



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**



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

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

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

**Suspect**      **Arrested:** Yes ☐ No ☒

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

**Summary**

<b>Prepared By</b> Sr. Inv Moreno #MM395	<b>Date</b>	<b>Approved By</b> <i>R. Bodnar</i> #215	<b>Date</b> 6/15/21
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**NARRATIVE**

RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FILE NUMBER: DAR2020-230-001

DATE: 10/22/20

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS:**

Sr Investigator II Mario Moreno

DA Office / Riverside

**HEMET POLICE DEPARTMENT – INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU:**

Detective Doug Klinzing  
Officer Christopher Maker #10741

Hemet Police Department  
Hemet Police Department

**HEMET POLICE OFFICERS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE:**

Brandy Harper

Law Firm of Castillo Harper

**ASSOCIATED CASE NUMBERS:**

Hemet Police Department

Case Number 20-6129

**EVIDENCE:**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
01	DVD+R disk containing interview with Officer Maker

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

**ATTACHEMENTS:**

1. 24-page transcripts of Officer C. Maker's interview on 08/19/2020
2. Copy of photograph shown to and used by Officer C. Maker on 08/19/2020.

**DETAILS:**

The following supplemental report is regarding an officer involved shooting incident that occurred on August 16, 2020 at 516 North San Jacinto in the city of Hemet. The suspect, later identified as Ysidro Espinoza, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Officer Maker was charted on August 16, 2020 by Riverside County District Attorney Senior Investigator Villalobos and Menifee Police Department Forensic Tech Keene. The charting consisted of digital photographs of Officer Maker and documentation of Officer Maker's uniform, equipment and service weapon. Sr. Investigator Villalobos charted Officer Maker's service weapon; a Sig Sauer P220, serial number G410829, .45 caliber Semi-automatic handgun with a Streamlight TLR-2 tactical light. Officer Maker did not fire his weapon during this incident.

Officer Maker, from the Hemet Police Department, was identified as being present at the time of the officer involved shooting.

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On August 19, 2020 at approximately 1227 hours, Officer Maker agreed to meet with me and provide a voluntary statement. The interview was conducted in a conference room at the Hemet Police Department. Detective D. Klinzing of the Hemet Police Department and Attorney Brandy Harper of Law Firm of Castillo Harper were also present during the interview. Per Hemet Police Department policy, officers can provide an uninterrupted statement prior to viewing video recordings of the incident. Officer Maker chose to waive the uninterrupted statement and viewed his video recording prior to providing a statement.

The interview was audio recorded and later booked into evidence at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. A copy of the recording was submitted to a transcription services company to be transcribed.

For additional information on the content of the interview, refer to attached transcript(s) and / or audio recorded interview.

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**INTERVIEW WITH CHRISTOPHER MAKER**

**DAR2020-230-001**

**MORENO=Mario Moreno**

**KLINZING=Douglas Klinzing**

**MAKER=Christopher Maker**

**HARPER=Brandi Harper**

(Duration: 00:28:06)

MORENO: Okay, it's Wednesday, August 19, approximately 12:27 pm. We are at the Hemet Police Department Interview Room in regards to an officer-involved shooting that occurred on Sunday, August 16, um, in the City of - I'm sorry, at the location of 560 North San Jacinto. The incident is documented under District Attorney Case Number DAR2020-230-001 and Hemet Police Department Case 20-6129. We'll begin this by identifying everybody in the room. My name is, ah, Mario Moreno. I am a Senior Investigator with the District Attorney's Office.

KLINZING: Doug Klinzing, ah, Investigator with the Hemet Police Department.

MAKER: Christopher Maker, Officer with Hemet Police Department.

HARPER: Brandi Harper of Castillo Harper, um, his Attorney Representative.

MORENO: Okay, Officer Maker, ah, just to let you know this is a criminal investigation and it will be submitted to the District Attorney for review. You do not have to talk to me. No discipline can come to you for not speaking with me. Prior to this interview, has anyone ordered you to give me a statement?

MAKER: No.

MORENO: Other than a public safety statement, did - have you made any comments, ah, any statements about this incident?

MAKER: No.

MORENO: Has anyone ordered you to talk to me?

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2 MAKER: No.  
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4 MORENO: Okay. It's my understanding right now that you have chosen not to provide a free  
5 uninterrupted statement, correct?  
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7 MAKER: Correct.  
8  
9 MORENO: Okay. Now that you've had some time to meet with your attorney prior to  
10 today's interview, um, and you've chosen not to give a statement, you had an  
11 opportunity - have you had an opportunity to review your body-worn camera?  
12  
13 MAKER: Ah, yes I have.  
14  
15 MORENO: Okay. Um, do you have any questions before we get started?  
16  
17 MAKER: No.  
18  
19 MORENO: Okay. And just real quick, um, if at any point in time you want to take a break,  
20 you need clarification on a question, feel free to ask me...  
21  
22 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
23  
24 MORENO: ...or let us know.  
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26 MAKER: Okay.  
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28 MORENO: Okay? Do you wish to speak to me, sir?  
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30 MAKER: Yes.  
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32 MORENO: Can you spell your name for me?  
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34 MAKER: Ah, Christopher, C-H-R-I-S-T-O-P-H-E-R. Last name Maker, M-A-K-E-R.  
35  
36 MORENO: Your date of birth?

