



**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 <i>R. Bodner #015</i>	Date 6/15/21
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**INITIAL 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  
Corporal Brent Christianson #8414

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 Corporal Christianson

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

**ATTACHEMENTS:**

1. 23-page transcripts of interview with Corporal Christianson on 08/19/2020
2. Copy of photograph shown to and used by Corporal Christianson 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.

Corporal Christianson 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 Corporal Christianson and documentation of Corporal Christianson's uniform, equipment and service weapon. Sr. Investigator Villalobos charted Corporal Christianson's service weapon; a Glock 19 9mm serial number BDUB976. The handgun was equipped with a Sure Fire X300 tactical light. Corporal Christianson did not fire his weapon during the incident.

Corporal Christianson, 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 1126 hours, Corporal Christianson 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. Corporal Christianson 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.

**STATUS:**

OPEN / CR-2

**INTERVIEW WITH BRENT CHRISTIANSON**

**DAR2020-230-001**

**MORENO=Sr. Inv. Mario Moreno**

**KLINZING=Inv. Doug Klinzing**

**A=Cpl. Brent Christianson**

**HARPER=Attorney Brandi Harper**

(Duration: 00:35:37)

**MORENO:** 'Kay it is, uh, August 19, Wednesday about 11:26 am. We are at the Hemet Police Department interview room, uh, regarding a IOS that occurred on August 16th, Sunday morning at, uh, 516 North San Jacinto. It's investigated under, uh, Riverside D.A. Case Number DAR2020-230-001 and, uh, it's Hemet P.D.'s, uh, Case Number 20-6129. We'll start off by, uh, identifying everybody in the room. Uh, my name is Mario Moreno, I'm a senior investigator with the District Attorney's office.

**KLINZING:** Doug Klinzing, investigator with the Hemet Police Department.

**CHRISTIANSON:** Brent Christianson, I'm a Corporal with the Hemet Police Department.

**HARPER:** Brand Harper of Castillo Harper, I'm his attorney representative.

**MORENO:** Awesome, Corporal. So, um, just real quick, this is a criminal investigation and it will be submitted to the District Attorney's office for review. And you do not have to speak with me and no discipline can't come to you for not speaking with me. Uh, prior to this interview has anybody ordered you - ordered you to give me a statement?

**CHRISTIANSON:** No.

**MORENO:** Other than the Public Safety Statement, have you made any kind of statements about the incident?

**CHRISTIANSON:** No.

1 MORENO: Um, has anybody ordered you to speak to me?  
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3 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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5 MORENO: 'Kay it's my understanding that you've chosen not to do an uninterrupted  
6 statement?  
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8 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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10 MORENO: Um, I know that you've had some time to meet with your attorney prior to  
11 today's interview. You have chosen not to give the free and in- uninterrupted  
12 statement but you've - you have had an opportunity to review your body-worn  
13 camera video, is that correct?  
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15 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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17 MORENO: Do you have any questions before we get started?  
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19 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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21 MORENO: Okay, um, and also at any point in time if you wanna take a break, if you wanna  
22 ask for your attorney before answering a question, feel free to do so, okay? Do  
23 you wish to speak to me?  
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25 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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27 MORENO: Uh, go ahead and spell your name for me.  
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29 CHRISTIANSON: It's B-R-E-N-T and last name C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N-S-O-N.  
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31 MORENO: Your date of birth, sir.  
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33 CHRISTIANSON: 4/11/85.  
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35 MORENO: Approximate height and weight.  
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1 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, 5'5" 150.  
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3 MORENO: Uh, how many years of service?  
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5 CHRISTIANSON: As a police officer, uh, 13.  
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7 MORENO: Any prior law enforcement other than Hemet P.D.?  
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9 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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11 MORENO: So 13 years with Hemet?  
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13 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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15 MORENO: Any military experience?  
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17 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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19 MORENO: What is your I.D. number?  
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21 CHRISTIANSON: 8414.  
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23 MORENO: Do you recall your date of hire?  
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25 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, October of '06.  
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27 MORENO: And you stated your rank is Corporal?  
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29 CHRISTIANSON: Yes, sir.  
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31 MORENO: And what is your current assignment?  
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33 CHRISTIANSON: I'm a Corporal from patrol for Team 4.  
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35 MORENO: What is your shift times for Team 4?  
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1 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, 1800 to 0600 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and every other Saturday?  
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3 MORENO: What is your call sign?  
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5 CHRISTIANSON: Charles four.  
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7 MORENO: What's your unit number?  
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9 CHRISTIANSON: The one I was drivin', 3176.  
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11 MORENO: And did you have a passenger or partner with you?  
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13 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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15 MORENO: And what uniform were you wearing that day?  
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17 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, Class B uniform, the short-sleeve, button-up shirt with uniform pants.  
18 Uh, the short-sleeve has a badge over my left breast and my name plate over the  
19 right.  
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21 MORENO: Did you have a low-bearing vest above your vest - above your shirt - t-shirt?  
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23 CHRISTIANSON: No and I was wearing a full Sam Browne duty belt.  
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25 MORENO: Did you have, uh, a digital recorder or body-worn camera?  
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27 CHRISTIANSON: A body-worn camera.  
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29 MORENO: Was it active during the incident?  
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31 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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33 MORENO: Is your vehicle equipped with a dash-cam?  
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35 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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1 MORENO: And you had a chance to review, um, your body-worn camera, correct?  
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3 CHRISTIANSON: Correct.  
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5 MORENO: Did you take any photos at the scene?  
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7 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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9 MORENO: And what, uh, what is your - your primary duty weapon?  
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11 CHRISTIANSON: My side's arm's a Glock 19, 9mm handgun.  
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13 MORENO: Did you shoot your gun during the incident?  
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15 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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17 MORENO: Did you shoot any weapons?  
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19 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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21 MORENO: Were you injured during the incident?  
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23 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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25 MORENO: Okay, at this point, Corporal, what I'm gonna ask for you to do is to just give me  
26 a, um, a detailed account of the incident and what hap- and what you remember  
27 from start to finish. Uh, once you're done I'll most likely ask you some follow-  
28 up questions. Um, and then I'll show you a couple photos, um, for you to  
29 document your position during the incident. If you need a break, feel free to let  
30 us know, we'll stop, take a break and come back. Any questions?  
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32 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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34 MORENO: Okay, go ahead.  
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36 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, we had earlier in the night of the shift we had a murder over off of 1000



