. AT THE CRIME SCENE?
- 2 A. AT THE CRIME SCENE, YES.
- 3 Q. AND IS THIS A FAIR AND ACCURATE PHOTO OF OFFICER
- 4 WOLFE THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT?
- 5 A. YES, SIR.
- 6 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 25)
- 7 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 25; DO
- 8 YOU RECOGNIZE THAT?
- 9 A. YES, I DO.
- 10 Q. WHAT IS THAT?
- 11 A. IT IS JUST A PICTURE OF HIS FACE, I ALWAYS TAKE
- 12 AN OVERALL PICTURE, AND A SHOT OF THE FACE FOR
- 13 DOCUMENTATION.
- 14 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 26)
- 15 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 26;
- 16 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 17 A. THAT IS AN PICTURE OF AN INJURY ON OFFICER
- 18 WOLFE'S LEFT ELBOW AND FOREARM AREA.
- 19 O. AND IS THAT PARTICULAR PHOTOGRAPH A FAIR AND
- 20 ACCURATE DEPICTION OF THE INJURIES ON OFFICER WOLFE'S ARM,
- 21 IT LOOKS LIKE HIS LEFT ARM AND ELBOW?
- 22 A. YES, SIR.
- 23 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 27)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 27;
- 25 WHAT IS THAT?
- A. A CLOSEUP SHOT OF THE SAME PICTURE.

- 1 Q. ALSO FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY REPRESENTED; IS THAT
- 2 RIGHT?
- 3 A. YES, SIR.
- 4 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 28)
- 5 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: AND, EXHIBIT NUMBER 28; WHAT IS
- 6 THAT?
- 7 A. THAT'S A CLOSEUP OF THE SCRATCHES ON OFFICER
- 8 WOLFE'S LEFT FOREARM, WITH THE SCALE.
- 9 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 29)
- 10 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: LET ME SHOW YOU GRAND JURY
- 11 EXHIBIT NUMBER 29; WHAT IS THAT?
- 12 A. THAT IS OFFICER WOLFE'S LEFT FOREARM AND HAND.
- 13 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 30)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: I THINK WE HAVE A CLOSEUP OF
- 15 THAT, GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 30?
- 16 A. YES.
- 17 Q. WHAT IS THAT?
- 18 A. THAT IS A CLOSEUP OF OFFICER WOLFE'S LEFT WRIST
- 19 AREA ON HIS FOREARM.
- 20 Q. WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE SOME --
- 21 A. I AM SORRY, AN INJURY, YES.
- 22 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 31)
- 23 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 31;
- 24 WHAT IS THAT?
- 25 A. THAT IS A CLOSEUP SHOT OF THE TOP OF OFFICER
- 26 WOLFE'S LEFT HAND, AN INJURY THERE, WITH THE SCALE.

- 1 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 32)
- 2 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: LET ME SHOW YOU GRAND JURY
- 3 EXHIBIT NUMBER 32; WHAT IS THAT?
- 4 A. THAT IS AN OVERALL SHOT OF OFFICER WOLFE'S RIGHT
- 5 FOREARM.
- 6 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 33)
- 7 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: AND GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 33;
- 8 WHAT IS THAT?
- 9 A. THAT IS A CLOSEUP SHOT OF SOME ABRASIONS ON
- 10 OFFICER WOLFE'S RIGHT FOREARM.
- 11 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 34)
- 12 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 34;
- 13 WHAT IS THAT?
- 14 A. THAT IS AN OVERALL SHOT OF OFFICER WOLFE'S LEFT
- 15 AND RIGHT PANT LEG.
- 16 O. AND COULD YOU TELL WHAT WAS ON THE PANTS THERE
- 17 THAT LOOKS TO BE REDDISH ON HIS LEFT LEG?
- 18 A. IT APPEARS TO BE BLOOD.
- 19 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 35)
- 20 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: AND GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 35;
- 21 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 22 A. THE TOPS OF OFFICER WOLFE'S SHOES. AND APPEARS
- 23 TO BE A BLOOD STAIN ON THE TOP OF THE LEFT SHOE.
- Q. AND ALL OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS OF OFFICER WOLFE
- 25 WERE TAKEN APPROXIMATELY 10:30 THAT EVENING; IS THAT
- 26 CORRECT?

- 1 A. (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE).
- 2 Q. GENERALLY?
- 3 A. YES, YES.
- 4 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 36)
- 5 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: EXHIBIT NUMBER 36; WHAT DOES THAT
- 6 REPRESENT?
- 7 A. WELL, IF THIS IS STILL ALONG THE LINES OF OFFICER
- 8 WOLFE, THEN THIS IS OFFICER WOLFE'S, A CLOSEUP SHOT OF HIS
- 9 LEFT KNEE, AN ABRASION THERE.
- 10 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 37)
- 11 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY NUMBER 37?
- 12 A. THERE IS A CLOSER SHOT OF OFFICER WOLFE'S LEFT
- 13 KNEE WITH AN ABRASION.
- 14 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 38)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 38;
- 16 WHAT IS THAT?
- 17 A. THAT'S AN OVERALL SHOT OF OFFICER WOLFE'S RIGHT
- 18 KNEE WITH AN ABRASION.
- 19 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 39)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 39;
- 21 WHAT IS THAT?
- 22 A. A CLOSEUP SHOT OF OFFICER WOLFE'S RIGHT KNEE,
- 23 WITH AN ABRASION.
- 24 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 40)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 40;
- 26 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?

- 1 A. THAT IS THE TOP OF OFFICER WOLFE'S HEAD SHOWING
- 2 AN INJURY, OR SOME TYPE OF AN ABRASION, I THINK THE FLASH IS
- 3 IN MY WAY.
- 4 Q. I THINK WE HAVE A CLOSEUP.
- 5 A. YEAH.
- 6 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 41)
- 7 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: EXHIBIT 41; WHAT DOES THAT
- 8 REPRESENT?
- 9 A. THERE IS AN ABRASION, SOME REDNESS ON TOP OF
- 10 OFFICER WOLFE'S HEAD ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS FOREHEAD,
- 11 SCALP AREA.
- 12 Q. DOES THAT PHOTOGRAPH AGAIN ACCURATELY DEPICT
- 13 OFFICER WOLFE'S HEAD ON THE PARTICULAR NIGHT YOU WERE TAKING
- 14 PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIM?
- 15 A. YES, SIR.
- 16 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 42)
- 17 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 42;
- 18 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 19 A. IT IS AN INJURY ON THE BACK RIGHT SIDE OF OFFICER
- 20 WOLFE'S HEAD AND BEHIND OFFICER WOLFE'S RIGHT EAR.
- 21 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 43)
- 22 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 43;
- 23 THAT IS WHAT?
- 24 A. THAT'S A CLOSEUP SHOT OF THE INJURY ON THE TOP
- 25 RIGHT SIDE OF OFFICER WOLFE'S SCALP AREA.
- 26 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 44)

- 1 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 44?
- 2 A. IT'S A CLOSEUP SHOT OF THE INJURY BEHIND AND ON
- 3 THE RIGHT EAR OF OFFICER WOLFE.
- 4 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 45)
- 5 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: OKAY. SWITCH NOW TO EXHIBIT 45;
- 6 WHO IS DEPICTED IN THIS PARTICULAR PHOTOGRAPH?
- 7 A. THIS IS OFFICER MANUEL RAMOS.
- 8 Q. AND WHEN WAS THIS PARTICULAR PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN?
- 9 A. RIGHT AFTER I COMPLETED THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF
- 10 OFFICER WOLFE.
- 11 Q. SO THIS WOULD BE SOMETIME AFTER 10:30 P.M.,
- 12 RIGHT?
- 13 A. YES, SIR.
- 14 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 46)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 46; WHAT DOES
- 16 THAT REPRESENT?
- 17 A. A FACIAL SHOT OF OFFICER RAMOS.
- 18 Q. JUST A LITTLE BIT OF A CLOSER UP?
- 19 A. YES, SIR.
- 20 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 47)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: WHAT IS GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER
- 22 47?
- 23 A. THIS IS AN OVERALL SHOT OF OFFICER RAMOS' LEFT
- 24 ELBOW WITH AN INJURY.
- 25 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 48)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 48; WHAT IS

- 1 THAT?
- 2 A. THAT IS A CLOSEUP SHOT OF OFFICER RAMOS' LEFT
- 3 ELBOW WITH THE INJURY.
- 4 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 49)
- 5 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 49; WHAT IS
- 6 THAT?
- 7 A. THAT IS AN OVERALL SHOT OF OFFICER RAMOS' RIGHT
- 8 LEG.
- 9 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 50)
- 10 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 50; WHAT IS
- 11 THAT?
- 12 A. A CLOSEUP SHOT OF OFFICER RAMOS' RIGHT KNEE WITH
- 13 AN ABRASION.
- 14 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 51)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 51; WHO IS
- 16 REPRESENTED THERE?
- 17 A. CORPORAL JAY CICINELLI.
- 18 Q. IS THIS A FAIR AND ACCURATE PHOTOGRAPH OF HIM ON
- 19 THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT AS WELL?
- 20 A. YES, SIR.
- 21 Q. AGAIN, THIS FOLLOWS AFTER THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF
- 22 OFFICER RAMOS?
- 23 A. YES, SIR.
- 24 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 52)
- 25 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 52; WHAT DOES
- 26 THAT REPRESENT?

- 1 A. JUST A CLOSEUP FACIAL SHOT OF CORPORAL JAY
- 2 CICINELLI.
- 3 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 53)
- 4 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 53; WHAT DOES
- 5 THAT REPRESENT?
- 6 A. CORPORAL CICINELLI'S RIGHT THUMB AND INJURY.
- 7 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 54)
- 8 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 54; WHAT DOES
- 9 THAT REPRESENT?
- 10 A. CORPORAL JAY CICINELLI'S BOOTS, THE DAMAGE TO THE
- 11 FRONT OF HIS BOOTS.
- 12 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 55)
- 13 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 55; WHO DOES
- 14 THAT REPRESENT?
- 15 A. THIS IS OFFICER KENTON HAMPTON.
- 16 Q. OKAY. BEFORE I GET TO THAT PARTICULAR
- 17 PHOTOGRAPH, THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE POLICE OFFICERS, WHAT WAS
- 18 THE PURPOSE OF TAKING THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE POLICE OFFICERS
- 19 THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT?
- 20 A. WELL, THE OFFICERS WHO I PHOTOGRAPHED
- 21 EXTENSIVELY, LIKE OFFICERS RAMOS AND WOLFE, ARE DOCUMENTING
- 22 THEIR APPEARANCE, THE DAMAGE TO THE UNIFORMS, THE INJURIES
- 23 ON THEIR BODY. IF I ONLY TOOK AN OVERALL SHOT, IT INDICATES
- 24 THERE WAS NO INJURY OR DAMAGE TO THAT PARTICULAR OFFICER.
- 25 Q. THE PHOTOGRAPHS SPECIFIC TO OFFICERS RAMOS AND
- 26 WOLFE REPRESENTED THE INJURIES THAT THEY WANTED YOU, OR

- 1 PURPORTED TO YOU, OR ASKED YOU TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS AND
- 2 DOCUMENT THE INJURIES, CORRECT?
- 3 A. WELL, THEY DON'T ASK, THAT'S MY JOB, THAT'S WHAT
- 4 I DO, I ASK THEM WHERE THEIR INJURIES ARE, AND I HAVE TO
- 5 DOCUMENT THEM.
- 6 Q. YOU DID THE SAME WITH OFFICER CICINELLI TOO?
- 7 A. ABSOLUTELY.
- 8 Q. AND OFFICER HAMPTON?
- 9 A. YES, BUT OFFICER HAMPTON DID NOT HAVE ANY
- 10 INJURIES.
- 11 Q. NOW, AFTER YOU TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THESE
- 12 POLICE OFFICERS, AFTER YOU PROCESSED THE CRIME SCENE BY
- 13 TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS, COLLECTING EVIDENCE, WHAT DID YOU DO
- 14 AFTER THAT?
- 15 A. I CLEARED THE CRIME SCENE BY MAKING SURE I HAD
- 16 ALL THE EVIDENCE COLLECTED, AND THEN I RESPONDED TO U.C.I.
- 17 MEDICAL CENTER TO CONTACT MR. KELLY THOMAS.
- 18 Q. AND ABOUT WHAT TIME WAS IT THAT YOU WENT TO THE
- 19 U.C.I. MEDICAL CENTER?
- 20 A. I BELIEVE IT WAS ABOUT 1:15 A.M., SOMEWHERE
- 21 AROUND THERE.
- 22 O. THAT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS AFTER YOU
- 23 HAD FIRST ARRIVED AT THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER?
- 24 A. YES, SIR.
- 25 Q. AND WHEN YOU ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL, U.C.I.
- 26 MEDICAL CENTER, ABOUT 1:15 A.M., WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF

- 1 THAT PARTICULAR TRIP?
- 2 A. SO I CAN PHOTOGRAPH THE INJURIES ON MR. THOMAS,
- 3 AND COLLECT HIS CLOTHING.
- 4 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 56)
- 5 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: NOW, LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT IS
- 6 MARKED GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 56; WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 7 A. THIS IS A FACIAL SHOT, THE RIGHT SIDE OF KELLY
- 8 THOMAS.
- 9 Q. IS THAT A FAIR AND ACCURATE PHOTOGRAPH OF
- 10 MR. THOMAS' FACE, WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS
- 11 FACE, WHEN YOU TOOK IT AROUND 1:30 A.M.?
- 12 A. APPROXIMATELY.
- 13 O. THAT NIGHT OR MORNING?
- 14 A. YES.
- 15 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 57)
- 16 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 57; WHAT DOES
- 17 THAT REPRESENT?
- 18 A. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER SHOT, ANOTHER ANGLE I COULD
- 19 GET OF MR. THOMAS' FACE, CLOSEUP SHOT.
- 20 Q. DOES THAT ALSO FAIRLY AND ACCURATE DEPICT THE
- 21 FACE OF MR. THOMAS AS YOU PHOTOGRAPHED HIM ABOUT 1:30 OR SO
- 22 A.M.?
- 23 A. YES, SIR.
- 24 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 58)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 58; WHAT DOES
- 26 THAT REPRESENT?

- 1 A. JUST ANOTHER OF THE SAME SHOT, A CLOSEUP OF KELLY
- 2 THOMAS' FACIAL AREA.
- 3 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 59)
- 4 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: AND HOW ABOUT GRAND JURY EXHIBIT
- 5 59?
- 6 A. YES, THAT IS JUST ANOTHER ANGLE OF MR. KELLY
- 7 THOMAS' FACIAL AREA.
- 8 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 60)
- 9 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 60?
- 10 A. THAT'S THE LEFT SIDE OF MR. THOMAS' WHOLE FACE
- 11 AND HEAD AREA.
- 12 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 61)
- 13 O. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 61?
- 14 A. THAT'S AN OVERALL SHOT OF MR. THOMAS' RIGHT
- 15 SHOULDER, THAT IS THE AREA I WAS GOING TO FOCUS ON AT THAT
- 16 POINT.
- 17 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 62)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 62?
- 19 A. AN OVERALL SHOT OF HIS ABDOMINAL AREA,
- 20 MR. THOMAS' ABDOMINAL AREA.
- 21 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 63)
- 22 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 63;
- 23 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 24 A. THAT'S A CLOSEUP SHOT OF THE RIGHT SHOULDER AREA,
- 25 THE INJURY ON THE RIGHT SHOULDER.
- 26 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 64)

- 1 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 64?
- 2 A. THAT'S A CLOSEUP SHOT OF THE INJURY ON THE RIGHT
- 3 SHOULDER OF MR. THOMAS.
- 4 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 65)
- 5 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 65;
- 6 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 7 A. THAT'S JUST AN OVERALL OF MR. THOMAS' RIGHT ARM.
- 8 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 66)
- 9 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 66;
- 10 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 11 A. AN OVERALL SHOT OF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ABDOMINAL
- 12 AREA OF MR. THOMAS.
- 13 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 67)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 67?
- 15 A. AN OVERALL SHOT OF MR. THOMAS' BACK AREA.
- 16 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 68)
- 17 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 68;
- 18 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 19 A. IT IS AN OVERALL SHOT OF MR. THOMAS' LEFT HAND.
- 20 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 69)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 69;
- 22 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 23 A. AN OVERALL SHOT OF MR. THOMAS' RIGHT HAND.
- 24 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 70)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: AND GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 70;
- 26 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?

- 1 A. IT IS AN OVERALL SHOT OF MR. THOMAS' LEFT LEG,
- 2 KNEE AREA.
- 3 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 71)
- 4 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 71;
- 5 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 6 A. IT IS AN OVERALL SHOT OF MR. THOMAS' RIGHT LEG
- 7 AND KNEE AREA.
- 8 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 72)
- 9 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 72;
- 10 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 11 A. IT IS A CLOSEUP SHOT OF MR. THOMAS' RIGHT KNEE,
- 12 WITH A SCALE.
- 13 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 73)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 73;
- 15 WHAT DOES THAT REPRESENT?
- 16 A. IT IS A CLOSEUP SHOT OF MR. THOMAS, OF THE INJURY
- 17 ON HIS LEFT ANKLE.
- 18 Q. WHEN YOU -- I AM GOING TO TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR
- 19 CONTACT WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS BACK AT THE FULLERTON
- 20 TRANSPORTATION CENTER --
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. -- WHEN YOU TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF OFFICER RAMOS AND
- 23 CONTACTED HIM --
- 24 A. YES.
- 25 Q. -- DID HE, WHAT WOULD YOU DESCRIBE AS HIS
- 26 PARTICULAR DEMEANOR WHEN YOU CONTACTED HIM AT THAT POINT?

- 1 A. WHEN I SAW OFFICER RAMOS, HE WAS SITTING ON THE
- 2 FRONT, ON THE PUSH BARS OF HIS POLICE CAR, SLUMPED OVER IN
- 3 KIND OF JUST LOOKING DOWN (INDICATING).
- 4 Q. CAN I STOP YOU RIGHT THERE.
- 5 A. SURE.
- 6 Q. AND JUST TRY AND DESCRIBE.
- 7 IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE SHOWING ALMOST LIKE A CHIN,
- 8 LIKE CRESTFALLEN MAYBE TOWARDS THE CHEST; IS THAT WHAT YOU
- 9 ARE TRYING TO DESCRIBE?
- 10 A. YES, SIR.
- 11 Q. PLEASE CONTINUE.
- 12 A. SO I WALKED OVER TO HIM, ASKED HIM HOW HE WAS
- 13 DOING. ARE YOU OKAY? HE SAID, MY RIB CAGE HURTS. MY RIGHT
- 14 RIB HURTS. AND I TOLD HIM TO SHOW ME WHERE, AND HE POINTED
- 15 TO HIS RIGHT RIB CAGE AREA. AND I SAID, WHAT HAPPENED?
- 16 Q. NOW, AFTER -- BEFORE YOU GET TO ANYTHING FURTHER,
- 17 ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT HIS DEMEANOR AT THAT TIME?
- 18 A. HE WAS VERY SHAKEN. HE WAS, HE APPEARED TO BE
- 19 JUST IN DISBELIEF OF WHAT HAD JUST GONE ON. AND HE APPEARED
- 20 TO BE IN SHOCK.
- Q. OKAY. AND THEN HE SAID SOMETHING TO YOU AT THAT
- 22 TIME?
- A. YES, SIR.
- Q. AND WHAT WAS HIS STATEMENT?
- 25 A. HE TOLD ME HE HAD JUST BEEN IN THE FIGHT OF HIS
- 26 LIFE, AND THE GUY JUST WOULD NOT STOP FIGHTING HIM. HE

- 1 WOULD JUST NOT STOP FIGHTING, HE KEPT REPEATING THAT.
- 2 Q. AND THEN YOU MADE CONTACT WITH, OR YOU HAD
- 3 CONTACT WITH OFFICER WOLFE?
- 4 A. YES, SIR.
- 5 Q. DESCRIBE HIS DEMEANOR UPON CONTACT.
- 6 A. WELL, OFFICER WOLFE WAS, I BELIEVE, STANDING AT
- 7 THE TIME, YOU KNOW, SPEAKING WITH THE SERGEANT, AND BACK AND
- 8 FORTH WITH OTHER OFFICER. AND WHEN I CONTACTED HIM I ASKED
- 9 HIM IF HE WAS OKAY, AND TELL ME HOW HE IS FEELING. AND HE
- 10 TOLD ME --
- 11 Q. BEFORE WE GET TO WHAT HE TOLD YOU.
- 12 A. I AM SORRY.
- 13 O. CAN YOU DESCRIBE JUST HIS PHYSICAL DEMEANOR AT
- 14 THAT TIME.
- 15 A. HE IS ALSO VERY TIRED AND SHAKEN, AND JUST
- 16 APPEARED TO BE IN SHOCK, AND HE WAS STILL KIND OF OUT OF
- 17 BREATH STILL.
- 18 Q. WAS HE ALSO IN THE AREA OF THE INCIDENT?
- 19 A. YES, SIR.
- Q. WHEN YOU MADE CONTACT?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. AND THIS IS, WHAT TIME IS THIS, APPROXIMATELY?
- 23 A. THIS IS BEFORE I TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS, SO IT WAS
- 24 BEFORE 10:00 P.M.
- 25 Q. ALL RIGHT. NOW WHEN YOU MADE CONTACT WITH
- 26 OFFICER WOLFE, HE APPARENTLY TOLD YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THAT

- 1 PARTICULAR INCIDENT?
- 2 A. YES, SIR.
- 3 Q. WHAT WAS IT THAT HE SAID?
- 4 A. IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, HE MENTIONED PRETTY MUCH
- 5 THE SAME, THAT HE JUST NEVER HAD ANYONE FIGHT HIM LIKE THAT
- 6 BEFORE.
- 7 Q. THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT HE TOLD YOU, RIGHT?
- 8 A. YES.
- 9 Q. NOW, YOU ALSO MADE CONTACT WITH OFFICER
- 10 CICINELLI?
- 11 A. YES, SIR.
- 12 Q. AND CAN YOU DESCRIBE HIS DEMEANOR WHEN YOU
- 13 CONTACTED HIM.
- 14 A. HE WAS ALSO, YOU KNOW, I HAD HIM COME OVER TO THE
- 15 STREET, SO I COULD TAKE HIS PHOTOGRAPHS. AND I ASKED HIM IF
- 16 HE WAS OKAY AS WELL. AND HE WAS TIRED, HE WAS STILL TIRED,
- 17 HE WAS STILL KIND OF OUT OF BREATH. AND HE WAS JUST IN
- 18 DISBELIEF. AND HE KIND OF SHOOK HIS HEAD AND HE SAID, MAN,
- 19 I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. AND I ASKED HIM WHAT HAPPENED, WHEN DID
- 20 YOU GET THERE, AND HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS THE THIRD OFFICER
- 21 THERE.
- 22 Q. BEFORE WE GET TO THAT, ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT HIS
- 23 DEMEANOR?
- 24 A. WELL, HE WAS SHAKEN AS WELL. HE WAS SHAKEN AS
- 25 WELL. YOU KNOW, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH ALL I CAN SAY ABOUT HIM.
- 26 Q. AND AS FAR AS OFFICER CICINELLI'S SPONTANEOUS

- 1 STATEMENT TO YOU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT DID HE SAY?
- 2 A. HE JUST SAID HE WAS -- I BELIEVE I ASKED HIM,
- 3 WELL, WHEN DID YOU GET HERE? HE SAID HE WAS THE THIRD
- 4 OFFICER THERE, AND THAT HE WAS STILL FIGHTING, AND HE
- 5 COULDN'T GET HIM UNDER CONTROL.
- 6 Q. NOW, WHEN YOU MADE CONTACT WITH THESE THREE
- 7 OFFICERS, DID ANY ONE OF THEM ACTUALLY, WHILE YOU WERE
- 8 TALKING WITH THEM ABOUT THEIR DEMEANOR AND WHAT HAPPENED,
- 9 DID ANY OF THOSE THREE OFFICERS EXPRESS TO YOU AT THAT TIME
- 10 ANY CONCERN ABOUT THE SUBJECT THAT THEY HAD BEEN INVOLVED
- 11 WITH?
- 12 A. NO.
- 13 O. DO YOU KNOW WHAT A CODE-3 IS?
- 14 A. YES, I DO.
- 15 Q. COULD YOU TELL THE GRAND JURY WHAT A CODE-3 IS.
- 16 A. CODE-3 IS AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE, AN OFFICER'S CRY
- 17 FOR ASSISTANCE FROM HIS OTHER OFFICERS, AND HE WANTS YOU TO
- 18 GET THERE WITH LIGHTS AND SIRENS, BECAUSE HE IS INVOLVED IN
- 19 AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.
- 20 Q. NOW, ON THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT, DID YOU HEAR
- 21 CODE-3'S GOING OUT ON THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT?
- 22 A. YES, I DID.
- 23 Q. AND CAN YOU TELL US OR DESCRIBE FOR US THE
- 24 URGENCY OR LACK THEREOF OF THE CODE-3'S THAT YOU HEARD THAT
- 25 PARTICULAR NIGHT.
- 26 A. THE FIRST REQUEST I HEARD FOR CODE-3, YOU COULD

- 1 TELL THERE WAS URGENCY. AND YOU COULD HEAR A STRUGGLE. AND
- 2 AT THAT TIME I WAS JUST DRIVING AROUND THE CITY, SO I COULD
- 3 HEAR THAT, AND I AM THINKING --
- 4 Q. WE WON'T GET INTO YOUR THOUGHT PROCESS.
- 5 A. SORRY.
- 6 Q. TELL US WHAT YOU HEARD.
- 7 A. I HEARD, PROBABLY NOT VERBATIM HERE, BUT, I AM IN
- 8 A CODE-3.
- 9 Q. HOW ABOUT THE SECOND TIME?
- 10 A. THE SECOND TIME WAS MORE EXIGENCY.
- 11 Q. HOW ABOUT THE THIRD TIME?
- 12 A. EVEN WITH MORE EXIGENCY, WITH MORE STRUGGLE.
- 13 MR. TANIZAKI: ALL RIGHT. COULD I HAVE ONE MINUTE,
- 14 MR. FOREMAN?
- 15 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES.
- MR. TANIZAKI: MR. FOREMAN, I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE
- 17 QUESTIONS FOR MYSELF, BUT I WOULD ASK IF THERE ARE ANY
- 18 QUESTIONS.
- 19 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE
- 20 GRAND JURY?
- 21 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 22 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 112)
- 23 MR. TANIZAKI: HERE IS THE QUESTION, AND WE WILL CALL
- 24 THIS 112-A.
- 25 ON GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 21 THERE IS A RED BOX OR
- 26 SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IT APPEARS TO HAVE A NUMBER 807.

- 1 A. YES, SIR.
- 2 Q. I SEE IT, OKAY.
- DOES THIS NUMBER 807, I ASSUME IT IS THE BOX,
- 4 REPRESENT THE CAR?
- 5 A. YES.
- 6 Q. BELONGING TO THE CAR?
- 7 A. YES, ABSOLUTELY.
- 8 Q. THAT'S ONE QUESTION.
- 9 WE WILL CALL THIS 112-B.
- 10 CAN YOU TELL US APPROXIMATELY THE WEIGHT OF
- 11 OFFICER WOLFE?
- 12 A. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I THINK I KNOW IT BECAUSE WE
- 13 DISCUSSED WEIGHT, BECAUSE WE TALKED ABOUT A DIET, BUT HE WAS
- 14 APPROXIMATELY 160, 170. I WANT TO SAY BETWEEN 160 AND 180.
- 15 Q. ALL RIGHT.
- 16 A. BECAUSE WE HAD THAT CONVERSATION, AND I THINK HE
- 17 WAS ABOUT THAT WEIGHT AT THE TIME. BUT OBVIOUSLY I CAN'T BE
- 18 CERTAIN.
- 19 Q. THIS IS GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 24
- 20 (INDICATING), THIS REPRESENTS OFFICER WOLFE; IS THAT RIGHT?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. AND DO YOU HAVE ANY BACKGROUND OR EXPERTISE IN
- 23 APPROXIMATING PEOPLE'S WEIGHT?
- 24 A. NO, I CAN JUST TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE HAD
- 25 DISCUSSIONS ON WEIGHT, AND YOU ALSO HAVE TO REALIZE THIS IS
- 26 A PHOTOGRAPH THAT MAKES YOU LOOK LARGER THAN YOU ARE, AND HE

- 1 HAD A VEST ON AND ALL THIS EQUIPMENT ON.
- 2 Q. OKAY. HOW ABOUT OFFICER RAMOS?
- 3 A. RAMOS, PROBABLY ABOUT 200 POUNDS, I AM NOT SURE.
- 4 Q. ROUGHLY 200 POUNDS?
- 5 A. APPROXIMATELY.
- 6 Q. AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE APPROXIMATE WEIGHT WAS
- 7 OF KELLY THOMAS?
- 8 A. I THINK I UNDERSTOOD HIM TO BE ABOUT 160.
- 9 Q. IF YOU KNOW THIS, OKAY, IF YOU KNOW THIS, DO YOU
- 10 KNOW WHOSE BLOOD WAS ON THE TASER, IF YOU KNOW?
- 11 A. I CAN ONLY --
- 12 Q. YOU ARE GOING TO JUST KIND OF GUESS RIGHT NOW?
- 13 A. I CAN ONLY ASSUME IT IS MR. THOMAS' BLOOD.
- Q. BUT THAT'S BASED ON THE INFORMATION THAT YOU
- 15 RECEIVED ON THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT, RIGHT?
- 16 A. YES.
- 17 Q. IT IS NOT OF, LET'S SAY, PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE?
- 18 A. RIGHT, I DON'T KNOW OF ANY D.N.A. RESULTS THAT
- 19 WERE FOUND ON THAT TASER.
- 20 Q. OKAY. LAST QUESTION, DO YOU KNOW WHO SAID AND
- 21 CALLED FOR THE CODE-3'S, THE PARTICULAR OFFICER ON EACH OF
- 22 THE CODE-3'S?
- A. NO, I DON'T, I AM SORRY.
- MR. TANIZAKI: ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
- 25 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 26 MR. TANIZAKI: I BELIEVE THAT IS IT, MR. FOREMAN.

- 1 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WOULD YOU STAND, PLEASE.
- THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MS. SCRUGGS, YOU ARE
- 4 ADMONISHED TO NOT DISCUSS OR REPEAT AT ANY TIME OUTSIDE OF
- 5 THIS COURTROOM THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED OR YOUR
- 6 ANSWERS, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH DISCLOSURES ON
- 7 YOUR PART MAY BE THE BASIS FOR CHARGES AGAINST YOU OF
- 8 CONTEMPT OF COURT.
- 9 YOU ARE FREE TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM YOUR
- 10 ATTORNEY, OR FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
- 12 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR.
- 13 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MS. SCRUGGS, THANK YOU FOR
- 14 YOUR TESTIMONY, YOU ARE EXCUSED.
- 15 (WHEREUPON DAWN SCRUGGS EXITED THE GRAND JURY
- 16 ROOM.)
- 17 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE WILL BE IN RECESS NOW
- 18 UNTIL 10:25.
- 19 DURING ANY PERIOD OF THIS RECESS YOU MUST NOT
- 20 DISCUSS WITH ANYONE, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THIS HEARING
- 21 ROOM, ANY SUBJECT CONNECTED WITH THIS HEARING.
- 22 (RECESS TAKEN.)
- 23 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 24 JURY ROOM:)
- 25 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE ARE HERE AGAIN IN
- 26 SESSION IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH ANDREW WOLFE.

- 1 LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT ALL THE SAME 16 GRAND
- 2 JURORS ARE PRESENT AGAIN.
- 3 MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CALL YOUR NEXT
- 4 WITNESS.
- 5 MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. FOREMAN, THE
- 6 PEOPLE WISH TO CALL KAREN KOBAYASHI, PLEASE.
- 7 (WHEREUPON KAREN KOBAYASHI-TAYLOR ENTERED THE
- 8 GRAND JURY ROOM.)
- 9 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: GOOD MORNING.
- 10 THE WITNESS: GOOD MORNING.
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: STAND HERE FOR A SECOND,
- 12 PLEASE.
- 13 PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.
- 14 KAREN KOBAYASHI-TAYLOR,
- 15 CALLED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, HAVING BEEN FIRST
- 16 DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
- 17 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
- 18 SPELL IT OUT FOR THE RECORD.
- 19 THE WITNESS: KAREN KOBAYASHI-TAYLOR; K-A-R-E-N,
- 20 K-O-B-A-Y-A-S-H-I-T-A-Y-L-O-R.
- 21 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THANK YOU.
- 22 YOU MAY HAVE A SEAT.
- THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 24 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE
- 25 WITNESS IS YOURS.
- MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. FOREMAN.

- 1 EXAMINATION
- Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: GOOD MORNING, MS. KOBAYASHI.
- 3 A. GOOD MORNING.
- 4 Q. HAVE YOU EVER TESTIFIED BEFORE?
- 5 A. NO.
- 6 Q. OKAY. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS BEFORE WE
- 7 BEGIN.
- 8 FIRST OF ALL, THE ACOUSTICS IN THIS ROOM AREN'T
- 9 THE BEST, SO THERE IS A MICROPHONE IN FRONT OF YOU, AND YOU
- 10 CAN PULL UP AND JUST SPEAK CLEARLY INTO THE MICROPHONE SO WE
- 11 WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR YOU.
- 12 A. OKAY.
- 13 O. MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE.
- 14 I AM GOING TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS, BUT BEFORE
- 15 WE START THERE IS AN ADMONITION I NEED TO READ TO YOU.
- 16 BEFORE WE BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU THAT
- 17 YOU ARE NOW APPEARING BEFORE A DULY CONSTITUTED GRAND JURY
- 18 THAT IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL
- 19 LAW.
- 20 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER OATH. AND THAT MEANS
- 23 YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS
- 24 IF YOU WERE IN A COURT OF LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 26 A. YES.

- 1 Q. THAT MEANS YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TELL THE
- 2 TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH IN THIS PROCEEDING, OR YOU
- 3 COULD SUBJECT YOURSELF TO A POSSIBLE PROSECUTION FOR
- 4 PERJURY.
- 5 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT AS WELL?
- 6 A. YES.
- 7 Q. VERY WELL, MA'AM, THANK YOU.
- 8 I ALSO WILL INTEND TO SHOW YOU A DOCUMENT, AND
- 9 THAT DOCUMENT WILL APPEAR ON THE SCREEN IN FRONT OF YOU.
- 10 ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED?
- 11 A. YES.
- 12 Q. WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?
- 13 A. I WORK FOR THE CITY OF FULLERTON. I AM CURRENTLY
- 14 IN THE DESIGN SECTION, I AM ALSO ADMINISTERING CONTRACTS
- 15 WITH THE CITY OF FULLERTON, AND STARTING IN THE DESIGNING
- 16 SECTION, DESIGNING PROJECTS.
- 17 Q. DO YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC TITLE WITH THE CITY OF
- 18 FULLERTON?
- 19 A. MY TITLE IS ASSISTANT ENGINEER.
- 20 Q. AND IN A VERY GENERAL SENSE, YOU MIGHT HAVE
- 21 ALREADY DONE THIS IN A GENERAL SENSE, CAN YOU DESCRIBE WHAT
- 22 YOU DO AS AN ASSISTANT ENGINEER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF
- 23 FULLERTON.
- 24 A. ADMINISTER CONTRACTS, WHICH WHEN A CONTRACT IS
- 25 AWARDED TO A CONTRACTOR, I WOULD HAVE TO WORK WITH THE
- 26 CONTRACTOR THAT IT WAS AWARDED TO AND OUR INSPECTORS, TO

- 1 MAKE SURE THE CONTACT IS DEALT PER OUR PLANS AND SPECS THAT
- 2 WERE DONE BY OUR DESIGN ENGINEER.
- Q. OKAY. SPEAKING OF PROJECTS THEN, CONSTRUCTION
- 4 PROJECTS, ARE YOU AWARE OF A CITY OF FULLERTON CONSTRUCTION
- 5 PROJECT THAT WAS REFERRED TO AS THE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY
- 6 CAMERA SYSTEM, OR DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY SURVEILLANCE
- 7 SYSTEM?
- 8 A. YES.
- 9 Q. HOW IS IT YOU ARE AWARE OF THIS PARTICULAR
- 10 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT?
- 11 A. I WAS THE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR ON THAT PROJECT.
- 12 Q. AND AS THE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATOR, OR THE
- 13 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR ON THAT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN
- 14 PARTICULAR, CAN YOU DESCRIBE IN A GENERAL SENSE WHAT YOUR
- 15 RESPONSIBILITIES WERE IN REGARD TO THAT GENERAL PROJECT?
- 16 A. YES, AGAIN, WHEN THE PROJECT WAS AWARDED TO A
- 17 CONTRACTOR FOR THAT ONE, WE START FROM, WITH THE CONTRACTOR,
- 18 WE MEET WITH THE CONTRACTOR. GET TOGETHER WITH HIM WITH A
- 19 SCHEDULE. AND MAKE SURE THAT HE FULFILLS HIS DUTIES, AS FAR
- 20 AS INSTALLING THE EQUIPMENT AND THE REST OF THE PROJECT AS
- 21 PER WHAT WAS SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT.
- 22 O. OKAY. SO WITH RESPECT TO THAT PARTICULAR
- 23 PROJECT, THE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM, AND BASED
- 24 ON YOUR FAMILIARITY AS THE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR IN THAT
- 25 CASE, DID THAT CONSIST OF THE INSTALLATION OF A NUMBER OF
- 26 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA IN THE CITY OF

- 1 FULLERTON, ALONG ALSO WITH SOME CORRESPONDING MONITORS AND
- 2 RECORDING EQUIPMENT IN THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT?
- 3 A. YES, IT IS.
- 4 Q. AND DID ONE OR MORE OF THOSE CAMERAS INSTALLED AS
- 5 PART OF THAT PROJECT GET INSTALLED AT THE FULLERTON
- 6 TRANSPORTATION CENTER?
- 7 A. YES.
- 8 Q. YOU DESCRIBED FOR US WHAT A CONTRACT
- 9 ADMINISTRATOR DOES, AND ONE OF THOSE DUTIES WOULD BE TO MEET
- 10 WITH THE CONTRACTOR, SO IN THIS CASE THAT WOULD BE THE
- 11 CONTRACTOR WHO INSTALLED THE CAMERA SYSTEM?
- 12 A. UH-HUH.
- 13 Q. THAT'S A YES, MA'AM?
- 14 A. YES.
- 15 Q. AND THEN ALSO TO ENSURE OVER THE COURSE OF THE
- 16 INSTALLATION OF THAT PROJECT AND COMPLETION OF THAT PROJECT,
- 17 THAT THE CONTRACTOR FULFILLS THE DUTIES THAT THEY WERE
- 18 CONTRACTED TO DO; IS THAT TRUE?
- 19 A. YES.
- 20 Q. THAT IN THIS CASE WOULD BE INSTALL THE CAMERA
- 21 SYSTEM AND THE CORRESPONDING MONITORS, AS YOU MENTIONED,
- 22 CORRECT?
- 23 A. YES.
- 24 MR. BOGARDUS: NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE
- 25 HAVE PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 74. I
- 26 AM GOING TO PUT IT ON THIS DEVICE HERE, THE ELMO, AND I AM

- 1 HAPPY TO SHOW IT TO YOU CLOSER.
- 2 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 74)
- 3 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: WHAT THIS PURPORTS TO BE IS A
- 4 NOTICE OF COMPLETION DOCUMENT. CERTIFIED COPY OF A NOTICE
- 5 OF COMPLETION DOCUMENT.
- 6 CAN YOU SEE THAT WELL ENOUGH ON THAT MONITOR?
- 7 A. UH-HUH.
- 8 Q. YES?
- 9 A. YES.
- 10 Q. SURE. NOW, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH WHAT THIS
- 11 DOCUMENT IS?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 O. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO US IN GENERAL TERMS WHAT A
- 14 NOTICE OF COMPLETION IS.
- 15 A. IN GENERAL IT IS TO SAY THAT THAT PROJECT THAT
- 16 WAS CONTRACTED IS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE.
- 17 Q. COMPLETE OR SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 O. AND IS THIS NOTICE OF COMPLETION A DOCUMENT THAT
- 20 IS EXECUTED BY THE CITY OF FULLERTON IN THE ORDINARY COURSE
- 21 OF BUSINESS?
- 22 A. YES.
- 23 Q. IN OTHER WORDS, WHEN THERE ARE CONTRACTS THAT ARE
- 24 FULFILLED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND THEY ARE SUBSTANTIALLY
- 25 COMPLETE OR COMPLETE, A NOTICE OF COMPLETION IS EXECUTED?
- 26 A. IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES, YES.

- 1 Q. AND IT IS EXECUTED IN PART BY A MEMBER OF THE
- 2 CITY, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON?
- 3 A. YES.
- 4 Q. AND IS IT EXECUTED AT OR NEAR THE TIME THAT A
- 5 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE OR
- 6 SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE?
- 7 A. YES.
- 8 Q. OKAY. NOW, IN THIS CASE NUMBER 74, THIS IS A
- 9 CERTIFIED COPY OF THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE
- 10 INSTALLATION OF A CAMERA SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC
- 11 SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM; DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS DOCUMENT AS THE
- 12 NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THAT PROJECT?
- 13 A. YES.
- 14 Q. AND HOW IS IT THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH WHAT THE
- 15 NOTICE OF COMPLETION DOCUMENT WOULD LOOK LIKE WITH RESPECT
- 16 TO THAT PARTICULAR PROJECT?
- 17 A. THE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR, WHICH IN MY CASE IS
- 18 ME, THE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR WOULD FULFILL THIS DOCUMENT
- 19 AND GET THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES TO COMPLETE THIS FORM.
- 20 Q. OKAY. AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS DOCUMENT THERE IS AN
- 21 AREA THAT SAYS, VERIFICATION, AND HAS SOME LANGUAGE AND THEN
- 22 A SIGNATURE?
- 23 A. UH-HUH.
- Q. DO YOU SEE THAT, MA'AM?
- 25 A. YES.
- 26 Q. AND THE VERIFICATION OF THIS NOTICE OF COMPLETION

- 1 THEN WAS ON FEBRUARY 9TH, 2009?
- 2 A. (NO RESPONSE).
- 3 Q. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SEE THAT.
- 4 A. YES.
- 5 Q. AND IT ALSO BEARS THE SIGNATURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL;
- 6 DO YOU SEE THAT, MA'AM?
- 7 A. UH-HUH, YES.
- 8 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH WHO THAT IS?
- 9 A. YES.
- 10 Q. WHO IS THAT?
- 11 A. DONALD HOVEY IS THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING FOR
- 12 THE CITY OF FULLERTON.
- 13 O. SO THIS DOCUMENT DEMONSTRATES THAT THE CONTRACTOR
- 14 IN THIS CASE, DYNALECTRIC, INSTALLED THE CAMERA SYSTEMS
- 15 REFERRED TO AS THE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM; IS
- 16 THAT CORRECT?
- 17 A. YES.
- 18 Q. AND I THINK YOU MENTIONED THIS, THE ORDINARY
- 19 PRACTICE OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON IS TO EXECUTE A NOTICE OF
- 20 COMPLETION ONCE THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. OR SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE, AS YOU MENTIONED?
- 23 A. YES.
- 24 Q. IS PART OF THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AN
- 25 INSPECTION OF THE PROJECT TO ENSURE THAT IT MEETS THE
- 26 SPECIFICATIONS OF THE PROJECT, IN OTHER WORDS, TO DETERMINE

- 1 THE CAMERAS ARE OPERABLE?
- 2 A. YES.
- 3 Q. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE WAS THAT ULTIMATELY DONE IN
- 4 THIS CASE?
- 5 A. YES.
- 6 Q. NOW, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH WHAT IS REFERRED TO AS
- 7 RETENTION?
- 8 A. YES, UH-HUH.
- 9 Q. WHAT IS A RETENTION?
- 10 A. THE RETENTION AT THAT TIME IS THE 10 PERCENT OF
- 11 EACH PAYMENT THAT IS MADE TO THE CONTRACTOR, WE HOLD 10
- 12 PERCENT BACK FROM EACH PAYMENT THAT IS MADE.
- 13 O. AND WHAT IS A RETENTION RELEASE?
- 14 A. RETENTION RELEASE IS NORMALLY 35 TO 40 DAYS AFTER
- 15 THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE COUNTY
- 16 RECORDER. WE HOLD THE MONEY FOR VARIOUS REASONS, IF THERE
- 17 IS A STOP NOTICE, WHICH MEANS A SUBCONTRACTOR OR LABORERS
- 18 HAVE NOT BEEN PAID, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY WILL BE
- 19 PAID ACCORDINGLY, GIVE THAT CONTRACTOR THAT MUCH TIME FOR
- 20 THE SUBS AND LABORERS TO COME IN AND FILE THOSE DOCUMENTS
- 21 BEFORE RETENTION IS RELEASED.
- 22 O. AND IS ONE OF THE OTHER PURPOSES THE TASKS THAT
- 23 ARE COMPLETED ORDINARILY BEFORE THERE IS A RETENTION
- 24 RELEASE, TO ENSURE THE PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED TO
- 25 SPECIFICATIONS?
- 26 A. YES.

- 1 Q. IN OTHER WORDS, IF IT IS A CAMERA SYSTEM, THAT IT
- 2 IS OPERATING PROPERLY?
- 3 A. YES.
- 4 Q. WAS THERE A RETENTION RELEASE IN THIS CASE WITH
- 5 RESPECT TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM?
- 6 A. YES.
- 7 Q. WAS THAT COMPLETED BEFORE JULY 5TH, 2011?
- 8 A. YES.
- 9 MR. BOGARDUS: I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS,
- 10 MR. FOREMAN, IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE GRAND JURY.
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS
- 12 FROM THE GRAND JURY?
- 13 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 14 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND.
- 15 THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 16 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MS. KOBAYASHI, YOU ARE
- 17 ADMONISHED NOT TO DISCUSS OR REPEAT AT ANY TIME OUTSIDE THIS
- 18 COURTROOM THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED OR YOUR ANSWERS,
- 19 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH DISCLOSURES ON YOUR PART
- 20 MAY BE THE BASIS FOR CHARGES AGAINST YOU OF CONTEMPT OF
- 21 COURT.
- 22 YOU ARE FEE TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN
- 23 ATTORNEY, OR FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
- 25 THE WITNESS: YES.
- 26 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THANK YOU, YOU MAY BE

- 1 EXCUSED.
- THE WITNESS: OKAY, THANK YOU.
- 3 (WHEREUPON KAREN KOBAYASHI-TAYLOR EXITED THE
- 4 GRAND JURY ROOM.)
- 5 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, YOU
- 6 MAY CALL YOUR NEXT WITNESS.
- 7 MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. FOREMAN.
- DANA HUFFMAN, PLEASE.
- 9 (WHEREUPON DANA HUFFMAN ENTERED THE GRAND JURY
- 10 ROOM.)
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: GOOD MORNING.
- 12 THE WITNESS: GOOD MORNING.
- 13 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT
- 14 HAND.
- DANA HUFFMAN,
- 16 CALLED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, HAVING BEEN FIRST
- 17 DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
- 18 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
- 19 SPELL IT OUT FOR OUR RECORD.
- 20 THE WITNESS: DANA HUFFMAN; D-A-N-A, H-U-F-F-M-A-N.
- 21 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WOULD YOU PLEASE HAVE A
- 22 SEAT.
- THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 24 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE
- 25 WITNESS IS YOURS.
- 26 MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. FOREMAN.

- 1 EXAMINATION
- Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: GOOD MORNING, MR. HUFFMAN.
- 3 A. GOOD MORNING.
- 4 Q. I WILL GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET SITUATED.
- 5 THERE IS A MICROPHONE THERE. IF YOU WOULDN'T
- 6 MIND SPEAKING DIRECTLY INTO THE MICROPHONE, SO EVERYBODY CAN
- 7 HEAR YOU.
- 8 A. OKAY.
- 9 Q. BEFORE I ASK YOU THE QUESTIONS I ASKED YOU TO
- 10 COME HERE FOR TODAY, I NEED TO READ YOU SOME ADMONITIONS,
- 11 MR. HUFFMAN.
- 12 BEFORE WE BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU THAT
- 13 YOU ARE NOW APPEARING BEFORE A DULY CONSTITUTED GRAND JURY
- 14 THAT IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL
- 15 LAW.
- 16 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 17 A. YES.
- 18 Q. YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER OATH. AND THAT MEANS
- 19 YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS
- 20 IF YOU WERE IN A COURT OF LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 22 A. I DO.
- 23 Q. THAT MEANS YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TELL THE
- 24 TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH IN THIS PROCEEDING, OR YOU
- 25 COULD SUBJECT YOURSELF TO A POSSIBLE PROSECUTION FOR
- 26 PERJURY.

- 1 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 2 A. YES.
- 3 Q. VERY WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.
- 4 ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED, MR. HUFFMAN?
- 5 A. I AM, WITH THE CITY OF FULLERTON.
- 6 Q. WHAT DO YOU DO FOR THE CITY OF FULLERTON?
- 7 A. BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL SUPERVISOR.
- 8 Q. IS THAT YOUR TITLE, BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL

## 9 SUPERVISOR?

- 10 A. IT IS.
- 11 Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL
- 12 SUPERVISOR?
- 13 A. ACTING SINCE DECEMBER, AND IT IS A PERMANENT
- 14 POSITION, IT HAS BEEN ABOUT 30 DAYS.
- OKAY. ACTING SINCE DECEMBER OF 2011?
- 16 A. CORRECT.
- 17 Q. AND AS A PERMANENT POSITION, FOR THE LAST 30
- 18 DAYS?
- 19 A. YES.
- 20 Q. IS THAT A PROMOTIONAL POSITION FROM THE POSITION
- 21 YOU HAD BEFORE?
- 22 A. IT WAS.
- Q. CONGRATULATIONS.
- 24 THE POSITION YOU HAD BEFORE, WHAT WAS THAT?
- 25 A. IT WAS ELECTRICAL AND H.V.A.C. LEAD WORKER.
- 26 Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE TO THE GRAND JURY WHAT YOUR

- 1 DUTIES CONSISTED OF IN THAT PRIOR POSITION.
- 2 A. I SUPERVISED ELECTRICIANS AND AIR CONDITION
- 3 MECHANICS.
- 4 Q. CAN YOU ALSO DESCRIBE TO US YOUR BACKGROUND, YOUR
- 5 TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN THAT FIELD THAT QUALIFIED YOU TO
- 6 WORK IN THAT FIELD, AND ALSO TO BE A SUPERVISOR IN THAT
- 7 FIELD.
- 8 A. YES, I STARTED OUT, I WAS A JOURNEYMAN
- 9 ELECTRICIAN. AND I STARTED OUT ACTUALLY AS A MAINTENANCE
- 10 ELECTRICIAN, AND THEN WENT TO A POSITION OF ELECTRICIAN.
- 11 AND THEN MOVED TO LEAD WORKER.
- 12 Q. CAN YOU GIVE US A LITTLE MORE DETAIL WITH RESPECT
- 13 TO THE TIMELINE; HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING FOR
- 14 THE CITY OF FULLERTON?
- 15 A. 30 YEARS.
- 16 Q. AND IN THOSE 30 YEARS, HAVE YOU OCCUPIED THOSE
- 17 POSITIONS THAT YOU JUST DESCRIBED, STARTING OUT AS A
- 18 JOURNEYMAN, AND WORKING YOUR WAY UP TO YOUR CURRENT
- 19 POSITION?
- 20 A. HOW MANY YEARS AT EACH ONE?
- 21 Q. IF YOU COULD, PLEASE.
- 22 A. I BELIEVE ABOUT 12 YEARS I WAS A JOURNEYMAN
- 23 BEFORE I STARTED WITH THE CITY.
- 24 AND THEN I STARTED AS A MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN,
- 25 AND WORKED THERE IN THAT POSITION FOR ABOUT 12 YEARS.
- 26 AND THEN I WAS AN ELECTRICIAN FOR EIGHT YEARS.

- 1 AND THEN 10 YEARS AS A LEAD WORKER.
- 2 Q. OKAY. SO IT IS FAIR FOR ME TO SAY THEN THAT YOU
- 3 WERE A JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN PRIOR TO JOINING THE CITY OF
- 4 FULLERTON?
- 5 A. YES.
- 6 Q. AND FOR HOW LONG DID YOU WORK AS A JOURNEYMAN;
- 7 WERE YOU A JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN BEFORE YOU JOINED THE CITY
- 8 OF FULLERTON?
- 9 A. ABOUT FOUR YEARS, MOVED THROUGH THE APPRENTICE
- 10 FOR FOUR, AND THEN I WAS A JOURNEYMAN FOR FOUR YEARS.
- 11 Q. WHEN YOU SAY YOU WENT THROUGH THE APPRENTICE, CAN
- 12 YOU DESCRIBE IN VERY GENERAL TERMS WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT,
- 13 WENT THROUGH THE APPRENTICE?
- 14 A. YES, YOU WORK ON-THE-JOB AND GO TO SCHOOL AT
- 15 NIGHT STUDYING ELECTRICAL THEORY.
- 16 O. IS IT A PARTICULAR COURSE OR PARTICULAR PROGRAM
- 17 OF COURSES THAT YOU TOOK TO STUDY ELECTRICAL THEORY?
- 18 A. IT IS A WHOLE PROGRAM OF COURSES.
- 19 O. DID THAT PROGRAM CULMINATE OR END IN SOME SORT OF
- 20 CERTIFICATION?
- 21 A. IT DID.
- 22 Q. AND DID YOU OBTAIN A CERTIFICATION FROM THAT
- 23 PROGRAM?
- 24 A. I DID.
- 25 Q. AND WHAT CERTIFICATION DID YOU OBTAIN FROM THAT
- 26 PROGRAM?

- 1 A. JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN.
- 2 Q. AND WHERE DID YOU PURSUE THAT COURSE OF STUDY?
- 3 A. THAT WAS THROUGH, IT ENDED UP THROUGH COASTLINE
- 4 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.
- 5 Q. OKAY. AND AFTER YOU COMPLETED THAT
- 6 CERTIFICATION, YOU WERE A JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, DID YOU
- 7 CONTINUE TO WORK IN THAT FIELD AS A JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN,
- 8 BEFORE BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON OR AN
- 9 EMPLOYEE MEMBER OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON?
- 10 A. YES, I WORKED FOR SEVERAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.
- 11 Q. AND, GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF
- 12 YOUR WORK FOR THOSE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS?
- 13 A. IT VARIED. IT WAS, SOME OF IT, A SMALL AMOUNT
- 14 WAS RESIDENTIAL, BUT MOST LIKE WAS COMMERCIAL AND
- 15 INDUSTRIAL.
- 16 O. OKAY. SO YOU WOULD WORK AS AN ELECTRICAL
- 17 CONTRACTOR ON VARIOUS PROJECTS RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL
- 18 ELECTRICAL, COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL, AND RESIDENTIAL
- 19 ELECTRICAL?
- 20 A. CORRECT.
- 21 Q. AND THEN YOU BEGAN YOUR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY
- 22 OF FULLERTON, AND WAS YOUR FIRST POSITION AS A MAINTENANCE
- 23 ELECTRICIAN?
- 24 A. IT WAS.
- Q. AND YOU OCCUPIED THAT POSITION FOR 12 YEARS?
- 26 A. THAT'S WHAT I SAID, I BELIEVE THAT IT WAS 12

- 1 YEARS.
- 2 Q. APPROXIMATELY 12 YEARS?
- 3 A. APPROXIMATELY 12 YEARS, YES.
- 4 Q. WHAT DID YOU DO, GENERALLY SPEAKING, AS A
- 5 MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN FOR THE CITY OF FULLERTON FOR THOSE
- 6 12 YEARS?
- 7 A. PROBABLY 60 PERCENT OF IT WAS TAKING CARE OF
- 8 STREET LIGHTING ISSUES. ABOUT THE OTHER 40 PERCENT WAS
- 9 DOING MAINTENANCE WORK INSIDE THE CITY FACILITIES.
- 10 Q. OKAY. YOU MOVED FROM A MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN
- 11 TO THEN AN ELECTRICIAN?
- 12 A. CORRECT.
- 13 O. THAT'S A POSITION YOU OCCUPIED FOR APPROXIMATELY
- 14 EIGHT YEARS?
- 15 A. YES.
- Q. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHAT DID YOUR DUTIES CONSIST
- 17 OF AS AN ELECTRICIAN?
- 18 A. IT WAS TAKING CARE OF, LIKE I SAID, ALL THE
- 19 BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF FULLERTON, PLUS THE WATER PUMPING
- 20 STATIONS, THE WELLS, MOTORS, MOTOR CONTROL, THINGS LIKE
- 21 THAT.
- 22 O. OKAY. AND IS AN ELECTRICIAN A PROMOTIONAL
- 23 POSITION FROM THE MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN?
- 24 A. YES.
- 25 Q. YOU WENT FROM BEING A ELECTRICIAN TO THEN BEING A
- 26 LEAD WORKER, WHERE YOU OCCUPIED THAT POSITION FOR

- 1 APPROXIMATELY 10 YEARS?
- 2 A. I DID, YES.
- 3 Q. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHAT DID YOU DO AS A LEAD
- 4 WORKER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON?
- 5 A. WELL, SOMETIMES ACTUALLY DOING ELECTRICAL WORK,
- 6 MANY TIMES WORKING WITH THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, WORKING
- 7 WITH CONTRACTORS, PLAN CHECKING, AND THEN ALSO THE
- 8 SUPERVISION OF THE OTHER WORKERS.
- 9 Q. OKAY. WERE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION
- 10 COURSES, BESIDES THAT WHICH YOU HAVE ALREADY DESCRIBED TO
- 11 US, THAT YOU COMPLETED AS PART OF YOUR OCCUPATION IN THIS
- 12 FIELD?
- 13 A. MOST OF THOSE WERE MANAGEMENT COURSES.
- 14 Q. OKAY. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE COLLECTION OF
- 15 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN THE CITY OF FULLERTON THAT ARE
- 16 REFERRED TO AS THE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM?
- 17 A. I AM.
- 18 Q. AND HOW IS IT THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THAT
- 19 SYSTEM OF CAMERAS?
- 20 A. OBVIOUSLY WATCHING THE INSTALLATION WHEN THEY
- 21 WERE PUT IN, AND THEN FOR THE MOST PART THEY HAVE BEEN
- 22 TROUBLE FREE, SO WE REALLY HAVEN'T HAD TO DO ANYTHING WITH
- 23 THEM.
- Q. NOW, THAT SYSTEM, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, THAT IS MADE
- 25 UP OF MULTIPLE CAMERAS?
- 26 A. YES.

- 1 Q. IS IT FAIR FOR ME TO SAY THAT ONE OR MORE OF
- 2 THOSE CAMERAS ARE LOCATED AT THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION
- 3 CENTER?
- 4 A. THAT WOULD BE, YES.
- 5 Q. AND, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, ARE THOSE CAMERAS
- 6 REFERRED TO BY DIFFERENT NAMES, REPRESENTING WHERE THEY ARE
- 7 LOCATED?
- 8 A. WE DON'T GIVE THEM THOSE NAMES, I MEAN THE POLICE
- 9 DEPARTMENT CERTAINLY MAY.
- 10 Q. OKAY. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH ONE OF THE CAMERAS
- 11 AS PART OF THAT SYSTEM BEING REFERRED TO AS THE BUS DEPOT
- 12 CAMERA?
- 13 A. YES.
- 14 Q. AND, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, DOES THAT CAMERA HAVE A
- 15 CORRESPONDING MONITOR AT THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT?
- 16 A. YES, IT DOES.
- 17 Q. NOW, IS ONE OF YOUR DUTIES, OR HAS ONE OF YOUR
- 18 DUTIES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON BEEN TO RESPOND TO
- 19 ANY CALLS FOR SERVICE OR REPAIR TO THAT CAMERA SYSTEM, THE
- 20 DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM?
- 21 A. YES, IT WOULD.
- 22 Q. AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE ALSO, IT WOULD BE YOUR
- 23 DUTY IF THERE WAS A CALL FOR REPAIR OF SERVICE WITH REGARD
- 24 TO THE BUS DEPOT CAMERA?
- 25 A. YES.
- 26 Q. AT THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER?

- 1 A. YES.
- Q. ARE YOU THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE,
- 3 THAT WOULD BE CALLED UPON TO SERVICE THAT CAMERA, OR ARE
- 4 THERE OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD ALSO BE CALLED UPON TO
- 5 SERVICE THAT PARTICULAR CAMERA?
- 6 A. NO, I WOULD BE THE ONLY ONE.
- 7 Q. HOW WOULD YOU BE MADE AWARE IF THERE WAS AN ISSUE
- 8 OF THAT CAMERA NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY?
- 9 A. GARY SIRIN FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOOKS AT
- 10 THOSE CAMERAS, AND HE WOULD NOTICE IF THERE WAS NO SCREEN AT
- 11 ALL, AND WOULD ASK ME TO JUST GO OVER TO THE CAMERA AND
- 12 RESET THE UNIT. WHICH BASICALLY CONSISTS, THERE IS TWO
- 13 CIRCUIT BREAKERS INSIDE, I WOULD TURN THOSE OFF, WAIT, OH,
- 14 MAYBE 10 OR 15 SECONDS, TURN THEM BACK ON, AND THEN CALL
- 15 GARY AND ASK IF THAT HAD TAKEN CARE OF THE PROBLEM.
- 16 O. OKAY. SO THE WAY THAT YOUR ATTENTION WOULD BE
- 17 DRAWN TO A NEED FOR SERVICE, IF ANY, WOULD BE BY GARY SIRIN
- 18 AT THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTACTING YOU?
- 19 A. YES.
- 20 Q. ALL RIGHT. NOW, PRIOR TO JULY 5TH OF 2011, WERE
- 21 YOU EVER CALLED UPON TO PERFORM ANY SERVICE ON THE BUS DEPOT
- 22 CAMERA?
- A. NO, I WASN'T.
- Q. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, WAS THAT CAMERA FUNCTIONING
- 25 PROPERLY?
- 26 A. YES.

- 1 Q. AFTER JULY 5TH OF 2011, WERE YOU EVER CALLED UPON
- 2 TO SERVICE THE BUS DEPOT CAMERA OR THE FULLERTON
- 3 TRANSPORTATION CENTER CAMERAS?
- 4 A. YES, THERE WAS ONE TIME, TO ASK TO DO WHAT I JUST
- 5 STATED, TO GO IN AND TRY TO RESET IT. WHICH I DID, AND THAT
- 6 TOOK CARE OF THE PROBLEM.
- 7 Q. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, THAT RESOLVED ANY ISSUE WITH
- 8 THE CAMERA FUNCTION?
- 9 A. YES.
- 10 Q. AND, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, IT OTHERWISE WAS
- 11 FUNCTIONING PROPERLY AFTER JULY OF 2011 AS WELL?
- 12 A. YES.
- MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU. I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER,
- 14 MR. FOREMAN.
- 15 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS
- 16 FROM THE GRAND JURY?
- 17 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 18 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. HUFFMAN, WOULD YOU
- 19 PLEASE STAND.
- 20 THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. HUFFMAN, YOU ARE
- 22 ADMONISHED TO NOT DISCUSS OR REPEAT AT ANY TIME OUTSIDE THIS
- 23 COURTROOM THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED OR YOUR ANSWERS,
- 24 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH DISCLOSURES ON YOUR PART
- 25 MAY BE THE BASIS FOR CHARGES AGAINST YOU OF CONTEMPT OF
- 26 COURT.

- 1 YOU ARE FREE TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN
- 2 ATTORNEY, OR FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
- 3 DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
- 4 THE WITNESS: I DO.
- 5 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. HUFFMAN, THANK YOU FOR
- 6 TESTIFYING, YOU ARE EXCUSED FROM THE HEARING.
- 7 THE WITNESS: OKAY, THANK YOU.
- 8 MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU, SIR.
- 9 (WHEREUPON DANA HUFFMAN EXITED THE GRAND JURY
- 10 ROOM.)
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YOU MAY CALL YOUR NEXT
- 12 WITNESS.
- MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- 14 CESAR NAVARRO, PLEASE.
- 15 (WHEREUPON CESAR NAVARRO ENTERED THE GRAND JURY
- 16 ROOM.)
- 17 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT
- 18 HAND.
- 19 CESAR NAVARRO,
- 20 CALLED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, HAVING BEEN FIRST
- 21 DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
- 22 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, AND
- 23 SPELL IT OUT FOR OUR RECORD.
- THE WITNESS: CESAR NAVARRO; C-E-S-A-R, N-A-V-A-R-R-O.
- 25 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THANK YOU.
- 26 PLEASE HAVE A SEAT.

- 1 THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 2 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE
- 3 WITNESS IS YOURS.
- 4 MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU, MR. FOREMAN.
- 5 EXAMINATION
- 6 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: GOOD MORNING MR. NAVARRO. THERE
- 7 IS A MICROPHONE THERE IN FRONT OF YOU, ADJUST THAT SO IT IS
- 8 COMFORTABLE TO SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE SO EVERYONE CAN
- 9 HEAR YOU. WE APPRECIATE IT.
- 10 BEFORE WE BEGIN I NEED TO READ YOU AN ADMONITION
- 11 AND ASK YOU A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.
- 12 A. OKAY.
- 13 O. BEFORE WE BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU THAT
- 14 YOU ARE NOW APPEARING BEFORE A DULY CONSTITUTED GRAND JURY
- 15 THAT IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL
- 16 LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 Q. YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER OATH. THAT MEANS THAT
- 20 YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS
- 21 IF YOU WERE IN A COURT OF LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- A. YES, SIR.
- 24 Q. THAT MEANS YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TELL THE
- 25 TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH IN THIS PROCEEDING, OR YOU
- 26 COULD SUBJECT YOURSELF TO A POSSIBLE PROSECUTION FOR

- 1 PERJURY.
- 2 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 3 A. YES, SIR.
- 4 Q. THANK YOU.
- 5 GOOD MORNING. MR. NAVARRO, YOU ARE CURRENTLY
- 6 EMPLOYED, SIR?
- 7 A. YES, SIR.
- 8 Q. WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?
- 9 A. I AM A LEAD DISPATCHER WITH THE FULLERTON POLICE
- 10 DEPARTMENT.
- 11 Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A LEAD DISPATCHER FOR THE
- 12 CITY OF FULLERTON?
- 13 A. I WAS PROMOTED IN 2007.
- 14 Q. SO SINCE SOMETIME IN 2007 YOU HAVE BEEN A LEAD
- 15 DISPATCHER WITH THE CITY OF FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT?
- 16 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 17 Q. PRIOR TO BECOMING A LEAD DISPATCHER, WHAT DID YOU
- 18 DO FOR THE CITY OF FULLERTON?
- 19 A. I WAS A DISPATCHER.
- 20 Q. HOW LONG WERE YOU A DISPATCHER FOR FULLERTON?
- 21 A. 2004 IS WHEN I WAS HIRED.
- 22 Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN IN GENERAL TERMS TO THE GRAND
- 23 JURY WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OR DUTIES OF A LEAD
- 24 DISPATCHER.
- 25 A. LEAD DISPATCHER IS PRETTY MUCH OVERSEEING THE ON
- 26 DUTY ACTIVITIES OF THE DISPATCH CENTER. ENSURING CALLS FOR

- 1 SERVICE ARE PROCESSED. ENSURING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.
- 2 ENSURING STAFFING. ANYTHING GENERAL TO THE COMMUNICATIONS
- 3 CENTER.
- 4 O. NOW, I WANT TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION SPECIFICALLY
- 5 TO JULY 5TH OF 2011, AND ASK YOU, WERE YOU WORKING IN YOUR
- 6 ROLE AS A LEAD DISPATCHER BACK ON THAT DATE AT APPROXIMATELY
- 7 8:23 IN THE EVENING?
- 8 A. YES.
- 9 Q. AND AT THAT TIME, OR APPROXIMATELY AT THAT TIME
- 10 DID YOU PERSONALLY RECEIVE A PHONE CALL TO THE FULLERTON
- 11 POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT YOU HANDLED?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 O. OKAY. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
- 14 GRAND JURY WHAT THE NATURE OF THAT CALL WAS, OR THE CALL FOR
- 15 SERVICE I AM REFERRING TO.
- 16 A. YOU ARE REFERRING TO THE KELLY THOMAS INCIDENT
- 17 SPECIFICALLY?
- 18 Q. YES, SIR.
- 19 A. RECEIVED A CALL FOR SERVICE FROM A FEMALE,
- 20 ADVISING THAT THERE WAS A MALE SUBJECT AT, ORIGINALLY SHE
- 21 STATED, I BELIEVE, AT THE SLIDE BAR IN THE PARKING LOT, THAT
- 22 WAS TRYING DOOR HANDLES. THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION LATER
- 23 DETERMINED IT WAS ACTUALLY MORE AT THE BUS DEPOT OR THE BUS
- 24 TRANSPORTATION CENTER AT 123 SOUTH POMONA.
- 25 Q. OKAY. AND YOU MADE A DETERMINATION, BASED ON
- 26 YOUR CONVERSATION WITH THIS CALLER, THAT THIS CALL FOR

- 1 SERVICE OR INCIDENT WAS RELATED TO 123 SOUTH POMONA IN THE
- 2 CITY OF FULLERTON, COUNTY OF ORANGE?
- 3 A. CORRECT, I CONFIRMED WITH HER, BECAUSE SHE MADE A
- 4 STATEMENT IN THE CONVERSATION, HE IS OVER BY THE BUS DEPOT,
- 5 THAT'S WHEN IT CHANGES FROM SLIDE BAR AT 122 COMMONWEALTH TO
- 6 123 SOUTH POMONA.
- 7 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE LOCATION OF 123 SOUTH
- 8 POMONA, THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER?
- 9 A. FOR THE MOST PART.
- 10 Q. OKAY. THE ADDRESS YOU PROVIDED, ARE YOU FAMILIAR
- 11 WITH THAT BEING THE BUS DEPOT AREA?
- 12 A. THAT IS CORRECT, THAT'S THE ADDRESS WE HAVE
- 13 ASSIGNED TO THE BUS DEPOT.
- 14 Q. NOW, WHAT DID YOU DO, IF ANYTHING, IN RESPONSE TO
- 15 THAT CALL FOR SERVICE?
- 16 A. AFTER TAKING THE INFORMATION, PROCESSING IT AND
- 17 TURNING IT INTO OUR COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR THE CALL TO BE
- 18 PROCESSED AND DISPATCHED OUT, SINCE WE ALSO HAVE A CAMERA
- 19 SYSTEM, THAT IS DULY DESIGNATED TOWARDS THE BUS DEPOT, I
- 20 LEFT MY POSITION AND I WALKED OVER TO THE CAMERA SYSTEM, AND
- 21 MANEUVERED THE CAMERA ANGLE TO SEE IF I COULD LOCATE THE
- 22 SUBJECT IN QUESTION THAT THE R.P. OR THE CALLER WAS
- 23 REFERRING TO.
- Q. OKAY. I AM GOING TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT
- 25 THAT CAMERA SYSTEM IN JUST A MOMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO BACK
- 26 UP FOR A SECOND THOUGH.

- 1 AFTER YOU RECEIVED THAT INFORMATION, DID YOU
- 2 ENTER THAT CALL FOR SERVICE IN SOME FASHION?
- 3 A. RIGHT, THE CALL FOR SERVICE GETS ENTERED, ALL THE
- 4 INFORMATION GETS DOCUMENTED, A BRIEF INFORMATION GETS
- 5 ENTERED INTO THE SYSTEM. IT GOES IN. EVERYBODY IN THE
- 6 DISPATCH CENTER GETS TO SEE THAT CALL. WE HAVE A PERSON
- 7 SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO DISPATCH THAT CALL FOR SERVICE, THE
- 8 PERSON WORKING RADIO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISPATCHING
- 9 THAT CALL OUT. ONCE THE CALL COMES UP IN THE CUE, SHE WOULD
- 10 LOOK AT AVAILABLE UNITS AND DISPATCH WHOEVER WOULD BE
- 11 AVAILABLE.
- 12 Q. JUST SO I UNDERSTAND THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS,
- 13 AFTER YOU RECEIVE THE PHONE CALL, YOU ENTER THAT CALL IN FOR
- 14 SERVICE INTO YOUR DISPATCH SYSTEM, OR SYSTEM THAT YOU HAVE
- 15 THERE AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CORRECT?
- 16 A. CORRECT.
- 17 Q. AND THEN THAT WILL ALERT DISPATCHERS OR OTHER
- 18 INDIVIDUALS WORKING THE DISPATCH CENTER THAT WHEN THAT CALL
- 19 COMES UP IN THEIR CUE OR LINE OF CALLS, THEY ARE TO ASSIGN A
- 20 DISPATCHING OFFICER OR OFFICERS OUT TO THAT LOCATION?
- 21 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 22 O. YOU DID THE ENTERING CALL FOR SERVICE PORTION OF
- 23 THAT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS?
- 24 A. CORRECT.
- Q. OKAY. AND YOU MENTIONED THE CAMERA SYSTEM ALSO.
- 26 ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE FACT THAT THERE IS A

- 1 COLLECTION OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA IN
- 2 THE CITY OF FULLERTON SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE DOWNTOWN
- 3 PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM?
- 4 A. YES.
- 5 Q. AND HOW IS IT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THAT CAMERA
- 6 SYSTEM?
- 7 I THINK YOU BEGAN TELLING US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
- 8 THE FACT THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS MONITORS; CAN YOU
- 9 EXPLAIN HOW YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE FACT THIS CAMERA
- 10 SYSTEM EXISTS?
- 11 A. WELL, WE HAVE THE MAIN T.V. SCREEN IN OUR
- 12 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, IT DISPLAYS THE CAMERAS, DEPENDING ON
- 13 WHAT VIEW WE WOULD HAVE. SO IT IS IN OUR CENTER, THAT'S HOW
- 14 WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH IT. WE ALSO HAVE THE JOY STICK THAT
- 15 CONTROLS THE CAMERAS.
- 16 O. OKAY. AND DOES THAT CAMERA SYSTEM CONSIST OF ONE
- 17 CAMERA OR MULTIPLE CAMERAS?
- 18 A. MULTIPLE CAMERAS.
- 19 Q. ARE THEY DESIGNATED BY A PARTICULAR NAME; ARE
- 20 THOSE SPECIFIC CAMERAS REFERRED TO BY PARTICULAR NAMES OR
- 21 LOCATION NAMES?
- 22 A. CORRECT.
- 23 Q. OKAY. IS ONE OF THE CAMERAS REFERRED TO AS THE
- 24 BUS DEPOT CAMERA?
- 25 A. YES, SIR.
- 26 Q. AND WHAT AREA IS CAPTURED, OR IS IN THE VIEW

- 1 GENERALLY OF THE BUS DEPOT CAMERA?
- 2 A. APPROXIMATELY A 360-DEGREE CAMERA VIEW OF THE BUS
- 3 DEPOT FROM WHERE THE CAMERA IS LOCATED, YOU CAN SEE THE BUS
- 4 DEPOT, YOU CAN SEE THE SLIDE BAR, YOU CAN SEE THE TRAIN
- 5 STATION, YOU CAN SEE, I BELIEVE, UP TO EVEN THE SPAGHETTI
- 6 FACTORY.
- 7 Q. AND RIGHT NOW YOU ARE NAMING SOME LOCATIONS THAT
- 8 ARE IN THE AREA OF FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER?
- 9 A. RIGHT, PRETTY MUCH A 360-DEGREE VIEW.
- 10 Q. NOW, YOU ALSO MENTIONED IN THE DISPATCH AREA YOU
- 11 HAVE THE ABILITY NOT ONLY TO MONITOR THAT CAMERA THAT IS
- 12 DEPICTED THE BUS DEPOT VIEW, BUT ALSO TO MANIPULATE THE
- 13 CAMERA?
- 14 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 15 Q. HOW IS IT YOU ARE ABLE TO MANIPULATE OR MOVE THE
- 16 CAMERA?
- 17 A. THERE IS A JOY STICK, WHAT WE REFER TO AS A JOY
- 18 STICK, IT IS A KEYBOARD COMPONENT AND WE CAN SELECT THE
- 19 CAMERA THAT WE ARE, THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO GAIN ACCESS OVER,
- 20 AND BASICALLY JUST USE THE JOY STICK TO CONTROL, WE CAN PAN
- 21 RIGHT, LEFT, WE CAN ZOOM IN AND OUT.
- 22 Q. CAN YOU TILT UP AND DOWN?
- A. TILT UP AND DOWN.
- Q. OKAY. NOW, PRIOR TO JULY 5TH OF 2011, HAVE YOU
- 25 USED THIS CAMERA SYSTEM BEFORE?
- 26 A. YES, SIR.

- 1 Q. OKAY. AND HAVE YOU MONITORED CONTACTS BETWEEN
- 2 POLICE OFFICERS AND INDIVIDUALS BY VIRTUE OF THIS CAMERA
- 3 SYSTEM BEFORE?
- 4 A. YES, SIR.
- 5 Q. BEFORE JULY 5TH, 2011?
- 6 A. YES, SIR.
- 7 Q. WOULD THAT INCLUDE THE BUS DEPOT CAMERA AS WELL,
- 8 MONITOR CONTACTS BETWEEN POLICE OFFICERS AND INDIVIDUALS BY
- 9 VIRTUE OF THE BUS DEPOT?
- 10 A. I AM SURE.
- 11 O. OKAY. DO YOU ALSO HAVE THE ABILITY TO
- 12 SIMULTANEOUSLY LISTEN TO DISPATCH COMMUNICATIONS BY OFFICERS
- 13 THAT ARE OUT IN THE FIELD WHEN YOU ARE IN THE DISPATCH
- 14 COMMUNICATION CENTER?
- 15 A. THROUGH OUR RADIO SYSTEM, NOT TIED INTO THE
- 16 CAMERA SYSTEM.
- 17 Q. OKAY. AND HAVE THERE EVER BEEN OCCASIONS WHERE
- 18 YOU UTILIZED THIS CAMERA SYSTEM WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY
- 19 LISTENING TO DISPATCH COMMUNICATIONS BY POLICE OFFICERS?
- 20 A. STATE THAT AGAIN.
- 21 Q. SURE.
- 22 HAVE THERE BEEN OCCASION WHILE YOU ARE WATCHING
- 23 POLICE OFFICERS MAKING CONTACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL OUT IN THE
- 24 FIELD BY VIRTUE OF THE CAMERA SYSTEM, BUT YOU ARE ALSO ABLE
- 25 TO HEAR THEIR DISPATCH COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH RADIO?
- 26 A. OF COURSE, YES.

- 1 Q. AND HAS WHAT YOU VIEWED ON THE VIDEO BEEN
- 2 CONSISTENT WITH WHAT YOU ARE HEARING, OR THE DISPATCH
- 3 COMMUNICATION, I MEAN IT APPEARS TO BE A LIVE FEED?
- 4 A. YES, THAT IS CORRECT.
- 5 Q. OKAY. NOW, AT SOME POINT ON JULY 5TH OF 2011, I
- 6 THINK YOU BEGAN TO TELL US YOU LEARNED THAT AN OFFICER HAD
- 7 MADE CONTACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL OUT AT THE BUS DEPOT AREA?
- 8 A. CORRECT.
- 9 Q. AND AT THAT POINT IN TIME YOU TOOK CONTROL OF THE
- 10 CAMERA SYSTEM; IS THAT RIGHT?
- 11 A. CORRECT.
- 12 Q. AND SPECIFICALLY THE BUS DEPOT CAMERA?
- 13 A. YES.
- 14 Q. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOU DID WITH REGARD TO
- 15 TAKING CONTROL OF THE BUS DEPOT CAMERA?
- 16 A. I TOOK CONTROL, ORIGINALLY WHEN THE CALL CAME IN,
- 17 THE FIRST CHANCE I GOT, I BELIEVE IT WAS IMMEDIATELY RIGHT
- 18 AFTER THE CALL WAS ENTERED, LIKE I SAID, I LEFT MY POSITION,
- 19 WENT UP TO THE JOY STICK POSITION, MANEUVERED THE CAMERA
- 20 SYSTEM OVER TO THE BUS DEPOT AREA TO SEE IF I CAN LOCATE THE
- 21 SUSPECT IN QUESTION. AT THE TIME I REALLY WASN'T ABLE TO
- 22 LOCATE THAT BASED ON THE ACTUAL DESCRIPTION THE CALLER HAD
- 23 DESCRIBED, AND I JUST LEFT IT PANNED IN THAT DIRECTION. IT
- 24 WASN'T UNTIL LATER ON I REALIZED THAT ONE OF THE OFFICERS
- 25 MENTIONED THAT HE WAS OUT WITH THE SUBJECT THAT I REDIRECTED
- 26 THE CAMERA.