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2 MAKER: 11-25-1986.  
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4 MORENO: What's your approximate height and weight?  
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6 MAKER: Ah, height 6 foot, weight about 200.  
7  
8 MORENO: Ah, how long have you been a police officer?  
9  
10 MAKER: Ah, approximately 4 months now.  
11  
12 MORENO: With - that's, ah, any previous law enforcement experience other than Hemet  
13 PD?  
14  
15 MAKER: Ah, no.  
16  
17 MORENO: Any prior law, ah, military experience?  
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19 MAKER: Yes, six years of Army Infantry.  
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21 MORENO: What is your, ah, ID number?  
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23 MAKER: 10741.  
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25 MORENO: What is your date of hire?  
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27 MAKER: Um, once I was sworn or...  
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29 MORENO: Yes.  
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31 MAKER: Okay, ah, it's gonna be approximately April 14.  
32  
33 MORENO: And current rank is officer?  
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35 MAKER: Ah, just Patrol Officer.  
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1 MORENO: 'Kay. And your current assignment is Patrol?  
2  
3 MAKER: Yes, sir.  
4  
5 MORENO: Okay. What, um, is your normal shift hours?  
6  
7 MAKER: Ah, right now it is 1800 to 0600.  
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9 MORENO: And what's your days off?  
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11 MAKER: Ah, days off are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday with every other Saturday off.  
12  
13 MORENO: What was your call sign on Sunday morning?  
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15 MAKER: Tom-8.  
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17 MORENO: Tom-8?  
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19 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
20  
21 MORENO: What is, ah, what unit - what was your unit number?  
22  
23 MAKER: 2913.  
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25 MORENO: 2913?  
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27 MAKER: Correct.  
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29 MORENO: Were you by yourself or did you have a partner with you?  
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31 MAKER: I had a Field Training Officer that was Officer Schroeder who was with me.  
32  
33 MORENO: What uniform were you wearing on Sunday?  
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35 MAKER: Class B uniform.  
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1 MORENO: Will you describe your Class B uniform for me?  
2  
3 MAKER: It's the same one I'm wearing now so, um, long sleeve shirt, no tie, all my  
4 regular duty gear, black boots, bronze polished ba- ah, badge.  
5  
6 MORENO: Did you have a, ah, digital recorder?  
7  
8 MAKER: No, I do not.  
9  
10 MORENO: Um, was - was your unit equipped with a dash cam?  
11  
12 MAKER: No.  
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14 MORENO: Were you wearing any, ah, did you have a body-worn camera?  
15  
16 MAKER: No, I do not.  
17  
18 KLINZING: Ah, on that note, I think Brandi wants to make a clarification.  
19  
20 HARPER: Can I just clarify, um, earlier you said that you did watch body-worn camera  
21 footage, correct?  
22  
23 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
24  
25 HARPER: Yes?  
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27 MAKER: Yes I did - yes I did.  
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29 HARPER: And what body-worn camera footage did you watch?  
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31 MAKER: So I reviewed Officer Schroeder's during the pursuit. And then I watched Officer  
32 Detwiler's, ah, portion of whenever we were, um, contacting the suspect.  
33  
34 HARPER: And...  
35  
36 MORENO: As far - go ahead.



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2 HARPER: Okay. And you watched Officer Schroeder's, um, during the pursuit because you  
3 were in the same vehicle, correct?  
4  
5 MAKER: Yes.  
6  
7 HARPER: And you watched Officer Detwiler's once you exited the vehicle because he was  
8 the closest in proximity to you, is that correct??  
9  
10 MAKER: That is correct.  
11  
12 HARPER: Okay. And you did so pursuant to (unintelligible) policy that allows you to do so,  
13 correct?  
14  
15 MAKER: Yes I did.  
16  
17 HARPER: Okay.  
18  
19 MORENO: Did you take any photos at the scene?  
20  
21 MAKER: No I did not.  
22  
23 MORENO: What is your duty weapon?  
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25 MAKER: Ah, a SIG Sauer P220, .45 caliber.  
26  
27 MORENO: Did you fire during the officer-involved shooting?  
28  
29 MAKER: No I did not.  
30  
31 MORENO: Were you injured during the incident?  
32  
33 MAKER: No I was not.  
34  
35 MORENO: Okay, Officer Maker, um, at this point I want you to provide me a detail account  
36 of the incident and what you remember from the start to the finish, okay? Once

