



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**



AR Number DAR2020-230-001	Date of Occurrence From 08/16/2020	Date of Occurrence To	Date Reported	Office RIVERSIDE
Offense Code OIS	Offense Description Officer Involved Shooting - FATAL		Felony/Misdemeanor FELONY	EDP Code 13C7-N
Offense Code	Offense Description		Felony/Misdemeanor	EDP Code
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Location of Occurrence 560 N. San Jacinto, Hemet, CA 92543				Inv. Case Status OPEN
Business Name			Business Phone	Inv. Disposition

V - Victim W - Witness RP - Reporting Party O - Other

V/W/RP V	Name OFFICER SCHROEDER #10597	DOB	DL/ID#	State	Sex	Race	HT	WT	Hair	Eye
Residence Address								Res/Cell Phone		
Business Name HEMET PD		Business Address 450 E. LATHAM AVENUE, HEMET, CA 92543						Business Phone (951) 765-2400		

Suspect **Arrested:** Yes ☐ No ☒

Sus # 1	Name ESPINOZA, YSIDRO JOSE	DOB 04/29/1990	DL/ID# E30888857	State CA	Sex M	Race H	HT 5'9"	WT 185	Hair BLK	Eye BRN
Residence Address 1825 S. SAMNTA FE ST APT 110, SAN JACINTO, CA 92583								Res/Cell Phone		
Business Name		Business Address						Business Phone		

Summary

Prepared By Sr. Inv Moreno #MM395	Date	Approved By R. Bobner #215 <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 6/15/21
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NARRATIVEFILE NUMBER: DAR2020-230-001

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SUPPLEMENTAL**ASSOCIATED CASE NUMBERS:**

Hemet Police Department

Case Number 20-6129

LAW ENFORCEMENT OTHERS:

Riverside County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigations
Senior Investigator P. Villalobos #FV214

Riverside County Sheriff Department Coroners Office
Deputy Coroner Townsend

ADDITIONAL OTHERS:

Maria Leanos (11/13/1987)
4938 Camphor Avenue
Hesperia, CA 92345
(760) 553-4064

EVIDENCE:

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
01	01	DVD +R containing interview with Maria Leanos

The above listed item was booked into evidence at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office Forensic Unit

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Riverside County District Attorney's Office Property Sheet
2. 11-page transcript of interview with Maria Leanos

DETAILS:

On August 16, 2020, I (Sr. Investigator M. Moreno #MM395) was assigned to investigate an officer involved shooting incident, involving officers from the Hemet Police Department that occurred at 560 N. San Jacinto in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside.

The suspect, later identified as Ysidro Espinoza, was declared deceased on scene. Due to the location of the body, a blanket was placed over Espinoza's body. During the course of the investigation, I was informed Espinoza's sisters, later identified as Rosalie Ribera and Maria Leanos, had entered the crime scene and uncovered Espinoza's body.

On August 16, 2020, at approximately 1000 hours, I was advised Maria Leanos returned to the scene to provide a statement. Riverside County DA Investigator Villalobos and I contacted and interviewed Maria Leanos. The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was sent to a transcription service to be

transcribed. The audio recording was later booked into evidence at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office.

During the interview, Leanos stated she was made aware of the incident on Facebook. She saw a video where the officers were performing CPR on a male. She also received a call from her sister Rosalie telling her to get to Hemet quick. Leanos positively the suspect as her brother Ysidro Espinoza

For additional information on the context of the interview, refer to attached transcript.

STATUS:

OPEN / CR-2

1 INTERVIEW WITH MARIA LEANOS

2 DAR2020-230-001

3 MORENO=Inv. Mario Moreno

4 INVESTIGATOR=DA Investigator

5 TOWNSEND=Dep. Nadine Townsend

6 LEANOS=Maria Leanos

7 OZ=OZ

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11 MORENO: ...recording.

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13 INVESTIGATOR: (Unintelligible)...

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15 MORENO: Which one?

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17 INVESTIGATOR: It's the - the older - the older place...

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19 TOWNSEND: Well, I can't...

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21 ((CROSSTALK))

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23 MORENO: Yeah. Rosalie?

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25 OZ: No.

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27 MORENO: Not Rosalie?

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29 OZ: (Unintelligible)...

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31 MORENO: Oh, okay.

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33 OZ: ...her kids but...

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35 MORENO: Rosalie's not here?