- 1 Q. OKAY. DID YOU RECOGNIZE, OR HOW DID YOU LEARN
- 2 THAT ONE OF THE OFFICERS WAS OUT WITH THE INDIVIDUAL?
- 3 A. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THROUGH RADIO CONTACT.
- 4 Q. DID YOU RECOGNIZE WHO IT WAS THAT IDENTIFIED
- 5 THEMSELVES AS BEING OUT WITH THE INDIVIDUAL?
- 6 A. I BELIEVE IT WAS OFFICER RAMOS.
- 7 Q. AND AFTER YOU HEARD THAT OFFICER RAMOS HAD MADE
- 8 CONTACT WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL, DID YOU TAKE CONTROL OF THE
- 9 CAMERA SYSTEM AGAIN IN AN EFFORT TO FOCUS THE CAMERA ON THAT
- 10 CONTACT BETWEEN OFFICER RAMOS AND THAT INDIVIDUAL?
- 11 A. RIGHT.
- 12 Q. WHAT DID YOU DO IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT?
- 13 A. JUST RE-PAN IT, JUST RETILT IT OR REDIRECT IT TO
- 14 WHEREVER I COULD LOCATE HIM.
- 15 Q. OKAY. AND WERE YOU ABLE TO FOCUS THE CAMERA IN
- 16 ON OFFICER RAMOS AND THIS INDIVIDUAL HE MADE CONTACT WITH?
- 17 A. YES.
- 18 Q. AND, GENERALLY SPEAKING, HOW ARE YOU FAMILIAR
- 19 WITH WHO OFFICER RAMOS IS; HOW WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE HIM
- 20 ON-SITE?
- 21 A. WE ATTEND MEETINGS, I KNOW HIM ON A PERSONAL
- 22 BASIS WORKING WITH HIM, SO I WOULD RECOGNIZE HIM.
- 23 Q. AFTER YOU FOCUS THE CAMERA ON OFFICER RAMOS AND
- 24 THIS INDIVIDUAL, WHAT DID YOU DO NEXT?
- 25 A. ONE MORE TIME?
- 26 Q. WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER YOU FOCUSED THE CAMERA ON

- 1 OFFICER RAMOS?
- 2 A. BACK TO MY DUTIES, BACK TO MY POSITION.
- 3 Q. AWAY FROM THE CAMERA?
- 4 A. CORRECT.
- 5 Q. DID SOMETHING SUBSEQUENTLY HAPPEN THAT DREW YOUR
- 6 ATTENTION BACK TO THE CAMERA AND THE MONITOR?
- 7 A. YES.
- 8 Q. WHAT WAS THAT?
- 9 A. ONE OF MY PARTNERS MADE MENTION, OH, THAT GUY
- 10 JUST SPLIT FROM HIM, SHE DREW MY ATTENTION THAT WAY, SHE
- 11 MADE MENTION THAT THAT GUY JUST SPLIT FROM HIM, SHE MADE A
- 12 MOTION OR SOME TYPE OF VERBAL AUDITORY SOUND.
- 13 Q. OKAY.
- 14 A. AND SO THEN --
- 15 Q. WHAT DID YOU DO IN RESPONSE TO HEARING THAT FROM
- 16 YOUR CO-WORKER?
- 17 A. I GOT UP FROM MY POSITION AND REPOSITIONED THE
- 18 CAMERA SYSTEM IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WHERE THE SUBJECT WAS.
- 19 Q. MEANING YOU WENT BACK TO THE JOY STICK AND MOVED
- 20 THE CAMERA AGAIN IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE THE INDIVIDUAL AND
- 21 SOME ADDITIONAL OFFICERS?
- 22 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 23 Q. WERE YOU ABLE TO FOCUS THE CAMERA AGAIN ON THAT
- 24 INDIVIDUAL AND THE OFFICERS?
- 25 A. TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, YES.
- 26 Q. DID YOU THEN LEAVE THE CAMERA FIXED ON THAT

- 1 POSITION?
- 2 A. YES.
- 3 Q. IS IT CORRECT FOR ME TO SAY, I THINK YOU
- 4 MENTIONED THIS EARLIER, THAT THAT PARTICULAR CAMERA SYSTEM,
- 5 IT IS JUST MOVING IMAGES, IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY SOUND?
- 6 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 7 MR. BOGARDUS: I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU AN EXHIBIT,
- 8 THIS WILL BE GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 75.
- 9 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75)
- 10 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: IT IS A D.V.D.
- 11 MR. NAVARRO DID I PREVIOUSLY ASK YOU TO VIEW THIS
- 12 D.V.D.?
- 13 A. YES, YOU DID.
- Q. BASED ON YOUR RECOLLECTION OF THE EVENTS AND
- 15 DESCRIBING WHAT YOU WATCHED ON THE MONITOR, DID EXHIBIT
- 16 NUMBER 75, THIS D.V.D., CONTAIN A FAIR AND ACCURATE COPY OF
- 17 THE MOVING IMAGES, NOT THE SOUND, BUT THE MOVING IMAGES THAT
- 18 YOU WITNESSED ON THE MONITOR ON JULY 5, 2011?
- 19 A. YES.
- 20 Q. AND YOU RECOGNIZED THAT AS VIDEO FEED FROM THE
- 21 BUS DEPOT CAMERA?
- 22 A. CORRECT.
- MR. BOGARDUS: I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS,
- 24 MR. FOREMAN. THERE MAY BE SOME QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF
- 25 THE GRAND JURY.
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE

- 1 GRAND JURY?
- 2 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 3 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 113)
- 4 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS. I AM GOING
- 5 TO ASK THEY BE MARKED COLLECTIVELY AS GRAND JURY EXHIBIT
- 6 NUMBER 113.
- 7 THE FIRST QUESTION READS AS FOLLOWS:
- 8 DO THE CAMERAS AUTOMATICALLY SCAN, OR DO YOU HAVE
- 9 TO USE THE JOY STICK TO PAN AN AREA?
- 10 A. I BELIEVE THE SYSTEM DOES HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO
- 11 AUTOMATICALLY SCAN. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HAVE THEM SET TO
- 12 SCAN. SO WE HAVE TO MANUALLY PAN THEM.
- 13 Q. OKAY, THANK YOU.
- 14 THE SECOND QUESTION READS AS FOLLOWS:
- 15 WAS THE LOCATION OF THE INCIDENT THAT CAME IN ON
- 16 THE CALL INCORRECT?
- 17 A. NO.
- 18 MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU.
- 19 ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?
- 21 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 22 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. NAVARRO, WOULD YOU
- 23 PLEASE STAND --
- 24 A GRAND JUROR: EXCUSE ME.
- 25 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE DO HAVE ANOTHER
- 26 QUESTION.

- 1 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: I HAVE RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL
- 2 WRITTEN QUESTION. I ASK THIS BE INCLUDED AS EXHIBIT 113.
- 3 THE QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS:
- 4 WHEN THE 911 CALL CAME IN, DID YOU CONSIDER IT
- 5 HIGH PRIORITY, LOW PRIORITY, OR SOMETHING ELSE?
- 6 A. IT DID NOT COME IN AS A 911 CALL, IT CAME IN ON
- 7 THE OTHER LINE. AND IT IS A SYSTEM THAT SPECIFICALLY THE
- 8 PRIORITY IS ASSIGNED TO THAT TYPE CODE.
- 9 Q. OKAY. I AM GOING TO ASK MY OWN FOLLOW-UP
- 10 QUESTION NOW. WAS THERE A PARTICULAR PRIORITY LEVEL THAT
- 11 WAS DESIGNATED TO THIS CALL IN LIGHT OF WHAT YOU JUST TOLD
- 12 US?
- 13 A. IN THIS CASE IT WAS DESIGNATED PRIORITY 2.
- Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO THE GRAND JURY WHAT THE
- 15 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRIORITY 2 IS?
- 16 A. OKAY. WE WOULD START WITH PRIORITY 1, WHICH IS
- 17 IMMEDIATE LIFE OR DANGER THREAT TO HUMAN.
- AND PRIORITY 2 WOULD BE JUST ONE BELOW THAT,
- 19 BASICALLY A CRIME IN PROGRESS. WITH THE POTENTIAL TO INJURE
- 20 SOMEBODY ELSE.
- MR. BOGARDUS: I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.
- 22 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY FURTHER
- 23 QUESTIONS?
- 24 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. NAVARRO, PLEASE STAND.
- THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).

- 1 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. NAVARRO, YOU ARE
- 2 ADMONISHED TO NOT DISCUSS OR REPEAT AT ANY TIME OUTSIDE THIS
- 3 COURTROOM THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED OR YOUR ANSWERS,
- 4 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH DISCLOSURES ON YOUR PART
- 5 MAY BE THE BASIS FOR CHARGES AGAINST YOU OF CONTEMPT OF
- 6 COURT.
- 7 YOU ARE FREE TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN
- 8 ATTORNEY, OR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
- 9 DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
- 10 THE WITNESS: YES.
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. NAVARRO, THANK YOU FOR
- 12 TESTIFYING, YOU ARE EXCUSED FROM THE HEARING.
- 13 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.
- 14 (WHEREUPON CESAR NAVARRO EXITED THE GRAND JURY
- 15 ROOM.)
- 16 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YOU MAY CALL YOUR NEXT
- 17 WITNESS.
- MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU, MR. FOREMAN, GARY SIRIN,
- 19 PLEASE.
- 20 (WHEREUPON GARY SIRIN ENTERED THE GRAND JURY
- 21 ROOM.)
- 22 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT
- 23 HAND.
- THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 25 ///
- 26 ///

- 1 GARY SIRIN,
- 2 CALLED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, HAVING BEEN FIRST
- 3 DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
- 4 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
- 5 SPELL IT OUT FOR THE RECORD.
- 6 THE WITNESS: GARY SIRIN; GARY IS G-A-R-Y, LAST NAME IS
- 7 S-I-R-I-N.
- 8 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT.
- 9 THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 10 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THE WITNESS IS YOURS,
- 11 MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
- MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU, MR. FOREMAN.
- 13 EXAMINATION
- Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: GOOD MORNING, MR. SIRIN.
- 15 A. HI.
- 16 O. I HAVE AN ADMONITION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO READ TO
- 17 YOU BEFORE WE BEGIN.
- 18 BEFORE WE BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU YOU
- 19 ARE NOW APPEARING BEFORE A DULY CONSTITUTED GRAND JURY THAT
- 20 IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 22 A. YES.
- 23 Q. YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER OATH. AND THAT MEANS
- 24 YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS
- 25 IF YOU WERE IN A COURT OF LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

- 1 A. YES.
- 2 Q. THAT MEANS YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TELL THE
- 3 TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH IN THIS PROCEEDING, OR YOU
- 4 COULD SUBJECT YOURSELF TO A POSSIBLE PROSECUTION FOR
- 5 PERJURY.
- 6 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 7 A. ABSOLUTELY.
- 8 Q. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- 9 ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A SWORN PEACE
- 10 OFFICER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON POLICE
- 11 DEPARTMENT?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 O. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A SWORN PEACE OFFICER?
- 14 A. ALMOST 16 YEARS.
- 15 Q. AND WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT POSITION OR ASSIGNMENT
- 16 AT THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT?
- 17 A. I AM ASSIGNED AS A DETECTIVE IN THE HIGH TECH
- 18 CRIMES UNIT.
- 19 Q. YOU ARE ASSIGNED AS A DETECTIVE IN THE HIGH TECH
- 20 CRIMES UNIT?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHAT DO YOUR DUTIES CONSIST
- 23 OF IN THAT POSITION?
- 24 A. REALLY ANYTHING TECHNOLOGY RELATED THAT COMES UP
- 25 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, INVESTIGATIONS THAT REQUIRE SEARCH
- 26 WARRANTS, OTHER TECHNICAL RELATED DUTIES.

- 1 O. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THAT PARTICULAR
- 2 ASSIGNMENT?
- 3 A. IT HAS BEEN ABOUT FIVE AND A HALF YEARS NOW.
- 4 Q. NOW, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE FULLERTON
- 5 TRANSPORTATION CENTER IN THE AREA OF 123 SOUTH POMONA IN THE
- 6 CITY OF FULLERTON?
- 7 A. YES.
- 8 Q. HOW IS IT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THAT LOCATION?
- 9 A. WELL, IT IS THE CENTER OF THE CITY, AND I HAVE
- 10 BEEN WORKING THERE FOR 16 YEARS.
- 11 Q. FAIR TO SAY YOU HAVE VISITED IT MORE THAN ONCE?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 O. ARE YOU ALSO FAMILIAR WITH THE FACT THAT THERE
- 14 ARE ONE OR MORE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS THAT MONITOR A PORTION
- 15 OR PORTIONS OF THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER?
- 16 A. YES.
- 17 Q. HOW IS IT THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE FACT
- 18 THAT THERE IS SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS THAT MONITOR A PORTION OR
- 19 PORTIONS OF THAT CENTER?
- 20 A. I HAVE BEEN ADMINISTRATOR OF THAT SYSTEM SINCE
- 21 THEY WERE INSTALLED.
- 22 O. OKAY. IS THAT SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE
- 23 DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM?
- 24 A. YES.
- 25 Q. SO YOU HAVE BEEN, ONE OF YOUR DUTIES THEN HAS
- 26 BEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR; IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID?

- 1 A. YES.
- 2 Q. FOR THE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM?
- 3 A. CORRECT.
- 4 Q. WHAT DO YOUR DUTIES CONSIST OF WITH RESPECT TO
- 5 THAT TASK?
- 6 A. WHAT I HAVE TO DO IF ONE OF THE CAMERAS STOPS
- 7 WORKING FOR SOME REASON, I HAVE TO CALL SOMEONE IN, OR TRY
- 8 TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO REPAIR IT OR GET IT REPAIRED. ALSO IF
- 9 WE NEED TO HAVE VIDEO EXTRACTED, I DOWNLOAD THE VIDEO OR
- 10 EXTRACT THE VIDEO FROM THE SYSTEM.
- 11 Q. AND YOU SAID YOU HAVE HAD THAT ASSIGNMENT SINCE
- 12 THE CAMERA SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED?
- 13 A. YES.
- Q. WAS THAT APPROXIMATELY SINCE 2009 OR SO?
- 15 A. APPROXIMATELY, YES.
- 16 O. SO YOU HAVE BEEN FULFILLING THOSE DUTIES SINCE
- 17 APPROXIMATELY 2009?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 O. NOW, ARE THERE CORRESPONDING MONITORS AT THE
- 20 FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT DEPICT WHAT IS BEING
- 21 CAPTURED BY THOSE CAMERAS AS PART OF THAT PUBLIC SAFETY
- 22 CAMERA SYSTEM?
- 23 A. YES, WE HAVE THREE VIEWING STATIONS.
- Q. OKAY. AND WHEN YOU SAY, VIEWING STATIONS, CAN
- 25 YOU DESCRIBE WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT?
- 26 A. THE WATCH COMMANDER'S OFFICE AND DISPATCH HAS A

- 1 VIEWING STATION WITH A REMOTE CONTROL THAT ALLOWS WHOEVER
- 2 HAPPENS TO BE THERE TO CONTROL EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL
- 3 CAMERAS, TO VIEW WHATEVER AREA THAT PARTICULAR CAMERA SHOWS.
- 4 MY OFFICE HAS AN ADMINISTRATOR'S WORK STATION, WHERE I HAVE,
- 5 BASICALLY IT IS A COMPUTER WITH A MOUSE, AND I HAVE THE SAME
- 6 ABILITY TO CONTROL THOSE CAMERAS. AND FROM THAT STATION I
- 7 AM ALSO ABLE TO DOWNLOAD THE VIDEO AND REVIEW THE VIDEO.
- 8 Q. OKAY. IS ONE OF THE CAMERAS THAT MAKES UP THIS
- 9 SYSTEM REFERRED TO AS THE BUS DEPOT CAMERA?
- 10 A. YES.
- 11 Q. AND DOES THE BUS DEPOT CAMERA CAPTURE THE BUS
- 12 DEPOT AREA AT THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER?
- 13 A. YES.
- 14 Q. AT LEAST A PORTION OF IT?
- 15 A. WELL, THAT PARTICULAR CAMERA IS ACTUALLY MOVABLE,
- 16 IT IS CALLED P.T.Z., WHICH IS PAN, TILT, ZOOM, SO YOU ARE
- 17 ABLE TO MOVE THE CAMERA AROUND AND ADJUST THE VIEW, SO YOU
- 18 CAN CAPTURE THAT ENTIRE AREA.
- 19 O. BASED ON YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH THE FULLERTON
- 20 TRANSPORTATION CENTER AND THE BUS DEPOT AREA THERE, DOES THE
- 21 CAMERA PROVIDE A FAIR AND ACCURATE VIEW OF THE FULLERTON
- 22 TRANSPORTATION CENTER, THE BUS DEPOT AREA?
- 23 A. YES.
- Q. NOW, HAVE YOU HAD OCCASIONS IN THE PAST TO VIEW
- 25 FOOTAGE FROM THE BUS DEPOT CAMERA IN PARTICULAR?
- A. SEVERAL, YES.

- 1 Q. IS THE VIDEO FEED THAT IS DELIVERED FROM THE BUS
- 2 DEPOT CAMERA TO THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDED IN
- 3 ANY FASHION, OR ARCHIVED IN ANY FASHION?
- 4 A. YES.
- 5 Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE THAT, PLEASE.
- 6 A. WELL, WHAT IT ACTUALLY DOES IS IT GOES TO CITY
- 7 HALL, WHERE IN THE I.T. SERVER ROOM THERE IS A SERVER,
- 8 COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT RETAINS THAT VIDEO. AND THEN IT
- 9 TRANSMITS THAT VIDEO TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHERE WE CAN
- 10 VIEW IT.
- 11 Q. AND DO YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO ACCESS RECORDING
- 12 VIDEO OF PAST EVENTS?
- 13 A. YES.
- 14 Q. SO IT IS NOT JUST A LIVE FEED THAT YOU CAN WATCH,
- 15 BUT YOU CAN ALSO GO BACK TO AN EVENT THAT HAPPENED IN THE
- 16 PAST OR SOME PERIOD OF TIME AND VIEW THAT AS WELL?
- 17 A. YES.
- 18 Q. YOU ALSO MENTIONED THAT YOU HAD RETRIEVED VIDEO,
- 19 OR DOWNLOADED VIDEO IN THE PAST FROM THIS SYSTEM?
- 20 A. YES.
- 21 Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE IN GENERAL TERMS YOUR EXPERIENCE
- 22 IN DOING THAT.
- 23 A. JUST AS FAR AS COLLECTING THE VIDEO OR?
- Q. CORRECT.
- 25 A. JUST I GET A REQUEST FROM A DETECTIVE OR AN
- 26 OFFICER, IF THERE HAS BEEN A CRIME COMMITTED OR IF THEY NEED

- 1 A VIDEO FOR AN INCIDENT, AND I USE THE COMPUTER IN MY
- 2 OFFICE, THERE IS A FEATURE OF THE SOFTWARE THAT IS ON THERE
- 3 TO BASICALLY JUST DOWNLOAD THE VIDEO TO THAT PARTICULAR
- 4 COMPUTER.
- 5 Q. OKAY. I WANT TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO THE
- 6 EVENING OF JULY 5TH, 2011; WERE YOU CALLED UPON ON THAT
- 7 EVENING TO DO ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR WITH RESPECT TO THE
- 8 CAMERA SYSTEM --
- 9 A. YES.
- 10 Q. -- AND RECORDED VIDEO?
- 11 WHAT WERE YOU ASKED TO DO?
- 12 A. I WAS CALLED FROM HOME, IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT
- 13 THERE WAS A SITUATION THAT HAD OCCURRED AND THEY NEEDED ME
- 14 TO COME IN IMMEDIATELY AND COLLECT THE SURVEILLANCE VIDEO
- 15 FROM THAT INCIDENT.
- 16 O. OKAY. AND DID YOU IN FACT RESPOND TO THE POLICE
- 17 DEPARTMENT TO DO THAT?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 Q. WERE YOU ABLE TO ACCESS RECORDED VIDEO FROM THE
- 20 BUS DEPOT CAMERA ON THAT SYSTEM?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. AND DID YOU VIEW THAT RECORDED VIDEO ON THE
- 23 SYSTEM ITSELF INITIALLY?
- 24 A. THE COMPUTER IN MY OFFICE, YES.
- 25 Q. OKAY. AND CAN YOU DESCRIBE TO US IN GENERAL
- 26 TERMS WHAT IT IS THAT YOU SAW ON THE VIDEO THAT YOU

- 1 REVIEWED.
- 2 A. WELL, I WAS TOLD THAT THERE WAS A CERTAIN TIME
- 3 FRAME WHERE THIS INCIDENT HAD HAPPENED, BUT TO COLLECT THE
- 4 VIDEO I HAD TO REVIEW THE VIDEO TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT
- 5 TIME FRAME I NEEDED TO COLLECT.
- 6 SO I UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS A CALL AT A
- 7 PARTICULAR TIME AT THE BUS DEPOT. I WENT AHEAD OF THAT
- 8 TIME, OR BEFORE THAT TIME, I REVIEWED THE VIDEO UNTIL I SAW
- 9 THE OFFICERS ARRIVING. AND THEN I FAST FORWARDED THROUGH
- 10 THE ENTIRE INCIDENT UNTIL AFTER THE ALTERCATION, AND, YOU
- 11 KNOW, REVIEWED OR ESTABLISHED A TIME TO COLLECT UNTIL. AND
- 12 DOWNLOADED THAT VIDEO TO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM.
- 13 O. OKAY. SO DID YOU THEN PRODUCE A DIGITAL COPY OF
- 14 THAT VIDEO TO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM?
- 15 A. YES, I RECORDED THE VIDEO TO A C.D., WHICH I THEN
- 16 PROVIDED TO CAPTAIN HUGHES, I BELIEVE.
- 17 Q. OKAY. AND THAT RECORDED VIDEO THAT YOU
- 18 DOWNLOADED, CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, IT STARTS AT SOME
- 19 POINT BEFORE YOU CAN SEE ON THE VIDEO THE CONTACTS BETWEEN
- 20 FULLERTON POLICE OFFICERS AND A PARTICULAR SUBJECT, AND IT
- 21 ENDS AT SOME POINT WHERE, AS YOU HAVE DESCRIBED, THE
- 22 ALTERCATION ENDS?
- 23 A. CORRECT.
- 24 Q. IS THAT A FAIR STATEMENT?
- 25 A. CORRECT.
- Q. NOW, DID I PREVIOUSLY SHOW YOU, I HAVE GRAND JURY

- 1 EXHIBIT NUMBER 75, DID YOU PREVIOUSLY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
- 2 TO VIEW THE D.V.D. THAT MAKES UP THIS PARTICULAR EXHIBIT?
- 3 A. YES.
- 4 Q. AND DOES THIS D.V.D. CONTAIN A FAIR AND ACCURATE
- 5 COPY OF THE MOVING IMAGES, NOT THE SOUND, BUT THE MOVING
- 6 IMAGES THAT YOU DOWNLOADED OFF THE CAMERA SYSTEM?
- 7 A. YES.
- 8 Q. IS IT YOUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT CAMERA SYSTEM
- 9 DOESN'T CAPTURE SOUND, THAT IT ONLY CAPTURES THE VIDEO
- 10 IMAGES?
- 11 A. YES.
- MR. BOGARDUS: MR. FOREMAN, I DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER
- 13 QUESTIONS. THERE MAY BE SOME QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE
- 14 GRAND JURY.
- 15 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS
- 16 FROM THE GRAND JURY?
- 17 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 18 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 114)
- 19 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: I HAVE RECEIVED SIX QUESTIONS ON
- 20 BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY. I WOULD ASK THEY
- 21 BE MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION AS GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER
- 22 114 COLLECTIVELY.
- 23 I AM GOING TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS TO YOU
- 24 INDIVIDUALLY.
- 25 A. SURE.
- 26 Q. THANK YOU. I AM READING THE FIRST ONE:

- 1 ARE THE FRAMES ON THE ARCHIVED VIDEOS SCANNED OR
- 2 INDEXED BY DATE AND TIME?
- 3 A. THE VIDEO HAS DATE AND TIME THAT IS STAMPED ONTO
- 4 THE VIDEO ITSELF. BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT EACH INDIVIDUAL
- 5 FRAME. I MEAN IT IS PART OF THE VIDEO. SO I GUESS THAT
- 6 WOULD BE A YES.
- 7 Q. NEXT QUESTION.
- 8 WHY IS THE CAMERA SYSTEM NOT ON SCAN?
- 9 A. THERE IS A WAY TO SET IT TO SCAN, BUT THE
- 10 DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED THAT -- AND BY SCAN I ASSUME WHAT IS
- 11 MEANT IS JUST CONSTANTLY GOING BACK AND FORTH. AND I
- 12 BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED THEY WILL HAVE IT MOVING,
- 13 I AM SORRY, NOT MOVING, THEY WILL HAVE IT IN A FIXED
- 14 LOCATION. IF YOU SET IT TO SCAN AND THEY ARE WATCHING A
- 15 PARTICULAR CAR OR PARTICULAR INCIDENT, IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY
- 16 MOVE FROM THAT LOCATION, AND YOU WILL LOSE POTENTIAL
- 17 EVIDENCE. SO THEY HAVE DECIDED NOT TO HAVE IT SCAN.
- 18 Q. OKAY. NEXT QUESTION:
- 19 DID YOU PRODUCE VIDEO PRIOR TO THE SEGMENT OF THE
- 20 VIDEO YOU PRODUCED OF THE ALTERCATION?
- 21 A. THERE IS A MOMENT WHERE THE VIDEO IS FOCUSED AT
- 22 OR LOOKING IN THE DIRECTION OF A COUPLE OF PEOPLE SITTING ON
- 23 A BENCH PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT. AND THEN FROM THERE YOU CAN
- 24 SEE THE CAMERA ZOOM OUT, AND THEN MOVE OVER TO WHERE THE
- 25 RADIO CALL OR THE OFFICERS WERE. AND THEN IT FOCUSES IN ON
- 26 THOSE OFFICERS, OR IN THAT START OF THE INCIDENT. SO JUST

- 1 FOR THOSE FEW SECONDS PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL INCIDENT WHERE IT
- 2 IS FOCUSED ON, THOSE OTHER INDIVIDUALS, THAT WAS COLLECTED.
- 3 BUT NOT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THAT.
- 4 Q. OKAY. NEXT QUESTION READS:
- 5 HOW LONG DO YOU KEEP PAST VIDEO?
- 6 A. THE SYSTEM RETAINS THE VIDEO FOR ABOUT TWO AND A
- 7 HALF WEEKS. AND AFTER THAT PERIOD, THE VIDEO IS
- 8 OVERWRITTEN. IF SOMEONE REQUESTS THE VIDEO FOR A PARTICULAR
- 9 INCIDENT, THEN THAT VIDEO IS RECORDED, OR DOWNLOADED AND
- 10 RECORDED TO A C.D., PROVIDED TO THE INVESTIGATOR AND BOOKED
- 11 IN AS EVIDENCE.
- 12 Q. OKAY. THE NEXT QUESTION READS AS FOLLOWS:
- 13 WHAT WAS THE TIME RANGE FROM WHEN OFFICERS
- 14 ARRIVED UNTIL THE PARAMEDICS ARRIVED?
- 15 A. I DON'T HAVE THAT OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD.
- 16 Q. OKAY. NEXT QUESTION CONSISTS OF FOUR INDIVIDUAL
- 17 QUESTIONS. THE FIRST PART:
- 18 WHO CALLED YOU TO COME IN TO THE P.D. OFFICE -- I
- 19 WILL START OVER, WHO CALLED YOU TO COME TO THE POLICE
- 20 DEPARTMENT?
- 21 A. I RECEIVED A CALL FROM CAPTAIN HAMILTON.
- Q. AT WHAT TIME?
- 23 A. I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT TIME.
- Q. NEXT PART OF THE QUESTION IS:
- 25 WHAT TIME DID YOU GET TO THE FULLERTON POLICE
- 26 DEPARTMENT?

- 1 A. I DON'T HAVE THAT TIME EITHER. NOT OFF THE TOP
- 2 OF MY HEAD.
- 3 Q. NEXT QUESTION IS:
- 4 TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT NIGHT ABOUT YOUR
- 5 OBSERVATIONS?
- 6 A. I PROVIDED THE VIDEO, THE COPIES OF THE C.D.'S TO
- 7 CAPTAIN HUGHES.
- 8 Q. THE NEXT PART OF THE QUESTION READS:
- 9 WHO HAS ASKED FOR INFO SINCE THAT TIME?
- 10 A. (NO RESPONSE).
- 11 Q. LET ME ASK YOU THIS, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT
- 12 QUESTION?
- 13 A. I DON'T, I MEAN THERE HAS BEEN SEVERAL REQUESTS
- 14 FOR COPIES OF THE VIDEO. I DON'T KNOW SPECIFICALLY, I MEAN
- 15 WHO THEY -- DO THEY WANT TO KNOW WHO HAS REQUESTED VIDEO
- 16 OVER THE PAST YEAR?
- 17 Q. YOU WOULD LIKE SOME KIND OF CLARIFICATION ON
- 18 THAT?
- 19 A. PLEASE.
- 20 MR. BOGARDUS: MR. FOREMAN, I HAVE REACHED THE LAST
- 21 PART OF THAT QUESTION, SO IF THERE IS ANY FOLLOW-UP OR
- 22 CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO THAT QUESTION, I CAN ASK ANY
- 23 FURTHER CLARIFICATION.
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR
- 25 CLARIFICATION OF THE QUESTION?
- 26 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).

- 1 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YOU ARE FINISHED?
- 2 MR. BOGARDUS: I AM, THANK YOU.
- 3 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. SIRIN, WOULD YOU PLEASE
- 4 STAND.
- 5 THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 6 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YOU ARE ADMONISHED NOT TO
- 7 DISCUSS OR REPEAT AT ANY TIME OUTSIDE THIS COURTROOM THE
- 8 QUESTIONS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED OR YOUR ANSWERS, WITH THE
- 9 UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH DISCLOSURES ON YOUR PART MAY BE THE
- 10 BASIS FOR CHARGES AGAINST YOU OF CONTEMPT OF COURT.
- 11 YOU ARE FREE TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN
- 12 ATTORNEY, OR FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
- 14 THE WITNESS: YES.
- 15 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. SIRIN, THANK YOU FOR
- 16 TESTIFYING, YOU ARE EXCUSED FROM THE HEARING.
- 17 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU, SIR.
- 18 (WHEREUPON GARY SIRIN EXITED THE GRAND JURY
- 19 ROOM.)
- 20 MR. BOGARDUS: MR. FOREMAN, MAY I HAVE JUST A BRIEF
- 21 MOMENT?
- 22 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES.
- 23 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE WILL BE IN RECESS FOR
- 24 LUNCH UNTIL 12:25.
- 25 DURING ANY PERIOD OF THIS RECESS YOU MUST NOT
- 26 DISCUSS WITH ANYONE, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF THIS

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- 4 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 5 JURY ROOM:)
- 6 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE ARE HERE AGAIN IN
- 7 SESSION IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH ANDREW WOLFE.
- 8 LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT ALL THE SAME 16 GRAND
- 9 JURY MEMBERS ARE PRESENT.
- 10 MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CALL YOUR NEXT
- 11 WITNESS.
- MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. FOREMAN, THE
- 13 PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO CALL MICHAEL CHOCEK.
- 14 (WHEREUPON MICHAEL CHOCEK ENTERED THE GRAND JURY
- 15 ROOM.)
- 16 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT
- 17 HAND.
- 18 MICHAEL CHOCEK,
- 19 CALLED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, HAVING BEEN FIRST
- 20 DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
- 22 SPELL IT OUT FOR OUR RECORD.
- THE WITNESS: MICHAEL CHOCEK; C-H-O-C-E-K.
- 24 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THANK YOU.
- 25 WOULD YOU PLEASE HAVE A SEAT.
- THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).

- 1 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE
- 2 WITNESS IS YOURS.
- 3 MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. FOREMAN.
- 4 EXAMINATION
- 5 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHOCEK.
- 6 A. GOOD AFTERNOON.
- 7 Q. BEFORE WE BEGIN I HAVE AN ADMONITION THAT I WOULD
- 8 LIKE TO READ TO YOU. AND IT GOES AS FOLLOWS:
- 9 BEFORE WE BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU THAT
- 10 YOU ARE NOW APPEARING BEFORE A DULY CONSTITUTED GRAND JURY
- 11 THAT IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL
- 12 LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 14 A. YES, I DO.
- 15 Q. YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER OATH. AND THAT MEANS
- 16 YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS
- 17 IF YOU WERE IN A COURT OF LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 19 A. YES, I DO.
- 20 Q. THAT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TELL
- 21 THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH IN THIS PROCEEDING, OR
- 22 YOU COULD SUBJECT YOURSELF TO A POSSIBLE PROSECUTION FOR
- 23 PERJURY.
- 24 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 25 A. YES, I DO.
- Q. THANK YOU.

- 1 MR. CHOCEK, ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A SWORN
- 2 PEACE OFFICER WITH THE CITY OF FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT?
- 3 A. YES, I AM.
- 4 Q. AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A SWORN PEACE OFFICER?
- 5 A. FOR 19 YEARS.
- 6 Q. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ASSIGNMENT, SIR?
- 7 A. I AM CURRENTLY THE SUPERVISOR FOR THE CRIMES
- 8 PERSONS, HOMICIDE AND ROBBERY BUREAU.
- 9 Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU OCCUPIED THAT PARTICULAR
- 10 ASSIGNMENT?
- 11 A. FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.
- 12 Q. CAN YOU BRIEFLY DESCRIBE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
- 13 GRAND JURY WHAT YOUR PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN WITH THE
- 14 CITY OF FULLERTON AS A SWORN PEACE OFFICER.
- 15 A. PRIOR TO WORKING THE HOMICIDE BUREAU, I WAS A
- 16 SERGEANT WORKING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF THE
- 17 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU.
- 18 PRIOR TO THAT I WAS A PATROL SERGEANT.
- 19 PRIOR TO THAT, I WAS A CORPORAL WORKING PATROL.
- 20 PRIOR TO THAT, FIVE YEARS OF WORKING AS A
- 21 DETECTIVE IN THE NARCOTICS BUREAU.
- 22 PRIOR TO THAT, SIX MONTHS WORKING IN OUR GANG
- 23 DETAIL.
- 24 AND FOUR YEARS BEFORE THAT I WAS A PATROL
- 25 OFFICER.
- 26 Q. AND FORGIVE ME IF YOU STATED THIS, BUT WITH

- 1 RESPECT TO YOUR WORK IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU, HOW
- 2 LONG DID YOU HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT MEN THAT PARTICULAR BUREAU?
- 3 A. TWO AND A HALF YEARS.
- 4 Q. NOW, ARE POLICE OFFICERS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT
- 5 INDIVIDUALLY ISSUED DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDERS?
- 6 A. YES, WE ARE.
- 7 Q. WAS THAT TRUE BACK IN JULY 5TH, 2011, THAT AMONG
- 8 THE EQUIPMENT THAT A POLICE OFFICER WOULD HAVE AT THE
- 9 FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, THEY WOULD HAVE A DIGITAL AUDIO
- 10 RECORDER?
- 11 A. YES.
- 12 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 76)
- 13 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU, AND I
- 14 AM GOING TO, THROUGHOUT YOUR TESTIMONY, SHOW YOU SOME
- 15 DIFFERENT EXHIBITS, MOST OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITS WILL
- 16 BE DISPLAYED ON THE MONITOR IN FRONT OF YOU. I AM GOING TO
- 17 START OFF WHAT I WOULD ASK TO BE MARKED AS GRAND JURY
- 18 EXHIBIT NUMBER 76, AND THAT SHOULD BE DESCRIBED AS A
- 19 PHOTOGRAPH OF A DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER.
- 20 ARE YOU ABLE TO SEE THAT?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. GREAT.
- 23 GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 76, IS THAT A FAIR AND
- 24 ACCURATE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE TYPE OF DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER
- 25 THAT WOULD BE ISSUED TO A POLICE OFFICER AT YOUR DEPARTMENT
- 26 BACK IN JULY OF 2011?

- 1 A. YES, IT IS.
- 2 Q. DID YOU PERSONALLY HAVE A DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER
- 3 ISSUED TO YOU?
- 4 A. YES.
- 5 Q. AND FOR HOW LONG DURING THE COURSE OF YOUR
- 6 CAREER, IF YOU KNOW OR CAN APPROXIMATE, HAVE YOU BEEN
- 7 ASSIGNED A DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER?
- 8 A. SINCE 2004.
- 9 Q. WAS IT THE SAME TYPE AS DEPICTED IN GRAND JURY
- 10 EXHIBIT NUMBER 76?
- 11 A. NO.
- 12 Q. AT SOME POINT IN TIME IN YOUR CAREER HAVE YOU
- 13 BEEN ISSUED A DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER THAT LOOKS LIKE THE ONE
- 14 THAT IS DEPICTED IN GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 76?
- 15 A. YES.
- 16 Q. DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW LONG IT IS THAT YOU
- 17 HAVE HAD A DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER LIKE THE ONE DEPICTED IN
- 18 76?
- 19 A. I AM GOING TO GUESS PROBABLY ABOUT THE LAST THREE
- 20 YEARS.
- 21 Q. AND HAVE YOU USED THAT DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER
- 22 NOW, THE ONE REFERRING TO THE ONE YOU HAD FOR THE LAST THREE
- 23 YEARS, TO RECORD CONVERSATIONS?
- 24 A. YES.
- 25 Q. IS THAT SOMETHING YOU WOULD DO IN THE REGULAR
- 26 COURSE OF YOUR DUTIES IN ONE OF THE ASSIGNMENTS THAT YOU HAD

- 1 AS A POLICE OFFICER IN FULLERTON?
- 2 A. YES.
- 3 Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF HOW MANY TIMES OR HOW
- 4 REGULARLY YOU USED THAT TO RECORD CONVERSATIONS?
- 5 A. WELL, WHEN WE WORK PATROL, WE ARE REQUIRED TO
- 6 ACTIVATE OUR DIGITAL RECORDERS WITH EVERY PUBLIC CONTACT
- 7 THAT WE HAVE, AS WELL AS TIME STAMPING IT AND DATE STAMPING
- 8 IT BEFORE OUR SHIFT AND AT THE END OF SHIFT. I WOULD
- 9 APPROXIMATE PROBABLY ABOUT 500 OR SO RECORDINGS, BASED ON
- 10 THE TIME THAT WE HAVE HAD THIS VERSION OF THE D.A.R.
- 11 Q. OKAY. AND, AGAIN, WHEN WE REFER TO D.A.R., JUST
- 12 SO IT IS CLEAR, WE ARE REFERRING TO DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER,
- 13 AND THAT'S HOW YOU REFER TO IT, AS A D.A.R., CORRECT?
- 14 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 15 Q. OKAY, GREAT.
- 16 HAVE YOU ALSO USED IT, THIS PARTICULAR TYPE OF
- 17 DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER, TO PLAY BACK RECORDED AUDIO
- 18 CONVERSATIONS?
- 19 A. YES.
- 20 Q. IS THAT SOMETHING YOU HAVE ALSO DONE WITH
- 21 REGULARITY AS WELL AS PART OF YOUR ASSIGNMENTS?
- 22 A. IT IS, NOT NECESSARILY AS MUCH PLAYING BACK
- 23 THROUGH THE ACTUAL RECORDER ITSELF, ALTHOUGH, YES, I HAVE
- 24 DONE THAT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, BUT MORE I HAVE PLAYED IT
- 25 BACK THROUGH THE SYSTEM WHERE WE DOWNLOAD THESE RECORDINGS
- 26 TO.

- 1 Q. OKAY. AND I WILL WANT TO FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION ON
- 2 THAT SYSTEM AS WELL IN JUST A MOMENT.
- 3 BUT WITH RESPECT TO THE DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER
- 4 ITSELF, YOU HAVE HAD OCCASION, CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, TO
- 5 PLAY BACK RECORDED AUDIO OFF OF THE DEVICE ITSELF?
- 6 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 7 Q. WHAT ABOUT WITH REGARD TO OTHER OFFICER'S DIGITAL
- 8 AUDIO RECORDERS, HAVE YOU ALSO PLAYED BACK AUDIO RECORDINGS
- 9 OF THOSE OFFICER'S RECORDERS?
- 10 A. I HAVE.
- 11 Q. NOW, IS EVERY OFFICER AT THE FULLERTON POLICE
- 12 DEPARTMENT ISSUED A UNIQUE BADGE NUMBER?
- 13 A. THEY ARE.
- 14 Q. AND IS THAT ALSO SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS A
- 15 P-NUMBER?
- 16 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 17 Q. AND IS THAT A MULTIPLE DIGIT NUMBER; CAN YOU
- 18 DESCRIBE THAT NUMBER TO US IN A LITTLE MORE DETAIL?
- 19 A. RIGHT NOW WE ARE CURRENTLY USING FOUR DIGITS. I
- 20 CAN'T TELL YOU HOW IT BEGAN, BUT IT SEEMS TO BE GOING IN
- 21 NUMERICAL ORDER UP WITH THE PEACE OFFICERS. LIKE MINE IS
- 22 1080, AND WE ARE UP INTO THE 1400'S NOW.
- 23 Q. BASED ON YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH THIS TYPE OF
- 24 DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDED DEPICTED IN NUMBER 76, ARE THE
- 25 RECORDERS PROGRAMMED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL OFFICER'S BADGE
- 26 NUMBER OR P-NUMBER?

- 1 A. YES.
- 2 Q. THEY ARE PROGRAMMED WITH THAT NUMBER?
- 3 A. CORRECT.
- 4 Q. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH RESPECT TO YOUR DIGITAL
- 5 AUDIO RECORDER, THAT'S PROGRAMMED WITH YOUR 4 DIGIT BADGE
- 6 NUMBER?
- 7 A. CORRECT.
- 8 Q. AND THAT WOULD BE TRUE OF OTHER OFFICERS AS WELL?
- 9 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 10 Q. THEIR UNIQUE BADGE NUMBER?
- 11 A. CORRECT.
- 12 Q. AND WHEN A RECORDING IS MADE ON ONE OF THESE
- 13 DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDERS, DOES IT CREATE A DIGITAL AUDIO
- 14 FILE?
- 15 A. IT DOES.
- 16 O. AND DOES THAT DIGITAL AUDIO FILE GET ASSIGNED A
- 17 NUMBER OR A NAME?
- 18 A. IT DOES.
- 19 O. AND CAN YOU DESCRIBE WHAT THAT NUMBER FOR EACH
- 20 INDIVIDUAL DIGITAL AUDIO FILE LOOKS LIKE?
- 21 A. EACH DIGITAL FILE IS EIGHT NUMBERS, THE FIRST
- 22 FOUR NUMBERS ARE THE BADGE NUMBER OF THAT PARTICULAR
- 23 OFFICER. AND THE SECOND FOUR NUMBERS ARE THE INDIVIDUAL
- 24 RECORDING IDENTIFIER.
- Q. OKAY. SO, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, THE DIGITAL AUDIO
- 26 RECORDER WILL GENERATE A DIGITAL AUDIO FILE WHEN A RECORDING

- 1 IS MADE AND ASSIGN A PARTICULAR NUMBER. THE FIRST FOUR
- 2 DIGITS OF THAT NUMBER WILL BE THAT INDIVIDUAL OFFICER'S
- 3 BADGE NUMBER, AND THE LAST FOUR NUMBERS WILL BE A SEQUENTIAL
- 4 NUMBER THAT WAS GENERATED BY THE DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER?
- 5 A. CORRECT.
- 6 Q. SO IF WE LOOK AT EXHIBIT NUMBER 76, FOR EXAMPLE,
- 7 DO YOU SEE ANYWHERE ON THE SCREEN OF THE DIGITAL AUDIO
- 8 RECORDER AN EXAMPLE OF THE DIGITAL AUDIO FILE NUMBER?
- 9 A. I DO.
- 10 Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE WHERE THAT NUMBER IS?
- 11 A. IT WOULD BE IN THE LOWER LEFT-HAND CORNER OF THE
- 12 DISPLAY SCREEN ABOVE THE BATTERY SYMBOL AND THE "Z" INSIDE
- 13 THE BLACK BOX WHERE IT SAYS 11730411.
- Q. SO WITH RESPECT TO THE DIGITAL AUDIO FILE THAT IS
- 15 DISPLAYED ON THIS PARTICULAR RECORDER WHEN THE PHOTOGRAPH IS
- 16 TAKEN, 1173 REPRESENTS THE UNIOUE BADGE NUMBER FOR THAT
- 17 OFFICER'S RECORDER; IS THAT RIGHT?
- 18 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 19 Q. AND THE LAST FOUR DIGITS, 0411, REPRESENTS THAT
- 20 AUDIO FILE'S NUMBER?
- 21 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 22 Q. SO WHEN YOU LOOK AT A DIGITAL AUDIO FILE NUMBER,
- 23 YOU ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY BY LOOKING AT THE FIRST FOUR DIGITS
- 24 WHICH OFFICER'S DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER GENERATED THAT AUDIO
- 25 FILE?
- 26 A. YES.

- 1 Q. DOES THE D.A.R. ALSO ASSIGN A DATE AND TIME, TO
- 2 YOUR KNOWLEDGE, TO THE AUDIO FILES THAT ARE CREATED?
- 3 A. YES.
- 4 Q. NOW, YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT EARLIER
- 5 ABOUT USING A SYSTEM TO PLAY BACK AUDIO RECORDINGS, OR
- 6 ACCESS AUDIO RECORDINGS, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME
- 7 QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT SYSTEM.
- 8 ARE THE RECORDINGS THAT ARE MADE BY OFFICERS OF
- 9 YOUR DEPARTMENT ARCHIVED IN ANY FASHION?
- 10 A. THEY ARE.
- 11 Q. AND CAN YOU DESCRIBE IN GENERAL HOW IT IS THAT
- 12 THEY ARE ARCHIVED?
- 13 A. AT THE END OF AN OFFICER'S SHIFT, OR WHENEVER
- 14 THEY NEED OR WANT TO DOWNLOAD THEIR DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER,
- 15 WE GO TO THE POLICE COMPUTER SYSTEM AND LOG IN WITH OUR
- 16 UNIOUE BADGE NUMBER AND PASSWORD. ONCE WE ARE INTO THE
- 17 POLICE SERVER, THERE IS AN ICON THAT WE OPEN UP THAT OPENS
- 18 UP A SYSTEM CALLED PUMA. AND IT IS THE SYSTEM THAT WE USE
- 19 TO DOWNLOAD AND TO ALSO RECALL DIGITAL RECORDINGS.
- 20 ONCE THE SYSTEM IS OPENED UP, YOU AGAIN ENTER IN
- 21 YOUR UNIQUE IDENTIFIER AND PASSWORD, AND WHEN YOU ARE LOGGED
- 22 INTO THE PUMA SYSTEM, WHILE YOUR DIGITAL RECORDER IS ON,
- 23 THERE IS A U.S.B. PORT THAT GOES TO A MINI U.S.B. THAT YOU
- 24 PLUG INTO A PORT ON THE SIDE OF THE DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER,
- 25 AND THEN IT SYNCS WITH OUR PUMA SYSTEM.
- 26 Q. OKAY. SO THE PUMA SYSTEM, IS THAT THE NAME OF

- 1 THE PARTICULAR COMPUTER PROGRAM OR SYSTEM THAT IS USED TO
- 2 ARCHIVE AUDIO FILES?
- 3 A. CORRECT.
- 4 Q. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT
- 5 SYSTEM THEN INITIALLY.
- 6 HAVE YOU, IN THE COURSE OF YOUR ASSIGNMENTS WITH
- 7 THE DEPARTMENT, IMPORTED AUDIO FILES FROM THE DIGITAL AUDIO
- 8 RECORDER INTO THE PUMA SYSTEM?
- 9 A. YES.
- 10 Q. WOULD THAT INCLUDE YOUR OWN AUDIO RECORDINGS?
- 11 A. YES.
- 12 Q. IS IT PART OF AN OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY IN THE
- 13 ORDINARY COURSE OF EVENTS TO IMPORT THE AUDIO FILES THAT
- 14 THEY HAVE CREATED DURING THE COURSE OF A SHIFT INTO THE PUMA
- 15 SYSTEM?
- 16 A. YES.
- 17 Q. SO HAVE YOU DONE SO AT THE END OF YOUR SHIFTS THE
- 18 TIMES THAT YOU HAVE GENERATED AUDIO FILES?
- 19 A. YES.
- 20 Q. WHAT ABOUT EXPORTING AUDIO FILES; HAVE YOU EVER
- 21 EXPORTED, TAKEN AN AUDIO RECORDING OUT OF THE PUMA SYSTEM OR
- 22 ACCESSED THE PUMA SYSTEM?
- 23 A. I HAVE.
- 24 Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE IN GENERAL THE CIRCUMSTANCES
- 25 UNDER WHICH YOU HAVE DONE THAT IN THE PAST.
- 26 A. AS A SUPERVISOR IN PATROL, WHEN WE WERE

- 1 CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS ON OFFICERS, THERE WERE TIMES WHEN
- 2 I WOULD NEED TO GO BACK INTO THE SYSTEM TO RETRIEVE
- 3 RECORDINGS FROM INCIDENTS THAT THEY WERE INVOLVED IN.
- 4 AND THERE IS TWO WAYS TO DO IT.
- 5 I CAN EITHER OPEN UP THE PUMA SYSTEM AND
- 6 INDIVIDUALLY LISTEN TO THE FILES, BECAUSE THEY ARE LISTED IN
- 7 SEQUENTIAL ORDER. AND I CAN JUST CHOOSE WHICH ONE I WANT TO
- 8 LISTEN TO BY CLICKING ON A SMALL SPEAKER, AND IT WILL
- 9 ACTUALLY START PLAYING RIGHT THEN.
- 10 AND THE SECOND PART IS I CAN ALSO SAVE IT FROM
- 11 THAT PUMA SYSTEM TO A SEPARATE FILE ON MY DESKTOP OR ONTO AN
- 12 EXTERNAL DRIVE, OR ONTO A C.D. TO BE LISTENED TO FROM A
- 13 DIFFERENT DEVICE.
- Q. OKAY. DOES AN OFFICER AT THE FULLERTON POLICE
- 15 DEPARTMENT HAVE ACCESS TO RETRIEVE THEIR OWN AUDIO FILES,
- 16 THE AUDIO FILES THAT THEY HAVE GENERATED IN THE COURSE OF
- 17 THEIR DUTIES THAT ARE IN THE PUMA SYSTEM?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 O. DO THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO ACCESS OTHER
- 20 OFFICER'S AUDIO FILES?
- 21 A. IT DEPENDS.
- O. OKAY. AND WHAT DOES IT DEPEND ON?
- 23 A. IT DEPENDS ON YOUR CLEARANCE LEVEL. DEPENDING ON
- 24 YOUR CLEARANCE LEVEL, YOU CAN ONLY LISTEN TO YOUR LEVEL OR
- 25 BELOW. AND IF I CAN EXPLAIN, LIKE A PATROL OFFICER, WHEN
- 26 THEY UPLOAD THEIR FILES IN, THEIR CLEARANCE IS A NUMBER 4.

- 1 MEANING THEY CAN LISTEN TO ALL THE NUMBER 4 FILES.
- 2 AN INVESTIGATOR IS A NUMBER 5, MEANING THEY CAN,
- 3 WHEN THEY UPLOAD IT, THEIR CLEARANCE LEVEL IS A 5, THEY CAN
- 4 LISTEN TO THE 5'S AND THE 4'S. BUT A PATROL OFFICER
- 5 COULDN'T LISTEN TO SOMETHING THAT AN INVESTIGATOR UPLOADED,
- 6 OR SOMEBODY WITH A HIGHER CLEARANCE LEVEL UPLOADED.
- 7 Q. OKAY. SO WITH RESPECT TO A PATROL OFFICER, HE OR
- 8 SHE WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO ACCESS, ASSUMING THEY HAVE A LEVEL
- 9 4 CLEARANCE, HE OR SHE WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE
- 10 RECORDINGS THAT THEY THEMSELVES HAD GENERATED?
- 11 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 12 Q. IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS
- 13 BUREAU, DO YOU HAVE THE ABILITY OR THE CLEARANCE LEVEL NOT
- 14 ONLY TO ACCESS YOUR OWN RECORDINGS, BUT TO ACCESS THE
- 15 RECORDINGS OF OTHER OFFICERS?
- 16 A. YES.
- 17 Q. AND HOW IS THAT SYSTEM ACCESSED TO ENABLE YOU TO
- 18 RETRIEVE OTHER OFFICERS' RECORDINGS; IS IT PASSWORD
- 19 PROTECTED, OR CAN YOU DESCRIBE HOW IT IS ACCESSED?
- 20 A. IT IS PASSWORD PROTECTED. AND WHEN I WAS IN
- 21 INTERNAL AFFAIRS, MY CLEARANCE LEVEL WAS A 9, MEANING I
- 22 COULD LISTEN TO ANY RECORDING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE
- 23 DEPARTMENT. AND IT IS A UNIQUE LOGIN, AND THEN PASSWORD
- 24 SPECIFIC TO ME THAT ALLOWS ME TO DO THAT.
- Q. OKAY. HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOUT RETRIEVING, IN
- 26 GENERAL TERMS, AN AUDIO RECORDING THAT WAS GENERATED BY

- 1 ANOTHER OFFICER?
- 2 A. THE FIRST THING I WOULD HAVE TO IDENTIFY, I WOULD
- 3 HAVE TO IDENTIFY WHICH OFFICER'S RECORDING THAT I NEEDED TO
- 4 RETRIEVE, I WOULD NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEIR BADGE NUMBER OR
- 5 P-NUMBER IS.
- 6 ONCE I IDENTIFIED THEIR P-NUMBER, I WOULD LOGIN
- 7 TO THE COMPUTER, OPEN UP PUMA, LOGIN TO PUMA, AND THEN THERE
- 8 IS A SEARCH MODE WHERE I CAN ENTER IN SEARCH BY P-NUMBER.
- 9 SO I WOULD PUT THAT OFFICER'S P-NUMBER IN THE SEARCH FIELD,
- 10 CLICK THE SEARCH BUTTON. I ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT
- 11 PARAMETERS, DATE PARAMETERS, OR SPECIFIC FILE NAMES, IF THEY
- 12 NAMED IT, OR CASE NUMBER.
- 13 I WOULD THEN HIT THE SEARCH, AND IT WOULD GIVE ME
- 14 A LIST OF ALL OF THE RECORDINGS MADE BY THAT OFFICER MEETING
- 15 THE SPECIFIC CRITERIA THAT I INPUT.
- 16 O. OKAY. SO IN THAT WAY IF YOU WANTED TO ACCESS THE
- 17 RECORDING THAT WAS GENERATED BY A PARTICULAR OFFICER AND
- 18 IMPORTED INTO THE PUMA SYSTEM, YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO?
- 19 A. CORRECT.
- 20 Q. AND YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT IF IT WAS
- 21 A RECORDING THAT WAS GENERATED BY THAT PARTICULAR OFFICER'S
- 22 D.A.R. BY VIRTUE OF THE BADGE NUMBER, THE FIRST FOUR DIGITS
- 23 OF THAT AUDIO FILE?
- 24 A. CORRECT.
- Q. AND ALSO YOU WOULD KNOW, OR COULD DETERMINE THE
- 26 DATE AND TIME BASED ON THAT INFORMATION THAT IS IN THE PUMA

- 1 SYSTEM?
- 2 A. EXACTLY. WHEN I PULL UP THE PUMA SYSTEM AND I AM
- 3 LOOKING AT ALL THE RECORDINGS MADE BY A PARTICULAR OFFICER,
- 4 THERE IS A LOT OF INFORMATION. IT SHOWS ME THE START TIME
- 5 OF THE RECORDING. IT SHOWS ME THE STOP TIME OF THE
- 6 RECORDING. THE DATE OF THE RECORDING. THE LENGTH OF THE
- 7 RECORDING. THERE ARE SEVERAL FIELDS WHEN I OPEN UP THE
- 8 SCREEN AFTER I HAVE ENTERED THE CRITERIA THAT ARE LAID OUT.
- 9 Q. OKAY. AND THEN FROM THAT POINT AFTER YOU HAVE
- 10 IDENTIFIED A PARTICULAR OFFICER'S RECORDING THAT YOU ARE
- 11 INTERESTED IN RETRIEVING, I THINK YOU BEGAN TELLING US ABOUT
- 12 THE FACT THAT YOU COULD EXTRACT A COPY OF THAT RECORDING AS
- 13 WELL?
- 14 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 15 Q. SO NOT ONLY PLAY IT BACK THROUGH THE PUMA SYSTEM,
- 16 BUT YOU ARE ACTUALLY ABLE TO MAKE A DIGITAL COPY OF THAT
- 17 AUDIO RECORDING?
- 18 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 19 Q. CAN YOU BRIEFLY DESCRIBE HOW YOU WOULD GO ABOUT
- 20 MAKING A DIGITAL COPY OF THAT AUDIO RECORDING.
- 21 A. ONCE I HAVE IDENTIFIED WHICH RECORDING I AM
- 22 INTERESTED IN OR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A RECORDING OF, THERE IS
- 23 A FIELD AT THE EXTREME LEFT WHERE I PUT A CHECK MARK IN IT,
- 24 AND THEN UP AT THE TOP OF THE SCREEN IN THE MENU BAR IS A
- 25 FIELD WHERE I CAN EXPORT. AND I HAVE OPTIONS OF WHERE I
- 26 WANT TO EXPORT IT TO. I CAN EXPORT IT TO MY DESKTOP, OR I

- 1 CAN EXPORT IT TO A C.D. DRIVE OR A THUMB DRIVE OR WHATEVER
- 2 MANNER, OR WHEREVER I WANT TO PUT IT.
- 3 Q. I THINK YOU TOLD US THIS AS WELL, YOU HAVE HAD
- 4 OCCASION TO PLAY BACK AUDIO FILES RIGHT THROUGH THE PUMA
- 5 SYSTEM ITSELF?
- 6 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 7 O. AND YOU HAVE ALSO HAD OCCASION TO EXTRACT AUDIO
- 8 FILES INTO ANOTHER DIGITAL FORMAT, AS YOU DESCRIBED?
- 9 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 10 Q. BASED ON YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH DOING THAT, WHEN
- 11 YOU EXTRACT A COPY OF THAT AUDIO FILE FROM THE PUMA SYSTEM,
- 12 IS IT A FAIR AND ACCURATE COPY OF WHAT YOU HEARD PLAYING
- 13 DIRECTLY THROUGH THE PUMA SYSTEM?
- 14 A. YES.
- 15 Q. AND SIMILARLY, IF YOU LISTENED TO AN AUDIO FILE
- 16 THAT WAS GENERATED BY A D.A.R. PLAYING IT BACK RIGHT ON THE
- 17 D.A.R. ITSELF, HAVE YOU EVER SUBSEQUENTLY ALSO THEN
- 18 EXTRACTED A COPY FROM THE PUMA SYSTEM?
- 19 A. I HAVE.
- 20 Q. AND HAVE YOU ALSO FOUND THAT THE COPY YOU GET
- 21 FROM THE PUMA SYSTEM IS A FAIR AND ACCURATE COPY THAT WAS
- 22 ABLE TO BE PLAYED DIRECTLY FROM THE RECORDER ITSELF?
- 23 A. YES.
- Q. OKAY. NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION
- 25 FOR A MOMENT TO JULY 5TH, 2011, THAT EVENING, AND ASK YOU IF
- 26 YOU HAD ANY RESPONSIBILITY ON THE PART OF YOUR DEPARTMENT TO

- 1 RESPOND TO THE AREA OF THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER,
- 2 WITH REGARD TO AN INVESTIGATION OF AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED
- 3 BETWEEN FULLERTON POLICE OFFICERS AND ONE KELLY THOMAS?
- 4 A. YES.
- 5 Q. OKAY. CAN YOU TELL US GENERALLY WHAT WAS THE
- 6 NATURE OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY OR ROLE IN THAT INVESTIGATION.
- 7 A. ON JULY 5TH, 2011, I WAS ASSIGNED TO THE INTERNAL
- 8 AFFAIRS DIVISION OF THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT. AND I
- 9 WAS CALLED BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE PATROL DIVISION THAT NIGHT
- 10 AND ASKED TO RESPOND, KNOWING THAT THERE WOULD BE AN
- 11 INTERNAL INVESTIGATION BASED ON A USE OF FORCE OCCURRING.
- 12 I WAS CALLED OUT TO GET A GOOD FIRSTHAND VIEW OF
- 13 THE SCENE, AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL EVIDENCE WAS PRESERVED AND
- 14 COLLECTED THAT I EVENTUALLY WOULD NEED TO COMPLETE THE
- 15 INTERNAL INVESTIGATION.
- 16 O. SO DID YOU IN FACT RESPOND TO THAT LOCATION?
- 17 A. I DID.
- 18 Q. AND THAT LOCATION INCLUDES 123 SOUTH POMONA IN
- 19 THE CITY OF FULLERTON?
- 20 A. IT DOES.
- Q. OKAY. AND WHEN YOU RESPONDED TO THE SCENE, IS IT
- 22 FAIR FOR ME TO SAY THAT PART OF YOUR ROLE WAS TO ENSURE THAT
- 23 ANY EVIDENCE THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR YOUR INVESTIGATION
- 24 WAS COLLECTED FROM THE SCENE?
- 25 A. YES.
- 26 Q. WOULD THAT HAVE INCLUDED ANY POTENTIAL DIGITAL

- 1 AUDIO RECORDERS OR RECORDINGS THAT WERE GENERATED DURING THE
- 2 COURSE OF THAT INCIDENT?
- 3 A. YES.
- 4 Q. WHEN YOU RESPONDED TO THAT LOCATION, DID YOU MAKE
- 5 ANY EFFORT TO IDENTIFY IF ANY OF THE OFFICERS THAT WERE
- 6 ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT HAD GENERATED AUDIO
- 7 RECORDINGS?
- 8 A. YES.
- 9 Q. WHAT DID YOU DO IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF
- 10 THEM HAD MADE RECORDINGS?
- 11 A. I SPECIFICALLY ASKED THEM.
- 12 Q. OKAY. AND WERE YOU ABLE TO IDENTIFY CERTAIN
- 13 OFFICERS WHO HAD GENERATED RECORDINGS BY DOING THAT?
- 14 A. YES.
- 15 Q. DID YOU GIVE THOSE OFFICERS ANY INSTRUCTIONS WITH
- 16 RESPECT TO THEIR RECORDINGS THAT THEY HAD GENERATED OF
- 17 EVENTS?
- 18 A. I DID.
- 19 Q. WHAT INSTRUCTIONS DID YOU GIVE THEM?
- 20 A. I INSTRUCTED THEM TO DOWNLOAD THEIR DIGITAL AUDIO
- 21 RECORDINGS AS SOON AS THEY RETURNED TO THE STATION, IF THEY
- 22 WERE GOING TO CONTINUE THEIR SHIFT, I DIDN'T WANT THEM TO GO
- 23 AND HAVE OTHER RECORDINGS AFTER, I ASKED THEM TO
- 24 SPECIFICALLY RESPOND TO THE P.D., TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT,
- 25 AND TO DOWNLOAD THEIR D.A.R.'S.
- 26 Q. OKAY. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU IF YOU ARE

- 1 FAMILIAR WITH A CERTAIN NUMBER OF OFFICERS, AND IF YOU ARE
- 2 FAMILIAR WITH THE SOUND OF THEIR VOICE; IS THAT FAIR?
- 3 A. YES.
- 4 Q. OKAY. AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH YOU ARE
- 5 FAMILIAR WITH THEM.
- 6 I WANT TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO EXHIBIT NUMBER
- 7 24 OF THE GRAND JURY EXHIBITS, AND ASK YOU IF YOU RECOGNIZE
- 8 THE INDIVIDUAL DEPICTED THERE?
- 9 A. I DO.
- 10 Q. WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT TO BE?
- 11 A. JOE WOLFE.
- 12 Q. AND WHAT ARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH YOU
- 13 RECOGNIZE THE PERSON IN 24 TO BE JOE WOLFE; HOW IS IT THAT
- 14 YOU KNOW JOE WOLFE?
- 15 A. HE IS A FULLERTON POLICE OFFICER, AND I HAVE
- 16 WORKED WITH HIM IN PATROL AND AROUND THE STATION.
- 17 Q. AND BASED ON WORKING WITH HIM, ARE YOU FAMILIAR
- 18 WITH THE SOUND OF HIS VOICE?
- 19 A. YES, I AM.
- 20 Q. AND IS HE ONE OF THE OFFICERS WHO YOU HAD
- 21 IDENTIFIED AS HAVING GENERATED AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS
- 22 INCIDENT THAT YOU WERE INVESTIGATING?
- 23 A. YES.
- 24 Q. DID YOU HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH JOSEPH WOLFE
- 25 REGARDING HIS DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER?
- 26 A. I DID.

- 1 Q. AND WHAT IN ESSENCE WAS THAT CONVERSATION?
- 2 A. WHEN I HAD ASKED JOE ABOUT HIS DIGITAL RECORDING,
- 3 DID YOU HAVE A RECORDING OF IT, HIS RESPONSE WAS THAT HE
- 4 DID, BUT THAT DURING THE STRUGGLE HIS RECORDER CAME OUT OF
- 5 HIS SHIRT POCKET, HIT THE PAVEMENT, AND HAD FROZEN. AND
- 6 WHEN I SAY FROZEN, TO DESCRIBE IT, BASICALLY IT STOPPED, THE
- 7 NUMERICAL COUNTING STOPPED, AND THE LIGHT HAD FROZEN IN THE
- 8 ON POSITION.
- 9 Q. OKAY. AND IS HE ONE OF THE OFFICERS THAT YOU HAD
- 10 IDENTIFIED AS HAVING GENERATED AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THAT
- 11 INCIDENT?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 O. AND I AM GOING TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION BACK TO
- 14 EXHIBIT NUMBER 76; WERE YOU DIRECTED AT ALL WHILE YOU WERE
- 15 AT THE SCENE TO THE LOCATION OF HIS AUDIO RECORDER?
- 16 A. YES.
- 17 Q. OKAY. AND DID YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW
- 18 IT?
- 19 A. I DID.
- 20 Q. DID YOU COLLECT IT, OR DID SOMEONE ELSE COLLECT
- 21 IT, IF YOU RECALL?
- 22 A. WELL, I ULTIMATELY TOOK IT TO THE POLICE STATION
- 23 FROM THE SCENE.
- Q. WITH RESPECT TO EXHIBIT NUMBER 76, DO YOU
- 25 RECOGNIZE THAT AS A FAIR AND ACCURATE PHOTOGRAPH IN
- 26 APPEARANCE OF JOSEPH WOLFE'S AUDIO RECORDER?

- 1 A. YES.
- 2 Q. AND IF WE LOOK AT THAT AGAIN, IN PARTICULAR THAT
- 3 EIGHT-DIGIT NUMBER THAT YOU HAD POINTED TO US BEFORE, THE
- 4 1173, DOES THAT REPRESENT THE BADGE NUMBER OF JOSEPH WOLFE?
- 5 A. YES.
- 6 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 77)
- 7 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: AND NOW GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER
- 8 77; DOES THAT APPEAR TO BE A FAIR AND ACCURATE PHOTOGRAPH OF
- 9 THE REAR OF THE DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER?
- 10 A. YES.
- 11 Q. IT ALSO APPEARS TO BE LABELED WITH THE NAME,
- 12 WOLFE; IS THAT TYPICAL OF THE DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDERS THAT
- 13 ARE ISSUED BY YOUR DEPARTMENT, THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY
- 14 LABELED WITH THE ASSIGNED OFFICER'S NAME?
- 15 A. YES.
- 16 O. AFTER YOU ULTIMATELY COLLECTED THIS D.A.R.,
- 17 JOSEPH WOLFE'S D.A.R., WHAT DID YOU DO WITH IT?
- 18 A. I TOOK IT BACK TO THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 19 AND DOWNLOADED IT INTO THE PUMA SYSTEM.
- 20 Q. WERE YOU ABLE TO ACCESS AUDIO, OR AN AUDIO
- 21 RECORDING FOR THAT PARTICULAR DAY AND AT THE TIME THAT THE
- 22 ALLEGED INCIDENT OCCURRED?
- 23 A. YES.
- Q. AND DID YOU LISTEN TO THAT AUDIO RECORDING?
- 25 A. THAT NIGHT, NOT IN ITS ENTIRETY. EVENTUALLY,
- 26 YES.

- 1 Q. AND MAYBE I SHOULD PHRASE THAT DIFFERENTLY.
- 2 DID YOU LISTEN TO THE AUDIO RECORDING FROM THE
- 3 RECORDER ITSELF, OR DID YOU LISTEN TO THE AUDIO RECORDING
- 4 FROM THE PUMA SYSTEM, OR DID YOU DO BOTH?
- 5 A. ONLY FROM THE PUMA SYSTEM.
- 6 Q. WERE YOU THE ONE THAT PERSONALLY IMPORTED THE
- 7 AUDIO FROM THE DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER OF JOSEPH WOLFE INTO
- 8 THE PUMA SYSTEM?
- 9 A. YES.
- 10 Q. DID YOU DO SO IN THE SAME FASHION THAT YOU HAVE
- 11 DONE COUNTLESS TIMES IN THE PAST OF IMPORTING AUDIO?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 O. DID YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEM IMPORTING THE AUDIO FROM
- 14 THE DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER INTO THE PUMA SYSTEM, TO YOUR
- 15 RECOLLECTION?
- 16 A. NO.
- 17 Q. WERE YOU ABLE THEN TO EXTRACT AN AUDIO FILE THAT
- 18 HAD BEEN GENERATED ON THE DATE AND TIME OF THE ALLEGED
- 19 INCIDENT?
- 20 A. YES.
- 21 Q. FROM JOSEPH WOLFE'S AUDIO RECORDER?
- 22 A. CORRECT.
- 23 Q. OKAY. I WANT TO SHOW YOU NOW GRAND JURY EXHIBIT
- 24 NUMBER 45.
- 25 I WILL ASK YOU IF YOU RECOGNIZE THIS INDIVIDUAL?
- 26 A. I DO.

- 1 Q. WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT TO BE?
- 2 A. MANNY RAMOS.
- 3 Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO THE GRAND JURY IN GENERAL
- 4 TERMS THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE
- 5 MANNY RAMOS; HOW DO YOU KNOW HIM?
- 6 A. HE IS A -- HE WAS A FULLERTON POLICE OFFICER. I
- 7 WORKED WITH HIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND ACTUALLY SUPERVISED
- 8 HIM FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS.
- 9 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE SOUND OF HIS VOICE AS
- 10 WELL?
- 11 A. YES, I AM.
- 12 Q. AND WAS MANUEL RAMOS AT THE FULLERTON
- 13 TRANSPORTATION CENTER WHEN YOU ARRIVED THERE?
- 14 A. YES, HE WAS.
- 15 Q. IS HE ALSO ONE OF THE OFFICERS WHO YOU HAD
- 16 IDENTIFIED AS HAVING HAD HIS AUDIO RECORDING OPERATING OR
- 17 RECORDING AT THE TIME OF THIS INCIDENT?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 Q. AT SOME POINT ON THE EVENING OF JULY 5TH, 2011,
- 20 DID MANUEL RAMOS PROVIDE YOU WITH HIS DIGITAL AUDIO
- 21 RECORDER?
- 22 A. HE DID.
- 23 Q. HOW DID HE PROVIDE YOU; DID HE HAND IT TO YOU, OR
- 24 DO YOU RECALL HOW IT WAS THAT IT WENT FROM HIS POSSESSION TO
- 25 YOURS?
- 26 A. I DO.

- 1 Q. COULD YOU TELL US.
- 2 A. WE WERE BACK AT THE STATION, AND I WAS IN THE
- 3 SERGEANT'S OFFICE. AND OFFICER RAMOS WAS GOING TO BE GOING
- 4 UP TO THE HOSPITAL. AND HE TOLD ME THAT HE COULDN'T
- 5 DOWNLOAD HIS D.A.R. AT THAT TIME, I AM ASSUMING HE MADE AN
- 6 ATTEMPT TO DOWNLOAD IT AND THAT HE COULDN'T.
- 7 Q. I AM GOING TO INTERRUPT YOU RIGHT THERE, I
- 8 APOLOGIZE.
- 9 A. OKAY.
- 10 Q. WITHOUT TELLING ME ABOUT WHAT MANUEL RAMOS SAID
- 11 TO YOU IN PARTICULAR --
- 12 A. SURE.
- 13 Q. -- DID HE JUST GIVE YOU HIS DIGITAL AUDIO
- 14 RECORDER?
- 15 A. HE DID.
- 16 Q. OKAY. AND THEN DID YOU TAKE THE DIGITAL AUDIO
- 17 RECORDER AND DO ANYTHING WITH IT TO ACCESS AUDIO OR DOWNLOAD
- 18 AUDIO?
- 19 A. I DID.
- Q. WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 21 A. I PLUGGED IT INTO THE PUMA SYSTEM AND I
- 22 DOWNLOADED IT.
- Q. WERE YOU ABLE TO EXTRACT AN AUDIO FILE OR AUDIO
- 24 FILES FROM HIS RECORDER?
- 25 A. I WAS.
- 26 Q. FOR JULY 5TH, 2011, AGAIN THE TIME FRAME OF THE

- 1 ALLEGED INCIDENT?
- 2 A. YES.
- 3 Q. DID YOU LATER DISCOVER THAT MANUEL RAMOS' AUDIO
- 4 RECORDER MAY HAVE CONTAINED TWO AUDIO FILES RELATIVE TO THIS
- 5 INCIDENT?
- 6 A. YES.
- 7 Q. AND HOW DID YOU MAKE THAT DISCOVERY, GENERALLY?
- 8 A. I WAS REVIEWING THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE AND
- 9 WENT BACK AND RELISTENED TO ALL THE PREVIOUS D.A.R.'S, THE
- 10 DIGITAL RECORDINGS FROM THAT EVENING, AND FOUND THAT THE
- 11 RECORDING JUST PRIOR TO THE ONE THAT I ORIGINALLY FOUND WAS
- 12 ALSO A PORTION OF THIS CASE.
- 13 O. OKAY. JUST LET ME ASK YOU A COUPLE OF OUESTIONS
- 14 ABOUT THAT BRIEFLY.
- 15 BASED ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIGITAL AUDIO
- 16 RECORDER, EVERY TIME YOU ACTIVATE THE RECORDER DOES IT
- 17 GENERATE A NEW FILE?
- 18 A. EVERY TIME YOU STOP THE RECORDER AND THEN PUSH
- 19 RECORD AGAIN, IT GENERATES A NEW FILE.
- 20 Q. OKAY. SO IF THERE WAS AN INCIDENT WHERE AN
- 21 OFFICER WAS CONTACTING SOMEONE AND THEY ACTIVATED THE
- 22 RECORDER AND THEY STOPPED IT, THAT WOULD GENERATE ONE AUDIO
- 23 FILE?
- 24 A. CORRECT.
- 25 Q. AND THEN IF THEY WANTED TO CONTINUE RECORDING
- 26 THAT CONTACT AND THEY HIT RECORD AGAIN, PRESSED RECORD

- 1 AGAIN, THAT WOULD THEN GENERATE A SECOND AUDIO FILE?
- 2 A. CORRECT.
- 3 Q. AND BASED ON YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH THE SYSTEM AND
- 4 ACCESSING THE AUDIO RECORDINGS, MANUEL RAMOS, IS THAT WHAT
- 5 YOU UNDERSTOOD HAD HAPPENED WITH RESPECT TO HIS AUDIO
- 6 RECORDER?
- 7 A. YES.
- 8 Q. WERE YOU ABLE TO EXTRACT THE AUDIO RECORDINGS
- 9 FROM MANUEL RAMOS' D.A.R. AS WELL?
- 10 A. YES.
- 11 Q. DO YOU KNOW AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF KEVIN
- 12 CRAIG?
- 13 A. I DO.
- 14 Q. HOW DO YOU KNOW KEVIN CRAIG?
- 15 A. I WORK WITH HIM AT THE FULLERTON POLICE
- 16 DEPARTMENT.
- 17 Q. HAVE YOU HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH KEVIN CRAIG?
- 18 A. YES, I HAVE.
- 19 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE SOUND OF HIS VOICE?
- 20 A. I AM.
- 21 Q. IS HE ALSO AN OFFICER THAT YOU HAD IDENTIFIED AS
- 22 HAVING HAD HIS DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER ACTIVE AT LEAST DURING
- 23 A PORTION OF THIS INCIDENT?
- 24 A. YES.
- 25 Q. DID YOU DO ANYTHING TO OBTAIN ANY AUDIO FROM HIS
- 26 RECORDER RELATIVE TO THIS INCIDENT?

- 1 A. FROM HIS RECORDER, NO.
- 2 Q. DID YOU DO ANYTHING TO OBTAIN ANY RECORDINGS THAT
- 3 HE GENERATED ON HIS RECORDER FROM THIS INCIDENT?
- 4 A. YES.
- 5 Q. WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 6 A. I, KNOWING OFFICER CRAIG OR SERGEANT CRAIG'S
- 7 BADGE NUMBER, I WENT THROUGH THE SAME PROCESS OF GOING INTO
- 8 THE PUMA SYSTEM AND PUTTING IN HIS BADGE NUMBER, IDENTIFYING
- 9 THE RECORDING I WAS LOOKING FOR, AND THEN I EXTRACTED IT
- 10 FROM THE PUMA SYSTEM.
- 11 Q. PRIOR TO EXTRACTING IT FROM THE PUMA SYSTEM, HAD
- 12 YOU LISTENED TO THE AUDIO RECORDING THAT WAS GENERATED BY
- 13 SERGEANT CRAIG?
- 14 A. IN THE PUMA SYSTEM, YES.
- 15 Q. IS THAT TRUE WITH RESPECT TO MANUEL RAMOS'
- 16 RECORDING AS WELL, YOU LISTENED TO IT IN THE PUMA SYSTEM?
- 17 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 18 Q. ARE YOU ALSO FAMILIAR WITH AN INDIVIDUAL OFFICER
- 19 BY THE NAME OF JONATHAN MUNOZ?
- 20 A. YES.
- 21 Q. HOW DO YOU KNOW OFFICER MUNOZ?
- 22 A. HE IS AN OFFICER OF THE FULLERTON POLICE
- 23 DEPARTMENT, AND I HAVE HAD OCCASION TO SPEAK WITH HIM AND
- 24 SEE HIM AT WORK.
- 25 Q. OKAY. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE SOUND OF HIS
- 26 VOICE, BASED ON YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM AND WORKING WITH

- 1 HIM?
- 2 A. YES.
- 3 Q. IS HE ALSO ONE OF THE OFFICERS WHO YOU HAD
- 4 IDENTIFIED AS HAVING GENERATED A RECORDING OF AT LEAST A
- 5 PORTION OF THIS INCIDENT?
- 6 A. YES.
- 7 Q. AND DID YOU DO ANYTHING TO ACCESS THE RECORDING
- 8 THAT HE HAD GENERATED?
- 9 A. I DID.
- 10 Q. WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 11 A. THE SAME THING, I WENT INTO THE PUMA SYSTEM, PUT
- 12 HIS BADGE NUMBER INTO THE SEARCH, LOCATED A RECORDING FROM
- 13 THAT EVENING BY LISTENING TO IT, AND THEN EXTRACTED IT FROM
- 14 THE PUMA SYSTEM.
- 15 Q. OKAY. SO DID YOU ALSO LISTEN ON THE PUMA SYSTEM
- 16 TO JONATHAN MUNOZ' RECORDING?
- 17 A. I DID.
- 18 Q. AND THEN YOU ALSO EXTRACTED A COPY OF JONATHAN
- 19 MUNOZ' RECORDING?
- 20 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 21 Q. WITH RESPECT TO THE COPIES YOU MADE OR EXTRACTED
- 22 OF JONATHAN MUNOZ, KEVIN CRAIG, MANUEL RAMOS AND JOSEPH
- 23 WOLFE, WERE THOSE COPIES ALL FAIR AND ACCURATE COPIES OF THE
- 24 AUDIO YOU ALSO HEARD FROM THE PUMA SYSTEM?
- 25 A. YES.
- 26 Q. NOW, WE ARE FOCUSING RIGHT NOW ON THOSE FOUR

- 1 INDIVIDUALS IN PARTICULAR, BUT IN THE COURSE OF YOUR
- 2 INVESTIGATION INTO THIS INCIDENT, DID YOU ALSO HAVE OCCASION
- 3 TO ACCESS OTHER AUDIO RECORDINGS OF OTHER OFFICERS WHO MAY
- 4 HAVE GENERATED RECORDINGS OF THIS INCIDENT?
- 5 A. YES.
- 6 Q. DID YOU LISTEN TO THE RECORDINGS OF THOSE
- 7 INDIVIDUALS AS WELL?
- 8 A. I DID.
- 9 Q. DID SOME OF THESE RECORDINGS THAT WERE GENERATED
- 10 BY THE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT APPEAR TO HAVE
- 11 BEEN MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY, IN OTHER WORDS, MULTIPLE OFFICERS
- 12 MAY HAVE THEIR RECORDERS RUNNING AT THE SAME TIME DURING THE
- 13 COURSE OF THIS INCIDENT?
- 14 A. DEFINITELY.
- 15 Q. NOW, AT SOME POINT IN YOUR INVESTIGATION DID YOU
- 16 LEARN THAT THERE WAS A VIDEO RECORDING THAT PURPORTED TO
- 17 DEPICT THIS INCIDENT, OR AT LEAST A PORTION OF THIS
- 18 INCIDENT?
- 19 A. YES.
- Q. WERE YOU PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THAT VIDEO
- 21 RECORDING?
- 22 A. YES.
- 23 Q. I AM SHOWING YOU NOW GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER
- 24 75, THAT IS THE D.V.D.; HAVE YOU HAD A PRIOR OPPORTUNITY TO
- 25 VIEW THIS D.V.D.?
- 26 A. I HAVE.