1 you are done I will most likely have some follow-up questions for you. And I  
2 might show you some photographs of the scene. Um, do you have any questions?  
3  
4 MAKER: No, I do not.  
5  
6 MORENO: Okay, go ahead.  
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8 MAKER: Okay, so, ah, prior to the pursuit I was at a - a call over at, ah, JCPenney which is  
9 2200 West Florida. Um, we received information that we were in close proximity  
10 to, ah, the suspect vehicle and at which point we located the suspect vehicle. Ah,  
11 attempted to pull it over and he lead us on a pursuit through City of Hemet and  
12 San Jacinto. Um, during the pursuit I noticed he reached in the backseat and  
13 grabbed what appeared to be a firearm, which I put over the radio. Um, it  
14 appeared that he was possibly smoking, um, illegal narcotics. He also threw  
15 several items out of the window, um, such as white powdery bags. Um,  
16 detectives put out over the radio, ah, this was their murder suspect. He was  
17 considered armed and dangerous. Um, the beginning of the pursuit started out  
18 very fast. Um, as we got into San Jacinto he slowed down to speeds of 15 to 30  
19 miles per hour. Um, he eventually stopped on North San Jacinto Street in  
20 between - facing south in between Menlo and Oakland. At which point he  
21 stepped out of the vehicle. He ignored all officer's commands to show us your  
22 hands. We saw that he had a gun. He also ignored any commands to drop the  
23 weapon. Um, and then he ended up shooting himself. Um, ah, a short time later I  
24 and another team moved up to, um, secure the firearm. Um, we placed him in  
25 handcuffs and then I provided medical aid.  
26  
27 MORENO: Okay, um, so during the failure to yield pursuit, um, you were in the number one  
28 car with Officer Schroeder?  
29  
30 MAKER: Yes, sir.  
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32 MORENO: Did, at any point in time, ah, positions change during the pursuit?  
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34 MAKER: Are you talking about me and sh...  
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36 MORENO: I mean, other - other cars.

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2 MAKER: No, sir.  
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4 MORENO: Okay. So you guys remained in the number one position...  
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6 MAKER: Yes.  
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8 MORENO: ...throughout the - the entire pursuit? While you were in the pursuit, ah, did you  
9 have lights and sirens on?  
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11 MAKER: Yes, we did.  
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13 MORENO: Um, and can you give me, ah - ah, a little bit more description on the pursuit and  
14 what the suspect's driving actions were like?  
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16 MAKER: Um, when - so he initially, when we first, um, put on our lights and sirens, pulled  
17 over, ah, across the street from 430 North Palm in the City of Hemet.  
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19 MORENO: Mm-hm.  
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21 MAKER: Um, he immediately took off at a high rate of speed. Um, he went through stop  
22 signs, no stopping, so a little bit reckless driving, driving on the wrong side of  
23 the road. Ah, once we got into San Jacinto, um, he started to slow down  
24 dramatically. Um, he was also reaching throughout the car. What else would you  
25 like to know in terms of his driving actions?  
26  
27 MORENO: Um, what was his speeds like?  
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29 MAKER: Ah, at first they were approximately 55 over. Um, and then once he slowed  
30 down, um, speeds probably as slow as 5 to 30 miles an hour.  
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32 MORENO: And, ah, approximately how long was the duration of the pursuit?  
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34 MAKER: I would say 30 to 40 minutes approximately.  
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36 MORENO: And you said that, um - um, have you ever had any contact with the suspect

1 and/or his family?  
2  
3 MAKER: No.  
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5 MORENO: Okay. Um, and you and Officer Schroeder were clearing a call at the JCPenney...  
6  
7 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
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9 MORENO: ...when the - was there a call for service that came out regarding the suspect's  
10 car? Or how were you guys alerted of the suspect's car?  
11  
12 MAKER: Ah, so Officer Schroeder received a phone call from who I believe was Detective  
13 Wood.  
14  
15 MORENO: Okay.  
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17 MAKER: Um, and he - he's the one that talked to Officer Schroeder about, um...  
18  
19 MORENO: Okay.  
20  
21 MAKER: ...the - the location of - the possible location of the suspect.  
22  
23 MORENO: And how f- after that, you guys clearing, ah, JCPenney, how long did it take for  
24 you guys to actually locate the suspect car?  
25  
26 MAKER: Approximately 30 to 45 seconds.  
27  
28 MORENO: Okay. That was quick. How were you, um, how did - how were you made aware  
29 that that was the suspect's car?  
30  
31 MAKER: Um, so we transitioned behind the car. Um, we, ah, Officer Schroeder did, he  
32 called out the, ah, the license plate.  
33  
34 MORENO: Okay.  
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36 MAKER: At which point in time, Dispatch returned the - the record check with license