1 North Buena Vista. Uh, during that murder the detective bureau came out, uh,  
2 possible suspect was identified as - there was a female at the murder and then the  
3 murder victim. The female identified a possible suspect of her, uh, ex-fiancé. Uh,  
4 fast-forward to about a little after 6:00 a.m. I was at the station getting ready to  
5 leave at the end of our shift, um, when I heard Officer Schroeder run a plate over  
6 the air, over the radio. Um, I learned the suspect - that plate came back to the  
7 possible ex-fiancé who was a suspect in the murder, um, and that they were  
8 following behind it. Uh, a pursuit, they went to stop the - the vehicle, uh, pursuit  
9 ensued. Uh, I left the station to respond to the pursuit. I believe they picked up  
10 around Palm and Menlo, they were going Southbound Palm at which the time  
11 they turned Eastbound Devonshire. Uh, I was at the intersection of Devonshire  
12 and I'm not sure what the cross street was possibly, like, Alessandro, um, where  
13 the pursuit passed me. I saw the suspect car pass me along with, uh, Officer  
14 Schroeder and his trainee in the number one position and Officer, uh, Alex  
15 Reynoso in the number two position. I then jumped in into the number three  
16 position and attempted to broadcast that a few times during the pursuit, however,  
17 I was getting covered by Eunice puttin' out the direction of travel. Uh, towards  
18 the beginning of the pursuit we hit State Street, went Northbound State Street  
19 towards San Jacinto. I believe it was during that time, uh, Officer Maker got on  
20 the air, who was in the primary car and advised they saw the suspect grab a gun.  
21 Uh, the original murder had occurred using a firearm so that heightened our level  
22 of awareness during the pursuit with the suspect. Uh, the pursuit traveled into Se-  
23 San Jacinto, um, light traffic. Speeds were, I think around 50-miles-per-hour in  
24 the beginning of the pursuit. Uh, we drove numerous city streets within San  
25 Jacinto. Um, at one point we started to go Eastbound on Main Street. Uh, at that  
26 point, um, the suspect kinda started to slow down his speeds. Throughout the  
27 course of this pursuit, uh, the suspect was reaching throughout the vehicle in the  
28 back seats, front seats, uh, that was getting broadcasted. He was heading towards  
29 the reservation so, uh, and we were on Eastbound Main Street. We attempted to  
30 set-up spikes over at Main Street turns into Lake Park and Expressway. When we  
31 reached that intersection the suspect went Northbound on Expressway, excuse  
32 me, left - left-hand turn. The expressway then goes - turns to Windy Road, goes  
33 westbound, uh, expressway. During that time his speeds was approximately 25,  
34 20 miles-per-hour. Uh, he was weaving back and forth through traffic, um, due to  
35 him still digging throughout the car. I believe on the expressway at one point I  
36 saw him over in the passenger front - the front passenger seat while the car was