- 1 Q. AND DID IT TO YOU APPEAR TO BE A FAIR AND
- 2 ACCURATE COPY OF THE SAME VIDEO RECORDING OF THE INCIDENTS
- 3 THAT YOU HAD BEEN PROVIDED, THE MOVING IMAGES?
- 4 A. YES.
- 5 Q. NOW, WHEN YOU WERE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE VIDEO,
- 6 DID IT HAVE A SOUNDTRACK?
- 7 A. (NO RESPONSE).
- 8 Q. ORIGINALLY?
- 9 A. ORIGINALLY, NO.
- 10 Q. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE DOES THE CAMERA THAT GENERATED
- 11 THIS VIDEO, IS IT EQUIPPED WITH A MICROPHONE?
- 12 A. IT IS NOT.
- 13 O. DID YOU THEN SET TO THE TASK IN ANY WAY OF
- 14 CREATING AN AUDIO SOUNDTRACK FOR THE VIDEO THAT YOU HAD BEEN
- 15 PROVIDED?
- 16 A. I DID.
- 17 Q. AND IN VERY GENERAL TERMS, DID YOU UTILIZE THE
- 18 AUDIO RECORDINGS THAT HAD BEEN GENERATED BY THE OFFICERS
- 19 DURING THE COURSE OF THIS INCIDENT TO CREATE AN AUDIO TRACK
- 20 WITH THE DIGITAL?
- 21 A. I DID.
- 22 Q. DID YOU USE A COMPUTER PROGRAM TO ACCOMPLISH
- 23 THAT?
- 24 A. I DID.
- 25 Q. AND DID THAT PROGRAM PERMIT YOU TO MANIPULATE
- 26 WHERE THE AUDIO RECORDINGS WOULD PLAY OR START DURING THE

- 1 COURSE OF THE VIDEO?
- 2 A. YES.
- 3 Q. WHICH OFFICERS' AUDIO RECORDINGS DID YOU USE IN
- 4 ORDER TO CREATE THE SOUNDTRACK?
- 5 A. I USED OFFICER RAMOS, OFFICER WOLFE, SERGEANT
- 6 CRAIG AND OFFICER MUNOZ.
- 7 Q. WHY IS IT THAT YOU SELECTED THOSE FOUR INDIVIDUAL
- 8 OFFICERS' AUDIO RECORDINGS OUT OF ALL THE AUDIO RECORDINGS
- 9 THAT YOU LISTENED TO?
- 10 A. WHEN I MADE THE D.V.D. I CHOSE THOSE DIGITAL
- 11 RECORDINGS THAT WERE CLOSEST TO KELLY THOMAS, JUST THEY WERE
- 12 CLOSEST TO KELLY THOMAS, BECAUSE THERE WERE TIMES WHEN MAYBE
- 13 AN OFFICER WOULD BE THERE AND THEN WALK AWAY, AND I KEPT THE
- 14 RECORDING, THE CLEAREST RECORDING THAT WAS CLOSEST TO KELLY
- 15 THOMAS.
- 16 O. SO FAIR FOR ME TO SAY THEN THAT YOU MADE AN
- 17 EFFORT TO CAPTURE THE RECORDER THAT WAS PHYSICALLY CLOSEST
- 18 TO THOMAS DURING THE COURSE OF THIS INCIDENT?
- 19 A. OR THAT WAS THE CLEAREST.
- 20 Q. OR THAT WAS THE CLEAREST?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. DID YOU SET ABOUT SYNCHRONIZING THE AUDIO
- 23 RECORDINGS THAT HAD BEEN GENERATED BY THE OFFICERS AT THE
- 24 SCENE WITH THE VIDEO?
- 25 A. I DID.
- Q. HOW IS IT YOU MADE AN EFFORT, OR WHAT DID YOU DO

- 1 GENERALLY TO SYNCHRONIZE THE AUDIO RECORDINGS WITH THE
- 2 VIDEO?
- 3 A. AFTER WATCHING THE VIDEO I FOUND, FOR LACK OF A
- 4 BETTER TERM, MARKERS, SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE IDENTIFIABLE
- 5 VISUALLY ON THE VIDEO AND AUDIBLY ON THE RECORDINGS. THE
- 6 INITIAL POINT THAT I USED WAS A BACKPACK HITTING THE GROUND.
- 7 AND THAT'S WHERE I STARTED EVERYTHING FROM. AND THEN FOUND
- 8 OTHER MARKERS DURING THE VIDEO, OTHER SOUNDS, A FOOT MOVING
- 9 ON THE GROUND OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. JUST TO SYNC THE
- 10 AUDIO UP TO THE VIDEO AS BEST AS I COULD.
- 11 Q. SO ON THE SILENT VIDEO, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU WOULD
- 12 SEE A BACKPACK HITTING THE GROUND, AND YOU WOULD LISTEN FOR
- 13 THE AUDIO RECORDINGS, THE SOUND OF A BACKPACK HITTING THE
- 14 GROUND?
- 15 A. THAT COMBINED WITH THE CONVERSATION THAT WAS
- 16 GOING ON AT THE TIME, KNOWING THAT IT IS RIGHT IN THAT AREA.
- 17 Q. OKAY. THE SAME WOULD BE TRUE WITH RESPECT TO
- 18 THAT OTHER LANDMARK, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FEET MOVING ON THE
- 19 GROUND OR SHUFFLING ON THE GROUND, YOU WOULD LOOK FOR THE
- 20 PORTION OF THE AUDIO RECORDING, OR THE TIME ON THE AUDIO
- 21 RECORDING WHERE THE FEET WAS MOVING ON THE GROUND OR
- 22 SHUFFLING ON THE GROUND?
- 23 A. YEAH, THE FOOT MOVING ON THE GROUND IS WHERE I
- 24 ACTUALLY GOT IT TO SYNC THE CLOSEST, THE BACKPACK WAS KIND
- 25 OF MY GENERAL, IT GOT ME IN THE AREA, BUT THE FEET MOVING ON
- 26 THE GROUND WAS WHERE I REALLY KIND OF HONED IN ON GETTING IT

- 1 AS CLOSE TO SYNC AS I COULD DO IT.
- 2 Q. OKAY. AND AT THE END OF THIS PROCESS, WERE YOU
- 3 ABLE TO PRODUCE A VIDEO FILE, FROM THE VIDEO FILE YOU HAD
- 4 BEEN PROVIDED ALONG WITH AN AUDIO TRACK, THAT APPEARED TO BE
- 5 SYNCHRONIZED TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY?
- 6 A. YES.
- 7 Q. DOES GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75 CONSIST OF THAT
- 8 COMPOSITE, THE SURVEILLANCE VIDEO AND THE VERSIONS AND
- 9 COPIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL AUDIO RECORDINGS THAT YOU
- 10 SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE VIDEO?
- 11 A. YES.
- 12 Q. WITH RESPECT TO GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 75
- 13 ALSO, DOES IT CONTAIN FAIR AND ACCURATE RECORDINGS OF THE
- 14 AUDIO GENERATED BY THOSE DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDERS OF THE
- 15 OFFICERS?
- 16 A. YES.
- 17 MR. BOGARDUS: I HAVE WHAT I WOULD ASK TO BE MARKED FOR
- 18 PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION AS GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 78,
- 19 DESCRIBED FOR THE RECORD AS A TRANSCRIPT OF GRAND JURY
- 20 EXHIBIT NUMBER 75.
- 21 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 78)
- 22 O. BY MR. BOGARDUS: I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE A LOOK
- 23 AT THAT AND ASK IF YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
- 24 THAT TRANSCRIPT PRIOR TO TODAY?
- 25 A. I HAVE.
- 26 Q. AND DOES THAT APPEAR TO BE A FAIR AND ACCURATE

- 1 TRANSCRIPTION OF THE AUDIO THAT IS ON GRAND JURY EXHIBIT
- 2 NUMBER 75?
- 3 A. YES.
- 4 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 79)
- 5 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME
- 6 QUESTIONS ABOUT INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE DEPICTED IN GRAND JURY
- 7 EXHIBIT NUMBER 75, THE VIDEO. AND IF YOU RECOGNIZE THEM AND
- 8 WHO THEY ARE.
- 9 SO FIRST I AM GOING TO START WITH GRAND JURY
- 10 EXHIBIT NUMBER 75, WHICH IS A SCREEN CAPTURE, DESCRIBED FOR
- 11 THE RECORD AS A SCREEN CAPTURE FROM PEOPLE'S 75 WITH AN
- 12 ARROW POINTING TO A UNIFORMED OFFICER.
- DO YOU RECOGNIZE --
- MR. TANIZAKI: 79.
- MR. BOGARDUS: CORRECT, SCREEN CAPTURE FROM 75 THOUGH.
- MR. TANIZAKI: RIGHT, BUT I THINK YOU SAID -- NEVER
- 17 MIND.
- Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE UNIFORMED
- 19 OFFICER IN THIS SCREEN CAPTURE, EXHIBIT 79?
- 20 A. I DO.
- Q. WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT TO BE?
- 22 A. MANNY RAMOS.
- Q. AND BASED ON YOUR REVIEW OF THE VIDEO RECORDING,
- 24 GRAND JURY 75, IS THAT THE FIRST UNIFORMED OFFICER THAT
- 25 APPEARS IN THE VIDEO?
- 26 A. YES.

- 1 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 80)
- 2 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: I NOW WANT TO SHOW YOU GRAND JURY
- 3 EXHIBIT NUMBER 80, AGAIN A SCREEN CAPTURE FROM 75.
- 4 DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE UNIFORMED OFFICER THAT THE
- 5 ARROW IS POINTING TO?
- 6 A. I DO.
- 7 Q. WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT TO BE?
- 8 A. JOE WOLFE.
- 9 Q. IS THAT THE SECOND UNIFORMED OFFICER TO APPEAR IN
- 10 THE VIDEO?
- 11 A. YES.
- 12 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 81)
- 13 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 81, A
- 14 UNIFORMED OFFICER AGAIN DEPICTED, A SCREEN CAPTURE FROM 75;
- 15 DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT?
- 16 A. I DO.
- 17 Q. WHO IS THAT?
- 18 A. JAY CICINELLI.
- 19 Q. BASED ON YOUR REVIEW OF THE VIDEO, IS THIS THE
- 20 THIRD OFFICER TO APPEAR IN THE VIDEO?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 82)
- 23 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 82,
- 24 AGAIN A SCREEN CAPTURE FROM THE VIDEO; DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE
- 25 UNIFORMED OFFICER TO WHOM THE ARROW IS POINTING?
- 26 A. I DO.

- 1 Q. WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT TO BE?
- 2 A. KENTON HAMPTON.
- 3 Q. IS THAT THE FOURTH OFFICER THAT APPEARS, FOURTH
- 4 UNIFORMED OFFICER THAT APPEARS IN THE VIDEO?
- 5 A. YES.
- 6 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 83)
- 7 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: NOW SHOWING YOU GRAND JURY
- 8 EXHIBIT NUMBER 83; DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM
- 9 THE ARROW IS POINTING HERE?
- 10 A. I DO.
- 11 Q. AND WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT TO BE?
- 12 A. KEVIN CRAIG.
- 13 O. NOW THE FIFTH OFFICER THAT APPEARS IN THE VIDEO?
- 14 A. YES.
- 15 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 84)
- 16 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: NOW I AM SHOWING YOU GRAND JURY
- 17 EXHIBIT NUMBER 84; DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE OFFICER TO WHOM THE
- 18 ARROW IS POINTING HERE?
- 19 A. I DO.
- Q. WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT TO BE?
- 21 A. JIM BLATNEY.
- 22 Q. AND IS THAT THE SIXTH OFFICER TO APPEAR IN THE
- 23 VIDEO?
- 24 A. YES.
- 25 Q. DO THESE EXHIBITS THAT I HAVE NOW SHOWN YOU, 79,
- 26 80, 81, 82, 83 AND 84, APPEAR TO BE FAIR AND ACCURATE SCREEN

- 1 CAPTURES FROM GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
- 2 THE ARROWS?
- 3 A. YES.
- 4 Q. HOW IS IT THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH WHO OFFICER
- 5 HAMPTON IS, THAT YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE HIM FROM THE VIDEO?
- 6 A. FROM WORKING WITH HIM AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT,
- 7 AND HAVING OCCASION TO WORK WITH HIM AS WELL.
- 8 Q. AND WHAT ABOUT WITH RESPECT TO OFFICER BLATNEY?
- 9 A. SAME THING, I HAVE WORKED WITH HIM FOR SEVERAL
- 10 YEARS. SAME WITH KEVIN CRAIG.
- 11 Q. DOES THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ALSO
- 12 MAINTAIN A POLICY MANUAL THAT ALL OFFICERS ARE GOVERNED BY?
- 13 A. YES.
- 14 Q. AND IS IT A CONDITION OF EACH OFFICER'S
- 15 EMPLOYMENT THAT THEY REVIEW THE POLICY MANUAL?
- 16 A. YES.
- 17 Q. OR BE FAMILIAR WITH THE POLICY MANUAL?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 Q. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, ARE YOUR OFFICERS REQUIRED TO
- 20 EXECUTE A WRITING OR AN AUTHORIZATION THAT THEY FAMILIARIZED
- 21 THEMSELVES WITH THE POLICY MANUAL?
- 22 A. YES.
- 23 Q. WAS THAT TRUE BACK ON JULY 5TH OF 2011, THAT
- 24 OFFICERS THAT WERE EMPLOYED AT THAT TIME WOULD HAVE HAD TO
- 25 EXECUTE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH
- 26 FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES?

- 1 A. YES.
- 2 MR. BOGARDUS: I HAVE WHAT I WOULD ASK TO BE MARKED FOR
- 3 THE RECORD AS GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 85, DESCRIBED AS A
- 4 COPY OF THE POLICY OF THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY
- 5 MANUAL.
- 6 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 85)
- 7 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: I WOULD LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT THAT
- 8 AND LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THAT
- 9 PARTICULAR EXHIBIT BEFORE, GRAND JURY NUMBER 85?
- 10 A. YES.
- 11 O. DOES THAT APPEAR TO BE A TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY
- 12 OF FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY MANUAL THAT WOULD
- 13 HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT BACK IN JULY 5TH OF 2011?
- 14 A. YES.
- 15 Q. DOES THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ALSO
- 16 MAINTAIN RECORDS OF WHEN AN OFFICER IS HIRED?
- 17 A. YES.
- 18 Q. AND DOES THE DEPARTMENT ALSO MAINTAIN A RECORD OF
- 19 THE INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS THAT OFFICERS ARE GIVEN DURING
- 20 THE COURSE OF THEIR CAREER WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. AND DOES THAT RECORD ALSO CONTAIN INFORMATION
- 23 ABOUT THE DATES OF THOSE ASSIGNMENTS?
- 24 A. YES, IT DOES.
- 25 Q. IS THAT SOMETHING THAT IS MAINTAINED IN THE
- 26 REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS AT THE FULLERTON POLICE

- 1 DEPARTMENT?
- 2 A. YES, IT IS.
- 3 Q. AND IS THAT INFORMATION DOCUMENTED BY EMPLOYEES
- 4 OF THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT?
- 5 IN OTHER WORDS, THAT INFORMATION IS RECORDED
- 6 SOMEWHERE AT THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT?
- 7 A. CORRECT.
- 8 Q. AND THE PERSON, THE PERSONS WHO PUT THAT
- 9 INFORMATION IN THE RECORD, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN AN OFFICER IS
- 10 HIRED, IS THAT DONE BY FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 11 EMPLOYEES?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 O. AND IS THAT TRUE WITH RESPECT TO ALL THE SWORN
- 14 OFFICERS THAT WORK FOR THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, THAT
- 15 THERE IS A RECORD OF WHEN THEY WERE HIRED AND THE
- 16 ASSIGNMENTS THAT THEY HAVE HAD?
- 17 A. YES.
- 18 Q. HAVE YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE RECORD
- 19 OF EMPLOYMENT OF JOSEPH WOLFE?
- 20 A. YES.
- 21 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH WHEN IT WAS THAT JOSEPH
- 22 WOLFE WAS HIRED ON AS A SWORN PEACE OFFICER WITH YOUR
- 23 DEPARTMENT?
- 24 A. I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT DATE IN MY HEAD, BUT I DO
- 25 HAVE A COPY OF WHAT THAT DATE WOULD BE.
- 26 Q. OKAY.

- 1 A. THE INFORMATION.
- 2 Q. WOULD IT REFRESH YOUR RECOLLECTION TO REFER TO
- 3 THAT DOCUMENT?
- 4 A. IF THAT WOULD BE OKAY.
- 5 Q. OKAY. IT WILL. AND LET US KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE
- 6 HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THAT, AND IF YOUR MEMORY IS
- 7 REFRESHED.
- 8 A. (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 9 I AM SORRY, WAS IT HIS HIRE DATE AS A POLICE
- 10 OFFICER, OR HIS HIRE DATE WITH THE FULLERTON POLICE
- 11 DEPARTMENT?
- 12 Q. LET'S START WITH HIS HIGHER DATE WITH THE
- 13 FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 14 A. YES.
- 15 Q. OKAY. AND WHAT DATE WAS THAT?
- 16 A. JUNE 1ST, 1998.
- 17 Q. AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT HIS ASSIGNMENT WAS WHEN HE
- 18 WAS FIRST HIRED WITH THE DEPARTMENT?
- 19 A. HE WAS A POLICE CADET AND A RESERVE POLICE
- 20 OFFICER.
- 21 Q. IN GENERAL TERMS, CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO THE GRAND
- 22 JURY WHAT A POLICE CADET IS AND WHAT A RESERVE POLICE
- 23 OFFICER IS.
- 24 A. SURE. A POLICE CADET IS SOMEBODY WHO IS
- 25 INTERESTED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND WORKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT,
- 26 DOING A LOT OF THE SAME TASKS THAT OFFICERS OR RECORDS

- 1 CLERKS WOULD TYPICALLY DO. WHETHER IT BE TAKING REPORTS AT
- 2 THE FRONT DESK, AND I AM TALKING ABOUT MINOR REPORTS, AN
- 3 AUTO BURGLARY OR SOMETHING, A STOLEN VEHICLE. THEY ENTER
- 4 TICKETS INTO THE COMPUTER. DO A LOT OF FILING. HANDLE
- 5 FINGERPRINTING, AND JOBS LIKE THAT.
- 6 OFTENTIMES YOU WILL FIND SOMEBODY WHO IS
- 7 INTERESTED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT WILL GET HIRED ON AS A
- 8 CADET, TO KIND OF LEARN THE WORKINGS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND
- 9 JUST DO THE LITTLE JOBS THAT THEY ARE ALLOWED TO DO. AND
- 10 WHEN I SAY LITTLE JOBS, I JUST MEAN THEY ARE NOT DOING
- 11 EXACTLY WHAT A PEACE OFFICER WOULD DO.
- 12 A RESERVE OFFICER IS SOMEBODY WHO VOLUNTEERS
- 13 THEIR TIME TO GO OUT ON THE STREETS AS A POLICE OFFICER.
- 14 TYPICALLY THEY GO THROUGH THE SAME TRAINING THAT A FULL TIME
- 15 OFFICER WOULD GO THROUGH, THEY HAVE A TRAINING OFFICER
- 16 DURING THEIR FIRST, OR UNTIL THEY FINISH THEIR REQUIRED
- 17 THREE PHASES THAT WE GO THROUGH TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER.
- 18 BUT THEY ARE IN ESSENCE A POLICE OFFICER, WITH
- 19 THE EXCEPTION THEY ARE NOT BEING PAID, THEY VOLUNTEER THEIR
- 20 TIME. AND ALSO THE SAME THING, IT'S USUALLY PEOPLE WHO WANT
- 21 TO GET INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THIS IS KIND OF A WAY FOR
- 22 DEPARTMENTS TO SEE HOW THEY WORK. TO SEE IF THEY ARE GOING
- 23 TO GET HIRED AS FULL TIME.
- Q. OKAY. AT SOME POINT AFTER -- I AM SORRY, DID YOU
- 25 STATE THE YEAR, OR DID YOU GIVE US THE MONTH AND DATE OF
- 26 THAT HIRE?

- 1 A. JUNE 1ST, 1998.
- 2 Q. OKAY. AT SOME POINT AFTER JUNE 1ST OF 1998, DID
- 3 JOSEPH WOLFE'S ASSIGNMENT WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT CHANGE?
- 4 A. YES.
- 5 Q. WHEN DID IT CHANGE, AND IN WHAT WAY?
- 6 A. ON JANUARY 27TH, 1999, JOE WOLFE BECAME A FULL
- 7 TIME POLICE OFFICER.
- 8 Q. DID HE HAVE A PARTICULAR ASSIGNMENT WITH YOUR
- 9 DEPARTMENT AT THAT TIME?
- 10 A. PATROL.
- 11 Q. AFTER JUNE, I AM SORRY, JANUARY 27TH OF 1999, DID
- 12 JOSEPH WOLFE'S ASSIGNMENT CHANGE AGAIN WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT?
- 13 A. YES.
- Q. WHEN DID IT CHANGE, AND TO WHAT, PLEASE?
- 15 A. ON AUGUST 26TH, 2006, JOE MOVED TO OUR COMMUNITY
- 16 SERVICES BUREAU.
- 17 Q. WHAT WOULD AN OFFICER'S ASSIGNMENT BE, WHAT
- 18 DUTIES, GENERALLY SPEAKING, WOULD AN OFFICER FULFILL IN THE
- 19 COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU?
- 20 A. TYPICALLY IT WOULD BE A D.A.R.E. OFFICER OR A
- 21 HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.
- 22 Q. AT SOME POINT AFTER AUGUST 26TH OF 2006, DID
- 23 JOSEPH WOLFE'S ASSIGNMENT CHANGE AGAIN WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT?
- 24 A. YES.
- Q. WHEN DID IT CHANGE, AND TO WHAT?
- 26 A. ON JANUARY 9TH, 2010, JOE WAS TRANSFERRED BACK TO

- 1 OUR PATROL DIVISION FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES.
- 2 Q. OKAY. WITH RESPECT TO THE RECORD THAT YOU
- 3 MENTIONED WHERE THIS INFORMATION IS MAINTAINED ABOUT AN
- 4 OFFICER'S HIRE DATE AND ASSIGNMENTS, I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU
- 5 A COUPLE OF FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT IF I MAY.
- 6 A. OKAY.
- 7 Q. WHERE ARE THESE RECORDS MAINTAINED; ARE THEY
- 8 MAINTAINED IN THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT DIGITALLY, OR
- 9 ARCHIVED SOMEWHERE?
- 10 A. BOTH DIGITALLY ON OUR SERVER AND IN THEIR
- 11 PERSONNEL FILE.
- 12 Q. WHO HAS ACCESS TO THOSE RECORDS?
- 13 A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE CAPTAINS, AND THE ADMIN
- 14 SECRETARIES.
- 15 Q. WHEN THE CHANGE IN AN OFFICER'S EMPLOYMENT STATUS
- 16 OCCURS, IS THAT RECORD MADE AT OR NEAR THE TIME OF THAT
- 17 CHANGE?
- 18 FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN JOSEPH WOLFE WAS TRANSFERRED
- 19 FROM PATROL TO COMMUNITY SERVICES, WOULD THAT CHANGE HAVE
- 20 BEEN REFLECTED IN THIS RECORD AT OR NEAR THE TIME THAT THAT
- 21 OCCURRED?
- 22 A. YES.
- 23 Q. IS THAT TRUE WITH RESPECT TO ALL ASSIGNMENT
- 24 CHANGES?
- 25 A. YES.
- Q. JUST A FEW FINAL QUESTIONS.

- 1 BASED ON YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH JOSEPH WOLFE, DO
- 2 YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF HOW MUCH JOSEPH WOLFE WEIGHED BACK
- 3 IN JULY 5TH, 2011?
- 4 AND WHEN I ASK YOU THAT, I WOULD LIKE YOUR ANSWER
- 5 IN TWO PARTS. ONE WITHOUT STANDARD PATROL OFFICER
- 6 EQUIPMENT, AND THEN, SECONDLY, WITH STANDARD PATROL OFFICER
- 7 EQUIPMENT.
- 8 A. WITHOUT PATROL EQUIPMENT, I WOULD SAY THAT JOE
- 9 WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY 165 TO 170 POUNDS. WITH PATROL
- 10 EQUIPMENT, AND WE ARE BASICALLY ABOUT 22, 23 POUNDS HEAVIER
- 11 WITH OUR BELT AND VEST, SO IT WOULD BE ABOUT 183 TO 188
- 12 POUNDS.
- 13 O. AND HAVE YOU HAD OCCASION TO SEE JOSEPH WOLFE
- 14 WITHOUT PATROLMAN'S EQUIPMENT?
- 15 A. YES.
- 16 O. SO HAVE YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY THEN TO ESTIMATE
- 17 HIS WEIGHT WITHOUT THE EQUIPMENT?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 O. AND THAT WOULD BE TRUE ABOUT THE TIME OF JULY
- 20 5TH, 2011?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUIPMENT WEIGHT THAT YOU
- 23 MENTIONED OF APPROXIMATELY 22 TO 23 POUNDS, CAN YOU BRIEFLY
- 24 TELL US HOW IT IS YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE ESTIMATED WEIGHT
- 25 OF A PATROLMAN'S UNIFORM?
- 26 A. BECAUSE I WEIGHED MYSELF WITH MY GEAR AND WITHOUT

- 1 MY GEAR BEFORE.
- 2 Q. AND WITH YOUR GEAR, WHAT SORTS OF THINGS WOULD
- 3 THAT INCLUDE?
- 4 A. IT WOULD BE MY HANDGUN. AMMUNITION. HANDCUFFS.
- 5 MY BATON OR ASP. BOOTS. THE VEST. HANDCUFFS.
- 6 Q. WITH RESPECT TO MANUEL RAMOS, DO YOU HAVE AN
- 7 ESTIMATE OF HOW MUCH HE WEIGHED WITHOUT EQUIPMENT BACK ON
- 8 JULY 5TH, 2011?
- 9 A. I WOULD SAY ABOUT 180 TO 185 POUNDS.
- 10 Q. DID YOU HAVE OCCASION TO SEE HIM WITHOUT HIS
- 11 EQUIPMENT ON?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 Q. AND EQUIPPED, WOULD THAT ALSO ADD THE SAME 22, 23
- 14 POUNDS?
- 15 A. APPROXIMATELY, YES.
- 16 Q. JAY CICINELLI, DO YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF HOW
- 17 MUCH HE WEIGHED WITHOUT HIS EQUIPMENT?
- 18 A. 195 TO 200. 202, 203, SOMEWHERE THERE.
- 19 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH WHAT A HOBBLE IS?
- 20 A. I AM.
- 21 Q. AND CAN YOU BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHAT A HOBBLE IS AND
- 22 WHAT ITS PURPOSE IS TO THE GRAND JURY.
- 23 A. A HOBBLE IS A LEG RESTRAINT DEVICE THAT IS USED
- 24 TO RESTRAIN A SUBJECT'S LEGS AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN
- 25 HANDCUFFED, TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE SUBJECT
- 26 BEING RESTRAINED, AS WELL AS THE OFFICERS.

- 1 MR. BOGARDUS: MR. FOREMAN, I DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER
- 2 QUESTIONS. I INVITE ANY QUESTIONS BY THE GRAND JURY.
- 3 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS
- 4 FROM THE GRAND JURY?
- 5 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 6 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 115)
- 7 MR. BOGARDUS: IF I CAN JUST HAVE A MOMENT TO SORT
- 8 THROUGH THESE, MR. FOREMAN, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS.
- 9 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES.
- 10 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: DETECTIVE CHOCEK, THE MEMBERS OF
- 11 THE GRAND JURY HAVE THE ABILITY TO POSE QUESTIONS TO YOU AS
- 12 WELL. SO I HAVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS HERE FOR YOU. AND I
- 13 AM GOING TO ASK THEM TO YOU, AND BASICALLY THE QUESTIONS ARE
- 14 IF YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THEM OR IF YOU UNDERSTAND THE
- 15 QUESTION, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER. IS THAT FAIR?
- 16 A. THAT'S FAIR.
- 17 Q. THANK YOU. AND SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE
- 18 POSED HAVE MULTIPLE PARTS, SO I AM GOING TO READ THEM
- 19 VERBATIM EACH PART, OKAY?
- 20 A. OKAY.
- 21 Q. STARTING WITH THE FIRST QUESTION, NUMBER ONE:
- 22 CAN A FILE ON THE PUMA SYSTEM BE DELETED BY
- 23 ANYBODY?
- 24 A. NO.
- 25 Q. TWO:
- 26 HOW LONG ARE THE FILES KEPT ON THE PUMA SYSTEM?

- 1 A. TYPICALLY ABOUT THREE AND A HALF YEARS.
- 2 Q. NUMBER THREE:
- 3 WHAT WAS THE TIME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AUDIO FILE 1
- 4 AND AUDIO FILE 2 ON OFFICER RAMOS' D.A.R. UNIT?
- 5 A. IF I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION CORRECTLY, ARE YOU
- 6 ASKING, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN ASK QUESTIONS, BUT FROM WHEN
- 7 THE FIRST FILE ENDED TO WHEN THE SECOND FILE STARTED?
- 8 Q. WHAT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO, IF YOU DON'T MIND,
- 9 ANSWER THAT QUESTION, AND IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT RESPONSIVE
- 10 TO THIS GRAND JUROR'S QUESTION, THAT GRAND JUROR CAN SUBMIT
- 11 A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION.
- 12 A. OKAY. APPROXIMATELY ONE MINUTE FROM THE TIME
- 13 THAT OFFICER RAMOS' FIRST RECORDING ENDED UNTIL HIS SECOND
- 14 RECORDING BEGAN.
- 15 Q. THANK YOU.
- 16 NEXT OUESTION:
- 17 CAN AN OFFICER EXIT SLASH DELETE AUDIO RECORDINGS
- 18 FROM D.A.R.?
- 19 A. YES, TO DELETING.
- 20 Q. I AM SORRY?
- 21 A. THE ANSWER IS, IF I LOOK AT THAT AS TWO
- 22 QUESTIONS, CAN THEY EDIT IT? NO. CAN THEY DELETE IT FROM
- 23 THE D.A.R. ITSELF? YES.
- Q. OKAY, THANK YOU.
- 25 NEXT QUESTION:
- 26 DID DAWN SCRUGGS' RECORDER -- LET ME START OVER.

- 1 DID DAWN SCRUGGS RECORD HER CONVERSATION WITH
- 2 OFFICER RAMOS AFTER THE CONFRONTATION WITH KELLY THOMAS?
- 3 A. NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.
- 4 Q. NEXT QUESTION:
- 5 DID YOU SYNC THE TWO RECORDINGS, AUDIO AND VIDEO,
- 6 BECAUSE IT WAS JUST STANDARD POLICE INVESTIGATIVE WORK, OR
- 7 BECAUSE YOU FELT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE IT LATER?
- 8 A. BOTH.
- 9 Q. NEXT QUESTION:
- 10 HOW MANY AUDIO RECORDINGS WERE THERE IN TOTAL OF
- 11 THE INCIDENT?
- 12 A. A LOT. OF THE INCIDENT ITSELF, EXCLUDING
- 13 INTERVIEWS AFTER THE FACT, I THINK THERE WERE AROUND NINE OR
- 14 10.
- 15 Q. THE NEXT QUESTION:
- 16 WHAT IS THE NAMED PRODUCT OR PROGRAM USED TO SYNC
- 17 THE VIDEO AND AUDIO?
- 18 A. I-MOVIE.
- 19 Q. THE NEXT QUESTION HAS THREE PARTS.
- 20 FIRST PART:
- 21 ARE V.A.R. FILES EXPECTED -- I AM SORRY, EXPORTED
- 22 FROM PUMA FILE PROTECTED TO AVOID MODIFICATION?
- 23 A. NO.
- Q. NUMBER TWO:
- 25 ARE PEOPLE INFORMED THEY ARE BEING RECORDED BY A
- 26 V.A.R.?

- 1 THE QUESTION READS V.A.R., I ASSUME IT MEANS
- 2 D.A.R.?
- 3 A. NO. SOMETIMES, I AM SORRY, TO BE COMPLETELY
- 4 ACCURATE, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE WILL TELL SOMEBODY WE ARE
- 5 RECORDING THIS CONVERSATION. BUT WE DON'T TYPICALLY START
- 6 OUR CONVERSATION OFF WITH, YOU ARE BEING RECORDED.
- 7 Q. NUMBER THREE:
- 8 DID WOLFE'S V.A.R. OF THIS INCIDENT HAVE MORE
- 9 THAN ONE FILE?
- 10 A. NO.
- 11 Q. NEXT QUESTION, THREE :PARTS.
- 12 CAN V.A.R. FILES IN THE PUMA SYSTEM BE MODIFIED
- 13 OR EDITED?
- 14 A. NO.
- 15 Q. NUMBER TWO:
- 16 I AM GOING TO READ THIS QUESTION, BUT I DON'T
- 17 THINK IT CALLS FOR A RESPONSE. THE QUESTION READS:
- 18 IF YES, IS THIS FUNCTION CONTROLLED BY CLERICAL
- 19 LEVEL? YOU ANSWERED NO.
- 20 PART THREE:
- 21 IF I EXPORT A V.A.R., CAN I IMPORT THE FILE INTO
- 22 PUMA AND REPLACE THE EXISTING FILE?
- 23 A. NO.
- 24 CAN I ELABORATE ON THAT?
- Q. PLEASE DO.
- 26 A. I AM NOT ACTUALLY EXPORTING THE FILE, MAYBE

- 1 EXPORT IS A POOR TERM TO USE IN SOME RESPECTS, BECAUSE I AM
- 2 NOT ACTUALLY REMOVING IT FROM THE PUMA SYSTEM AND PLACING IT
- 3 ONTO A DESKTOP OR ANOTHER STORAGE, I AM ACTUALLY MAKING A
- 4 COPY OF IT, AND I WAS USING THE TERM EXPORT, BUT IT IS
- 5 ACTUALLY JUST MAKING A COPY, WE CANNOT DELETE THAT FROM THE
- 6 PUMA SYSTEM.
- 7 Q. AND I APOLOGIZE, I THINK EXPORT WAS MY TERM, BUT
- 8 THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT.
- 9 NEXT QUESTION READS:
- 10 WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING, LIKE A POLICE ACADEMY, DID
- 11 WOLFE GO THROUGH, IF YOU KNOW?
- 12 A. I CAN'T, I DON'T KNOW.
- 13 Q. NEXT QUESTION:
- 14 ONCE A D.A.R. RECORDING IS UPLOADED INTO THE PUMA
- 15 SYSTEM, CAN IT BE MANIPULATED, SUCH AS REDACTIONS?
- 16 A. NO.
- 17 Q. NEXT QUESTION:
- DOES A D.A.R. EVER GET FULL TO CAPACITY AND CEASE
- 19 RECORDING?
- 20 A. YES. IF YOU DO NOT DOWNLOAD IT, BECAUSE WHEN YOU
- 21 DOWNLOAD YOUR DIGITAL RECORDER TO THE PUMA SYSTEM, ALL OF
- 22 THE RECORDINGS ON THE DIGITAL RECORDER ITSELF ARE ERASED.
- 23 Q. NEXT PART OF THAT QUESTION:
- 24 WHAT IF AN OFFICER DOES NOT DOWNLOAD AND INSTEAD
- 25 CHOOSES NOT TO USE D.A.R.?
- 26 A. THEY WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF OUR POLICY, AND IF

- 1 WE KNEW ABOUT IT THEY WOULD BE, THERE WOULD BE AN
- 2 INVESTIGATION ON IT.
- 3 Q. NEXT PART:
- 4 ARE THERE ANY CHECKS OR BALANCES TO ENSURE
- 5 OFFICER IS USING D.A.R. DURING EVERY SHIFT?
- 6 A. YES.
- 7 Q. LAST PART OF THAT QUESTION:
- 8 CAN OFFICER TURN IT OFF IF DOESN'T WANT TALK TO
- 9 BE RECORDED?
- 10 A. YES.
- 11 Q. I THINK YOU ANSWERED THIS QUESTION, BUT I AM
- 12 GOING TO READ THIS QUESTION:
- 13 WHAT WAS THE TIME GAP BETWEEN RAMOS' TWO SEPARATE
- 14 RECORDINGS?
- 15 A. FROM THE END OF THE FIRST RECORDING TO THE
- 16 BEGINNING OF THE SECOND RECORDING WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE
- 17 MINUTE.
- 18 Q. NEXT QUESTION, IT HAS THREE PARTS. FIRST PART:
- 19 WAS OFFICER WOLFE'S RECORDER DAMAGED?
- 20 A. YES.
- 21 Q. NEXT PART:
- 22 WERE THERE ANY ERASURES ON ANY RECORDERS?
- 23 A. I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION.
- Q. OKAY. PERHAPS IF THAT QUESTION IS STILL
- 25 LINGERING, THERE CAN BE SOME CLARIFICATION.
- 26 A. THE WAY I INTERPRET IT, IF I MAY, WOULD BE DID I

- 1 DISCOVER ANY PORTIONS OR ANY RECORDINGS ERASED? AND THE
- 2 ANSWER TO THAT WOULD BE NO. SINCE EVERY FILE HAS AN
- 3 INDIVIDUAL NUMBER, I CHECKED FOR ALL THE RECORDINGS THAT DAY
- 4 TO ENSURE THAT IT WAS SEQUENTIAL IN ORDER.
- 5 IF AN OFFICER DELETED A RECORDING FROM THEIR
- 6 DIGITAL RECORDER, WHICH THEY HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF DOING,
- 7 WHEN THEY START RECORDING THE NEXT TIME IT WILL SKIP TO THE
- 8 NEXT FILE. ONCE IT IS UPLOADED INTO THE PUMA SYSTEM, I
- 9 WOULD SEE A GAP, IT WOULD GO 0141, 0142, 0144, AND I WOULD
- 10 KNOW 0143 WAS MISSING. AND THAT I DID LOOK FOR.
- 11 Q. THIS IS MY OWN PERSONAL FOLLOW-UP QUESTION:
- 12 YOU LOOKED FOR THAT WITH REGARD TO THAT DAY, JULY
- 13 5TH, 2011?
- 14 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 15 Q. LAST PART OF THAT QUESTION:
- 16 DID WOLFE REVIEW HIS AUDIO AND/OR ANY VIDEO?
- 17 A. YES.
- MR. BOGARDUS: IF I MAY, MR. FOREMAN, JUST HAVE A BRIEF
- 19 MOMENT?
- 20 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES.
- MR. BOGARDUS: AND IN THE INTERIM IF THERE ARE ANY
- 22 ADDITIONAL GRAND JUROR QUESTIONS, THANK YOU.
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS
- 24 FROM THE GRAND JURY?
- 25 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 26 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ALL RIGHT. WE WILL BE IN

- 1 RECESS UNTIL, BY THAT CLOCK, 1:55.
- DURING ANY PERIOD OF THIS RECESS YOU MUST NOT
- 3 DISCUSS WITH ANYONE, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF THIS
- 4 HEARING ROOM, ANY SUBJECT CONNECTED WITH THIS HEARING.
- 5 THANK YOU.
- 6 (RECESS TAKEN.)
- 7 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 8 JURY ROOM:)
- 9 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE ARE AGAIN IN SESSION ON
- 10 THE WOLFE HEARING.
- 11 LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT ALL THE SAME 16
- 12 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY ARE AGAIN PRESENT.
- MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTINUE.
- MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. FOREMAN.
- Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS,
- 16 SERGEANT CHOCEK.
- 17 WERE YOU IN I.A. AT THE TIME OF THE KELLY THOMAS
- 18 INCIDENT?
- 19 A. YES.
- 20 Q. IF SO, DID YOU CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATIONS AS A
- 21 RESULT OF THE INCIDENT?
- 22 A. NO. AND WHEN I SAY, NO, OBVIOUSLY I STARTED AND
- 23 BEGAN AS IF I WERE GOING TO CONDUCT THIS ENTIRE
- 24 INVESTIGATION, GATHERING THE EVIDENCE AND PREPARING, THUS
- 25 MAKING THE VIDEO, THE D.V.D., THE VIDEO AND AUDIO SYNC'D
- 26 WITH IT ULTIMATELY, BUT ULTIMATELY I DID NOT DO THE ENTIRE

- 1 INVESTIGATION.
- 2 Q. THANK YOU.
- 3 IN THE PHOTO THE OFFICER HAS BOTH POCKETS
- 4 BUTTONED. HOW DID HE OR COULD HE LOSE HIS D.A.R. FROM HIS
- 5 POCKET?
- 6 A. ON OUR SHIRT POCKETS THE BUTTON IS ACTUALLY SEWN
- 7 TO THE LAPEL, AND THERE ARE TWO PIECES OF VELCRO ON EITHER
- 8 SIDE SO THAT WE CAN JUST LIFT THE FLAP UP AND REACH IN, AND
- 9 GRAB LIKE OUR NOTEBOOK OR BUSINESS CARDS OR ANYTHING THAT WE
- 10 HAVE IN OUR POCKETS.
- MR. BOGARDUS: MR. FOREMAN, I HAVE ASKED ALL THE GRAND
- 12 JUROR QUESTIONS.
- 13 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL
- 14 QUESTIONS FROM THE GRAND JURY?
- 15 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 16 MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU.
- 17 Q. BY MR. BOGARDUS: IF YOU CAN ANSWER, WHY DID YOU
- 18 NOT CONDUCT ANY I.A. INVESTIGATIONS?
- 19 A. IT WAS COMPLETED BY SOMEBODY ELSE.
- 20 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL
- 21 QUESTIONS?
- 22 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STAND.
- THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 25 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. CHOCEK, YOU ARE
- 26 ADMONISHED NOT TO DISCUSS OR REPEAT AT ANY TIME OUTSIDE THIS

- 1 COURTROOM THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ASKED OR YOUR
- 2 ANSWERS, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH DISCLOSURES ON
- 3 YOUR PART MAY BE THE BASIS FOR CHARGES AGAINST YOU OF
- 4 CONTEMPT OF COURT.
- 5 YOU ARE FREE TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN
- 6 ATTORNEY, OR FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
- 7 DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
- 8 THE WITNESS: I DO.
- 9 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. CHOCEK, THANK YOU FOR
- 10 TESTIFYING, YOU ARE EXCUSED FROM THE HEARING.
- 11 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.
- 12 (WHEREUPON MICHAEL CHOCEK EXITED THE GRAND JURY
- 13 ROOM.)
- 14 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, YOU
- 15 MAY CALL YOUR NEXT WITNESS.
- 16 MR. TANIZAKI: RON STANCYK.
- 17 (WHEREUPON RON STANCYK ENTERED THE GRAND JURY
- 18 ROOM.)
- 19 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT
- 20 HAND.
- 21 RON STANCYK,
- 22 CALLED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, HAVING BEEN FIRST
- 23 DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
- 24 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: SIR, WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE
- 25 YOUR NAME AND SPELL IT OUT FOR OUR RECORD.
- THE WITNESS: RON STANCYK; S-T-A-N-C-Y-K.

- 1 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ALL RIGHT. PLEASE HAVE A
- 2 SEAT, SIR.
- 3 MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE WITNESS IS YOURS.
- 4 MR. TANIZAKI: THANK YOU.
- 5 EXAMINATION
- 6 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: OKAY. MR. STANCYK, FIRST THANK
- 7 YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. BEFORE YOU BEGIN TESTIFYING I AM
- 8 GOING TO GIVE YOU AN ADMONISHMENT.
- 9 A. OKAY.
- 10 Q. BEFORE WE BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU THAT
- 11 YOU ARE NOW APPEARING BEFORE A DULY CONSTITUTED GRAND JURY
- 12 THAT IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL
- 13 LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 15 A. YES.
- 16 Q. IS THAT A YES?
- 17 A. YES.
- 18 Q. YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER OATH. AND THAT MEANS
- 19 YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS
- 20 IF YOU WERE IN A COURT OF LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 22 A. YES.
- 23 Q. THAT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TELL
- 24 THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH IN THIS PROCEEDING, OR
- 25 YOU COULD SUBJECT YOURSELF TO A POSSIBLE PROSECUTION FOR
- 26 PERJURY.

- 1 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 2 A. YES.
- 3 Q. MR. STANCYK, FOR WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED RIGHT NOW?
- 4 A. THE CITY OF FULLERTON.
- 5 Q. AND IN WHAT CAPACITY ARE YOU EMPLOYED?
- 6 A. I AM A PARAMEDIC CAPTAIN.
- 7 Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE FULLERTON
- 8 FIRE DEPARTMENT?
- 9 A. IN JUNE IT WILL BE 28 YEARS.
- 10 Q. YOU SAY IN JUNE?
- 11 A. IN JUNE IT WILL BE 28 YEARS, YES, SIR.
- 12 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE FOR US YOUR TRAINING, AS FAR AS
- 13 BEING A FIREFIGHTER AND PARAMEDIC.
- 14 A. FIREFIGHTER, YOU GO THROUGH AN ACADEMY. AND ONCE
- 15 YOU HAVE ACHIEVED THAT, YOU TEST. AND THEN YOU APPLY FOR
- 16 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS. THEN YOU GO THROUGH THEIR
- 17 MINI-ACADEMY. AND ONCE YOU ACCOMPLISH THAT, THEN YOU ARE
- 18 OUT IN THE FIELD.
- 19 MR. TANIZAKI: COULD YOU MOVE THE MICROPHONE A LITTLE
- 20 FORWARD TO YOU.
- 21 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PULL IT TOWARDS YOU.
- THE WITNESS: IS THAT BETTER?
- 23 AS A PARAMEDIC THERE IS A CLASS AT SADDLEBACK
- 24 COLLEGE. YOU APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM THERE, AND IT'S ABOUT
- 25 SEVEN MONTHS OF TRAINING.
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: WHAT KIND OF TRAINING?

- 1 A. YOU GET DIDACTIC AND YOU GET HOSPITAL TIME AND
- 2 THEN YOU HAVE FIELD TIME.
- 3 Q. HOW LONG WERE YOU A PARAMEDIC WITH FULLERTON FIRE
- 4 DEPARTMENT?
- 5 A. OVER 20 YEARS.
- 6 Q. AND ABOUT HOW MANY CALLS DID YOU RESPOND TO AS A
- 7 PARAMEDIC?
- 8 A. LOTS. SEVERAL THOUSAND.
- 9 Q. SEVERAL THOUSAND?
- 10 A. YEAH.
- 11 Q. AND A VARIETY OF MEDICAL SCENARIOS IN THOSE
- 12 THOUSANDS?
- 13 A. YES.
- 14 Q. INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE IN GREAT MEDICAL
- 15 DISTRESS, WHETHER IT BE CARDIAC ARREST OR OTHER TRAUMAS?
- 16 A. YES.
- 17 Q. ON JULY 5TH, 2011, WERE YOU THEN AT THAT TIME A
- 18 CAPTAIN/PARAMEDIC?
- 19 A. YES.
- 20 Q. AND WERE YOU SO ON DUTY ON JULY 5TH, 2011?
- 21 A. THAT IS CORRECT, YES.
- 22 Q. AND WHERE IS THE STATION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
- 23 FULLERTON WHERE YOU WERE ASSIGNED THAT NIGHT?
- 24 A. THE STATION I AM AT IS STATION 1, ON THE CORNER
- 25 OF LEMON AND COMMONWEALTH, PRETTY MUCH THE CENTER OF THE
- 26 CITY.

- 1 O. DID YOU RECEIVE AN ALARM CALL APPROXIMATELY 2059
- 2 HOURS?
- 3 A. I BELIEVE THAT IS THE TIME, YES.
- 4 Q. AND WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER YOU GOT THE ALARM CALL?
- 5 A. WELL, WE RESPONDED TO THAT LOCATION, WHICH WAS AT
- 6 THE TRANSPORTATION CENTER, WHICH IS ABOUT THREE BLOCKS FROM
- 7 OUR STATION.
- 8 Q. WHEN YOU SAY YOU, OR WE RESPONDED TO IT, WHO
- 9 RESPONDED IN TERMS OF WAS IT ONE FIRE TRUCK, ONE PARAMEDIC
- 10 VAN, WHAT WERE THE RESOURCES THAT WENT TO THAT LOCATION?
- 11 A. WE HAVE AN ENGINE THAT HAS A CAPTAIN, ENGINEER
- 12 AND TWO FIREFIGHTERS, AND WE HAD ACTUALLY TWO RIDE-ALONGS
- 13 FOR A TOTAL OF SIX, AND TWO ON THE OTHER UNIT, THE
- 14 AMBULANCE.
- 15 Q. WHICH VEHICLE WERE YOU ON?
- 16 A. I WAS ON THE ENGINE.
- 17 Q. AND APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY MINUTES DID IT TAKE
- 18 FOR YOUR PERSONNEL TO ARRIVE AT THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION
- 19 CENTER?
- 20 A. FROM THE TIME WE GOT THE DISPATCH, YOU HAVE TO
- 21 GET A RIG TOGETHER, GET ON THE ENGINE AND RESPOND, PROBABLY
- 22 A MINUTE, MINUTE AND A HALF OR SO.
- 23 Q. OKAY. AND HOW FAR AWAY IS STATION 1 FROM THE
- 24 FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER?
- 25 A. ABOUT THREE BLOCKS. SHORT OF THREE BLOCKS.
- 26 Q. WHEN YOUR ENGINE ARRIVED, WHAT DID YOU DO FIRST?

- 1 A. ONCE WE GOT ON SCENE WE ACTUALLY HAD NO
- 2 DIRECTIONS WHERE TO GO, SO WE JUST WENT AHEAD AND PULLED IN
- 3 THE BACK OFF THE STREET, WHICH I BELIEVE WAS SANTA FE, AND
- 4 STOPPED. THERE WAS AN INFLUX OF POLICE OFFICERS THERE, SO
- 5 WE ACTUALLY HAD TO PARK SOMEWHERE FROM THE AREA WE ARE GOING
- 6 TO END UP IN. SO WE STOPPED OUR EQUIPMENT AND STARTED
- 7 WALKING OVER TOWARDS THE GROUP OF POLICE OFFICERS.
- 8 Q. ALL RIGHT. AND AS YOU STARTED WALKING TOWARDS
- 9 THE GROUP OF POLICE OFFICERS, WHAT DID YOU DO NEXT?
- 10 A. WALKED UP TO THE GROUP AND JUST IDENTIFIED AND
- 11 SAID, WHAT DO YOU HAVE? WHAT DO YOU HAVE?
- 12 Q. AND WHAT, IF ANY, INFORMATION DID THE POLICE
- 13 OFFICERS GIVE YOU AT THAT MOMENT?
- 14 A. THE POLICE OFFICER WE ENCOUNTERED MADE A
- 15 STATEMENT AND SAID, I HAVE GOT A COUPLE OF GUYS OVER HERE,
- 16 ONE THAT HAS GOT SOME SCRATCHES, SOME BRUISES.
- 17 Q. AND WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER RECEIVING THAT
- 18 INFORMATION?
- 19 A. I TRIAGED HIM. I LOOKED AT HIM, HE HAD SOME
- 20 SCRATCHES ON HIS ARM, I LOOKED TO ONE OF THE E.M.T.'S AND
- 21 SAID, LET'S GET SOME ANTISEPTIC WIPES, LET'S TAKE CARE OF
- 22 THAT.
- 23 Q. ARE YOU A LITTLE NERVOUS?
- 24 A. I FEEL LIKE I HAVE GOT A LOT OF FEEDBACK.
- 25 Q. I THINK YOU ARE OKAY.
- 26 A. IS THAT BETTER? BECAUSE I AM GETTING A LOT OF

- 1 FEEDBACK.
- Q. GO AHEAD AND TALK.
- BUT I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, WE HAVE A COURT
- 4 REPORTER ACTUALLY TAKING DOWN YOUR WORDS, SO IF YOU COULD
- 5 SLOW DOWN JUST A LITTLE BIT TO MAKE SURE HE GOT IT. THANK
- 6 YOU VERY MUCH.
- 7 A. SORRY.
- 8 Q. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- 9 ALL RIGHT. SO YOU DIRECTED, I BELIEVE YOU SAID
- 10 AN M.T., IS THAT A MEDICAL TECHNICIAN?
- 11 A. E.M.T.
- 12 Q. EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN?
- 13 A. YES.
- 14 Q. TO HELP ONE OFFICER WITH SOME INJURIES; IS THAT
- 15 WHAT YOU SAID?
- 16 A. RIGHT, JUST ADVISED HIM TO GO AND TAKE SOME
- 17 ANTISEPTIC WIPES AND TAKE CARE OF THAT SCRATCH THAT HE HAD
- 18 ON HIS ARM.
- 19 Q. AND THEN WHAT DID YOU DO NEXT?
- 20 A. I LOOKED OVER TO MY RIGHT AND I SAW AN INDIVIDUAL
- 21 ON THE GROUND.
- 22 O. NOW, HAD ANY OF THE POLICE OFFICERS AT THAT
- 23 MOMENT BEFORE YOU LOOKED DIRECTED YOU TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ON
- 24 THE GROUND?
- 25 A. NO.
- 26 Q. SO NO ONE HAD ACTUALLY POINTED OUT WHO WAS

- 1 EVENTUALLY IDENTIFIED TO YOU AS KELLY THOMAS?
- 2 A. NO.
- 3 Q. HOW LONG DID YOU ACTUALLY SPEND WITH THE POLICE
- 4 OFFICERS BEFORE YOU TURNED AND NOTICED SOMEONE ON THE
- 5 GROUND?
- 6 A. ABOUT LESS THAN A MINUTE.
- 7 Q. AND IT IS WITHIN THAT ONE MINUTE OR LESS IS THE
- 8 PERIOD THAT YOU WERE TALKING AND DEALING WITH THE POLICE
- 9 OFFICERS, CORRECT?
- 10 A. RIGHT.
- 11 Q. AND THEN ON YOUR OWN YOU SAID YOU TURNED TO YOUR
- 12 RIGHT?
- 13 A. I LOOKED TO MY RIGHT AND I NOTICED AN INDIVIDUAL
- 14 DOWN ON THE GROUND.
- 15 Q. AND CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOU OBSERVED?
- 16 A. THE GENTLEMAN WAS ON HIS SIDE, LEANING UP AGAINST
- 17 A POLICE OFFICER'S LEG. HE HAD NO SHIRT ON. HE HAD HIS
- 18 HANDS HANDCUFFED IN FRONT OF HIM. HE HAD A LARGE AMOUNT OF
- 19 BLOOD ON HIS FACE, AND AROUND ON THE ASPHALT AROUND HIM.
- 20 Q. AND WHAT MEDICAL ATTENTION, IF ANY, WAS BEING
- 21 PROVIDED TO THAT INDIVIDUAL BY ANYONE AT THAT TIME?
- 22 A. AT THAT POINT, NOTHING. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS
- 23 LEANING UP AGAINST THE POLICE OFFICER'S LEG.
- Q. AND THERE WAS NOBODY ACTUALLY, MEDICALLY
- 25 SPEAKING, TREATING HIM AT THAT TIME?
- A. NOBODY, RIGHT.

- 1 Q. AFTER YOU OBSERVED HIM IN THAT PARTICULAR
- 2 POSITION AND CONDITION, WHAT DID YOU DO NEXT?
- 3 A. I WALKED OVER TO HIM AND I USED MY FLASHLIGHT TO
- 4 LOOK TO SEE, THE AREA WAS POOR LIGHTING, SO I TOOK MY
- 5 FLASHLIGHT AND I LOOKED AT THE INDIVIDUAL'S FACE. AND YOU
- 6 COULD SEE THERE WAS SOME TYPE OF ACTIVITY, SOME AGONAL
- 7 RESPIRATIONS.
- 8 Q. LET'S STOP RIGHT THERE. YOU SAID THERE WAS SOME
- 9 ACTIVITY YOU NOTICED ABOUT HIM, AGONAL BREATHING?
- 10 A. REAL SLOW AND DRAWN OUT BREATHING.
- 11 Q. IS THAT WHAT YOU WOULD DESCRIBE AS AGONAL
- 12 BREATHING?
- 13 A. YES, SLOWING.
- 14 Q. HOW DOES THAT DIFFER FROM THE NORMAL BREATHING
- 15 THAT WE ARE PROBABLY ALL DOING RIGHT NOW?
- 16 A. NORMAL BREATHING COULD BE FROM 15 TO 20 TIMES A
- 17 MINUTE.
- 18 Q. AND WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL ON
- 19 THE GROUND IN TERMS OF HIS BREATHING RATE?
- 20 A. VERY SHALLOW, VERY SLOW.
- 21 Q. AND WOULD YOU APPROXIMATE HOW OFTEN HE MIGHT BE
- 22 BREATHING, LET'S SAY WITHIN THE MINUTE?
- 23 A. IT WOULD BE HARD, BECAUSE YOU WOULD HAVE TO
- 24 ASSESS FOR A MINUTE TO GET THAT PROPER.
- Q. OKAY. AND YOU DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT?
- 26 A. NO.

- 1 Q. WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER YOU LOOKED AND NOTICED THE
- 2 AGONAL BREATHING; WHAT DID YOU DO NEXT?
- 3 A. I DIRECTED THE E.M.T. TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE OUR
- 4 MONITOR, OUR CARDIAC MONITOR, AND PLACE THE LEADS ON THE
- 5 PATIENT TO SEE IF WE HAD ANY HEART ACTIVITY.
- 6 Q. AND DID YOU OBSERVE THAT PERSON PUT THE HEART
- 7 MONITORING PROBES ON THE INDIVIDUAL?
- 8 A. YES.
- 9 Q. AND WHAT, IF ANY, RESULT CAME FROM THAT?
- 10 A. WHEN WE HOOKED KELLY UP TO THE MONITOR, WE
- 11 NOTICED THAT HE HAD A RATE OF 60.
- 12 Q. HEART RATE OF 60?
- 13 A. HEART RATE OF 60 ON THE SCOPE, AND THERE WERE
- 14 PULSES WITH THAT.
- 15 Q. AND WAS THE AGONAL BREATHING CONTINUING AS YOU
- 16 WERE DOING THIS?
- 17 A. YES.
- 18 Q. WHAT ELSE DID YOU NOTICE, I AM SORRY, WHAT DID
- 19 YOU DO NEXT AFTER YOU DID THE HEART RATE CHECK?
- 20 A. OKAY. AT THAT POINT WE HAVE WHAT WE CONSIDER NOW
- 21 A VIABLE PATIENT. IF HE DID NOT HAVE RESPIRATIONS, HE
- 22 WOULDN'T HAVE A HEART RATE. SO I DIRECTED TO GO AHEAD AND
- 23 LET'S GET HIM ON A C-COLLAR, A BACKBOARD AND A HEADBOARD,
- 24 BECAUSE NOW WE HAVE TO PROTECT HIS CERVICAL SPINE
- 25 STABILIZATION.
- AND WE HAVE A VIABLE PATIENT, AND SUSPECT A HEAD

- 1 INJURY, WHICH HE HAD, HE HAD A NUMBER OF CONTUSIONS,
- 2 ABRASIONS, AND LACERATIONS ON HIS FACE. HE IS NOW A VIABLE
- 3 PATIENT. WE HAVE TO PROTECT THAT CERVICAL SPINE.
- 4 Q. WHEN YOU DESCRIBE THIS INDIVIDUAL AS VIABLE, WAS
- 5 HE CONSCIOUS?
- 6 A. UNCONSCIOUS.
- 7 Q. WAS HE RESPONSIVE?
- 8 A. NO.
- 9 Q. AND SO WERE YOU ABLE TO STABILIZE HIM AND DO THE
- 10 C-SPINE?
- 11 A. YES. WE HAD SOMEBODY HOLDING HIS NECK WHILE THEY
- 12 APPLIED THE C-COLLAR. AND THEN WE TAKE HIM AS A UNIT AND
- 13 ROLL HIM OVER ON THE BACKBOARD, WHICH IS A HARD BOARD TO
- 14 KEEP HIM STABILIZED, SO THERE ISN'T ANY MOVEMENT OF THE NECK
- 15 BACK AND FORTH, ONCE WE MOVE HIM FROM THE FLOOR TO THE
- 16 GURNEY TO THE AMBULANCE. AND THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED.
- 17 Q. WHAT DID YOU DO NEXT?
- 18 A. WE WENT AHEAD, AND I DIRECTED TO HAVE HIS FACE
- 19 WIPED OFF, BECAUSE HE HAD LARGE, LOOKED LIKE COAGULATED
- 20 BLOOD ALL THROUGHOUT HIS BEARD, HIS HAIR AND HIS MUSTACHE.
- 21 AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT WAS WIPED OFF BEFORE WE
- 22 DID ANYTHING TO HIM. SO THAT THAT BLOOD, ONCE WE TURNED HIM
- 23 OVER ON THE BACK, WOULDN'T FALL INTO THE MOUTH AND NOSE AND
- 24 CAUSE A PROBLEM LIKE A BLOCKED AIRWAY.
- 25 Q. AND WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER THAT, AFTER DIRECTING
- 26 THEM TO WIPE OFF THE BLOOD?

- 1 A. THEY WENT AHEAD AND WIPED OFF THE BLOOD. WE WENT
- 2 AHEAD AND STABILIZED HIM ON THE BACKBOARD. AND THEN I
- 3 STEPPED AWAY AND MY PARTNER, MY PARAMEDIC PARTNER, CAME IN,
- 4 AND HE WENT AHEAD AND TOOK CONTROL OF THAT AND GOT HIM UP,
- 5 PUT HIM ON THE GURNEY AND MOVED HIM TO THE AMBULANCE.
- 6 Q. AND WHILE THEY WERE DOING THAT, WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 7 A. I WENT BACK TO THE POLICE OFFICERS TO SEE IF I
- 8 COULD FIND ANY INFORMATION, THE NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, AN AGE,
- 9 SOMETHING TO LET THE HOSPITAL KNOW WHAT WE HAD.
- 10 Q. AND THEN HOW LONG DID YOU SPEND WITH THE OFFICERS
- 11 GATHERING THAT INFORMATION?
- 12 A. MIGHT HAVE BEEN TWO MINUTES, MINUTE AND A HALF,
- 13 TWO MINUTES.
- 14 Q. WAS IT DURING THAT TIME THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO
- 15 ACTUALLY GET MR. THOMAS ON TO THE AMBULANCE?
- 16 A. ONCE I STEPPED BACK, THEY WENT AHEAD AND MOVED
- 17 HIM TO THE GURNEY. THEY PICKED HIM UP AND MOVED HIM TO THE
- 18 GURNEY, AND THEN WHEELED HIM INTO THE AMBULANCE, YES.
- 19 O. AND THEN YOU RETURNED BACK TO THE AMBULANCE?
- 20 A. I CAME BACK TO THE AMBULANCE. I WALKED OVER TO
- 21 THE SIDE DOOR, AND THEY WERE ASSISTING KELLY WITH A BAG
- 22 VALVE MASK.
- 23 Q. AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
- 24 A. WE HAVE A DEVICE, IT IS LIKE A BALL, LIKE A BAG,
- 25 AND IT GOES OVER THE MOUTH AND THE NOSE, AND YOU CAN
- 26 ACTUALLY APPLY POSITIVE PRESSURE AND MOVE AIR INTO THE LUNGS

- 1 OF THE INDIVIDUAL THAT YOU ARE ASSISTING.
- 2 Q. DID THE OTHER PARAMEDIC, I BELIEVE MR. ZILLGITT,
- 3 THEN TELL YOU AT THAT TIME THAT MR. THOMAS HAD STOPPED
- 4 BREATHING?
- 5 A. NO, HE DID NOT. WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IF HE DID OR
- 6 NOT, HIS RESPIRATIONS WERE SO LOW WE WERE GOING TO ASSIST
- 7 HIM ANYWAY, WE NEEDED TO GET HIM OUT OF THAT AREA, THE
- 8 LIGHTING WAS POOR, IT WAS CONTAMINATED WITH A LOT OF BLOOD,
- 9 AND GET HIM INTO AN AREA THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY EVALUATE
- 10 BETTER. AND WHAT HE ELECTED TO DO WAS TO HAVE THE E.M.T.
- 11 ASSIST WITH BREATHING WITH AN OROPHARYNGEAL, AND THAT WAS
- 12 WHAT WAS IN PROCESS WHEN I CAME UP.
- 13 O. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
- 14 A. I HAD A READY MADE CONTACT WITH WHAT WE CALL
- 15 ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH THEIR FREQUENCY. I
- 16 MOVED INTO THE AMBULANCE, AND THERE WAS SIX INDIVIDUALS IN
- 17 THERE ALREADY. SO I STEPPED BACK AND WENT INTO THE FRONT OF
- 18 THE AMBULANCE, THE FRONT SEAT, AND MADE CONTACT WITH THE
- 19 HOSPITAL TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT WE HAD. AND THAT WE ARE
- 20 COMING TO THEIR FACILITY WITH AN E.T.A. OF LESS THAN FIVE.
- Q. MAY I STOP YOU?
- 22 A. YES.
- 23 Q. WHAT DID YOU TELL THE HOSPITAL THAT YOU HAD AS
- 24 FAR AS THE PERSON?
- 25 A. A BRIEF SUMMARY OF ALTERCATION WITH POLICE
- 26 OFFICERS, THAT AT THIS POINT WE WERE ASSISTING HIS

- 1 BREATHING, WE HAD AN OROPHARYNGEAL IN PLACE, AND WE WERE
- 2 HEADED TO THEIR FACILITY TO STABILIZE THE PATIENT.
- 3 Q. WAS SOMEBODY PERFORMING C.P.R. AT THE SAME TIME
- 4 INSIDE THE AMBULANCE?
- 5 A. ENROUTE, YES, C.P.R.
- 6 Q. WHY WAS THAT PERFORMED?
- 7 A. WHEN WE MOVED KELLY TO THE AMBULANCE, WE WENT
- 8 AHEAD AND ASSESSED THE PATIENT AGAIN, AND FOUND OUT HIS
- 9 HEART HAD STOPPED AND THAT REQUIRED C.P.R.
- 10 Q. THE HEART HAD STOPPED AS HE WAS BEING LOADED UP
- 11 INTO THE AMBULANCE, IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE TOLD?
- 12 A. THE NEXT TIME THAT WE ASSESSED KELLY THOMAS WAS
- 13 WHEN HE WAS MOVED INTO THE AMBULANCE.
- 14 Q. AND IT IS AT THAT POINT THAT THE HEART RATE HAD
- 15 STOPPED?
- 16 A. CORRECT.
- 17 Q. AND C.P.R. IS THEN PERFORMED BY ONE OF THE
- 18 INDIVIDUALS?
- 19 A. E.M.T.'S, YES.
- 20 Q. SO WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
- 21 A. SHORT TRIP TO ST. JUDE, TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT WE
- 22 HAD, SO THAT WHEN WE COME THROUGH THE DOORS, THEY WOULD HAVE
- 23 A STAFF, A DOCTOR AND A STAFF ON HAND READY TO TAKE OVER
- 24 TREATMENT OF KELLY, SO THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY MORE DELAYS.
- 25 WE ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL.
- Q. BEFORE YOU ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL, WAS THERE ANY

- 1 INDICATION THAT KELLY THOMAS HAD ACTUALLY STOPPED BREATHING
- 2 ON HIS OWN?
- 3 A. WE DON'T KNOW THAT BECAUSE WE WERE ASSISTING HIS
- 4 BREATHING FROM WHEN WE LEFT.
- 5 Q. DID YOU SEE MR. THOMAS AT ANY POINT BETWEEN THE
- 6 TIME YOU LEFT THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER BEFORE YOU
- 7 ARRIVED AT THE FIRST HOSPITAL, IF HE EVER REGAINED
- 8 CONSCIOUSNESS?
- 9 A. NO.
- 10 Q. HOW ABOUT ANY RESPONSIVENESS WHATSOEVER?
- 11 A. NO RESPONSE.
- 12 Q. WHICH HOSPITAL DID YOU GO TO?
- 13 A. WE WENT TO THE NEAREST RECEIVING, WHICH IS
- 14 ST. JUDE HOSPITAL, WHICH IS OUR BASE HOSPITAL.
- 15 Q. AND HOW FAR IS THAT FROM THE FULLERTON
- 16 TRANSPORTATION CENTER?
- 17 A. LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES.
- 18 Q. AND WHEN YOU ARRIVED TO ST. JUDE, WHAT HAPPENED?
- 19 A. WE REMOVED HIM FROM THE AMBULANCE. WE WENT INTO
- 20 THE EMERGENCY ROOM. THEY DIRECTED US TO ONE OF THE TRAUMA
- 21 ROOMS. AND THE DOCTOR WAS AT THE HEAD OF THE BED. WE
- 22 BROUGHT HIM IN, AND THE FACT THAT HE WAS STABILIZED ON THAT
- 23 PARTICULAR BACKBOARD, HE WAS EASILY PICKED UP AND LAID DOWN
- 24 ON THE BED. AND THEN THE STAFF OF PROBABLY EIGHT OR NINE
- 25 NURSES WERE THERE, AND THEY BEGAN TO TREAT KELLY.
- 26 Q. AND WHAT TYPE OF TREATMENT DID YOU SEE THE NURSES

- 1 PERFORM AT THAT TIME?
- 2 A. C.P.R., AND THEY WERE ATTEMPTING I.V.'S, AND THEN
- 3 THE DOCTOR WENT AHEAD AND INTUBATED THE PATIENT.
- 4 Q. DID YOU SEE THE DOCTOR INTUBATE KELLY THOMAS?
- 5 A. I WAS AT THE FEET, AT KELLY THOMAS' FEET AND HE
- 6 WAS AT THE HEAD AND, YES, I SAW HIM MAKE THE ATTEMPTS TO
- 7 PLACE THE E.T. TUBE.
- 8 Q. AND WHAT IS THE -- LET ME ASK THIS.
- 9 WAS KELLY THOMAS AT THAT TIME STILL HANDCUFFED?
- 10 A. NO.
- 11 Q. NO? SOMEBODY HAD TAKEN THAT OFF?
- 12 A. I BELIEVE ONCE WE MOVED HIM TO THE AMBULANCE, MY
- 13 PARTNER MADE SOME INOUIRY TO THE POLICE OFFICER THAT WAS
- 14 WITH US TO REMOVE THE HANDCUFFS.
- 15 Q. OKAY. WHAT ABOUT THE HOBBLE DEVICE?
- 16 A. THAT WAS REMOVED ON SCENE, BECAUSE WE COULDN'T
- 17 GET HIM ON THE BACKBOARD IF HE WAS HOBBLED. HE HAD TO HAVE
- 18 HIS FEET STRAIGHT OUT, BECAUSE THEY WERE ANGLED AND IT
- 19 WOULDN'T WORK, SO WE HAD TO HAVE THOSE REMOVED ON THE SCENE.
- 20 Q. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE INTUBATION; WHAT DOES THAT
- 21 MEAN?
- 22 A. INTUBATION IS PLACING AN ADVANCED AIRWAY, IT IS
- 23 CALLED AN ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE, WHICH GOES INTO THE TRACHEA,
- 24 AND HAS A BALLOON CUFF ON IT, YOU INFLATE THAT AND IT IS A
- 25 DIRECT LINE INTO THE LUNGS. AND IT IS PLACED, IT IS AN
- 26 ADVANCED AIRWAY AND PLACED BY US IN THE FIELD, AND ALSO BY

- 1 STAFF AT THE HOSPITAL.
- 2 Q. DID YOU NOTICE ANY DIFFICULTY IN THE INTUBATION
- 3 PROCESS PERFORMED BY THE DOCTOR, EMERGENCY ROOM DOCTOR AT
- 4 ST. JUDE?
- 5 A. NO.
- 6 Q. SO THEN WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE DOCTOR INTUBATED
- 7 KELLY THOMAS AT ST. JUDE?
- 8 A. HE STOOD BY, MONITORED HIS GROUP AS TO WHAT TO
- 9 DO. I WAS ASSISTING WITH ONE OF THE NURSES TO ATTEMPT AN
- 10 I.V. WE WERE ABLE TO GET ONE I.V. AND THEY ACTUALLY KIND
- 11 OF PUSHED ME OUT OF THAT AREA, BECAUSE THERE WAS SO MANY
- 12 NURSES, THAT I KIND OF STEPPED OUT OF THE ROOM AND THEY
- 13 CONTINUED TO TREAT KELLY THOMAS.
- 14 Q. AND THEN HOW LONG WAS KELLY THOMAS AT ST. JUDE?
- 15 A. 30 MINUTES.
- 16 O. AND AT SOME POINT WAS A DECISION MADE TO
- 17 TRANSPORT KELLY THOMAS FROM ST. JUDE TO U.C.I. MEDICAL
- 18 CENTER?
- 19 A. YES.
- 20 Q. WERE YOU PART OF THE PROCESS IN MOVING MR. THOMAS
- 21 TO U.C.I.?
- 22 A. YES.
- 23 Q. DID YOU IN FACT ACCOMPANY MR. THOMAS IN A
- 24 AMBULANCE?
- 25 A. YES.
- 26 Q. HOW LONG DID IT TAKE FOR YOU TO GO FROM ST. JUDE

- 1 TO U.C.I. MEDICAL CENTER?
- 2 A. ABOUT 15 MINUTES.
- 3 Q. AND AT SOME TIME BETWEEN ST. JUDE AND U.C.I.
- 4 MEDICAL CENTER DID KELLY THOMAS' CONDITION CHANGE AT ALL?
- 5 A. FROM WHEN WE PICKED HIM UP FROM THE
- 6 TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR TO WHERE WE GOT HIM IN THE HOSPITAL,
- 7 HE WAS ASYSTOLIC, HIS HEART HAD STOPPED. WHEN WE LEFT ST.
- 8 JUDE HOSPITAL HE HAD A PULSE, HE HAD A BLOOD PRESSURE, AND
- 9 HEAD HE HAD AN SPO2 READING, THE PERCENTAGE OF OXYGEN IN HIS
- 10 SYSTEM, THAT WAS AT 97 PERCENT.
- 11 Q. WAS HE STILL BASICALLY UNCONSCIOUS BETWEEN ST.
- 12 JUDE AND U.C.I.?
- 13 A. HE WAS STILL UNCONSCIOUS, BUT WE WERE ASSISTING
- 14 HIS BREATHING, YES.
- 15 Q. UPON ARRIVAL TO U.C.I. WHAT DID YOU DO?
- 16 A. WE REMOVED KELLY FROM THE AMBULANCE AND WENT INTO
- 17 ANOTHER TRAUMA ROOM, WHICH NOW THEY HAVE A DOCTOR AND
- 18 PROBABLY 15 DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS WAITING WHO ARE GOING TO
- 19 TREAT KELLY THOMAS. MOVED HIM OVER TO THE BED. PICKED HIM
- 20 UP AND PUT HIM BACK ON THE BED.
- 21 AND THEN I GAVE A QUICK PRESENTATION AS TO WHAT
- 22 HAPPENED IN THE FIELD, TO THE DOCTORS ON HAND. AND THEY
- 23 TURNED AROUND AND THEY ASSESSED THE PATIENT TO SEE WHAT THEY
- 24 HAVE, AND THEN THEY MAKE THE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT BASED ON
- 25 THEIR ASSESSMENT.
- 26 Q. AND DID YOU, WHEN YOU ARE INFORMING THE DOCTOR

- 1 WHAT YOU HAD WITH THE PATIENT, DID YOU EVER MENTION TO THEM
- 2 THAT THERE WAS SOME KIND OF DIFFICULTY IN INTUBATING KELLY
- 3 THOMAS?
- 4 A. NO, I DON'T REMEMBER THAT.
- 5 Q. AND LET'S TALK ABOUT WHEN KELLY THOMAS WAS AT THE
- 6 FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER. DID YOU OR ANY OF THE
- 7 MEDICAL PERSONNEL TRY TO PERFORM AN INTUBATION AT THE SCENE?
- 8 A. NO.
- 9 Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY?
- 10 A. ANYTIME WE SUSPECT A HEAD INJURY ON A PATIENT, WE
- 11 HAVE TO PLACE HIM IN CERVICAL SPINE STABILIZATION. OUR
- 12 PROTOCOL STATES THAT IF YOU HAVE TO INTUBATE A PATIENT WITH
- 13 AN E.T. TUBE, YOU HAVE TO HYPEREXTEND THE NECK, WHICH CAUSES
- 14 THE NECK TO KIND OF FLINCH BACK. AND IT COULD CAUSE INJURY
- 15 OR ADD TO THE INJURY TO THAT NECK WHEN A PERSON HAD HAS A
- 16 FACIAL TRAUMA. SO IT IS AGAINST OUR PROTOCOLS.
- 17 Q. SO BOTTOM LINE YOU DID NOT PERFORM THE INTUBATION
- 18 ON SCENE?
- 19 A. NO.
- 20 Q. DID YOU AT SOME POINT GET A CHANCE TO LOOK AT A
- 21 D.V.D. THAT DEPICTS THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR FIRE PERSONNEL?
- 22 A. YES.
- Q. MEDICAL PERSONNEL?
- 24 A. YES.
- 25 Q. DOES THAT LOOK LIKE -- AND I AM SHOWING THE
- 26 WITNESS EXHIBIT NUMBER 75; DOES THAT LOOK LIKE IT?

- 1 A. YES.
- 2 Q. AND YOU HAD A CHANCE TO VIEW THAT VIDEO?
- 3 A. YES.
- 4 Q. AND THAT WAS IN FACT AT THE END, THE ARRIVAL OF
- 5 YOUR FIRE PERSONNEL, EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DEPICTED IN THAT
- 6 VIDEO?
- 7 A. THAT PORTION, YES.
- 8 MR. TANIZAKI: I DO NOT HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS OF THIS
- 9 PARTICULAR WITNESS. I WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY FROM THE
- 10 GRAND JURY.
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: QUESTIONS FROM THE GRAND
- 12 JURY?
- 13 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 14 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 116)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: I HAVE A SERIES OF QUESTIONS, AND
- 16 THEY WILL BE MARKED GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 116.
- 17 CAN YOU CONFIRM THE TIME OF THE ORIGINAL CALL IN
- 18 TO YOUR DEPARTMENT?
- 19 DO YOU HAVE -- I HAVE A COPY OF, I BELIEVE, YOUR
- 20 REPORT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO IT.
- A. (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 22 I BELIEVE THE ALARM TIME NUMBER WAS 2141. THAT'S
- 23 WHAT IT SAYS HERE, 2141.
- Q. CAN I HAVE THE REPORT BACK.
- A. (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- Q. LET ME MOVE TO THE NEXT QUESTION.

- 1 WHY DID YOU MOVE HIM TO ST. JUDE?
- 2 A. ANYTIME THAT WE FEEL THAT THE PATIENT NEEDS
- 3 ADVANCED AIRWAY, OUR PROTOCOL STATES WE CAN GO TO THE
- 4 NEAREST HOSPITAL, WHICH IS ST. JUDE, AND BYPASS THE TRAUMA
- 5 CENTER TO GET HIM TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL, SO THEY CAN
- 6 STABILIZE THE PATIENT. AND THEN ONCE HE IS STABILIZED, MOVE
- 7 HIM TO U.C.I.
- 8 Q. WHO WERE THE SIX INDIVIDUALS IN THE AMBULANCE?
- 9 A. MY REGULAR TWO FIREFIGHTERS, AND WE HAD A CADET
- 10 RIDING, AND THEN WE HAD AN INDIVIDUAL THAT WORKS FOR ONE OF
- 11 OUR AMBULANCE COMPANY, HE WAS RIDING WITH US THAT NIGHT
- 12 ALSO.
- 13 O. DO YOU KNOW THEIR NAMES?
- 14 A. OH, GABE, LET'S SEE, IT IS HOOPER, AND CHANELLE.
- 15 Q. GABE?
- 16 A. HOOPER, CHANELLE, ZILLGITT AND MYSELF. AND THEN
- 17 WE HAD ANOTHER RIDE-ALONG, I CAN'T REMEMBER HIS NAME. SO
- 18 THERE WAS SIX OF US.
- 19 Q. LET'S SEE, WHEN YOU FIRST ARRIVED AT THE
- 20 FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER, DO YOU REMEMBER WHO THE
- 21 SENIOR -- WAS THERE A SENIOR FULLERTON POLICE OFFICER THERE
- 22 THAT YOU WERE SPEAKING TO, OR JUST ANYONE?
- 23 A. IT WAS THE FIRST GROUP WE WALKED UP TO, I DON'T
- 24 KNOW WHO HE WAS, IT WAS JUST AN INDIVIDUAL POLICE OFFICER.
- 25 Q. AND YOU DON'T KNOW THE NAME?
- 26 A. NO.

- 1 Q. WHAT WERE THE POLICE OFFICERS DOING WHILE THE
- 2 PARAMEDICS WORKED ON KELLY THOMAS?
- 3 A. THEY JUST STOOD BACK AND LET US TREAT KELLY
- 4 THOMAS.
- 5 Q. NOW, DID ANY OF THE OFFICERS GIVE YOU ANY
- 6 INFORMATION ABOUT MR. THOMAS AT THAT TIME?
- 7 A. AT ONE POINT I STEPPED BACK, WE HEARD
- 8 CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, THAT HE WAS VIOLENT. I
- 9 TRIED TO GET A NAME, AND I GOT A WRONG NAME, FROM MY REPORT
- 10 YOU CAN SEE THERE IS TWO DIFFERENT NAMES ON THOSE. SO THEY
- 11 DIDN'T KNOW WHO HE WAS, NAME-WISE. THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW OLD
- 12 HE WAS. I DIDN'T GET REAL GOOD INFORMATION FROM THEM.
- 13 O. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR BLOOD TO COAGULATE TO
- 14 THE POINT WHAT YOU OBSERVED ON KELLY'S HAIR AND FACE?
- 15 A. I WOULDN'T KNOW.
- 16 Q. THAT IS BEYOND YOUR MEDICAL EXPERTISE?
- 17 A. YEAH.
- 18 Q. AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IN FACT, CAN YOU
- 19 DESCRIBE WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE?
- 20 A. IT WAS LIKE A THICK PASTY TYPE, AND IT WAS
- 21 EMBEDDED IN HIS BEARD AND HIS MUSTACHE.
- 22 Q. DID THE POLICE OFFICERS, WHEN YOU MADE CONTACT
- 23 WITH THEM, ASK YOU ANY QUESTIONS?
- 24 A. AS TO?
- Q. DID THEY ASK YOU ANY QUESTIONS?
- 26 A. NO.

- 1 Q. AND OTHER THAN THE INFORMATION THAT YOU JUST
- 2 RELATED ABOUT MR. THOMAS, HIS IDENTITY, THE INFORMATION YOU
- 3 RECEIVED FROM THE POLICE, DID THEY HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS
- 4 GIVEN TO YOU OTHER THAN WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY SAID?
- 5 A. THERE WAS A COMMENT MADE THAT I HEARD VIOLENT, HE
- 6 WAS VIOLENT, AND THAT THERE WAS AN ALTERCATION, I THINK I
- 7 DID HEAR THAT, IN CONVERSATION, NOT DIRECTLY TO ME, BUT JUST
- 8 OVERALL IN GENERAL CONVERSATION.
- 9 Q. THE GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75 THAT I SHOWED YOU
- 10 EARLIER, THE VIDEO THAT YOU WATCHED OF IT, IS IT A FAIR AND
- 11 ACCURATE DEPICTION OF WHAT TOOK PLACE AT THE TRANSPORTATION
- 12 CENTER WHEN YOU ARRIVED?
- 13 A. YES.
- 14 Q. AND THIS VIDEO SO DEPICTS IT?
- 15 A. YES.
- MR. TANIZAKI: ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
- 17 MR. RACKAUCKAS HAS A QUESTION.
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: I DON'T THINK WE NEED A RECESS, WE
- 19 WILL JUST TALK RIGHT HERE.
- 20 (DISCUSSION HELD BETWEEN MR. RACKAUCKAS,
- 21 MR. TANIZAKI AND MR. BOGARDUS.)
- 22 MR. TANIZAKI: THANK YOU.
- 23 ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
- 24 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 25 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: HAD YOU HEARD OF OR SEEN KELLY
- 26 THOMAS PRIOR TO THIS INCIDENT?

- 1 A. NEVER MADE CONTACT WITH HIM, NO.
- 2 Q. WHAT INFORMATION WAS YOUR STATION GIVEN WHEN THE
- 3 CALL CAME IN?
- 4 A. THE CALL CAME IN AS A POLICE PURSUIT, PERSON
- 5 DOWN.
- 6 Q. I AM SORRY?
- 7 A. PERSON DOWN.
- 8 Q. AND THAT WAS PRETTY MUCH IT?
- 9 A. WELL, WE HAD -- THE INFORMATION WE RECEIVED ON
- 10 THE DISPATCH, WE HAD NO CLUE WHAT WE WERE GOING INTO.
- 11 Q. BUT THAT WAS THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION?
- 12 A. SPECIFIC, I DON'T KNOW, BUT I THINK I JUST
- 13 REMEMBER IT WAS POLICE PURSUIT, PERSON DOWN.
- 14 Q. AND DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG THE TIME WAS BETWEEN
- 15 KELLY THOMAS' INJURIES AND YOUR ARRIVAL?
- 16 A. NO.
- 17 MR. TANIZAKI: COULD I TAKE ONE MINUTE?
- 18 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: SURE.
- 19 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: DO YOU REMEMBER TESTIFYING AT THE
- 20 PRELIMINARY HEARING?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. AND SPECIFICALLY I ASKED YOU, DO YOU RECALL ME
- 23 ASKING YOU ABOUT WHAT TIME DID YOU ARRIVE AT THE DOWNTOWN
- 24 BUS DEPOT; DO YOU REMEMBER ME ASKING YOU THAT QUESTION?
- 25 A. YOU PROBABLY DID, I DON'T QUITE REMEMBER.
- 26 Q. AND DO YOU REMEMBER ANSWERING, AROUND 9:00

- 1 O'CLOCK?
- 2 A. I DON'T REMEMBER THAT, NO.
- 3 Q. I AM GOING TO SHOW YOU A PAGE FROM A TRANSCRIPT,
- 4 IT IS ACTUALLY PAGE 51 OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR TESTIMONY
- 5 AT THE PRELIMINARY HEARING. I AM JUST GOING TO HAVE YOU
- 6 JUST READ THE WHOLE PAGE, JUST TO MAKE SURE IT IS IN
- 7 CONTEXT, AND TELL ME IF YOU REMEMBER THAT.
- 8 A. READ THE QUESTION AND ANSWER?
- 9 Q. NO, JUST TO YOURSELF.
- 10 A. SORRY.
- 11 Q. SEE IF THAT REFRESHES YOUR RECOLLECTION AS TO
- 12 YOUR TESTIMONY.
- 13 A. (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 14 ALL RIGHT.
- 15 Q. DID THAT REFRESH YOUR RECOLLECTION AS TO --
- 16 A. YES.
- 17 Q. -- YOUR ARRIVAL AT THE SCENE?
- 18 A. YES, IT DID.
- 19 Q. AND YOU ACTUALLY SAID YOU ARRIVED AT AROUND 9:00
- 20 O'CLOCK?
- 21 A. I REALLY DON'T KNOW THE EXACT TIME, BUT I SAID
- 22 THAT, THAT'S WHAT I SAID.
- MR. TANIZAKI: OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
- 24 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY FURTHER
- 25 QUESTIONS?
- 26 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).