1 plate, and then the detectives got on the radio and confirmed that that was the  
2 suspect.  
3  
4 MORENO: And he was a suspect in what incident?  
5  
6 MAKER: Ah, a - a murder prior.  
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8 MORENO: Okay.  
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10 MAKER: The - the evening prior.  
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12 MORENO: So it was - it was an ongoing homicide investigation?  
13  
14 MAKER: Correct.  
15  
16 MORENO: Okay. Um, during the pursuit, was there any issues with the communication  
17 between the Dispatch and the officers involved?  
18  
19 MAKER: I do not believe so.  
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21 MORENO: Um, so at the termina- ah, so how - what caused the, ah, suspect to stop?  
22  
23 MAKER: Ah, he stopped on his own, on his own volition, so I don't know what was going  
24 through his head that made him want to stop.  
25  
26 MORENO: Um, describe to me your stress level during the pursuit.  
27  
28 MAKER: Um, initially my drena- adrenaline drum- ah, jumped, um, once I saw that he had  
29 the gun. Um, it was - it was elevated, my adrenaline.  
30  
31 MORENO: Mm-hm.  
32  
33 MAKER: Ah, there was several times throughout the pursuit where he was reaching all  
34 over the car. Um, at one point in time on the Ramona Expressway, um, it might  
35 have been just his knees that were in the actual driver's seat and he was reaching  
36 over to the - the passenger compartment. He was reaching into the back

1 passenger compartment. Um, so several times I was very worried that he was just  
2 gonna shoot through the - the rear windshield at us, um, and attempt to either  
3 evade or actually hurt us.

4  
5 MORENO: Um, can you describe to me the weapon that you saw as you were in the pursuit  
6 that you said he was...

7  
8 MAKER: So when I saw it the sun was, um, he was - he was facing east.

9  
10 MORENO: Mm-hm.

11  
12 MAKER: His windows were not tinted so I could see the outline of a firearm, but I would  
13 not be able to describe it, ah, any further.

14  
15 MORENO: Okay. Um, what, if anything, do you remember during the pursuit that  
16 heightened your senses and caused you to be concerned about the suspect?

17  
18 MAKER: Ah, so number one, his driving actions in the beginning were very erratic. Um,  
19 once I saw the firearm, um, it's already going through my mind, okay, he's a  
20 potential murder suspect. He's still armed and dangerous. And I could see what I  
21 - what appeared to be a firearm in his hand. Um, in addition, um, there was  
22 several times throughout the - the pursuit where it appeared that he was smoking  
23 illegal narcotics. Um, what lead me to believe that was, I could see smoke  
24 coming out of the driver's side window and then a short period after throwing  
25 out a, um, a plastic bag that had a white powdery substance in it. Um, and then as  
26 it slowed there were several times where he was just reaching around. Um,  
27 several points in time where he could very easily be facing me just the way that  
28 I'm facing you now, even though he's driving the opposite direction. Um,  
29 another thing that worried me is that when he stopped, um, he immediately got  
30 out of the car. Um, turned and faced us. I could see he had the firearm in his  
31 hand. Um, it would have been too easy for him; ah, in a split second to just point  
32 the firearm at us and fire.

33  
34 MORENO: Okay. Um - um, so I'm gonna show you a picture...

35  
36 MAKER: Mm-hm.

1  
2 MORENO: ...that's, ah, that's taken the night of. So this picture details a green Toyota.  
3  
4 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
5  
6 MORENO: Next to it is, ah, barricades.  
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8 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
9  
10 MORENO: Barriers. Followed by five marked black and white Hemet PD units.  
11  
12 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
13  
14 MORENO: I'm gonna give you a Sharpie, and please write down an X where you were  
15 standing, which vehicle was yours. And you put an X on the center car, correct?  
16  
17 MAKER: Correct.  
18  
19 MORENO: Now, during the time of the traffic stop - felony stop...  
20  
21 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
22  
23 MORENO: ...did you remain in this position the whole time? Or did you relocate to another  
24 position?  
25  
26 MAKER: So, ah, during the - the felony stop, I stood here the entire time...  
27  
28 MORENO: Mm-hm.  
29  
30 MAKER: ...um, until it was a - a team to go up and clear the firearm was called. At which  
31 point I stepped back this way and came...  
32  
33 MORENO: (Unintelligible)...  
34  
35 MAKER: Okay.  
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1 MORENO: ...mark it.  
2  
3 MAKER: So about over here.  
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5 MORENO: Okay. And then there was a team that was over here where you marked an X.  
6 What - what did that team do?  
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8 MAKER: Um, we moved up to secure the scene. So we moved up to make sure the firearm  
9 was safe. Um, to secure the, ah, the suspect. I searched him to make sure there  
10 was no firearms, any other weapons. He was handcuffed and then I rendered  
11 medical aid.  
12  
13 MORENO: Okay. When the pursuit terminated and you were standing here at this passenger  
14 door.  
15  
16 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
17  
18 MORENO: What were you - what was your visual, ah, down range? What was your, ah,  
19 sight (unintelligible).  
20  
21 MAKER: So I could see, ah, 100% everything that was going on. Ah, I was almost directly  
22 in line with the suspect.  
23  
24 MORENO: Describe to us what you saw.  
25  
26 MAKER: Okay. So as we pulled up, um, as we stopped at this location here, um, we  
27 stopped. I get out. He initially put up both of his hands out of the window. And  
28 then he immediately opened the door. We're yelling at him commands, "Show us  
29 your hands." Ah, "Face away from us." He immediately turned around. It was a  
30 very quick time period in which this happened. He turned around, ah, faced us  
31 with the firearm to his head. We were yelling, "Drop the gun." We were yelling,  
32 "Put your hands up." Um, and then he shot himself.  
33  
34 MORENO: Okay. Were you able to see any other, um, citizens or civilians around the area?  
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36 MAKER: Um, I think as we were pulling up this way there might have been some people