1 still driving. Uh, attempted to - we were tryin' to coordinate some type of spikes  
2 from there. Uh, at that point I broadcasted over the radio that I wanted to set-up  
3 spikes at State Street and expressway 'cause he was headed in that direction. Uh,  
4 prior to reaching State Street he went Southbound on San Jacinto Street still  
5 driving approximately 15, 20 miles-per-hour, uh, still reaching throughout the  
6 car. Uh, I stayed number three throughout the whole pursuit. So, pursuit  
7 continued, uh, Southbound San Jacinto Street through the City of San Jacinto and  
8 then eventually coming back into the City of Hemet. Um, up to the termination  
9 point they attempted to - to, uh, at times just to try to spike the vehicle, which  
10 were unsuccessful - unsuccessful, uh, suspect was able to drive around 'em. Um,  
11 once we hit the - we past San Jacinto Street and Menlo, he continued, uh,  
12 Southbound and then just before we reached the intersection of San Jacinto and  
13 Oakland, uh, he came to a stop. I saw as he was slowing down as he came to a  
14 stop, it looked like he may have put one or both his hands out the window. Um,  
15 the suspect, or, I'm sorry, the primary officer stopped and directly behind the  
16 suspect vehicle. I saw another officer go to the right, to the right - right side of  
17 him. Um, we still had the opposing the end of traffic. I was worried in case he  
18 tried to foot-bail from the car so I went around for the left. So, we ended up three  
19 - a three-line car, if you will, at the failing stop. As I pulled up, I stopped my car  
20 just to the left of Officer Schroeder's unit, who was the primary unit, put my car  
21 in park. As I put my car in park I saw the driver's door open of the suspect  
22 vehicle. I then got out of my car and I had my rifle staged already. Um, I came  
23 up at my driver's door, stood up and, uh, drew down on the vehicle with my rifle.  
24 As I was coming out, the suspect was getting out of the car. Um, I think I, like,  
25 once I fully got out of the car the suspect was standing with his back to us but  
26 slightly bladed to his left so I couldn't see the right side - his right side at that  
27 time. Um, he immediately towards us in a counterclockwise direction. At which  
28 time then I saw his right side. He had a what appeared to be a revolver in his  
29 right and it was being held. He had it up holding it against the right side of his  
30 head. He then turned towards officers and then almost simultaneously he fired a  
31 round off and then I heard officers to my right fire approximately five rounds.  
32 Suspect dropped to the floor. He ended up in, like, a sitting position with his  
33 back being held up against the open driver's door. The gun was still in his right  
34 hand. Um, still breathing, still kinda moving around. At that time I asked for  
35 guys to come to where I was to formulate a plan trial we could get to him. Um, I  
36 believe I asked if medical was getting staged and I think someone got on the air

1 to stage medical. At that point, I was going through my options, I didn't want to  
2 just walk up on him, giving the gun was still in his hand, um, he was still moving  
3 around, I wanna make sure I don't walk up and my guys walk up and still have  
4 possibly getting them - getting them shot. Um, I was about to ask for a K-9 to see  
5 if we had a K-9 available with us or through RSO when, uh, Sergeant Hall, I  
6 heard him on the radio ask. Dispatch came back said there was no K-9 available.  
7 Again, uh, I want to eventually get to the suspect 'cause I wanted to try to render  
8 medical aid but, again, I didn't wanna go up there initially. Uh, so then we came  
9 up, I had one of our guys grab a bean bag. So, we set up on - I think someone  
10 else had, I'm not sure what unit it was, had pulled up next to me, next to my  
11 vehicle, to the left of my vehicle. We were set up there. I had, uh, Officer  
12 Detwiler get a bean bag. Um, and I told him, "We're gonna fire one round to see  
13 if we get a reaction from the suspect just to see where we're at." Um, I  
14 broadcasted it over the air prior to and let everybody know what we were gonna  
15 do. We fired one bean bag round, uh, it was a good hit leavin' his chest. Uh, no  
16 response from the suspect. At that point, I formulated a plan of how to go to  
17 approach him, um, and then I had at least five guys with me. I assigned two of  
18 our guys as, uh, grabbers 'cause I wanted them to secure the gun in that hand that  
19 he was holding the gun in and, uh, another one to secure the suspect and to detain  
20 him. We came up with that plan and then we broadcasted it to the guys what we  
21 were doing, broadcasted it over the radio that we were gonna move up. We  
22 moved up, I provided lethal cover for my guys as we walked up. Uh, officer -  
23 Officer Cabero secured the handgun on the suspect and then Officers, uh, Alex  
24 Reynoso and Officer Maker secured the suspect. Uh, other officers moved up  
25 from the rest of the line we had goin', um, basically, uh, cleared the car. The car  
26 was rendered clear. I then asked for medical to respond, uh, and officers started  
27 CPR. Um, do the OAS I then found my - figured out who my shooters were and  
28 then, uh, moved them away. I think Officer Cab- Cabero took them to the side  
29 and then do the ongoing stuff, like, took my hand - my rifle that I had, I cleared  
30 my rifle, put that back in my car to secure that and the D.V. showed up. Um, oh,  
31 I'm sorry.