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1 OZ: No, this is Maria his other - his other sister.
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3 MORENO: Okay. Can we talk to you for a sec, Maria?
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5 LEANOS: Yeah.
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7 MORENO: Um, where could we go that's...
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9 OZ: Right over there in the shade right over there.
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11 MORENO: Yeah.
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13 INVESTIGATOR: My name's Investigator (unintelligible) I'm with the district attorney's office.
14 Major crimes homicide team. How you doin'?
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16 MORENO: My name is Mario Moreno, I'm with the DA's office as well. I'll be the lead
17 investigator for the officer-involved shooting portion. As far as what happened
18 with the investigation that Hemet PDs going on that's a separate issue, okay?
19 This is Deputy Coroner Townsend. She has the information...
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21 TOWNSEND: Yeah. So I'm with the coroner's office. I'll be assigned for the coroner, okay?
22 And I just wanted to give you my card, the file number that we're gonna have
23 assigned to him. This is separate from theirs, okay? Um, my first name's Nadine.
24 You can reach us at that number if the office is closed. But any time just push
25 zero, there is always someone there. And then I'll go over with you later what to
26 expect, all right?
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28 LEANOS: Okay.
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30 MORENO: So, Maria, let me just get some quick information from you. What is your last
31 name?
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33 LEANOS: Leanos, L-E-A-N-O-S.
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35 MORENO: L-E-A-N-O-S.
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1 LEANOS: My married last name.
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3 MORENO: Okay. What's, uh, your birth date?
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5 LEANOS: 11-13-87.
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7 MORENO: And a phone number - contact number for ya?
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9 LEANOS: I'm gonna step into the shade.
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11 MORENO: Yeah, let's do that.
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13 LEANOS: Uh, 760-553-4064.
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15 MORENO: 4064?
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17 LEANOS: Yeah.
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19 MORENO: What's your current address?
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21 LEANOS: 4938 Camphor Avenue.
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23 MORENO: C-A-M...
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25 LEANOS: P-H-O-R Avenue. That's in Hesperia, California, 92345.
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27 MORENO: 92345?
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29 LEANOS: Yes.
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31 MORENO: Okay. You're Esedro's sister?
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33 LEANOS: His other sister.
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35 MORENO: Now, Rosalie was on here earlier, correct?
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1 LEANOS: Yeah. She needed to go home. And, um, 'cause she had to go do something. But
2 I stayed 'til they got him out of the street.
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4 MORENO: Okay.
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6 TOWNSEND: I'll let you go over the info and then I'll get in contact with...
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8 MORENO: Thank you very much, ma'am.
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10 TOWNSEND: Thank you.
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12 MORENO: 'Kay. Do you have Rosalie's contact information so we can get a hold of her as
13 well?
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15 LEANOS: Um, I don't have it (unintelligible)...
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17 MORENO: Is that your husband?
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19 LEANOS: Yeah. Oz, do you have Rosalie's number?
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21 OZ: Huh?
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23 LEANOS: Do you have Rosalie's number?
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25 OZ: It's on your phone probably.
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27 TOWNSEND: What's her name?
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29 MORENO: That's Maria. She's getting me Rosalie's information. Now, did Rosalie notify
30 you about what was going on here, or how did you guys get aware?
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32 LEANOS: I saw it on Facebook.
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34 MORENO: Facebook.
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36 LEANOS: It said they were performing CPR in the street and, uh...

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2 MORENO: And you saw that all in Hesperia and came down? Oh, okay.
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4 LEANOS: Rosalie. Uh, what was your name again?
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6 MORENO: I'm gonna give you my card.
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8 INVESTIGATOR: Mario Moreno.
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10 TOWNSEND: Mario Moreno from the DA's office. From the DA, right?
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12 MORENO: Yes. I'm the investigator that's assigned to...
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14 LEANOS: He's the investigator...
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16 MORENO:for the officer-involved shooting portion of it.
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18 LEANOS: (Unintelligible) okay, all right. Okay, bye. She's on her way down.
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20 MORENO: Okay. She lives pretty close by?
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22 LEANOS: Yeah. Uh, her number is 551-292-2688.
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24 MORENO: And what's her last name?
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26 LEANOS: Um, Ribera-Swindell.
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28 MORENO: Swindell?
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30 LEANOS: Yeah. Ribera-Swindell. And it's hyphenated.
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32 MORENO: Rovera, R-O-V-E...
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34 LEANOS: Uh, no. R-I-B as in boy. E-R-A. And then...
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36 MORENO: Swindell?

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2 LEANOS: ...Swindell.
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4 MORENO: Yeah. Okay, so just real quick. I wanted to ask you a couple questions about your
5 brother. Um, how has he been in the last few days? Um, is he on any kind of
6 psych medication, anything like that? Has he ever had any suicidal thoughts or
7 tendencies or anything like that that you're aware of?
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9 LEANOS: I'm not...
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11 MORENO: No?
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13 LEANOS: ...real sure what's going on right now, but...
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15 MORENO: When was the last time you talked to him?
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17 LEANOS: Yesterday. I just said I wanted to come see him. Or I wanted, you know, to hang
18 out.
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20 MORENO: Mm-hm.
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22 LEANOS: And, um, he said they had plans.
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24 MORENO: Okay. Prior to yesterday before that.
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26 LEANOS: Uh...
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28 MORENO: I mean, did you guys talk like every month, every day, every week?
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30 LEANOS: Yeah, I mean, just like...
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32 MORENO: Sporadic whenever?
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34 LEANOS: ...talked on, you know, text each other, call.
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36 MORENO: And were you aware of him taking any kind of medication or any kind of drugs