1 over here. Officer Schroeder yelled at them to get out of the way. Um, but that  
2 was a - a little bit further back. I didn't see anyone over here.  
3  
4 MORENO: What was the lighting like? Was there anything that was obstructing your visual  
5 of the suspect as he exited the vehicle?  
6  
7 MAKER: No, not at all. The light was - was good.  
8  
9 MORENO: Okay. Um, so when he got out of the vehicle, the suspect, what - what was he  
10 doing? What did - what did he do?  
11  
12 MAKER: Um, he stepped out to the side, ah, as if you're stepping out of a - out of a car.  
13 Initially faced forward. Um, as soon as he was fully out of the car and both of his  
14 feet were on the ground, um, he turned around in a - in an action that brought the  
15 gun up to his head. Then faced us and then did what he did.  
16  
17 MORENO: Okay. So when he exited the car.  
18  
19 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
20  
21 MORENO: He - so he was facing away from you, correct?  
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23 MAKER: Mm-hm, initially.  
24  
25 MORENO: Okay. When he was facing away from you, what positions were his hands? Both  
26 of his hands.  
27  
28 MAKER: So, ah, I believe his left hand was just down by his side. Um, I was more  
29 concentrated on his right hand. As - as he was stepping out I could see there was  
30 something in his hand.  
31  
32 MORENO: Okay.  
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34 MAKER: Which I'm assuming was a firearm as it was transpiring. Um, and then as he  
35 turned around, his - his right hand was fully up to his head and I could see there  
36 was a firearm in his hand.

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2 MORENO: At what point in time did you see him raise the gun to his head?  
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4 MAKER: Um, that was as he was stepping out of the vehicle. So it was almost  
5 simultaneously with him stepping out of the vehicle.  
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7 MORENO: Okay. What was, ah, what was your perception as to what was gonna happen at  
8 that incident?  
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10 MAKER: So with him not complying at all, coupled with me believing that he was  
11 smoking illegal narcotics, I 100% believed that he was gonna be shooting at us.  
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13 MORENO: Okay. Um, and that's because of the way he put the gun up and to his head and  
14 turned around and faced you guys? Or why it was - why is it that you have that  
15 thought?  
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17 MAKER: Okay, so the reason that - I mean, there's a - there's a lot of, I guess, factors that  
18 go into this. Number one, he's a wanted - he's a wanted suspect for murder. So  
19 he's already shown that he's willing to do harm to other people. Um, his driving  
20 actions were very erratic. They slowed down. Um, coupled with him, um,  
21 possibly smoking illegal narcotics, I'm thinking he's wanting to get, um, into a  
22 state of mind where he - he could do harm to other people. Um, and then when I  
23 saw him with a firearm, it - it's - like I said, it's too easy in a split second to just -  
24 it might appear that he's pointing it at himself and then turn it on us.  
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26 MORENO: Okay. Um, based on the totality of the incident, from the time you stopped,  
27 exited the car, to when he exited his car, what was the time difference, time  
28 delay?  
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30 MAKER: Um, I'm gonna take a guesstimate, I'm gonna say about 30 to 45 seconds.  
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32 MORENO: Okay. So at that time were verbal commands being given?  
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34 MAKER: Absolutely.  
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36 MORENO: Okay. And then from the time that he exited his car, stood, turned and had the

1 gun to his head, how much time was he standing outside before he made that  
2 movement?  
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4 MAKER: Ah, 5 to 15 seconds.  
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6 MORENO: Okay. And when he turned around with the gun, how much time ha- how much  
7 time had passed from the time he turned around to when the sh- ah, officer-  
8 involved shooting occurred?  
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10 MAKER: Ah, I'm gonna - again, approximate - approximately 5 seconds.  
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12 MORENO: Okay. Um, and then what happened after the officer-involved shooting occurred?  
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14 MAKER: Um, so he fell down to his knees. Um, he was still moving. I was thinking that he  
15 was possibly still alive. The firearm was still in his hand. Um, his head was  
16 moving up and down. Um, verbal commands were still be giving - given to him  
17 to drop the weapon, put his hands up, not, um, not to make any sudden  
18 movements. Um, so yeah, verbal commands were still given.  
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20 MORENO: And that was when he was down on the ground, correct?  
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22 MAKER: Correct.  
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24 MORENO: What commands were given when he was standing up before the OIS occurred,  
25 the officer-involved shooting.  
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27 MAKER: Ah, to put his hands up, to drop the weapon, ah, I believe I told him to face away  
28 from us. Ah, that's all I remember.  
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30 MORENO: Okay. And then after he was down on the ground and there was still verbal  
31 commands given, what was the - describe to me the actions of the suspect. What  
32 was he doing?  
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34 MAKER: So he - he was down in almost, like, a squatted position, um, with - with his butt  
35 down to his ankles. It appeared he was leaning up against the, ah, right - right in  
36 the middle of where the - the door meets the actual car. Um, his hand was - the