- 1 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A
- 2 FIVE-MINUTE BREAK. A STRETCH BREAK. IF YOU WANT TO STAY IN
- 3 HERE, YOU CAN IF YOU WISH.
- 4 (RECESS TAKEN.)
- 5 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 6 JURY ROOM.)
- 7 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE ARE AGAIN IN SESSION ON
- 8 THE JOSEPH WOLFE HEARING.
- 9 LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT ALL THE SAME 16
- 10 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY ARE AGAIN PRESENT.
- MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
- 12 MR. TANIZAKI: THANK YOU.
- 13 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: DURING THE BREAK, MR. STANCYK,
- 14 YOU HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT YOUR PARAMEDIC REPORTS; IS THAT
- 15 RIGHT?
- 16 A. YES.
- 17 Q. AND NOW DID IT REFRESH YOUR RECOLLECTION AS TO
- 18 THE TIME THAT THE FIRST CALL CAME IN TO YOUR STATION
- 19 REGARDING THE INCIDENT AT THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION
- 20 CENTER?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. AND WHAT WAS THE TIME OF THAT CALL?
- 23 A. 2059.
- 24 Q. SO THAT WOULD BE 8:59 P.M.?
- 25 A. CORRECT.
- Q. AND THEN WHAT TIME DID YOU ARRIVE AT THE

- 1 FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER?
- 2 A. 2100.
- 3 Q. SO THAT IS 9:00 O'CLOCK, 9:00 P.M.?
- 4 A. RIGHT.
- 5 Q. AND WHEN YOU REFERENCED THAT TIME OF 2141; DO YOU
- 6 REMEMBER THAT WHEN YOU TESTIFIED EARLIER?
- 7 A. THAT WAS WRITTEN ON THE PAPER, YEAH.
- 8 Q. WHAT WAS THAT; DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT TIME FRAME
- 9 WAS?
- 10 A. I DON'T KNOW.
- 11 Q. OKAY.
- 12 A. NO.
- 13 O. APPROXIMATELY WHAT TIME DID YOU LEAVE ST. JUDE TO
- 14 GO TAKE KELLY THOMAS TO U.C.I.?
- 15 A. WHAT TIME WAS THAT? DO YOU HAVE THAT COPY? IT
- 16 WAS TWENTY -- WE LEFT THE HOSPITAL, ST. JUDE, AND WENT TO
- 17 U.C.I. AT 2151.
- MR. TANIZAKI: 2151 HOURS, THANK YOU.
- 19 ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS AFTER THAT?
- 20 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: DO YOU KNOW WHO PLACED THE CALL
- 22 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT?
- 23 A. NO, I DON'T.
- 24 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL
- 25 QUESTIONS?
- 26 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).

- 1 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STAND.
- THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. STANCYK, YOU ARE
- 4 ADMONISHED NOT TO DISCUSS OR REPEAT AT ANY TIME OUTSIDE OF
- 5 THIS COURTROOM THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED OR YOUR
- 6 ANSWERS, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH DISCLOSURES ON
- 7 YOUR PART MAY BE THE BASIS FOR CHARGES AGAINST YOU OF
- 8 CONTEMPT OF COURT.
- 9 YOU ARE FREE TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN
- 10 ATTORNEY, OR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
- 11 DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
- 12 THE WITNESS: YES.
- 13 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. STANCYK, THANK YOU FOR
- 14 TESTIFYING, YOU ARE EXCUSED FROM THE HEARING.
- 15 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.
- 16 (WHEREUPON RON STANCYK EXITED THE GRAND JURY
- 17 ROOM.)
- 18 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: I UNDERSTAND, MR. DISTRICT
- 19 ATTORNEY, THERE ARE NO FURTHER WITNESSES FOR TODAY?
- 20 MR. BOGARDUS: THAT IS CORRECT, MR. FOREMAN.
- 21 AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE DO WISH TO
- 22 PRESENT GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 75, WHICH IS, AS STATED,
- 23 THE D.V.D. RECORDING OF THE INCIDENT. THIS RECORDING IS
- 24 APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 40 MINUTES IN LENGTH.
- 25 PRIOR TO DOING THAT, HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN A
- 26 TRANSCRIPT PREPARED, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO PASS OUT.

- 1 (WHEREUPON GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 78 WAS PASSED OUT
- 2 TO THE GRAND JURORS.)
- 3 MR. BOGARDUS: THAT VIDEO RECORDING IS 33 MINUTES 47
- 4 SECONDS IN LENGTH. SINCE IT IS TRANSCRIBED AND THE
- 5 TRANSCRIPTION HAS BEEN MARKED AS AN EXHIBIT, I DON'T BELIEVE
- 6 THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE COURT REPORTER TO
- 7 TRANSCRIBE PEOPLE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 75.
- 8 AND WHEN YOU ARE READY, MR. FOREMAN, I WILL PLAY
- 9 THAT VIDEO.
- 10 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE ARE READY.
- MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU, SIR.
- 12 (WHEREUPON GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75 WAS PLAYED IN
- 13 THE GRAND JURY ROOM.)
- MR. BOGARDUS: MR. FOREMAN, THAT WOULD CONCLUDE THE
- 15 PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE FOR TODAY.
- 16 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THANK YOU.
- 17 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL
- 18 0900 HOURS TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 19TH.
- 19 DURING ANY PERIOD OF THIS RECESS YOU MUST NOT
- 20 DISCUSS WITH ANYONE, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE HEARING
- 21 ROOM, ANY SUBJECT CONNECTED WITH THIS HEARING.
- 22 THANK YOU.
- 23 (ADJOURNMENT.)
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- 4 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 5 JURY ROOM:)
- 6 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THE HEARING WILL COME TO
- 7 ORDER.
- 8 MR. COURT REPORTER, YOU ARE REMINDED YOU ARE
- 9 STILL UNDER OATH.
- 10 THE REPORTER: YES, SIR.
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THE SECRETARY WILL PLEASE
- 12 TAKE ROLL.
- 13 (WHEREUPON ROLL WAS TAKEN OF THE GRAND JURORS.)
- 14 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT
- 15 ALL 16 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY ARE PRESENT.
- 16 I AM GOING TO READ THE ADMONITION AGAIN, SINCE WE
- 17 HAVE GONE OVER INTO OUR SECOND DAY.
- 18 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY, THE NATURE OF THE
- 19 MATTERS TO BE HEARD AND THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED
- 20 HERE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO YOU BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
- 21 ANY MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY WHO HAS A STATE OF
- 22 MIND IN REFERENCE TO THE CASE OR TO THE PERSONS INVOLVED
- 23 WHICH WILL PREVENT HIM OR HER FROM ACTING IMPARTIALLY AND
- 24 WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS OF THE PERSONS
- 25 INVOLVED SHALL RETIRE FROM THIS HEARING.
- DO ANY OF YOU KNOW SOCIALLY, OR HAVE ANY OF YOU

- 1 HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS CASE OR ANY OF THE PERSONS NAMED
- 2 WHICH WOULD CAUSE YOU NOT TO RENDER AN UNBIASED DECISION?
- 3 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 4 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT NO
- 5 MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY HAS RETIRED.
- 6 MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DO YOU WISH TO MAKE AN
- 7 OPENING STATEMENT?
- 8 MR. RACKAUKAS: NO, NOT AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD PREFER
- 9 TO JUST CALL THE NEXT WITNESS.
- 10 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: OKAY.
- MR. RACKAUKAS: AND THAT'S DR. SINGHANIA.
- 12 (WHEREUPON ARUNA SINGHANIA ENTERED THE GRAND JURY
- 13 ROOM.)
- 14 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: GOOD MORNING.
- 15 THE WITNESS: GOOD MORNING.
- 16 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT
- 17 HAND.
- 18 ARUNA SINGHANIA,
- 19 CALLED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, HAVING BEEN FIRST
- 20 DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
- 21 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
- 22 SPELL IT OUT FOR THE RECORD.
- 23 THE WITNESS: MY FIRST NAME ARUNA, A-R-U-N-A, LAST NAME
- 24 IS SINGHANIA, S-I-N-G-H-A-N-I-A.
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THANK YOU.
- 26 WOULD YOU PLEASE SIT DOWN.

- 1 THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 2 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YOU CAN MOVE THE MICROPHONE
- 3 A LITTLE TOWARDS YOU, PLEASE.
- 4 THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 5 EXAMINATION
- 6 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: GOOD MORNING, DR. SINGHANIA.
- 7 A. GOOD MORNING.
- 8 Q. I JUST WANT TO SAY I UNDERSTAND YOU WEREN'T
- 9 FEELING WELL YESTERDAY?
- 10 A. I AM STILL NOT FEELING THAT WELL, BUT I AM OKAY.
- 11 I AM HERE.
- 12 Q. ALL RIGHT. BUT IF ANYTHING COMES UP, IF YOU NEED
- 13 A BREAK, JUST LET US KNOW AND I WILL BEG THE GRAND JURY
- 14 FOREMAN TO LET YOU OUT FOR A MINUTE.
- 15 A. THANK YOU.
- 16 Q. BEFORE WE START, I HAVE AN ADMONITION FOR
- 17 WITNESSES THAT I NEED TO READ YOU. AND IT IS AS FOLLOWS:
- 18 BEFORE WE BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU THAT
- 19 YOU ARE NOW APPEARING BEFORE A DULY CONSTITUTED GRAND JURY
- 20 THAT IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL
- 21 LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 23 A. YES, I DO.
- Q. AND YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER OATH. THAT MEANS
- 25 THAT YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT
- 26 AS IF YOU WERE IN A COURT OF LAW.

- 1 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 2 A. YES, I DO.
- 3 Q. AND THAT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
- 4 TELL THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH IN THIS PROCEEDING,
- 5 OR YOU COULD SUBJECT YOURSELF TO A POSSIBLE PROSECUTION FOR
- 6 PERJURY.
- 7 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 8 A. YES, I DO.
- 9 Q. DOCTOR, WOULD YOU TELL THE GRAND JURY WHAT YOUR
- 10 PRESENT JOB IS.
- 11 A. I AM A FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST. AND I WORK FOR
- 12 ORANGE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE. AND I DO AUTOPSIES FOR THE
- 13 ORANGE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE.
- 14 Q. AND DO YOU DO AUTOPSIES, IS IT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
- 15 TRYING TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF THESE VARIOUS
- 16 CASES?
- 17 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 18 Q. AND WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND THAT
- 19 QUALIFIES YOU FOR THAT POSITION?
- 20 A. I DID MY M.D. DEGREE FROM INDIA.
- 21 IMMIGRATED TO UNITED STATES. AND THEN I TOOK MY
- 22 QUALIFICATION EXAMINATION TO BE A LICENSED PHYSICIAN FOR THE
- 23 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND THAT I DID IN 1976.
- 24 THEN I DID FOUR-YEAR RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN THE
- 25 FIELD OF PATHOLOGY IN LONG BEACH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, LONG
- 26 BEACH. THAT STARTED IN 1976.

- 1 THEN I DID A ONE-YEAR FELLOWSHIP IN U.C.I.
- 2 MEDICAL CENTER.
- 3 THEN I JOINED THE GROUP WHICH I AM WORKING, I
- 4 STARTED WORKING IN ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF CORONER'S OFFICE IN
- 5 1982.
- 6 AND I TOOK MY BOARD CERTIFICATION IN ANATOMIC
- 7 CLINICAL PATHOLOGY IN 1982. AND I AM BOARD CERTIFIED IN
- 8 ANATOMIC CLINICAL PATHOLOGY.
- 9 AND I AM BOARD CERTIFIED IN FORENSIC PATHOLOGY,
- 10 AND I DID MY BOARD CERTIFICATION IN FORENSIC PATHOLOGY IN
- 11 1987.
- 12 SO FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN
- 13 THE ORANGE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE.
- 14 Q. AND WHAT IS BOARD CERTIFICATION; WHAT DOES THAT
- 15 MEAN?
- 16 A. WELL, THAT'S, I GUESS THAT IS LIKE THE BOARD
- 17 CERTIFIED YOU THAT YOU ARE WELL TRAINED IN THAT FIELD,
- 18 THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT THE CERTIFICATION MEANS.
- 19 Q. AND IS THERE A TEST FOR THAT?
- 20 A. YES.
- 21 Q. OR IS IT JUST A MATTER OF TIME, ON-THE-JOB
- 22 TRAINING?
- 23 A. NO, THERE IS A PRETTY LONG TEST, LIKE FOR
- 24 ANATOMIC CLINICAL PATHOLOGY I DID THREE-DAY TEST, EIGHT
- 25 HOURS A DAY. AND FOR FORENSIC PATHOLOGY, EIGHT HOURS A DAY
- 26 FOR ONE-DAY BOARD.

- 1 Q. SO BEFORE YOU WERE BOARD CERTIFIED, THEN YOU HAD
- 2 A RESIDENCY THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT?
- 3 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 4 Q. WHAT IS A RESIDENCY?
- 5 A. AGAIN, THAT'S PREPARATORY TRAINING IN THE FIELD.
- 6 LIKE FIRST I WAS A PHYSICIAN, BUT I WAS NOT A PATHOLOGIST.
- 7 SO I GET TRAINED TO BE A PATHOLOGIST, THAT'S WHERE YOU DO
- 8 THE RESIDENCY. SO IT TOOK FOUR YEARS TO GET TRAINED. AND
- 9 THEN YOU QUALIFY TO TAKE A BOARD EXAMINATION, OTHERWISE YOU
- 10 CANNOT TAKE YOUR BOARD EXAMINATION.
- 11 Q. WHAT IS PATHOLOGY?
- 12 A. PATHOLOGY IS A SPECIALTY IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE
- 13 WHICH MAINLY DEALS WITH THE EXAMINATION OF BODY TISSUE AND
- 14 BODY FLUIDS. THAT MEANS ALL THE BIOPSIES AND ALL THE
- 15 DIFFERENT CASES OF TUMORS, INFLAMMATION, WE ARE THE ONE WHO
- 16 EXAMINE THAT.
- 17 AND ANOTHER PART IS LIKE DOING CYTOLOGY, DOING
- 18 BLOOD BANKING, INFECTION, LIKE ALL THE INFECTION, WHAT ARE
- 19 THE INFECTION, WHAT KIND OF BACTERIA.
- 20 AND THEN ALSO THERE IS A CLINICAL PATHOLOGY, WHAT
- 21 ARE THE BLOOD CHANGES IN THE BODY.
- 22 SO THAT ALL IS INCLUDED IN THE FIELD OF
- 23 PATHOLOGY.
- Q. AND SO YOU HAVE BEEN A BOARD CERTIFIED
- 25 PATHOLOGIST FOR 30 YEARS NOW?
- 26 A. YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

- 1 Q. AND WHAT POSITIONS HAVE YOU HELD AS A BOARD
- 2 CERTIFIED PATHOLOGIST?
- 3 A. I HAVE BEEN HOLDING A POSITION SINCE 1982 IN THE
- 4 ORANGE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE.
- 5 Q. AND AS A PATHOLOGIST IN THE ORANGE COUNTY
- 6 CORONER'S OFFICE, WHAT DO YOU GENERALLY DO?
- 7 A. WELL, AS I SAID, I DO EXAMINATION OF THE BODY.
- 8 INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. AND EXAMINE IT TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE
- 9 OF DEATH.
- 10 Q. OKAY. AND THESE ARE WHAT WE CALL -- THESE ARE
- 11 THE AUTOPSIES THAT YOU ARE DOING?
- 12 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 13 Q. AND YOU DO AN AUTOPSY, AND YOU MAKE FINDINGS, AND
- 14 YOU DO REPORTS?
- 15 A. THAT'S CORRECT.
- 16 O. AND CAN YOU ESTIMATE FOR US HOW MANY AUTOPSIES
- 17 YOU HAVE DONE NOW AS A PATHOLOGIST FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE?
- 18 A. I HAVE DONE OVER 11,000 AUTOPSIES.
- 19 Q. AND YOU ARE NOT RETIRING ANYTIME SOON, ARE YOU?
- 20 A. I SHOULD BE, BUT --
- 21 Q. JUST A QUESTION.
- 22 SO BEFORE WE GET INTO THE SPECIFIC CASE, DO YOU
- 23 HAVE A REGULAR PROTOCOL THAT YOU USE FOR PERFORMING AN
- 24 AUTOPSY, PRETTY MUCH THE SAME IN EACH CASE?
- A. THAT'S CORRECT.
- Q. AND COULD YOU DESCRIBE THAT FOR US.

- 1 A. WELL, LIKE FIRST IS WE GET A REPORT FROM AN
- 2 INVESTIGATOR ON THE CASE, WHICH COMES TO THE CORONER'S
- 3 OFFICE AS A, THEY CALL IT A CORONER INVESTIGATOR REPORT.
- 4 THAT IS THE ONE THEY TELL YOU THE SCENARIO WHY WE ARE DOING
- 5 THE AUTOPSY. SO I READ THAT.
- 6 AND THEN WE HAVE, THEN I EXAMINE THE BODY, I
- 7 EXAMINE THE BODY EXTERNALLY FIRST. THE PURPOSE OF THE
- 8 EXTERNAL EXAMINATION IS TO SEE ANYTHING OTHER THAN NORMAL
- 9 BODY SHOULD HAVE. SO ANY KIND OF CHANGES, THAT INCLUDES
- 10 HOSPITAL INVASIVE LINES, ANY KIND OF SCARS, ANY KIND OF
- 11 TRAUMA, ANYTHING UNUSUAL GETS DOCUMENTED IN EXTERNAL
- 12 EXAMINATION.
- 13 SO USUALLY I DO THAT FROM HEAD TO TOES. SO I
- 14 START FROM THE HEAD AND GO TO THE TOES AND BACK. THAT'S HOW
- 15 I EXAMINE THE BODY IN THE EXTERNAL EXAMINATION.
- 16 Q. WHILE YOU ARE DOING THAT, ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING
- 17 TO MEMORIALIZE YOUR EXAMINATION; ARE YOU TAKING NOTES?
- 18 A. MOST OF THE TIME I HAVE A BODY SKETCH DIAGRAM
- 19 WITH ME, AND I TRY TO DEPICT THAT ON THAT BODY DIAGRAM, FOR
- 20 WHAT PURPOSE, BECAUSE I HAVE TO DICTATE THAT LATER IN THE
- 21 MICROPHONE, AND THEN IT GETS TRANSCRIBED INTO THE REPORT.
- 22 SO I DO A SKETCH ON THE BODY DIAGRAM.
- THEN I DICTATE IT SO THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT BECOMES
- 24 A REPORT.
- 25 AND THEN I DO AN INTERNAL EXAMINATION.
- 26 Q. OKAY. AND COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE INTERNAL

- 1 EXAMINATION THAT YOU DO.
- 2 A. AGAIN, INTERNAL EXAMINATION IS EXAMINATION OF THE
- 3 CHEST AND ABDOMINAL ORGAN. WE OPEN THE CHEST BY OPENING THE
- 4 RIB CAGE. SO THE RIBS GET CUT, AND THE CHEST PLATE GETS
- 5 REMOVED, SO ALL THE CHEST AND ABDOMINAL ORGANS NOW EXPOSED.
- 6 AND I DO A SYSTEM BY SYSTEM EXAMINATION, LIKE I
- 7 DO A CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM, THEN I DO A RESPIRATORY, THEN I
- 8 DO HEPATIC, AND THEN I GO TO A DIFFERENT PART OF THE BODY
- 9 AND EXAMINE IT. AND, AGAIN, IF THERE IS ANYTHING OTHER THAN
- 10 NORMAL WHICH IS THERE TO BE DOCUMENTED.
- 11 AFTER THE HEAD EXAMINATION IS DONE BY A SEPARATE
- 12 INCISION. SO YOU MAKE A SEPARATE INCISION FOR THE HEAD AND
- 13 EXPOSE THE SKULL BONE, AND THEN YOU OPEN THE SKULL BONE BY
- 14 ELECTRICAL SAW AND EXPOSE THE BRAIN. AGAIN, THE BRAIN IS
- 15 EXAMINED INSIDE AND OUT.
- 16 AND THEN YOU FINISH YOUR INTERNAL EXAMINATION,
- 17 YOU COME TO SOME CONCLUSION.
- 18 Q. AND YOU HAVE DESCRIBED THE ABDOMEN, HEAD, WHAT
- 19 ABOUT THE EXTREMITIES, ANYTHING ELSE YOU DO, ANYTHING THERE
- 20 INTERNALLY AT TIMES?
- 21 A. WELL, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE EXAMINATION IS NOT
- 22 TO DISFIGURE THE BODY, BECAUSE THE REMAINS HAS TO GO TO
- 23 THEIR LOVED ONE. SO IF WE STARTED CUTTING EVERY PART OF THE
- 24 BODY, THEN IT WOULD BE VERY HARD FOR THE FAMILY TO ACCEPT.
- 25 SO WE TRY TO DO MINIMUM ON THE EXTREMITIES.
- 26 Q. AND THEN COULD YOU TELL US WHAT MICROSCOPICS ARE,

- 1 WE HEAR ABOUT MICROSCOPICS?
- 2 A. DURING THE INTERNAL EXAMINATION WHICH I DO, I
- 3 TAKE A REPRESENTATIVE SECTION OF MOST OF THE INTERNAL BODY
- 4 PARTS, THAT INCLUDES HEART, LUNG, LIVER, SPLEEN, PANCREAS,
- 5 KIDNEYS, ADRENAL, THYROID, BRAIN. SO THEY ALL GET SAVED IN
- 6 A FORMALIN JAR. AND THAT PRESERVES THEM, THE LIQUID
- 7 CHEMICAL PRESERVES THESE ORGANS.
- 8 SO THEN I MAKE SMALLER SECTIONS TO BE SECTIONED
- 9 BY A MICROTOME, TO MAKE IT ON A SLIDE FORM, SO THAT I CAN
- 10 EXAMINE LATER ON THE WHOLE DIFFERENT BODY PARTS WHICH I
- 11 EXAMINED, BUT TO SEE WHAT ARE OTHER THINGS OTHER THAN WHAT I
- 12 COULD NOT SEE ON GROSS, WHICH ARE OBVIOUS ON MY MICROSCOPIC
- 13 EXAMINATION.
- 14 Q. ALL RIGHT. AND THEN I AM GOING TO ASK, I THINK
- 15 IT WAS JULY 11TH, DID YOU DO AN AUTOPSY ON THE BODY OF KELLY
- 16 THOMAS?
- 17 A. YES, I DID.
- 18 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 86)
- 19 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: I AM SHOWING YOU WHAT HAS BEEN
- 20 MARKED AS GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 86.
- 21 IS THAT THE BODY OF KELLY THOMAS PRIOR TO THE
- 22 AUTOPSY?
- 23 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 24 Q. AND CAN YOU TELL US WHERE THAT PICTURE WAS TAKEN?
- 25 A. IT IS TAKEN IN THE CORONER'S OFFICE.
- 26 Q. IS THAT WHERE THE AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED, IN THE

- 1 CORONER'S OFFICE?
- 2 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 3 Q. ORANGE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE HERE IN SANTA ANA?
- 4 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 5 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 87)
- 6 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND THEN IS THIS A COPY OF THE
- 7 DIAGRAM, THE BODY DIAGRAM THAT YOU DESCRIBED A LITTLE BIT
- 8 EARLIER WHERE YOU INDICATE WHAT THE INJURIES ARE?
- 9 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 10 Q. AND DO YOU NUMBER THE INJURIES?
- 11 A. I ONLY NUMBER THE FACIAL INJURIES, I DID NOT
- 12 NUMBER THE REST OF THE BODY INJURIES. BUT FACIAL INJURIES,
- 13 BECAUSE THEY ARE MULTIPLE AND THE KIND OF SAME LOCATION FOR
- 14 DESCRIPTION PURPOSES, I HAVE GIVEN IT AN ARBITRARY NUMBER.
- 15 Q. COULD YOU TELL US WHAT THE INJURIES ARE; WHAT ARE
- 16 THE FACIAL -- FIRST OF ALL, WHEN YOU DO THIS EXTERNAL
- 17 EXAMINATION, DO YOU DO THE FRONT FIRST AND THEN THE BACK?
- 18 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 19 Q. SO THAT'S WHAT YOU DID IN THIS CASE?
- 20 A. THAT'S CORRECT.
- 21 Q. AND COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE FACIAL INJURIES THAT
- 22 YOU FOUND.
- 23 A. YES, I CAN. ARE WE GOING THROUGH A POINTER, OR I
- 24 JUST STATE, OR HOW DO YOU WANT TO DO IT?
- 25 Q. A POINTER WOULD BE BEST, BUT I DON'T HAVE A
- 26 POINTER.

- 1 A. OKAY, IF EVERYBODY HAS THE BODY DIAGRAM AND YOU
- 2 CAN SEE NUMBERING, I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN SAY, THERE IS A
- 3 NUMBER 1, 2, 3, CAN EVERYBODY SEE THE NUMBER 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
- 4 6 UP TO 7? OKAY.
- 5 Q. LET'S TALK ABOUT THOSE NUMBERED INJURIES THAT YOU
- 6 NOTED ON THIS DIAGRAM.
- 7 A. OKAY. THAT'S CORRECT. SO THERE ARE SEVEN
- 8 SEPARATE INJURIES WHICH ARE NOTED ON THE FACE. AND I AM
- 9 GOING TO, IF YOU WANT I CAN GO FURTHER, OR JUST --
- 10 Q. JUST TELL US WHAT THOSE ARE.
- 11 A. OKAY. NUMBER 1, WHICH IS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF
- 12 THE FOREHEAD, AND WHAT IT IS IS AN ABRASION AND CONTUSION,
- 13 MEANS SURFACE IS ABRADED, AND THERE IS BLOOD UNDERNEATH IT.
- 14 CONTUSION IS LIKE A BRUISE. SO IT IS ABRASION AND CONTUSION
- 15 ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE FOREHEAD.
- 16 THEN GOING FROM RIGHT TO THE MIDDLE, THERE IS
- 17 ANOTHER SUTURED LACERATION, NUMBER 2 IS A SUTURED
- 18 LACERATION, WHICH IS JUST ABOVE THE MID FOREHEAD AREA.
- 19 THEN NUMBER 3 IS ANOTHER CONTUSION ABRASION, THE
- 20 LEFT SIDE OF THE FOREHEAD BELOW THE HAIRLINE.
- 21 AND NUMBER 4 IS AGAIN A SUTURED LACERATION ABOVE
- 22 THE LEFT EYEBROW AREA.
- 23 AND NUMBER 5 IS A LARGE L-SHAPED SUTURED WOUND ON
- 24 THE LEFT SIDE OF THE NOSE GOING TO THE LEFT CHEEK AREA.
- AND NUMBER 6 IS ANOTHER SUTURED WOUND BELOW THE
- 26 LEFT EYE. BELOW THE LEFT EYE.

- 1 AND THEN NUMBER 7 IS A BRUISE ON THE LEFT LOWER,
- 2 OR LACERATION ON THE LEFT LOWER LIP AREA.
- 3 SO THEY ARE SEPARATE SEVEN WOUNDS WHICH BEING,
- 4 AGAIN, AS I SAID, THEY ARE BEING INTERVENED BY THE HOSPITAL
- 5 AND THEY ARE BEING SUTURED.
- 6 Q. SO THAT'S WHAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE SUTURES IS HIS
- 7 STAY IN THE HOSPITAL?
- 8 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 9 Q. ALL RIGHT. AND GOING FROM THE TOP DOWN, YOU JUST
- 10 DID THE FACE, WHAT IS THE NEXT ONE DOWN, IF YOU MIGHT
- 11 CONTINUE.
- 12 A. OKAY, AGAIN, THIS IS JUST THE NUMBERING. THEN
- 13 YOU LOOK INSIDE THE EYES. AND INSIDE THE EYES WHAT YOU
- 14 NOTICE IS THERE IS A MARK, ECCHYMOSIS OR HEMORRHAGE AROUND
- 15 THE EYE. MORE PROMINENT ON THE LEFT THAN THE RIGHT SIDE.
- 16 AND WHEN YOU OPEN THE LID, THEN YOU CAN SEE THE LEFT EYE HAS
- 17 A LOT OF HEMORRHAGE INSIDE THE EYE. SO THE LEFT EYE HAS A
- 18 HEMORRHAGE.
- 19 THEN IT GOES TO THE NOSE, AND EXAMINE THE NOSE.
- 20 AND THEN YOU NOTICE THERE IS A FRACTURE OF THE NOSE HERE.
- 21 THEN YOU GO DOWN BELOW THE NOSE, LOOK AT THE LIPS
- 22 AND ALL THIS, AND THEN YOU FIND ANOTHER ABRASION CONTUSION
- 23 IN THE MID, MIDDLE OF THE NOSE AREA AND UPPER LIP REGION.
- 24 THEN YOU LOOK INSIDE THE LIP, OPEN IT, EXTEND,
- 25 AND THEN YOU SEE, YEAH, THERE IS A LACERATION WHICH IS
- 26 HEALING ON THE LIP.

- 1 THEN YOU EXAMINE THE GUMS, AND YOU SEE THE GUMS
- 2 AND TEETH ARE STILL INTACT, SO THERE ARE NO BROKEN TEETH OR
- 3 LOOSE TEETH HERE.
- 4 THEN YOU EXAMINE THE EXTERNAL EAR, AND YOU FIND
- 5 ON THE LEFT EXTERNAL EAR THERE IS SOME BRUISE, WHICH IS
- 6 EXTENDING FROM THE FOREHEAD TO THE LEFT SIDE UP TO THE LEFT
- 7 EXTERNAL EAR.
- 8 SO THIS IS, THE FACIAL EXAMINATION IS FINISHED.
- 9 THEN YOU GO TO THE NECK.
- 10 THEN YOU GO TO THE CHEST.
- 11 SHOULDER.
- 12 AND THAT'S HOW I DO IT.
- 13 Q. OKAY. THEN CAN YOU DESCRIBE -- I WILL TELL YOU
- 14 WHAT, LET'S TAKE A LOOK, WE HAVE SOME PICTURES THAT YOU
- 15 SELECTED TO SHOW US THOSE INJURIES, THE FACIAL INJURIES?
- 16 A. YES, I DID.
- 17 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 88)
- Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: DOES THIS ONE SHOW SOME OF
- 19 THOSE SUTURED INJURIES ARE TALKING ABOUT, REFERRING TO
- 20 EXHIBIT 88?
- 21 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 22 Q. AND WHAT DO WE SEE HERE?
- 23 A. AS I SAID, GOING FROM THE HEAD, FROM THE HAIRLINE
- 24 YOU CAN SEE CONTUSIONS BOTH SIDE OF THE FOREHEAD.
- 25 AND THEN YOU CAN SEE THE BLACK SUTURES, WHICH ARE
- 26 THE SUTURED WOUND. ONE IS IN THE MID FOREHEAD, AND THEN THE

- 1 LEFT SIDE OF THE FOREHEAD AREA.
- 2 AND THEN YOU SEE THE L-SHAPE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF
- 3 THE NOSE GOING TO THE CHEEK.
- 4 THEN IT IS A SUTURED WOUND BELOW THE LEFT EYE.
- 5 AND YOU SEE A LACERATION ABOVE THE LEFT UPPER
- 6 LIP.
- 7 AND YOU CAN SEE THE BRUISING WHICH IS GOING FROM
- 8 FOREHEAD UP TO THE LEFT EAR. SO YOU CAN SEE ALL THAT.
- 9 AND THIS IS THE HEMORRHAGE AROUND THE LEFT AND
- 10 RIGHT EYE.
- 11 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 89)
- Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. AND THEN 89; WHAT
- 13 DOES THAT SHOW?
- 14 A. OKAY, THIS IS THE RIGHT EYE. AGAIN WE OPEN THE
- 15 EYE AND YOU CAN SEE THE CONJUNCTIVAE, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR
- 16 WHITE AND IT IS YELLOW. SO THE CONJUNCTIVA BECOMES YELLOW,
- 17 AGAIN, HE IS UNRESUSCITATED FOR FIVE DAYS, SO THE BODY IS
- 18 FAILING. HE IS DEVELOPING JAUNDICE.
- 19 Q. SO THAT TAKES A WHILE TO TURN YELLOW LIKE THAT?
- 20 A. THAT'S RIGHT.
- 21 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 90)
- O. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND 90?
- 23 A. THIS IS THE LEFT EYE, AND SHOWING THE HEMORRHAGE,
- 24 AGAIN, YOU CAN SEE A DARK COLOR, YOU CANNOT EVEN SEE THE
- 25 PUPIL, IT IS ALL HEMORRHAGE IN THE LEFT EYE.
- 26 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 91)

- 1 O. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: 91?
- 2 A. 91 IS A BIGGER ENLARGEMENT OF THE SAME WOUND,
- 3 NUMBER 5, WHICH YOU CAN SEE HOW BIG IT IS.
- 4 AND THEN YOU CAN SEE A SUTURED WOUND BELOW THE
- 5 LEFT EYE.
- 6 OBVIOUS BRUISING AND LACERATION OF THE UPPER LIP.
- 7 AND THE BRUISING YOU CAN SEE BETWEEN NOSE AND UPPER LIP IN
- 8 THE MIDLINE.
- 9 AND YOU CAN SEE THE LOWER LIP HERE (INDICATING)
- 10 AND THE LOWER LIP SHOWING IT INSIDE, AND THERE IS A SMALL
- 11 CONTUSION ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LOWER LIP.
- 12 AND, AGAIN, THE UPPER LIP, AS YOU CAN SEE.
- 13 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 92)
- Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: THE NEXT ONE, 92?
- 15 A. THIS IS THE UPPER LIP, YOU CAN SEE THAT
- 16 LACERATION FROM THE RIGHT, LEFT UPPER LIP, HOW THIS IS LIKE
- 17 A HEALING WOUND. SO THIS IS ALL SHOWING THE YELLOW PURULENT
- 18 MATERIAL COVERING IT, THE WOUND HAS BEEN THERE FOR A WHILE.
- 19 O. AND THAT PRETTY MUCH DESCRIBED THE FACIAL
- 20 INJURIES THAT YOU SAW ON EXTERNAL EXAMINATION?
- 21 A. THAT'S CORRECT.
- 22 O. AND THEN RATHER THAN GO BACK TO THE CHART I AM
- 23 GOING TO JUST STICK WITH THE PICTURES HERE FOR THE CHEST AND
- 24 THE ABDOMINAL AREA.
- 25 A. OKAY, THAT'S FINE.
- 26 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 93)

- 1 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU
- 2 EXHIBIT 93.
- 3 DOES THAT DEPICT ANY INJURIES TO THE CHEST AND
- 4 ABDOMEN?
- 5 A. YES, IT DOES.
- 6 Q. AND COULD YOU DESCRIBE THOSE.
- 7 A. WHAT YOU ARE SEEING HERE IS THIS IS THE LEFT SIDE
- 8 TOWARDS ME, AND THE RIGHT SIDE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE. AND IN
- 9 THE CHEST YOU CAN SEE THERE IS A PURPLE COLOR BRUISE, WHICH
- 10 IS ON THE LEFT CHEST BELOW THE NIPPLE AREA. AND IT GOES TO
- 11 THE SIDE OF THE LEFT CHEST.
- 12 AND THEN THERE IS ANOTHER BRUISING IN THE LEFT
- 13 SIDE OF THE LOWER ABDOMEN. CLOSE TO THE PELVIC REGION.
- 14 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 94)
- 15 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND 94?
- 16 A. 94 IS, AGAIN, THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE SAME, YOU
- 17 CAN SEE THE CHEST BRUISE GOING FROM THE FRONT TO THE SIDE OF
- 18 THE CHEST, AND THE BRUISE ON THE LOWER ABDOMEN AREA
- 19 (INDICATING).
- 20 AND, AGAIN, WITH THAT INCISION YOU CAN SEE, AND
- 21 THOSE ARE FROM THE BACK, SO THEY WILL BE MORE OBVIOUS FROM
- 22 THE BACK, BUT YOU CAN SEE A PORTION OF THE LEFT UPPER ARM
- 23 ALSO.
- 24 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 95)
- Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: 95?
- 26 A. 95 IS THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BODY. HERE WHAT YOU

- 1 ARE SEEING IS THE TOP OF THE RIGHT SHOULDER, THERE IS AN
- 2 ABRASION. YOU SEE THE BROWNISH DISCOLORATION, ENCRUSTED
- 3 BROWNISH, AND THAT'S AN ABRASION ON THE TOP OF THE RIGHT
- 4 SHOULDER.
- 5 THE RIGHT SIDE OF CHEST LOOKS OKAY.
- 6 AND RIGHT SIDE OF THE ABDOMEN LOOKS OKAY.
- 7 AGAIN, THERE IS A BRUISING ON THE RIGHT KNEE
- 8 HERE, WHICH YOU CAN SEE IT IS OBVIOUS.
- 9 THESE ARE THE INJURIES ON THE RIGHT.
- 10 Q. OKAY. I WANT TO GO BACK TO 95 HERE, WE ARE
- 11 LOOKING AT THE RIGHT SIDE, AND JUST ABOVE THE FOREARM, ON
- 12 ITS SIDE, AND IT SEEMS TO BE A LITTLE BIT OF A DISCOLORATION
- 13 THERE.
- 14 A. RIGHT HERE (INDICATING)?
- 15 IN THE RIGHT LOWER QUADRANT OF THE ABDOMEN?
- 16 O. YES.
- 17 A. OKAY, THAT IS POSTMORTEM BACTERIAL GROWTH THAT
- 18 SOMETIMES HAPPENS, SO THAT IS A POSTMORTEM CHANGE.
- 19 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 96)
- 20 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. AND THEN ON HIS
- 21 BACK, TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.
- 22 A. OKAY. AGAIN, THIS IS, YOU CAN SEE MORE OBVIOUS
- 23 THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BACK THAN THE RIGHT SIDE HERE.
- 24 Q. OKAY.
- 25 A. ON THE LEFT SIDE GOING FROM THE TOP OF THE
- 26 SHOULDER, AGAIN ON THE LEFT SHOULDER TOP THERE IS ANOTHER

- 1 CONTUSION ABRASION ON THE TOP OF THE LEFT SHOULDER.
- 2 THEN THE LEFT FLANK OF THE ABDOMEN, THERE ARE TWO
- 3 SEPARATE BRUISES, ONE IS LARGER THAN THE OTHER. AND YOU CAN
- 4 SEE SMALL ABRASION OF THE SURFACE OF THAT CONTUSION ALSO.
- 5 SO THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE CONTUSIONS ON THE LEFT LOWER -- I
- 6 MEAN UPPER AND LOWER BACK AREA.
- 7 AND THEN YOU SEE ANOTHER CONTUSION BACK OF THE
- 8 LEFT THIGH.
- 9 AND CONTUSION, WHICH IS NOT OBVIOUS, IN THE BACK
- 10 OF THE RIGHT POPLITEAL.
- 11 MR. RACKAUCKAS: MR. REPORTER, DID YOU GET THAT?
- 12 THE REPORTER: DOCTOR, COULD YOU REPEAT THAT.
- 13 THE WITNESS: POPLITEAL.
- 14 THE REPORTER: THANK YOU.
- 15 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: HOW DO YOU SPELL THAT?
- 16 A. P-O-P-L-I-T-E-A-L.
- 17 Q. IF NECESSARY WE CAN WRITE ANY OF THOSE WORDS DOWN
- 18 IF THE COURT REPORTER HAS ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THEM.
- 19 A. HE CAN TALK TO ME AFTER IF THERE IS ANY PROBLEM.
- 20 Q. OKAY. THAT LAST ONE WE WERE DISCUSSING WAS
- 21 EXHIBIT 96?
- 22 A. THAT'S RIGHT.
- 23 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 97)
- Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND NOW GOING TO EXHIBIT 97;
- 25 CAN YOU DESCRIBE THAT?
- 26 A. AGAIN, THIS IS THE SAME AS BEFORE, IT IS A LITTLE

- 1 BIT MORE ENLARGED, SHOWING THOSE BRUISES ON THE LEFT SIDE OF
- 2 THE BACK.
- 3 Q. THERE IS A LOT OF REDNESS THERE, SORT OF IN
- 4 GENERAL ON THE BACK, IS THAT NECESSARILY AN INJURY OR --
- 5 A. NO.
- 6 Q. WHAT IS THAT?
- 7 A. IT'S NOT AN INJURY, IT IS MORE OF LIVIDITY, THE
- 8 BODY IS ON THE BACK SO THE BLOOD GETS SETTLED AFTER THE
- 9 DEATH, AND IT LOOKS LIKE A REDDISH AND PURPLISH IN COLOR, SO
- 10 THAT'S WHAT THE NORMAL POSTMORTEM CHANGE IS.
- 11 Q. THAT'S CALLED LIVIDITY, JUST A SETTLING OF THE
- 12 BLOOD?
- 13 A. RIGHT.
- 14 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 98)
- 15 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND GOING TO EXHIBIT 98.
- 16 A. THIS IS SHOWING THE RIGHT SHOULDER, AND THE RIGHT
- 17 SHOULDER, WHAT YOU SEE IS A CONTUSION, ABRASION. THE BLOODY
- 18 SMEAR IS HERE. AND THEN YOU SEE TWO LINEAR ABRASIONS ON THE
- 19 BACK OF THE, I WILL SAY RIGHT SCAPULAR RATHER THAN SHOULDER
- 20 AREA, WHICH IS MORE IN THE SCAPULAR REGION.
- 21 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 99)
- Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND EXHIBIT 99?
- 23 A. AGAIN, THIS IS THE SAME ENLARGEMENT OF THOSE
- 24 LINEAR ABRASIONS.
- 25 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 100)
- Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: EXHIBIT 100?

- 1 A. SAME THING AS SHOWING MORE OF THE RIGHT SHOULDER.
- 2 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 101)
- 3 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: EXHIBIT 101?
- 4 A. OKAY, THIS IS SHOWING THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BACK,
- 5 AND AGAIN THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE BRUISES, WHICH YOU CAN SEE
- 6 HERE. ONE IS LARGER THAN THE OTHER ONE, THE OTHER ONE IS
- 7 HIGHER, SO THERE ARE TWO BRUISES, ONE IS BIGGER AND HIGHER
- 8 ONE, AND THE SMALLER ON THE LOWER ONE.
- 9 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 102)
- 10 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND EXHIBIT 102?
- 11 A. OKAY, THERE ARE CERTAIN ROUNDED ABRADED MARKS
- 12 BECAUSE THIS PERSON, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY -- I COULD NOT
- 13 MAKE THEM A TASER MARK, BECAUSE I DID NOT SEE A DART FROM
- 14 THE TASER. AND I DID NOT SEE ANY BURN AROUND THOSE TASERS.
- 15 BUT WHAT I NOTICED, BECAUSE I HAD BEEN TOLD THAT HE HAD BEEN
- 16 TASED, SO I WAS LOOKING WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT THINGS I
- 17 SHOULD BE FINDING FOR THE TASER.
- 18 SO WHEN I SAW THESE ROUNDED BROWNISH SPOTS, TWO
- 19 HERE (INDICATING), THESE ARE THE ONLY THING, BUT I CANNOT
- 20 SAY FOR DEFINITE THEY ARE TASER MARKS.
- Q. BEFORE YOU STARTED THE AUTOPSY, WHAT HISTORY DID
- 22 YOU HAVE; WHAT DID YOU KNOW ABOUT WHAT BROUGHT MR. THOMAS TO
- 23 YOU?
- 24 A. WELL, THE STORY WAS THAT THE PERSON WAS STEALING
- 25 OR DOING SOMETHING TO THE CAR OR SOMEBODY'S CAR. AND THEN
- 26 SOME OFFICERS RESPONDED AT THE SCENE, SOMEBODY CALLED THE

- 1 OFFICER, AND SO HE RESPONDED TO THE SCENE. AND HE TALKED TO
- 2 HIM FOR A WHILE. BUT I GUESS OUR VICTIM DID NOT RESPOND THE
- 3 WAY THE OFFICER WAS ASKING QUESTION. SO THEN THEY STARTED
- 4 SOME KIND OF A STRUGGLE, AND ONE THING LEADING TO ANOTHER.
- 5 AND THAT STRUGGLE, AFTER THEY STRUGGLED, OUR VICTIM GOT
- 6 UNCONSCIOUS AND THEN THEY WENT TO THE HOSPITAL.
- 7 Q. SO THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT KNOWLEDGE YOU HAD AT THE
- 8 TIME YOU WERE DOING THAT AUTOPSY?
- 9 A. RIGHT, RIGHT.
- 10 Q. OKAY. SO DID YOU SEE SOMETHING HERE IN EXHIBIT
- 11 102 THAT LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE A TASER MARK?
- 12 A. AGAIN, AS I SAID, THERE ARE SOME ROUNDED SMALL
- 13 AREAS OUT HERE (INDICATING), BUT I AM NOT SURE WHAT THEY
- 14 ARE.
- 15 Q. AND YOU CAN'T REALLY TELL?
- 16 A. YEAH.
- 17 Q. YOU WERE LOOKING FOR THAT, BECAUSE YOU HAD THAT
- 18 INFORMATION?
- 19 A. BECAUSE OF THE STORY PROVIDED TO ME.
- 20 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 103)
- Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND 103?
- 22 A. SAME ENLARGEMENT OF THOSE MARKINGS WHICH WE SAW.
- 23 Q. ALL RIGHT. AND THOSE ARE MARKS THAT ARE CLOSE TO
- 24 THE SCALE IN 103?
- A. THAT'S CORRECT.
- 26 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 104)

- 1 O. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: 104?
- 2 A. AGAIN, THIS IS THE BRUISING ON THE RIGHT SIDE,
- 3 MORE ENLARGED.
- 4 Q. AND IS THE SCALE THERE TO GIVE US AN IDEA OF THE
- 5 SIZE?
- 6 A. RIGHT.
- 7 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 105)
- 8 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND GOING TO THE EXTREMITIES;
- 9 105, EXHIBIT 105?
- 10 A. YES, THIS IS THE LEFT UPPER ARM. AND YOU CAN SEE
- 11 THERE IS A BRUISE GOING FROM AXILLA DOWN TO THE FOREARM. SO
- 12 THIS IS A LARGE BRUISE GOING FROM THE AXILLA TO THE FOREARM
- 13 AREA.
- 14 Q. WHAT MIGHT CAUSE A BRUISING LIKE THAT; IS THERE
- 15 SOME GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WHY THAT KIND OF BRUISING
- 16 OCCURS?
- 17 A. AGAIN, BRUISING IS THE RESULT OF BLUNT FORCE
- 18 INJURY. AND THE BLUNT FORCE COULD BE ANYTHING, THERE ARE
- 19 MANY THINGS THAT CAN CAUSE IT. SO I CANNOT, IT DOESN'T HAVE
- 20 ANY PATTERN WHICH I CAN MATCH AND SAY, OH, IT LOOKS LIKE IT
- 21 MATCH TO THIS. SO IT'S NON-PATTERN BRUISE, WHICH TELLS ME
- 22 THERE IS SOME KIND OF BLUNT FORCE INJURY HERE.
- 23 Q. AND IT IS PRETTY GENERALIZED INSIDE THE ARM?
- 24 A. THE ARM.
- 25 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 106)
- 26 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND COULD YOU DESCRIBE 106.

- 1 A. THIS IS SHOWING THE LEFT ELBOW. AND YOU CAN SEE
- 2 THE BRUISING IN THE LEFT ELBOW AREA.
- 3 Q. IN 106, VERY CLOSE TO THE TABLE, THERE ARE TWO
- 4 CUTS OR LACERATIONS?
- 5 A. THEY ARE CUTS.
- 6 Q. OKAY. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THOSE ARE?
- 7 A. THOSE ARE THE CUTS I MADE DURING THE EXAMINATION
- 8 TO SHOW THEY ARE BRUISES, THERE IS A HEMORRHAGE UNDERLYING
- 9 THE SKIN SURFACE.
- 10 Q. BUT THE CUTS THEMSELVES, THOSE ARE NOT
- 11 PRE-EXISTING INJURIES, THAT'S SOMETHING YOU DID ON THE
- 12 EXAMINATION?
- 13 A. THAT'S CORRECT.
- 14 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 107)
- 15 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND 107?
- 16 A. IS THE LEFT KNEE. AND SHOWING THE BRUISING ON
- 17 THE LEFT KNEE.
- 18 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 108)
- 19 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: OKAY. AND 108?
- 20 A. 108 IS SHOWING BACK OF THE RIGHT KNEE, WHICH IS,
- 21 I SAID, THE BACK OF THE RIGHT KNEE AREA, WHICH IS POPLITEAL,
- 22 THERE IS A BRUISE IN THE POPLITEAL AREA, AND THE BRUISE OF
- 23 THE BACK OF THE LEFT THIGH.
- Q. AND SO THAT PRETTY MUCH DESCRIBES THE INJURIES
- 25 THAT YOU SAW UPON EXTERNAL EXAMINATION?
- A. THAT'S CORRECT.

- 1 Q. AND THEN DID YOU CONTINUE TO CONDUCT AN
- 2 EXAMINATION AFTER THAT?
- 3 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 4 Q. AND WHAT DID YOU DO NEXT?
- 5 A. WELL, NEXT WE MAKE A Y-INCISION. WHICH IS AN
- 6 INCISION THAT GOES FROM TOP OF ONE SHOULDER TO THE OTHER,
- 7 AND MEET IN THE MIDLINE. AND AS YOU EXPOSE THEN INSIDE THE
- 8 CHEST, AND THEN YOU CUT THE RIB CAGE, TAKE OUT THE CHEST
- 9 PLATE, AND YOU EXPOSE ALL THE INTERNAL ORGANS.
- 10 Q. AND SO THEN WHEN YOU DID THIS INTERNAL
- 11 EXAMINATION, DID YOU MAKE ANY FINDINGS?
- 12 A. THE MAIN INTERESTING FINDING WAS -- CAN I LOOK AT
- 13 MY NOTES?
- 14 Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE; JUST LET US KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU
- 15 MIGHT BE LOOKING AT.
- 16 A. YOU KNOW, IN THE END OF MY GROSS DICTATIONS I
- 17 USUALLY SUMMARIZE ALL THE DIFFERENT THINGS.
- 18 Q. SO THIS IS IN YOUR REPORT?
- 19 A. IT'S IN MY REPORT.
- 20 Q. WOULD IT HELP TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY TO LOOK AT
- 21 YOUR REPORT?
- 22 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 23 Q. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT PAGE YOU ARE GOING TO BE
- 24 LOOKING AT IN YOUR REPORT?
- 25 A. PAGE 8.
- 26 Q. IS THAT THE AUTOPSY REPORT?

- 1 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 2 Q. OKAY.
- 3 A. (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 4 OKAY. IN THIS I PUT DOWN, LIKE IT SUMMARIZES THE
- 5 WHOLE BODY EXAM, WHICH AGAIN IS GOING TO GO FROM HEAD TO
- 6 TOE, SAYS MULTIPLE FACIAL INJURIES, SOME OF THEM ARE
- 7 SUTURED.
- 8 THEN I SAID THERE IS A FRACTURE OF THE NASAL
- 9 BONE.
- 10 AND THERE ARE MULTIPLE BRUISES, LEFT ARM, LEFT
- 11 CHEST, LEFT THIGH, RIGHT BACK, LEFT LOWER LEG. I MEAN ALL
- 12 THE BRUISES WHICH WE NOTICED.
- 13 THEN IN THE BRAIN I SAW THE BRAIN WAS SWOLLEN,
- 14 AND IT SHOWS CHANGES OF RESPIRATOR BRAIN, WHICH IS VERY SOFT
- 15 AND MUSHY. YOU CAN SEPARATE, YOU KNOW, THE BRAIN HAS SULCI,
- 16 WHICH GOES UP AND DOWN, UP AND DOWN, YOU LOSE IT AND IT
- 17 BECOMES LIKE A SMOOTH SURFACE. THAT TELLS YOU THE BRAIN IS
- 18 SWOLLEN. THAT HAPPENS SO MANY TIMES, THE PERSON, WHEN YOU
- 19 ARE ON A RESPIRATOR. SO THAT'S ENCEPHALOPATHY.
- 20 AND THEN I NOTICED THE HEART, THE HEART IS
- 21 ENLARGED. AND BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT, BOTH VENTRICLES WERE
- 22 HYPERTROPHIC.
- 23 AND THEN GOES DOWN TO THE LUNGS SHOWING THE LUNGS
- 24 ARE VERY HEAVY AND THEY HAVE A SIGN OF PNEUMONIA.
- 25 THEN GOING DOWN TO THE LIVER, THE LIVER WAS ALSO
- 26 ENLARGED. AND IS SHOWING CHANGES OF INTRAVENOUS CONDITION.

- 1 THEN AGAIN GOING INSIDE THE ABDOMEN, THEY ALSO
- 2 FOUND THAT THE MUSCLE WHICH IS INSIDE THE ABDOMEN ALSO HAVE
- 3 A HEMORRHAGE, WHICH IS ILIO-PSOAS MUSCLE, THERE WAS A
- 4 HEMORRHAGE IN THE ILIO-PSOAS MUSCLE.
- 5 AND THESE ARE THE MAIN INTERNAL FINDINGS.
- 6 Q. ALL RIGHT. AND THEN DID YOU AT SOME POINT TAKE
- 7 SAMPLES SO THAT YOU COULD DO MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS OF
- 8 THOSE?
- 9 A. YES.
- 10 Q. AND WHAT DID YOU TAKE SAMPLES OF FOR LATER
- 11 MICROSCOPIC WORK?
- 12 A. I TOOK A SECTION OF THE VARIOUS BRUISES, WHICH
- 13 ARE ALL THE SEVEN DIFFERENT INJURIES TO THE FACE.
- 14 THEN I ALSO TOOK A SECTION OF THE LEFT FLANK OF
- 15 THE ABDOMEN.
- 16 AND THEN I TOOK A SECTION OF THE RIGHT SIDE OF
- 17 THE ABDOMEN.
- 18 AND I TOOK A SECTION OF THE RIGHT THIGH.
- 19 AND LEFT AND RIGHT LUMBAR AREA.
- 20 SO I TOOK A SECTION OF THE BRUISES WHICH WE
- 21 EXAMINED EXTERNALLY.
- 22 AND ALSO WE EXAMINED AGAIN, MICROSCOPIC
- 23 EXAMINATION OF THE HEART, LUNG, LIVER, PANCREAS, SPLEEN,
- 24 ENDOCRINE SYSTEM, TONGUE, KIDNEY, BRAIN.
- 25 Q. ALL RIGHT. AND THEN AT SOME POINT DID YOU COME
- 26 TO AN OPINION ABOUT THE CAUSE OF DEATH?

- 1 A. YES, I DID.
- 2 Q. AND WHAT WAS THAT OPINION BASED ON; WHAT WERE THE
- 3 VARIOUS THINGS THAT YOU TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION IN FORMING
- 4 YOUR OPINION ABOUT THE CAUSE OF DEATH?
- 5 A. WELL, FIRST THING IS I HAVE AN ANATOMIC CAUSE,
- 6 WHICH IS ANOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY AND BRONCHOPNEUMONIA, THAT IS
- 7 THE ANATOMIC FINDING.
- 8 THEN I TOOK A CONSIDERATION OF WHY THESE ARE A
- 9 CONSEQUENCE OF WHAT. SO THE CONSEQUENCE THAT IS THE MAIN
- 10 THING IS THE STORY PROVIDED TO ME, AND THE VIDEOTAPE.
- 11 SO I LOOKED FOR -- AND HOSPITAL RECORD ALSO.
- 12 Q. WHEN YOU SAY THE VIDEOTAPE, YOU ARE REFERRING TO
- 13 THE VIDEOTAPE OF THE INCIDENT?
- 14 A. SURVEILLANCE VIDEO.
- 15 Q. THE SURVEILLANCE VIDEO.
- 16 AND DID THAT HAVE SOUND?
- 17 A. YES, IT DID.
- 18 SO ALL COMBINING EVERYTHING TOGETHER, THE PERSON
- 19 WAS FIVE DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL ON RESPIRATOR. THEN THE
- 20 STORY, THE INCIDENT REPORT WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO ME BY THE
- 21 INVESTIGATOR. AND THE SURVEILLANCE VIDEO TOGETHER, I MAKE
- 22 THE UNDERLYING CAUSE FOR DEATH.
- 23 Q. AND WHAT ABOUT THE MICROSCOPICS; WHEN DID YOU DO
- 24 THOSE EXAMINATIONS?
- 25 A. WELL, THE CAUSE OF DEATH WHEN I DETERMINED IS ALL
- 26 AFTER I FINISHED MY MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION, AND REVIEWED

- 1 EVERYTHING.
- 2 Q. IT TOOK A WHILE TO HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT THE
- 3 CAUSE OF DEATH IN THIS CASE, DIDN'T IT?
- 4 A. YEAH, IT DID.
- 5 Q. FROM THE TIME OF DOING THE AUTOPSY UNTIL THE TIME
- 6 THAT YOU FELT THAT YOU HAD A SOLID OPINION, HOW LONG WAS
- 7 THAT?
- 8 A. IT'S ALMOST LIKE TWO MONTHS, TWO AND A HALF
- 9 MONTHS.
- 10 Q. OKAY. AND THAT WAS -- AND WHY DID IT TAKE SO
- 11 LONG?
- 12 A. WELL, AGAIN, EVERYTHING IS A STEP BY STEP BY
- 13 STEP. EVERYTHING HAS TO BE LIKE YOU TAKE THE TISSUE, YOU
- 14 MAKE THEM, FIX THEM IN FORMALIN FOR A WHILE AND THEN YOU CUT
- 15 THEM. THE SLICE COMES OUT. AND THEN YOU READ IT.
- 16 AND ANOTHER THING IS TO GET ALL THE DIFFERENT
- 17 REPORTS, READ THEM, EVALUATE THEM. THEN YOU GET MORE
- 18 INFORMATION ON DIFFERENT THINGS.
- 19 SO EVERYTHING TAKES TIME. TOXICOLOGY TAKES TIME.
- 20 EVERYTHING TAKES ITS OWN TIME.
- 21 Q. SOMETIMES IT IS FASTER IF THERE IS TWO OR THREE
- 22 BULLETS IN THE HEAD, YOU CAN FIGURE IT OUT PRETTY QUICK?
- 23 A. THEN YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TO THINK ABOUT IT.
- Q. ALL RIGHT. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOUR OPINION IS
- 25 AS TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF KELLY THOMAS?
- 26 A. IT IS DUE TO ANOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY, THAT IS BRAIN

- 1 DEATH, WITH ACUTE BRONCHOPNEUMONIA, DUE TO MECHANICAL CHEST
- 2 COMPRESSION, WITH CRANIAL-FACIAL, BLUNT CRANIAL-FACIAL
- 3 INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING THE PHYSICAL ALTERCATION WITH THE
- 4 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.
- 5 Q. IS THERE ONE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH HERE, OR WHAT
- 6 WOULD BE YOUR DESCRIPTION OF HOW KELLY THOMAS DIED?
- 7 A. IT'S A CONSTELLATION OF ALL INJURIES, NOT ONE
- 8 THING.
- 9 Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
- 10 A. I MEAN LIKE ALL THESE COMBINED TOGETHER, YOU
- 11 CANNOT SEPARATE ONE FROM ANOTHER. SO LIKE WHY THE PERSON IS
- 12 BRAIN DEAD, WHY YOU DEVELOP PNEUMONIA, THESE ARE THE
- 13 ANATOMIC CAUSE. BUT WHY THESE ALL HAPPENED IS BECAUSE OF
- 14 ALL THE INJURIES WHICH WE NOTICED ON EXTERNAL EXAMINATION.
- 15 AND THEN WE SAW IT IS WHY, THE INJURIES ARE DUE TO THE
- 16 PHYSICAL ALTERCATION WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.
- 17 Q. WHAT IS ANOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY?
- 18 A. IT'S BRAIN DEATH.
- 19 Q. AND WHAT DO THESE WORDS MEAN; LACK OF OXYGEN TO
- 20 THE BRAIN?
- 21 A. LACK OF OXYGEN TO THE BRAIN.
- 22 Q. AND YOU MENTION ALSO MECHANICAL COMPRESSION?
- A. RIGHT.
- Q. WOULD YOU DESCRIBE WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT?
- 25 A. WELL, CHEST GOT COMPRESSED SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER
- 26 BECAUSE THERE WAS, YOU KNOW, WHEN I SAW THE PARAMEDIC'S --

- 1 FIRST THING, THE PHYSICAL FINDING THERE WAS A BRUISING ON
- 2 THE CHEST, THAT'S THE PHYSICAL FINDING. IT IS NOT EVERY
- 3 COMPRESSION GOING TO LEAVE A BRUISE, BUT THIS IS ONE OF THE
- 4 FINDINGS IS THERE. SO THERE WAS SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER THIS
- 5 BRUISE IS RELATED TO A BLUNT FORCE INJURY. AND THAT COULD
- 6 BE ONE OF THE REASONS THE COMPRESSION IS THERE AFTER
- 7 REVIEWING THE VIDEO.
- 8 THEN, AGAIN, AS I SAID, THE PHYSICAL COMPRESSION
- 9 OF THE CHEST IS BASED ON THE ONE PHYSICAL FINDING, AND BASED
- 10 ON THE VIDEOTAPE.
- 11 Q. SO WHAT DOES THE CHEST COMPRESSION CAUSE; HOW
- 12 DOES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEATH?
- 13 A. OKAY. AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, WHEN WE BREATHE IN,
- 14 THEN THE CHEST EXPANDS. WHEN WE BREATHE OUT, CHEST GOES
- 15 DOWN. SO EVERY TIME YOU TAKE IN AND OUT, EVERY TIME YOU
- 16 TAKE A BREATH, THE OXYGEN GOES INSIDE YOUR BODY, AND IT GOES
- 17 TO THE BLOOD, AND BLOOD GETS CIRCULATED TO THE BODY AND YOU
- 18 GET OXYGENATED. SO WHEN YOU BREATHE OUT, THEN THIS OXYGEN
- 19 GETS EXPELLED OUT IN THE FORM OF CARBON DIOXIDE FROM THE
- 20 BODY.
- 21 SO EVERY TIME YOU BREATH IN AND OUT, OXYGEN IS
- 22 TAKEN IN AND CARBON DIOXIDE IS TAKEN OUT. SO OXYGENATED
- 23 BLOOD GOES IN AND DEOXYGENATED BLOOD GOES OUT.
- 24 WHEN YOU ARE COMPRESSING, THIS MECHANISM IS NOT
- 25 GOING TO BE THERE, SO THE BODY IS NOT GOING TO RECEIVE THE
- 26 OXYGEN, AND THE CHEST IS COMPRESSED, NOW THE AIR CANNOT GO

- 1 IN. AND THEN THE AIR DOESN'T GO IN, THE BODY DON'T RECEIVE
- 2 THE OXYGEN. THE BODY DON'T RECEIVE THE OXYGEN, THE BODY
- 3 STARTED FAILING. AND THAT'S HOW THE COMPRESSION HAPPENS.
- 4 Q. DOES THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN ALL AT ONCE LIKE ONE BIG
- 5 COMPRESSION, OR CAN IT TAKE PLACE OVER TIME?
- 6 A. MOST OF THE TIME IT TAKES A TIME, BECAUSE THERE
- 7 IS SOME OXYGEN ALWAYS THERE IN THE BODY, IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S
- 8 GOING TO SPILL OUT ALL AT ONE TIME. SO IT TAKES A WHILE TO
- 9 GET ALL THE OXYGEN OUT FROM THE BODY TO BECOME A BRAIN DEATH
- 10 OR ANOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY.
- 11 Q. SO IF SOMEBODY IS UNDER COMPRESSION, FOR EXAMPLE,
- 12 HAVING BODY WEIGHT ON TOP OF THEM ON A STREET, BUT HE CAN
- 13 STILL BREATHE SOMEWHAT?
- A. A LITTLE BIT, NOT EFFECTIVE ENOUGH, BUT A LITTLE
- 15 BIT OF OXYGEN CAN GO, YES.
- 16 O. CAN IT HAPPEN THAT THIS PERSON MIGHT STILL BE
- 17 ABLE TO BREATHE FOR A TIME, BUT NOT SUSTAIN THAT OVER TIME?
- 18 A. THAT'S CORRECT.
- 19 O. AND COULD YOU DESCRIBE THAT.
- 20 A. AGAIN, AS I SAID, YOU, AS THE BODY STARTED
- 21 FAILING, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE YOU DON'T GET ENOUGH OXYGEN,
- 22 SLOWLY START THE HEART RATE AND RESPIRATION IS GOING TO GO
- 23 DOWN, AND THEN THE BRAIN ACTIVITY WILL STOP TOO.
- 24 Q. HOW DID WATCHING THE VIDEO FIT IN WITH YOUR
- 25 DETERMINATION AS TO CAUSE OF DEATH?
- 26 A. WELL, AS I SAID, JUST BY ANATOMIC EXAMINATION I

- 1 SAW JUST A BRUISE ON THE CHEST AND I SAW A BRUISE IN THE
- 2 ARM. THEN I WATCHED THE VIDEO, I CAN SEE HOW THESE, AND
- 3 THEN I SAW SOME BRUISES IN THE BACK ALSO, YOU KNOW,
- 4 BILATERAL BRUISES IN THE BACK. SO I COULD NOT CORRELATE
- 5 THEM UNLESS I SEE THE VIDEO, OKAY, HOW THIS IS HAPPENING.
- 6 SO I SAW ON THE VIDEO HOW THIS PROCESS, WHY THESE
- 7 BRUISES WERE, THEY WERE COMBATING HIM AND, YOU KNOW, PUSHING
- 8 DOWN. SO THAT HE WAS STRUGGLING AND YOU ARE FIGHTING, AND
- 9 SO THAT'S THE REASON I FELT THAT THE CHEST COMPRESSION,
- 10 WHICH CAUSED HIM TO HAVE ANOXIC EPISODE.
- 11 Q. DID YOU SEE ANY INJURIES THAT YOU COULD SAY JUST
- 12 RULED OUT THIS, THIS DIDN'T CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF
- 13 DEATH?
- 14 A. NO, I COULD NOT SEPARATE THEM, THAT INJURY DID,
- 15 THIS DID NOT, BECAUSE, AGAIN, YOU HAVE TO SEE THE TOTALITY
- 16 OF ALL THE INCIDENT. YOU KNOW, THEY ALL SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER,
- 17 THEY ALL TOGETHER PLAYED A ROLE.
- 18 Q. WELL, THERE ARE SOME INJURIES LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE,
- 19 INJURIES TO THE LIP, BRUISING TO THE EYE, THERE ARE THESE
- 20 THINGS THAT BY THEMSELVES YOU WOULDN'T NECESSARILY THINK
- 21 THEY MIGHT CAUSE DEATH, WOULD YOU?
- 22 A. AGAIN, IF YOU INDIVIDUALIZE THESE INJURIES EACH,
- 23 THEN THE PERSON SHOULD NOT BE DYING EITHER. SO YOU HAVE TO
- 24 SEE THESE THINGS HAPPENING SIMULTANEOUSLY. IF I SEE ONLY
- 25 INJURY TO THE LIP OR INJURY TO THE EYE, YEAH, IT WILL CAUSE
- 26 A LOT OF PAIN AND ALL, MAY NOT CAUSE THE DEATH, THEN I WON'T

- 1 HAVE ANY CAUSE OF DEATH EITHER.
- 2 Q. SO HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THE INJURIES, FOR
- 3 EXAMPLE, TO THE FACE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEATH?
- 4 A. MULTIPLE INJURY TO THE FACE HAS COMPROMISED HIS
- 5 BREATHING. HERE THE PERSON IS LACERATED AND THESE WOUNDS
- 6 ARE BLEEDING. SO SOME OF THE BLOOD GOING TO GO IN
- 7 RESPIRATORY PASSAGES. AND THEN CAUSING A LOT OF PAIN. IT
- 8 IS A TRAUMATIC SHOCK CAUSING THERE. SO THERE IS THE BLOOD,
- 9 AND THE TRAUMA OF THE INJURY OF PAIN, WHICH HE IS SUFFERING,
- 10 WILL CONTRIBUTE IN COMPROMISING HIS RESPIRATION. AND ON THE
- 11 TOP HE HAS THE CHEST COMPRESSION, SO ALL TOGETHER WILL CAUSE
- 12 HIM TO HAVE MUCH FASTER ANOXIC EPISODE.
- 13 Q. WHAT ABOUT DURING THE STRUGGLE, JUST HITS, LIKE
- 14 STRIKES WITH THE KNEE OR WITH THE ELBOW, IN YOUR MIND WOULD
- 15 THOSE CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH AS WELL?
- 16 A. AGAIN, AS I SAID, THESE ARE, INDIVIDUALIZING THE
- 17 WOUND IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME, BECAUSE FIRST THING IS HOW
- 18 THE KNEES WERE COMPRESSING, I DON'T KNOW, I WAS NOT THERE.
- 19 BUT IF THEY ARE, THE KNEES COMPRESSING AND CAUSING HIM
- 20 DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING, YES, THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE. BUT IF
- 21 JUST YOU HIT AND DID NOT DO ANYTHING, AND IT'S NOT
- 22 COMPRESSED IT IS JUST THE TRAUMA OF HITTING, IT MAY NOT
- 23 CAUSE ANYTHING. SO I CANNOT SEPARATE THEM, THAT HOW THESE
- 24 TWO OR MULTIPLE BRUISES IN THE BACK OR THIGH CAME BY.
- 25 Q. I DON'T THINK I AM NOT ASKING YOU TO SEPARATE
- 26 THEM, I AM JUST ASKING YOU IF IN YOUR VIEW ALL THESE THINGS

- 1 TEND TO CONTRIBUTE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IF WHILE THIS PERSON
- 2 IS UNDER THIS STRESS, DOES THE STRESS ITSELF MATTER?
- 3 A. OH, YES, IT CAN.
- 4 Q. HOW IS THAT?
- 5 A. WELL, DURING THE STRESS THE PERSON'S HEART RATE
- 6 IS GOING UP, RESPIRATION IS FASTER, OXYGEN IS GOING TO BE
- 7 LESS IN THE BRAIN, AND THAT STRESSES CAUSE THE
- 8 CARDIO-PULMONARY, AND PEOPLE DIE ALL THE TIME IN STRESS.
- 9 Q. SO BECAUSE OF THE STRESS HE NEEDS MORE OXYGEN?
- 10 A. RIGHT.
- 11 Q. AND THEN THE FIGHTING AND RECEIVING BLOWS, WOULD
- 12 THAT ALL ADD TO THE STRESS?
- 13 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 14 Q. AND WOULD THAT, IN THIS SITUATION THAT YOU SAW,
- 15 WOULD THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH?
- 16 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 17 Q. SO ESSENTIALLY THERE ISN'T ANY PART OF THE
- 18 STRUGGLE THAT DOESN'T CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH?
- 19 A. I CANNOT SEPARATE THEM, YES.
- 20 Q. THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?
- 21 A. RIGHT.
- 22 Q. YOU CAN'T SEPARATE IT OUT AND CAN'T SAY THIS
- 23 DOESN'T COUNT?
- 24 A. RIGHT.
- 25 Q. SO IF ONE OF THE OFFICERS HITS, I AM GOING TO
- 26 GIVE YOU A HYPOTHETICAL, IF ONE OF THE OFFICERS AT THE

- 1 OUTSET IS HITTING KELLY THOMAS WITH A BATON. AND THEN A
- 2 CHASE ENSUES, AND THEN THEY MEET UP, AND THAT OFFICER HELPS
- 3 TO TACKLE KELLY THOMAS. AND THEN AT SOME POINT DURING THAT,
- 4 AND THERE IS A STRUGGLE, KELLY THOMAS IS STRUGGLING TO
- 5 RESIST BEING DOWN AND BEING HELD DOWN BY THE OFFICERS, AND
- 6 THEN THAT SAME OFFICER HITS KELLY THOMAS VERY HARD WITH HIS
- 7 KNEES. JUST STRIKING HIM, MAYBE NOT COMPRESSING OVER TIME,
- 8 BUT JUST A HARD SHARP STRIKE WITH THE KNEES IN THE KIDNEY
- 9 AREA. AND THEN GETS ON TOP OF HIM AND PUTS HIS WEIGHT ON
- 10 HIM, AND CONTINUES TO TRY TO HOLD HIM DOWN. HITS HIM WITH
- 11 HIS ELBOW (INDICATING).
- 12 WE CAN'T EVEN TELL NECESSARILY IF IT IS THE FRONT
- 13 OF THE FACE OR THE BACK OF THE FACE, HE IS HITTING HIM WITH
- 14 HIS ELBOW, BUT KELLY THOMAS BEING DOWN, AND HE IS HITTING
- 15 HIM WITH HIS ELBOW, AND CONTINUING TO HOLD HIM DOWN TO
- 16 MAINTAIN THIS CONTROL.
- 17 WOULD THAT BE A CONTRIBUTING CAUSE OF THE DEATH,
- 18 THAT GROUP OF EVENTS, THAT HYPOTHETICAL I GAVE YOU?
- 19 A. YES, IT WOULD BE.
- 20 MR. RACKAUKAS: I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. MAYBE THE
- 21 GRAND JURORS DO.
- 22 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS
- 23 FROM THE GRAND JURY?
- 24 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 25 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 117)
- 26 MR. RACKAUKAS: I HAVE SIX QUESTIONS, AND WE WILL HAVE

- 1 THOSE MARKED COLLECTIVELY AS 117.
- THERE IS ONE THAT I NEGLECTED TO COVER. MAYBE
- 3 MORE.
- 4 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. THIS QUESTION, THE
- 5 SKETCH SHOWS HIS WEIGHT AS 219 POUNDS. HOW IS THIS
- 6 VERIFIED?
- 7 FIRST OF ALL, THE SKETCH SHOWS HIS WEIGHT AS 219
- 8 POUNDS; HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
- 9 A. WELL, THE THING IS WHEN I AM DOING A SKETCH, IT'S
- 10 NOT -- THE SKETCH IS NOT THAT HEAVY, WHAT IT IS SHOWING IS
- 11 THE BODY WHICH I EXAMINED, THEY GET WEIGHED AND MEASURED
- 12 PRIOR TO AUTOPSY EXAMINATION. PRIOR TO COMING. SO AS SOON
- 13 AS THE BODY COMES TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE, THERE IS A SCALE
- 14 YOU PUT THE BODY, WEIGH IT AND MEASURE IT. SO EVERY BODY
- 15 GETS WEIGHED AND MEASURED. SO THAT IS WHAT IT IS SHOWING,
- 16 THE BODY IS 219 POUNDS AND 68 INCH LENGTH.
- 17 Q. BUT THIS PERSON, WE SEE KELLY THOMAS IN THE VIDEO
- 18 AND HE IS NOT 219 POUNDS WHEN HE IS -- I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T
- 19 SAY THIS, IT'S A LEADING QUESTION, BUT DOES IT LOOK LIKE HE
- 20 IS 219 POUNDS WHEN HE IS OUT THERE IN THIS STRUGGLE?
- 21 A. SEE, I CAN ONLY TELL YOU WHAT IS BEING RECORDED
- 22 IN THE CORONER'S OFFICE. THAT'S ALL I CAN TALK ABOUT.
- 23 Q. ALL RIGHT. AND DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA AS TO, OR DO
- 24 YOU HAVE AN OPINION AS TO WHY A PERSON MIGHT HAVE MORE
- 25 WEIGHT WHEN HE IS WEIGHED IN THE CORONER'S OFFICE THAN HE
- 26 DOES, THAN HE WOULD WHEN HE WAS HEALTHY?

- 1 A. OKAY. FIRST THING IS WHEN THE BODY COMES, IT
- 2 COMES IN THE BODY BAG. SO WE DON'T OPEN THE BODY BAG.
- 3 INSIDE THE BODY BAG, ALL THESE HOSPITAL LINES WITH THE FLUID
- 4 BAGS AND ALL, THEY ARE THERE TOO. SO EVERY BAG, THE BODY
- 5 GETS WEIGHED WITH EVERYTHING. SO IT IS A LOT OF WEIGHT
- 6 BECAUSE OF THE HOSPITAL INTRAVENOUS LINE, THE FLUID BAGS
- 7 WITHIN THAT BAG. SO THIS IS NOT ACCURATE WEIGHT OF THE
- 8 BODY.
- 9 BUT WE DON'T TAKE THE BODY BAG AFTER WE TAKE OUT
- 10 ALL THE HOSPITAL LINES TO TAKE BACK OUTSIDE AND GET THEM
- 11 WEIGHED. SO WE USUALLY DON'T DO IT. SO WHATEVER IT CAME IN
- 12 THAT BUILDING, THAT'S HOW IT GETS WEIGHED.
- 13 O. ALL RIGHT. COULD CHEST COMPRESSIONS FROM C.P.R.
- 14 CAUSE THE CHEST INJURIES?
- 15 A. OKAY. YOU HAVE TO SEE THE LOCATION. FIRST THING
- 16 IS C.P.R., C.P.R. CASES SO MANY TIMES, THE LOCATION OF THE
- 17 C.P.R. BRUISES ARE USUALLY IN MIDLINE, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE
- 18 YOU COMPRESS, THE PARAMEDICS, THEY DON'T COMPRESS ON THE
- 19 LEFT OR RIGHT SIDE, THEY COMPRESS CENTER, SO THEY ARE
- 20 BREATHING. AND IT SHOULD BE SYMMETRICAL, IT WOULD NOT BE
- 21 ASYMMETRIC LIKE HERE, IT IS ALL ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE
- 22 CHEST, SO IT IS NOT.
- 23 Q. ALL RIGHT. SO THEN THE INJURIES THAT YOU SAW
- 24 THAT WERE DESCRIBED HERE EARLIER, COULD THOSE BE ATTRIBUTED
- 25 TO C.P.R.?
- 26 A. NO.

- 1 Q. THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT THE TOXICOLOGY REPORTS,
- 2 BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE TOXICOLOGY
- 3 REPORTS, DID YOU?
- 4 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 5 MR. RACKAUKAS: I WILL MAKE SURE WE COVER THAT.
- 6 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND COULD THE ENLARGED HEART,
- 7 WELL, THIS IS AS TO THE ENLARGED HEART AND LIVER, BE FROM
- 8 OTHER CAUSES?
- 9 BUT LET ME ASK YOU THIS FIRST; WAS THERE AN
- 10 ENLARGED LIVER?
- 11 A. YES.
- 12 Q. SO LET'S TAKE IT, I DON'T KNOW IF WE SHOULD TAKE
- 13 THEM ONE AT A TIME OR BOTH AT THE SAME TIME, BUT THE
- 14 QUESTION SAYS, COULD ENLARGED HEART AND LIVER BE FROM OTHER
- 15 CAUSES BESIDES THE ALTERCATION WITH THE POLICE?
- 16 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 17 Q. AND COULD YOU -- FIRST OF ALL, THE HEART, CAN YOU
- 18 DESCRIBE THE ENLARGED HEART, AND WHAT YOU THINK MIGHT BE
- 19 RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT?
- 20 A. WELL, FIRST THING IS HE HAS ENLARGED HEART PRIOR
- 21 TO MY AUTOPSY, I MENTIONED. SO WHY HE HAS IT, I DON'T HAVE
- 22 ANY INFORMATION, HIS MEDICAL BACKGROUND WHY HE HAS IT, AN
- 23 ENLARGED HEART. THE ONLY THING IS THAT'S THE FINDING I HAD
- 24 AT THE TIME OF AUTOPSY EXAMINATION.
- 25 Q. AND WHAT ARE SOME OF THE POSSIBLE REASONS WHY A
- 26 PERSON MIGHT HAVE AN ENLARGED HEART?

- 1 A. OKAY, THERE ARE MULTIPLE, MULTIPLE REASONS FOR
- 2 THE ENLARGED HEART. FIRST MOST COMMON IS HYPERTENSION.
- 3 PEOPLE THAT ARE HYPERTENSIVE HAVE ENLARGED HEART.
- 4 OTHER THING IS LIKE PEOPLE WHO GO IN SOME KIND OF
- 5 FAILURE, FOR LIKE A VALVULAR DISEASE, CARDIAC VALVE DISEASE
- 6 OR SOME KIND OF CORONARY DISEASE, THEIR HEART HAS TO WORK
- 7 MUCH MORE HARDER, AND THEY GET ENLARGED.
- 8 AND SOME OF THE TIME WE DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIVE
- 9 CAUSE FOR THE ENLARGED HEART, SO WE CALL IT IDIOPATHIC
- 10 HYPERTROPHY.
- 11 SO SOMETIMES YOU HAVE A CAUSE AND SOMETIMES YOU
- 12 DON'T HAVE A CAUSE.
- 13 O. IN THIS CASE?
- 14 A. I DON'T HAVE, AT LEAST I DON'T HAVE ANY CAUSE.
- 15 Q. ANY OPINION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT ITS CAUSE
- 16 CONTRIBUTED TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH HERE?
- 17 A. AGAIN, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE OF ENLARGED HEART HE MAY
- 18 BE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO ANOXIA MUCH MORE FASTER THAN A NORMAL
- 19 HEALTHY HEART, THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY.
- 20 Q. AND WHAT ABOUT THE ENLARGED LIVER; CAN YOU
- 21 DESCRIBE THAT FOR US AND TELL YOU WHAT YOU THINK THAT MIGHT
- 22 MEAN.
- 23 A. ENLARGED LIVER IS AGAIN HIS LIFESTYLE. I DON'T
- 24 KNOW WHAT KIND OF LIFESTYLE HE HAS. THAT HE'S BEING DRUG
- 25 USER OR ETHANOL ABUSER OR SOME OTHER KIND OF BACKGROUND.
- 26 AND THAT CAN CAUSE ENLARGED LIVER.

- 1 Q. OKAY. BUT YOU DIDN'T INDICATE THAT AS A PART OF
- 2 THE CAUSE OF DEATH HERE?
- 3 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 4 Q. ANY REASON FOR THAT?
- 5 A. WELL, BECAUSE LIVER ITSELF DOESN'T CAUSE THE
- 6 DEATH. ENLARGED LIVER IS NOT GOING TO CAUSE THE DEATH.
- 7 Q. THE FIRST QUESTION HERE IS, WERE TISSUE SAMPLES
- 8 SENT FOR A TOXICOLOGY REPORT?
- 9 A. YES.
- 10 Q. AND WAS THAT -- WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THE
- 11 REPORT; DO YOU HAVE THAT?
- 12 A. WELL, I COLLECT THE SAMPLES AT THE TIME OF
- 13 AUTOPSY. AND THEY GET SENT TO THE SHERIFF TOXICOLOGY LAB.
- 14 GET ANALYZED. AND WE GET A REPORT BACK FROM THEM.
- 15 Q. DID THAT REPORT ADD TO YOUR OPINION?
- 16 A. SOMETIMES, NOT IN THIS CASE.
- 17 Q. NOT IN THIS CASE?
- 18 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 19 Q. OKAY. SO THEN ANOTHER QUESTION WOULD BE WHETHER
- 20 OR NOT ANY DRUGS WERE FOUND IN THE TOXICOLOGY REPORT, AND I
- 21 WOULD JUST ASK YOU PRELIMINARILY, DID YOU CONSIDER THE
- 22 PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF ANY DRUGS IN FORMING YOUR OPINION AS
- 23 TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH?
- 24 A. THE TOX REPORT WHICH CAME TO US DOESN'T SHOW
- 25 ANYTHING WHICH IS A CONTRIBUTING CAUSE OF DEATH. SO --
- 26 Q. IF THERE WERE ANY DRUGS PRESENT, WOULD THAT THEN

- 1 ADD TO YOUR OPINION AS TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH?
- 2 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 3 Q. AND SO WHAT YOU ARE SAYING HERE IS THE TOXICOLOGY
- 4 REPORT SHOWED NO DRUGS?
- 5 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 6 Q. AND WHAT ABOUT ALCOHOL?
- 7 A. THERE IS NO ALCOHOL AT THE TIME OF TOXICOLOGY.
- 8 AS I SAID, ALL THE TOX LAB RESULTS CAME OUT NEGATIVE FOR THE
- 9 TOXICOLOGY REPORT.
- 10 Q. OKAY. AND DID YOU DO ANYTHING TO DETERMINE THE
- 11 AGE OF THE INJURIES THAT CAUSED THE DEATH IN THIS CASE?
- 12 A. YES, I DID.
- 13 O. WHAT DID YOU DO IN THAT REGARD?
- 14 A. MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION OF THE INJURIES, I TOOK
- 15 SECTIONS OF DIFFERENT AREAS AND DETERMINED.
- 16 O. WHAT DID YOU LEARN AS A RESULT OF THAT?
- 17 A. WELL, THEY ALL ARE, FIRST THING IS, ALL THE
- 18 INJURY HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME, SO THEY ALL HAD THE SAME
- 19 AGING FACTOR. SO THEY ALL ARE LIKE A FEW DAYS OLD, THAT'S
- 20 ALL IT IS SHOWING.
- 21 Q. BUT THAT REPORT THEN, OR THE MICROSCOPIC
- 22 EXAMINATION INDICATES TO YOU THAT THE INJURIES ALL HAPPENED
- 23 AROUND THE SAME TIME?
- 24 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- MR. RACKAUKAS: I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.
- ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

- 1 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM
- 2 THE GRAND JURY?
- 3 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE.)
- 4 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE HAVE ONE.
- 5 MR. RACKAUKAS: THANK YOU, I HAVE ONE MORE, I WILL PUT
- 6 IT IN GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 117.
- 7 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: THE QUESTION IS, COULD THERE
- 8 HAVE BEEN ALCOHOL IN HIS SYSTEM AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT
- 9 THAT WOULD BE GONE BY THE TIME OF DEATH?
- 10 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- MR. RACKAUKAS: THAT'S IT.
- 12 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: NO FURTHER QUESTIONS?
- 13 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 14 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: DR. SINGHANIA, WOULD YOU
- 15 PLEASE STAND.
- 16 THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 17 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: DR. SINGHANIA, YOU ARE
- 18 ADMONISHED TO NOT DISCUSS OR REPEAT AT ANY TIME OUTSIDE THIS
- 19 COURTROOM THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED OR YOUR ANSWERS,
- 20 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH DISCLOSURES ON YOUR PART
- 21 MAY BE THE BASIS FOR CHARGES AGAINST YOU OF CONTEMPT OF
- 22 COURT.
- 23 YOU ARE FREE TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN
- 24 ATTORNEY, OR FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
- 26 THE WITNESS: I DO.