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33 MORENO: What?

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35 CHRISTIANSON: I did get, um, the public safety announcements from both the shooters, um,  
36 individually, both - both their statements.

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2 KLINZING: A few questions I have. Have you ever had any contact with the suspect before  
3 this incident or with any of his family members?  
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5 CHRISTIANSON: No contact with the suspect. If you consider the ex-fiancé the family, I had  
6 contact with her at the scene of the murder.  
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8 KLINZING: Prior to this incident or this night?  
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10 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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12 KLINZING: So your initial, uh, response to this incident at the time when, uh, you heard, uh,  
13 Officer Schroeder run the suspect's plate and they went into pursuit and then you  
14 responded from the station?  
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16 CHRISTIANSON: Correct.  
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18 KLINZING: And you did state earlier that you were number three in the pursuit, was that  
19 during the entire pursuit?  
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21 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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23 KLINZING: At any point was there any position changes between one, two?  
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25 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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27 KLINZING: Um, was there anybody else besides you being the third car in the pursuit?  
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29 CHRISTIANSON: There were units trailing behind me, um, I'm not sure who. I know Officer  
30 Detwiler was with us, um, and then at one point on San Jacinto Street, Sergeant  
31 Hall pulled up next to me.  
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33 KLINZING: And during the pursuit were you being number three and had visual of the two  
34 cars in front of you, was everybody of the three primary cars rolling code,  
35 meaning lights and sirens?  
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1 CHRISTIANSON: Yes. I had my siren on up until, I think we were going Northbound on San  
2 Jacinto Street from - from, uh, expressway, um, due to the front two having  
3 theirs and I was a little bit back I turned mine off.  
4  
5 KLINZING: Okay, um, and during the time of the pursuit would - did you - were you able to  
6 personally see the suspect car?  
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8 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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10 KLINZING: Were you able to see the suspect in the car?  
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12 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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14 KLINZING: Were you able to see the suspect making any kind of movements in the car?  
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16 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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18 KLINZING: Do you - what movements was he making?  
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20 CHRISTIANSON: He was frantically digging throughout the car. Um, as I said, like, at one  
21 point on the expressway he was - I saw him in the passenger - the front passenger  
22 seat as the car was still driving down the street.  
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24 KLINZING: So, he physically moves his body to the passenger seat?  
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26 CHRISTIANSON: Yes, uh, he's...  
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28 KLINZING: 'Kay and the car was still moving?  
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30 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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32 KLINZING: Wow. Um, was there - did you or did you hear of any broadcast of anybody else  
33 seeing the suspect with any kind of motions inside of the car?  
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35 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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1 KLINZING: What were that?  
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3 CHRISTIANSON: The lead car, as well as, I believe, um, Officer Reynoso had put out that he  
4 was, uh, searching through the car, digging throughout the car, reaching around  
5 throughout the car, front and back during the pursuit.  
6  
7 KLINZING: Was there, uh, did you recall of any mention on the radio that the suspect was  
8 seen with a gun inside of the car, during the pursuit?  
9  
10 CHRISTIANSON: Yes, uh, when I first got in the pursuit towards the beginning of the pursuit, I  
11 believe off State Street, Officer Maker broadcasted that they saw the suspect grab  
12 a gun.  
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14 KLINZING: Did you see the suspect, um, you said earlier it appeared that his hands were out  
15 the window during the pursuit at one point?  
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17 CHRISTIANSON: Towards the end when he - right before he stopped.  
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19 KLINZING: Okay.  
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21 CHRISTIANSON: I remember - I saw at least one hand as he was comin' to a stop and then I  
22 lost visual for a second as I transitioned to the left side of Officer Schroeder's  
23 car.  
24  
25 KLINZING: Did you see the suspect toss any items during the pursuit?  
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27 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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29 KLINZING: What - can you describe what you saw?  
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31 CHRISTIANSON: Um, I believe on the expressway, uh, he was throwing baggies. The lead  
32 officer put out it was, like, white powdery baggies out of the car. On State, I'm  
33 sorry, when we were going Southbound San Jacinto Street, uh, in the City of San  
34 Jacinto he had tossed out a black, what looks like a black bag - black bag into the  
35 street. And then towards the end of the pursuit before he stopped he had thrown  
36 out something else but I don't recall what - what it was.