1 gun was in his hand and his hand was in a position, um, where the back of his  
2 hand was kind of, ah, pushed up against, ah, the asphalt of the road. Um, and his  
3 head moved up and down I would say maybe two times.  
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5 MORENO: Okay. And after, um, the commands were given for him to drop the gun, um,  
6 what actions, ah, were taken after that?  
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8 MAKER: Um, I know that a - a less lethal beanbag was deployed. Um, and then almost  
9 immediately after that is when I came around to the side for a team to move up to  
10 make sure that the car was clear. Um, to secure the firearm, make it safe. As well  
11 as handcuff the suspo- suspect to make sure that, um, he had no more weapons  
12 on it. And then render medical aid.  
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14 MORENO: Okay. Um, you said there was a beanbag round fired. Do you recall where - who  
15 fired it first and where they were positioned when that beanbag was fired?  
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17 MAKER: So at the time I did not know who fired the - the beanbag. I could hear, um,  
18 someone asking for a less lethal with the beanbag. Um, and I - I just know that it  
19 came off from my left 'cause my eyes were still on the suspect.  
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21 MORENO: As you were here.  
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23 MAKER: Correct.  
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25 MORENO: Okay. Um, were there commands, ah, made prior to the beanbag being fired?  
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27 MAKER: Yes.  
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29 MORENO: What were those audible commands?  
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31 MAKER: Um, I believe it was drop - drop the weapon or you may be hit with a - with a -  
32 with a beanbag.  
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34 MORENO: Okay. Um, and then you - how many beanbag rounds were fired?  
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36 MAKER: Only one.

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2 MORENO: Okay. And then you came off to the side where you drew this X here.  
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4 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
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6 MORENO: And you were part of a team that approached the suspect.  
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8 MAKER: Yes, sir.  
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10 MORENO: What was your, ah, role in that tactical approach?  
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12 MAKER: Um, initially my role was designated to help Cavilaro to secure the firearm. Um,  
13 as - I was the very last man in the stack, so as we moved up, I saw that Cavilaro,  
14 ah, secured the firearm on his own. So then I assisted Officer Alex Reynoso in,  
15 um, handcuffing the suspect.  
16  
17 MORENO: Okay. After, ah, the suspect was, um, handcuffed and detained, what actions, ah,  
18 did you do after that?  
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20 MAKER: Ah, I helped searched him - er, search him. And then I rolled him onto his back  
21 and then I started rendering medical aid.  
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23 MORENO: What were you doing when you said you were rendering - rendering medical  
24 aid?  
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26 MAKER: I was giving chest compressions.  
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28 MORENO: Okay. How long were you giving chest compressions before, um, you were  
29 relieved from - by Hemet Fire?  
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31 MAKER: Um, so another officer was - was with me to help give, ah, the chest  
32 compressions. We took - we alternated maybe two, three times total. So I did the  
33 first chest compressions. Ah, I believe it was Officer Skow that came in and he  
34 started to give chest compressions. And then I relieved him. And then after that,  
35 a Fire Medic came to relieve us. And I would say that would be maybe about 5  
36 minutes.

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2 MORENO: Okay. Um, when you exited your vehicle...  
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4 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
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6 MORENO: ...were you, um, did you have your handgun out?  
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8 MAKER: Yes I did.  
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10 MORENO: Okay. Um, why did you consider drawing your handgun and not a - any other,  
11 um, force option at that time?  
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13 MAKER: Um, based on the circumstances, um, what he was wanted for, as well as already  
14 seeing what appeared to be a - a firearm during the pursuit.  
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16 MORENO: Okay. Um, during the pursuit, did the, ah, suspect give any indications that he  
17 was gonna comply with the officers?  
18  
19 MAKER: No he did not.  
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21 MORENO: Um, can you describe what's the suspect's weapon was?  
22  
23 MAKER: Um, I believe it was a, ah, a silver revolver.  
24  
25 MORENO: Okay, silver revolver. All right. So just so I'm clear, when he exits, he was  
26 facing away and you could see his left hand down by his side?  
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28 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
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30 MORENO: Were you able to have a view of his right hand and what his right hand was  
31 doing when he was facing away from you?  
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33 MAKER: Slightly.  
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35 MORENO: Okay.  
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1 MAKER: Ah, so to elaborate on that further, as he's stepping out, um, his arm is already  
2 bent. So you - you can only get a certain glimpse of it, um, as he's making  
3 certain movements.  
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5 MORENO: Mm-hm.  
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7 MAKER: Um, so he steps out of the car and he's coming up this way. I could see  
8 something was in his hand. I couldn't tell that it was a firearm until he was fully  
9 facing us, and then I could see the firearm clear.  
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11 MORENO: And when he's - when he turns towards you, does he turn towards the, ah, bank  
12 that's on this side? Or does he rotate facing the car and then come around this  
13 way towards you?  
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15 MAKER: No, so he would have - he would have spun around in, ah, I guess a  
16 counterclockwise action.  
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18 MORENO: Okay. And as he spun around in a counterclockwise position, what did you see  
19 his right hand doing?  
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21 MAKER: Holding a firearm up to his head.  
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23 MORENO: Okay. So as he's rotating, the gun is up to his head. But when he's - before he  
24 makes that transition to rotate his body is when you see him put the gun up,  
25 correct?  
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27 MAKER: Bring it up to his head, yes.  
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29 MORENO: Okay. Anything?  
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31 KLINZING: Ah, you want to take a quick break?  
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33 MORENO: Yeah. Real quick break. It's 12:55.  
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1 **INTERVIEW WITH OFC. CHRISTOPHER MAKER**