- 1 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: DR. SINGHANIA, THANK YOU
- 2 FOR TESTIFYING, YOU ARE EXCUSED FROM THE HEARING.
- 3 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.
- 4 MR. RACKAUKAS: DOCTOR, THANK YOU SO MUCH, I APPRECIATE
- 5 IT.
- 6 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AT
- 7 THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A BREAK.
- 8 WE WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL 10:25 BY THAT CLOCK.
- 9 DURING ANY PERIOD OF THIS RECESS YOU MUST NOT
- 10 DISCUSS WITH ANYONE, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF THIS
- 11 HEARING ROOM, ANY SUBJECT CONNECTED WITH THIS HEARING.
- 12 THANK YOU.
- 13 (RECESS TAKEN.)
- 14 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 15 JURY ROOM:)
- 16 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE ARE HERE AGAIN IN
- 17 SESSION ON THE JOSEPH ANDREW WOLFE HEARING.
- 18 LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT ALL THE SAME 16
- 19 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY ARE AGAIN PRESENT.
- 20 MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CALL YOUR NEXT
- 21 WITNESS.
- 22 MR. RACKAUKAS: THANK YOU, MR. FOREMAN, THE PEOPLE
- 23 WOULD CALL DR. MCNAMARA.
- 24 (WHEREUPON JOSEPH MCNAMARA ENTERED THE GRAND JURY
- 25 ROOM.)
- 26 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT

- 1 HAND.
- JOSEPH MCNAMARA,
- 3 CALLED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, HAVING BEEN FIRST
- 4 DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
- 5 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
- 6 SPELL IT OUT FOR OUR RECORD.
- 7 THE WITNESS: JOSEPH D. MCNAMARA.
- 8 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: SPELL IT OUT FOR THE
- 9 RECORD.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I AM SORRY. IT IS M-C, CAPITAL,
- 11 N-A-M-A-R-A.
- 12 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: HAVE A SEAT, PLEASE.
- 13 THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 14 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE
- 15 WITNESS IS YOURS.
- 16 MR. RACKAUKAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- 17 EXAMINATION
- Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: SIR, BEFORE WE START I HAVE AN
- 19 ADMONITION FROM THE GRAND JURY TO READ TO YOU.
- 20 AND IT SAYS AS FOLLOWS:
- 21 BEFORE WE BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU YOU
- 22 ARE NOW APPEARING BEFORE A DULY CONSTITUTED GRAND JURY THAT
- 23 IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 25 A. YES.
- 26 Q. YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER OATH, AND THAT MEANS

- 1 YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS
- 2 IF YOU WERE IN A COURT OF LAW.
- 3 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 4 A. I DO.
- 5 Q. THAT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TELL
- 6 THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH IN THIS PROCEEDING, OR
- 7 YOU COULD SUBJECT YOURSELF TO A POSSIBLE PROSECUTION FOR
- 8 PERJURY.
- 9 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 10 A. I DO.
- 11 Q. AND BEFORE -- WELL, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO START
- 12 WITH IS IF YOU COULD JUST TELL US IN GENERAL WHAT HAS BEEN
- 13 YOUR OCCUPATION FOR THE LAST 30 OR 40 YEARS?
- 14 A. WELL, WHEN I WAS 21 YEARS OLD I BECAME A NEW YORK
- 15 CITY POLICEMAN. AND I WALKED A BEAT IN HARLEM, WHICH AT THE
- 16 TIME WAS THE HIGHEST CRIME AREA IN NEW YORK CITY.
- 17 AND I WORKED MY WAY UP THROUGH THE RANKS AND
- 18 ATTENDED COLLEGE PART-TIME.
- 19 WHEN I REACHED THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT, THE
- 20 N.Y.P.D. SENT ME ON A YEAR'S FELLOWSHIP TO HARVARD LAW
- 21 SCHOOL, WHERE I STUDIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES.
- 22 I THEN TOOK A TWO-YEAR LEAVE WITHOUT PAY AND
- 23 ENTERED JOHN F. KENNEDY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, WHERE
- 24 I EVENTUALLY OBTAINED A DOCTORATE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.
- 25 I RETURNED TO THE N.Y.P.D. AND RECEIVED A COUPLE
- 26 MORE PROMOTIONS.

- 1 AND THEN WAS APPOINTED POLICE CHIEF OF KANSAS
- 2 CITY, MISSOURI, WHERE I STAYED FOR THREE YEARS.
- 3 AND THEN CAME TO SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, WHERE I
- 4 WAS CHIEF FOR 15 YEARS.
- 5 AND THEN WAS OFFERED A FELLOWSHIP AT THE HOOVER
- 6 INSTITUTION AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY AS A RESEARCH FELLOW, AND
- 7 I HAVE BEEN THERE FOR 20 YEARS, STUDYING POLICE AND CRIMINAL
- 8 JUSTICE ISSUES.
- 9 Q. WHAT IS A FELLOWSHIP?
- 10 A. A FELLOWSHIP IS AN APPOINTMENT THAT UNIVERSITIES
- 11 GIVE, AND IT IS A TITLE AND IT SIGNIFIES THAT YOU ARE A
- 12 SCHOLAR AND AN EXPERT IN YOUR FIELD, AND CARRIES WITH IT THE
- 13 OBLIGATION TO DO OBJECTIVE AND IMPARTIAL RESEARCH, AND TO
- 14 WRITE AND LECTURE AND TEACH ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT ARE WITHIN
- 15 YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE.
- 16 Q. AND DO YOU DO THAT, DO YOU WRITE, LECTURE AND
- 17 TEACH?
- 18 A. YES, I DO.
- 19 O. AND CAN YOU GIVE US SOME INDICATION OF WHAT YOUR
- 20 PUBLICATIONS HAVE BEEN?
- 21 A. I HAVE HAD HUNDREDS OF PUBLICATIONS, BOTH WHILE I
- 22 WAS, OR SOME OF WHICH WHILE I WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY IN
- 23 POLICING, AND SOME OF WHICH OCCURRED, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH
- 24 I SUPPOSE OCCURRED AFTERWARDS, WHEN I JOINED THE UNIVERSITY.
- 25 BUT I WROTE EXTENSIVELY ON THE POLICE USE OF
- 26 FORCE. ON THE POLICE ROLE IN A DEMOCRACY. ON THE HISTORY

- 1 OF POLICING IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES. AND ON THE POLITICAL
- 2 INTERACTION WITH POLICE. AND ON UNITED STATES DRUG CONTROL
- 3 POLICIES. AMONG MANY OTHER SUBJECTS INVOLVING POLICE
- 4 TRAINING, POLICE ADMINISTRATION, POLICE LEADERSHIP.
- 5 Q. AND WHAT SORT OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE?
- 6 A. I SHOULD ADD THAT I ALSO WROTE FIVE DETECTIVE
- 7 FICTION NOVELS, SOME PEOPLE OBSERVED THAT I SNUCK IN MORE
- 8 TRUTH ABOUT THE INSIDE WORKINGS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- 9 SYSTEM THAN IN SOME OF MY ACADEMIC WRITINGS.
- 10 Q. SOME OF THE REAL STORIES MAY BE BETTER THAN
- 11 FICTION?
- 12 A. THE STORIES ARE WONDERFUL.
- 13 O. AND SO TELL US ABOUT YOUR TEACHING EXPERIENCE.
- 14 A. I WAS, AS A SUPERIOR OFFICER WITH THE N.Y.P.D.,
- 15 AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE POLICE ACADEMY RECRUIT CLASSES FOR A
- 16 NUMBER OF YEARS.
- 17 AND AS A LIEUTENANT, I WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE
- 18 CURRICULUM, TO IMPROVE THE CURRICULUM DURING A YEAR IN WHICH
- 19 WE HAD SOME ROUGHLY 4,000 POLICE RECRUITS GO THROUGH THE
- 20 N.Y.P.D. ACADEMY. THAT WAS IN THE DAYS WHEN CITIES HAD
- 21 MONEY.
- 22 I ALSO TAUGHT, WHILE I WAS A GRADUATE STUDENT AT
- 23 HARVARD, I TAUGHT A COURSE AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ON
- 24 POLICE SUPERVISION.
- 25 AND THEN WHEN I RETURNED TO THE N.Y.P.D. I WAS
- 26 APPOINTED AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF

- 1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE, THE COLLEGE FROM WHICH I HAVE MY BACHELORS
- 2 DEGREE IN POLICE SCIENCE.
- 3 AND THEN WHEN I WAS CHIEF IN KANSAS CITY, I
- 4 TAUGHT A COUPLE OF COURSES AT RUTGERS COLLEGE ON ETHICAL
- 5 DECISION MAKING AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND ON POLICE
- 6 ADMINISTRATION.
- 7 AND I HAVE GIVEN MANY LECTURES AT STANFORD AND
- 8 HARVARD AND YALE, NOT YALE, BUT OTHER UNIVERSITIES.
- 9 AND I DID TEACH TWO COURSES AT STANFORD, AND
- 10 THREE OR FOUR AT SAN JOSE STATE, ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF
- 11 POLICE ADMINISTRATION AND POLICE OPERATIONS.
- 12 Q. SO WHAT WOULD BE ONE OF THE COURSES THAT YOU
- 13 TEACH AT STANFORD?
- 14 A. OH, WELL, THE FIRST ONE I TAUGHT I MUST SAY WAS
- 15 POLICE DETECTIVE FICTION. AND THAT WAS BY FAR THE MOST
- 16 ATTENDED, 200 STUDENTS SIGNED UP. I HAD THOUGHT WE WERE
- 17 GOING TO HAVE A SEMINAR OF 10 OR 12 PEOPLE THAT LOVED TO
- 18 READ FICTION AND SIT AROUND AND TALK ABOUT IT, INSTEAD I HAD
- 19 TO DO LECTURES FOR 10 WEEKS TO 200 PEOPLE.
- 20 THE OTHER COURSE WAS THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED
- 21 STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT FROM 1914, WHEN THE HARRISON ACT
- 22 CRIMINALIZED OPIUM IN THE UNITED STATES.
- 23 Q. AND HOW ABOUT SAN JOSE STATE?
- 24 A. IN SAN JOSE STATE I TAUGHT A POLICE
- 25 ADMINISTRATION, A POLICE DECISION MAKING, AND A COUPLE OF
- 26 OTHER COURSES.

- 1 I SHOULD MENTION ALSO THAT ONE OF THE MOST
- 2 NOTICEABLE THINGS I DID AT STANFORD WAS TO HOLD NATIONAL
- 3 CONFERENCES ON DRUG CONTROL POLICY. FOUR CONFERENCES OVER A
- 4 PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS THAT WERE VERY DISTINGUISHED, AND HAD
- 5 VERY WELL KNOWN EXPERTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, THAT
- 6 WERE OPEN TO INVITATION TO POLICE CHIEFS AND TO RANKING
- 7 OFFICERS. AND INDEED TO RANK AND FILE OFFICERS AS WELL.
- 8 AND THOSE CONFERENCES WERE WELL ATTENDED AND WELL
- 9 PUBLICIZED.
- 10 O. SO WHEN YOU STARTED, GETTING AWAY FROM THE
- 11 EDUCATION NOW, BACK TO THE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE, WHEN YOU
- 12 STARTED AS A POLICE OFFICER IN NEW YORK, WAS N.Y.P.D., WAS
- 13 THAT YOUR FIRST JOB AS A POLICE OFFICER?
- 14 A. YES, IT WAS.
- 15 Q. WHAT YEAR WAS THAT?
- 16 A. THAT WAS 1956.
- 17 Q. '56.
- 18 A. I ALSO, BY THE WAY, MENTIONED THAT UNCLE SAM
- 19 DESIRED MY SERVICE FOR TWO YEARS, AND I WAS DRAFTED FROM THE
- 20 HIGHEST CRIME AREA IN NEW YORK CITY AND ASSIGNED TO MAN A
- 21 TYPEWRITER IN LOS ANGELES.
- 22 BUT DURING THE TIME I WAS THERE, IT WAS A NIKE
- 23 MISSILE BATTALION WHICH WAS SET TO PROTECT LOS ANGELES FROM
- 24 RUSSIAN MISSILES, AND DURING THE YEAR AND A HALF I WAS THERE
- 25 NOT A SINGLE RUSSIAN MISSILE LANDED IN LOS ANGELES.
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: SO YOU PROTECTED US, THANK YOU.

- 1 (LAUGHTER.)
- Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: SO YOUR FIRST JOB AS A POLICE
- 3 OFFICER IN NEW YORK, CAN YOU DESCRIBE THAT WORK?
- 4 A. NEW YORK CITY THEN AND NOW, TO A GREAT EXTENT,
- 5 RELIES ON FOOT PATROL. IT IS QUITE A LARGE CITY OF 320
- 6 SQUARE MILES, BUT WE WORKED IN ONE SQUARE MILE. AND THAT
- 7 ONE SQUARE MILE HAD ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S HOMICIDES
- 8 YEAR AFTER YEAR. SO IT WAS THE MOST CRIME RIDDEN, POOREST
- 9 AREA OF NEW YORK CITY.
- 10 AND MY FIRST ARREST STICKS IN MY MIND, BECAUSE I
- 11 ENDED UP APPEARING BEFORE A GRAND JURY WHEN I ARRESTED A MAN
- 12 THAT I HAD OBSERVED IN A FIGHT, AND HE WAS INDICTED FOR
- 13 FIRST DEGREE MURDER.
- 14 AND WE WALKED FOOT PATROL IN THOSE DAYS SOLO,
- 15 WITHOUT ANY RADIO COMMUNICATION, AND WITHOUT ANY BULLET
- 16 PROOF VESTS, AND IT WAS A DIFFERENT VIEW OF POLICING. AND
- 17 MOST OF IT IN HARLEM PUT GREAT RELIANCE ON POLICE OFFICERS,
- 18 AND IT WAS SORT OF A BADGE OF HONOR TO WORK IN THAT AREA,
- 19 WHICH HAD SO MANY POOR AND NEEDY PEOPLE THAT WERE SO BADLY
- 20 VICTIMIZED, THAT WE REALLY FELT THAT WE WERE DOING SOMETHING
- 21 IMPORTANT. AND I STILL FEEL THE SAME WAY.
- 22 Q. HOW LONG DID YOU WORK IN THAT SQUARE MILE?
- 23 A. ALL IN ALL, AS I MENTIONED TO YOU, THIS IS
- 24 COMPLICATED, BECAUSE SOMETIMES I DON'T REMEMBER THE DETAILS,
- 25 I DID HAVE TWO YEARS OFF FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY.
- 26 Q. 1956 ISN'T ENTIRELY COMPLETELY FRESH IN YOUR

- 1 MIND?
- 2 A. '56 WAS POLICE ACADEMY TRAINING, WHICH WAS 18
- 3 WEEKS, THE MOST ADVANCED TRAINING AT THE TIME OUTSIDE OF THE
- 4 F.B.I.
- 5 AND THEN FROM 1958 TO 1960 I WAS IN THE ARMY.
- 6 AND THEN FROM 1960 TO '64 I WAS A PATROL OFFICER.
- 7 AND IN 1964 PROMOTED TO A SUPERIOR OFFICER, WHERE
- 8 I ALTERNATED BETWEEN PATROL AND TEACHING IN THE POLICE
- 9 ACADEMY. AND THEN COMPLETED MY BACCALAUREATE STUDIES
- 10 PART-TIME ON MY OWN TIME.
- 11 Q. AS A PATROL OFFICER, WAS THAT ALL FOOT PATROL?
- 12 A. WAS IT WHAT?
- 13 O. WAS IT ALL ON FOOT?
- 14 A. NO, ACTUALLY I GOT PROMOTED INTO A RADIO CAR AS A
- 15 RESULT OF THE HOMICIDE ARREST, AND SPENT PERHAPS THREE OR
- 16 FOUR YEARS IN A PATROL CAR, WHICH WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE
- 17 BECAUSE YOU JUST NEVER STOPPED. THE SAYING WAS IF YOU
- 18 WANTED TO BE A MEDICAL DOCTOR, THE BEST PLACE TO BE AN
- 19 INTERN WAS BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, BECAUSE YOU SAW EVERYTHING
- 20 THAT A DOCTOR WOULD SEE. AND THAT WAS SAID ABOUT THE 28TH
- 21 PRECINCT WHERE I WORKED. AND THREE OR FOUR YEARS THAT I WAS
- 22 IN A PATROL CAR, I SAW MORE POLICE WORK THAN ANY OF THE
- 23 OFFICERS I LATER SUPERVISED AS POLICE CHIEF.
- Q. WHILE YOU WERE ON FOOT PATROL YOU WERE PATROLLING
- 25 INDIVIDUAL, ONE OFFICER, NOT A PARTNER?
- 26 A. YEAH, IN THOSE DAYS THEY DID ONE OFFICER. THEY

- 1 NOW DO TWO. BUT THAT WAS A CHANGE.
- 2 Q. AS THIS INDIVIDUAL OFFICER ON FOOT PATROL, DID
- 3 YOU MAKE ANY ARRESTS?
- 4 A. YES, I MADE MANY ARRESTS, RANGING FROM, AS I
- 5 MENTIONED, FIRST DEGREE MURDER ARREST TO SHOOTINGS, TO
- 6 RAPES, TO ARMED ROBBERIES, KIDNAPPING AND SO ON. AS I
- 7 MENTIONED, IT WAS, IF YOU DESIGNED A CAREER SO SOMEONE COULD
- 8 GAIN A LOT OF POLICE EXPERIENCE, THAT WAS THE PLACE TO
- 9 ASSIGN THEM.
- 10 Q. AND WHAT ABOUT INCIDENTS SHORT OF ARRESTS, WHERE
- 11 YOU MIGHT JUST STOP AND TALK TO SOMEBODY, MAYBE ASK THEM A
- 12 FEW QUESTIONS, THINGS LIKE THAT?
- 13 A. YES, I MEAN THE FACT WHEN YOU WALK A FOOT BEAT,
- 14 YOU WERE PART OF THAT COMMUNITY. AND YOU GOT TO KNOW
- 15 PEOPLE, AND THEY GOT TO KNOW YOU. AND YOU KNEW HOW TO TALK
- 16 TO PEOPLE, AND HOW TO QUESTION PEOPLE. AND YOU ARE ALWAYS
- 17 CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT YOU NEEDED FRIENDS.
- 18 BECAUSE THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM JUST DID NOT
- 19 EXIST. AND IF AN OFFICER NEEDED HELP IN THE STREET, WHICH
- 20 WAS NOT UNCOMMON BECAUSE WE WERE PLAGUED BY VIOLENCE, WHERE
- 21 OFFICERS WERE SURROUNDED AND ATTACKED, YOU DEPENDED UPON
- 22 SOME CITIZEN TO, AS THE POLICE LINGO TERMED IT, TO DROP A
- 23 DIME, TO CALL AND SAY AN OFFICER WAS IN TROUBLE.
- 24 SO I THINK THERE WAS A CLOSENESS THERE THAT YOU
- 25 DON'T ALWAYS GET FROM RADIO MOTOR PATROL, EVEN THOUGH, OF
- 26 COURSE, BOTH ARE NECESSARY.

- 1 Q. AND WHEN YOU GOT IN THE CAR, IN A PATROL CAR, DID
- 2 YOU HAVE A PARTNER THEN, OR WERE YOU ALONE IN THE CAR?
- A. YES, YOU ALWAYS HAD A PARTNER, RULES BACK THEN
- 4 REQUIRED TWO OFFICERS IN PATROL CARS. AND I WAS FORTUNATE
- 5 TO HAVE A VERY GOOD PARTNER FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS. BUT GIVEN
- 6 THE NATURE OF POLICE WORK, WE WERE FREQUENTLY OFF IN COURT
- 7 TESTIFYING, OR ON A TRAINING MISSION OR SOMETHING OTHER THAN
- 8 THAT, SO YOU HAD MANY FILL IN PARTNERS AS WELL.
- 9 Q. BUT DURING THAT TIME PERIOD WHEN YOU WERE DOING
- 10 CAR PATROL, DID YOU -- WERE YOU CALLED UPON TO MAKE ARRESTS
- 11 ON MANY OCCASIONS?
- 12 A. YES, WE MADE MANY, MANY ARRESTS, AND I AM NOT
- 13 JUST SINGLING US OUT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT WAS THE
- 14 ENVIRONMENT, AND THE OFFICERS IN THAT PRECINCT WERE, YOU
- 15 KNOW, IN GENERAL HIGHLY REGARDED. WE WERE VERY BUSY AND WE
- 16 MADE A LOT OF ARRESTS.
- 17 Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY ESTIMATE, ANY ESTIMATE AS TO HOW
- 18 MANY ARRESTS YOU MADE WHILE YOU WERE BOTH ON FOOT PATROL AND
- 19 CAR PATROL WITH NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT?
- 20 A. HUNDREDS, I COULDN'T GO MORE SPECIFIC THAN THAT.
- 21 Q. WHAT ABOUT TYPES, KINDS OF CRIMES THAT YOU MIGHT
- 22 HAVE ARRESTED PEOPLE FOR?
- 23 A. WELL, AS I MENTIONED, MANY OF THE CRIMES WERE
- 24 PERSON CRIMES, AS WE SAY, CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON. AND
- 25 INVOLVED VIOLENCE. AND DANGER.
- AND THERE WERE MANY OTHER CASES WHERE WE HAD

- 1 DOMESTIC QUARRELS AND OTHER QUARRELS, WHERE THE THREAT OF
- 2 VIOLENCE WAS IMMINENT, AND WE, AS WE WOULD PUT IT, WE TALKED
- 3 IT DOWN, WAS THE PHILOSOPHY OF POLICING THAT WAS VERY MUCH
- 4 IN EVIDENCE IN THAT PARTICULAR ENVIRONMENT. THAT OFFICERS
- 5 WHO WERE EXPECTED TO BE SKILLED AT DE-ESCALATING VIOLENCE
- 6 AND NOT CONTRIBUTING TO IT. BECAUSE WE WOULD GET OCCASIONS
- 7 WHERE AN OFFICER DIDN'T DO THAT, AND THE WHOLE PRECINCT, IN
- 8 FACT SOMETIMES THE WHOLE CITY, WAS PLUNGED INTO RIOTS, WHICH
- 9 PROBABLY SOME OF YOU SAW ON TELEVISION.
- 10 Q. AND WERE YOU ON PATROLS IN ANY OTHER POLICE
- 11 DEPARTMENTS, OR WAS IT JUST NEW YORK?
- 12 A. NEW YORK. THE ONLY TWO OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS
- 13 I WORKED FOR WERE KANSAS CITY AND SAN JOSE, WHERE I WAS
- 14 CHIEF. BUT, OF COURSE, I DID PATROL OCCASIONALLY AS PART OF
- 15 MY JOB AS CHIEF.
- 16 O. AND AS A POLICE OFFICER, IN WHATEVER RANK YOU
- 17 MIGHT HAVE BEEN, DID YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH POLICE
- 18 CONDUCT?
- 19 A. YES, PART OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, NOT JUST IN THE
- 20 POLICE ACADEMY WORK, WHICH I THOUGHT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
- 21 IN MY CAREER AND VERY ENJOYABLE, AS A SUPERIOR OFFICER YOU
- 22 ARE TEACHING, AND AS POLICE CHIEF YOU ARE TEACHING
- 23 EXTENSIVELY, BECAUSE YOU ARE THE LEADER OF THE DEPARTMENT,
- 24 AND YOU ARE SETTING THE TONE.
- 25 AND IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT TASK SOMETIMES, BECAUSE
- 26 YOU ARE TORN ON PARTICULAR ISSUES, AND WHILE YOU WANT TO BE

- 1 LOYAL TO POLICE OFFICERS, AT THE SAME TIME AS POLICE CHIEF
- 2 FOREMOST IN YOUR JUDGMENT IS THAT, AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
- 3 IS THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL DUTY OF THE POLICE IS TO PROTECT
- 4 LIFE AND PROPERTY. AND SOMETIMES THE POLICE UNION CHASTISED
- 5 ME FOR EMPHASIZING THAT MORE THAN OTHER AREAS WHICH THEY
- 6 WOULD PREFER.
- 7 BUT I THINK IN SETTING THE TONE, IT'S SO
- 8 IMPORTANT WHEN I WAS CHIEF IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, I WAS
- 9 CHIEF FOR ABOUT A WEEK. AND AN OFFICER SHOT AND KILLED RORY
- 10 LAW, WHO WAS A 14 YEAR OLD BOY WHO WEIGHED 105 POUNDS AND
- 11 WAS FIVE FEET TALL. AND HE WAS RUNNING AWAY FROM A BREAK-IN
- 12 OF AN UNOCCUPIED RESIDENCE. AND AN OFFICER JUST RAISED HIS
- 13 SHOTGUN AND KILLED THIS YOUNGSTER.
- 14 AND I WAS A BRAND NEW POLICE CHIEF. AND MY TOP
- 15 ADVISORS, TOP BRASS AND CITY, THE DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY URGED
- 16 ME TO JUST TAKE NO ACTION, AS THIS HAD REALLY OCCURRED NOT
- 17 ON MY WATCH, I COULDN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. BUT I THOUGHT
- 18 THAT WAS TERRIBLY WRONG.
- 19 SO AS A RESULT OF THAT, I CHANGED THE FIREARMS
- 20 POLICY, WHICH REDUCED THE POLICE SHOOTINGS IN HALF. OVER
- 21 TIME, AND THAT HAS BEEN FEATURED IN A COUPLE OF STUDIES OF
- 22 POLICING IN WHICH CHIEF MCNAMARA'S POLICIES WORK TO REDUCE
- 23 POLICE HOMICIDES.
- 24 A KEYNOTE TO THAT, IF I MAY, IS THAT IT IS MY
- 25 PHILOSOPHY OF POLICING THAT THE POLICE CANNOT PREVENT CRIME
- 26 AND PROTECT SOCIETY WITHOUT SOCIETY'S COOPERATION, AND THAT

- 1 REQUIRES A CERTAIN LEVEL OF TRUST. AND TO CREATE A SENSE OF
- 2 PARTNERSHIP WHERE PEOPLE WILL CALL 911 AND REPORT A CRIME,
- 3 WHERE PEOPLE WILL COME FORWARD AS A WITNESS, WHERE PEOPLE
- 4 WHO SIT ON A JURY WILL BELIEVE THE POLICE TESTIMONY,
- 5 REQUIRES THAT THE POLICE PERFORM IN A WAY THEY CAN BE
- 6 TRUSTED.
- 7 SO I FELT WE DIDN'T BECOME POLICEMEN TO KILL
- 8 CHILDREN, AND I CHANGED THAT POLICY, AND I THINK, FRANKLY,
- 9 IT WAS THE FINEST THING I EVER DID IN POLICE WORK. BUT AT
- 10 THE SAME TIME IT REDUCED CRIME, AND I AM CONVINCED THAT THE
- 11 REASON THAT IT DID IS FOR THE FIRST TIME WE GOT COOPERATION
- 12 WITH MANY NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS,
- 13 WHO HAD BEEN VERY DISTRUSTFUL OF THE POLICE AND WHO NOW SAW
- 14 A DIFFERENT ATTITUDE.
- 15 Q. SO THEN LET ME JUST TAKE YOU, YOU HAVE BEEN
- 16 INVOLVED IN FORMING, SHAPING, MAKING POLICE POLICY, NOT JUST
- 17 THAT OCCASION BUT OTHER OCCASIONS AS WELL?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 O. AND HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN WRITING POLICE
- 20 MANUALS?
- 21 A. YES. AND THE FIRST ARTICLE THAT I WROTE IN FACT
- 22 WAS A JOINT ARTICLE WITH SEVERAL, WITH THREE OTHER OFFICERS,
- 23 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE F.B.I. JOURNAL. AND WE GOT A
- 24 NICE LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM J. EDGAR HOOVER, SO THAT
- 25 WAS KIND OF AN UNUSUAL THING.
- 26 BUT TO A GREAT EXTENT, THE POLICE LEADER'S JOB IN

- 1 SOME OF THE AREAS THAT I LATER WORKED WAS IN FORMULATING THE
- 2 RULES FOR THE POLICE CHIEF, AND THEN LATER AS POLICE CHIEF,
- 3 OF COURSE, THE BUCK STOPS THERE, YOU ARE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE
- 4 FOR THE OFFICER'S CONDUCT. AND YOU HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF
- 5 RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THE RULES ARE WHAT THEY SHOULD
- 6 BE, AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THEY ARE FOLLOWED.
- 7 WHEN I LEFT KANSAS CITY, WITHIN A FEW MONTHS THE
- 8 SHOOTING RATE WENT RIGHT BACK TO WHERE IT HAD BEEN. AND,
- 9 YET, YOU KNOW, THE POLICY WAS BASICALLY THE SAME, IT WAS
- 10 JUST THAT SOME THINGS THERE CHANGED. AND IN TERMS OF THE
- 11 CHIEF HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENLIST SUPPORT FROM HIS OWN
- 12 COMMAND STAFF AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT
- 13 PHILOSOPHY IS BEING FOLLOWED AT 2:00 IN THE MORNING, WHEN
- 14 THE CHIEF WILL NOT BE ON THE SCENE.
- 15 Q. SO WERE YOU RETAINED AS AN EXPERT TO SHARE YOUR
- 16 OPINIONS WITH US ON THE KELLY THOMAS MATTER?
- 17 A. YES.
- 18 Q. AND THAT WAS BY THE D.A.'S OFFICE, BY MYSELF AND
- 19 THE D.A.'S OFFICE?
- 20 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 21 Q. AND DID YOU DO THAT BECAUSE YOU LOVE TO HAVE
- 22 THESE OPINIONS, OR DID YOU ALSO HAVE TO GET PAID?
- 23 A. I THINK THE KEY FACTOR THAT I CENTERED ON IN
- 24 ANALYZING THIS INCIDENT --
- 25 Q. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE MONEY FIRST.
- A. ABOUT MONEY?

- 1 Q. THE MONEY, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE
- 2 KNOW WHAT WE ARE PAYING YOU.
- 3 A. YEAH.
- 4 Q. SO WHAT IS THAT?
- 5 A. I DO THIS FOR MONEY. I AM NOT CRYING THE BLUES
- 6 OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, BUT BECAUSE I WORK FOR THREE
- 7 DIFFERENT POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND PENSIONS ARE NOT PORTABLE,
- 8 I DON'T HAVE ANY PENSION FOR THE LAST 18 YEARS OF SERVICE AS
- 9 CHIEF. SO I DO CHARGE A GOING RATE OF \$420 AN HOUR FOR
- 10 CONSULTING.
- 11 Q. OKAY. AND CAN YOU GIVE US AN IDEA OF HOW MANY
- 12 HOURS YOU WORKED ON THIS CASE SO FAR?
- 13 A. I CAN ONLY SPECULATE, BECAUSE I AM NOT A
- 14 BOOKKEEPER, AS IS PROBABLY APPARENT BY NOW. BUT MY GUESS
- 15 IS --
- 16 Q. HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE BEEN PAID, LET'S
- 17 GO WITH THAT?
- 18 A. HOW MUCH WHAT?
- 19 Q. HOW MUCH HAVE YOU BEEN PAID?
- 20 A. AGAIN, I AM NOT TOTALLY CERTAIN OF THE AMOUNT,
- 21 BUT I AM SURE YOUR OFFICE IS.
- 22 Q. LET ME ASK YOU THIS QUESTION.
- 23 A. ABOUT \$20,000 SO FAR, I THINK.
- 24 Q. OKAY. I WAS GOING TO BE A LITTLE MORE -- OKAY.
- 25 SO SOMEWHERE AROUND IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD, MAYBE A
- 26 LITTLE LESS THAN 20,000?

- 1 A. OH, REALLY? I WILL HAVE TO GO BACK OVER MY
- 2 RECORDS.
- 3 Q. JUST KIND OF AN IDEA. SO IT'S \$420 AN HOUR IS
- 4 THE RATE, JUST SO WE KNOW.
- 5 SO DID I ASK YOU TO FORM AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER
- 6 OR NOT OFFICER WOLFE USED EXCESSIVE FORCE?
- 7 A. YES.
- 8 Q. AND WHAT DID YOU CONSIDER IN -- WELL, DID YOU
- 9 EVER FORM AN OPINION CONCERNING THAT?
- 10 A. I DID FORM AN OPINION, AND MY OPINION --
- 11 Q. BEFORE YOU GET TO THAT, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THE
- 12 THINGS ARE THAT YOU CONSIDERED IN FORMING AN OPINION.
- 13 A. WHAT I CONSIDERED, BASED UPON MY OWN PERSONAL
- 14 EXPERIENCE IN HAVING TO USE FORCE AS A POLICE OFFICER, AND
- 15 ALSO ALL OF THOSE YEARS OF TEACHING AND STUDYING, AND THE 18
- 16 YEARS AS BEING THE BOSS, OF BEING THE POLICE CHIEF WHO WAS
- 17 RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING AND FOR DISCIPLINE AND FOR JUDGING
- 18 THESE INCIDENTS, AND MAKING SURE THAT THE PUBLIC COULD TRUST
- 19 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT WE WERE RUNNING, I CONSIDERED
- 20 WHAT HAS EVOLVED OVER THE YEARS AS POLICE STANDARDS FOR
- 21 USING FORCE.
- 22 TO A GREAT EXTENT THAT IS SET BY THE COURT, AND
- 23 POLICE RULES AND POLICE TRAINING UNITS WORK FROM THE RULES
- 24 THAT ARE SET FORTH BY JUDGES AS TO WHAT FORCE SHOULD BE.
- 25 ALSO INFLUENCED BY THE LEGISLATURE THAT PASSES THE PENAL
- 26 CODE, WHICH SPECIFIES WHAT KIND OF FORCE THE POLICE CAN USE.

- 1 AND SO IN A GENERAL SENSE, POLICE OFFICERS ARE
- 2 GIVEN AND HAVE TO BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO USE FORCE IN THEIR
- 3 WORK. AND THAT'S RECOGNIZED. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS
- 4 RECOGNIZED THAT THAT FORCE MUST BE REASONABLE.
- 5 AND OVER THE YEARS, THE TERM OF BALANCE HAS COME
- 6 INTO PLAY THAT THE FORCE USED BY THE POLICE MUST BE BALANCED
- 7 WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT FORCE. AND THAT JUDGMENT ON
- 8 WHETHER THE POLICE OFFICER WAS USING EXCESSIVE FORCE,
- 9 ILLEGAL FORCE, WILL BE JUDGED UPON WHAT A REASONABLE OFFICER
- 10 MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO SEE AS REASONABLE IN THIS SPECIFIC
- 11 CASE.
- 12 AND SO IT IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF JUDGMENT THAN
- 13 SAYING WHAT COLOR IS THE LIGHT, IS IT RED OR GREEN AND SO
- 14 ON, IT REQUIRES SEEING WHAT WAS REASONABLE IN THE MINDS OF
- 15 THOSE POLICE OFFICERS AS THEY ENTERED AND GOT INVOLVED IN
- 16 THIS INCIDENT, AND COMPARING THAT TO WHAT WE THINK A
- 17 REASONABLE OFFICER WOULD DO.
- 18 Q. AND DID YOU CONSIDER ANY MATERIALS THAT YOU
- 19 RECEIVED FROM MY OFFICE?
- 20 A. I CONSIDERED ALL THE MATERIALS FROM YOUR OFFICE,
- 21 INCLUDING THE VIDEO DISKS AND THE VARIOUS TRANSCRIPTS AND
- 22 RECORDS THAT YOU FORWARDED TO ME.
- 23 Q. AND IN GENERAL, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THOSE ARE,
- 24 WHAT OTHER RECORDS YOU HAD BESIDES THE VIDEO DISKS?
- 25 A. WHAT OTHER RECORDS FROM YOUR OFFICE?
- 26 Q. YES.

- 1 A. THERE WERE TRANSCRIPTS FROM A NUMBER OF
- 2 WITNESSES. THERE WERE TRANSCRIPTS FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS
- 3 DISPATCHER. THERE WERE THE RECORDS OF THE CORONER. AND
- 4 RULES OF THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 5 I CONSIDERED SOME OF MY OTHER WORK FROM MY OWN
- 6 RESEARCH, THE POLICE CODE OF ETHICS, THE VARIOUS
- 7 PROCLAMATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SET FORWARD AS BEST PRACTICES
- 8 IN POLICING, THAT ARE ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE BEST PRACTICES IN
- 9 POLICING. AND A WHOLE VARIETY OF INFLUENCES THAT HAVE BEEN
- 10 PART OF MY LIFE SINCE I WAS 21.
- 11 Q. AND IN VIEWING THE VIDEO, WAS IT POINTED OUT TO
- 12 YOU WHO THE INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS WERE; WHICH ONE WAS OFFICER
- 13 RAMOS, WHICH ONE WAS OFFICER WOLFE?
- 14 A. YES.
- 15 Q. AND WHAT WAS YOUR OPINION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT
- 16 OFFICER -- AFTER VIEWING THE VIDEO AND REVIEWING THIS
- 17 MATERIAL, WHAT WAS YOUR OPINION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT OFFICER
- 18 WOLFE USED EXCESSIVE FORCE IN THIS INCIDENT WITH KELLY
- 19 THOMAS?
- 20 A. MY OPINION WAS THAT OFFICER WOLFE USED EXCESSIVE
- 21 FORCE, AND IN FACT ACCELERATED MORE THAN, OR AS MUCH AS
- 22 ANYONE ELSE IN THE TRAGIC RESULT IN THIS FORCE THAT WAS USED
- 23 AGAINST KELLY THOMAS.
- Q. SO AT WHAT POINT WOULD YOU SAY, IF YOU CAN
- 25 PINPOINT ANYTHING, AT WHAT POINT WOULD YOU SAY THE USE OF
- 26 EXCESSIVE FORCE BY OFFICER WOLFE STARTED TO TAKE PLACE?

- 1 A. WELL, IN MY MIND THE WAY TO ANALYZE INCIDENTS
- 2 LIKE THIS IS TO CONSIDER, AS I MENTIONED, THE FULLERTON
- 3 POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES, THE PENAL CODE, AND WHAT WE CALL IN
- 4 CALIFORNIA, P.O.S.T., CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS
- 5 AND TRAINING COMMISSION. TO BE A PEACE OFFICER IN THE STATE
- 6 OF CALIFORNIA, YOU MUST BE LICENSED, AND YOU MUST HAVE
- 7 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE TRAINING IN P.O.S.T.
- 8 AND SO I LOOKED AT THIS SITUATION IN TERMS OF
- 9 THOSE RULES WHICH THE OFFICERS ARE OBLIGATED TO KNOW AND TO
- 10 OBEY, AND JUDGED THEM BASED UPON THAT.
- 11 AND ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT IS UNDER
- 12 CONSIDERATION IS THE OFFICERS' MIND FRAME AS THEY ENTER INTO
- 13 THIS SITUATION. WHAT WERE THEY THINKING OF? WAS IT
- 14 REASONABLE? WERE THEY INFLUENCED BY ANYTHING IMPROPER? AND
- 15 SO ON.
- 16 AND THE OTHER ELEMENTS THAT ARE OUTLINED IN
- 17 DOCUMENTS AND IN TRAINING, AND THAT THE OFFICERS MUST PASS A
- 18 TEST TO SHOW THAT THEY UNDERSTAND AND THAT THEY KNOW WHAT
- 19 THE FACTORS ARE IN USING EXCESSIVE FORCE, AND LAYOUT A WHOLE
- 20 MAYBE SEVEN OR EIGHT DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF IT.
- 21 WHAT WAS THE INITIAL CONTACT ABOUT? IN THIS
- 22 CASE, THE CONTACT --
- 23 Q. LET ME BREAK IT DOWN A LITTLE BIT.
- 24 SO CONSIDERING THESE STANDARDS THAT WE ARE
- 25 TALKING ABOUT, IS THERE LIKE A LIST OF STANDARDS THAT YOU
- 26 LOOK TO IN DETERMINING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE, WHETHER

- 1 IT IS REASONABLE OR EXCESSIVE?
- 2 A. YES.
- 3 Q. AND CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THAT IS; CAN YOU LIST
- 4 THOSE, ARE THERE LIKE FOUR OR FIVE OR SIX THINGS?
- 5 A. WELL, I CAN JUST SAY THAT THEY ARE LISTED IN THE
- 6 FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL. AND EACH OF THEM
- 7 THAT I HAVE REVIEWED, I THOROUGHLY AGREE. AND THEY ARE NOT
- 8 NUMBERED, BUT THEY RUN "A" THROUGH "K," IN HOW YOU
- 9 DETERMINE, HOW YOU JUDGE WHETHER THE OFFICER WAS USING
- 10 EXCESSIVE FORCE OR NOT.
- 11 Q. WOULD YOU TELL US WHAT THOSE ARE.
- 12 A. YES. THE FIRST ONE IS THE -- YOU WILL HAVE TO
- 13 EXCUSE MY GLASSES.
- 14 Q. YOU WANT TO USE MINE?
- 15 A. I KNOW SOME OF YOU UNDERSTAND THE GLASSES.
- 16 AND WHAT IT SAYS IS WHAT SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO
- 17 CONSIDERATION, FACTORS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
- 18 "A. THE CONDUCT OF THE INDIVIDUAL
- 19 BEING CONFRONTED AS REASONABLY PERCEIVED BY
- 20 THE OFFICER AT THE TIME."
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: CAN EVERYBODY IN THE BACK HEAR?
- 22 THE WITNESS: I AM SORRY, I WILL MOVE A LITTLE BIT
- 23 CLOSER. SHOULD I JUST GO THROUGH THE REST?
- Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: YES.
- 25 A. "B."
- Q. WOULD YOU REPEAT "A," SINCE I INTERRUPTED YOU.

- 1 A. "A" SAID:
- 2 "YOU SHOULD INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT
- 3 LIMITED TO:
- 4 "A. THE CONDUCT OF THE INDIVIDUAL
- 5 BEING CONFRONTED AS REASONABLY PERCEIVED BY
- 6 THE OFFICER AT THE TIME.
- 7 "B. THE OFFICER'S SUBJECT FACTORS,
- 8 THE AGE, THE SIZE, THE RELATIVE STRENGTH,
- 9 SKILL LEVEL, INJURY, EXHAUSTION, NUMBER OF
- 10 OFFICERS VERSUS SUBJECTS.
- 11 "C. THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL
- 12 OR MENTAL CAPACITY.
- "D. THE PROXIMITY OF WEAPONS.
- 14 "E. THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE SUBJECT
- 15 HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY RESTRAINED, AND HIS OR
- 16 HER ABILITY TO RESIST DESPITE BEING
- 17 RESTRAINED.
- 18 "F. THE TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES
- 19 PERMITTING THE AVAILABILITY OF OTHER
- 20 OPTIONS. WHAT RESOURCES ARE REASONABLY
- 21 AVAILABLE TO THE OFFICER.
- 22 "G. THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SUSPECTED
- OFFENSE, OR REASON FOR CONTACT WITH THE
- 24 INDIVIDUAL.
- 25 "H. TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE OF THE
- 26 OFFICER.

- 1 "I. POTENTIAL FOR INJURY TO CITIZENS,
- 2 OFFICERS AND SUSPECTS.
- "J. RISK OF ESCAPE.
- 4 "K. OTHER EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES."
- 5 AND WHAT I DID IS I MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT EACH ONE
- 6 OF THOSE THAT AFFECTED MY JUDGMENT, WHICH I CAN GIVE TO THE
- 7 JURY IF YOU THINK THAT'S APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.
- 8 MR. RACKAUCKAS: I WILL, BUT I THINK, DO WE HAVE THAT
- 9 PAGE THAT WE CAN PUT ON THE ELMO IN EXHIBIT 85? AND WHAT IS
- 10 THE PAGE NUMBER?
- MR. BOGARDUS: 43.
- MR. RACKAUKAS: PAGE NUMBER 43.
- 13 I JUST NOTICED WHILE YOU WERE GIVING THAT ANSWER
- 14 THAT MR. BOGARDUS WENT HARD TO WORK FINDING THAT PAGE, SO I
- 15 THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR US TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT IT.
- 16 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: SO WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT HERE,
- 17 PAGE 43 OF EXHIBIT 85, IS A PAGE OUT OF THE FULLERTON POLICE
- 18 DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL?
- 19 A. YES.
- 20 Q. AND SO YOU LOOKED AT THESE AS SETTING THE
- 21 STANDARD FOR THE POLICE CONDUCT IN THIS CASE, SINCE IT IS
- 22 FULLERTON?
- 23 A. I THINK ASSERTING THE STANDARD AND THE FRAMEWORK
- 24 FOR JUDGING THE OFFICER'S CONDUCT.
- 25 Q. AND SO I AM NOT SURE THE BEST WAY TO BREAK THIS
- 26 UP, BUT I WANTED TO ASK YOU WHEN YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS

- 1 THE BEGINNING OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY OFFICER WOLFE?
- 2 A. MY VIEW, BASED UPON VIEWING THE VIDEO AND AUDIO
- 3 DISKS, AND VIEWING THE TRANSCRIPTS AS WELL, IS THAT ALMOST
- 4 IMMEDIATELY BOTH RAMOS AND WOLFE WERE USING EXCESSIVE FORCE
- 5 AGAINST KELLY THOMAS. AND I BASE THAT ON A NUMBER OF
- 6 THINGS, IF I CAN DIGRESS AS TO HOW I REACHED THAT?
- 7 Q. YES, I AM GOING TO ASK HOW YOU REACHED THAT
- 8 CONCLUSION.
- 9 A. THAT ELEMENT, THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 10 POLICY MANUAL'S MISSION STATEMENT SAYS:
- "WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY OF OUR
- 12 COMMUNITY THROUGH PROBLEM SOLVING
- 13 PARTNERSHIPS EMPHASIZING A PROMPT RESPONSE,
- 14 A CARING ATTITUDE."
- 15 AND THAT'S WHAT I FOCUS ON. THE DIALOGUE, THE
- 16 LANGUAGE USED, THE BODY LANGUAGE OF THOSE TWO OFFICERS
- 17 TOWARD KELLY THOMAS, A HOMELESS, OBVIOUSLY MENTALLY
- 18 DISTURBED PERSON, CERTAINLY DOESN'T FIT THE MISSION
- 19 STATEMENT OF THEIR OWN DEPARTMENT, THAT THEY HAD IN ANY WAY
- 20 A CARING ATTITUDE.
- 21 I WANT TO GO BACK TO ANOTHER DOCUMENT, IF YOU
- 22 BEAR WITH ME, THAT IS GIVEN TO THE NEW OFFICERS PRIOR TO, IN
- 23 FACT, THEIR MISSION STATEMENT, AND THAT IS THE LAW
- 24 ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS, WHICH GOES TO ALL THE POLICE
- 25 OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. AND IF I MAY CITE
- 26 JUST A COUPLE OF INSTANCES WHERE I BELIEVE THEY WERE TOTALLY

- 1 DISREGARDING THEIR OWN CODE OF ETHICS, WHICH THEY SWORE.
- 2 Q. AT THIS POINT CAN YOU TELL US WHAT DOCUMENT AND
- 3 WHAT PAGE YOU ARE LOOKING AT?
- 4 A. THIS IS JUST FROM THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 5 POLICY MANUAL, IT REPRINTS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF
- 6 ETHICS. AND I DON'T HAVE ANY PAGE NUMBER ON IT, BUT IT IS
- 7 LISTED IN, I BELIEVE IN THE TABLE OF CONTENTS THAT YOU HAVE
- 8 FORWARDED TO ME.
- 9 MR. BOGARDUS: IT WOULD BE THE SECOND PAGE, EXHIBIT 85.
- 10 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: IT IS THE SECOND PAGE OF
- 11 EXHIBIT 85.
- 12 A. I THINK THAT ILLUSTRATES WHEN YOU PUT SOMETHING
- 13 ON THE SECOND PAGE, THAT'S PRETTY SIGNIFICANT.
- "AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MY
- 15 FUNDAMENTAL DUTY IS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY,
- 16 TO SAFEGUARD LIVES AND PROPERTY."
- 17 AND THEN THE FINAL PART OF THAT PARAGRAPH:
- 18 "AND TO RESPECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL
- 19 RIGHTS OF ALL THROUGH LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND
- 20 JUSTICE."
- THE SECOND PARAGRAPH GOES ON TO SAY:
- 22 "I WILL MAINTAIN COURAGEOUS CALM IN
- 23 THE FACE OF DANGER, SCORN OR RIDICULE,
- 24 DEVELOP SELF RESTRAINT, AND BE CONSTANTLY
- 25 MINDFUL OF THE WELFARE OF OTHERS."
- 26 IT GOES ON TO SAY:

- 1 "I WILL BE EXEMPLARY IN OBEYING THE
- 2 LAW AND REGULATIONS OF MY DEPARTMENT."
- 3 AND THEN:
- 4 "I WILL NEVER ACT OFFICIOUSLY, OR
- 5 PERMIT PERSONAL FEELINGS, PREJUDICES,
- 6 POLITICAL BELIEFS, ASPIRATIONS, ANIMOSITY OR
- 7 FRIENDSHIPS TO INFLUENCE MY DECISION.
- 8 "WITH NO COMPROMISE FOR CRIME, AND
- 9 WITH RELENTLESS PROSECUTION OF CRIMINALS, I
- 10 WILL ENFORCE THE LAW COURTEOUSLY AND
- 11 APPROPRIATELY WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR, MALICE
- OR ILL WILL, NEVER EMPLOYING UNNECESSARY
- 13 FORCE OR VIOLENCE."
- 14 AND THAT IN A NUTSHELL I THINK WAS VIOLATED,
- 15 THOSE THOUGHTS, BY ALL OF THE ACTIONS OF THOSE OFFICERS
- 16 RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING. I CAN DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO
- 17 VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DIALOGUE AS THEY ADDRESSED KELLY THOMAS
- 18 WITH SCORN, WHICH HE MATCHED, BY THE WAY, AND I AM SURE
- 19 KELLY THOMAS COULD BE AN ANNOYING PERSON, BUT CLEARLY THE
- 20 CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL POLICING, AND THE RULES
- 21 INCLUDED IN THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE PENAL
- 22 CODE, MANDATE THAT THE OFFICERS NOT ALLOW RIDICULE OR SCORN
- 23 TO INFLUENCE THEIR JUDGMENT.
- 24 BUT WHAT OFFICE RAMOS AND WOLFE DID, THREATENING
- 25 KELLY THOMAS WITH, FUCKING HIM UP WITH SEEING MY FISTS,
- 26 PUTTING ON THE GLOVES, I HAVE TRIED TO BE NICE TO YOU AND

- 1 NOW YOU WILL FIND OUT WHAT I AM GOING TO DO, THINK OF THOSE
- 2 WORDS OF THAT POLICE OFFICER IN TERMS OF WHAT I JUST READ TO
- 3 YOU IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS, AND IN THE
- 4 MISSION STATEMENT AND THE PHILOSOPHY THAT IS REPEATED A
- 5 NUMBER OF TIMES BY THE FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL.
- 6 AND IN TERMS OF THEIR TREATMENT OF KELLY THOMAS,
- 7 THESE ARE EXPERIENCED POLICE OFFICERS. THEY HAVE BEEN
- 8 TRAINED NOT TO TREAT ANYONE THAT WAY, BUT ESPECIALLY NOT TO
- 9 TREAT PEOPLE WHO ARE EXHIBITING MENTAL ILLNESS. AND CLEARLY
- 10 KELLY THOMAS WAS. NOT ONLY THAT, THE DISPATCHER INFORMED
- 11 THEM THAT HE HAD SOME RECORD OF MENTAL ILLNESS. AND RAMOS
- 12 KNEW HIM. AND THE COMMENT WAS MADE BY ANOTHER OFFICER THAT
- 13 THEY KNEW KELLY THOMAS, AND HE HAD NEVER BEEN VIOLENT
- 14 BEFORE.
- 15 SO WHEN YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE BEHAVIOR OF WHAT
- 16 WAS GOING ON THERE, THE WAY THEY COERCED AND TREATED HIM
- 17 BEHIND THE POWER OF THEIR UNIFORM, THEIR CLUBS AND THEIR
- 18 BADGE AND THEIR GUNS WITH TOTAL DISRESPECT, THIS IS NOT
- 19 CONDUCT THAT OFFICERS FIND REASONABLE, THAT ANOTHER OFFICER
- 20 WHO RESPONDED WOULD HAVE SAID, IT IS REASONABLE TO TREAT
- 21 KELLY THOMAS THAT WAY.
- 22 AND I WILL GO THROUGH ALTERNATIVES TO WHAT THEY
- 23 COULD HAVE DONE AND SHOULD HAVE DONE A LITTLE LATER. BUT I
- 24 JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THE STARKNESS OF THE OFFICERS' MIND
- 25 SET, WHICH VIOLATED THESE INTENTS OF THESE STATEMENTS OF
- 26 WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT IS ALL ABOUT. THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT, AS

- 1 I MENTIONED, NEEDS TO WIN THE RESPECT AND TRUST OF THE
- 2 PUBLIC, IF THE PUBLIC IS TO BE PARTNERS WITH THE POLICE IN
- 3 ENFORCING THE LAW, YOU DON'T TREAT PEOPLE THE WAY THEY
- 4 TREATED KELLY THOMAS, AND THEIR ACTIONS ACCELERATED THIS
- 5 INCIDENT TO A FATAL TRAGEDY.
- 6 Q. SO THEN AT THIS POINT YOU ARE NOT EVEN TALKING
- 7 ABOUT ANY VIOLENT CONFRONTATION?
- 8 A. THAT IS CORRECT.
- 9 Q. YOU ARE NOT UP TO THE POINT WHERE THERE WAS ANY
- 10 TOUCHING OR PUSHING THE SHOULDER OF KELLY THOMAS?
- 11 A. RIGHT.
- 12 Q. THIS IS ALL PRECEDING THAT?
- 13 A. WHAT I AM LOOKING AT AS AN EXPERIENCED OFFICER,
- 14 IS THAT THESE TWO OFFICERS HAD SOME, I CAN'T SAY PRECISELY,
- 15 BUT SOME 20 MINUTES OR SO TO UNCOVER EVIDENCE OF A CRIME.
- 16 THEY WANTED TO ARREST THIS MAN, I MEAN I THINK THAT IS GIVEN
- 17 WHEN YOU LOOK AT THEIR BEHAVIOR AND THEIR LANGUAGE.
- 18 THEY COULD NOT FIND EVIDENCE OF A CRIME, A BROKEN
- 19 WINDOW ON A CAR, ANOTHER WITNESS THAT SAW HIM ACTUALLY
- 20 TRYING TO GET INTO A CAR, OR POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY
- 21 IN HIS KNAPSACK, WHICH TURNED OUT NOT TO BE HIS KNAPSACK, I
- 22 GUESS.
- 23 BUT INSTEAD OF THAT, THEY WERE USING THIS
- 24 PHYSICAL COERCION, TRYING TO COERCE A CONFESSION OUT OF HIM.
- 25 AND KELLY THOMAS MAY HAVE BEEN MENTALLY DISTURBED IN A
- 26 NUMBER OF WAYS, BUT HE WASN'T STUPID. IF YOU LOOK AT THE

- 1 LANGUAGE, HE HIMSELF USES THE WORD THAT HE IS, THE PHRASE
- 2 THAT HE IS ENGAGING IN TRASH TALKING, ALTHOUGH HE DOESN'T
- 3 SAY TRASH TALKING, BUT IN ROUGH TALKING WITH THE OFFICERS,
- 4 THAT THEY ARE DOING IT TO HIM, AND HE IS DOING IT BACK TO
- 5 THEM. AND THIS IS INFURIATING THEM, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT
- 6 ABOUT IT.
- 7 BUT I WANTED TO THEN MOVE ON TO THE POINT I MADE,
- 8 THAT THEY KNEW THIS MAN HAD MENTAL PROBLEMS. AND THAT IS
- 9 IMPORTANT, BECAUSE FOR SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE LAST FIVE AND
- 10 SEVEN YEARS, IT HAS BEEN EMPHASIZED IN P.O.S.T. TRAINING
- 11 DOCUMENTS, AND THE FULLERTON MANUAL PICKS UP ON IT, AND LAW
- 12 ENFORCEMENT CIRCLES, THAT MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE
- 13 TREATED GENERALLY THE SAME WAY THE POLICE TREAT OTHER
- 14 PEOPLE, SAY IN A DOMESTIC QUARREL OR --
- 15 Q. DO YOU SEE ANYTHING IN THAT 20 MINUTES OR SO, OF
- 16 ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE EVIDENT TO OFFICER WOLFE THAT THIS
- 17 PERSON HAD ANY KIND OF MENTAL DEFICIENCY OR DEFECT?
- 18 A. YES. THE DISPATCHER COMMUNICATION WHERE THEY ARE
- 19 TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO KELLY THOMAS IS. AND THEY FINALLY DO
- 20 FIND OUT WHO HE IS. IT IS OFFICER RAMOS THAT SAYS:
- "CAN YOU TRY A KELLY THOMAS, HE IS
- 22 ABOUT 40 AND HE HAS AN A.K.A. IN PLACENTIA."
- 23 RAMOS KNEW HIM FROM PAST ENCOUNTERS.
- 24 AND THE DISPATCHER SAYS:
- "CONFIRM ON THOMAS, KELLY. IN R.M.S.
- 26 APRIL 5TH OF SEVEN-FOUR SHOWS GRANDMA LIVES

- 1 IN PLACENTIA AND HE IS HOMELESS. AND LISTED
- 2 AS MENTALLY UNSTABLE AND SEVERAL CONTACTS."
- 3 WELL, IN POLICE JARGON, WHAT THAT MEANS IS KELLY
- 4 THOMAS DOES NOT HAVE A SERIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD, AND HE IS
- 5 HOMELESS AND MENTALLY AFFECTED, WHICH THESE OFFICERS KNEW
- 6 WITHIN TWO MINUTES OR ONE MINUTE OF TALKING TO KELLY THOMAS.
- 7 THE OTHER FACTOR IS HE IS DESCRIBED AS, ON THE
- 8 ORIGINAL CALL AS A TRANSIENT PROBLEM. A MALE TRANSIENT WITH
- 9 NO SHIRT, BACKPACK, BLUE JEANS IN THE PARKING LOT TRYING
- 10 DOOR HANDLES. SO THEY KNOW THIS IS NOT A CRIME AGAINST A
- 11 PERSON. THEY KNOW THIS IS NOT A SERIOUS CRIME.
- 12 THE SERIOUSNESS, REMEMBER, THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE
- 13 OFFENSE IS A KEY CONSIDERATION IN HOW MUCH FORCE OFFICERS
- 14 WILL USE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE STANDARDS WE APPLY TO THE
- 15 POLICE ARE THAT YOU DON'T SHOOT SOMEONE DEAD WHO RUNS
- 16 THROUGH A RED LIGHT, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ILLEGAL. THAT IS
- 17 NOT WHAT A REASONABLE OFFICER IS EXPECTED TO DO.
- 18 AND THEY WERE PUT ON NOTICE WHAT THEY ALREADY
- 19 KNEW, IN MY OPINION.
- 20 AND THEN I WANTED TO MENTION ONE OTHER THING
- 21 BECAUSE YOU MIGHT SAY, WELL, RAMOS SAID THAT, WOLFE SAID
- 22 SOMETHING SIMILAR, BUT A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. BUT THE
- 23 FULLERTON MANUAL MAKES SURE THAT THE OFFICERS KNOW WHAT THE
- 24 PENAL CODE SAYS. AND IT SAYS:
- "300.1.2, DUTY TO INTERCEDE.
- 26 "ANY OFFICER PRESENT OBSERVING ANOTHER

- 1 OFFICER USING FORCE THAT IS CLEARLY BEYOND
- 2 THAT WHICH IS OBJECTIVELY REASONABLE UNDER
- 3 THE CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL, WHEN IN POSITION TO
- 4 DO SO, INTERCEDE TO PREVENT THE USE OF SUCH
- 5 EXCESSIVE FORCE."
- 6 NOW, WHEN RAMOS PUTS ON HIS GLOVES AND SAYS, SEE
- 7 THESE GLOVES, SEE THESE HANDS, AND I AM GOING TO PUNCH YOU,
- 8 AND SO ON, THAT IS EXCESSIVE FORCE. EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T,
- 9 AND KELLY SAYS TO HIM, BY THE WAY, START PUNCHING DUDE, OR
- 10 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND AT THIS POINT IN TIME WOLFE IS NOT
- 11 A SPECTATOR. THIS IS HIS PARTNER. HE IS A PARTICIPANT IN
- 12 THIS USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE. THERE IS NOWHERE IN
- 13 PROFESSIONAL POLICING THAT RAMOS' CONDUCT AND WORDS ARE
- 14 JUSTIFIED. AND THEY ARE VERY MUCH THE PART OF WOLFE'S
- 15 BEHAVIOR.
- 16 SO IF I CAN GO BACK TO WHERE WE WERE, AND THAT
- 17 WAS IN AN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, WHEN DID IT START. IT
- 18 STARTED PRETTY SOON, BECAUSE THIS IS UNDER COLOR OF LAW,
- 19 UNDER COLOR OF AUTHORITY, THAT POLICE UNIFORM THAT WE DEMAND
- 20 CITIZENS PAY SOME ATTENTION TO UNDER THE LAW, IS BEING USED
- 21 FOR A KIND OF ILLEGAL USE OF FORCE AND THREATS AGAINST KELLY
- 22 THOMAS.
- 23 Q. NOW --
- 24 A. AND THIS IS AFTER THEIR PERCEPTION IS HE MAY HAVE
- 25 BEEN BREAKING INTO SOME CARS, WHICH WOULD BE A VERY ANNOYING
- 26 CRIME, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY NOT A DANGER TO SOCIETY.

- 1 Q. BY THE WAY YOU SAY, OR YOU SAID, THAT THEY HAD 20
- 2 MINUTES OR SO AND THEY COULDN'T FIND ANY CRIME, BUT THEY DID
- 3 FIND IN THE BACKPACK PROPERTY THAT CLEARLY THE POLICE
- 4 OFFICER, LOOKING AT THAT BACKPACK, COULD SEE THAT WAS NOT
- 5 KELLY THOMAS' PROPERTY, AND HE MENTIONED 496, RECEIVING
- 6 STOLEN PROPERTY?
- 7 A. YES, THE FACT IS THAT THEY QUESTIONED KELLY
- 8 THOMAS EXTENSIVELY ON THE FACT THAT THIS BACKPACK, WHICH WAS
- 9 IN HIS POSSESSION CLEARLY, HAS THE NAME OF AN ATTORNEY ON
- 10 IT. AND PROBABLY SOME OTHER MATERIAL THAT DOES NOT BELONG
- 11 TO KELLY THOMAS.
- 12 NOW, THAT IS VERY REASONABLE FOR THE POLICE TO
- 13 ASK THAT QUESTION, NO DISPUTE OVER THAT.
- 14 HOWEVER, IT'S QUITE WITHIN KELLY THOMAS' RIGHTS
- 15 NOT TO ANSWER THAT. AND WHEN A PERSON, IT COULD BE YOU OR
- 16 SOMEONE YOU ARE RELATED TO, OR ANYONE, DOESN'T CAVE IN,
- 17 CONFESS AND SAY, WELL, YEAH, I GUESS I HAVE TO ADMIT I STOLE
- 18 THAT, IF THAT STATEMENT IS COERCED UNDER THREAT OF A
- 19 BEATING, THEN THAT'S IMPROPER. THAT IS NOT EVIDENCE, AND
- 20 THAT WOULD BE EXCLUDED UNDER THE EXCLUSIONARY RULE ACCORDING
- 21 TO THE SUPREME COURT.
- 22 AND KELLY THOMAS NEVER DOES SAY THAT, IT IS JUST,
- 23 I DON'T KNOW, DUDE, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. HE NEVER
- 24 INCRIMINATES HIMSELF ON ANYTHING. AS I WENT THROUGH THOSE
- 25 TRANSCRIPTS A NUMBER OF TIMES, I CANNOT SEE ONE STATEMENT OF
- 26 KELLY THOMAS THAT AMOUNTS TO REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE HE

- 1 HAS COMMITTED A CRIME. HE DOESN'T ACKNOWLEDGE WHERE HE GOT
- 2 THE KNAPSACK FROM. AND WE AS CITIZENS MAY SAY, WELL, HE
- 3 SHOULD, YOU KNOW, HE SHOULD TELL THE COPS, BUT HE DOESN'T
- 4 HAVE TO. THAT IS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT THOSE OFFICERS
- 5 SWORE TO UPHOLD.
- 6 Q. LET'S STOP FOR A SECOND.
- 7 WHAT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO THOUGH IS
- 8 HYPOTHETICALLY ASSUME THAT WHAT THE POLICE OFFICERS SAW
- 9 THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF A CRIME, RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.
- 10 A. WELL, IT IS HARD FOR ME TO ASSUME IT, BECAUSE IT
- 11 IS NOT REASONABLE.
- 12 Q. YOU HAVE GOT TO MAKE THAT ASSUMPTION.
- 13 A. OR I DON'T GET PAID?
- 14 (LAUGHTER.)
- 15 THE WITNESS: I AM JOKING.
- 16 O. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: YES.
- 17 I WOULD JUST LIKE YOU TO MAKE THAT ASSUMPTION IN
- 18 ORDER TO PROCEED FURTHER.
- 19 A. OKAY. NOW, IF KELLY THOMAS HAD IN FACT BEEN
- 20 CAUGHT RED HANDED AND GUILTY, HE DIDN'T DESERVE TO BE BEATEN
- 21 TO DEATH. SO IN A SENSE, MAYBE I AM PUTTING TOO MUCH
- 22 EMPHASIZE ON THIS, BUT IT WAS IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION,
- 23 WHEN DID THEY BEGIN TO USE EXCESSIVE FORCE. WELL, THEY DID
- 24 IT RIGHT FROM THE START. THESE WERE NOT GOOD POLICE
- 25 OFFICERS WHO WERE DEDICATED TO DUTY, YOU DON'T TALK TO
- 26 PEOPLE LIKE THAT.

- 1 Q. SO THEN AT THE POINT THAT THIS, WHERE KELLY
- 2 THOMAS IS SITTING ON THIS LITTLE BRICK PLACE THAT HE IS
- 3 SITTING, AND OFFICER RAMOS IS OVER BY HIS CAR AND -- NOT
- 4 RAMOS, BUT OFFICER WOLFE IS OVER BY THE CAR, BACK AT THE
- 5 CAR, AND OFFICER RAMOS HAS ALREADY MADE HIS STATEMENT, BUT
- 6 HE PUTS HIS HAND, HE PUTS HIS ARM OR HAND ON THE SHOULDER OF
- 7 KELLY THOMAS, AND THEN IT STARTS TO ESCALATE INTO A VIOLENT
- 8 EPISODE, DO YOU SEE ANY -- WHAT DO YOU SEE IN TERMS OF
- 9 JUSTIFICATION FOR OFFICER WOLFE TO COME OVER WITH HIS BATON
- 10 AT THAT POINT?
- 11 A. THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE USE OF FORCE ALSO
- 12 MENTIONS IF A POLICE OFFICER NEEDS TO USE FORCE TO DEFEND
- 13 HIS OWN SAFETY.
- 14 Q. IN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION --
- 15 A. THERE IS NO --
- 16 O. WAIT A MINUTE.
- 17 IN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, I WANT YOU TO ALSO
- 18 ASSUME THAT THE POLICE OFFICER, WOLFE, KNOWS FOR CERTAIN
- 19 THAT THIS IS STOLEN PROPERTY IN KELLY THOMAS' POSSESSION.
- 20 A. IF WOLFE KNEW THAT THIS WAS STOLEN PROPERTY IN
- 21 KELLY THOMAS' POSSESSION, THOSE OFFICERS ARE STILL OBLIGATED
- 22 TO USE ONLY NECESSARY FORCE TO ARREST THIS PERSON.
- 23 AND FOR 20 MINUTES OR SO, OR SOMEWHERE MAYBE
- 24 BETWEEN 10 AND 20, KELLY THOMAS HAS COMPLIED WITH EVERYTHING
- 25 THEY ASKED. HE IS SASSING THEM A LITTLE BIT APPARENTLY, BUT
- 26 HE IS TOLD TO SIT DOWN, HE SITS DOWN. PUT YOUR HANDS ON

- 1 YOUR KNEE, HE PUTS HIS HAND ON HIS KNEE. AT NO POINT IN
- 2 TIME DOES HE MAKE ANY THREATENING GESTURE, OR DOES HE
- 3 ATTEMPT TO RUN AWAY OR DO ANYTHING. SO THERE IS NO CALL FOR
- 4 FORCE AT THIS POINT IN TIME.
- 5 AND UNDER WHAT WE CALL THE CONTINUATION OF FORCE
- 6 DOCTRINE IN POLICING, YOU START AT THE LOW LEVEL. IF WOLFE
- 7 THOUGHT THAT THAT CONSTITUTED A CRIME, WOLFE WOULD HAVE
- 8 SAID, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST, PUT YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOU, WE
- 9 HAVE TO HANDCUFF YOU. HE DOESN'T DO THAT.
- 10 AND RAMOS SAID, I AM NOT READY TO ARREST YOU YET.
- 11 SO WOLFE DOESN'T THINK, WELL, I AM NOT ARRESTING HIM BUT
- 12 RAMOS IS, AND THEREFORE I HAVE TO HELP MY PARTNER MAKE THIS
- 13 ARREST. BECAUSE IT IS CLEAR THAT, AND THOMAS HIMSELF, AS
- 14 MENTALLY DISTURBED AS HE IS, HE SAYS, I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF
- 15 THIS, I WANT TO GO, OR TAKE ME TO JAIL. PLEASE TAKE ME TO
- 16 JAIL, HE SAYS AT ONE POINT.
- 17 I THINK KELLY THOMAS SAID, PLEASE TAKE ME TO
- 18 JAIL, BECAUSE KELLY THOMAS KNEW HE WAS ABOUT TO GET A
- 19 BEATING AND HE SAID, I WANT TO GO TO JAIL, THEY WON'T BEAT
- 20 ME UP LIKE THESE TWO GUYS ARE GOING TO DO. THEY ARE GETTING
- 21 MORE AND MORE EXCITED ABOUT EVERYTHING. AND I AM NOT, HE IS
- 22 NOT FIGHTING THEM IN ANY WAY.
- 23 AND I WANT TO SAY IN TERMS OF THE OTHER FACTORS
- 24 THAT THE OFFICERS REASONABLY SHOULD BE CONSIDERING IS THIS
- 25 GUY IS A HOMELESS PERSON. THESE ARE TWO BIG, BULKY, STRONG
- 26 POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE VERY WELL ARMED WITH BATONS AND GUNS

- 1 AND OTHER WEAPONS. AND HE IS A GUY THAT IT WOULD NOT BE
- 2 REASONABLE FOR ANY OFFICER TO THINK MY LIFE IS IN DANGER
- 3 FROM THIS GUY KELLY THOMAS. HE IS UNARMED, CLEARLY, HE HAS
- 4 NO SHIRT ON.
- 5 THEY HAD EVERY RIGHT TO FRISK HIM UNDER THE LAW
- 6 AND A CASE CALLED TERRY VS. OHIO, THE SUPREME COURT SAID
- 7 POLICE OFFICERS COULD FRISK PEOPLE IF THEY THOUGHT SOMEONE
- 8 THEY WERE QUESTIONING HAD A WEAPON. THEY DIDN'T, AS FAR AS
- 9 WE KNOW, THEY DIDN'T FRISK HIM, AND THEY WERE VERY CASUAL
- 10 WITH THE WAY THEY TREATED HIM ON THE VIDEO.
- 11 RAMOS SITS ON THE FENDER OF A CAR. IF YOU THINK
- 12 YOU ARE IN DANGER FROM A SUSPECT, AND YOU ARE A POLICE
- 13 OFFICER, YOU DON'T SIT ON THE FENDER OF A CAR OFF BALANCE.
- 14 YOU GET THE SUSPECT TO GO OFF BALANCE BY PUTTING HIS HANDS
- 15 ON A WALL OR SOMETHING. YOU HAVE ALL SEEN THAT ON
- 16 TELEVISION. WELL, THERE IS A REASON FOR THAT. WHEN YOU
- 17 WANT A SUSPECT TO HAVE LITTLE ABILITY TO HURT YOU, YOU GET
- 18 THEM TO STAND IN A WAY SO THEY ARE OFF BALANCE ON THE TIPS
- 19 OF THEIR TOES AND LEANING ON A WALL, AND YOU CAN QUICKLY
- 20 CIRCUMVENT ANY ATTEMPT ON THEIR PART TO HURT YOU.
- 21 BUT RAMOS IS SITTING ON THE CAR AT THIS POINT.
- 22 AND WOLFE, DURING THE PERIOD, WANDERS BACK AND FORTH. THERE
- 23 IS NO POINT THAT I SEE THAT THESE TWO OFFICERS WERE REALLY
- 24 CONCERNED THAT THIS GUY KELLY THOMAS WAS A DANGEROUS HOMBRE
- 25 AND WE BETTER BE READY TO TAKE HIM ON.
- 26 IT'S JUST NOT FAIR. AND IF YOU LOOK AT HIM, HE

- 1 IS KIND OF A THIN GUY. AND THESE TWO OFFICERS ALSO KNOW
- 2 THAT THERE ARE OTHER OFFICERS RESPONDING. THAT'S ANOTHER
- 3 FACTOR. HOW MANY OFFICERS DO YOU HAVE? YOU ALREADY HAVE
- 4 TWO, AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY YOU ARE GETTING MORE, AND THEY
- 5 KNOW THAT MORE ARE COMING. SO THAT'S NOT A CONCERN THAT
- 6 SHOULD HAVE AFFECTED THEM IN TERMS OF BEGINNING TO IMPLEMENT
- 7 THE FORCE.
- 8 I THINK THAT BLOW BY WOLFE SHOWS THAT HE WAS
- 9 FURIOUS. THAT THIS WAS KNOWN AS A CONTEMPT OF COP, IN THE
- 10 JARGON OF THE POLICE, WHERE THE POLICE ARE ANGRY NOT BECAUSE
- 11 OF SOME CRIME THAT SOMEONE HAS COMMITTED, BUT BECAUSE
- 12 SOMEONE IS DEFYING THEIR AUTHORITY AS POLICE OFFICERS. AND
- 13 THEY ARE TRAINED OVER AND OVER, AND DISCIPLINED OVER AND
- 14 OVER, THAT YOU CAN'T ALLOW THOSE PERSONAL EMOTIONS TO AFFECT
- 15 YOUR DECISIONS AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. YOU TAKE AN
- 16 OATH THAT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO DO THAT.
- 17 SO I DON'T THINK THAT THIS HOMELESS PERSON, WHO
- 18 THEY KNOW HAS NOT BEEN VIOLENT IN THE PAST, CONSTITUTED A
- 19 THREAT, OR THAT IT WAS REASONABLE, A REASONABLE OFFICER
- 20 WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT WE BETTER USE THIS LEVEL OF FORCE
- 21 BEFORE THIS GUY KILLS ONE OF US.
- 22 Q. THEN THERE AFTER THE FIRST BLOWS WITH THE BATON,
- 23 KELLY RUNS, AND IT GOES OFF THE CAMERA FOR A BIT. AND THEN
- 24 THEY RE-ENGAGE. AND I WANT YOU TO ASSUME, BECAUSE THERE IS
- 25 EVIDENCE, I WANT YOU TO ASSUME THAT WHEN OFFICER WOLFE
- 26 ENGAGED WITH KELLY THOMAS THERE OFF THE VIDEO, THAT KELLY

- 1 THOMAS SLUGGED HIM, HE SLUGGED OFFICER WOLFE WITH HIS FIST,
- 2 HITTING HIM SOMEWHERE IN THE HEAD. AT LEAST ONCE, MAYBE
- 3 TWICE.
- 4 A. YOU WANT ME TO ASSUME THAT HE DID THAT?
- 5 Q. YES.
- 6 A. OKAY, IF HE DID THAT, THAT WOULD PROBABLY AMOUNT
- 7 TO A FELONY ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER. I PERSONALLY DON'T
- 8 BELIEVE HE DID THAT. THERE IS NO INDICATION UP UNTIL THEN
- 9 THAT HE WAS DOING ANYTHING BUT FLAILING AROUND TRYING TO
- 10 AVOID GETTING HIT ON THE HEAD WITH THE BATON.
- 11 AND IF HE DID, IT CERTAINLY DIDN'T AFFECT WOLFE
- 12 VERY MUCH, BECAUSE HE CONTINUES TO WAIL AWAY AND TO KNEE
- 13 KELLY THOMAS, AND TO PUSH HIM INTO THE GROUND.
- 14 BUT IF INDEED IT DID OCCUR, THE FACT THAT HE GOT
- 15 PUNCHED IN THE HEAD DOESN'T JUSTIFY WOLFE USING ALL THAT
- 16 FORCE. THE LAW IS PRETTY CLEAR, THE POLICE TRAINING IS
- 17 PRETTY CLEAR, YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE ENOUGH FORCE TO
- 18 OVERCOME RESISTANCE, NOT TO PUNISH. AND WHAT HAPPENED AFTER
- 19 THAT WAS IN EXCESS.
- 20 I MEAN, I DON'T RECALL ANYWHERE THAT OFFICER
- 21 WOLFE CLAIMED INJURY AFTERWARDS, AND I AM NOT AN EXPERT ON
- 22 THE MEDICAL REPORT, BUT I LOOKED AT THE CORONER'S
- 23 PHOTOGRAPHS, AND I DON'T SEE ANY EVIDENCE IN THE CORONER'S
- 24 REPORT THAT KELLY THOMAS HAD BROKEN KNUCKLES THAT WOULD HAVE
- 25 INDICATED THAT HE REALLY SOCKED THAT COP.
- 26 AND DON'T FORGET, IF IT DID OCCUR, IT OCCURRED

- 1 AFTER WOLFE HAD ACCELERATED THE INCIDENT UP TO USING VERY
- 2 SERIOUS FORCE WITH A BATON.
- 3 Q. SO EVEN ASSUMING TWO THINGS, ASSUMING THAT KELLY
- 4 THOMAS HIT OFFICER WOLFE, AND THAT KELLY THOMAS HAD NO RIGHT
- 5 TO HIT OFFICER WOLFE, JUST MAKE THAT ASSUMPTION, THEN YOU
- 6 STILL SAY THAT OFFICER WOLFE USED EXCESSIVE FORCE AFTER?
- 7 A. YES, I STILL DO. I THINK THERE WERE ALL KINDS OF
- 8 ALTERNATIVES THERE TO DOING THAT, AND THE FACT IS THAT EVERY
- 9 EXPERIENCED POLICE OFFICER ENGAGES IN WRESTLING MATCHES AND
- 10 GETS THEIR HATS KNOCKED OFF AND GETS PUSHED AROUND A LITTLE
- 11 BIT, AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT GOES WITH YOUR JOB. IT IS
- 12 WRONG, PEOPLE SHOULDN'T DO THAT, BUT KELLY THOMAS HAS
- 13 ALREADY BEEN WHACKED AROUND PRETTY GOOD.
- 14 SO I AM NOT SURE IF HE DID, THAT HE IS EVEN
- 15 CAPABLE OF THROWING A SERIOUS PUNCH AT AN OFFICER, BUT IT IS
- 16 PRETTY FUTILE. EVEN IF HE INTENTIONALLY DID IT, HE IS NOT
- 17 THE GUY THAT IS GOING TO WIN THIS FIGHT. THERE IS TWO COPS
- 18 THERE AND A BUNCH MORE ON THE WAY. YOU CAN HEAR SIRENS.
- 19 I JUST FIND IT STRETCHING BELIEF BEYOND THE FACT,
- 20 BUT ASSUMING YOUR HYPOTHETICAL, THE FACT IS THAT IF SOMEONE
- 21 HITS YOU, YOU DON'T HAVE AN UNLIMITED RIGHT TO PUNISH THEM
- 22 FOR DOING SO. YOUR RIGHT BEGINS AND STOPS WITH HOW MUCH
- 23 FORCE IS NECESSARY TO ARREST THIS PERSON.
- 24 Q. AND THEN AS THE SCENE WENT OUT OF VIEW, YOU COULD
- 25 STILL HEAR, AND EVENTUALLY IT CAME BACK INTO VIEW, AND DID
- 26 YOU SEE OFFICER WOLFE CONTINUING TO USE EXCESSIVE FORCE FOR

- 1 THE REMAINDER OF THE TIME?
- 2 A. YEAH, THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT OFFICER WOLFE
- 3 DOES THAT WERE HIGHLY DANGEROUS, AND THAT HE KNEW WERE
- 4 DANGEROUS. HE KNOWS THEY ARE DANGEROUS, BECAUSE IN THEIR
- 5 OWN TRAINING, THE POLICE OFFICERS ARE WARNED THAT THESE ARE
- 6 DANGER AREAS FOR YOU. AND YOU HAVE TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST
- 7 SOMEONE KNEEING YOU IN THE KIDNEYS, SOMEONE CHOKING YOU TO
- 8 DEATH, OR FRACTURING YOUR WINDPIPE, OR SOME WAY INTERFERING
- 9 WITH YOUR ABILITY TO BREATHE. AND YOUR HEAD IS ANOTHER VERY
- 10 VULNERABLE AREA.
- 11 HOW DO I KNOW THAT PEACE OFFICERS ARE TRAINED
- 12 THAT WAY? BECAUSE P.O.S.T. TRAINING ACTUALLY HAS DIAGRAMS
- 13 IN THEIR TRAINING MATERIAL.
- 14 Q. WHAT IS P.O.S.T.?
- 15 A. PARDON?
- 16 O. WHAT IS P.O.S.T.?
- 17 A. P.O.S.T., AS I MENTIONED, IS THE CALIFORNIA PEACE
- 18 OFFICERS STANDARD AND TRAINING COMMISSION, THAT EVERY
- 19 OFFICER HAS TO PASS A CERTIFIED COURSE. AND ALSO EVERY
- 20 OFFICER GOES THROUGH MANDATORY TRAINING OF SO MANY HOURS
- 21 EVERY YEAR, INCLUDING SOME ON HANDLING DISTURBED PEOPLE, AND
- 22 SOME ON THE USE OF FORCE.
- 23 AND IN THAT TRAINING MATERIAL THAT THEY GET,
- 24 POSSIBLY IN THE ACADEMY OR IN THEIR ANNUAL TRAINING THAT IS
- 25 MANDATED, THERE ARE DIAGRAMS OF THE POINTS THAT ARE HIGHLY
- 26 VULNERABLE IN THE HUMAN BODY. THEY ARE, FIRST OF ALL,