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2 KLINZING: Was there any communication issues between the deputies, I'm sorry, the  
3 officers and dispatch during the pursuit?  
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5 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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7 KLINZING: And, um, you were, being the Corporal on scene, you devised a tactical plan to  
8 make that approach to this on the suspect?  
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10 CHRISTIANSON: Correct.  
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12 KLINZING: During the tactical approach, were any of the officers hurt?  
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14 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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16 KLINZING: Um, at the termination of the pursuit can you describe what time of day and what  
17 the lighting was like.  
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19 CHRISTIANSON: It was about 6:30 in the morning, uh, daylight and facing...  
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21 KLINZING: Was you facing the sun or away from the sun?  
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23 CHRISTIANSON: I don't recall.  
24  
25 KLINZING: Did you see anybody else besides the - the marking that it's in the officers and  
26 the suspect any other citizens out and about on the streets at the time?  
27  
28 CHRISTIANSON: No, there was really light traffic. There might have been a car pulled over to  
29 the left side of the street, uh, just south of us in the - on San Jacinto but I - I don't  
30 really recall seeing any cars.  
31  
32 KLINZING: 'Kay, um, now, um, go in - in - why - can you describe to me why you chose to  
33 u- to - to exit your vehicle with your rifle?  
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35 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, given that the suspect, again, was involved in a murder earlier with a  
36 firearm, um, and the fact that they had seen him with a gun, um, reaching for the

1 - with a gun during the pursuit, uh, I formed an opinion that I - I needed my rifle,  
2 um, I'm proficient with it, it gives me a little bit better accuracy, especially from  
3 a distance, um, given if he decided to shoot at us from the car or get out and  
4 shoot us.  
5  
6 KLINZING: Um, can you describe to me your stress level during this incident.  
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8 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, it was high but I was calm, um, again, once they broadcasted the - the  
9 suspect grabbed a gun, it obviously heightened my level of stress and awareness  
10 for at least everybody in the safety of the officers and the public around us.  
11  
12 KLINZING: Um, what, if anything, do you remember while en route during the pursuit that  
13 heightened your senses or caused you to be, uh, concerned?  
14  
15 CHRISTIANSON: Again, just him grabbing the fact that he grabbed the gun so we knew he was  
16 armed with a handgun, uh, we knew a handgun was used in the murder itself.  
17 Um, the fact that he was constan- continuously digging throughout the car we  
18 didn't know if he was arming himself with another handgun or any other type of  
19 weapons or what he was doing. And then just the - his driving actions, originally,  
20 he was tryin' to get away, he kinda slowed down towards the end of the pursuit.  
21 Uh, my concerns then were, you know, was he gonna try to foot-bail, again,  
22 knowing that he had a handgun, just general public safety where he was gonna  
23 go and how that would've transpired.  
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25 MORENO: Did, uh, did you believe that, uh, the suspect was going to comply with any  
26 commands of the termination of the pursuit?  
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28 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, no, I - I had no idea what he was gonna do.  
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30 KLINZING: Did you see the suspect's weapon?  
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32 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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34 KLINZING: Can you describe it for me?  
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36 CHRISTIANSON: I believe it's a silver, uh, revolver.