2 **DAR2020-230-001**

3 **MAKER=Ofc. Christopher Maker**

4 **MAN=Unknown Male**

5 **MAN 1=Unknown Male**

6 (Duration: 00:04:34)

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9 MAN: Okay, it is 1:03 pm. We're back on record, um, still the officer involved  
10 shooting, Riverside DA Case Number DAR2020-230-001. Same parties still in  
11 the room. Um, Officer Maker, real quick, um, you were in the car with  
12 Schroeder?

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14 MAKER: Yes, sir.

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16 MAN: Who was driving?

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18 MAKER: Schroeder was driving.

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20 MAN: Okay and were you able to see, um, or are you aware of any, uh, additional units  
21 that were involved in the pursuit?

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23 MAKER: Uh, so my attention - I knew that, uh, Paul-46 who is Alex Reynoso was behind  
24 us...

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26 MAN: Mm-hm.

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28 MAKER: ...because he was with us at the alarm call.

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30 MAN: Okay.

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32 MAKER: Um, my focus was primarily on, uh, the suspect in front of us. I did see other  
33 units. I wouldn't be able to tell you how many 'cause it wasn't a very long look.

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35 MAN: Okay and them, um, earlier in your statement you stated that, um - um, that you  
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1 saw the suspect with his to his head but then you also said that you believed that  
2 the suspect was going to shoot at the police.  
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4 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
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6 MAN: Okay, can you ex- describe that? 'Cause you're sayin' the gun's up to his head  
7 but then you feel that he's got the means of shooting at the police. Can you  
8 elaborate on that a little bit more, please?  
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10 MAKER: Absolutely. Uh, so as he's steppin' up out of - out of - out of the vehicle, um, I  
11 can see him raising a - what I believe to be a firearm. Um, even, uh, while I was  
12 in the academy so with - with our training and - and education, um, even if, uh,  
13 someone has a gun to their head, uh, turning a wrist takes less than a second to  
14 turn it onto someone else. So it could've very easily been a feign where he  
15 saying - tryin' to, um, lull police into that he was gonna hurt himself..  
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17 MAN: Mm-hm.  
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19 MAKER: ...and then ultimately turn the firearm on us.  
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21 MAN: Okay and then, uh, you stated that he shot himself. Um, at what point were you  
22 aware that there was also an officer involved shooting?  
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24 MAKER: Uh, almost simultaneously with, uh, the shot that he fired I heard other shots  
25 being - going off on both - both sides.  
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27 MAN: Okay, um, so - so just reiterate what you said, it was almost simultaneously that  
28 he shot himself that the officers fired? So...  
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30 MAKER: Correct.  
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32 MAN: Okay, um, and there were shot - you were still at the passenger side of your car?  
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34 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
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1 MAN: And where did you hear the officers shoot from?  
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3 MAKER: Uh, from both my right side and my left side.  
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5 MAN: So that would've been over to the driver's side of your car and over towards the  
6 driver's side of the car just to your right?  
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8 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
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10 MAN: Okay, s- anything?  
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12 MAN 1: Oh.  
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14 MAN: Yeah, real quick, almost forgot this. Um, you're standing at this door, correct?  
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16 MAKER: Correct.  
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18 MAN: Um, what is the distance between you and where the suspect is standing?  
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20 MAKER: Uh, if I were to guess I would approximate about 15 - 20 feet.  
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22 MAN: Okay and earlier you said, uh, that there was no, uh, you had a unobstructed  
23 view.  
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25 MAKER: Correct.  
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27 MAN: Correct? Um, and you stated just now that, uh, based on your training and the  
28 academy that, uh, when a suspect has a gun to his head within a split second they  
29 can easily flick their wrist over and fire...  
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31 MAKER: Mm-hm.  
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33 MAN: ...at an officer, okay?  
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35 MAKER: Correct.  
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MAN: Why - if you can elaborate to us why did you not shoot?

MAKER: Uh, I was almost there. Um, I just didn't reach that point. Um, so, I mean, I almost did but I - I didn't.