- 1 WARNING OFFICERS TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST SOMEONE STRIKING YOU
- 2 THERE, BUT ALSO REPEATING THAT YOU CAN'T USE FORCE AGAINST
- 3 THAT.
- 4 THERE IS ANOTHER WHOLE SECTION OF TRAINING THAT
- 5 IS VERY EXTENSIVE ON CAROTID ARTERY HOLDS, IN THAT IT IS
- 6 HIGHLY DANGEROUS FOR PEOPLE TO USE THOSE HOLDS AND CUT OFF
- 7 AIR, BECAUSE YOU DIE IF YOU CAN'T BREATHE.
- 8 AND THE CORONER, AFTER ALL, DID SAY KELLY THOMAS
- 9 DIED FROM THIS POLICE ACTION. WHEN YOU SEE KELLY THOMAS,
- 10 ECCENTRIC AS HE MAY BE, IN THE OPENING MOMENTS OF THE TAPE,
- 11 THE GUY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WHO IS ABOUT TO DIE FIVE
- 12 DAYS LATER FROM SOME HIDDEN DISEASE OR ANYTHING. THIS IS A
- 13 HEALTHY MALE, TO THE EXTENT THAT HE IS ABLE TO WALK AND MOVE
- 14 AND TALK AND SO ON. AND HE DIED BECAUSE HE WAS BEATEN TO
- 15 DEATH.
- 16 SO, YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO USE THAT LEVEL OF
- 17 FORCE, EXCEPT UNDER THE MOST EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE
- 18 MAYBE SOMEONE'S LIFE IS HANGING IN THE BALANCE, OR SUCH A
- 19 HORRIBLE CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED THAT PUBLIC SAFETY IS AT
- 20 STAKE.
- Q. WHAT COULD THEY HAVE DONE, JUST LET HIM GO?
- 22 A. WELL, THAT WOULD BE THE EXTREME TO SAY, ALL
- 23 RIGHT, GET OUT OF HERE. BELIEVE ME, I HAVE DONE THAT MANY
- 24 MORE TIMES THAN I HAVE SAID, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST. AND
- 25 EVERY COP HAS.
- 26 THEY DIDN'T DO IT IN THIS CASE, BUT WHAT THEY

- 1 COULD HAVE DONE AT THIS POINT IN TIME, AND WHAT THEY SHOULD
- 2 HAVE DONE EARLIER IS, REMEMBER, YOU HAVE GOT A SUBJECT, A
- 3 SUSPECT HERE THAT HAS BEEN COMPLIANT. GO SIT THERE, AND
- 4 KELLY THOMAS KIND OF DOESN'T WANT TO DO THAT, BUT WHEN THEY
- 5 PUSH IT, HE GOES AND HE SITS THERE. PUT YOUR HANDS HERE.
- 6 AND HE DOES THAT. AND PUT YOUR HANDS THERE, I CAN'T DO BOTH
- 7 AT THE SAME TIME.
- 8 THIS DIALOGUE IS GOING ON, AND IN THE END KELLY
- 9 THOMAS IS COMPLIANT. HE IS ANSWERING THEIR QUESTIONS. THEY
- 10 DON'T LIKE THE ANSWERS, BUT HE IS ANSWERING THEM WHEN HE
- 11 DOESN'T HAVE TO. HE IS SITTING DOWN, WHEN LEGALLY THERE IS
- 12 A REAL QUESTION OF WHETHER HE HAS TO.
- 13 WHY DIDN'T THEY SAY TO HIM, ALL RIGHT, KELLY, YOU
- 14 ARE UNDER ARREST, AND WE ARE REQUIRED TO PUT HANDCUFFS ON
- 15 YOU. NOW, THERE IS NO CHOICE IN THIS, THIS IS POLICY. I
- 16 THINK HE WOULD HAVE DONE IT. BECAUSE I LOOKED BACK AT THE
- 17 DISK AND I SAW WHERE HIS HANDS WERE WHEN WOLFE TOOK THE
- 18 KNAPSACK OFF. THEY WERE RIGHT BACK WAITING TO HANDCUFF HIM.
- 19 IF WOLFE HAD PUT THE HANDCUFFS ON HIM, THEN I DON'T THINK
- 20 KELLY THOMAS WOULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING. AND GIVEN HIS
- 21 HISTORY OF COMPLIANCE, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT HE WANTED
- 22 TO GET INTO A FIGHT WITH THESE GUYS. HE WAS PRETTY
- 23 DETERMINED NOT TO.
- 24 AND THAT'S WHY HE KEPT TALKING, EVEN THOUGH HE
- 25 WANTED TO GO AWAY. HE WAS KIND OF BEING PRESSURED AND THEY
- 26 KEPT FALSELY PROMISING HIM, YOU CAN GO ON YOUR WAY, JUST

- 1 TELL US YOUR NAME, JUST DO THIS AND YOU CAN BE ON YOUR WAY.
- 2 AND I THINK IT SUDDENLY BECOMES APPARENT TO HIM THESE GUYS
- 3 ARE FRIGHTENING. AND IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN. I WOULD BE
- 4 FRIGHTENED IF I HAD TWO COPS TREATING ME LIKE THAT.
- 5 AND KELLY THOMAS HAD BEEN AROUND THE BLOCK A FEW
- 6 TIMES WITH COPS LIKE THAT. SO I JUST DON'T SEE ANY
- 7 NECESSITY FOR THAT.
- 8 BECAUSE LET'S GO TO THE OTHER EXTREME THAT THEY
- 9 JUST SAY, ALL RIGHT, GET OUT OF HERE, AND WE BETTER NOT SEE
- 10 YOU HERE ANYMORE THIS WEEK. THIS GUY HAS BEEN AROUND. THAT
- 11 CAME OUT IN THE DIALOGUE. NOW, WHAT IS THE DAMAGE TO
- 12 SOCIETY? IS HE GOING TO GO OUT AND KILL SOMEONE IN THE NEXT
- 13 COUPLE OF DAYS? HE HAS NO RECORD, NO ARREST RECORD TO SPEAK
- 14 OF. THEY CHECKED HIM OUT. THEY HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF A
- 15 CRIME. SUPPOSE HOURS LATER, OR THE NEXT DAY THEY FIND, HEY,
- 16 LOOK WHAT THIS GUY DID, HE DID BREAK INTO THIS CAR. THEY
- 17 KNOW WHO HE IS. THEY CAN ARREST HIM. IT HAPPENS ALL THE
- 18 TIME, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARREST PEOPLE DAYS AND WEEKS
- 19 AFTER THE CRIME.
- 20 NOW, THIS GUY WASN'T A MASTER CRIMINAL WITH A
- 21 PASSPORT TO BRAZIL IN HIS POCKET THAT WAS READY TO FLEE TO
- 22 BRAZIL. HE IS KIND OF A SAD, HOMELESS PERSON THAT IS NO
- 23 DANGER PHYSICALLY TO ANYONE. HE MAY BE AN ANNOYING PERSON.
- 24 BUT HE CERTAINLY DIDN'T DESERVE TO PAY THE DEATH PENALTY FOR
- 25 IT.
- 26 AND IF YOU TAKE THE OPTION, TO BE HORRIFIED YOU

- 1 MIGHT LET A CRIMINAL GO LOOSE, WELL, THERE WAS NO CRIME.
- 2 HAD THERE BEEN EVIDENCE OF A CRIME, THOSE COPS WOULD HAVE
- 3 ARRESTED HIM. NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THEY WOULD HAVE SAID, YOU
- 4 ARE UNDER ARREST. THEY NEVER USED THOSE WORDS. HE SAYS,
- 5 PLEASE ARREST ME. THEY DON'T SAY, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST.
- 6 THEY DID NOT FEEL THAT THEY HAD GROUNDS FOR AN ARREST, OR
- 7 THEY WOULD HAVE ARRESTED HIM.
- 8 SO I DON'T SEE THAT IT IS A GREAT DANGER TO
- 9 SOCIETY WHEN YOU BALANCE WHAT HAPPENED, WHICH WAS FAIRLY
- 10 PREDICTABLE THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE MAYBE NOT A DEATH,
- 11 BUT THERE CERTAINLY WAS GOING TO BE EXCESSIVE INJURY TO
- 12 SOMEONE IN THIS CONFRONTATION, OF LETTING THIS GUY WALK
- 13 AWAY, AND IN FACT IF WITHIN A FEW MINUTES THEY FOUND
- 14 EVIDENCE OF A CRIME, THEY COULD HAVE CAUGHT UP WITH THE GUY,
- 15 THE HOMELESS GUY WITH NO SHIRT ON WANDERING AROUND. IT
- 16 WASN'T THE END OF THE WORLD.
- 17 Q. SO WHAT ABOUT THEN, LET'S ASSUME THAT THE OFFICER
- 18 LEARNS WHILE HE IS AT THE BACK OF HIS CAR, OFFICER WOLFE
- 19 LEARNS THAT KELLY THOMAS IS INDEED IN POSSESSION OF STOLEN
- 20 PROPERTY; WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN AT THAT POINT?
- 21 A. WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN?
- 22 Q. YES.
- 23 A. IF THE OFFICER DECIDES KELLY THOMAS IS INDEED IN
- 24 POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY, HE MAY OR HE MAY NOT MAKE AN
- 25 ARREST. THERE IS SOME DEGREE OF DISCRETION THERE. AND THE
- 26 SUPERVISOR WAS ON HIS WAY TO THE SCENE, HE MIGHT HAVE TOLD

- 1 THE OFFICERS WHAT TO DO, THAT'S WHAT THE SUPERVISORS ARE
- 2 FOR.
- 3 BECAUSE IF THERE IS QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER THE
- 4 EVIDENCE IS ADMISSIBLE, WHETHER THE DEFENDANT'S RIGHTS WERE
- 5 VIOLATED, AS IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE IT IS DOUBTFUL TO SEE
- 6 IF THEY COULD HAVE GOTTEN ANY KIND OF A CRIMINAL CONVICTION.
- 7 BUT WHAT WAS SO VALUABLE ABOUT CONVICTING THIS
- 8 GUY, SAY OF BURGLARY FROM A PARKED CAR, THAT YOU RISK
- 9 KILLING HIM, OR RISK EVEN GETTING AN OFFICER HURT IN THE
- 10 CONFLICT?
- 11 SO I THINK THEY COULD HAVE SAID TO KELLY THOMAS,
- 12 AS THEY SHOULD HAVE, BY THE WAY, EVERY OFFICER IN CALIFORNIA
- 13 IS EQUIPPED WITH INFORMATION, OR SHOULD BE, OF HOW TO TELL
- 14 PEOPLE LIKE KELLY THOMAS WHERE TO GO TO GET ASSISTANCE.
- 15 BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE HAVE PROGRAMS, WE HAVE ORGANIZATIONS
- 16 THAT EXIST IN COMMUNITIES, WHERE THEY CAN GO GET COUNSELING
- 17 AND GET CLEANED UP AND GET SOME MEDICAL ATTENTION. AND THE
- 18 OFFICERS HAVE THIS INFORMATION TO REFER THEM TO PLACES.
- 19 SO THERE WERE A WHOLE RANGE OF OPTIONS THERE, IT
- 20 WASN'T A QUESTION OF ARREST, AND WHY WERE THEY SO DETERMINED
- 21 TO DO THIS? WELL, THEY PROBABLY FELT HE WAS GUILTY OF DOING
- 22 SOME CRIME, BUT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO MAKE THESE KIND OF
- 23 DECISIONS ON A HUNCH, AND I THINK WHAT IT WAS IS THERE WAS
- 24 KIND OF ANGER, IN THAT THIS GUY WAS TALKING BACK TO THEM,
- 25 AND WASN'T TELLING THEM, AND WASN'T CONFESSING. AND AS I
- 26 MENTIONED, IF YOU COERCE A CONFESSION UNDER THREAT OF

- 1 PHYSICAL FORCE, YOU ARE THE ONE WHO COMMITS A CRIME.
- 2 Q. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO, AND I THINK WE ARE
- 3 RUNNING SHORT ON TIME, I THINK WE ARE OVER TIME AND WE
- 4 USUALLY TAKE THE NOON RECESS, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS
- 5 TAKE A FEW MINUTES, IF WE CAN, AND GO BACK OVER THOSE
- 6 STANDARDS, AND SEE WHERE YOU THINK IF ANY OF THOSE STANDARDS
- 7 WERE MET BY THE POLICE.
- 8 A. OKAY.
- 9 Q. AND PARTICULARLY BY OFFICER WOLFE.
- 10 A. WHERE I LEFT OFF, I THINK WAS ON ITEM "B." SO
- 11 MOVING QUICKLY AHEAD TO ITEM "C," INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR
- 12 ALCOHOL. APPARENTLY HE WASN'T. HE DID SAY SOMETHING ABOUT
- 13 HAVING ONE BEER. BUT IT DOES SAY MENTAL CAPACITY. AND AS I
- 14 HAVE GONE OVER THAT, SAYING THEY KNEW HE WAS MENTALLY
- 15 DISTURBED, HIS BEHAVIOR INDICATED IT AS WELL.
- 16 THE PROXIMITY OF WEAPONS. THEY DIDN'T FEEL HE
- 17 HAD A WEAPON. THEY DIDN'T FRISK HIM. AND, INDEED, WHERE
- 18 WOULD THE WEAPON BE WHEN HE HAD NO SHIRT ON, AND HE HAD
- 19 GIVEN UP THE KNAPSACK? THERE WAS NO AREA WHERE HE WOULD
- 20 HAVE CONCEALED THE WEAPON.
- "E," WHICH IS THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE SUBJECT HAD
- 22 BEEN EFFECTIVELY RESTRAINED, AND HIS OR HER ABILITY TO
- 23 RESIST DESPITE BEING RESTRAINED.
- 24 WELL, RESIST WHAT? RESIST GETTING BEATEN UP OR
- 25 RESIST ARREST? IF HE IS NOT TOLD HE IS UNDER ARREST, I
- 26 THINK IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT HE PROBABLY THOUGHT HE COULD

- 1 WALK AWAY WHEN HE STOOD UP LIKE THAT AND SAID, I HAVE HAD
- 2 ENOUGH. HE ASKED THEM, PLEASE ARREST ME. THEY DIDN'T SAY,
- 3 YOU ARE UNDER ARREST. AT ONE POINT RAMOS SAID, I AM NOT
- 4 READY TO ARREST YOU OR NOT. AND WOLFE IS THERE. WOLFE IS
- 5 PART OF THIS OPERATION.
- 6 THE TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES, "F" IS THE TIME AND
- 7 CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTING THE AVAILABILITY OF OTHER OPTIONS.
- 8 I MENTIONED THAT. THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPTIONS OPENED TO
- 9 OFFICERS TO REFER PEOPLE LIKE THIS. THEY HAVE NO EVIDENCE
- 10 THAT THIS GUY COMMITTED A CRIME THAT THEY FEEL THEY CAN
- 11 ARREST FOR. IF THEY DID, THEY WOULD HAVE ARRESTED HIM.
- 12 AND IF THEY HAD SAID, LOOK, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST,
- 13 AND WHEN WE ARREST PEOPLE, IT IS NOT PERSONAL, WE HAVE TO
- 14 HANDCUFF YOU. IT WORKS. I HAVE DONE IT. SOME PEOPLE
- 15 TALKING ABOUT GIVING YOU A GOOD FIGHT, WHEN YOU TAKE 10, 15
- 16 MINUTES, AND YOU TALK AND YOU TALK, KNOWING THAT THE
- 17 ALTERNATIVE WILL BE TO FIGHT AND FIGHT, THEY SAY, OKAY, GO
- 18 AHEAD.
- 19 O. LET ME STOP YOU FOR A MINUTE THERE.
- 20 I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE MAKING THESE ASSUMPTIONS,
- 21 BUT I AM GOING TO ASK YOU TO MAKE IT.
- 22 ASSUME THAT THERE WAS A GOOD REASON TO ARREST, OR
- 23 PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST KELLY THOMAS. AND ALSO WE KNOW
- 24 THAT THE LAW SAYS THAT IF YOU CAN, YOU SHOULD ADVISE
- 25 SOMEBODY THAT THEY ARE UNDER ARREST. BUT IF THERE ARE
- 26 EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU DON'T HAVE TO, YOU CAN JUST TAKE

- 1 THEM INTO CUSTODY.
- 2 WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?
- 3 A. WELL, WHAT ARE THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN THIS
- 4 CASE? THE GUY IS NOT GOING TO FLEE TO BRAZIL, AS I
- 5 MENTIONED. HE IS NOT GOING TO ESCAPE THE JURISDICTION. HE
- 6 IS NOT GOING TO GO OUT AND MASSACRE A BUNCH OF SCHOOL
- 7 CHILDREN. IT IS HARD TO SEE ANY EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
- 8 BUT THE OTHER FACTOR IS THAT THE FORCE THEY USE
- 9 AFTER THIS IS UNJUSTIFIED. DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE
- 10 COMMITTED EVEN A TERRIBLE CRIME DOESN'T JUSTIFY THEM
- 11 SMOTHERING THIS GUY SO HE CAN'T BREATHE. HE KEEPS SAYING, I
- 12 CAN'T BREATHE, I CAN'T BREATHE. AT THIS POINT THEY, AS
- 13 POLICE OFFICERS, HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO GIVE HIM FIRST AID.
- 14 THEY ARE EXTENSIVELY TRAINED IN C.P.R. YOU KNOW
- 15 WHY? BECAUSE YOU CAN DIE VERY QUICKLY IF YOU CAN'T BREATHE.
- 16 YOU CAN SUFFER BRAIN DAMAGE WITHIN A MINUTE OR TWO IF YOU
- 17 CAN'T BREATHE. AND SO THIS IS SOMETHING THESE EXPERIENCED
- 18 OFFICERS KNEW. AND WHAT YOU HEAR WOLFE SAYING IS, RELAX,
- 19 RELAX, RELAX. WELL, YOU KNOW, WOULD YOU RELAX IF YOU
- 20 COULDN'T BREATHE AND SOMEONE IS PRESSING DOWN ON YOUR CHEST?
- 21 AND THEY COULD HAVE SAID TO HIM, LOOK, KELLY, WE
- 22 ARE GOING TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE, WE ARE GOING TO GET
- 23 OFF YOU SO YOU CAN BREATHE, BUT YOU HAVE TO PROMISE TO LET
- 24 US HANDCUFF YOU, WE ARE NOT GOING TO HURT YOU, AND SO ON.
- 25 THEY SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT.
- 26 NOW, I HAVE TO SAY IN HONESTY THAT KELLY WOULD

- 1 HAVE BEEN NUTS IF HE BELIEVED THEM AFTER WHAT THEY HAD
- 2 ALREADY DONE TO HIM AND THE THREATS THEY MADE, BUT,
- 3 NEVERTHELESS, IF THESE WERE OFFICERS IN GOOD FAITH, THEY
- 4 WOULD HAVE DONE THAT. HOW COULD THEY NOT? YOU LISTEN TO
- 5 THAT MAN'S AGONY AND HIS SCREAMS AND HIS CRIES, CONSISTENTLY
- 6 SAYING, I CAN'T BREATHE, HOW COULD THEY CONTINUE TO DO WHAT
- 7 THEY DID? IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE IN TERMS OF WHAT A
- 8 REASONABLE POLICE OFFICER WOULD DO.
- 9 IF THIS WAS REASONABLE POLICE CONDUCT, LADIES AND
- 10 GENTLEMEN, YOU WOULD HAVE HUNDREDS OF GRAND JURIES ALL
- 11 ACROSS THIS COUNTRY SITTING THERE CONSIDERING CASES LIKE
- 12 THIS. COPS DON'T THINK REASONABLY LIKE THIS, THAT THIS IS
- 13 OKAY TO DO THIS. THAT THIS WAS UNDERSTANDABLE. I MEAN THEY
- 14 MIGHT SAY THAT AS PART OF BROTHERHOOD, BUT THE FACT IS THAT
- 15 PRIVATELY THEY DON'T DO IT THEMSELVES, WHICH IS THE REAL
- 16 TEST OF HOW, OR WHETHER IT IS REASONABLE OR NOT.
- 17 SO THE RISK OF ESCAPE I MENTIONED IS NONE. THE
- 18 POTENTIAL OF INJURY TO CITIZENS DOESN'T EXIST. TO OFFICERS,
- 19 DOESN'T EXIST. I MEAN, LOOK AT HOW MANY OF THEM THERE WERE.
- 20 AND THE SKINNY GUY IS GOING TO INJURE THEM? AND THE
- 21 TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE OF THE OFFICERS, THEY HAVE HAD THE
- 22 TRAINING, IT'S THERE, THEY GET ANNUAL TRAINING EVERY YEAR.
- 23 THEY COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THE CERTIFICATION TO EVEN BE
- 24 POLICE OFFICERS IF THEY HADN'T HAD THAT TRAINING.
- 25 SO IT SAYS VARIOUS DEGREES OF FORCE EXIST, AND
- 26 EACH OFFICER IS EXPECTED TO USE ONLY THAT DEGREE OF

- 1 REASONABLE, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, FORCE, SUCCESSFULLY
- 2 USED TO ACCOMPLISH THE LEGITIMATE LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSE.
- 3 WHAT WAS THE LEGITIMATE LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSE?
- 4 TO MAKE SURE THIS POSSIBLE CAR BOOSTER GOES TO PRISON? EVEN
- 5 IF HE WAS CONVICTED, PRETTY UNLIKELY THAT HE WOULD DO ANY
- 6 JAIL TIME. SO HOW CAN YOU RISK KILLING HIM?
- 7 NOW, THAT BALANCE EXISTS TO EVERYTHING, EVEN WHEN
- 8 YOU HAVE A TERRIBLE CRIME, POLICE ARE NOT JUSTIFIED SHOOTING
- 9 INTO A CROWD OF PEOPLE IN CHURCH BECAUSE THERE IS A FELON
- 10 THERE THAT NEEDS TO BE ARRESTED. EVEN ONE WHO MAY HAVE
- 11 MURDERED SOMEONE. THEY CAN'T SAY, YEAH, WE KILLED A COUPLE
- 12 OF OTHER PEOPLE, BECAUSE THAT'S COLLATERAL DAMAGE.
- 13 THE POLICE IN OUR COUNTRY ARE NOT PART OF THE
- 14 MILITARY, AND COLLATERAL DAMAGE, HURTING INNOCENT PEOPLE, IS
- 15 NOT AN OPTION. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CHASE PEOPLE AT 100
- 16 MILES AN HOUR THROUGH THE STREETS ON A TRAFFIC VIOLATION
- 17 BECAUSE SOMEONE WILL GET AWAY. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE
- 18 THOSE KIND OF RISKS WITH INNOCENT LIVES. AND THE LAW IS
- 19 PRETTY PLAIN, IT SAYS, NOT JUST INNOCENT PEOPLE, BUT EVEN
- 20 THE GUILTY PEOPLE HAVE RIGHTS TO THE PROTECTION OF LIFE.
- 21 SO THE END THOUGHT OF THIS IS IT MUST BE
- 22 NONETHELESS OBJECTIVELY REASONABLE, AND UTILIZED ONLY TO THE
- 23 DEGREE REASONABLY NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH A LEGITIMATE LAW
- 24 ENFORCEMENT PURPOSE. AND THAT IS NOT JUST MY OPINION, THAT
- 25 IS THE RULES THAT THESE OFFICERS ARE OBLIGED TO OBEY OF
- 26 THEIR OWN DEPARTMENT. AND IT IS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF

- 1 ETHICS. AND IT IS THE PENAL CODE AS WELL.
- 2 MR. RACKAUKAS: THANK YOU. I DON'T HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL
- 3 QUESTIONS.
- 4 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE QUESTIONS FROM
- 5 THE GRAND JURY?
- 6 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 7 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 118)
- 8 MR. RACKAUKAS: WE HAVE NINE QUESTIONS, I AM GOING TO
- 9 ASK TO HAVE THOSE MARKED.
- 10 THE GRAND JURY SECRETARY: 118.
- MR. RACKAUKAS: 118 FOR THE GRAND JURY.
- 12 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ALL RIGHT. WE WILL TAKE A
- 13 RECESS. WE WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL 12:10 BY THIS CLOCK.
- 14 DURING ANY PERIOD OF THIS RECESS YOU MUST NOT
- 15 DISCUSS WITH ANYONE, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF THIS
- 16 HEARING ROOM, ANY SUBJECT CONNECTED WITH THIS HEARING.
- 17 (RECESS TAKEN.)
- 18 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 19 JURY ROOM:)
- 20 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE
- 21 ARE AGAIN IN SESSION ON THE JOSEPH ANDREW WOLFE HEARING.
- 22 LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT ALL THE SAME 16
- 23 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY ARE PRESENT.
- MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTINUE.
- MR. RACKAUKAS: THANK YOU.
- 26 THERE WERE NINE QUESTIONS FROM THE GRAND JURORS,

- 1 AND THEY WILL BE MARKED COLLECTIVELY AS EXHIBIT 118.
- 2 AND THERE ARE THREE OF THEM THAT I AM NOT GOING
- 3 TO ASK THE WITNESS, BECAUSE THEY BASICALLY CALL FOR LEGAL
- 4 CONCLUSIONS, AND ONE BECAUSE IT IS, I THINK, INAPPROPRIATE
- 5 FOR THIS PARTICULAR HEARING. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO SHOW
- 6 YOU THOSE, WE WILL KEEP THOSE AS 118.
- 7 SHOULD I MARK THE ONES THAT I AM NOT ASKING?
- 8 THE GRAND JURY SECRETARY: YES.
- 9 MR. RACKAUKAS: THANK YOU.
- 10 THAT'S NOT MEANT AS AN INSULT TO ANYONE WHO MIGHT
- 11 HAVE ASKED THAT QUESTION, I JUST DON'T THINK FOR THE PURPOSE
- 12 OF THIS HEARING IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
- 13 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: BUT THIS QUESTION:
- 14 DID KELLY THOMAS HAVE ANY CULPABILITY IN THIS
- 15 INCIDENT?
- 16 A. I THINK AS A CITIZEN, I WOULD SAY KELLY THOMAS
- 17 HAD SOME CULPABILITY. IN TERMS OF THE WAY I WOULD VIEW HIM,
- 18 IF I HAD BEEN ONE OF THE POLICE OFFICERS RESPONDING IN THIS
- 19 SITUATION, I DON'T SEE ANY CRIMINAL CULPABILITY THAT WOULD
- 20 HAVE JUSTIFIED HIS ARREST OR USING OF FORCE AGAINST HIM.
- Q. WHEN YOU VIEWED THE VIDEO, DID YOU SEE ANY OF THE
- 22 OFFICERS ON THE SCENE THAT ATTEMPTED TO MANAGE THE
- 23 SITUATION, OR STOP THE ESCALATING, OR THE ESCALATION OF THE
- 24 VIOLENCE?
- 25 A. I CAN'T SAY THAT I SAW CLEARLY THAT THAT WAS A
- 26 MOTIVE FOR ANY OF THE OFFICERS. I THINK WHAT WAS OCCURRING

- 1 THERE IS WHAT WE REFER TO AS KIND OF A CONTAGION WITHIN
- 2 THESE CASES, WHERE THE ACTION JUST ESCALATES, AND IT IS VERY
- 3 HARD FOR INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS WHO GET CAUGHT UP IN THAT TO
- 4 DE-ESCALATE WHAT IS GOING ON, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF
- 5 OFFICERS WHO RESPOND AND ARE UNAWARE OF WHAT HAS OCCURRED
- 6 PREVIOUSLY.
- 7 SO I DON'T SEE ANY SITUATION THERE WHERE ANY OF
- 8 THOSE OFFICERS WHO WERE INVOLVED WERE CONCERNED, EVEN
- 9 EXPRESSED A CONCERN ABOUT KELLY THOMAS' INABILITY TO
- 10 BREATHE, OR THAT THEY WERE HURTING HIM. ALL OF THE CONCERN
- 11 SEEMED TO BE THAT THEY COULDN'T GET HIM TO STAY STILL.
- 12 MR. RACKAUCKAS: THERE IS ONE OTHER THAT I AM NOT GOING
- 13 TO ASK, AND I WILL TELL YOU, THIS IS ABOUT KELLY THOMAS'
- 14 RIGHT TO SELF DEFENSE, AND THAT'S A LEGAL QUESTION THAT I AM
- 15 NOT GOING TO ASK THIS WITNESS ABOUT.
- 16 O. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE IN
- 17 YOUR PAPERWORK, BUT THE QUESTION IS, WHEN WERE YOU HIRED BY
- 18 THE D.A.'S OFFICE TO BE A CONSULTANT IN OFFICER JOE WOLFE'S
- 19 CASE?
- 20 A. WHY WAS I HIRED?
- 21 Q. WHEN.
- 22 A. OH, WHEN.
- 23 I THINK I MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT IF I MAY
- 24 LOOK THROUGH MY NOTES?
- 25 Q. YES.
- A. (WITNESS COMPLIES).

- 1 I THINK THE BEST I CAN DO IS SAY IT WAS PROBABLY
- 2 SOMETIME BACK IN JUNE.
- 3 Q. OF?
- 4 A. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?
- 5 Q. OF THIS YEAR?
- 6 A. YEAH. PERHAPS EARLIER THAN THAT. I THOUGHT I
- 7 HAD AN E-MAIL FROM YOUR OFFICE, BUT.
- 8 Q. YOU KNOW WHAT, WE CAN GET THAT DATE.
- 9 A. I DO HAVE AN E-MAIL HERE DATED JUNE 19TH, WHICH
- 10 INDICATES THAT I WAS HIRED SOMETIME PREVIOUS TO THAT.
- 11 THAT'S THE BEST I CAN GET.
- 12 Q. ALL RIGHT. I WILL GET THAT AND WE WILL MAKE SURE
- 13 THAT THAT BECOMES CLEAR.
- 14 BUT THE NEXT QUESTION ON THAT IS, DID YOU ASSIST
- 15 THE D.A.'S OFFICE IN THE OFFICER RAMOS CASE?
- 16 A. DID I WHAT?
- 17 Q. DID YOU ASSIST THE D.A.'S OFFICE IN THE
- 18 INVESTIGATION OF OFFICER RAMOS?
- 19 A. I WOULDN'T USE THE WORD ASSIST, BUT I DISCUSSED
- 20 IT WITH THEM. AND SO I DON'T KNOW, I THINK PROBABLY YOUR
- 21 OFFICE HAS TO ANSWER WHETHER MY CONVERSATION ASSISTED OR
- 22 DETRACTED.
- 23 Q. ALL RIGHT. BUT YOU WERE RETAINED BY MY OFFICE
- 24 AFTER THE PRELIMINARY HEARING IN OFFICER RAMOS' CASE?
- 25 A. YES.
- 26 Q. NOW, YOU CALLED OFFICER WOLFE A PARTNER WITH

- 1 OFFICER RAMOS. YOU SAID, WELL, IT WAS HIS PARTNER AND THEY
- 2 WERE OVER THERE. UNDERSTANDING THAT IF I TELL YOU THAT THEY
- 3 ARRIVED IN DIFFERENT CARS, AND THEY WERE NOT IN THE SAME
- 4 CAR.
- 5 A. YES, I KNOW THAT.
- 6 Q. HOW DO YOU MEAN, OR WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY PARTNER?
- 7 A. WELL, WHETHER THEY ARE IN THE SAME CAR OR NOT,
- 8 THEY ARE, IN THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT THEY ARE PARTNERS IN
- 9 THE INCIDENT, AND RESPONDING WITH EACH OTHER TO THIS
- 10 PARTICULAR INCIDENT, THEY ARE PARTNERING UP IN TERMS OF
- 11 POLICE LINGO, AND SO TO THAT EXTENT THE TWO OF THEM, AS FAR
- 12 AS THIS INCIDENT IS CONCERNED, WERE PARTNERS. WHAT THEIR
- 13 ORDINARY WORKING RELATIONSHIP IS, I DON'T KNOW.
- 14 Q. OKAY. HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT JUDGING A PERSONAL,
- 15 QUOTE, MIND FRAME DURING AN INCIDENT?
- 16 A. HOW DID I GO ABOUT GETTING THE OFFICER'S PERSONAL
- 17 MIND FRAME DURING THIS INCIDENT? I DID THAT BY CONSIDERING
- 18 THE VIDEOTAPES. AND ALSO STUDYING THE DIALOGUE, THE
- 19 TRANSCRIPTS OF THE DIALOGUE. AND ALSO REVIEWING THE RULES
- 20 OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE OTHER MATERIAL, AND I MENTIONED
- 21 LIKE THE ETHICS, LAW ENFORCEMENT ETHICS, AND THE P.O.S.T.
- 22 TRAINING, THE CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS STANDARD TRAINING
- 23 MATERIAL TO WHICH THEY WERE EXPOSED. AND CONSIDERING ALL OF
- 24 THOSE FACTORS TOGETHER TO SAY, WHAT WAS THEIR FRAMEWORK, AND
- 25 ALSO THE DISPATCHING LANGUAGE AS WELL.
- 26 MR. RACKAUKAS: ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL

- 1 QUESTIONS?
- 2 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 3 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE HAVE A QUESTION IN THE
- 4 CORNER.
- 5 MR. RACKAUKAS: THANK YOU.
- 6 Q. BY MR. RACKAUCKAS: WELL, THE QUESTION IS, HAVE YOU
- 7 BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS CASE WITH ANY OF THE OTHER OFFICERS
- 8 THAT WERE CHARGED BESIDES RAMOS?
- 9 A. (NO RESPONSE).
- 10 Q. THERE IS A CERTAIN AMBIGUITY TO THAT QUESTION, SO
- 11 LET ME BREAK IT UP A LITTLE BIT, AND ASK YOU THIS.
- 12 A. ALL RIGHT.
- 13 O. HAVE I CONSULTED YOU REGARDING THIS ENTIRE
- 14 INCIDENT, OR JUST OFFICER WOLFE; HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE IT?
- 15 A. WELL, IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT QUESTION, I THINK,
- 16 IN THOSE TERMS, BECAUSE I THINK, AS MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT
- 17 YOUR MAIN CONCERN WAS TO HAVE ME FOCUS ON OFFICER WOLFE.
- 18 BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, TO DO THAT I REALLY HAD TO CONSIDER
- 19 THE CASE AS A WHOLE.
- 20 MR. RACKAUKAS: I THINK THAT ANSWERS IT.
- 21 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY MORE
- 22 QUESTIONS?
- 23 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 24 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE ARE DONE.
- 25 PLEASE STAND.
- THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).

- 1 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ALL RIGHT. MR. MCNAMARA,
- 2 YOU ARE ADMONISHED TO NOT DISCUSS OR REPEAT AT ANY TIME
- 3 OUTSIDE OF THIS COURTROOM THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED
- 4 OR YOUR ANSWERS, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH
- 5 DISCLOSURES ON YOUR PART MAY BE THE BASIS FOR CHARGES
- 6 AGAINST YOU OF CONTEMPT OF COURT.
- 7 YOU ARE FREE TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN
- 8 ATTORNEY, OR FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
- 9 DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
- 10 THE WITNESS: YES.
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. MCNAMARA, THANK YOU FOR
- 12 TESTIFYING, YOU ARE EXCUSED FROM THIS HEARING.
- 13 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.
- 14 MR. RACKAUKAS: THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR, I APPRECIATE
- 15 IT.
- 16 (WHEREUPON JOSEPH MCNAMARA EXITED THE GRAND JURY
- 17 ROOM.)
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: MAY I HAVE A MOMENT?
- 19 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES.
- 20 MR. RACKAUCKAS: THANK YOU.
- 21 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND
- 22 GENTLEMEN, WE ARE GOING TO TAKE OUR LUNCH BREAK, WE WILL BE
- 23 IN RECESS UNTIL 1:20.
- 24 DURING ANY PERIOD OF THIS RECESS YOU MUST NOT
- 25 DISCUSS WITH ANYONE, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF THIS
- 26 HEARING ROOM, ANY SUBJECT CONNECTED WITH THIS HEARING.

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- 1 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
- 2 AFTERNOON SESSION

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- 4 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 5 JURY ROOM:)
- 6 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE ARE HERE AGAIN IN
- 7 SESSION ON THE JOSEPH ANDREW WOLFE HEARING.
- 8 LET THE RECORD REFLECT ALL THE SAME 16 MEMBERS OF
- 9 THE GRAND JURY ARE AGAIN PRESENT.
- 10 MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CALL YOUR NEXT
- 11 WITNESS.
- 12 MR. TANIZAKI: DR. MICHAEL LEKAWA.
- 13 (WHEREUPON MICHAEL LEKAWA ENTERED THE GRAND JURY
- 14 ROOM.)
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT
- 16 HAND.
- 17 MICHAEL LEKAWA,
- 18 CALLED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, HAVING BEEN FIRST
- 19 DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
- 20 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, AND
- 21 SPELL IT OUT FOR THE RECORD.
- THE WITNESS: MICHAEL EDWARD LEKAWA, L-E-K-A-W-A.
- 23 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: HAVE A SEAT, PLEASE.
- 24 THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
- MR. TANIZAKI: THANK YOU.

- 1 EXAMINATION
- 2 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: DR. LEKAWA, BEFORE WE BEGIN I
- 3 WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU YOU ARE NOW APPEARING BEFORE A DULY
- 4 CONSTITUTED GRAND JURY WHICH IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE
- 5 VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL LAW.
- 6 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 7 A. YES, SIR.
- 8 Q. YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER OATH. AND THAT MEANS
- 9 YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS
- 10 IF YOU WERE IN A COURT OF LAW.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 O. THAT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TELL
- 14 THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH IN THIS PROCEEDING, OR
- 15 YOU COULD SUBJECT YOURSELF TO A POSSIBLE PROSECUTION FOR
- 16 PERJURY.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 Q. DR. LEKAWA, WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?
- 20 A. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL I ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF
- 21 CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE, AND GRADUATED WITH A BACHELORS OF
- 22 SCIENCE IN BIOCHEMISTRY.
- 23 I THEN ATTENDED JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE IN
- 24 PHILADELPHIA FOR AN M.D.
- 25 I THEN WENT TO CEDARS SINAI MEDICAL CENTER FOR MY
- 26 FIVE YEARS SURGICAL RESIDENCY.

- 1 I THEN CAME TO U.C. IRVINE FOR A YEAR OF SURGICAL
- 2 CRITICAL CARE AND TRAUMA FELLOWSHIP.
- 3 Q. AND -- I AM SORRY, GO AHEAD.
- 4 A. SO, I AM CURRENTLY BOARD CERTIFIED IN BOTH
- 5 SURGERY AND SURGICAL CRITICAL CARE TRAUMA.
- Q. WELL, LET'S REVIEW, PLEASE DESCRIBE FOR US YOUR
- 7 WORK EXPERIENCE THEN.
- 8 A. SINCE COMPLETING MY FELLOWSHIP IN 1996 I HAVE
- 9 STAYED ON AT U.C. IRVINE MEDICAL CENTER.
- 10 I HAVE PROGRESSED THROUGH THE PROFESSORIAL RANKS
- 11 AND AM NOW A FULL PROFESSOR OF SURGERY, AND CHIEF OF THE
- 12 DIVISION OF TRAUMA AND CRITICAL CARE. I AM ALSO THE MEDICAL
- 13 DIRECTOR OF THE TRAUMA CENTER AT U.C. IRVINE.
- 14 Q. WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE
- 15 TRAUMA CENTER?
- 16 A. I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF ALL THE
- 17 CARE THAT IS DELIVERED. ALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE,
- 18 ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRAUMA CENTER. ALL
- 19 THE STANDARDS OF CARE. ALL THE STANDARDS FOR ALL OF THE
- 20 OTHER PHYSICIANS THAT I BRING IN TO MANAGE PATIENTS.
- 21 Q. AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR
- 22 THERE?
- 23 A. SINCE 1997.
- Q. ALL RIGHT. ON JULY 5TH, 2011, WERE YOU WORKING
- 25 AT THE U.C.I. MEDICAL CENTER?
- 26 A. YES, I WAS THE ATTENDING SURGEON ON CALL FOR

- 1 TRAUMA.
- 2 Q. AND ABOUT 10:00 P.M. THAT NIGHT, ROUGHLY 10:00
- 3 P.M. THAT NIGHT, DID YOUR HOSPITAL RECEIVE AN ADMITTEE BY
- 4 THE NAME OF KELLY THOMAS?
- 5 A. YES.
- 6 Q. PLEASE TELL US WHAT KIND OF CONDITION HE ARRIVED
- 7 IN AT THAT TIME?
- 8 A. HE ARRIVED GLOBALLY IN WHAT WE WOULD CALL
- 9 CRITICAL CONDITION. HE WAS ALREADY INTUBATED, WHICH MEANS
- 10 HE HAD A BREATHING TUBE PLACED THROUGH THE MOUTH AND DOWN
- 11 THE TRACHEA SO THAT HE COULD BE VENTILATED ON A VENTILATOR.
- 12 HIS BLOOD PRESSURE WAS LOW. AND HE HAD PHYSICAL SIGNS OF
- 13 EXTERNAL FACIAL TRAUMA AND SUCH. NEUROLOGICALLY, HE WAS
- 14 COMATOSE.
- Q. AND UPON ARRIVAL, DID YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR
- 16 STAFF ENGAGE IN A CONVERSATION WITH PARAMEDICS ABOUT HIS
- 17 CONDITION?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 Q. AND WHAT DID THAT ENTAIL?
- 20 A. WELL, ROUTINELY EVERY PATIENT THAT IS BROUGHT IN
- 21 AS A TRAUMA IS NORMALLY BROUGHT IN BY A PARAMEDIC OR BY A
- 22 GROUP OF PARAMEDICS, AND ONE OF OUR PRIORITIES WHILE WE ARE
- 23 DOING THE TRANSFER OF THE PATIENT ONTO OUR GURNEY AND ALL,
- 24 THE PARAMEDIC GIVES A REPORT AS TO WHAT HAPPENED. WE GET AS
- 25 MUCH INFORMATION AS WE CAN FROM THE PARAMEDIC, AS BEST THEY
- 26 KNOW IT, AND THEN WE TRANSCRIBE THAT ONTO OUR OWN PAPERWORK.

- 1 AND THEN AS SOON AS THAT IS DONE, AND WE TRY TO MAKE IT
- 2 QUICK AND TO THE POINT SO WE CAN FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON THE
- 3 PATIENT THEMSELVES.
- 4 Q. AND WHAT INFORMATION DID YOU RECEIVE FROM THE
- 5 PARAMEDICS WHEN THEY BROUGHT MR. THOMAS IN?
- 6 A. THAT HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ALTERCATION WITH
- 7 POLICE. THAT HE WAS KNOWN TO THE HOSPITAL PERSONNEL TO HAVE
- 8 SOME PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS. WE WERE TOLD, I BELIEVE, THAT
- 9 HE WAS HOMELESS AT THAT TIME.
- 10 THAT HE HAD HAD AN ARREST IN THE FIELD, MEANING
- 11 HE WAS NOT BREATHING, AND WAS THEREFORE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO A
- 12 NON-TRAUMA CENTER, WHICH IS ST. JUDE'S HOSPITAL. WHERE HE
- 13 HAD A CODE PERFORMED, MEANING CHEST COMPRESSIONS, HAD SOME
- 14 PERIOD OF ASYSTOLE, WHICH IS WHEN THE HEART IS NOT MOVING.
- 15 HAD A BREATHING TUBE PUT IN. IT WAS REPORTED TO US AS A
- 16 DIFFICULT AIRWAY, MEANING THEY HAD A HARD TIME GETTING THE
- 17 AIRWAY IN.
- 18 AT SOME POINT THE STORY RELATED TO THAT THE TUBE
- 19 WAS PUT IN AND THEN REPLACED LATER ON, THAT WAS THE INITIAL
- 20 STORY THAT WAS TOLD TO US. BUT THE PARAMEDIC THERE THAT
- 21 DELIVERED HIM TO US I DON'T BELIEVE WAS THE SAME PARAMEDIC
- 22 THAT DELIVERED HIM TO ST. JUDE'S. AND ONCE THEY HAD AN
- 23 AIRWAY AND THE BLOOD PRESSURE BACK, THEY RE-TRIAGED THE
- 24 PATIENT ACCORDING TO ORANGE COUNTY E.M.S. GUIDELINES, AND HE
- 25 WAS RE-TRIAGED TO U.C.I.
- 26 Q. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE INTUBATION INFORMATION YOU

- 1 RECEIVED BY ONE OF THE PARAMEDICS, THEY CALLED IT A
- 2 DIFFICULT INTUBATION, NOW, DID YOU GET A CHANCE TO REVIEW
- 3 THE MEDICAL RECORDS AT ST. JUDE WHERE THE INTUBATION TOOK
- 4 PLACE?
- 5 A. YES, I DID.
- 6 Q. AND DID YOU SEE ANY INDICATION IN THE MEDICAL
- 7 RECORDS THAT THERE WAS ANY KIND OF DIFFICULTY IN THE
- 8 INTUBATION PROCESS AT ST. JUDE MEDICAL CENTER?
- 9 A. NO, BOTH THE NURSING, AND ALL THE NURSING NOTES
- 10 AND ALL WERE VERY CLEAR THAT IT WAS, THE CODE WAS RUN IN A
- 11 NORMAL MANNER, AND THE AIRWAY WAS PLACED WITHOUT ANY
- 12 DIFFICULTY.
- 13 Q. WHEN YOU EXAMINED, OR YOUR STAFF EXAMINED KELLY
- 14 THOMAS, WAS THERE ANY EVIDENCE PHYSICALLY THAT WOULD
- 15 INDICATE THAT THERE WAS SOME KIND OF DIFFICULTY IN THE
- 16 INTUBATION PROCESS?
- 17 A. NO, WE DIDN'T FIND ANY EVIDENCE OF THAT, AND WE
- 18 DID CONFIRM THAT IN FACT THE ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE THAT HE HAD
- 19 IN HIM WAS PLACED CORRECTLY IN THE TRACHEA.
- 20 Q. WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING THAT YOU WOULD DO
- 21 WITH KELLY THOMAS IN TERMS OF TREATMENT?
- 22 A. ASSESSING HIS AIRWAY WOULD BE THE VERY FIRST
- 23 PRIORITY.
- 24 Q. AND WHAT DID YOU FIND ABOUT THAT?
- 25 A. THAT WHILE WE EVALUATED THE ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE,
- 26 QUICKLY LOOKING AT IT TO MAKE SURE IT IS IN THE TRACHEA.

- 1 AND THEN WE ALSO MEASURE THE CARBON DIOXIDE THAT IS BEING
- 2 RELEASED FROM IT, THAT CONFIRMS IT IS IN THE LUNGS. AND IT
- 3 DID CONFIRM CARBON DIOXIDE LEVELS THAT WERE APPROPRIATE FOR
- 4 IT BEING IN THE LUNGS.
- 5 Q. WHAT DID YOU DO NEXT?
- 6 A. THEN WE LOOK AT BREATHING, TO EVALUATE THE CHEST.
- 7 IT IS AN AIRWAY, BREATHING, WE LISTEN TO THE LUNGS, WE
- 8 MEASURE OXYGEN LEVELS AND ALL. AND THEN YOU MOVE THROUGH
- 9 AND LOOK AT CIRCULATION. WHAT WE CALL THE A, B, C'S OF
- 10 TRAUMA, AIRWAY, BREATHING AND CIRCULATION.
- 11 Q. AND WHAT DID YOU FIND ABOUT KELLY THOMAS'
- 12 A.B.C.'S?
- 13 A. WELL, THAT HE HAD BREATH SOUNDS BILATERALLY.
- 14 WE GET A CHEST X-RAY TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING
- 15 LOOKS OKAY AND THERE IS NO COLLAPSED LUNGS OR ANY PROBLEM
- 16 THERE.
- 17 AND WE GET A BLOOD GASES OBTAINED, TO MAKE SURE
- 18 AT THAT POINT HE IS OXYGENATING ADEQUATELY AT THAT POINT,
- 19 AND THAT HIS CARBON DIOXIDE LEVELS ARE OKAY. AND PART OF
- 20 THAT BLOOD GAS, AND THEN AS YOU MOVE ON TO CIRCULATION, THE
- 21 BLOOD GAS WOULD ALSO GIVE YOU AN INDICATION OF HOW WELL HE
- 22 WAS PROFUSING HIS ORGANS WITH OXYGEN AND BLOOD. AND THAT
- 23 MEASURES NOT ONLY THE OXYGEN LEVELS AND ALL, BUT THE PH, OR
- 24 THE ACID LEVEL OF THE BLOOD.
- 25 Q. AND WE WILL GET TO THOSE RESULTS IN A MINUTE, BUT
- 26 DID YOU ALSO DO CAT SCANS OR OTHER STUDIES AT THAT TIME?

- 1 A. YES, ULTIMATELY AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR OF
- 2 STABILIZATION, WE THEN HAD HIM GO FOR CAT SCANS, WHICH WAS
- 3 TO LOOK BASICALLY AT THE INTERNAL ORGANS, INCLUDING THE
- 4 HEAD, THE SPINE, THE CHEST AND THE ABDOMEN.
- 5 Q. AND AFTER THE CAT SCANS WERE DONE, WHAT DID YOU
- 6 SEE IN TERMS OF THE RESULTS OF THOSE CAT SCANS?
- 7 A. WELL, WE DID NOT SEE BRAIN BLEEDING INDICATIVE OF
- 8 A MAJOR HEAD INJURY. THE BRAIN APPEARED TO BE, I THINK, A
- 9 LITTLE BIT TIGHT, A LITTLE EDEMATOUS PER SE, I BELIEVE THAT
- 10 WAS THE READING, BUT NOT PER SE TRAUMATIZED. THERE WERE
- 11 FACIAL FRACTURES, MAXILLARY FRACTURES AND SUCH IN THE FACE.
- 12 Q. CAN I STOP YOU RIGHT THERE.
- 13 A. YES.
- 14 Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THE MAXILLARY AREA?
- 15 A. THE FACE, BELOW THE EYE, ABOVE THE MANDIBLE OR
- 16 THE JAWBONE, HAD FRACTURES ASSOCIATED WITH IT.
- 17 Q. AND WHAT ELSE DID YOU SEE IN TERMS OF THE, I
- 18 GUESS THE TRAUMA THAT WAS DISCOVERED FROM THE CAT SCANS?
- 19 A. HE HAD A COUPLE OF RIB FRACTURES AND A COUPLE OF
- 20 BRUISES ON THE LUNG, AND POSSIBLE SIGNS OF AN ASPIRATION,
- 21 THERE WAS SOME FLUID OR MATERIAL WITHIN THE LUNG PARENCHYMA
- 22 OR THE LUNG TISSUE, THAT APPEARED TO BE MORE CONSISTENT WITH
- 23 AN ASPIRATION.
- Q. DID YOU FIND ANY KIND OF A TRAUMATIC INJURY PER
- 25 SE THAT WOULD ACCOUNT FOR HIS CONDITION AT THAT TIME?
- 26 A. NO, HIS COMATOSE CONDITION AND HIS LOW BLOOD

- 1 PRESSURE, I DID NOT HAVE AN ANATOMIC CAUSE FOR THAT. I
- 2 MEAN, THERE WAS NO LARGE BLOOD CLOT IN THE BRAIN. THERE WAS
- 3 NO RUPTURED SPLEEN OR SOURCE OF BLEEDING PER SE THAT WE
- 4 COULD FIND. THERE WERE THESE --
- 5 Q. OR LIKE A BULLET WOUND OR A STAB WOUND?
- 6 A. CORRECT, WE DID NOT FIND A TRAUMATIC INJURY THAT
- 7 WOULD PER SE ACCOUNT FOR HIS COMATOSE STATE AND HIS
- 8 HYPOTENSION.
- 9 Q. AND AT THAT POINT IN TIME WHAT WAS MR. THOMAS'
- 10 OVERALL PHYSICAL CONDITION?
- 11 A. WELL, WE WERE ABLE TO RESTORE HIS BLOOD PRESSURE,
- 12 AND WITH A VENTILATOR WE WERE ABLE TO GET HIM BREATHING
- 13 OKAY, SO HIS LUNGS AND ALL WERE WORKING REASONABLY WELL. SO
- 14 HE WAS STABLE ENOUGH TO PUT IN THE I.C.U., BUT HIS
- 15 NEUROLOGIC STATUS DID NOT IMPROVE.
- 16 Q. LET'S TALK ABOUT, IS THERE SUCH A SCALE AS THE
- 17 GLASGOW COMA SCALE?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THAT IS?
- 20 A. THE GLASGOW COMA SCALE IS A MEASUREMENT OF YOUR
- 21 LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS. IT RANGES FROM 3 TO 15. IT IS
- 22 REALLY A TOOL THAT IS USED TO ASSESS WHAT LEVEL OF AWAKENESS
- 23 A PERSON HAS.
- 24 AND SO 15 IS WHAT NORMALLY WE WOULD ALL HAVE HERE
- 25 IN THIS ROOM, WHICH WOULD BE NORMAL. IT IS BASED ON WHETHER
- 26 YOU FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS IN YOUR MOVEMENTS, WHETHER YOU CAN

- 1 SPEAK COHERENTLY, AND WHETHER YOUR EYES ARE OPEN.
- 2 THE LOWEST YOU CAN GET, IF YOU HAVE NO NEUROLOGIC
- 3 FUNCTION, IS 3.
- 4 Q. AND WHAT DID MR. THOMAS SCORE?
- 5 A. I AM GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK, I BELIEVE HE WAS A 4,
- 6 BUT I WOULD HAVE TO DOUBLE CHECK TO BE SURE WHEN HE CAME IN.
- 7 BUT HE ULTIMATELY BECAME A 3.
- 8 Q. WOULD YOU LIKE TO REFER TO SOME OF THE HOSPITAL
- 9 RECORDS?
- 10 A. THESE ARE THE HOSPITAL RECORDS, I CAN QUICKLY
- 11 GIVE YOU AN ANSWER THERE.
- 12 Q. ALL RIGHT.
- 13 A. (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 14 THE INITIAL GLASGOW COMA SCORE BY THE NURSES WHEN
- 15 HE FIRST CAME IN WAS 3. AND ASCENDED TO A 6. AND THEN
- 16 DESCENDED -- I AM SORRY, WENT FROM A 3 TO 6. AND BY MY
- 17 MEASUREMENT, OR BY THE PHYSICIAN MEASUREMENT IT WAS A 6.
- 18 WHEN HE FIRST CAME IN IT WAS A 3, AND AFTER RESUSCITATION HE
- 19 BECAME A 6, BECAUSE HIS EYES WERE OPEN. THAT WAS, HE WASN'T
- 20 DOING ANYTHING ELSE, BUT HIS EYES WERE OPENED, ALTHOUGH HIS
- 21 GAZE WAS DYSCONJUGATE, HIS EYES WERE LOOKING IN DIFFERENT
- 22 DIRECTIONS, AND THE PUPILS WERE NOT EQUAL. BUT SOMETIMES IT
- 23 IS A SOMEWHAT FLAWED SYSTEM, HIS EYES COULD BE OPEN FOR
- 24 ANOTHER REASON OTHER THAN CONSCIOUSNESS, SO THAT GAVE HIM AN
- 25 ARTIFICIALLY HIGH GLASGOW COMA SCORE.
- Q. AND WHAT IS A PH SCORE?

- 1 A. IT IS A LEVEL OF, A MEASUREMENT OF THE PH OR THE
- 2 ACIDITY OF THE BLOOD. AND IT IS A MEASUREMENT BASED ON
- 3 ARTERIAL BLOOD GAS, SO WE TAKE A SPECIMEN OF BLOOD FROM THE
- 4 ARTERY.
- 5 NORMALLY YOUR BODY HAS A BALANCE BETWEEN THE
- 6 BASES AND ACIDS THAT IT MAKES, AND THE NORMAL PH WOULD BE A
- 7 7.4. IF YOU ARE USING A LOT OF MUSCLES, OR YOU ARE NOT
- 8 GETTING ENOUGH BLOOD OR OXYGEN TO YOUR MUSCLES, THEY WILL,
- 9 IN ORDER TO CREATE ENERGY, THEY WILL SECRETE ACIDS, AND
- 10 THOSE ACIDS POOL UP AND YOU BECOME MORE AND MORE ACIDOTIC,
- 11 MEANING YOUR PH FALLS AND BECOMES LOWER.
- 12 Q. DID YOU DETERMINE THE PH SCORE OF KELLY THOMAS AT
- 13 THIS TIME?
- 14 A. YES, WE DID.
- 15 Q. AND WHAT WAS THAT?
- 16 A. IT WAS IN THE MID 6'S, A 6.49.
- 17 Q. AND WHAT DOES 6.49 MEAN?
- 18 A. IT RELATES, CORRELATES TO HAVING A TREMENDOUS
- 19 AMOUNT OF ACID. AND IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW, THE GOAL OF A
- 20 7.4 WOULD BE NORMAL. WHEN YOU GET BELOW A 7.25, THAT'S A
- 21 CRITICAL VALUE, AND IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE EMERGENTLY
- 22 TAKEN CARE OF. AND IN HIS CASE ONCE YOU FALL BELOW 7, IT IS
- 23 USUALLY FATAL. AND ONCE YOU GET SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW 7, IT
- 24 IS ESSENTIALLY UNIFORMLY FATAL. OCCASIONALLY PEOPLE WILL
- 25 SURVIVE, DEPENDING ON THE CAUSE OF THE ACIDOSIS, BUT THOSE
- 26 ARE SO RARE THEY END UP ON, OR OCCASIONALLY IN THE

- 1 LITERATURE.
- 2 Q. THESE SCORES AS DETERMINED BY YOUR HOSPITAL ARE
- 3 WITHIN THE FIRST FEW HOURS OF HIS ARRIVAL?
- 4 A. YES, THE BLOOD GAS THAT WAS DONE WAS DONE SHORTLY
- 5 AFTER HE ARRIVED.
- Q. IN TERMS OF THE PH SCORE, THE LOW PH SCORE, COULD
- 7 YOU TELL US AND EXPLAIN TO US WHAT CAUSES SUCH A LOW SCORE.
- 8 A. WELL, NORMALLY WHEN WE ARE, WHEN YOU HAVE MUSCLES
- 9 THAT ARE WORKING HARD, OR ANY ORGAN IN YOUR BODY, THE BRAIN,
- 10 LIVER, IT NEEDS ENERGY TO DO THAT. AND IT REQUIRES OXYGEN
- 11 TO FUEL THAT ENERGY. SO THE BLOOD CARRIES OXYGEN TO YOUR
- 12 ORGANS. YOUR BODY CREATES, WILL USE THAT UP.
- 13 NOW, IF IT DOESN'T HAVE OXYGEN, IT WILL THEN
- 14 CREATE AN ACID CALLED LACTATE. SO IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH
- 15 OXYGEN BEING DELIVERED, THE LACTATE THAT IS SECRETED FROM
- 16 THE CELLS THEN IS DUMPED BACK INTO THE BLOOD, AND THAT
- 17 LOWERS THE PH. HIS LACTATE LEVEL WAS VERY, VERY LOW, IT WAS
- 18 GREATER THAN 11, WHICH I DON'T THINK WE MEASURE BEYOND THAT.
- 19 Q. NOW, FOLLOWING YOUR INITIAL PROGNOSIS, DIAGNOSIS,
- 20 WHAT KIND OF TREATMENT DID YOUR HOSPITAL UNDERTAKE TO HELP
- 21 KELLY THOMAS?
- 22 A. WELL, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE I.C.U. WE GAVE
- 23 HIM SUPPORTIVE CARE ON A VENTILATOR. HE REQUIRED A
- 24 VENTILATOR TO BREATHE, BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT BREATHE
- 25 ADEQUATELY ON HIS OWN. WE GIVE HIM I.V. FLUIDS. WE HAD A
- 26 NEUROSURGEON AND A FACIAL SURGEON CONSULTED. WE TRIED TO

- 1 GIVE HIM VARIOUS THINGS TO LOWER THE AMOUNT OF SWELLING HE
- 2 MAY HAVE IN HIS BRAIN. AND ULTIMATELY WE FOLLOWED HIM UP
- 3 WITH FOLLOW-UP STUDIES.
- 4 BUT IT IS MOSTLY JUST SUPPORTIVE, BECAUSE IF
- 5 THERE IS NOT AN ANATOMIC INJURY TO GO OVER, YOU JUST MAKE
- 6 SURE YOU SUPPORT HIS ORGANS.
- 7 Q. AND I BELIEVE FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS, WAS THAT
- 8 BASICALLY YOUR ATTEMPT, TO JUST SUPPORT HIM, KEEP HIM ALIVE?
- 9 A. YES, WE SUPPORTED HIM AND ALLOWED HIS BRAIN TO,
- 10 OR HIS NEUROLOGIC STATUS TO DETERMINE HIS OUTCOME. HE HAD
- 11 SOME OTHER, YOU KNOW, HIS KIDNEYS ENDED UP FAILING ON HIM.
- 12 HIS LUNGS ENDED UP HAVING PROBLEMS. SO WE HAVE TO ADJUST
- 13 THE VENTILATOR, AND YOU HAVE TO ADJUST WHAT MEDICATIONS HE
- 14 IS GETTING, BUT ULTIMATELY HIS NEUROLOGIC STATUS DECLINED,
- 15 SO THERE IS NO ACTUAL INTERVENTION TO FIX THAT.
- 16 O. SO HE BASICALLY STAYED COMATOSE THROUGHOUT HIS
- 17 STAY AT U.C.I.?
- 18 A. YES.
- 19 Q. AT WHAT POINT DID MR. THOMAS DIE?
- 20 A. (NO RESPONSE).
- Q. DO YOU REMEMBER?
- 22 A. WELL, WE DID A BLOOD FLOW STUDY ON THE, I
- 23 BELIEVE, THE 8TH OF JULY. AND IT'S A STUDY WHERE WE
- 24 ACTUALLY MEASURE TO SEE IF ANY BLOOD IS GETTING TO THE
- 25 BRAIN. AND THEN WE CAN ACTUALLY LOOK AT THE BRAIN
- 26 PROFUSION, AND WE DETERMINED THERE WAS NO PROFUSION TO THE

- 1 BRAIN.
- 2 OF COURSE, IF THERE IS NO BLOOD GOING TO THE
- 3 BRAIN, THE BRAIN IS DEAD. SO WE DECLARED HIM BRAIN DEAD.
- 4 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OR ANYWHERE, THERE IS
- 5 TWO WAYS TO DIE. YOU EITHER DIE BECAUSE YOUR HEART STOPS,
- 6 WHICH MOST OF US ARE FAMILIAR WITH, OR YOU ARE CONSIDERED
- 7 DEAD WHEN YOUR BRAIN STOPS FUNCTIONING. WHEN I SAY STOPS
- 8 FUNCTIONING, WHEN IT IRREVERSIBLY STOPS FUNCTIONING.
- 9 Q. THEREFORE AM I CORRECT IN STATING THAT ON JULY
- 10 10TH, MR. THOMAS WAS DECLARED BASICALLY BRAIN DEAD?
- 11 A. I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK. LET'S SEE, IT WAS --
- 12 ACTUALLY I SAID THE 8TH AND 9TH, IT WAS THE 9TH THAT HE HAD
- 13 THE TEST DONE, AND IT WAS ON THE 10TH THAT HE WAS DECLARED
- 14 BRAIN DEAD HERE, YES.
- 15 Q. WHAT IS AN ANOXIC BRAIN INJURY?
- 16 A. WELL, A PERIOD OF TIME WHERE THERE IS INADEQUATE
- 17 OXYGEN BEING DELIVERED TO THE BRAIN IS CALLED AN ANOXIC
- 18 PERIOD. SO AN ANOXIC BRAIN INJURY WOULD BE IF THE HEART
- 19 STOPS BEATING AND NO BLOOD IS FLOWING, THEREFORE IT IS NOT
- 20 CARRYING ANY OXYGEN, THE BRAIN THEN HAS A LIMITED CAPACITY
- 21 TO GET PASSED THAT. AND THEN WHAT HAPPENS IS THERE IS
- 22 DAMAGE TO THE CELLS OF THE BRAIN, WHICH EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN
- 23 RESTORE BLOOD FLOW AFTERWARDS, THE BRAIN HAS AN INJURY, AND
- 24 IF IT IS A SEVERE ENOUGH ANOXIC BRAIN INJURY, IT BECOMES
- 25 IRRECOVERABLE.
- 26 Q. WAS THAT YOUR OPINION AS TO MR. THOMAS' DEATH,

- 1 THE ANOXIC BRAIN INJURY?
- 2 A. YES.
- 3 Q. OR THE LACK OF OXYGEN TO THE BRAIN BASICALLY?
- 4 A. YES.
- 5 Q. NOW, AT THE TIME THAT KELLY THOMAS WAS AT U.C.I.
- 6 RECEIVING TREATMENT, HAD YOU SEEN THE VIDEOTAPE OF THE
- 7 INCIDENT INVOLVING KELLY THOMAS AND THE POLICE OFFICERS?
- 8 A. NO.
- 9 Q. HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE AFTER THAT TO REVIEW THE
- 10 VIDEOTAPE?
- 11 A. YES.
- 12 Q. NOW, WAS THAT OPPORTUNITY GIVEN TO YOU, I
- 13 BELIEVE, IN AUGUST WHEN WE VISITED YOUR OFFICE?
- 14 A. YES.
- 15 Q. AND YOU HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THAT VIDEOTAPE,
- 16 AND DID YOU FORM AN OPINION AFTER WATCHING THE VIDEOTAPE AS
- 17 TO WHAT EXPRESSLY CAUSED THE DEATH OF KELLY THOMAS?
- 18 A. I DID, ALTHOUGH I WOULD WANT TO STATE IN TERMS OF
- 19 WHAT MONTH THAT WAS, I AM GOING TO TAKE -- I CAN'T REMEMBER
- 20 THE DATE YOU CAME, BUT WHEN YOU VISITED THE MEDICAL CENTER
- 21 WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD SEEN THAT TAPE.
- 22 Q. AND THAT WAS WITH MR. RACKAUCKAS?
- 23 A. YES, SIR.
- Q. NOW, HAVING SAID THAT, DID YOU FORM AN OPINION AS
- 25 TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF KELLY THOMAS?
- 26 A. YES, I DID.

- 1 Q. AND WHAT IS THAT OPINION?
- 2 A. I BELIEVE, MY OPINION IS THAT DURING THE
- 3 ALTERCATION HE WAS AWAKE, STARTED OFF AWAKE AND CONSCIOUS,
- 4 AND ULTIMATELY BY THE END OF THE ALTERCATION HE WAS
- 5 UNCONSCIOUS. AND HE ARRESTED AT SOME POINT BETWEEN THERE
- 6 AND WHEN THEY NOTED HE ARRESTED, WHICH WAS WHAT CAUSED HIM
- 7 TO THEN BE TAKEN TO ST. JUDE'S.
- 8 HE WAS, ACTUALLY THE PROGRESSION OF IT WAS
- 9 INITIALLY HE WAS SPEAKING NORMALLY, AND IN FACT WORKING TO
- 10 FREE HIMSELF. AND ULTIMATELY STARTED MOANING WORDS, AND THE
- 11 WORDS BECAME LESS AND LESS COHERENT. AND ULTIMATELY HE FELL
- 12 SILENT AND STOPPED MOVING. SO HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS.
- 13 WHAT HAPPENS THEN, WHAT HE WAS COMPLAINING ABOUT
- 14 THROUGHOUT THAT WHOLE TIME WAS THAT HE COULDN'T BREATHE AND
- 15 HE COULDN'T BREATH. AND HE OBVIOUSLY SOUNDED AS IF HE WAS
- 16 IN -- HE SOUNDED TO BE IN RESPIRATORY DISTRESS. HE WAS
- 17 BREATHING VERY QUICKLY. HE WAS GASPING FOR BREATH. HE WAS
- 18 STATING THAT HE COULDN'T BREATHE.
- 19 AND THEN HE ENDED UP HAVING AN ALTERED MENTAL
- 20 STATUS AND BECOMING UNCONSCIOUS. WAS NOTED TO BE CYANOTIC,
- 21 WHICH WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AND YOU SEE THAT PEOPLES' FACE
- 22 AND LIPS ARE TURNING BLUE. AND THAT WAS WHEN HE WAS LYING
- 23 ON THE GROUND AFTER THE ALTERCATION. SO THEN HE ULTIMATELY
- 24 WAS FOUND TO HAVE NO BLOOD PRESSURE, AND WAS TAKEN TO ST.
- 25 JUDE'S.
- 26 SO DURING THAT TIME THERE WOULD BE AN INADEQUATE

- 1 AMOUNT OF OXYGEN IN THE BLOOD, WHICH THEN CAUSES THE HEART
- 2 TO SLOW DOWN AND INADEQUATE FLOW PROFUSING, SO YOU HAVE A
- 3 HEART THAT IS NOT PUSHING BLOOD, AND YOU HAVE BLOOD THAT
- 4 DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH OXYGEN IN IT ANYWAY. AND THAT THEN
- 5 CAUSES THE HEART TO HAVE AN ARRHYTHMIA, SO IT DOESN'T WORK
- 6 AT ALL. SO NOW THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN COMPOUNDED. AND DURING
- 7 ALL THIS TIME THERE IS INADEQUATE OR NO BLOOD MAKING ITS
- 8 WAY, OR NO BLOOD AND OXYGEN MAKING ITS WAY TO THE BRAIN.
- 9 Q. BASED ON YOUR VIEW OF THE VIDEOTAPE, DID YOU
- 10 BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS SOME KIND OF MECHANICAL COMPRESSION
- 11 ON KELLY THOMAS THAT PREVENTED HIM TO BREATHE IN A WAY THAT
- 12 HE COULD SURVIVE?
- 13 A. YES.
- 14 Q. AND WHEN YOU LOOKED AT THAT VIDEOTAPE, DID YOU
- 15 SEE A POINT AT WHEN YOU COULD SEE THE COMPRESSION, OR WAS IT
- 16 OVER A PERIOD OF TIME?
- 17 A. IT WAS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.
- 18 Q. WHAT HAPPENS TO A PERSON WHEN THERE IS A
- 19 MECHANICAL COMPRESSION IN AREAS, LET'S SAY IN THE CHEST OR
- 20 TORSO AREA THAT PREVENTS THEM FROM BREATHING NORMALLY?
- 21 A. WELL, WHEN YOU ARE UNABLE TO BREATHE ADEQUATELY
- 22 FROM COMPRESSION ON THE CHEST, YOU DON'T VENTILATE, MEANING
- 23 YOU ARE NOT MOVING ENOUGH AIR IN AND OUT. THAT'S WHAT IS
- 24 REQUIRED TO GET RID OF CARBON DIOXIDE. SO CARBON DIOXIDE,
- 25 WE ALL PRODUCE IT, AND WHEN WE BREATHE IN WE ARE BREATHING
- 26 IN AIR THAT IS LOW IN CARBON DIOXIDE, AND WHEN WE BREATHE

- 1 OUT IT IS HIGH IN CARBON DIOXIDE.
- 2 IF YOU DO NOT BREATHE ENOUGH, THE CARBON DIOXIDE
- 3 BUILD UPS IN YOUR BODY, WHICH CAUSES YOUR BLOOD TO BECOME
- 4 ACIDOTIC AND HAVE AN ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS. AND IT
- 5 CAN CAUSE YOUR HEART TO HAVE AN ARRHYTHMIA, WHERE IT WON'T
- 6 BEAT WELL. IT ALSO CAN CAUSE YOU TO NOT BE ABLE TO GET
- 7 ENOUGH OXYGEN IN YOUR BLOOD AS WELL, AND THEREFORE THERE IS
- 8 NO OXYGEN, OR INADEQUATE OXYGEN BEING DELIVERED TO YOUR
- 9 BRAIN TO KEEP YOU AWAKE, OR TO THE REST OF YOUR BODY'S
- 10 ORGANS.
- 11 Q. ARE THERE OTHER SYMPTOMS THAT YOU WOULD NOTICE
- 12 FROM A PERSON SUFFERING FROM MECHANICAL COMPRESSION THAT IS
- 13 INHIBITING THEIR BREATHING?
- 14 A. WELL, RESPIRATORY DISTRESS IS THE SYMPTOM YOU
- 15 WOULD SEE. SO THE BREATHING RATE WOULD GO UP AS FAST AS
- 16 THEY COULD, SINCE THEY CAN'T TAKE IN DEEP BREATHS, THEY ARE
- 17 GOING TO BREATHE AS FAST AS THEY COULD. THEY BECOME VERY
- 18 ANXIOUS. YOUR BODY'S DEFENSE MECHANISMS WOULD HAVE YOU DO
- 19 EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ALLEVIATE THE COMPRESSION.
- 20 SO IF THE COMPRESSION WAS, SAY SOMETHING WAS ON
- 21 TOP OF YOU LIKE A CAR, YOU WOULD DO EVERYTHING YOU COULD TO
- 22 TRY TO LIFT THE CAR UP, EVEN IF IT WOULDN'T MOVE, YOU WOULD
- 23 TRY. SO THE ANXIETY, THE EFFORT TO FREE YOURSELF, THE RAPID
- 24 RESPIRATORY RATE, AND ULTIMATELY THEN AN ALTERED MENTAL
- 25 STATUS, AND EVENTUALLY BECOME UNCONSCIOUS.
- 26 Q. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT ALTERED MENTAL STATUS, WHAT

- 1 DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
- 2 A. MORE AND MORE CONFUSION. SO IN HIS CASE, I COULD
- 3 TELL HIS WORDS WERE CHANGING, THEY WERE SLOWING DOWN AND
- 4 SLURRING, AND EVENTUALLY LEAD TO UNCONSCIOUSNESS. AN
- 5 ALTERED MENTAL STATUS IS WHEN YOU ARE JUST NOT THINKING
- 6 CLEARLY.
- 7 Q. WHEN YOU LOOKED AT THE VIDEO, DID YOU FORM AN
- 8 OPINION AS TO WHEN THE COMPRESSION ON KELLY THOMAS REALLY
- 9 CAUSED THE ANOXIA?
- 10 A. WELL --
- 11 Q. LET ME SAY THIS AS A PREAMBLE TO THAT, YOU KNOW,
- 12 YOU SAID THE COMPRESSION WAS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, BUT DID
- 13 YOU NOTICE A POINT WHERE IT APPEARS TO YOU THAT HYPOXIA OR
- 14 THE SHORTAGE OF OXYGEN TO HIS BRAIN IS REALLY NOTICEABLE?
- 15 A. YES.
- 16 Q. WHEN IS THAT?
- 17 A. WELL, AFTER A PERIOD OF DISTRESS WHERE HE WAS
- 18 STATING HE WAS SHORT OF BREATH AND SUCH, EVENTUALLY WHEN HE
- 19 STARTED MOANING, STARTED SAYING INDIVIDUAL WORDS AND MOANING
- 20 WORDS, AND THEN THOSE WORDS BECAME LONGER AND LONGER, SO
- 21 INSTEAD OF SAYING A SENTENCE SUCH AS, YOU KNOW, HELP, I
- 22 CAN'T BREATHE, I CAN'T BREATHE, WHICH IS ALREADY HYPOXIA AND
- 23 DISTRESS, TO WHEN HE ONLY USED SINGLE WORDS, I THINK HE WAS
- 24 CALLING OUT DAD OR SOMETHING. AND EVENTUALLY THEY BECAME
- 25 INCOHERENT WORDS, HE DID NOT HAVE THE MENTAL STATUS TO
- 26 ACTUALLY PUT TOGETHER A SENTENCE OR WORDS. AND THAT IS WHEN

- 1 YOU WERE AT A CRITICAL LEVEL OF HYPOXIA.
- 2 ULTIMATELY WHEN HE STOPS SPEAKING AND WENT
- 3 UNCONSCIOUS, HE WAS, AT THAT POINT WOULD NEED AN
- 4 INTERVENTION OR SOMETHING TO GET HIM TO START BREATHING
- 5 ADEQUATELY.
- 6 Q. AND HOW DOES ALL THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY THAT
- 7 PRECEDES THE ULTIMATE STATE OF HYPOXIA, HOW DOES THAT RELATE
- 8 IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU SAW IN THE VIDEO, YOU SAW A VERY
- 9 PHYSICAL STRUGGLE TAKE PLACE, HOW DOES THAT ALL RELATE TO
- 10 HYPOXIA?
- 11 A. WELL, THE AMOUNT OF OXYGEN WE HAVE IN OUR BLOOD
- 12 IS BASED ON TWO THINGS. HOW MUCH IS COMING IN THROUGH THE
- 13 LUNGS, AND HOW MUCH IS BEING USED BY YOUR BODY. WHEN YOU
- 14 ARE USING, INTENTIONALLY USING YOUR MUSCLES, YOU ARE
- 15 ESSENTIALLY USING UP ALL THE AVAILABLE OXYGEN. AND SO IT
- 16 WOULD DIMINISH THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT COMPRESSION WOULD
- 17 HAVE TO TAKE PLACE TO CAUSE A PERSON TO BECOME UNCONSCIOUS,
- 18 OR TO REACH A CRITICAL THRESHOLD OF NOT HAVING ENOUGH
- 19 OXYGEN.
- 20 SO CERTAINLY THE PHYSICAL DURESS THAT HE WAS
- 21 UNDER, OR THAT HE WAS USING HIS MUSCLES TO TRY TO DO IN THE
- 22 ALTERCATION, WOULD HAVE MADE ALL OF THIS WORSE.
- 23 Q. SO BASICALLY NOT ONLY HIS ACTIVITY, BUT LET'S SAY
- 24 THE PHYSICAL FORCE, THE BLOWS, THE TASERING, ALL OF THAT
- 25 WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS HYPOXIA?
- 26 A. WELL, IN A FEW DIFFERENT WAYS. SO THE PHYSICAL

- 1 FORCE, IF THERE IS BLUNT PHYSICAL FORCE TO THE HEAD OR THE
- 2 FACE, THAT WOULD CAUSE YOU TO NOT BE THINKING CLEARLY, AND
- 3 YOUR ABILITY TO COMPENSATE OR TO TRY TO MANIPULATE YOURSELF
- 4 TO BREATHE BETTER WOULD BE DIMINISHED. SO THE LOWER YOUR
- 5 MENTAL STATUS, THE LESS ABLE YOU ARE TO PROTECT YOUR AIRWAY
- 6 AND BREATHE EFFECTIVELY.
- 7 ALSO WITH ALL OF THE FRACTURES, IF THERE IS
- 8 BRUISING OF THE LUNGS, WHICH WAS ULTIMATELY FOUND, IF THERE
- 9 IS FACIAL FRACTURES WITH BLEEDING, AND IF THAT BLOOD IS
- 10 ASPIRATED, MEANING THAT YOU BREATHE THAT BLOOD INTO THE
- 11 LUNGS, THAT BLOOD GETS INTO THE LUNGS AND INTERFERES WITH
- 12 OXYGEN MOVING INTO YOUR OWN BODY, SO IT WOULD ACTUALLY
- 13 DIMINISH YOUR BODY'S ABILITY TO ABSORB OXYGEN.
- 14 Q. NOW, AS THE MEDICAL TRAUMA DIRECTOR AT U.C.I.,
- 15 ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH BLOOD TESTS AND URINE TESTS OF
- 16 INDIVIDUALS THAT COME INTO YOUR HOSPITAL?
- 17 A. YES.
- 18 Q. AND ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS IN WHICH
- 19 THE BLOOD OR URINE IS TAKEN, TESTED, AND THEN RECORDED,
- 20 LET'S SAY, IN A REPORT?
- 21 A. YES.
- 22 Q. CAN YOU JUST BASICALLY GENERALLY DESCRIBE THAT
- 23 PROCESS TO US, TO HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW A REPORT OR RESULT
- 24 IS GENERATED.
- 25 A. SURE. WHEN A TRAUMA PATIENT COMES IN, THEY WILL
- 26 HAVE STANDARD BLOOD TESTS TAKEN. SO WE WILL TAKE BLOOD

- 1 SPECIMENS FROM THEM AS QUICK AS WE CAN.
- 2 WE WILL ALSO TAKE A URINE SPECIMEN FROM THEM. WE
- 3 PUT A CATHETER INTO THE BLADDER AND EXTRACT SOME FLUID, SOME
- 4 URINE, EXCUSE ME.
- 5 AND THAT GETS RECORDED AND SENT TO THE LAB. A
- 6 REPORT IS GENERATED. THE NURSES WILL WRITE THE TIME THE
- 7 SPECIMEN WAS OBTAINED ON THE CONTAINER, AND THEN SEND IT TO
- 8 THE LAB. AND THE LAB WILL GIVE US A REPORT WITH THE
- 9 RESULTS.
- 10 STANDARD TESTS HERE WOULD INCLUDE A URINALYSIS,
- 11 SO AN EVALUATION OF THE URINE, A TOXICOLOGY SCREEN, USUALLY
- 12 AN ALCOHOL SCREEN, COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT AND ELECTROLYTES.
- 13 Q. LET'S TAKE A URINE SAMPLE, FOR EXAMPLE, ONCE A
- 14 URINE SAMPLE, OR WHAT HAPPENS TO IT AFTER THE SAMPLE IS
- 15 TAKEN?
- 16 A. IT IS TAKEN. IT IS LABELED THEN WITH THE
- 17 PATIENT'S STICKER, AND THEN THAT WOULD BE DONE BY THE NURSE.
- 18 AND THEN IT IS TAKEN DOWN TO THE LABORATORY. AND THEN THEY
- 19 WILL THEN TAKE IT, PUT IT INTO THE MACHINES, RUN THE TESTS,
- 20 BUT THEY WILL HAVE TRANSCRIBED THE INFORMATION FROM THE
- 21 LABELS ON TO THEIR INFORMATION.
- 22 WE WOULD HAVE PUT IN A COMPUTER ORDER TO MATCH
- 23 WHAT WE WANTED. SO THE SPECIMENS ARE SENT DOWN WITH A
- 24 LABEL, WE WILL HAVE INPUT IN OUR ORDERING COMPUTER WHAT IT
- 25 IS WE WANT, AND THEY LOOK AT THE ORDER ON THE COMPUTER, THEY
- 26 HAVE THE SPECIMEN, AND MATCH IT UP AND THEN THEY RUN IT.