1 or anything like that?
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3 LEANOS: I'm not really sure.
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5 MORENO: And you don't know if he's ever been under any kind of mental illness or mental
6 health or anything like that growing up?
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8 LEANOS: I don't know.
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10 MORENO: What - do - what was his address, do you know that?
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12 LEANOS: Um, it was right here on Santa Fe Street. It's like right around the corner. I can
13 tell you like where it's at.
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15 MORENO: And now when you got here was Rosalie already here or she had already left?
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17 LEANOS: No, she was here.
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19 MORENO: Okay. Did she tell you what she saw or anything like that or what she's...
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21 LEANOS: No.
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23 MORENO: No?
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25 LEANOS: Just I had wanted to come see my brother today.
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27 MORENO: Okay.
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29 INVESTIGATOR: You said it was on your Facebook? Or which Facebook was (unintelligible)...
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31 LEANOS: It was on like...
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33 INVESTIGATOR: Rosalie?
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35 LEANOS: ...some - no, it was on something like, uh, new page...
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1 INVESTIGATOR: Oh.
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3 LEANOS: ...like a world news page videos like this guy...
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5 INVESTIGATOR: Yeah.
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7 LEANOS: ...there's pictures and they're speculating and saying -. I don't - I don't know
8 what the truth is. I just wanna watch, you know, see my brother (unintelligible)...
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10 MORENO: Right. And how - and just so I - how did you know that - that it was your brother
11 involved? You identified him to the coroner. What made you know that that was
12 him?
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14 LEANOS: The car.
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16 MORENO: The car. Does anybody besides your brother drive that car?
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18 LEANOS: I don't think so.
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20 MORENO: That's just him and only him? 'Kay.
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22 LEANOS: I'm not sure like that's the first time I've seen him in that car.
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24 MORENO: Okay. So when you saw the video you saw the car you knew that was him
25 involved?
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27 LEANOS: Yeah. Well, my, you know...
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29 MORENO: Or did somebody - I'm just trying to figure out how you were notified.
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31 LEANOS: My sister said she was like, "You need to get down here. Something's going on."
32 But like we had already seen it going on on Facebook. And everybody's...
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34 MORENO: So you saw that on video. Then your sister calls you so you put 1 and 1 together
35 and you're like...
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1 LEANOS: Yeah.
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3 MORENO: ..."I need to get down here."
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5 LEANOS: Yeah, I need to get down here.
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7 MORENO: Do you have any questions from us?
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9 LEANOS: I just - I - I don't know what happened. I showed up and, you know, everybody's
10 already here. And you know they got the news people over here talking. And,
11 you know...
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13 MORENO: A- a...
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15 INVESTIGATOR: We s- we still don't actually...
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17 ((CROSSTALK))
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19 MORENO: And we're still trying to get to the bottom of that.
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21 INVESTIGATOR: We - we still don't know.
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23 ((CROSSTALK))
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25 OZ: I know it's an open investigation.
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27 TOWNSEND: Yeah. I - I...
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29 OZ: But is there anything you can tell us...
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31 TOWNSEND: ...just got here like right a little bit...
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33 OZ: ...like what maybe led up to this?
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35 TOWNSEND: ...before you guys. I don't know...
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1 ((CROSSTALK))

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3 MORENO: I just know there's an open investigation. Our PD's involved with that, we're
4 not.

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6 TOWNSEND: All I wanna do is (unintelligible)...

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8 MORENO: They've got their investigation which led in to an officer-involved shooting.

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10 ((CROSSTALK))

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12 MORENO: 'Cause we're with the district attorney's office we're handling the - well, it's a
13 officer-involved shooting.

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15 INVESTIGATOR: And I told your husband already.

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17 MORENO: So...

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19 INVESTIGATOR: We have to move barricades out (unintelligible). We're gonna try to protect
20 as much of your brother being seen by anybody. But we have to take
21 photographs. And we have to kind of put up some of the barricades. Just make
22 sure you're not surprised that that's gonna happen. All right?

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24 MORENO: Just giving you a head's up it's gonna be visible.

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26 INVESTIGATOR: Just want (unintelligible). We're gonna try to protect...

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28 MORENO: Minimize it.

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30 INVESTIGATOR: ...as much as - minimize - possible we have to document the scene, okay? All
31 right. Sorry for your loss.

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33 MORENO: What's, uh, what's Rosalie driving, though? What's she coming in so we can talk
34 to her as well?

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36 LEANOS: I'm not sure. I'll let you know when she pulls up.

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MORENO: Okay.

LEANOS: I'm gonna stay right here.

INVESTIGATOR: Okay.

MORENO: Okay. And no other questions from those guys?

LEANOS: Not at all. But I got your card.

MORENO: Yeah.

INVESTIGATOR: Yeah. You have our...

MORENO: It's go my cell phone, Internet, I mean, uh, e-mail and everything on there, okay?
Desk number as well. All right, thanks, guys.

INVESTIGATOR: Thank you.

OZ: Thank you.