MAN: Okay, explain - just elaborate a little bit more as - as almost did.

MAKER: Okay, so, uh, when I heard the shot fired and then I heard the shots going off next to me, um, as it was all going on in my head I'm already thinking, "Okay, I'm about to shoot." But then I saw him dropping so...

MAN: Okay.

MAKER: ...I assumed that the threat was neutralized and I did not fire my weapon.

MAN: Okay, so your - your - so your decision to not shoot was because the suspect was dropping and in your mind the threat was neutralized and there was no need for you to engage in deadly force?

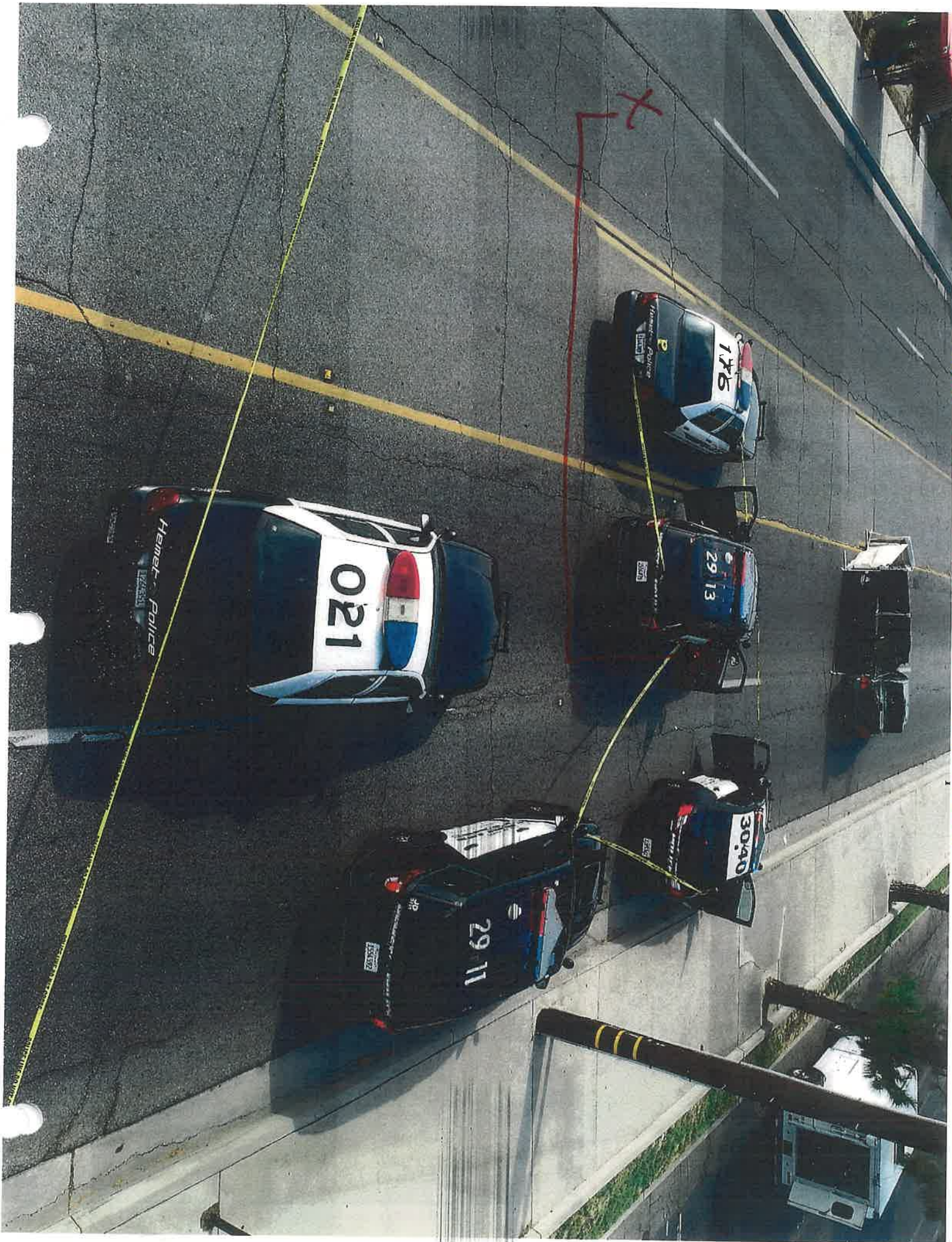
MAKER: Correct.

MAN: Correct? Okay, I don't have any further questions. Do you?

MAN 1: No, sir.

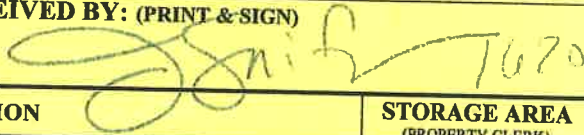

MAN: Okay, it is 1:07 and we will stop the recording.







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03	01	DND R OFFICER INTERVIEWS OFFICERS REYNOSO, FEATHERLY, MAKER, SFAUG	
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