- 1 Q. IS THIS LAB ACTUALLY INSIDE THE U.C.I. MEDICAL
- 2 CENTER?
- 3 A. YES.
- 4 Q. HAVE YOU ACTUALLY OVERSEEN OR WATCHED THAT
- 5 PROCESS UNFOLD THROUGHOUT THE TIME YOU HAVE BEEN A DIRECTOR
- 6 THERE?
- 7 A. YES.
- 8 Q. ACTUALLY IF THERE IS ONE ORGANIZATION THAT MUST
- 9 RELY ON, I GUESS, THE RELIABILITY OF THE HANDLING, THE
- 10 TESTING, IT WOULD BE A HOSPITAL, OBVIOUSLY?
- 11 A. I WOULD THINK SO.
- 12 Q. YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO HAVE THE WRONG RESULT, WRONG
- 13 TESTS PERFORMED, RIGHT?
- 14 A. CORRECT.
- 15 Q. NOW, WITH RESPECT TO MR. THOMAS' URINE TEST, WHAT
- 16 WAS THAT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO TEST?
- 17 A. WELL, THERE IS TWO THINGS. THERE IS THE STANDARD
- 18 URINALYSIS, WHICH LOOKS AT RED BLOOD CELLS, WHITE BLOOD
- 19 CELLS, PROTEIN, SUGARS, THE CHEMISTRY OF IT. AND THEN THE
- 20 OTHER TEST THAT IS DONE IS A TOXICOLOGY SCREENING TEST.
- Q. WHAT IS A TOXICOLOGY SCREENING TEST, OR WHAT DOES
- 22 IT LOOK FOR?
- 23 A. IT IS LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF VARIOUS DRUGS SUCH AS
- 24 NARCOTICS OR METHAMPHETAMINES, AMPHETAMINES, IT TELLS US IF
- 25 THERE IS THINGS LIKE MARIJUANA BEING USED, OR COCAINE IS
- 26 BEING USED, THINGS LIKE THAT. AND IT IS A QUALITATIVE TEST,

- 1 IT DOESN'T TELL US HOW MUCH THEY ARE ON, EITHER THEY ARE ON
- 2 IT OR THEY ARE NOT.
- 3 Q. THERE IS PRESENCE OF IT OR NOT?
- 4 A. CORRECT.
- 5 Q. AND WHAT WAS FOUND IN MR. THOMAS' URINALYSIS
- 6 REGARDING HIS TOXICOLOGY RESULT?
- 7 A. IT WAS NEGATIVE.
- 8 Q. MEANING THERE WAS NO TRACE OF ANY OF THAT?
- 9 A. THERE WAS NO TRACE OF ANY DRUGS THAT WE MEASURE
- 10 FOR.
- 11 Q. WHAT ABOUT FOR THE BLOOD SCREEN, WHAT WOULD THAT
- 12 BE LOOKING FOR?
- 13 A. THERE IS A C.B.C., WHICH IS A COMPLETE BLOOD
- 14 COUNT. IT TELLS US THE WHITE BLOOD CELLS, THE PLATELETS,
- 15 THE RED BLOOD CELLS, ET CETERA. IT WILL LOOK AT
- 16 ELECTROLYTES LIKE SODIUM AND POTASSIUM AND THINGS LIKE THAT.
- 17 AND THEN WE WOULD ALSO SEND SOMETHING TO CROSS MATCH FOR
- 18 BLOOD. AND WE WOULD SEND AN ALCOHOL LEVEL.
- 19 O. AND WAS THERE ANY NOTE AS TO THE PRESENCE OF
- 20 ALCOHOL IN MR. THOMAS' BLOOD?
- 21 A. (NO RESPONSE).
- 22 O. RIGHT NOW YOU ARE JUST LOOKING THROUGH THE
- 23 HOSPITAL RECORDS.
- 24 A. YES, THIS IS THE HOSPITAL RECORD HERE.
- Q. ALL RIGHT.
- A. (WITNESS COMPLIES).

- 1 THIS MAY TAKE ONE SECOND.
- 2 HIS ALCOHOL WAS NEGATIVE.
- 3 Q. AT THE PRELIMINARY HEARING YOU WERE ASKED, I
- 4 BELIEVE, THE SUBJECT OF WHETHER OR NOT MR. THOMAS HAD A
- 5 CARDIAC PATHOLOGY, AND WHETHER OR NOT THAT CONTRIBUTED TO
- 6 HIS DEATH. DO YOU REMEMBER BEING ASKED THAT QUESTION?
- 7 A. YES.
- 8 Q. AND WHAT IS A CARDIAC PATHOLOGY?
- 9 A. WELL, PATHOLOGY MEANS ABNORMALITY OF THE HEART.
- 10 IT CAN BE CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE, WHICH IS SIGNS OF
- 11 NARROWING OF THE BLOOD VESSELS THAT SUPPLY THE HEART. IT
- 12 COULD BE CHRONIC CHANGES TO THE HEART ITSELF, MEANING THAT
- 13 IT IS DILATED OR IT IS THICKENED. SO THAT WOULD BE CARDIAC
- 14 PATHOLOGY.
- 15 Q. AND I THINK THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER OR NOT THERE
- 16 WAS CARDIAC PATHOLOGY THAT WOULD SUPPORT A CONCLUSION THAT
- 17 KELLY THOMAS DIED NATURALLY IN THIS CASE; DO YOU REMEMBER
- 18 THAT?
- 19 A. YES.
- 20 Q. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ABOUT THAT?
- 21 A. THAT THIS IS NOT A NATURAL DEATH, THERE WAS
- 22 NOTHING THERE THAT WOULD ACCOUNT FOR A NATURAL DEATH, AND
- 23 THERE WAS NOTHING IN THIS HISTORY AT ALL THAT SUPPORTS A
- 24 NATURAL DEATH.
- 25 Q. AND IT IS STILL YOUR OPINION THAT WHAT YOU SAW ON
- 26 THE VIDEO, THE STRUGGLE, THE BLOWS, AND THE EVENTUAL

- 1 COMPRESSION, WAS THE OVERALL ACTS THAT CAUSED THE DEATH OF
- 2 KELLY THOMAS?
- 3 A. CORRECT.
- 4 MR. TANIZAKI: I THINK THAT'S IT.
- 5 I WILL TAKE SOME QUESTIONS THEN FROM THE GRAND
- 6 JURY.
- 7 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE QUESTIONS FROM
- 8 THE GRAND JURY?
- 9 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 10 MR. TANIZAKI: THERE ARE EIGHT QUESTIONS, AND THESE
- 11 WILL BE COLLECTIVELY MARKED GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 119. THERE
- 12 IS EIGHT QUESTIONS, AND PROBABLY ONE THAT WILL NOT BE ASKED
- 13 OF THIS PARTICULAR WITNESS.
- 14 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 119)
- Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: LET'S START WITH, IF THE SODIUM
- 16 LEVEL IS LOW, CAN IT BE A REASON FOR KELLY'S UNCONSCIOUS
- 17 STATE?
- 18 A. (NO RESPONSE).
- 19 Q. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT QUESTION?
- 20 A. A PROFOUNDLY LOW SODIUM CAN AFFECT YOUR MENTAL
- 21 STATUS. HIS SODIUM LEVEL WAS ACTUALLY 146, WHICH IS A
- 22 LITTLE ABOVE NORMAL. SO A LOW SODIUM LEVEL WOULD NOT BE
- 23 CONTRIBUTORY TO HIS MENTAL STATUS.
- Q. OKAY. IN THE TOXICOLOGY SCREEN, THE URINE
- 25 SCREEN, DO YOU MEASURE FOR P.C.P.?
- 26 A. YES.

- 1 Q. AND THAT WAS ALSO NEGATIVE?
- 2 A. YES.
- 3 Q. WHEN MR. THOMAS BECAME UNCONSCIOUS, DID THAT MEAN
- 4 HIS BRAIN HAD ALREADY BEEN DAMAGED?
- 5 A. IT COULD BE. I SHOULD SAY THIS, CLEARLY, YES.
- 6 NOT NECESSARILY IRREVERSIBLY DAMAGED AT THAT POINT WITHOUT
- 7 INTERVENTION, SO YOU CAN BE UNCONSCIOUS FROM LACK OF BLOOD
- 8 FLOW TO THE BRAIN, AND IF YOU IMMEDIATELY RESTORE FLOW TO
- 9 THE BRAIN IT IS POSSIBLE THAT YOU COULD RECOVER, NOT
- 10 NECESSARILY NORMALLY, BUT THAT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO NOT BE
- 11 BRAIN DEAD. THE LONGER YOU HAVE AN INADEQUATE FLOW TO THE
- 12 BRAIN, THE MORE LIKELY IT BECOMES IRREVERSIBLE. AND AT SOME
- 13 POINT IT BECOMES IRREVERSIBLE, AND IN HIS CASE IT WAS
- 14 IRREVERSIBLE.
- 15 Q. I BELIEVE GOING I AM GOING TO ASK THIS QUESTION,
- 16 IT IS NOT A QUESTION FROM THE GRAND JURY, BUT I WILL ASK A
- 17 FOLLOW-UP QUESTION TO WHAT YOU JUST SAID.
- 18 SO IT WAS EXTREMELY CRITICAL FOR KELLY THOMAS TO
- 19 RECEIVE MEDICAL INTERVENTION AS SOON AS THERE WAS ANY
- 20 INDICATION OF EITHER ALTERED CONSCIOUSNESS OR
- 21 UNCONSCIOUSNESS; WOULD THAT BE CORRECT?
- 22 A. YES.
- 23 Q. HOW MANY FRACTURES WERE THERE ON HIS HEAD?
- 24 A. I CAN ACTUALLY FIND THE ACTUAL REPORT TO REMEMBER
- 25 THAT CLEARLY. IT WAS FACIAL FRACTURES, SO WHEN YOU SAY THE
- 26 HEAD, ANYTHING ABOVE THE NECK.

- 1 MR. BOGARDUS: I BELIEVE ON 1140.
- THE WITNESS: 1140, OKAY.
- 3 HE HAD A C.T. OF THE FACE WHICH REVEALED FACIAL
- 4 FRACTURES, INCLUDING THE LEFT ZYGOMA, WHICH IS THE AREA OF
- 5 ESSENTIALLY THE LEFT CHEEK HERE JUST BELOW THE EYE.
- 6 BILATERAL NASAL FRACTURES, SO BONES THAT MAKE UP YOUR NOSE
- 7 WERE FRACTURED. RIGHT MAXILLARY SINUS FRACTURE, WHICH IS
- 8 THE SINUS AROUND THE EYE THAT ACTUALLY HAS A FRACTURE LINE
- 9 TO IT. THAT IS ALL VERY CLOSE, OBVIOUSLY, TO THE BRAIN.
- 10 THOSE WERE THE FACIAL FRACTURES THAT WERE
- 11 IDENTIFIED.
- 12 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: THANK YOU.
- 13 NEXT QUESTION, THE VIDEO SHOWS A WHOLE LOT OF
- 14 BLOOD AT THE INCIDENT. DID MR. THOMAS NEED A BLOOD
- 15 TRANSFUSION IN THE HOSPITAL?
- 16 I ASSUME YOU ARE GOING TO GO BACK TO THE HOSPITAL
- 17 RECORD.
- 18 A. YES, I AM GOING TO GO BACK TO THE RECORD FROM THE
- 19 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.
- 20 I AM LOOKING AT PAGE 1084, WHICH IS THE NURSING
- 21 FLOW SHEET. AND IT DOES REFLECT THAT THE PATIENT RECEIVED
- 22 PACKED RED BLOOD CELLS, WHERE IT SAYS P.R.B.C. I SEE IN THE
- 23 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TWO UNITS OF PACKED RED BLOOD CELLS
- 24 WERE GIVEN, AND THREE UNITS OF PLASMA WERE GIVEN.
- 25 I CAN GO ON TO SEE WHAT WAS GIVEN AFTER WE WERE
- 26 IN THE I.C.U., BUT THAT'S A PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT. WE

- 1 ALL HAVE ABOUT FIVE UNITS IN OUR WHOLE SYSTEM RIGHT NOW, SO
- 2 THAT'S A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF BLOOD THAT WAS
- 3 RETURNED.
- 4 Q. THANK YOU.
- 5 WHAT CAUSED THE BLOOD TO STOP GOING TO KELLY
- 6 THOMAS' BRAIN ON JULY 9TH?
- 7 A. BLOOD PROFUSING TO THE BRAIN HAS TO DO WITH THE
- 8 HEART THAT IS CONTRACTING, YOU HAVE TO HAVE ENOUGH BLOOD IN
- 9 THE HEART, SO IF YOU BLEED TOO MUCH, YOU HAVE LESS BLOOD IN
- 10 YOUR SYSTEM.
- 11 AND THEN YOUR HEART HAS TO BE BEATING WITH A GOOD
- 12 NORMAL FAST RHYTHM, AND IT HAS TO BE BEATING COMPLETELY.
- 13 SO THREE THINGS CAN AFFECT THAT. IF THERE IS NOT
- 14 ENOUGH OXYGEN GETTING TO THE HEART, THE HEART ITSELF WILL
- 15 NOT BEAT, IT WILL NOT SQUEEZE FULLY, SO IT DOESN'T PUSH
- 16 BLOOD.
- 17 AND IF IT ISN'T BEATING QUICK ENOUGH, IT WON'T
- 18 PUSH ENOUGH BLOOD. OBVIOUSLY THE FASTER IT BEATS, THE MORE
- 19 BLOOD IT PUSHES, AND IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH BLOOD IN THE
- 20 HEART, IT WON'T HAVE AS MUCH TO PUSH ANYWAY.
- 21 AND, LASTLY, EVEN THOUGH IT IS A LITTLE BEYOND
- 22 THE QUESTION, BLOOD IS ONLY GOOD IF THERE IS OXYGEN IN IT.
- 23 THE INADEQUATE BLOOD THAT IS PUSHING, IF IT DOESN'T HAVE
- 24 OXYGEN, THEN IT ISN'T DELIVERING THE OXYGEN TO THE BRAIN,
- 25 WHICH IS WHAT IT NEEDS.
- 26 AND, OF COURSE, IF THE HEART STOPS, WHICH

- 1 EVENTUALLY IT DOES, THEN NOTHING IS GETTING PUSHED TO THE
- 2 BRAIN.
- 3 Q. NOW, WHY COULDN'T -- THE NEXT QUESTION, WHY
- 4 COULDN'T KELLY THOMAS BREATHE ON HIS OWN, WHY DID HE NEED TO
- 5 BE ON A VENTILATOR?
- 6 A. ULTIMATELY YOU NEED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
- 7 NEUROLOGIC FUNCTION TO BREATHE. IT IS OUR MOST BASIC DRIVE,
- 8 IT IS A BRAIN STEM DRIVE. IN HIS CASE HE BECAME, HE
- 9 ULTIMATELY BECAME BRAIN DEAD, MEANING HE HAD NO BRAIN
- 10 FUNCTION, INCLUDING THE BRAIN STEM. SO THE MORE NEUROLOGIC
- 11 DERANGEMENT YOU HAVE, THE LESS NORMAL YOUR BREATHING WILL
- 12 BE.
- 13 NOW ALSO BECAUSE HE WAS SO UNCONSCIOUS, WE ALL
- 14 PREVENT OURSELVES FROM ASPIRATING RIGHT NOW BECAUSE WE ARE
- 15 AWAKE, AND YOU CLEAR YOUR THROAT, YOU COUGH, BUT IF YOU WERE
- 16 TO BE PARALYZED AND NOT MOVE AT ALL, ULTIMATELY SECRETIONS
- 17 AND FLUID WOULD GO INTO YOUR LUNG.
- 18 SO WHEN SOMEBODY HAS A BAD NEUROLOGIC INJURY, WE
- 19 HAVE TO PUT A BREATHING TUBE IN. ONCE YOU HAVE A BREATHING
- 20 TUBE IN, YOU HAVE TO BE ON A VENTILATOR ANYWAY, OTHERWISE IT
- 21 WOULD BE LIKE BREATHING THROUGH A STRAW, IT IS A VERY HARD
- 22 THING TO DO.
- 23 SO IF YOU HAVE SOME NEUROLOGIC FUNCTION, YOU NEED
- 24 A VENTILATOR TO BREATHE FOR YOU, BECAUSE YOU HAVE A TUBE IN.
- 25 AND IF YOU HAVE NO NEUROLOGIC FUNCTION, AS HE ULTIMATELY
- 26 HAD, YOUR BRAIN WILL ULTIMATELY SEND NO SIGNAL TO YOUR BODY

- 1 TO BREATHE.
- 2 Q. THIS IS THE LAST QUESTION, WOULD C.P.R. AT THE
- 3 SCENE OF THE INCIDENT HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN
- 4 HIS CONDITION?
- 5 A. WELL, IT COULD HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE. HE
- 6 ULTIMATELY RECEIVED C.P.R., AND HE ULTIMATELY REGAINED THE
- 7 CARDIAC FUNCTION, AND HAD THAT BEEN RESTORED SOONER, HE MAY
- 8 HAVE HAD A BETTER OUTCOME. WE CAN'T KNOW WHAT THAT OUTCOME
- 9 WILL BE, BECAUSE IT IS DIFFERENT FOR EVERYBODY. AND PEOPLE
- 10 CAN HAVE A VERY SHORT ARREST AND THEN RECOVER, AND PEOPLE
- 11 CAN HAVE -- I AM SORRY, PEOPLE MAY HAVE A SHORT ARREST AND
- 12 RECOVER TO NORMAL. SO THE ANSWER IS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
- 13 BETTER FOR HIM TO HAVE GOT IMMEDIATE AIRWAY AND IMMEDIATE
- 14 MEDICAL CARE. YOU KNOW, IN THE FILM, HE WAS LEFT FACE DOWN
- 15 AND NOTED TO BE CYANOTIC, SO HE WASN'T -- AT THAT POINT AN
- 16 INTERVENTION MAY HAVE MADE SOME DIFFERENCE.
- 17 MR. TANIZAKI: ANY OTHERS?
- 18 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 19 Q. BY MR. TANIZAKI: WHEN PARAMEDICS ARRIVED ON THE
- 20 SCENE, THEY WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO KELLY THOMAS, BUT
- 21 TO -- LET ME READ THIS, I AM SORRY.
- 22 WHEN PARAMEDICS ARRIVED ON SCENE THEY WERE NOT
- 23 IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO KELLY THOMAS, BUT TO OFFICERS WITH
- 24 SCRATCHES AND SCRAPES. COULD THIS DELAY IN GETTING
- 25 TREATMENT HAVE HASTENED HIS EVENTUAL BRAIN DEATH?
- 26 A. WELL, I MEAN I DON'T KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF

- 1 WHERE THE PARAMEDICS WENT TO, BUT THE LONGER THE DELAY IN
- 2 HIM GETTING CARE OF AN AIRWAY THAT IS POSITIONED OPEN, HE
- 3 WAS LEFT DOWN, IF HIS AIRWAY HAD BEEN LEFT OPEN, IF HE HAD
- 4 BEEN GIVEN MEDICAL CARE WITH SAY A BAG MASK, WHERE WE PUT A
- 5 MASK ON WITH OXYGEN AND TRY TO DELIVER OXYGEN TO HIM, AND IF
- 6 HE NEEDED C.P.R. THEY COULD HAVE GIVEN HIM THAT, OR I.V.
- 7 FLUIDS, HE VERY WELL MAY HAVE HAD A BETTER OUTCOME THAN HE
- 8 DID.
- 9 MR. TANIZAKI: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
- 10 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: PLEASE STAND.
- 12 THE WITNESS: (WITNESS COMPLIES).
- 13 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: DR. LEKAWA, YOU ARE
- 14 ADMONISHED TO NOT DISCUSS OR REPEAT AT ANY TIME OUTSIDE THIS
- 15 COURTROOM THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED OR YOUR ANSWERS,
- 16 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH DISCLOSURES ON YOUR PART
- 17 MAY BE THE BASIS FOR CHARGES AGAINST YOU OF CONTEMPT OF
- 18 COURT.
- 19 YOU ARE FREE TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN
- 20 ATTORNEY, OR FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
- 22 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR.
- 23 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: DR. LEKAWA, THANK YOU FOR
- 24 TESTIFYING, YOU ARE EXCUSED FROM THE HEARING.
- THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.
- 26 (WHEREUPON MICHAEL LEKAWA EXITED THE GRAND JURY

- 1 ROOM.)
- 2 MR. TANIZAKI: WE HAVE ONE SMALL MATTER TO DO.
- 3 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: OKAY, FINE.
- 4 MR. TANIZAKI: WE ARE STILL ON THE RECORD.
- 5 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: STILL ON THE RECORD.
- 6 MR. TANIZAKI: WE HAVE ONE FINAL EVIDENTIARY MATTER TO
- 7 ADDRESS, AND THAT'S SIMPLY THE IDENTIFICATION OF GRAND JURY
- 8 EXHIBIT NUMBER 109, WHICH IS A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE DEATH
- 9 CERTIFICATE OF KELLY JAMES THOMAS.
- 10 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 109)
- 11 MR. TANIZAKI: AND THAT'S ALL THE EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE
- 12 TO PRESENT TODAY, MR. FOREMAN.
- 13 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: SO WE ARE FINISHED FOR THE
- 14 DAY?
- 15 MR. TANIZAKI: YES.
- 16 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ALL RIGHT.
- 17 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL
- 18 TOMORROW, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, AT 9:00 A.M.
- 19 DURING ANY PERIOD OF THIS RECESS YOU MUST NOT
- 20 DISCUSS WITH ANYONE, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF THIS
- 21 HEARING ROOM, ANY SUBJECT CONNECTED WITH THIS HEARING.
- 22 THANK YOU.
- 23 (ADJOURNMENT.)
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25	WHICH THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD:)							
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- 4 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 5 JURY ROOM:)
- 6 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THE HEARING WILL COME TO
- 7 ORDER.
- 8 I WILL REMIND THE COURT REPORTER HE IS STILL
- 9 UNDER OATH.
- 10 THE REPORTER: YES, SIR.
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THE SECRETARY WILL CALL THE
- 12 ROLL.
- 13 (WHEREUPON ROLL WAS TAKEN OF THE GRAND JURORS.)
- 14 THE GRAND JURY SECRETARY: MR. FOREMAN, THAT IS 16
- 15 GRAND JURORS.
- 16 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THANK YOU.
- 17 LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT 16 GRAND JURORS ARE
- 18 PRESENT. THIS IS OUR THIRD DAY.
- 19 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY, THE NATURE OF THE
- 20 MATTER TO BE HEARD AND THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED
- 21 HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO YOU BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
- 22 ANY MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY WHO HAS A STATE OF
- 23 MIND IN REFERENCE TO THE CASE OR TO THE PERSONS INVOLVED
- 24 WHICH WILL PREVENT HIM OR HER FROM ACTING IMPARTIALLY AND
- 25 WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS OF THE PERSONS
- 26 INVOLVED SHALL RETIRE FROM THIS HEARING.

- 1 DO ANY OF YOU KNOW SOCIALLY, OR HAVE ANY OF YOU
- 2 HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS CASE OR ANY OF THE PERSONS NAMED
- 3 WHICH WOULD CAUSE YOU NOT TO RENDER AN UNBIASED DECISION?
- 4 (NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE).
- 5 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT NO
- 6 MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY HAS RETIRED.
- 7 MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
- 8 MR. RACKAUCKAS: THANK YOU.
- 9 WE ARE GOING TO HAVE MR. BOGARDUS HANDLE A COUPLE
- 10 OF MATTERS FIRST, SOME GRAND JURY INSTRUCTIONS THAT HE WANTS
- 11 TO MARK AND PUT INTO EVIDENCE, AS WELL AS SOME JOHNSON
- 12 MATERIAL TO MAKE EVERYBODY AWARE, AND I WILL DO THE FINAL.
- 13 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. BOGARDUS.
- MR. BOGARDUS: YES, THANK YOU, MR. FOREMAN.
- 15 GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WE HAVE
- 16 REACHED THE CONCLUSION OF OUR PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE AT
- 17 THIS TIME. SO WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO NOW IS ADDRESS A
- 18 COUPLE OF MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE INSTRUCTIONS, AND ALSO
- 19 WITH RESPECT TO JOHNSON MATERIAL.
- 20 FIRST, WITH RESPECT TO THE INSTRUCTIONS, IN LIGHT
- 21 OF THE TOTALITY OF THE EVIDENCE THAT YOU HAVE HEARD, WE ARE
- 22 NOW AMENDING OUR MEMORANDUM THAT WE INITIALLY SUBMITTED AS
- 23 EXHIBIT NUMBER 1 WITH SOME ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATE
- 24 INSTRUCTIONS.
- 25 SO AT THIS TIME I AM MARKING EXHIBIT 1-B, WHICH
- 26 WILL BE AN ADDENDUM TO OUR MEMO, WHICH ADDS FOUR ADDITIONAL

- 1 GRAND JURY INSTRUCTIONS WHICH ARE APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR
- 2 CONSIDERATION.
- 3 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 1-B)
- 4 MR. BOGARDUS: AND I HAVE ASKED A COPY OF THAT ADDENDUM
- 5 BE PROVIDED TO EACH ONE OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY. SO THERE WILL
- 6 BE THE EXHIBIT 1-B, AND EACH OF YOU SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF
- 7 THAT ADDENDUM.
- 8 ADDITIONALLY, I ALSO HAVE WHAT SHOULD BE MARKED
- 9 AS GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 110.
- 10 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 110)
- 11 MR. BOGARDUS: THIS IS THE GRAND JURY INSTRUCTION
- 12 PACKET THAT YOU ALSO RECEIVED, AND NOW WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS
- 13 THAT WERE INITIALLY PROVIDED IN 1, AND THAT YOU WERE
- 14 PROVIDED THIS MORNING IN 1-B, THAT IS THE TOTALITY OF
- 15 INSTRUCTIONS THAT ARE ALSO REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT 110.
- 16 ALSO THIS MORNING I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A FEW
- 17 MOMENTS TO ADDRESS A RULE OF LAW THAT WE SOMETIMES COMMONLY
- 18 REFER TO AS THE JOHNSON RULE, AND HOW THAT FITS INTO THE
- 19 CONTEXT OF THIS CASE. AND IN DOING SO, I WANT TO BE
- 20 ABSOLUTELY ACCURATE WITH WHAT I SAY AND WHAT THE LAW IS IN
- 21 THIS REGARD. AND SO AT TIMES, WHAT I AM GOING TO DO IS I AM
- 22 ACTUALLY GOING TO READ SO I AM ACCURATE WITH THE LANGUAGE OF
- 23 THE LAW, AS OPPOSED TO SPEAKING EXTEMPORANEOUSLY. SO I
- 24 WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU JUST BEAR WITH ME IN THAT REGARD.
- 25 ALSO, I AM GOING TO BE DISCUSSING A PARTICULAR
- 26 GRAND JURY INSTRUCTION THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE AND HAVE

- 1 RECEIVED, GRAND JURY INSTRUCTION NUMBER 2, WHICH PERTAINS TO
- 2 THE JOHNSON RULE.
- 3 IN DOING SO, I AM NOT EXCLUDING, AND I AM
- 4 ABSOLUTELY NOT EXCLUDING FROM YOUR CONSIDERATION ALL THE
- 5 INSTRUCTIONS, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ AND
- 6 FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT HAVE
- 7 BEEN PROVIDED TO YOU THAT APPLY TO THE CASE, I AM ONLY
- 8 HIGHLIGHTING THIS INSTRUCTION AS IT APPLIES TO THE JOHNSON
- 9 RULE.
- 10 SO ONE OF THE DUTIES AS A PROSECUTOR BEFORE THE
- 11 GRAND JURY IS SET FORTH IN PENAL CODE SECTION 939.71. AND
- 12 WHAT THAT INSTRUCTION, OR WHAT THAT STATUTE STATES IS IF A
- 13 PROSECUTOR IS AWARE OF EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE, THE PROSECUTOR
- 14 SHALL INFORM THE GRAND JURY OF ITS NATURE AND EXISTENCE.
- 15 AND ONCE THE PROSECUTOR HAS INFORMED THE GRAND JURY OF
- 16 EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE, THE PROSECUTOR SHALL INFORM THE GRAND
- 17 JURY OF ITS DUTIES UNDER 939.7. THIS IS THE JOHNSON RULE WE
- 18 ARE TALKING ABOUT.
- 19 SO WHAT I AM GOING TO DO NOW IS INFORM YOU OF THE
- 20 NATURE AND EXISTENCE OF EVIDENCE THAT MAY BE CHARACTERIZED
- 21 OR CONSIDERED EXCULPATORY. AND AFTER I AM DONE DOING THAT,
- 22 I AM GOING TO DO JUST WHAT THE STATUTE COMMANDS ME TO DO, I
- 23 AM GOING TO DIRECT YOU TO YOUR DUTY IN 939.7, WHICH IS ALSO
- 24 GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 2.
- 25 SO TWO STEPS, I AM GOING TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT
- 26 THE NATURE AND EXISTENCE OF SOME ITEMS THAT CAN BE

- 1 CHARACTERIZED OR CONSIDERED EXCULPATORY, AND THEN TALK ABOUT
- 2 YOUR DUTY UNDER THAT RULE.
- 3 WHAT I AM GOING TO DO NOW IN TELLING YOU ABOUT
- 4 THE NATURE AND EXISTENCE OF POTENTIAL EVIDENCE THAT MAY BE
- 5 OF AN EXCULPATORY VALUE, IS THE ITEMS YOU ARE NOT TO
- 6 CONSIDER FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING IF PROBABLE CAUSE
- 7 EXISTS. YOU ARE NOT TO CONSIDER THESE ITEMS IN SUPPORT OF A
- 8 PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION. IT IS MY DUTY TO MAKE YOU
- 9 AWARE OF THE NATURE AND EXISTENCE OF THESE ITEMS, IT IS THEN
- 10 UP TO YOU, AS YOU SEE FIT, TO ASK FOR THOSE ITEMS TO BE
- 11 PRODUCED BEFORE YOU FOR EVIDENCE TO BE TAKEN, OR EXHIBITS TO
- 12 BE INTRODUCED, FOR THOSE ITEMS TO THEN BE CONSIDERED.
- 13 SO WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT, AND WHAT I AM GOING
- 14 TO POINT TO YOU NOW IS NOT TO BE USED IN SUPPORT OF YOUR
- 15 PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION, SIMPLY MAKING YOU AWARE OF THE
- 16 NATURE AND EXISTENCE OF SOME ITEMS OF EVIDENCE THAT MAY BE
- 17 CHARACTERIZED OR CONSIDERED AS EXCULPATORY. IF YOU WANT
- 18 THAT EVIDENCE TO BE FURTHER PRESENTED TO YOU IN THIS
- 19 HEARING, YOU JUST NEED TO DIRECT US TO DO SO.
- 20 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 111)
- 21 MR. BOGARDUS: I HAVE WHAT I HAVE MARKED NOW AS GRAND
- 22 JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 111. IT IS A BINDER, AND I HAVE
- 23 DESCRIBED IT AS A BINDER OF MATERIALS, PENAL CODE SECTION
- 24 939.71, A BINDER OF JOHNSON MATERIALS. THIS IS THE EXHIBIT
- 25 THAT I AM GOING TO ASK TO BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD.
- 26 HOWEVER, I HAVE ALSO MADE COPIES FOR EACH

- 1 INDIVIDUAL GRAND JUROR, SO YOU ARE NOT ALL SHARING ONE
- 2 BINDER. SO THOSE ARE OVER THERE IN THE CORNER. I WOULD
- 3 APPRECIATE THE SERGEANT OF ARMS PASSING THOSE OUT WITH SOME
- 4 ASSISTANCE NOW. I WILL TAKE A MOMENT FOR THAT TO BE PASSED
- 5 OUT.
- 6 WHAT I AM GOING TO DO IS EXPLAIN THE CONTENTS OF
- 7 THIS BINDER TO YOU IN SUMMARY FASHION, AND THEN MOVE ON TO
- 8 SOME ITEMS THAT ARE NOT CONTAINED IN THE BINDER.
- 9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- 10 WHAT YOU HAVE NOW, AND ALL OF YOU SHOULD HAVE A
- 11 COPY OF THIS BINDER NOW, IS A DUPLICATIVE COPY OF WHAT IS
- 12 GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 111. AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE A
- 13 MOMENT OUT TO EXPLAIN TO YOU, FIRST, THE CONTENTS OF THIS
- 14 BINDER, THE CONTENTS OF EXHIBIT 111. AND, AGAIN, AS I
- 15 STATED, THE CONTENTS OF THIS BINDER IS NOT EVIDENCE TO BE
- 16 CONSIDERED IN SUPPORT OF THE DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE
- 17 CAUSE. THIS IS MAKING YOU AWARE OF THE NATURE AND EXISTENCE
- 18 OF ITEMS.
- 19 SO LET ME JUST GO THROUGH THIS INITIALLY BY
- 20 EXPLAINING TO YOU WHAT EACH OF THESE TABS ARE, AND WHAT THE
- 21 CONTENTS IS WITHIN EACH OF THESE TABS.
- 22 THE FIRST TAB, WHICH IS CORRESPONDENCE WITH
- 23 COUNSEL, THE FIRST PART OF THE BINDER CONSISTS OF
- 24 CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
- 25 AND JOSEPH WOLFE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, INVITING THAT ATTORNEY
- 26 TO MAKE US AWARE OF ANY MATERIALS SHE THINKS WOULD BE

- 1 CONSIDERED OR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THIS GRAND JURY.
- 2 SO WE MADE THAT INVITATION TO JOSEPH WOLFE'S
- 3 ATTORNEY, AND WE HAVE DONE THAT IN WRITING, AND JOSEPH
- 4 WOLFE'S ATTORNEY HAS RESPONDED TO US IN WRITING.
- 5 SO OUR INVITATION TO THEM AND THEIR RESPONSES ARE
- 6 CONTAINED WITHIN THAT CORRESPONDENCE OF COUNSEL.
- 7 YOU WILL SEE THERE ARE TWO LETTERS THAT WERE
- 8 WRITTEN BY THE ATTORNEY FOR JOSEPH WOLFE, BOTH DATED
- 9 SEPTEMBER 18TH OF THIS YEAR, DELINEATING OR IDENTIFYING
- 10 ITEMS THAT SHE BELIEVES THIS GRAND JURY SHOULD BE MADE AWARE
- 11 OF. SO THOSE ARE THERE FOR YOUR REVIEW, AND THERE ARE SOME
- 12 ASPECTS OF THESE LETTERS AND INFORMATION THAT SHE REFERS TO
- 13 THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION NOW.
- 14 SO, FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE FIRST REQUESTS THAT
- 15 THIS ATTORNEY MAKES, AND THIS ATTORNEY'S NAMED IS VICKI
- 16 PODBERESKY, IS FOR YOU TO BE MADE AWARE OF SOME OF THE
- 17 PRELIMINARY HEARING TESTIMONY OF ONE OF THE WITNESSES WHO
- 18 ALSO APPEARED BEFORE YOU, DAWN SCRUGGS.
- 19 FIVE WITNESSES WHO APPEARED BEFORE YOU IN THIS
- 20 PROCEEDING ALSO TESTIFIED IN A RELATED PROCEEDING REGARDING
- 21 THESE EVENTS. THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE DAWN SCRUGGS, MICHAEL
- 22 CHOCEK, RON STANCYK, MICHAEL LEKAWA, AND ARUNA SINGHANIA.
- 23 AND DURING THAT PROCEEDING, THESE WITNESSES WERE SUBJECT TO
- 24 BOTH DIRECT EXAMINATION AND TO CROSS-EXAMINATION REGARDING
- 25 EVENTS THAT THEY HAVE ALSO TESTIFIED TO IN THIS PROCEEDING.
- 26 SO COUNSEL FOR MR. WOLFE HAS ASKED THAT THIS

- 1 GRAND JURY BE PROVIDED WITH CERTAIN STATEMENTS THAT DAWN
- 2 SCRUGGS MADE DURING THAT EARLIER RELATED PROCEEDING, AND
- 3 THAT WAS A PRELIMINARY HEARING PROCEEDING.
- 4 WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS WE HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH
- 5 THE TOTALITY OF THE TESTIMONY OF EACH ONE OF THOSE
- 6 WITNESSES, NOT JUST INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OR PASSAGES, BUT THE
- 7 ENTIRE DIRECT EXAMINATION AND CROSS-EXAMINATION, AS IS
- 8 APPROPRIATE, OF EACH OF THESE FIVE INDIVIDUAL WITNESSES,
- 9 DAWN SCRUGGS, MICHAEL CHOCEK, RON STANCYK, MICHAEL LEKAWA
- 10 AND ARUNA SINGHANIA. AND YOU WILL FIND THAT IN THE BINDER
- 11 AT THE NEXT TO THE LAST -- WELL, AT THE END, I SHOULD SAY,
- 12 ENTITLED, PRELIMINARY HEARING TRANSCRIPT.
- 13 SO THAT'S PROVIDED TO YOU FOR YOUR REVIEW, AND IN
- 14 THE EVENT THAT TESTIMONY WAS GIVEN AT THAT PRIOR PROCEEDING,
- 15 AT THAT PRELIMINARY HEARING THAT YOU WISH TO INQUIRE ABOUT
- 16 HERE, SOMETHING WAS ASKED ON CROSS-EXAMINATION, OR SOMETHING
- 17 WAS DISCUSSED ON DIRECT EXAMINATION THAT YOU FEEL IS
- 18 APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER AND ASK ABOUT IN THIS
- 19 PROCEEDING, IN DISCHARGING YOUR DUTY UNDER PENAL CODE
- 20 SECTION 939.7, ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ASK, AND WE WILL RECALL
- 21 THOSE WITNESS AND PRESENT THEM FOR YOU, SO THOSE QUESTIONS
- 22 MAY BE POSED TO THEM.
- AND, AGAIN, THEIR TESTIMONY AT THE PRELIMINARY
- 24 HEARING IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS TRANSCRIPT THAT I AM
- 25 PROVIDING IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE PROBABLE
- 26 CAUSE DETERMINATION, IT IS TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF PRIOR

- 1 STATEMENTS THAT THESE WITNESSES MADE AT THAT RELATED
- 2 PROCEEDING.
- 3 IN DEFENSE COUNSEL'S MOTION, I AM SORRY, LETTER,
- 4 ALSO SHE POINTS YOU TO PARTICULAR PAGE NUMBERS IN THE
- 5 TESTIMONY OF DAWN SCRUGGS, AND YOU WILL FIND THOSE PAGE
- 6 NUMBERS, THEY CORRESPOND TO WHAT I AM PROVIDING YOU, BUT,
- 7 AGAIN, I AM PROVIDING YOU WITH THE TOTALITY OF MS. SCRUGGS'
- 8 TESTIMONY, ALONG WITH THOSE OTHER WITNESSES.
- 9 I WANT TO POINT OUT SOMETHING ELSE WITH RESPECT
- 10 TO THAT INITIAL REQUEST THAT WAS MADE BY MS. PODBERESKY.
- 11 COUNSEL FOR MR. WOLFE HAS ASKED THAT YOU BE MADE AWARE OF
- 12 THE FACT THAT OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT PUT OUT
- 13 MULTIPLE CODE 3 CALLS. AND ESSENTIALLY THAT'S ALL THAT SHE
- 14 REQUESTED IN THAT REGARD, BUT YOU CAN SEE HER SPECIFIC
- 15 LANGUAGE IN HER LETTER, RATHER THAN ME CHARACTERIZING IT.
- 16 I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT IN THE TRANSCRIPT, PAGE
- 17 47, JUST TO POINT YOU TO WHERE THAT INFORMATION IS FOR HER
- 18 BENEFIT AND MR. WOLFE'S BENEFIT, DAWN SCRUGGS TESTIFIED SHE
- 19 HAD HEARD THREE SUCH CALLS, THREE CODE 3 CALLS. AND THAT'S
- 20 CAPTURED ON PAGE 47 OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF HER TESTIMONY.
- 21 ALSO SHE TESTIFIED ABOUT THOSE THREE CALLS HERE BEFORE YOU.
- 22 AND THERE IS ALSO TRANSCRIBED TESTIMONY OF
- 23 MICHAEL CHOCEK FROM THAT PREVIOUS PROCEEDING REGARDING HE
- 24 HEARD THREE CALLS.
- 25 RETURNING NOW TO THE SECOND TAB IN GRAND JURY
- 26 EXHIBIT NUMBER 111, COUNSEL FOR MR. WOLFE REQUESTED THAT

- 1 CERTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU DEPICTING
- 2 MR. WOLFE. AND WHAT COUNSEL DID IS IDENTIFY PRELIMINARY
- 3 HEARING EXHIBIT NUMBERS, ASKING THAT THESE PHOTOGRAPHS BE
- 4 PROVIDED TO YOU.
- 5 IN BINDER EXHIBIT 111, WE ARE PROVIDING YOU, AND
- 6 WITH THE BINDERS THAT YOU HAVE, EVERY SINGLE PHOTOGRAPH THAT
- 7 COUNSEL FOR MR. WOLFE HAS REQUESTED. SO EVERY SINGLE ONE
- 8 THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN HER LETTER IS BEING GIVEN TO
- 9 YOU. YOU WILL NOTE THAT SOME OF THEM ARE DUPLICATIVE OF
- 10 WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY PUT INTO EVIDENCE, HOWEVER, TO BE
- 11 COMPREHENSIVE, I WANTED TO GIVE YOU IN ONE LOCATION EVERY
- 12 SINGLE PHOTOGRAPH THAT SHE REQUESTED.
- 13 TURNING NOW TO THE THIRD TAB IN GRAND JURY
- 14 EXHIBIT 111, COUNSEL FOR MR. WOLFE REQUESTED THAT YOU BE
- 15 PROVIDED WITH THE STATEMENTS OF PARTICULAR WITNESSES, AND IN
- 16 DOING SO, SHE REFERENCED, YOU WILL SEE IN HER LETTER,
- 17 PARENTHETICALLY BATES NUMBERS, AND REFERRED TO WHAT WE
- 18 CHARACTERIZE AS DISCOVERY PAGE NUMBERS.
- 19 SO, IN OTHER WORDS, THE REPORTS THAT WE GENERATE
- 20 IN THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION ARE PAGINATED, THOSE
- 21 PAGINATIONS ARE SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS DISCOVERY PAGE
- 22 NUMBERS OR BATES NUMBERS, SO HER LETTER IS REFERRING YOU TO
- 23 SPECIFIC PAGES OF INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS THAT CAPTURE OR
- 24 RECITE STATEMENTS OF OTHER WITNESSES.
- 25 WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS PROVIDED YOU WITH EVERY
- 26 SINGLE REPORT THAT WAS REQUESTED BY MR. WOLFE'S ATTORNEY,

- 1 THE SPECIFIC PAGE NUMBERS, AND THEN SOME.
- 2 WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS I HAVE INCLUDED THOSE
- 3 REPORTS THAT WERE REQUESTED, HOWEVER, WHERE AVAILABLE,
- 4 SOMETIMES THOSE REPORTS RECITE INTERVIEWS THAT WERE
- 5 CONDUCTED OF WITNESSES. AND THOSE WITNESSES WERE ALSO
- 6 INCIDENTALLY AUDIO RECORDED. SO WHERE A TRANSCRIPT IS
- 7 AVAILABLE WITH THE ACTUAL WORDS OF THAT ACTUAL CONVERSATION
- 8 BETWEEN THAT WITNESS AND THE INVESTIGATOR, I PROVIDED YOU
- 9 NOT ONLY WITH THE REPORT THAT WAS REQUESTED BY MR. WOLFE'S
- 10 ATTORNEY, BUT ALSO WITH A TRANSCRIPT OF THAT CONVERSATION.
- 11 SO YOU WILL HAVE BOTH.
- 12 YOU WILL FIND THAT WITH RESPECT TO EVERY SINGLE
- 13 WITNESS THAT WAS REQUESTED BY MR. WOLFE'S ATTORNEY IN THE
- 14 TAB THAT IS ENTITLED, WITNESS STATEMENTS.
- 15 AND JUST TO MAKE NOTE, THE REQUEST OF OUR OFFICE
- 16 TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER WITNESS'
- 17 STATEMENTS IS REFLECTED IN BOTH LETTERS BY MS. PODBERESKY.
- 18 SO IN THE FIRST LETTER, ITEMS 1 THROUGH, I AM SORRY, ITEMS 3
- 19 THROUGH 8, MS. PODBERESKY LISTS A NUMBER OF WITNESSES, AND
- 20 THEN IN HER SECOND LETTER OF THE SAME DATE SHE POINTS OUT A
- 21 COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL WITNESSES OR WITNESS THAT SHE WOULD
- 22 LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER THE STATEMENTS OF. AGAIN, ALL
- 23 CONTAINED WITHIN GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 111.
- 24 YOU WILL ALSO SEE IN OUR CORRESPONDENCES WITH
- 25 COUNSEL FOR MR. WOLFE, WE OFFERED TO PROVIDE YOU MEMBERS OF
- 26 THE GRAND JURY WITH A COPY OF THE POLICE REPORT THAT WAS

- 1 AUTHORED BY JOSEPH WOLFE REGARDING THESE EVENTS.
- 2 SHE HAS REQUESTED THAT WE GO AHEAD AND DO SO, SHE
- 3 HAS TAKEN US UP ON THAT OFFER, SO THAT HAS ALSO BEEN
- 4 INCLUDED. YOU WILL SEE THAT UNDER THE JOSEPH WOLFE REPORT
- 5 TAB. IT IS A TWO-PAGE REPORT THAT WAS AUTHORED BY JOSEPH
- 6 WOLFE REGARDING THESE EVENTS.
- 7 IN THE SECOND LETTER THAT WAS AUTHORED BY
- 8 MS. PODBERESKY, SHE ALSO REQUESTED THAT SOME ADDITIONAL
- 9 MATERIAL BE PROVIDED TO YOU, INCLUDING A VARIETY OF TYPES OF
- 10 INFORMATION REGARDING PRIOR POLICE CONTACTS, PRIOR LAW
- 11 ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS, BETWEEN MR. THOMAS AND POLICE
- 12 AGENCIES.
- 13 AND SO WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS, AND THAT REQUEST AND
- 14 THE SPECIFICS OF THAT REQUEST IS FURTHER DESCRIBED BY
- 15 MS. PODBERESKY IN HER LETTER, HER SECOND LETTER OF SEPTEMBER
- 16 18TH, WHAT WE ARE DOING IS PROVIDING YOU WITH THE ENTIRETY
- 17 OF THAT INFORMATION, PRIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS DETAILED
- 18 BY MS. PODBERESKY IN HER LETTER, AND WE ARE DOING SO IN A
- 19 DIGITAL FORMAT. YOU WILL FIND IN EXHIBIT 111, AND ALSO AT
- 20 THE END OF YOUR BINDERS, THERE IS A C.D. AND THAT C.D.
- 21 CONTAINS P.D.F.'S, OR I SHOULD SAY DIGITAL DOCUMENT FILES
- 22 THAT CONTAIN THAT INFORMATION THAT WAS REQUESTED.
- 23 IN ESSENCE, THAT'S THE NATURE AND EXISTENCE OF
- 24 EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE OR EVIDENCE THAT MAY BE CHARACTERIZED
- 25 AS EXCULPATORY, OR ITEMS THAT WERE REQUESTED BY
- 26 MS. PODBERESKY ON BEHALF OF MR. WOLFE THAT IS CONTAINED IN

- 1 GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 111.
- 2 WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO NOW IS MAKE YOU AWARE OF
- 3 SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ORALLY, THAT MAY BE
- 4 CHARACTERIZED AS THE NATURE AND EXISTENCE OF SOME ADDITIONAL
- 5 POTENTIALLY EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE.
- 6 SO IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY
- 7 REQUESTED BY DEFENSE COUNSEL, THERE IS NOW SOME FURTHER
- 8 INFORMATION I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF, THROUGH AN
- 9 ORAL RECITATION OF THAT INFORMATION.
- 10 ON AUGUST 22ND OF 2011, ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT
- 11 ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR ANDREW ROSS INTERVIEWED A WITNESS BY
- 12 THE NAME OF JACOB OSOGO. JACOB OSOGO STATED THAT HE WAS AT
- 13 THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER ON THE EVENING OF JULY
- 14 5TH, 2011, WORKING IS AS A TAXICAB DRIVER. HE TOLD
- 15 INVESTIGATOR ROSS THAT HE WAS AT THAT LOCATION, AND HE TOLD
- 16 THAT INVESTIGATOR WHAT HE HAD WITNESSED OF THE INCIDENT
- 17 BETWEEN KELLY THOMAS AND FULLERTON POLICE OFFICERS.
- 18 AND WITH REGARD TO THE NATURE AND EXISTENCE OF
- 19 POTENTIALLY EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE, MR. OSOGO TOLD
- 20 INVESTIGATOR ROSS THAT AFTER ONE OF THE OFFICERS STRUCK
- 21 THOMAS WITH A BATON, THOMAS TOOK THREE TO FIVE STRIDES AWAY.
- 22 THE SAME OFFICER CAUGHT UP TO THOMAS AND PUNCHED THOMAS. AS
- 23 SOON AS THE OFFICER PUNCHED THOMAS, THOMAS IMMEDIATELY
- 24 PUNCHED THE OFFICER BACK TWICE ON THE CHEEK. THOMAS WAS
- 25 SUBSEQUENTLY TACKLED.
- ON JULY 5TH, 2011, THE SAME INDIVIDUAL, JACOB

- 1 OSOGO WAS INTERVIEWED BY FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER
- 2 DAVID MCSHANE, WHEN HE STATED THAT AGAIN HE HAD BEEN
- 3 STANDING NEXT TO HIS TAXI, HE SAID APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET
- 4 FROM WHERE THE OFFICERS HAD CONTACTED THOMAS WHEN HE
- 5 WITNESSED THEIR INTERACTION. AND MR. OSOGO SIMILARLY TOLD
- 6 THE FULLERTON POLICE ON THAT OCCASION AFTER THOMAS RAN
- 7 AROUND ONE OF THE PATROL CARS, THE OFFICERS AND THOMAS
- 8 PUNCHED EACH OTHER, THAT THOMAS PUNCHED ONE OF THE OFFICERS
- 9 BACK BEFORE THOMAS WAS WRESTLED TO THE GRAND.
- 10 ON JULY 14TH OF 2011, ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT
- 11 ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR TOM CONKLIN INTERVIEWED A WITNESS BY
- 12 THE NAME OF CYNTHIA HERNANDEZ. MS. HERNANDEZ STATED THAT
- 13 SHE WAS AT THE FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER ON JULY 5TH,
- 14 2011, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M. WAITING FOR A BUS WITH HER
- 15 HUSBAND, JASON RAGONANAN. SHE TOLD INVESTIGATOR CONKLIN
- 16 THAT SHE WAS AT THE BUS MEDIAN, AND SHE TOLD HIM ABOUT WHAT
- 17 SHE HAD WITNESSED REGARDING THE INCIDENTS BETWEEN KELLY
- 18 THOMAS AND THE FULLERTON POLICE OFFICERS.
- 19 AND WITH REGARD TO THE NATURE AND EXISTENCE OF
- 20 POTENTIALLY EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE, MS. HERNANDEZ TOLD
- 21 INVESTIGATOR CONKLIN THAT AFTER THOMAS RAN AROUND ONE OF THE
- 22 PATROL CARS, BUT BEFORE HE WAS TACKLED TO THE GROUND BY BOTH
- 23 OFFICERS, HE TOOK A SWING AT THE CHEST OF ONE OFFICER FROM A
- 24 DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY TWO FEET, BUT HE DID NOT CONNECT.
- 25 ON JULY 26, 2011, ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
- 26 INVESTIGATOR STAN BERRY INTERVIEWED A WITNESS BY THE NAME OF

- 1 RICHARD FRITSCHE, I WILL SPELL THAT FOR THE RECORD,
- 2 F-R-I-T-S-C-H-E, AND MY APOLOGIES, I NEGLECTED TO SPELL
- 3 RAGONANAN, AND THAT MIGHT HELP, R-A-G-O-N-A-N-A-N.
- 4 WITH REGARD TO MR. FRITSCHE THEN, MR. FRITSCHE
- 5 TOLD INVESTIGATOR BERRY THAT HE WAS AT THE AREA OF THE
- 6 FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER ON JULY 5TH, 2011, AT
- 7 APPROXIMATELY 8:00 OR 8:30 IN THE EVENING. MR. FRITSCHE
- 8 TOLD INVESTIGATOR BERRY WHAT HE WITNESSED OF THE INCIDENTS
- 9 BETWEEN KELLY THOMAS AND FULLERTON POLICE OFFICERS, FROM
- 10 WHAT HE ESTIMATED WAS A DISTANCE OF 10 YARDS NORTH OF WHERE
- 11 THE OFFICERS FIRST CONTACTED THOMAS.
- 12 WITH REGARD TO THE NATURE AND EXISTENCE OF
- 13 POTENTIALLY EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE, MR. FRITSCHE TOLD
- 14 INVESTIGATOR BERRY THAT WHEN THOMAS WAS TACKLED TO THE
- 15 GROUND, THOMAS HIT HIS HEAD ON A POLE NEAR THE LIGHT POST.
- 16 MR. FRITSCHE ALSO STATED THAT WHILE THOMAS WAS ON THE GROUND
- 17 WHEN THE FIRST TWO OFFICERS WERE WITH HIM, THOMAS REACHED UP
- 18 AND HIT THE COP. AND MR. FRITSCHE SAW THE COP'S ARM GOING
- 19 DOWN ON THE CURB, AND IT LOOKED LIKE HE WAS REALLY HURT.
- 20 OFFICER JAY CICINELLI AUTHORED A REPORT REGARDING
- 21 THE EVENTS IN THIS INCIDENT AS WELL. OFFICER CICINELLI
- 22 STATED IN HIS REPORT, AND I WILL QUOTE:
- "THAT AS I WAS PREPARING TO PUT MY
- 24 TASER BACK IN ITS HOLSTER, THOMAS REACHED IN
- 25 MY DIRECTION AND GRABBED MY TASER FROM MY
- 26 HAND. HE PULLED IT TOWARD HIS BODY AND IT

- 1 BEGAN SLIPPING FROM MY HAND DUE TO MY HAND
- 2 BEING VERY SWEATY. I WAS ABLE TO PULL BACK
- 3 IN MY DIRECTION AND GAIN TOTAL CONTROL OVER
- 4 MY TASER."
- 5 HE ALSO STATED THAT HE:
- 6 "APPLIED MULTIPLE STRIKES TO THE FACE
- 7 AND LEFT SIDE OF THOMAS' HEAD WHILE HOLDING
- 8 HIS TASER."
- 9 AND THAT FOLLOWING THESE STRIKES HE:
- 10 "SAW BLOOD BEGAN TO RUN FROM THOMAS'
- 11 FACE AREA AND THAT THOMAS BEGAN SLOWLY
- 12 RESISTING."
- 13 AND JUST SO I MENTION, WE HAVE ALREADY PUT INTO
- 14 EVIDENCE GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 75, THE VIDEO RECORDING
- 15 OF THIS INCIDENT, THAT YOU WILL HAVE ALSO TO REVIEW AND
- 16 CONSIDER AND TO EVALUATE FOR YOURSELF ABOUT WHAT CONDUCT
- 17 OCCURRED ON THAT VIDEO.
- 18 NOW THAT I HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE
- 19 EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE BOTH ORALLY AND PROVIDING GRAND EXHIBIT
- 20 NUMBER 111, I WANT TO READ TO YOU AN INSTRUCTION THAT YOU
- 21 ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDED, GRAND JURY INSTRUCTION NUMBER 2.
- 22 AND IT IS MY DUTY TO NOT ONLY TELL YOU ABOUT THIS STUFF, BUT
- 23 ALSO THEN TO DIRECT YOU TO YOUR DUTY IN THAT INSTRUCTION.
- 24 SO GRAND JURY INSTRUCTION NUMBER 2 DEFINES ONE OF
- 25 THE DUTIES OF A GRAND JURY. IT IS DESCRIBED TO YOU AS THE
- 26 JOHNSON RULE, IT IS ENTITLED, THE JOHNSON RULE. WHAT IT

- 1 STATES IS:
- 2 "THE GRAND JURY IS NOT REQUIRED TO
- 3 HEAR EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENDANT, BUT IT
- 4 SHALL WEIGH ALL EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO IT,
- 5 AND WHEN IT HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT OTHER
- 6 EVIDENCE WITHIN ITS REACH WILL EXPLAIN AWAY
- 7 THE CHARGE, IT SHALL ORDER THE EVIDENCE TO
- 8 BE PRODUCED, AND FOR THAT PURPOSE MAY
- 9 REQUIRE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ISSUE
- 10 PROCESS FOR THE WITNESS."
- 11 THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT WE WILL DO IF YOU DEEM IT
- 12 IS APPROPRIATE.
- 13 AND WITH THAT I HAVE NO FURTHER EXHIBITS TO MARK
- 14 OR DESCRIBE, AND THAT WOULD CONCLUDE MY EXPLANATION OF THE
- 15 NATURE AND EXISTENCE OF POTENTIAL EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE.
- 16 THANK YOU.
- 17 MR. RACKAUCKAS: MAY I PROCEED WITH MY SUMMATION?
- 18 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES.
- 19 MR. RACKAUCKAS: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE GRAND
- 20 JURY, YOU KNOW PUBLIC SAFETY IS, OF COURSE, TERRIBLY
- 21 IMPORTANT, AND IT REQUIRES, ABSOLUTELY REQUIRES THAT WE HAVE
- 22 AN EFFECTIVE POLICE FORCE. IF WE DON'T HAVE AN EFFECTIVE
- 23 POLICE FORCE, JUST GIVEN HUMAN NATURE, THE STREETS WOULD BE
- 24 UNSAFE. WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE A COMMUNITY. IT JUST
- 25 WOULDN'T WORK OUT. SO WE MUST HAVE THAT.
- 26 SO WHAT WE DO IS WE GIVE PEOPLE THE AUTHORITY AND

- 1 THE POWER TO BE POLICE OFFICERS. AND, YOU KNOW, WE GIVE
- 2 THEM UNIFORMS, POLICE CARS, BADGES, ALL OF THE ACCOUTERMENT
- 3 OF A POLICE OFFICER, ALL THE THINGS THAT IDENTIFY SOMEBODY
- 4 AS A POLICE OFFICER.
- 5 AND THOSE OF US WHO ARE CITIZENS HERE, WE KNOW
- 6 THAT WHEN WE TALK TO A POLICE OFFICER, THAT THAT PERSON IS
- 7 SOMEBODY IN AUTHORITY, AND THAT WE HAVE A DUTY TO SUBMIT TO
- 8 THAT AUTHORITY, AND TO COOPERATE, AND DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO
- 9 MAKE SURE THAT THE POLICE OFFICER IS ABLE TO PERFORM HIS
- 10 DUTY OR HER DUTY IN A LAWFUL MANNER, AND TO GET THINGS DONE.
- 11 WE GIVE THEM POWER AS WELL. NOT JUST AUTHORITY,
- 12 BUT WITH AUTHORITY YOU NEED TO HAVE THE POWER TO ENFORCE THE
- 13 AUTHORITY, IF NECESSARY. AND BY THAT, THEY ARE ARMED WITH
- 14 GUNS. BATONS. TASERS. REALLY PRETTY MUCH WHATEVER OUR
- 15 SOCIETY OR OUR POLICE FORCE THINKS THAT THE INDIVIDUALS NEED
- 16 IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, TO PROTECT SOCIETY, TO MAKE
- 17 SURE THAT IF THEY HAVE TO USE FORCE, THAT THEY HAVE THE
- 18 ABILITY TO USE FORCE.
- 19 SO THE THING IS THAT THE FORCE THAT THEY ARE
- 20 ENTITLED TO USE, IT CAN'T BE JUST UNFETTERED FORCE. IT
- 21 CAN'T BE ANY FORCE THEY DECIDE.
- 22 THIS IS A MATTER FOR SOCIETY TO PAY SOME
- 23 ATTENTION TO, BECAUSE IN ORDER TO HAVE A LAWFUL POLICE
- 24 FORCE, THERE NEED TO BE LIMITS. AND SO THE POLICE ARE
- 25 CERTAINLY ABLE TO USE FORCE AS REQUIRED, AS NECESSARY, BUT
- 26 IT NEEDS TO BE LAWFUL FORCE. IT NEEDS TO BE THE FORCE

- 1 NECESSARY TO DO THEIR LAWFUL DUTY. AND SO WE NEED TO
- 2 DETERMINE, I MEAN THEY CAN EVEN USE DEADLY FORCE IF THEY
- 3 HAVE TO, BUT WE NEED TO DETERMINE WHAT IS LAWFUL AND WHAT IS
- 4 NOT LAWFUL.
- 5 AND THIS CASE IS ONE THAT ASKS THAT QUESTION.
- 6 THIS CASE SPECIFICALLY, THAT'S THE MAIN QUESTION OF THIS
- 7 CASE.
- 8 AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS HERE, THERE ARE
- 9 SOME THINGS THAT YOU WILL BE ASKED TO DECIDE AS A GRAND JURY
- 10 AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS, BUT I TELL YOU THAT THE
- 11 IMPORTANT THING, THE CRUX OF THIS IS THIS QUESTION OF EITHER
- 12 REASONABLE OR EXCESSIVE FORCE. AND I THINK IT IS GOOD AND
- 13 IT IS PROPER THAT IT IS A GRAND JURY SPEAKING AS A VOICE AND
- 14 AS A CONSCIENCE OF THE COMMUNITY, MAKING SUCH A DECISION.
- 15 THIS IS HOW WE PROCEED IN A LAWFUL MANNER.
- 16 BY THE WAY, SINCE I AM TALKING, LET ME JUST
- 17 ADMONISH YOU THAT COMMENTS THAT ARE MADE BY ATTORNEYS,
- 18 STATEMENTS THAT I MAKE, ARE NOT EVIDENCE IN THE CASE. SO
- 19 YOU ARE TO DECIDE WHAT THE EVIDENCE PROVES AND WHAT IT
- 20 DOESN'T PROVE. I AM HERE TO TRY TO KIND OF LAY THIS OUT,
- 21 AND HOPEFULLY PUT SOME LOGICAL REASONING TO IT. IT WILL BE
- 22 FOR YOU TO DECIDE IF YOU DISAGREE WITH ANYTHING I HAVE TO
- 23 SAY. CERTAINLY YOUR VIEW OF THE EVIDENCE IS WHAT IS
- 24 IMPORTANT.
- 25 BUT THE QUESTION, AND THE BASIC QUESTION THAT IS
- 26 GOING TO HAVE TO BE DECIDED HERE IS THIS, VIEWING ALL THE

- 1 FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ENTIRE MATTER, AS A
- 2 REASONABLE POLICE OFFICER IN THE POSITION OF OFFICER WOLFE,
- 3 WAS THE FORCE HE USED UPON THE PERSON OF KELLY THOMAS
- 4 REASONABLE AND NECESSARY? OR, WAS IT UNREASONABLE AND
- 5 EXCESSIVE? THAT'S THE CENTRAL QUESTION.
- 6 AND IT IS REALLY A QUESTION FOR SOCIETY TO
- 7 DETERMINE, IT IS A QUESTION TO BE DETERMINED BY JURORS. NOT
- 8 REALLY SUCH A QUESTION FOR EXPERTS, MORE OF A QUESTION FOR
- 9 WHAT DO WE CONSIDER REASONABLE IN THIS COUNTRY OF OURS?
- 10 WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS WE HAVE OF THE POLICE? HOW DO WE
- 11 EXPECT THEM TO PERFORM? HOW DO WE EXPECT THEM TO USE THEIR
- 12 FORCE AND THEIR AUTHORITY IN ANY GIVEN SITUATION?
- 13 SO BASICALLY WE ARE GOING TO BE TELLING THE
- 14 POLICE HERE, THIS WAS THE LAWFUL USE OF AUTHORITY, OR THIS
- 15 WAS NOT THE LAWFUL USE OF AUTHORITY AND FORCE.
- 16 YOU KNOW, THERE IS NO WAY TO CONSIDER, BY THE
- 17 WAY, THERE WILL BE OTHER QUESTIONS THAT HAVE TO BE ANSWERED,
- 18 FOR EXAMPLE, ARE ALL THE ELEMENTS MET OF CAUSATION AND SO
- 19 FORTH, BUT THAT'S THE IMPORTANT QUESTION.
- 20 AND I WILL TELL YOU THE NEXT BIG QUESTION IS
- 21 WHETHER OR NOT, MAKING AN ASSUMPTION HERE, ASSUMING THAT IT
- 22 WAS DECIDED THAT IT WAS EXCESSIVE FORCE, IS THERE A
- 23 VIOLATION OF SECTION 149?
- 24 CAN YOU PUT SECTION 149 UP FOR THE ELEMENTS.
- MR. BOGARDUS: (COMPLIES).
- 26 MR. RACKAUCKAS: BY THE WAY, MR. BOGARDUS IS GOING TO

- 1 BE HELPING ME WITH THIS THROUGHOUT. HE IS SO GOOD AT IT.
- 2 I THINK THE NEXT VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION WAS
- 3 WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS AN ASSAULT OR BATTERY BY A PUBLIC
- 4 OFFICER ON THE PERSON OF KELLY THOMAS. AND YOU CAN SEE IF
- 5 YOU ANSWER THE FIRST QUESTION, THAT THERE WAS EXCESSIVE
- 6 FORCE, THEN THAT QUESTION IS GOING TO BE ANSWERED, THE
- 7 QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS A BATTERY OR ASSAULT
- 8 AND BATTERY BY THE OFFICER ON KELLY THOMAS. THAT WILL BE
- 9 ANSWERED.
- 10 THE ELEMENTS ARE RIGHT HERE.
- 11 THAT THE DEFENDANT, OFFICER WOLFE, WAS A PEACE
- 12 OFFICER AT THE TIME OF THE CONDUCT.
- 13 THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS ACTING UNDER COLOR OF
- 14 AUTHORITY. CERTAINLY NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT.
- 15 THAT THE DEFENDANT ASSAULTED OR BEAT ANOTHER
- 16 PERSON. AS WE GO THROUGH THIS, THERE ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY
- 17 QUESTION ABOUT THAT.
- 18 THAT THE DEFENDANT ACTED WITHOUT LEGAL NECESSITY.
- 19 SO WE ARE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT WHETHER HE ACTED WITH
- 20 LEGAL NECESSITY OR WITHOUT IT, AGAIN, THAT IS THE CRUX OF
- 21 THE WHOLE MATTER.
- 22 SO I AM GOING TO ASK MR. BOGARDUS TO START THE
- 23 VIDEO, AND WE ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH THAT A LITTLE BIT.
- 24 AND I AM NOT NECESSARILY WANTING TO GO THROUGH THIS VIDEO
- 25 OVER AND OVER AGAIN, BUT I THINK IT IS NECESSARY TO LOOK AT
- 26 IT HERE, JUST FROM THE BEGINNING.

- 1 (WHEREUPON GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 75 WAS
- 2 PLAYED IN THE GRAND JURY ROOM.)
- 3 MR. RACKAUCKAS: NOW, I AM GOING TO SUGGEST TO YOU AT
- 4 THIS POINT NOT TO BE TOO CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRANSCRIPT.
- 5 YOU CAN LOOK AT THE TRANSCRIPT, YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
- 6 TO DO THAT, JUST KEEP AN EYE ON THE VIDEO FOR NOW. I AM NOT
- 7 SAYING DON'T LOOK AT THE TRANSCRIPT, I JUST THINK DON'T BE
- 8 DISTRACTED BY IT.
- 9 GO AHEAD.
- 10 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT
- 11 NUMBER 75 WAS RESUMED.)
- 12 MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. THIS IS PRETTY MUCH THE
- 13 EARLY STAGE OF THE CONTACT, INITIAL CONTACT, AND, YOU KNOW,
- 14 WE SPEAK IN WORDS AND BODY LANGUAGE, RIGHT. AND I THINK
- 15 THAT IT IS FAIR TO SAY AT LEAST HALF, OR MAYBE MORE THAN
- 16 HALF OF WHAT WE SAY IS BODY LANGUAGE.
- 17 YOU KNOW, WHAT IS GOING ON HERE? AND I MEAN YOU
- 18 SEE THESE TWO PEOPLE, AND YOU SEE THIS PERSON HERE, YOU
- 19 KNOW, WHO IS KELLY THOMAS, FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF
- 20 SOMEBODY WHO IS ALLEGED TO BE TRYING SOME DOOR HANDLES, CAR
- 21 DOOR HANDLES IN THE PARKING LOT.
- 22 BUT HOW IS THIS APPROACH MADE BY OFFICER RAMOS?
- 23 AND IT IS MADE IN A WAY, OFFICER RAMOS IS FACING HIM, HE IS
- 24 SWINGING HIS BATON AND ADDRESSING HIM. AND I THINK
- 25 THROUGHOUT, I THINK WE CAN SAY THAT HE IS ADDRESSING HIM IN
- 26 A LESS THAN DISCOURTEOUS MANNER, I MEAN HE IS ADDRESSING HIM

- 1 IN A VERY -- IN A WAY HE IS TALKING DOWN TO HIM. AND HE IS,
- 2 WE WILL SEE, BUT HE IS JUST PLAYING WORD GAMES WITH HIM,
- 3 RATHER THAN A PROFESSIONAL QUESTION AND ANSWER, IT IS MORE
- 4 LIKE A GAMESMANSHIP SORT OF THING.
- 5 GO AHEAD AND PLAY IT.
- 6 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT
- 7 NUMBER 75 WAS RESUMED.)
- 8 MR. RACKAUCKAS: WHEN OFFICER RAMOS SAYS, WERE YOU
- 9 TRYING DOOR HANDLES ON CARS, AND THEN OFFICER -- AND THEN
- 10 KELLY THOMAS SAYS, WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING
- 11 ABOUT, I WOULD SUGGEST TO YOU THAT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU
- 12 ARE TALKING ABOUT, HAS VERY CLEAR MEANING. IT MEANS, WHAT
- 13 DO YOU MEAN TRYING DOOR HANDLES, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE
- 14 TALKING ABOUT? TRYING DOOR HANDLES ON CARS. BUT THEN THE
- 15 RESPONSE IS, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IT IS CLEAR WHAT IT
- 16 MEANS.
- 17 GO AHEAD.
- 18 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT
- 19 NUMBER 75 WAS RESUMED.)
- 20 MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. AND AS WE GO THROUGH THIS
- 21 WHOLE VERBAL SPARRING ABOUT HOW MANY LANGUAGES DO YOU SPEAK,
- 22 I THINK EVERYBODY WOULD AGREE THAT IS ENTIRELY UNNECESSARY
- 23 OF A POLICE OFFICER TALKING TO A CITIZEN AND THEY ARE
- 24 SPEAKING ENGLISH. AND, CLEARLY, KELLY THOMAS IS, YOU KNOW,
- 25 PLAYING SOME GAME HERE, HE IS SAYING, WELL, I DON'T SPEAK
- 26 ENGLISH, BUT HE IS SPEAKING IN ENGLISH. SO IT WOULD BE

- 1 REASONABLE TO JUST CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION WITH KELLY
- 2 THOMAS, INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH A WHOLE VERBAL SPARRING
- 3 MATCH ABOUT HOW MANY LANGUAGES HE SPEAKS.
- 4 GO AHEAD.
- 5 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT
- 6 NUMBER 75 WAS RESUMED.)
- 7 MR. RACKAUCKAS: WE CAN SEE OFFICER WOLFE IN THE VIDEO
- 8 NOW. HIS ARM IS THERE. HE HAS BEEN STANDING THERE. AND SO
- 9 HE HAS BEEN THERE FOR THIS CONVERSATION. AT LEAST FOR A
- 10 TIME.
- 11 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, LIKE I SAY, WE SEE HIM IN
- 12 THE VIDEO, BUT HE WAS REFERRED TO JUST A FEW SECONDS AGO,
- 13 AND KELLY THOMAS LOOKED AROUND AND SAID SOMETHING ABOUT, I
- 14 DON'T SEE ANYBODY, OR SOMETHING. BUT HE IS RIGHT THERE. SO
- 15 IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY THAT HE IS A PART OF THIS
- 16 CONVERSATION.
- 17 GO AHEAD.
- 18 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT
- 19 NUMBER 75 WAS RESUMED.)
- 20 MR. RACKAUCKAS: IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY DAY WE HAVE TO
- 21 TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING.
- 22 NOW, NOTICE HOW CASUAL THESE OFFICERS ARE WITH
- 23 KELLY THOMAS. AND THAT CONTINUES. THIS CASUAL KIND OF A
- 24 WAY THAT THE OFFICERS BEHAVE. THAT MAKES IT VERY CLEAR THAT
- 25 KELLY THOMAS, THAT THEY DO NOT CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE
- 26 THREATENED IN ANY WAY BY KELLY THOMAS.

- 1 AND AS WE PROCEED, YOU CAN SEE EVEN MORE THAT
- 2 THERE ARE TIMES WHEN OFFICER RAMOS IS STANDING NEXT TO KELLY
- 3 THOMAS WITH HIS GUN EXPOSED. KELLY THOMAS COULD REACH UP
- 4 AND GRAB A GUN. THAT IS VERY CASUAL ON THE PART OF A POLICE
- 5 OFFICER OBVIOUSLY, AND SHOWS, WITHOUT ANY QUESTION, THAT
- 6 THOSE OFFICERS FEEL NO THREAT, NO PHYSICAL THREAT FROM KELLY
- 7 THOMAS.
- 8 GO AHEAD.
- 9 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 10 WAS RESUMED.)
- 11 MR. RACKAUCKAS: JUST IN CASE IT WAS UNNOTICED, THEY
- 12 JUST REPEATED THAT HIS NAME WAS KELLY THOMAS AT LEAST TWICE.
- 13 GO AHEAD.
- 14 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 15 WAS RESUMED.)
- 16 MR. RACKAUCKAS: THAT WAS OFFICER WOLFE THAT SAID
- 17 SOMETHING ABOUT THE BACKPACK AND KELLY THOMAS JUST SAID,
- 18 HEY, IF YOU WANT TO LOOK AT IT, VOLUNTARILY JUST DROPPED THE
- 19 BACKPACK SO OFFICER WOLFE CAN TAKE A LOOK.
- 20 SO THAT'S PURELY CONSENSUAL ON THE PART OF KELLY
- 21 THOMAS. AND CERTAINLY NOBODY WOULD SUGGEST THAT OFFICER
- 22 WOLFE OR OFFICER RAMOS DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO TAKE A LOOK IN
- 23 THE BACKPACK, BUT JUST TO SHOW YOU THAT THIS IS CONSENSUAL,
- 24 IN GENERAL THAT KELLY THOMAS WAS COOPERATING WITH THE
- 25 REQUESTS OF THE POLICE AT THIS TIME.
- GO AHEAD.

- 1 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 2 WAS RESUMED.)
- 3 MR. RACKAUCKAS: NOW, WHAT YOU SEE IS THAT KELLY THOMAS
- 4 IS NOT COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE WITH THE POLICE, HE IS SLOW TO
- 5 GO OVER THERE AND SIT DOWN LIKE HE IS TOLD. BASICALLY HE
- 6 DOES IT WHEN OFFICER RAMOS SORT OF APPROACHES HIM AND SAYS,
- 7 YOU WANT TO FORCE MY HAND, DON'T FORCE OUR HAND, OR
- 8 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SO HE DOES HAVE THAT, HE DOES SIT
- 9 DOWN.
- 10 THEN THERE IS THIS EXCHANGE ABOUT THESE
- 11 DIRECTIONS, ABOUT PUT YOUR FEET OUT IN FRONT OF YOU AND PUT
- 12 YOUR HANDS ON YOUR KNEES, AND THERE IS SOME CONFUSION THERE.
- 13 OR IT'S HARD TO SAY, IS IT CONFUSION OR LIKE A KID NOT BEING
- 14 ENTIRELY COOPERATIVE. BUT HE DOES DO WHAT HE IS SUPPOSED TO
- 15 DO, KIND OF RELUCTANTLY. HE PUTS HIS FEET OUT. HE WINDS UP
- 16 CROSSING HIS ANKLES, LIKE HE IS TOLD TO DO. GETS HIS HANDS
- 17 ON HIS KNEES, LIKE HE IS SUPPOSED TO. AND THEN MOVES HIS
- 18 HANDS AGAIN AND THEN OFFICER RAMOS TELLS HIM, NO, PUT HIS
- 19 HANDS BACK ON HIS KNEES. BUT NOW HE MOVES HIS HANDS AGAIN
- 20 BEHIND HIM, AND OFFICER RAMOS SEEMS TO ACCEPT THAT OKAY.
- GO AHEAD.
- 22 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 23 WAS RESUMED.)
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: I WANT YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, AND
- 25 JUST CONSIDER THIS A LITTLE BIT. HOW CASUAL IS THIS
- 26 OFFICER? HOW CASUAL IS HE WITH KELLY THOMAS? HE IS NOT --

- 1 THIS IS NOT A CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE THIS OFFICER HAS ANY VIEW
- 2 OR ANY FEELING, AND, BY THE WAY, OFFICER WOLFE IS RIGHT
- 3 THERE, HE IS RIGHT BEHIND THE CAR. AND YOU WILL SEE THAT IN
- 4 A MINUTE WHERE OFFICER RAMOS HAS TO WALK AND TALKS TO
- 5 OFFICER WOLFE RIGHT IN THAT VICINITY. PEOPLE ARE GOING BY,
- 6 WALKING BY. YOU SAW SOMEBODY ON A BICYCLE JUST GO BY. NO
- 7 ATTEMPT TO SECURE THIS AREA OR SCENE IN SOME WAY SUCH AS TO
- 8 PROTECT THE OFFICERS OR PROTECT CITIZENS, OR TO HAVE ANY
- 9 CONCERN LIKE THAT.
- 10 AND RIGHT NOW WE ARE GOING TO BACK UP A LITTLE
- 11 BIT AND GO OVER THIS, TO WHERE WE ARE AGAIN.
- 12 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 13 WAS RESUMED.)
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: WE ARE AT A POINT HERE, AND THIS
- 15 HAPPENS AT LEAST THREE TIMES DURING THIS CONVERSATION, WE
- 16 HAVE GOT SOMEBODY WHO COMES IN NAMED LEE, WHO COMES IN AND
- 17 JUST ENGAGES OFFICER RAMOS IN AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION
- 18 DURING THIS STOP.
- 19 AND OFFICER RAMOS IS STANDING NEXT RIGHT NEXT TO
- 20 KELLY THOMAS, AND HIS GUN IS RIGHT NEXT TO KELLY THOMAS.
- 21 AND NOW HIS HAND IS UP HERE (INDICATING). SO HE IS NOT EVEN
- 22 PROTECTING, HE IS IN A POSITION WHERE SOMEBODY COULD GRAB
- 23 HIS GUN.
- NO OFFICER WHO HAS ANY CONCERN ABOUT HIS OR
- 25 ANYONE ELSE'S WELFARE IS GOING TO LET HIM GO IN THAT
- 26 POSITION.

- 1 GO AHEAD.
- 2 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 3 WAS RESUMED.)
- 4 MR. RACKAUCKAS: AND HERE I POSE THE QUESTION, HOW
- 5 SERIOUS IS OFFICER RAMOS REALLY ABOUT KELLY THOMAS FOLLOWING
- 6 THOSE INSTRUCTIONS? I MEAN KELLY THOMAS WAS SITTING THERE
- 7 WITH HIS LEGS OUT, ANKLES NOT CROSSED, HANDS NOT ON HIS
- 8 KNEES BUT BEHIND HIM FOR SOME TIME DURING THIS LAST COUPLE
- 9 OF MINUTES HERE.
- 10 AND THEN WHEN THIS LEE PERSON GOES AWAY, I THINK
- 11 HIS NAME IS LEE, WHEN THIS LEE PERSON WALKS AWAY, KELLY
- 12 THOMAS REACHES ALL THE WAY FORWARD, PICKS UP HIS SHOES, PUT
- 13 THEM ON, AND NOW HE IS SITTING LIKE THIS TALKING TO OFFICER
- 14 RAMOS, WHO DOESN'T SEEM TO OBJECT TO THAT AT THIS POINT.
- 15 GO AHEAD.
- 16 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 17 WAS RESUMED.)
- 18 MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. THERE ARE A FEW THINGS
- 19 THAT I THINK ARE IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND AT THIS POINT.
- 20 FIRST, WHEN OFFICER RAMOS LEFT AND WALKED AWAY
- 21 FROM KELLY THOMAS, HE JUST TURNED HIS BACK TO KELLY THOMAS
- 22 AND JUST CASUALLY WALKED OVER TO THE POLICE CAR AND BEGAN
- 23 TALKING TO OFFICER WOLFE. AGAIN, NO CONCERN ABOUT KELLY
- 24 THOMAS, OR ANY THEFT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
- 25 THERE ARE A FEW THINGS I WANT TO SAY, AND IT IS
- 26 BECAUSE, WELL, FOR ONE THING WE HAD AN EXPERT WITNESS,

- 1 DR. MCNAMARA, AND YOU CAN SEE, I MEAN HE IS SOMEBODY WHO HAS
- 2 BEEN A STREET COP, HE HAS BEEN A POLICE CHIEF, HE IS AN
- 3 ACADEMIC, SO HE IS QUITE A COMBINATION OF THESE DIFFERENT
- 4 THINGS, AND OF EXPERIENCE.
- 5 BUT HE SAID A FEW THINGS WHILE HE WAS TESTIFYING
- 6 THAT MAY BE A LITTLE BIT OFF, OUT OF THE PALE, TO BE HONEST
- 7 WITH YOU. JUST SOME THINGS THAT YOU SHOULD NOT CONSIDER AS
- 8 PROOF. AND UNDERSTAND THAT HE TESTIFIED AS AN EXPERT
- 9 WITNESS OFFERING AN OPINION, AND YOU WILL BE GETTING AN
- 10 INSTRUCTION, OR YOU HAVE AN INSTRUCTION ABOUT EXPERT
- 11 TESTIMONY AND THEIR OPINIONS, AND WHETHER OR NOT THE FACTS
- 12 RELIED UPON BY THE EXPERTS HAVE BEEN PROVEN.
- 13 AND SO LET ME JUST GO THROUGH A COUPLE OF THINGS
- 14 HERE.
- 15 FIRST, I WANT TO SAY THIS, THAT OFFICER RAMOS AND
- 16 OFFICER WOLFE'S INITIAL DETENTION OF THOMAS WAS LAWFUL. I
- 17 DON'T THINK THAT IT WAS EVER SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS UNLAWFUL,
- 18 BUT ASSUME, PLEASE, IT IS A LAWFUL DETENTION. THEY HAVE
- 19 EVERY REASON TO GO TALK TO HIM, TO DETAIN HIM AND TO DISCUSS
- 20 THESE MATTERS WITH HIM, AND FIND OUT WHAT HE IS DOING, AND
- 21 WHETHER OR NOT HE IS DOING ANYTHING QUESTIONABLE IN THAT
- 22 PARKING LOT.
- 23 THE QUESTIONING OF THOMAS WAS LAWFUL. DID NOT
- 24 VIOLATE ANY MIRANDA RIGHTS. THEY DIDN'T VIOLATE HIS RIGHTS,
- 25 AS FAR AS THE QUESTIONING IS CONCERNED.
- 26 NOW, THIS WHOLE VERBAL SPARRING AND EVERYTHING,

- 1 NOT THAT VERY PROFESSIONAL, I DON'T THINK WHAT YOU WOULD
- 2 CONSIDER TO BE REALLY GREAT CONDUCT ON THE PART OF THE
- 3 POLICE OFFICER, BUT IT DOESN'T VIOLATE ANY LAWS. WHEN HE IS
- 4 ASKING HIM THINGS ABOUT WERE YOU OUT HERE TRYING DOORS,
- 5 THAT'S GENERAL KIND OF INVESTIGATION, AND IT DOESN'T
- 6 IMPLICATE MIRANDA OR ANY OF THAT, SO DON'T BE CONCERNED
- 7 ABOUT THAT.
- 8 AS FAR AS THE STATEMENTS THAT THOMAS WAS MAKING,
- 9 KELLY THOMAS WAS MAKING, HE DIDN'T MAKE ANY COERCED
- 10 STATEMENTS, HE WAS NOT COERCED INTO MAKING ANY CONFESSION OR
- 11 ANYTHING LIKE THAT, SO HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING UNVOLUNTARILY
- 12 THAT WOULD HAVE MADE ANY LEGAL PROBLEM. HE GAVE LAWFUL
- 13 CONSENT TO SEARCH THE BACKPACK. WE DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTION
- 14 THERE. THERE IS NO APPLICATION OF ANY EXCLUSIONARY RULE OF
- 15 EVIDENCE TO ANY OF THESE STATEMENTS.
- 16 AND AT THIS TIME THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT RIGHT
- 17 NOW, I THINK IT IS ONLY FAIR FOR US TO ASSUME THAT OFFICERS
- 18 RAMOS AND WOLFE BELIEVE THEY HAD REASONABLE CAUSE TO MAKE AN
- 19 ARREST OF KELLY THOMAS FOR RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.
- 20 I AM NOT GOING TO SAY -- I JUST DON'T THINK WE
- 21 SHOULD SPECULATE AS TO IS IT A STRONG CASE, IS IT A WEAK
- 22 CASE. THEY ARE LOOKING THROUGH THIS BACKPACK AND THEY ARE
- 23 SEEING IT DOESN'T BELONG, AT LEAST THE THINGS IN IT DON'T
- 24 SEEM TO BELONG TO KELLY THOMAS, AND THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY
- 25 HAVE A RIGHT TO MAKE AN ARREST HERE FOR PROBABLE CAUSE FOR
- 26 RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.

- 1 WHETHER OR NOT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF
- 2 THAT ULTIMATELY IS NOT EVEN AN APPROPRIATE QUESTION TO BE
- 3 CONCERNED ABOUT.
- 4 I THINK THOUGH THAT THE REASON THAT DR. MCNAMARA
- 5 WAS BRINGING THAT UP IS HE IS BASICALLY SAYING, AND THIS IS
- 6 SOMETHING FOR YOU TO CONSIDER, HE IS BASICALLY SAYING THIS
- 7 IS NOT A SERIOUS CASE. THIS IS NOT A CASE OF VIOLENCE.
- 8 THIS IS NOT A CASE WHERE WE HAVE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT SOME
- 9 HEAVYWEIGHT CRIMINAL OR SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE. THAT'S
- 10 THE POINT THAT HE WAS MAKING.
- 11 ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD.
- 12 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 13 WAS RESUMED.)
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. THIS IS INAPPROPRIATE
- 15 CONDUCT OF A VERY BAD KIND BY THIS OFFICER RAMOS AT THIS
- 16 POINT. THERE IS SIMPLY NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT.
- 17 AND I DON'T WANT TO BE THROWING THIS WORD AROUND
- 18 A LOT, BUT I THINK WE ALL KNOW WHAT IS MEANT BY IT, WE ALL
- 19 KNOW WHAT IS MEANT BY THIS. HE COULD HAVE SAID, SEE THESE
- 20 FISTS, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE GETTING READY TO BEAT YOU UP. HE
- 21 COULD HAVE SAID THAT. BUT TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, "FUCK YOU
- 22 UP, "HAS A GOOD DEAL MORE POWER THAN, "BEAT YOU UP." IT
- 23 MEANS REALLY BEAT YOU UP. IT MEANS WE ARE GETTING READY TO
- 24 HURT YOU REALLY BAD.
- 25 NOW, IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE THIS POINT, THAT THE
- 26 EVIDENCE DOES NOT SHOW THAT OFFICER WOLFE HEARD THAT

- 1 STATEMENT. AND SINCE THE EVIDENCE DOESN'T REALLY SHOW
- 2 OFFICER WOLFE HEARING THAT STATEMENT, RAMOS IS STANDING
- 3 RIGHT THERE, CLEARLY MENACING OVER KELLY THOMAS WHILE HE IS
- 4 SAYING THAT, BUT HE SAYS IT IN, I THINK, A PRETTY LOW TONE.
- 5 I DON'T THINK HE IS SAYING IT VERY LOUDLY LIKE A LOT OF THE
- 6 OTHER CONVERSATIONS. SO WE ARE JUST NOT ABLE TO SAY THAT
- 7 OFFICER WOLFE HEARD THIS AND TOOK PART, WAS A PART OF THAT
- 8 CONVERSATION, TOOK PART IN THAT PARTICULAR STATEMENT BEING
- 9 MADE AND JOINED IN. IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO OFFICER WOLFE TO
- 10 MAKE THAT DETERMINATION, I BELIEVE.
- 11 BUT NOW I WANT TO THROW UP SOME LAW HERE, AND THE
- 12 QUESTION CAME UP WHILE IT WAS BEING -- OR DURING THE
- 13 TESTIMONY, SO I THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE, I KNOW IT IS
- 14 APPROPRIATE, THE SELF DEFENSE. BECAUSE THIS IS GOING TO BE
- 15 COMING IN TO FOCUS AS WE PROCEED.
- 16 IF A PERSON KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT
- 17 A PEACE OFFICER IS ARRESTING OR DETAINING HIM, THAT PERSON
- 18 MUST NOT USE FORCE OR ANY WEAPON TO RESIST AN OFFICER'S USE
- 19 OF REASONABLE FORCE.
- 20 IN OTHER WORDS, IF AN OFFICER IS ACTING WITHIN
- 21 THE LEGAL SCOPE OF HIS DUTIES AND HE IS USING REASONABLE
- 22 FORCE TO DETAIN OR ARREST SOMEBODY, THE CITIZEN MUST SUBMIT.
- 23 HOWEVER, IF A PEACE OFFICER USES UNREASONABLE OR
- 24 EXCESSIVE FORCE WHILE ARRESTING OR ATTEMPTING TO ARREST, OR
- 25 DETAINING OR ATTEMPTING TO DETAIN A PERSON, THAT PERSON MAY
- 26 LAWFULLY USE REASONABLE FORCE TO DEFEND HIMSELF.

- 1 THAT PERSON MAY LAWFULLY USE REASONABLE FORCE TO
- 2 DEFEND HIMSELF.
- 3 A PERSON BEING ARRESTED USES REASONABLE FORCE
- 4 WHEN HE USES THAT, AND IT JUST KIND OF FLIPS AROUND NOW, HE
- 5 USES THAT DEGREE OF FORCE THAT HE OR SHE ACTUALLY BELIEVES
- 6 IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM THE OFFICER'S USE OF
- 7 UNREASONABLE OR EXCESSIVE FORCE.
- 8 HE USES NO MORE FORCE THAN A REASONABLE PERSON IN
- 9 THE SAME SITUATION WOULD BELIEVE IS NECESSARY FOR HIS
- 10 PROTECTION.
- 11 NOW, A PERSON HAS A RIGHT TO SELF DEFENSE. WE
- 12 CONSIDER THAT A NATIONAL RIGHT. THE RIGHT TO SELF DEFENSE.
- 13 AGAINST EXCESSIVE FORCE, UNREASONABLE FORCE, EVEN BY THE
- 14 POLICE. SO THAT QUESTION WAS ASKED, AND THE ANSWER IS, YES,
- 15 HE DOES HAVE A RIGHT TO USE SELF DEFENSE.
- 16 LET'S GO BACK TO THE VIDEO.
- 17 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 18 WAS RESUMED.)
- 19 MR. RACKAUCKAS: NOW, WE JUST SAID, OR I JUST SAID THAT
- 20 OFFICER RAMOS HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO MAKE AN ARREST HERE.
- 21 OFFICER WOLFE, OFFICER RAMOS HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE, OR IT IS
- 22 REASONABLE FOR THEM TO BELIEVE THEY CAN MAKE AN ARREST FOR
- 23 RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.
- 24 BUT WHAT IS THIS? WHAT IS THIS? IS THIS AN
- 25 ARREST? AND OFFICER RAMOS DOES A FEW THINGS HERE THAT ARE
- 26 CERTAINLY IMPORTANT IN SETTING UP THE BEGINNING OF THIS

- 1 VIOLENT CONDUCT.
- 2 AFTER TALKING TO OFFICER WOLFE, HIS ATTITUDE
- 3 CHANGES. HE IS NOT SO CASUAL ANYMORE. HE TELLS HIM HE IS
- 4 DONE MESSING AROUND. YOU KNOW, I AM DONE FUCKING WITH YOU,
- 5 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. MENACING. PUTS THE GLOVES ON IN
- 6 FRONT OF KELLY THOMAS WHO IS SITTING THERE. COMES OVER,
- 7 PUTS HIS FIST IN HIS FACE AND TELLS HIM THAT HE IS BASICALLY
- 8 READY TO BEAT THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS OUT OF HIM. AND THEN NOT
- 9 SAYING, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST, NOT SAYING, WE ARE TAKING YOU
- 10 IN FOR RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, NONE OF THAT.
- BACK UP ABOUT 30 SECONDS.
- 12 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 13 WAS RESUMED.)
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: HE JUST STARTS MANHANDLING HIM AFTER
- 15 HE THREATENS HIM. AND SO THERE IS NO CHANCE THAT SOMEBODY
- 16 IN THE POSITION OF KELLY THOMAS WOULD BELIEVE ANYTHING OTHER
- 17 THAN HE IS ABOUT TO GET BEAT UP BY THE POLICE. WE DON'T
- 18 KNOW WHAT'S IN THE MIND OF THE OFFICER AT THAT POINT, BUT
- 19 YOU CAN LOOK AT THIS AND THERE IS NO WAY TO SUGGEST THAT
- 20 KELLY THOMAS THOUGHT ANYTHING ELSE.
- 21 NOW, AS SOON AS HE STANDS UP, LOOK AT THE
- 22 POSITION HE IS IN, HE IS NOT AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS THE POLICE,
- 23 HE IS NOT MOVING TOWARDS THEM, HE IS MOVING AWAY, HIS HANDS
- 24 UP IN LIKE A BACKING UP POSTURE. NO SOONER DOES HE STAND UP
- 25 THAN OFFICER RAMOS HAS HIS BATON OUT.
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: EXCUSE ME.

- 1 MR. RACKAUCKAS: THIS IS A REALLY GOOD PLACE TO TAKE A
- 2 BREAK.
- 3 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL
- 4 LET'S SAY 10:30.
- 5 DURING ANY PERIOD OF THIS RECESS YOU SHOULD NOT
- 6 DISCUSS WITH ANYONE, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THIS HEARING
- 7 ROOM, ANY SUBJECT CONNECTED WITH THIS HEARING. THANK YOU.
- 8 (RECESS TAKEN.)
- 9 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 10 JURY ROOM:)
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE ARE HERE AGAIN IN
- 12 SESSION ON THE JOSEPH ANDREW WOLFE HEARING.
- 13 LET THE RECORD REFLECT ALL THE SAME 16 MEMBERS OF
- 14 THE GRAND JURY ARE PRESENT.
- MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, YOU MAY PROCEED.
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.
- 17 I WOULD LIKE TO BACK UP ON THIS MAYBE LESS THAN A
- 18 MINUTE, 30 SECONDS.
- 19 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 20 WAS RESUMED.)
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: RIGHT THERE.
- 22 SO WE ARE GOING TO PLAY THIS PART OVER AGAIN, BUT
- 23 WHAT I WOULD ASK YOU TO NOTICE, OF COURSE THE THREAT AND SO
- 24 FORTH, BUT I THINK THE NEXT THING IS TO CONSIDER HOW QUICKLY
- 25 THIS HAPPENS.
- 26 OFFICER RAMOS STARTS THIS PUSHING OF KELLY

- 1 THOMAS' SHOULDER. KELLY THOMAS STANDS UP AND HE IS BACKING
- 2 AWAY, AND I DON'T THINK I AM MISCHARACTERIZING THAT, BUT
- 3 THAT'S FOR YOU TO DECIDE. HE IS BACKING AWAY. OFFICER
- 4 RAMOS' BATON IS OUT. AND VERY FAST. VERY FAST, YOU KNOW,
- 5 IT IS LESS THAN A SECOND. BUT SEE HOW QUICKLY, OFFICER
- 6 WOLFE WASN'T VERY FAR AWAY, BECAUSE HE IS ON THAT SCENE
- 7 ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH KELLY THOMAS STANDING UP.
- 8 GO AHEAD.
- 9 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 10 WAS RESUMED.)
- 11 MR. RACKAUCKAS: SO YOU WILL BE ASKED TO DECIDE, WAS
- 12 THAT REASONABLE FORCE? WAS THAT REASONABLE FORCE UNDER ALL
- 13 THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE? WHEN KELLY THOMAS STANDS UP,
- 14 HE IS BACKING AWAY, AND THE OFFICERS START STRIKING HIM WITH
- 15 THE BATON.
- 16 GO AHEAD.
- 17 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 18 WAS RESUMED.)
- 19 MR. RACKAUCKAS: SO WHAT IS KELLY THOMAS SAYING? HE IS
- 20 SAYING, I AM SORRY. I AM SORRY, DUDE, I AM SORRY.
- 21 WHY IS HE SAYING, I AM SORRY? NOT BECAUSE HE IS
- 22 THINKING THAT HE IS BEING ARRESTED BY THE POLICE. BUT
- 23 BECAUSE HE IS THINKING THAT HE IS BEING BEATEN BY THE
- 24 POLICE. HE IS SORRY, MAYBE THIS WILL HELP, I AM SORRY, YOU
- 25 GUYS, PLEASE.
- GO AHEAD.

- 1 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 2 WAS RESUMED.)
- 3 MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE STOPPED NOW, THIS
- 4 IS OFFICER WOLFE WHO IS OVER KELLY THOMAS, AND HE HAS KELLY
- 5 THOMAS' LEFT HAND, LEFT ARM, AND HE IS PUSHING IT UP HIS
- 6 BACK. HE IS PUSHING IT UP HIS BACK. NOT IN A POSITION TO
- 7 PUT HANDCUFFS, BUT IN A POSITION TO CAUSE PAIN. AND I AM
- 8 PRETTY SURE THAT PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE HERE CAN UNDERSTAND
- 9 WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO HAVE YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR BACK AND
- 10 YOUR ARM SHOVED UP YOUR BACK IN THAT MANNER.
- 11 GO AHEAD.
- 12 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 13 WAS RESUMED.)
- 14 MR. RACKAUCKAS: NOW, AS THIS GOES ON, I JUST ASK YOU
- 15 TO THINK ABOUT, IS HE EVEN ABLE TO COOPERATE? DOES HE HAVE
- 16 THE ABILITY TO DO WHAT THESE POLICE OFFICERS ARE TELLING HIM
- 17 TO DO? HE IS BEING -- HE IS FACE DOWN ON THE GROUND, HIS
- 18 ARM IS SHOVED UP HIS BACK IN THE MOST PAINFUL POSITION, AND
- 19 HE IS BEING TOLD TO DO SOMETHING ELSE, PUT HIS OTHER ARM
- 20 BEHIND HIS BACK.
- GO AHEAD.
- 22 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 23 WAS RESUMED.)
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: NOW, YOU CAN SEE WHERE, AND THAT WAS
- 25 OFFICER WOLFE -- BACK UP AND SHOW THOSE TWO KNEE KICKS
- 26 AGAIN.

- 1 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 2 WAS RESUMED.)
- 3 MR. RACKAUCKAS: IF ANYBODY HAS ANY QUESTION ABOUT IT,
- 4 THOSE KNEE KICKS ARE HARD. THOSE KNEE KICKS BY OFFICER
- 5 WOLFE ARE HARD.
- 6 IF YOU NEED TO WATCH IT AGAIN, YOU WILL HAVE AN
- 7 OPPORTUNITY, BUT HE GETS HIS LEG WAY UP SO HE CAN GET THE
- 8 MAXIMUM FORCE INTO THOSE KNEE KICKS. AND HE IS KICKING
- 9 KELLY THOMAS SOMEWHERE IN THE SIDE. THEY LOOK LIKE KIDNEY
- 10 KICKS, IS IT THE KIDNEY OR IS IT A LITTLE BIT HIGHER THAN
- 11 THAT, MAYBE THE RIBS, BUT THOSE ARE HARD PAINFUL BLOWS.
- 12 GO AHEAD.
- 13 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 14 WAS RESUMED.)
- 15 MR. RACKAUCKAS: THIS IS OFFICER CICINELLI WHO JUST RAN
- 16 FROM THE CAR TO THE SCENE, HE WAS THE THIRD OFFICER ON THE
- 17 SCENE. THAT'S OFFICER CICINELLI.
- 18 AND THE OTHER OFFICER WHO CAME FROM THE LEFT ONTO
- 19 THE SCENE WAS OFFICER HAMPTON.
- GO AHEAD.
- 21 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 22 WAS RESUMED.)
- 23 MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. THIS IS OFFICER CICINELLI
- 24 AT THE FEET WITH THE TASER.
- 25 AND OFFICER HAMPTON ABOVE KELLY THOMAS IN A
- 26 CROUCHED POSITION.

- 1 ON TOP OF KELLY THOMAS IS OFFICER WOLFE. NOW
- 2 KEEP AN EYE ON WHAT OFFICER WOLFE DOES. HE PUTS HIS ENTIRE
- 3 WEIGHT ON KELLY THOMAS AT THIS POINT, AND THEN DELIVERS SOME
- 4 ELBOW OR FOREARM BLOWS.
- 5 GO AHEAD.
- 6 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 7 WAS RESUMED.)
- 8 MR. RACKAUCKAS: THOSE THINGS AREN'T ALL THAT EASY TO
- 9 SEE, BUT KELLY THOMAS, JUST A BIT AGO HIS TOES WERE POINTED
- 10 DOWN. SO HIS FACE IS TOWARD THE CONCRETE. AND OFFICER
- 11 WOLFE'S ENTIRE WEIGHT IS ON TOP OF KELLY THOMAS, WHO HAS
- 12 BEEN SAYING HE CAN'T BREATHE. HE HAS BEEN BEGGING AND
- 13 PLEADING AND SAYING HE CAN'T BREATHE.
- 14 AND THEN WE HAVE THE DELIVERY OF THESE FOREARM
- 15 BLOWS OR THESE ELBOW BLOWS APPARENTLY TO THE BACK OF KELLY
- 16 THOMAS' HEAD, AND WHAT WOULD THAT DO? YOUR FACE IS ON THE
- 17 CONCRETE, AND THIS OFFICER JUST THROWS THESE BLOWS TO THE
- 18 BACK OF YOUR HEAD FORCING YOUR FACE INTO THE CONCRETE.
- 19 GO AHEAD.
- 20 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 21 WAS RESUMED.)
- 22 MR. RACKAUCKAS: NOW, YOU SEE THIS MAKES ONE UNSURE, TO
- 23 BE HONEST WITH YOU, IF KELLY THOMAS AT THE TIME OF THOSE
- 24 FOREARM OR ELBOW BLOWS, IF HE WAS ON HIS STOMACH OR HE WAS
- 25 ON HIS BACK, BECAUSE WHEN OFFICER CICINELLI STARTS HITTING
- 26 HIM WITH THE TASER, HE IS HITTING HIM IN THE FACE. SO THIS

- 1 IS ALL HAPPENING VERY QUICKLY.
- 2 YOU CAN LOOK AT IT, BUT AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, IT
- 3 IS NOT GOING TO MATTER IF HE WAS ON HIS BACK OR IF HE WAS ON
- 4 HIS STOMACH. IF HE IS ON HIS STOMACH, HE IS GETTING HIS
- 5 FACE PUSHED INTO THE CONCRETE. IF HE IS ON HIS BACK, HE IS
- 6 GETTING HIT IN THE FACE. EITHER WAY IT IS NOT GOING TO MAKE
- 7 ANY SERIOUS DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF WHAT THE DECISION OUGHT
- 8 TO BE IN THIS CASE.
- 9 GO AHEAD.
- 10 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 11 WAS RESUMED.)
- 12 MR. RACKAUCKAS: HE IS CALLING FOR HIS DAD. OFFICER
- 13 WOLFE IS MAINTAINING HIS ENTIRE WEIGHT ON TOP OF KELLY
- 14 THOMAS.
- 15 GO AHEAD.
- 16 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 17 WAS RESUMED.)
- 18 MR. RACKAUCKAS: THAT'S OFFICER CICINELLI LEANING ON
- 19 THE CAR, AND SORT OF A SITTING POSITION OVER KELLY THOMAS.
- 20 AND THEN THIS IS OFFICER HAMPTON A LITTLE BIT IN
- 21 THE FOREGROUND, LOOKS LIKE HE IS TRYING TO PUT THIS HOBBLE
- 22 ON KELLY THOMAS.
- 23 AND OFFICER WOLFE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF OFFICER
- 24 HAMPTON, AND HE IS STILL HOLDING HIM DOWN WITH HIS ARMS AND
- 25 WITH HIS BODY WEIGHT. AND YOU CAN SEE HIS LEG LEANING OUT
- 26 TO STEADY HIMSELF OVER KELLY THOMAS, TO HOLD HIMSELF ON TOP

- 1 OF KELLY THOMAS.
- 2 GO AHEAD.
- 3 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 4 WAS RESUMED.)
- 5 MR. RACKAUCKAS: NOW, THIS ISN'T OVER YET, BUT YOU CAN
- 6 SEE THE BLOOD. YOU CAN SEE THE BLOOD IN THIS VIDEO. THE
- 7 SHINY MATERIAL BY OFFICER WOLFE'S FOOT, YOU CAN SEE IT THERE
- 8 STARTING TO POOL UP.
- 9 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 10 WAS RESUMED.)
- 11 MR. RACKAUCKAS: I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HEARD THAT. "THEY
- 12 ARE KILLING ME, DAD." HE KNOWS. HE KNOWS HE IS IN HIS LAST
- 13 MINUTES.
- 14 GO AHEAD.
- 15 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 16 WAS RESUMED.)
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: DO YOU HEAR THOSE LAST MOANINGS IN
- 18 AGONY? AND OFFICER WOLFE IS STILL ON TOP OF HIM WITH HIS
- 19 BODY WEIGHT, NOT LETTING HIM BREATHE.
- GO AHEAD.
- 21 (WHEREUPON THE PLAYING OF GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 75
- 22 WAS RESUMED.)
- 23 MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. WE ARE NOT GOING TO GO
- 24 THROUGH THE REST OF IT. I WOULD JUST SAY TO YOU, I THINK
- 25 THAT, AND CERTAINLY YOU MAY GO THROUGH THE REST OF IT AS
- 26 WELL, THERE IS A COUPLE OF MINUTES LEFT HERE, BUT WHAT IS

- 1 REMARKABLE ABOUT THE REST OF THIS VIDEO IS, THE ONLY THING
- 2 THAT IS REMARKABLE ABOUT IT IS THE LACK OF CARING. THE LACK
- 3 OF AN EMERGENCY ON THE PART OF THE POLICE. THE CASUAL WAY
- 4 THAT THEY HANDLE THIS FROM HERE ON OUT. THEY DON'T SEEM TO
- 5 RECOGNIZE ANY EMERGENCY HERE. ANY DISTRESS. THEY JUST
- 6 START TALKING, THEY JUST CLEAN THEIR THINGS UP AND SO FORTH.
- 7 ALL RIGHT. I AM SORRY THAT YOU HAVE TO GO
- 8 THROUGH THIS, YOU KNOW, THIS PAINFUL THING. AND THERE IS
- 9 REALLY JUST NO OTHER WAY TO LOOK AT IT, BECAUSE I MEAN WE
- 10 ARE WATCHING SOMEBODY DIE ON A VIDEO. AND NOT AN ACTING
- 11 OUT, BUT THE REAL THING. AND HE IS JUST BEGGING FOR HIS
- 12 DAD, AND BEGGING FOR SOME MERCY TO BE ABLE TO BREATHE.
- 13 AND SO, OF COURSE, THIS CASE IS JUST WITH RESPECT
- 14 TO OFFICER WOLFE AT THIS POINT. AND WHETHER OR NOT OFFICER
- 15 WOLFE IS GUILTY OF EXCESSIVE FORCE, AND WHETHER OR NOT
- 16 OFFICER WOLFE SHOULD BE INDICTED FOR INVOLUNTARY
- 17 MANSLAUGHTER. AND NOT THE OTHER OFFICERS.
- 18 SO JUST WHAT THE OTHER OFFICERS DO, WHAT IS
- 19 HAPPENING IN THE ENTIRE SCENE IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THAT'S
- 20 WHERE OFFICER WOLFE WAS, AND THAT'S WHAT HE WAS, THAT'S WHAT
- 21 WAS GOING ON. AND DID HE HAVE TO DO WHAT HE DID, WAS IT
- 22 REASONABLE AND NECESSARY, COULD HE HAVE STOPPED IT, SHOULD
- 23 HE HAVE STOPPED IT, WHEN THE BLOOD WAS POURING OUT ON THE
- 24 CONCRETE SHOULD HE HAVE SAID, THIS IS TOO MUCH NOW?
- 25 IT WOULD NOT BE FAIR TO TRY TO ISOLATE THIS EVENT
- 26 IN ONE PART, ONE SMALL PART, BECAUSE THIS IS A WHOLE EVENT

- 1 THAT TAKES PLACE OVER TIME. AND, CLEARLY, THE NATURE OF THE
- 2 EVENT IS SUCH THAT THE CULPABILITY OF THE POLICE GROWS AS
- 3 THIS CONTINUES TO GO THROUGH IN TIME, UNTIL THE DEATH OF
- 4 KELLY THOMAS.
- 5 NOW, I KNOW THAT KELLY THOMAS DIED A FEW DAYS
- 6 LATER IN THE HOSPITAL, BUT FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES,
- 7 THAT WAS IT. HE WAS OUT, NEVER TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS, AND
- 8 DIES IN THE HOSPITAL.
- 9 SO AS FAR AS ALL THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES,
- 10 THERE ARE A COUPLE MORE THINGS THAT I THINK I SHOULD BRING
- 11 TO YOUR ATTENTION. AND BASICALLY THIS IS CONCERNING THE
- 12 TESTIMONY OF DR. MCNAMARA.
- 13 I LEFT OFF SAYING THAT THE EVIDENCE DOESN'T SHOW
- 14 THAT OFFICER WOLFE HEARD THE THREAT BY KELLY THOMAS. AND
- 15 ALSO THERE IS SOME ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE, AND THAT HAD BEEN
- 16 POINTED OUT TO YOU, THAT AFTER THOMAS WAS STRUCK BY WOLFE
- 17 WITH THE BATON, AND AS THE TWO OFFICERS WERE ABOUT TO TACKLE
- 18 THOMAS, THIS IS OUTSIDE OF THE VIDEO, THAT THOMAS STRUCK
- 19 WOLFE AT LEAST ONCE WITH HIS FIST.
- 20 THERE WAS SOME MENTION BY DR. MCNAMARA ABOUT WHAT
- 21 THE DISPATCHER SENT, THE INFORMATION THAT THE DISPATCHER
- 22 SENT TO THE OFFICERS, BUT YOU SHOULD DISREGARD THAT. THERE
- 23 IS NO -- THE EVIDENCE DOESN'T REALLY DEMONSTRATE THAT THE
- 24 OFFICERS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE DISPATCHER ABOUT
- 25 KELLY THOMAS' BACKGROUND.
- 26 SO LET'S ASSUME THAT, AND I THINK IT IS ONLY FAIR

- 1 TO ASSUME, THAT THE OFFICERS HAD REASONABLE CAUSE TO MAKE AN
- 2 ARREST. AND THAT IS BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS A
- 3 REASONABLE CAUSE TO MAKE AN ARREST OF RECEIVING STOLEN
- 4 PROPERTY.
- 5 THE MANNER IN WHICH THAT WAS APPARENTLY ATTEMPTED
- 6 IS WITHOUT QUESTION THE MOST UNPROFESSIONAL KIND OF ARREST
- 7 YOU WILL PROBABLY EVER SEE. AND OFFICER WOLFE BEING THERE,
- 8 HE HAS BEEN THERE FOR THE LAST 20 MINUTES. HE HAS BEEN,
- 9 MAYBE HE DIDN'T HEAR THAT PART OF THE CONVERSATION ABOUT,
- 10 SEE MY FIST, BUT HE HAS BEEN THERE. HE HAS SEEN THE WHOLE
- 11 THING. HE IS SEEING HOW CASUAL IT ALL IS. PEOPLE WALKING
- 12 AROUND. THAT KELLY THOMAS IS NO THREAT TO ANYBODY. AND
- 13 THAT HE IMMEDIATELY HAS THE BATON OUT. IMMEDIATELY. AND HE
- 14 IMMEDIATELY BEGINS STRIKING KELLY THOMAS WITH HIS BATON.
- 15 AND YOU CAN WATCH THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. BUT
- 16 KELLY THOMAS IS NOT BEING AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS THOSE POLICE.
- 17 SO THIS IS NOT A SITUATION WHERE THE POLICE HAVE A NECESSITY
- 18 TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY OR THE
- 19 SAFETY OF OTHERS WITH THIS PERSON, AND THE WAY THIS WHOLE
- 20 THING IS TAKING PLACE.
- 21 SO I WOULD SAY, I DO SAY, THAT THAT'S AN
- 22 EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE RIGHT THERE. RIGHT THERE AT THE
- 23 OUTSET, AT THE TIME THAT KELLY THOMAS STANDS UP AND HE IS
- 24 TRYING TO BACK AWAY, AND HE STARTS GETTING HIT WITH THESE
- 25 BATONS. JUST TRYING TO FIND A REASON FOR THAT IS NOT SO
- 26 EASY. AND TRYING TO FIND THAT THAT'S REASONABLE, REASONABLE

- 1 USE OF FORCE BY OUR PROFESSIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, IS JUST
- 2 NOT THE CASE.
- NOW, IF WE ASSUME THAT THIS IS UNREASONABLE
- 4 FORCE, THEN KELLY THOMAS HAS A RIGHT TO RESIST. HE HAS A
- 5 RIGHT TO DEFEND HIMSELF. HE HAS A RIGHT TO RESIST
- 6 UNREASONABLE FORCE.
- 7 NOW, WE HAVE A SITUATION HERE WHERE THE POLICE,
- 8 YOU CAN ASSUME IT EITHER WAY, KELLY THOMAS HAS A RIGHT TO
- 9 RESIST, OR ASSUME HE DOESN'T HAVE A RIGHT TO RESIST. IF HE
- 10 HAS A RIGHT TO RESIST, THEN THIS IS UNREASONABLE FORCE AT
- 11 THE OUTSET, AND THEY ARE OVERWHELMING HIS RIGHT TO SELF
- 12 DEFENSE. AND THAT IS ENTIRELY UNLAWFUL BY THE POLICE.
- 13 IF HE IS NOT ABLE TO ACT IN SELF DEFENSE, LET'S
- 14 SAY WE CAN THINK OF A REASON WHY, WELL, THIS IS LAWFUL
- 15 CONDUCT ON THE PART OF OFFICER WOLFE, AND KELLY TOM HAS NO
- 16 RIGHT TO RESIST OFFICER WOLFE, THEN WHAT IS OFFICER WOLFE
- 17 DOING, WHY IS HE USING ALL THIS FORCE TO ARREST SOMEBODY FOR
- 18 A MINOR PROPERTY CRIME? A PERSON WHO SEEMS TO BE AFFECTED
- 19 IN HIS MENTAL ABILITIES. A HOMELESS PERSON WHO JUST HANGS
- 20 AROUND THAT AREA. WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT? WHY IS IT OVERCOME
- 21 HIS RESISTANCE AT ALL COST, EVEN IF IT MEANS KILLING HIM?
- 22 IS THERE ANY POINT YOU DRAW THE LINE AND SAY,
- 23 WAIT A MINUTE, WAIT A MINUTE, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES HERE
- 24 THIS IS JUST TOO MUCH FORCE FOR THIS?
- 25 DO WE LIVE IN A PLACE WHERE THE POLICE CAN USE
- 26 ANY FORCE, NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES, TO OVERCOME

- 1 WHATEVER RESISTANCE MIGHT BE PUT UP? I DON'T THINK SO. I
- 2 THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES,
- 3 AND HERE THIS JUST ISN'T THAT KIND OF SITUATION. THERE IS
- 4 NO DANGER TO THE POLICE. THERE IS NO DANGER TO ANYONE. AND
- 5 WE FIND A CIRCUMSTANCE HERE WHERE IT JUST LOOKS LIKE NO
- 6 MATTER WHAT, NO MATTER WHAT, THIS GUY IS GOING TO SUBMIT.
- 7 THIS GUY IS GOING TO DO WHAT WE TELL HIM, IF WE HAVE TO KILL
- 8 HIM. AND, OF COURSE, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS.
- 9 SO IS THERE AN UNLAWFUL ACT? I THINK, I DON'T
- 10 THINK YOU CAN HELP BUT TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION IN THE
- 11 AFFIRMATIVE, THAT THERE IS. THAT THIS IS AN UNLAWFUL USE OF
- 12 FORCE, EXCESSIVE FORCE UNDER COLOR OF AUTHORITY, WHETHER
- 13 KELLY THOMAS HAS A RIGHT TO USE SELF DEFENSE OR NOT. IT IS
- 14 STILL EXCESSIVE FORCE. WHEN YOU GET TO THE POINT OF THE
- 15 KNEE STRIKES, THE KNEE STRIKES, ALL THE WEIGHT ON KELLY
- 16 THOMAS, THE ARM, THE FOREARM AND ELBOW STRIKES, OF COURSE IT
- 17 IS EXCESSIVE FORCE.
- 18 SO WE KNOW THAT IT IS A VIOLATION OF SECTION 149,
- 19 ASSAULT AND BATTERY BY A POLICE OFFICER UNDER COLOR OF
- 20 AUTHORITY.
- 21 AND THE NEXT QUESTION IS, IS THAT ALL IT IS? OR
- 22 IS IT ALSO AN INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER?
- 23 AND IN OUR PROPOSED INDICTMENT, WE HAVE COUNT 1
- 24 IS INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, COUNT 2, ASSAULT AND BATTERY BY
- 25 A PUBLIC OFFICER.
- 26 IN ORDER FOR THERE TO BE AN INVOLUNTARY

- 1 MANSLAUGHTER, THE ELEMENTS ARE:
- ONE. THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED A CRIME OR A LAWFUL
- 3 ACT IN AN UNLAWFUL MANNER.
- 4 TWO -- AND THE DEFENDANT BEING OFFICER WOLFE.
- 5 TWO. THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED THE CRIME OR ACT
- 6 WITH CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE.
- 7 AND, THREE. THE DEFENDANT'S ACTS CAUSED THE
- 8 DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON.
- 9 ALL THREE OF THOSE ELEMENTS HAVE TO BE SATISFIED.
- 10 SO THE FIRST ELEMENT IS WHETHER OR NOT THE
- 11 DEFENDANT COMMITTED A CRIME OR A LAWFUL ACT IN AN UNLAWFUL
- 12 MANNER. SO IT GIVES YOU TWO WAYS TO LOOK AT THAT.
- 13 SO ONE WAY IS IF THERE IS A CRIME. NOW, I HAVE
- 14 ALREADY DISCUSSED THE CRIME OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY BY A
- 15 POLICE OFFICER UNDER COLOR OF AUTHORITY. AND THAT CERTAINLY
- 16 IS PRESENT. BUT I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO GO TO THE OUESTION
- 17 OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A LAWFUL ACT IN AN UNLAWFUL
- 18 MANNER. THERE IS A CLEAR CRIME HERE.
- 19 WAS IT DONE WITHOUT LEGAL NECESSITY? DID HE USE
- 20 MORE FORCE THAN WAS NECESSARY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES? I
- 21 THINK THAT IS WELL-ESTABLISHED.
- 22 HERE ARE SOME OF THE -- PAGE 9, SOME OF THE
- 23 THINGS WE LOOK AT TO TRY TO DECIDE THE STANDARD OF WHETHER
- 24 THE FORCE WAS UNREASONABLE.
- THE SEVERITY OF THE CRIME.
- 26 WHETHER THE SUSPECT POSES AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO

- 1 THE SAFETY OF THE OFFICERS OR OTHERS.
- WHETHER THE SUSPECT IS ACTIVELY RESISTING ARREST
- 3 OR ATTEMPTING TO EVADE ARREST BY FLIGHT.
- 4 SUSPECT'S MENTAL ILLNESS, WHEN APPARENT.
- 5 WITH RESPECT TO THAT LAST ONE, HIS MENTAL
- 6 ILLNESS, WHEN APPARENT, I THINK THAT THE QUESTION IS, WAS IT
- 7 APPARENT TO THE POLICE OFFICERS? THE QUESTION IS NOT IS HE
- 8 MENTALLY ILL, OR DOES HE HAVE SOME DIAGNOSED ILLNESS OF SOME
- 9 SORT, IT IS, HOW DID IT APPEAR TO THE POLICE OFFICERS AT THE
- 10 SCENE?
- AND I THINK YOU CAN SEE, YOU CAN SEE THE
- 12 CHARACTER OF KELLY THOMAS AND HOW HE LOOKED. AND, YOU KNOW,
- 13 HOW HE ACTED. AND HOW HE CONDUCTED HIMSELF, HIS APPARENT
- 14 CONFUSION. HIS SORT OF COMBATIVENESS. AND ALL OF THAT THAT
- 15 GOES WITH IT.
- 16 I DON'T KNOW, WAS THAT MENTAL ILLNESS OR WHAT?
- 17 AND I THINK THAT'S KIND OF TOUGH TO SAY. BUT I THINK
- 18 CERTAINLY IT IS A PERSON WHO WAS A HOMELESS PERSON WHO IS
- 19 AFFECTED. HE IS NOT, HE DOESN'T HAVE THE SAME FUNCTIONING
- 20 THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT A BUSINESS GUY DOES, OR THAT SOMEBODY
- 21 ELSE WHO IS GOING ABOUT LIFE IN THE MORE REGULAR FASHION.
- 22 AND HE SAYS HE IS LIVING IN TRASH CANS, AND YOU CAN SEE HE'S
- 23 OUT THERE WITH NO SHIRT ON AND SO ON, SO THIS IS CLEARLY
- 24 SOMEBODY WHO NEEDS TO BE THOUGHT OF AS ONE OF THE CASES THAT
- 25 YOU NEED TO TAKE SOME CARE WITH.
- 26 I NOTE THE NEXT ELEMENT FOR INVOLUNTARY

- 1 MANSLAUGHTER IS THAT THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED THE CRIME OR
- 2 ACT WITH CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE.
- 3 SO WHAT IS CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE? THAT IS AN
- 4 ELEMENT WE HAVE TO CONSIDER. THE PERSON ACTS WITH CRIMINAL
- 5 NEGLIGENCE WHEN HE OR SHE ACTS IN A RECKLESS WAY THAT
- 6 CREATES A HIGH RISK OF DEATH OR GREAT BODILY INJURY.
- 7 RECKLESSLY CREATING A HIGH RISK OF DEATH OR GREAT
- 8 BODILY INJURY.
- 9 AND A PERSON WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT ACTING IN THAT
- 10 WAY WOULD CREATE SUCH A RISK.
- 11 WELL, IS OFFICER WOLFE NEGLIGENT HERE? DID HE
- 12 COMMIT THIS SERIES OF BATTERIES ON KELLY THOMAS RECKLESSLY,
- 13 CREATING A HIGH RISK OF DEATH AND GREAT BODILY INJURY? THE
- 14 ONLY WAY TO ANSWER THAT IS IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, OF COURSE.
- 15 I MEAN, ESCALATING VIOLENCE CAN ONLY DO THAT IN A
- 16 SITUATION WHERE THE POLICE ARE INVOLVED, AND THE POLICE ARE
- 17 USING WEAPONS, AND MORE POLICE ARE COMING TO THE SCENE, AND
- 18 WE ARE PUTTING SOMEBODY IN A HOBBLE, AND DOING ALL OF THESE
- 19 THINGS. OF COURSE. OF COURSE. AT THE VERY LEAST IT IS A
- 20 HIGH RISK OF GREAT BODILY INJURY, AND CERTAINLY A RISK OF
- 21 DEATH. JUST LOOK AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE IS NO OTHER
- 22 WAY TO ANSWER THAT. SO THAT CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE IS
- 23 DEFINITELY PRESENT.
- 24 THE LAST ELEMENT IS THAT THE DEFENDANT'S ACTS
- 25 CAUSED THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON. SO THIS IS WHAT WE CALL
- 26 PROXIMATE CAUSE, OR THIS IS THE CAUSAL REQUIREMENT.

- 1 SOMEBODY COULD COMMIT VARIOUS ACTS AND BRING VIOLENCE ON
- 2 ANOTHER, BUT IF THE DEATH WAS CAUSED BY SOME COMPLETELY
- 3 INDEPENDENT MEANS, THEN THAT PERSON WHO DID THOSE ACTS
- 4 WOULDN'T BE GUILTY OR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THAT
- 5 INDIVIDUAL.
- 6 BUT THE CAUSE THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT HERE, WHAT
- 7 IS THE CAUSE, IS AN ACT CAUSES DEATH IF IT IS THE DIRECT,
- 8 NATURAL AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACT. AND THE DEATH
- 9 WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED WITHOUT THE ACT. NATURAL AND
- 10 PROBABLE CONSEQUENCE IS ONE THAT A REASONABLE PERSON WOULD
- 11 KNOW IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN IF NOTHING UNUSUAL INTERVENES. IN
- 12 DECIDING WHETHER A CONSEQUENCE IS NATURAL AND PROBABLE,
- 13 CONSIDER ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES ESTABLISHED BY THE EVIDENCE.
- 14 NOW, THIS LAST PARAGRAPH IS VERY IMPORTANT.
- 15 THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE CAUSE OF DEATH. AN ACT CAUSES
- 16 DEATH ONLY IF IT IS A SUBSTANTIAL FACTOR IN CAUSING THE
- 17 DEATH. A SUBSTANTIAL FACTOR IS MORE THAN A TRIVIAL OR
- 18 REMOTE FACTOR, HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE THE ONLY
- 19 FACTOR THAT CAUSES THE DEATH.
- 20 SO THE QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT OFFICER WOLFE'S
- 21 CONDUCT HERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL FACTOR, NOT THE ONLY FACTOR,
- 22 BUT WAS IT A SUBSTANTIAL FACTOR IN CAUSING THE DEATH OF
- 23 KELLY THOMAS? DID IT CONTRIBUTE IN A WAY THAT WAS MORE THAN
- 24 TRIVIAL? THAT WAS MORE THAN REMOTE?
- 25 LOOK AT THE TESTIMONY OF THE TWO WITNESSES WHO
- 26 TESTIFIED ABOUT THAT, DR. SINGHANIA AND DR. LEKAWA, AND OF

- 1 COURSE CONSIDER THE TESTIMONY OF THE PARAMEDICS WHERE THEY
- 2 PICKED UP, THEY BASICALLY PICKED UP KELLY THOMAS FROM THE
- 3 SCENE, PUT HIM ON A BOARD, PUT HIM -- OR BED OR WHATEVER
- 4 THAT IS, PUT HIM IN THE AMBULANCE AND TOOK HIM TO THE
- 5 HOSPITAL, AND HE NEVER REVIVED AFTER THAT. THEY DID
- 6 EVERYTHING THEY COULD, BUT HE JUST COULDN'T SURVIVE.
- 7 AS EXPLAINED BY DR. SINGHANIA, AND I THINK ADDED
- 8 TO BY DR. LEKAWA, THERE WASN'T ONE CAUSE OF DEATH HERE. IT
- 9 WAS THE ENTIRE CONSTELLATION OF EVENTS THAT CAUSED THIS
- 10 DEATH. IT WAS HIS INABILITY TO GET ENOUGH OXYGEN TO SUSTAIN
- 11 LIFE. TO GET ENOUGH OXYGEN TO HAVE THAT CIRCULATE TO THE
- 12 BRAIN TO SUSTAIN HIS LIFE. AND HE DIED OF A LACK OF OXYGEN
- 13 TO THE BRAIN. YOU KNOW, THE WORD ENCEPHALOPATHY, THAT'S
- 14 ALL, IT JUST REFERS TO THE BRAIN, NO OXYGEN IN THE BRAIN, SO
- 15 HE COULDN'T SURVIVE.
- 16 BUT IT ALL GOES INTO IT. THE EXCITEMENT, THE
- 17 STRUGGLE, ALL CREATING A GREATER NEED FOR CIRCULATION. HIS
- 18 LACK OF ABILITY TO BREATHE. HIS BEING BEATEN TO THE POINT
- 19 WHERE THERE IS BLOOD ALL OVER, MAYBE GOING INTO -- MAYBE
- 20 GETTING IN HIS FACE AND CAUSING GREATER DISTRESS. THE
- 21 PAINFUL NATURE OF THE INJURIES THAT HE IS SUFFERING DURING
- 22 THIS EVENT. ALL OF THIS. ALL OF IT GOES INTO CAUSING HIS
- 23 DEATH. BECAUSE IT ALL CONTRIBUTES, IT ALL GOES TOGETHER,
- 24 AND IT ALL MOUNTS UNTIL THE END WHERE HE JUST HAS NOTHING
- 25 LEFT. AND YOU CAN HEAR EVERYTHING CHANGE, THERE IS JUST
- 26 NOTHING LEFT THERE, AND HE JUST DIES OUT THERE ON THE

- 1 STREET.
- 2 LITERALLY, I MEAN HE STILL GOES TO THE HOSPITAL,
- 3 THEY STILL TRY TO HELP HIM RECOVER, BUT THAT'S JUST TOO
- 4 LATE.
- 5 ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WITH THAT, JUST
- 6 A COUPLE MORE THINGS THAT I WANT TO SAY.
- 7 ONE, THESE ARE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, AND I DON'T
- 8 WANT ANYBODY TO FEEL RUSHED. DON'T FEEL PUSHED INTO MAKING
- 9 A DECISION FASTER THAN YOU WANT TO MAKE IT. IF THERE IS
- 10 ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU WANT TO HEAR, ANYTHING IN THE
- 11 EVIDENCE, ANYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED OR PRESENTED AS A
- 12 POSSIBLE PART OF THIS JOHNSON MATERIAL THAT YOU THINK MIGHT
- 13 HELP EXPLAIN SOMETHING IN FAVOR OF OFFICER WOLFE, DON'T BE
- 14 AFRAID TO ASK. WE ARE HERE TO HANDLE THOSE THINGS. SO I
- 15 JUST WANT YOU TO HAVE THAT ADMONITION.
- 16 AND IT IS UP TO YOU. YOU ARE THE DECISION MAKER
- 17 HERE TO DECIDE, DOES THIS BODY SAY, DOES THE GRAND JURY OF
- 18 ORANGE COUNTY SAY, THIS IS JUST TOO MUCH FOR US UNDER THE
- 19 CIRCUMSTANCES.
- THANK YOU.
- 21 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, MY
- 22 UNDERSTANDING IS YOU PRESENTED THE ORAL AND WRITTEN
- 23 EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE; IS THAT THE EXTENT OF IT?
- MR. BOGARDUS: YES.
- 25 MR. RACKAUCKAS: WE NEED TO CLARIFY THAT. WHAT HE
- 26 PRESENTED WAS NOT THE EVIDENCE, IF THE GRAND JURY WANTS TO

- 1 ASK FOR ANY OF THIS TO BE PRESENTED AS EVIDENCE, THEY CAN DO
- 2 THAT.
- 3 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: OKAY.
- 4 MR. RACKAUCKAS: YOU SEE WHAT I AM SAYING?
- 5 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES.
- 6 MR. RACKAUCKAS: OKAY.
- 7 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY LEGAL
- 8 QUESTIONS?
- 9 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 10 OKAY. WE DO HAVE SOME LEGAL QUESTIONS.
- 11 (FOR I.D. = GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 120)
- 12 MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE SEVEN QUESTIONS
- 13 THAT WOULD BE MARKED COLLECTIVELY AS EXHIBIT NUMBER 120.
- 14 LEGALLY ARE PEACE OFFICERS HELD TO A HIGHER
- 15 STANDARD?
- 16 THE STANDARD IS A REASONABLE POLICE OFFICER UNDER
- 17 THE CIRCUMSTANCES. WHAT WOULD A REASONABLE POLICE OFFICER,
- 18 OR HOW WOULD A REASONABLE POLICE OFFICER VIEW IT UNDER THE
- 19 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HE FINDS HIMSELF IN? THAT'S THE
- 20 STANDARD. IT IS NOT A HIGHER STANDARD.
- 21 LET'S TALK ABOUT A CITIZEN USING SELF DEFENSE.
- 22 THE STANDARD THERE IS WHAT WOULD A REASONABLE PERSON IN THE
- 23 POSITION OF THAT CITIZEN DO? HOW WOULD A REASONABLE PERSON
- 24 ACT UNDER ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES?
- 25 SO WHAT WE HAVE HERE, WE HAVE A REASONABLENESS
- 26 STANDARD. AND THAT'S WHAT IT IS. AND I WOULDN'T, IT IS NOT

- 1 A PERFECT STANDARD, THAT A POLICE OFFICER DOESN'T HAVE TO
- 2 ACT PERFECTLY PROFESSIONAL, CERTAINLY PEOPLE HAVE THEIR
- 3 FLAWS, BUT IT IS WHAT IS REASONABLE UNDER ALL THE FACTS AND
- 4 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU SEE, THAT A POLICE OFFICER WOULD SEE
- 5 IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION.
- 6 WELL, IS THERE AN INSTANCE WHEN POLICE OFFICERS
- 7 ARE ENTITLED TO SHOW A BLATANT DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE?
- 8 WELL, NO. NO. I MEAN A BLATANT DISREGARD FOR
- 9 HUMAN LIFE, OF COURSE NOT. I MEAN EVEN IF A POLICE OFFICER
- 10 IS UNDER THREAT OF DEATH HIMSELF, AND IS REQUIRED TO USE
- 11 DEADLY FORCE TO RESPOND TO THAT THREAT, OR TO STOP THAT
- 12 THREAT, IT IS NOT WITH A BLATANT DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE
- 13 THAT WE ENTITLE OUR POLICE OFFICERS TO BEHAVE. THEIR USE OF
- 14 AUTHORITY IS TO BE PROFESSIONAL AND WITH REGARD TO HUMAN
- 15 LIFE. AND THE KIND OF REGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE THAT WE HAVE IS
- 16 OUR HIGHEST VALUE. SO I WILL HAVE TO ANSWER NO TO THAT
- 17 PARTICULAR QUESTION.
- 18 WHY INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER? HOW WERE WOLFE'S
- 19 ACTIONS INVOLUNTARY?
- 20 GOOD QUESTION. WHILE THE ACTIONS ARE NOT
- 21 INVOLUNTARY, WHAT THE VOLUNTARINESS REFERS TO IS, WAS THERE
- 22 AN INTENTION TO KILL? DID OFFICER WOLFE INTEND TO KILL
- 23 KELLY THOMAS? OR WAS THE DEATH OF KELLY THOMAS INVOLUNTARY
- 24 ON THE PART OF OFFICER WOLFE?
- 25 AND LOOKING AT THE FACTS AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF
- 26 THIS CASE, I WILL JUST TELL YOU THAT WE IN THE DISTRICT

- 1 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE LOOKING AT IT, DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE
- 2 WAS ANY INTENT BY OFFICER WOLFE TO KILL KELLY THOMAS. BUT
- 3 THAT EVEN THOUGH OFFICER WOLFE'S CONDUCT WAS SERIOUS, WAS
- 4 OVERZEALOUS, YOU MIGHT SAY, THAT THE FORCE WAS TREMENDOUSLY
- 5 EXCESSIVE, NONETHELESS, WE DON'T FEEL THAT THE INTENTION TO
- 6 KILL WAS SHOWN.
- 7 BUT NOW LET ME SAY THIS, SINCE THAT QUESTION CAME
- 8 UP, I THINK YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT IS INVOLUNTARY
- 9 MANSLAUGHTER, WHAT IS SECOND DEGREE MURDER. UNDERSTAND THAT
- 10 INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, I TOLD YOU THE DEFINITION, OF
- 11 DOING A CRIMINAL ACT WITH NEGLIGENCE. NEGLIGENCE BEING A
- 12 HIGH DEGREE OF RISK THAT THE CONDUCT CAN CAUSE THE DEATH OR
- 13 SERIOUS BODILY INJURY.
- 14 NOW, FOR MURDER, THE QUESTION OF MURDER IS, DID A
- 15 PERSON KILL ANOTHER WITH MALICE AFORETHOUGHT? WITH MALICE
- 16 AFORETHOUGHT. AND WE CAN USE, AFORETHOUGHT JUST MEANS THAT
- 17 THE STATE OF MIND OF HAVING MALICE CAME PRIOR TO THE DEATH,
- 18 NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT, IT WAS AFORETHOUGHT.
- 19 MALICE IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. YOU CAN HAVE
- 20 MALICE IN TWO WAYS. TWO WAYS.
- ONE IS EXPRESS MALICE, AND THE OTHER IS IMPLIED
- 22 MALICE.
- 23 EXPRESS MALICE IS INTENDING TO KILL. DID THE
- 24 PERSON KILL ANOTHER PERSON INTENTIONALLY? IF IT IS AN
- 25 INTENTIONAL KILLING, WE HAVE EXPRESS MALICE. ASSUMING THAT
- 26 THERE AREN'T ANY DEFENSES TO IT, LIKE SELF DEFENSE OR

- 1 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.
- 2 IF IT IS NOT INTENTIONAL, THERE COULD STILL BE
- 3 IMPLIED MALICE. IMPLIED MALICE WOULD HAVE TO BE WHERE THE
- 4 CONDUCT OF THE INDIVIDUAL, IN THIS CASE THE OFFICER, WAS SO
- 5 EGREGIOUS THAT IT WAS DONE IN RECKLESS DISREGARD FOR THE
- 6 LIFE OF ANOTHER, OR WANTON DISREGARD FOR THE LIFE OF
- 7 ANOTHER.
- 8 SO WE WOULD THEN BE SAYING THAT THE CONDUCT WAS
- 9 SO SERIOUS THAT IT SHOWS THAT IT WAS DONE WHERE THERE WAS A
- 10 LIKELIHOOD THAT IT WOULD CAUSE DEATH, AND IT WAS DONE WITH
- 11 AN AWARENESS OF THAT LIKELIHOOD, AND GOING THROUGH AND
- 12 COMMITTING THE ACTS, DISREGARDING WHETHER OR NOT IT MIGHT
- 13 RESULT IN THE DEATH OF THE INDIVIDUAL.
- 14 NOW, IF YOU WANT TO BE INSTRUCTED FURTHER, IF YOU
- 15 WANT THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER, YOU CAN ASK
- 16 FOR THEM, WE WILL GIVE THEM TO YOU. IF YOU THINK THAT'S
- 17 WHERE IT GOES, THAT WOULD BE MY DIRECTION AS FAR AS, I MEAN,
- 18 I WOULD TAKE THAT. I WOULD CONSIDER THAT'S THE VOICE OF THE
- 19 GRAND JURY, AND THAT'S THE WAY WE WOULD PROCEED. YOU HAVE
- 20 OUR JUDGMENT AT THIS POINT THAT IT IS INVOLUNTARY
- 21 MANSLAUGHTER. BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK THAT IS A
- 22 CLOSED QUESTION, IF YOU WANT TO HEAR THOSE INSTRUCTIONS, WE
- 23 WILL GIVE THEM TO YOU.
- 24 AFTER KELLY THOMAS WAS RESTRAINED AND WAS LAYING
- 25 STILL, NONE OF THE OFFICERS ON THE SCENE PROVIDED EMERGENCY
- 26 MEDICAL CARE. DIDN'T THIS CONTRIBUTE TO THE DYING?

- 1 WELL, THESE ARE GOOD QUESTIONS, AND I MEAN THESE
- 2 ARE THE KIND OF QUESTIONS THAT CERTAINLY DESERVE BEING ASKED
- 3 AND ANSWERED. I THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IT FROM EACH
- 4 DIFFERENT POLICE OFFICER'S POINT OF VIEW. EACH POLICE
- 5 OFFICER'S PERSPECTIVE. AND AS EACH ONE CAME TO THE SCENE,
- 6 WHAT DID THEY SEE?
- 7 SO WE SEE, WE HAVE GOT OFFICER WOLFE AND RAMOS
- 8 RIGHT THERE THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE THING.
- 9 WHEN OFFICER CICINELLI GETS THERE, YOU KNOW, WHAT
- 10 DOES HE SEE? HE HAS BEEN HEARING A CODE 3, HE KNOWS THERE
- 11 IS AN EMERGENCY GOING ON, AND HE SEES A STRUGGLE HAPPENING.
- 12 AND HE SEES SOMEBODY, THE TWO POLICE OFFICERS AND THIS
- 13 STRUGGLE, THIS VIOLENT STRUGGLE BETWEEN THESE TWO POLICE
- 14 OFFICERS AND KELLY THOMAS.
- 15 AND I WANT TO SAY VIOLENT STRUGGLE IN A SENSE NOT
- 16 THAT KELLY THOMAS IS ASSAULTING THE POLICE OFFICERS, BUT IN
- 17 THE SENSE THAT HE IS TRYING TO RESIST BEING CONTROLLED BY
- 18 THE POLICE OFFICERS, FOR SURE. OR NOT. SEE, IT STARTS
- 19 GETTING HARD TO TELL IF HE IS EVEN ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE
- 20 POLICE OFFICERS' ORDERS AT THAT POINT.
- 21 BUT CERTAINLY WHEN OFFICER CICINELLI ARRIVES AT
- 22 THE SCENE, YOU CAN SEE HIS VISION IS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT
- 23 RAMOS AND WOLFE WOULD HAVE HAD. SO HE SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO
- 24 BELIEVE THIS IS A LAWFUL ARREST. THAT THIS PERSON IS
- 25 RESISTING ARREST. AND THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW IF HE REPRESENTS
- 26 ANY -- YOU KNOW, WHAT HE MIGHT REPRESENT.

- 1 I THINK HE GETS THERE, AND THEN IN OUR VIEW HIS
- 2 USE OF THE TASER, REPEATED USE OF THE TASER, AND THE BLOWS
- 3 THAT HE DELIVERED TO THE FACE OF KELLY THOMAS, AND JUST THE
- 4 BLOODY FACE AT THAT POINT, HARD TO SEE THAT AS BEING
- 5 REASONABLE AND NECESSARY. AND CERTAINLY THAT CONTRIBUTES TO
- 6 KELLY THOMAS' DEATH. SO WE FILED AN INVOLUNTARY
- 7 MANSLAUGHTER AGAINST OFFICER CICINELLI.
- 8 OFFICER HAMPTON, HE GETS TO THE SCENE, AND WHEN
- 9 HE GETS THERE, IT HAS BEEN GOING FOR A WHILE. HE GETS THERE
- 10 JUST SHORTLY AFTER OFFICER CICINELLI. HE DOESN'T JUMP ON
- 11 THE PILE. HE DOESN'T HIT. HE DOESN'T STRIKE VIOLENT BLOWS
- 12 AGAINST KELLY THOMAS. BUT WHAT HE DOES DO IS TRYING TO GET,
- 13 PUTTING ON THIS HOBBLE. AND HELP MOVING HIM AROUND TO TRY
- 14 TO PUT THE HOBBLE ON.
- AND SO WE DIDN'T THINK OF THAT CONDUCT AS
- 16 CRIMINAL ON THE PART OF OFFICER HAMPTON. BECAUSE IT DIDN'T
- 17 SEEM TO RISE TO THE LEVEL OF OFFICER HAMPTON USING
- 18 UNREASONABLE FORCE.
- 19 THE SAME WITH ANY OTHER OFFICER AT THE SCENE.
- 20 BUT NOW YOU RAISE A LITTLE BIT OF A DIFFERENT
- 21 QUESTION THAT HAS BEEN RAISED IN THE PAST, IS THAT WEREN'T
- 22 THEY NEGLIGENT IN NOT HELPING, NOT GETTING MEDICAL CARE FOR
- 23 KELLY THOMAS? IT'S NOT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON THE PART OF
- 24 THESE OFFICERS THAT WE WOULD BE PROSECUTING, IT IS SAYING,
- 25 WELL, NOW THESE OFFICERS HAVE SOME AFFIRMATIVE DUTY TO HELP
- 26 THIS GUY, TO DO WHATEVER THEY CAN TO GET THE OTHER OFFICERS

- 1 OFF OF HIM, TO STOP WHAT IS TAKING PLACE. AND THAT, BY THE
- 2 WAY, YOU HAD THAT READ TO YOU, THERE IS SOMETHING IN THE
- 3 FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL TO THAT EFFECT.
- 4 FRANKLY, WE DIDN'T THINK WE COULD HOLD THE POLICE
- 5 OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMES, AND GET CONVICTIONS OF
- 6 CRIMES UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HOW LATE THEY ARRIVED, AND
- 7 WHAT THEY SAW AND DID, AND WHAT THEY DIDN'T DO. SO WHILE I
- 8 THINK IT COULD BE CHARGED, I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD BE,
- 9 BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE ARE AT A PLACE WHERE THAT INACTION
- 10 WOULD CAUSE THE POLICE TO BE CONVICTED, OR THOSE POLICE
- 11 OFFICERS TO BE CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT.
- 12 WHETHER OR NOT WE INTEND TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION
- 13 AGAINST THE OTHER OFFICERS, AND I THINK I HAVE ANSWERED
- 14 THAT, THE QUESTION WAS, WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A CONSPIRACY
- 15 HERE.
- 16 WELL, I HAVEN'T SEEN A CONSPIRACY IN THE SENSE OF
- 17 A -- A CONSPIRACY IS AN AGREEMENT WHERE TWO OR MORE PEOPLE
- 18 AGREE TO COMMIT AN UNLAWFUL ACT, AND THEN DO SOMETHING IN
- 19 FURTHERANCE OF THAT UNLAWFUL ACT. AND I DON'T SEE EVIDENCE
- 20 OF A CONSPIRACY, WHERE WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT TO DO SOMETHING
- 21 UNLAWFUL TO KELLY THOMAS. IT JUST IS MORE OF A SITUATION
- 22 THAT ESCALATED AND DEVELOPED, BUT I DON'T THINK IT IS
- 23 CONSPIRATORIAL IN NATURE. SO WE HAVEN'T TAKEN OR DECIDED TO
- 24 CHARGE ANY CONSPIRACY HERE.
- 25 IS IT APPROPRIATE TO ASK WHY WOLFE ISN'T CHARGED
- 26 WITH SECOND DEGREE MURDER?

- 1 I THINK I HAVE DEALT WITH THAT QUESTION ALREADY.
- 2 AND, YOU KNOW, LET US KNOW IF THAT'S WHAT YOU DECIDE, OR IF
- 3 THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT.
- 4 AND WHAT ARE THE CHARGES AGAINST THE OTHER TWO
- 5 OFFICERS?
- 6 WE HAVE A SECOND DEGREE MURDER CHARGE AGAINST
- 7 OFFICER RAMOS, AND INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE AGAINST
- 8 OFFICER CICINELLI.
- 9 THANK YOU.
- 10 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ARE THERE ANY OTHER LEGAL
- 11 QUESTIONS OF THE GRAND JURORS?
- 12 (AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES).
- 13 MR. RACKAUCKAS: CAN WE TAKE A MINUTE BEFORE WE
- 14 CONCLUDE SO WE CAN DISCUSS THIS?
- 15 WELL, WE HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION.
- 16 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE HAVE TWO QUESTIONS.
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. IT APPEARED THIS IS THE
- 18 SECOND OF THE SIX OFFICERS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN KELLY
- 19 THOMAS' BEATING, WERE THEIR SUPERIOR OFFICERS, DO WE HAVE A
- 20 COPY OF THEIR REPORTS?
- 21 I THINK THERE WAS, I THINK THERE WAS A SERGEANT
- 22 THERE, BUT AS I RECALL, HE WAS LOOKING, I DON'T THINK HE
- 23 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THIS. OF COURSE, HE DIDN'T CONTROL
- 24 THE SCENE, BUT I DON'T THINK HE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN
- 25 DOING SOMETHING TO KELLY THOMAS.
- WAS THERE A CORPORAL THERE?

- 1 MR. BOGARDUS: YES, BLATNEY.
- 2 MR. TANIZAKI: SERGEANT CRAIG WAS THE SERGEANT.
- 3 MR. RACKAUCKAS: SERGEANT CRAIG WAS THE SERGEANT, AND
- 4 ALSO A CORPORAL BLATNEY.
- 5 THE QUESTION IS, DO WE HAVE A COPY OF THEIR
- 6 REPORTS?
- 7 MR. TANIZAKI: WE HAVE THEM.
- 8 MR. RACKAUCKAS: WE HAVE THEM. ALL RIGHT.
- 9 WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION BEFORE
- 10 WE RESPOND -- BY THE WAY, I JUST POINT OUT THE OTHER
- 11 QUESTION IS NOT A QUESTION, IT SAYS:
- 12 PLEASE PROVIDE THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECOND DEGREE
- 13 MURDER.
- 14 (BREAK TAKEN IN PROCEEDINGS.)
- 15 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 16 JURY ROOM:)
- 17 MR. RACKAUCKAS: WAS THERE ANOTHER QUESTION?
- 18 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES.
- MR. RACKAUCKAS: THE QUESTION IS:
- 20 WHY WAS OFFICER WOLFE NOT CHARGED WITH THE OTHER
- 21 OFFICERS?
- 22 WELL, IT WAS MY CALL WHETHER OR NOT TO CHARGE ANY
- 23 OFFICERS, WHETHER OR NOT TO CHARGE OFFICER WOLFE, AND MY
- 24 VIEW AT THE TIME WAS THAT THE PRIMARY ACT THAT STARTED THIS
- 25 WHOLE THING WAS OFFICER RAMOS. AND OFFICER RAMOS' GETTING
- 26 INTO KELLY THOMAS' FACE AS HE DID, AND THREATENING HIM THE

- 1 WAY HE DID, AND CREATING THE ENTIRE INCIDENT. AND KNOWING
- 2 THAT HE IS GOING TO BE, IF NECESSARY, BRINGING IN DEADLY
- 3 FORCE, OR WHATEVER FORCE, HE IS GOING TO HAVE HELP FROM THE
- 4 POLICE, AND IS THERE A FORESEEABLE CERTAINLY TO OFFICER
- 5 WOLFE THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE QUITE AS BAD A SITUATION
- 6 DEVELOP IF KELLY THOMAS RESISTS.
- 7 SO I FELT THAT THE EVIDENCE DIDN'T SHOW US THAT
- 8 OFFICER WOLFE HEARD THAT THREAT. AND THE EVIDENCE OF
- 9 OFFICER WOLFE GETTING HIT BY KELLY THOMAS WHEN HE CAME
- 10 AROUND TO MAKE THAT TACKLE AFTER KELLY THOMAS WAS RUNNING
- 11 AWAY, WAS OF CONCERN CERTAINLY. BECAUSE WHAT DID OFFICER
- 12 WOLFE SEE AND HEAR AT THE TIME, AND THEN WHEN KELLY THOMAS
- 13 WAS ACTUALLY SHOWING RESISTANCE AND COMBATIVENESS WITH
- 14 OFFICER WOLFE, AND WHILE KELLY THOMAS, IN MY VIEW, CERTAINLY
- 15 HAD A RIGHT TO SELF DEFENSE, DID HE HAVE SUCH A RIGHT
- 16 AGAINST OFFICER WOLFE? FRANKLY, THAT WAS THE QUESTION MARK.
- 17 AND SO I DON'T CARE TO CHARGE SOMEBODY WITH A
- 18 CRIME AND HAVE THEM STAND TRIAL IF I AM NOT PERSONALLY WELL
- 19 CONVINCED, NOT ONLY DO I NOT PERSONALLY CARE TO, I THINK I
- 20 HAVE A DUTY NOT TO, IF I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT THE PERSON IS
- 21 GUILTY OF THE CRIME THAT HE IS BEING CHARGED WITH.
- 22 BUT AFTER REVIEWING THE EVIDENCE, AND NOT JUST
- 23 REVIEWING THE EVIDENCE, BUT EXTENDED CONSULTATION WITH SOME
- 24 EXPERTS IN THE FIELD, IN PARTICULAR DR. MCNAMARA, WHO BASED
- 25 ON HIS CREDENTIALS APPEARS TO ME TO BE QUITE A SUBSTANTIAL
- 26 EXPERT, I FELT AND FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT OFFICER WOLFE IS

- 1 IN FACT GUILTY OF WHAT WE ARE CHARGING HIM WITH.
- 2 BUT IT TOOK SOME TIME TO GET TO THAT PLACE.
- 3 SO THAT WAS THE LAST QUESTION.
- 4 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION,
- 5 SIR. TWO QUESTIONS.
- 6 MR. RACKAUCKAS: CAN WE CONVICT ON BOTH INVOLUNTARY
- 7 MANSLAUGHTER AND SECOND DEGREE MURDER?
- 8 WELL, IT IS A QUESTION OF WHETHER YOU CAN INDICT.
- 9 AND THE ANSWER TO THAT IS THAT WHILE THE STRAIGHTFORWARD
- 10 ANSWER IS YES, BUT I WILL SAY THAT THE LAW WILL BE, NOT WILL
- 11 BE, IS, THE LAW IS THAT THE INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER WOULD
- 12 BE WHAT WE CALL A LESSER-INCLUDED WITHIN SECOND DEGREE
- 13 MURDER. A LESSER-INCLUDED CRIME OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER.
- 14 AND SO A PUNISHMENT COULD NOT BE GIVEN FOR BOTH, OUT OF THE
- 15 SAME ACTS.
- 16 IF THERE WAS A CONVICTION OF SECOND DEGREE
- 17 MURDER, INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER WOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN
- 18 THAT, AND THE PUNISHMENT WOULD BE FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER.
- 19 CAN WE TAKE THE EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE HOME AND
- 20 STUDY IF THE CONFIDENTIALITY IS MAINTAINED?
- 21 I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY NOT A GOOD IDEA. BUT
- 22 MAYBE WE NEED TO DISCUSS THAT. IN GENERAL, FIRST, LET ME
- 23 SAY SOMETHING HERE. WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN, AND THIS WAS
- 24 PART OF THE INSTRUCTION THAT MR. BOGARDUS GAVE YOU, BUT WHAT
- 25 YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN ABOUT EXCULPATORY MATERIAL, AND
- 26 EXCULPATORY, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WORD EXCULPATORY, IS

- 1 ANYTHING THAT MIGHT TEND TO BE BENEFICIAL FOR, IN THIS CASE,
- 2 OFFICER WOLFE.
- 3 AND THAT COULD BE SOMETHING THAT MIGHT SHOW, PUT
- 4 A DIFFERENT LIGHT MORE FAVORABLE TO HIM ON THE
- 5 CIRCUMSTANCES, OR SOMETHING THAT MIGHT TEND TO EXPLAIN AWAY
- 6 THE CHARGES. OR SOMETHING THAT WOULD ATTACK THE CREDIBILITY
- 7 OF A WITNESS WHO TESTIFIED CAN ALSO BE CONSIDERED
- 8 EXCULPATORY.
- 9 SO WHAT WE HAVE DONE, WE HAVE SAID THAT THESE ARE
- 10 AREAS THAT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION, WHERE THERE
- 11 MIGHT EXIST SOME EXCULPATORY MATERIAL. AND IT IS UP TO YOU
- 12 TO DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO FURTHER CONSIDER THAT EVIDENCE.
- 13 NOW, WHAT WE HAVE GIVEN YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE
- 14 CONSIDERED AS EVIDENCE IN THE CASE, WHAT WE HAVE GIVEN YOU
- 15 SHOULD BE CONSIDERED MORE AS NOTICE THAT THIS EVIDENCE IS
- 16 AVAILABLE. SO IF YOU WANT TO HEAR A PART, ANY OR A PART OF
- 17 THAT EVIDENCE, YOU CAN REQUEST THAT, AND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT,
- 18 WE CAN BRING THE WITNESS, WE CAN BRING THE OFFICIAL
- 19 DOCUMENTATION AS REQUIRED BY THE RULES OF EVIDENCE.
- 20 AND BEFORE WE TALK ABOUT THIS TAKING MATERIAL
- 21 HOME, LET ME SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS HERE.
- 22 THERE WAS A QUESTION, CAN AN OFFICER SHOW A
- 23 BLATANT DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE?
- 24 AND I DISCUSSED THAT. BUT REGARDING THAT, I
- 25 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO FURTHER SAY THAT A PEACE OFFICER
- 26 MAY USE DEADLY FORCE UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES. AND UNDER

- 1 THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, A KILLING IS NOT HOMICIDE, NOT
- 2 MANSLAUGHTER. THE QUALIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SET FORTH IN
- 3 GRAND JURY INSTRUCTION NUMBER 12.
- 4 THERE WERE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHARGES AGAINST
- 5 THE OTHER OFFICERS. AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO ADMONISH YOU
- 6 THAT THIS, THE QUESTION HERE IN THIS HEARING IS LIMITED TO
- 7 THE QUESTION OF THE CULPABILITY OF OFFICER WOLFE. AND WHAT
- 8 OTHER OFFICERS ARE CHARGED WITH SHOULD NOT PLAY A ROLE IN
- 9 THAT, SHOULDN'T BE CONSIDERED IN MAKING THAT DECISION.
- 10 AND NOW WE HAVE GOT ONE MORE THING THAT WE HAVE
- 11 TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY.
- 12 (BREAK TAKEN IN PROCEEDINGS.)
- 13 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 14 JURY ROOM:)
- 15 MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
- 16 THERE ARE TWO THINGS, TWO COMMENTS THAT I NEED TO MAKE.
- 17 ONE IS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN
- 18 TAKE ANY OF THIS EVIDENCE HOME OR THE EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE
- 19 HOME AND STUDY IT. WE WOULD ASK YOU NOT TO DO THAT. WE ASK
- 20 YOU NOT TO DO THAT. PLEASE KEEP IT HERE, AND THEN THERE IS
- 21 NO QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER IT WAS MISPLACED OR USED IN SOME
- 22 MANNER THAT ISN'T PROVIDED FOR. SO THE ANSWER TO THAT IS
- 23 NO.
- 24 AND THEN THE NEXT THING IS THAT WE HAVE BEEN
- 25 ASKED BY ONE JUROR, MAYBE MORE THAN ONE, TO PROVIDE
- 26 INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER. AND I AM WILLING TO

- 1 DO THAT, OF COURSE, WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE THOSE
- 2 INSTRUCTIONS. BUT I WOULD ASK YOU NOT TO START DELIBERATING
- 3 UNTIL WE HAVE PROVIDED THOSE. AND WE CAN PROVIDE THOSE
- 4 WITHIN AN HOUR.
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THAT'S AFTER LUNCH.
- 6 MR. RACKAUCKAS: ALL RIGHT.
- 7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- 8 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WITH THAT, LADIES AND
- 9 GENTLEMEN, BEFORE WE GO INTO DELIBERATIONS WE ARE GOING TO
- 10 BREAK FOR LUNCH, SO WE WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL 1:50.
- 11 DURING ANY PERIOD OF THIS RECESS YOU MUST NOT
- 12 DISCUSS WITH ANYONE, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THIS HEARING
- 13 ROOM, ANY SUBJECT CONNECTED WITH THIS HEARING.
- 14 A GRAND JUROR: HOW ABOUT 12:50.
- 15 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: I AM SORRY, 12:50, YES. I
- 16 AM SORRY, THANK YOU.
- 17 (LUNCH TAKEN.)
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4	(THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
5	JURY ROOM:)
6	THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: WE ARE AGAIN IN SESSION IN
7	THE JOSEPH ANDREW WOLFE HEARING.
8	LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT ALL THE SAME 16
9	MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY ARE AGAIN PRESENT.
10	MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU
11	WANTED TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS.
12	MR. BOGARDUS: THANK YOU, MR. FOREMAN.
13	BEFORE WE CONCLUDE I JUST HAVE A REMARKABLY BRIEF
14	STATEMENT TO MAKE. IN ANSWER TO SOME LEGAL QUESTIONS THAT
15	WERE POSED THIS MORNING, WE ARE PROVIDING YOU WITH ONE
16	ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION. THAT INSTRUCTION WILL BE MARKED
17	GRAND JURY EXHIBIT 110-B, AND THAT IS THE LEGAL INSTRUCTION
18	THAT DEFINES THE CRIME OF MURDER.
19	THANK YOU.
20	THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: ALL RIGHT. AT THIS POINT
21	WE ARE GOING TO RECESS FOR DELIBERATIONS.
22	(RECESS TAKEN.)
23	(ADJOURNMENT.)
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1	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2	CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER, COUNTY OF ORANGE
3	IN RE THE PROCEEDINGS OF:
4	THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, )
5	PLAINTIFF, )
6	VS. ) NO. 12ZF0148
7	JOSEPH ANDREW WOLFE,
8	DEFENDANT. )
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11	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
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15	APPEARANCES:
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20	ROBERT J. SULLIVAN, CSR #5646 OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
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23	(ROBERT J. SULLIVAN, CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER
24	WAS DULY SWORN BY THE FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY, AFTER
25	WHICH THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD:)
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- 1 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
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- 4 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN THE GRAND
- 5 JURY ROOM:)
- 6 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: THE HEARING WILL COME TO
- 7 ORDER.
- 8 THE COURT: I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GRAND JURY DESIRES TO
- 9 PRESENT AN INDICTMENT?
- 10 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES, YOUR HONOR.
- 11 THE COURT: WERE ALL THE GRAND JURORS PRESENT DURING
- 12 THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CASE?
- 13 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: NO, YOUR HONOR. GRAND
- 14 JUROR NUMBER TWELVE, GRAND JUROR NUMBER SEVEN, AND GRAND
- 15 JUROR NUMBER FIFTEEN WERE ABSENT, FOR A TOTAL OF 16.
- 16 THE COURT: DID ALL THE GRAND JURORS VOTING ON THE
- 17 INDICTMENT HEAR ALL OF THE EVIDENCE?
- 18 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES, SIR.
- 19 THE COURT: I WILL FIND THAT AT LEAST 12 GRAND JURORS
- 20 WHO HEARD ALL THE EVIDENCE VOTED FOR THE RETURN OF THE
- 21 INDICTMENT.
- 22 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YOUR HONOR, IF IT PLEASE
- 23 THE COURT, THE GRAND JURY OF ORANGE COUNTY IN ITS
- 24 DELIBERATIONS HAS RETURNED AN INDICTMENT IN THE MATTER OF
- 25 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA VERSUS JOSEPH ANDREW
- 26 WOLFE, AND ON BEHALF OF THE GRAND JURY I PRESENT THIS

- 1 INDICTMENT.
- 2 THE CLERK: WHERE IS IT?
- 3 THE COURT: I THINK I HAVE TO SEE IT FIRST.
- 4 THE CLERK: WOULD YOU SIGN THIS, MR. RACKAUCKAS.
- 5 MR. RACKAUCKAS: (COMPLIES).
- 6 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: AND I WILL SIGN IT.
- 7 THE COURT: THANK YOU.
- 8 I NOTE THE NAMES OF THE WITNESSES EXAMINED AT THE
- 9 END OF THE INDICTMENT; DID ALL OF THESE WITNESSES TESTIFY
- 10 DURING THIS INDICTMENT?
- 11 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: YES, YOUR HONOR, THEY DID.
- 12 THE COURT: DID ANY OTHER WITNESSES TESTIFY DURING THIS
- 13 INDICTMENT?
- 14 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: NO, YOUR HONOR.
- 15 THE COURT: MR. RACKAUCKAS AND DEPUTIES, I INTEND TO
- 16 ASK ONE ADDITIONAL QUESTION, AND THAT'S A 939 QUESTION IN
- 17 LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION I HAVE READ; ANY OBJECTION TO ME
- 18 ASKING THAT QUESTION?
- 19 MR. RACKAUKAS: NO, YOUR HONOR.
- 20 THE COURT: DID THE GRAND JURY REQUEST ANY ADDITIONAL
- 21 EVIDENCE OUTSIDE OF WHAT WAS PRESENTED BY THE PROSECUTOR'S
- 22 OFFICE?
- THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: NO, YOUR HONOR.
- 24 THE COURT: THEN THE COURT FINDS THE INDICTMENT TO BE A
- 25 TRUE BILL.
- 26 MADAM CLERK, WHAT CASE NUMBER SHALL BE ASSIGNED

- 1 TO THIS CASE?
- 2 THE CLERK: 12ZF0148.
- 3 THE COURT: IS THE DEFENDANT IN CUSTODY?
- 4 MR. TANIZAKI: HE IS NOT.
- 5 THE COURT: ARE YOU REQUESTING BAIL?
- 6 MR. TANIZAKI: YES.
- 7 THE COURT: WHAT BAIL AMOUNT ARE YOU REQUESTING?
- 8 MR. TANIZAKI: STATUTORY 25,000.
- 9 THE COURT: THE COURT WILL GRANT THE PEOPLE'S REQUEST
- 10 AND SET BAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.
- 11 BECAUSE THE DEFENDANT IS NOT IN CUSTODY, I WILL
- 12 SEAL THE INDICTMENT UNTIL THE DEFENDANT IS ARRESTED AND IN
- 13 CUSTODY.
- 14 MR. RACKAUKAS: YOUR HONOR, WE ARE ASKING THE DEFENDANT
- 15 BE ABLE TO APPEAR ON THE 27TH, WHICH IS THURSDAY, AT 1:30,
- 16 IF THAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE.
- 17 THE COURT: THE COURT THEN WILL HOLD THAT WARRANT UNTIL
- 18 THURSDAY AT 1:30 IN DEPARTMENT C-5.
- 19 HOW DO YOU ANTICIPATE PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE
- 20 DEFENDANT, THROUGH COUNSEL?
- 21 MR. TANIZAKI: THROUGH COUNSEL.
- 22 THE COURT: AND WHAT DISPOSITION IS BEING MADE IN
- 23 REGARDS TO THE EXHIBITS, OR WERE THERE EXHIBITS, I GUESS I
- 24 SHOULD ASK THAT FIRST?
- MR. RACKAUKAS: YES, YOUR HONOR, THERE WERE.
- MR. BOGARDUS: THERE IS ONE BOX OF DOCUMENTARY

- 1 EVIDENCE, IF THEY CAN REMAIN IN THE COURT'S CUSTODY.
- 2 THE COURT: THE COURT WILL MAINTAIN CUSTODY OF THAT.
- 3 AND THEY WILL BE SURRENDERED TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT AND
- 4 WE WILL TAKE CUSTODY OF IT AT THIS TIME.
- 5 ANYTHING FURTHER ON BEHALF OF THE PROSECUTION?
- 6 MR. RACKAUKAS: NO, YOUR HONOR.
- 7 THE COURT: ANYTHING FURTHER ON BEHALF OF THE GRAND
- 8 JURY?
- 9 THE GRAND JURY FOREPERSON: NO, YOUR HONOR.
- 10 THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOLKS FOR
- 11 YOUR HARD WORK.
- 12 AND THE INDICTMENT IS SEALED AT THIS TIME.
- 13 (ADJOURNMENT.)
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5	COURT REPORTER, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
6	REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT IN THE CASE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
7	OF CALIFORNIA, PLAINTIFF, VS. JOSEPH ANDREW WOLFE,
8	DEFENDANT, CASE NO. 12ZF0148, CONSISTING OF PAGES 1 THROUGH
9	407, INCLUSIVE, IS A FULL, TRUE AND CORRECT TRANSCRIPTION OF
10	MY SHORTHAND NOTES THEREOF, AND A FULL, TRUE AND CORRECT
11	STATEMENT OF THE PROCEEDINGS HAD IN SAID CAUSE.
12	DATED AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, THIS 29TH DAY OF
13	SEPTEMBER, 2012.
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