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2 MORENO: I'm gonna show you a photo that was of the scene so that photo depicts the grey  
3 Toyota, I'm sorry, green Toyota, um, barriers - barriers around on the driver's  
4 side of the Toy- the Toyota. There's a total of five marked, um, Hemet Police  
5 Department units. I'm gonna give you a Sharpie, a red Sharpie here. If you can,  
6 please identify which position your vehicle was in.  
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8 CHRISTIANSON: Should I circle it?  
9

10 MORENO: Yeah, go ahead and circle it. And where did you - when - so you exited the driver  
11 side of this car?  
12

13 CHRISTIANSON: Correct.  
14

15 MORENO: Can you put an X where you were standing. Um, was there any- and was there  
16 anything obstructing your line of vision to where the suspect exited the driver  
17 side?  
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19 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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21 MORENO: Okay. Now, during the traffic stop did you reposition yourself at any point in  
22 time, um, or did you remain at the driver side of your vehicle?  
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24 CHRISTIANSON: I remained at the driver side. Uh, a unit had pulled up after the fact to my left  
25 and then, uh, once we had formulated the plan to move up and, well, to deploy  
26 the bean bag and then move up on the suspect to secure him, I had transitioned to  
27 this unit and then we walked along with that unit up to the suspect.  
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29 KLINZING: So, when the bean bag was fired, was it fired from the driver side of your patrol  
30 vehicle?  
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32 CHRISTIANSON: I believe it fired from the passenger side of the ve- of the unit that was here.  
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34 KLINZING: Okay, so between your car and the other black and white that's not depicted in  
35 this photo?  
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1 CHRISTIANSON: Correct.  
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3 KLINZING: Okay.  
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5 MORENO: Can you, uh, just go ahead and, uh, put your - put your name, date on the back?  
6 Anywhere is fine. I'm gonna show you one more photo. Um, this is a photo. If  
7 this was your site from your patrol car to the suspect's car?  
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9 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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11 MORENO: Um, could you estimate what the distance was from your driver side door to the  
12 suspect's location?  
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14 CHRISTIANSON: Approximately 20 yards.  
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16 MORENO: Did you, now, earlier you stated as the suspect exited his car, he kinda bladed his  
17 body towards you guys. Describe that for me a little bit more.  
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19 CHRISTIANSON: So, his back was towards us but he was slightly turned to his left, which  
20 would be east.  
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22 MORENO: Okay.  
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24 CHRISTIANSON: So, I could see his full left side but I couldn't see his right side. Um, that was  
25 the for, you know, half a second and then as he turned, he turned in a counter  
26 clockwise so he turned towards the east and then turned towards us. As he was  
27 turning and then I could see that he had a gun held to his head as he made a turn.  
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29 MORENO: So, hi- where - and where was his left hand as he turned?  
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31 CHRISTIANSON: I'm not sure. It might've been out in front of him or inside, like, um, I don't  
32 recall where it was.  
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34 MORENO: Um, so he - when he turned was the gun down by his side or was it then already  
35 up to his head?  
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1 CHRISTIANSON: The gun was at his head, it was held to the right side of his head in his right  
2 hand.  
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4 MORENO: And what was your initial reaction when you saw the gun?  
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6 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, I believed out, "Gun, gun." Um, and then I think right as I finished  
7 yelling, "Gun, gun", uh, he fired a round along with the officers.  
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9 MORENO: Can you describe, um, what was your perception during the time of the incident  
10 after you yelled out gun?  
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12 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, he was gonna either shoot himself or try to shoot us.  
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14 MORENO: Did you see him move the gun from the side of his head...  
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16 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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18 MORENO: ...to any other direc- direction?  
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20 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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22 MORENO: Um, can you des- do you - was there anything blocking your view of the suspect  
23 at the time?  
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25 CHRISTIANSON: No.  
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27 MORENO: Um, can you describe or tell us why - what did you see that caused you not to  
28 shoot?  
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30 CHRISTIANSON: The gun was still point- pointing to the side of his head. Um, if he would've  
31 lifted the gun, pulled it from his head any direction towards us that would've told  
32 me that he was gonna try to shoot us, been a threat to me, um, then I would've  
33 fired my gun. Um, it happened pretty quickly, but, um, like I said, as he - as he  
34 made that turn I saw it screwed to his head, I never - I never saw it move from  
35 his head and as he made the full rotation facing us that's when I heard a round go  
36 off and then in my mind he had shot himself in the head.

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2 MORENO: Were you aware that - that there had been an officer involved shooting or was it  
3 just the shot, the initial shot that you heard when he shot himself?  
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5 CHRISTIANSON: I was aware. I heard all of it.  
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7 MORENO: Um, can you describe if that incident transpired fast or slow in your mind as it  
8 was occurring.  
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10 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, it was pretty quick, pretty quickly.  
11  
12 MORENO: From the time that he exited his car, bladed his body, turned, how much time had  
13 elapsed?  
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15 CHRISTIANSON: A second or two. It was, like I said, when I - when I exited when I fully got  
16 out of my car, he was already standing outside the car, um, and starting to turn  
17 his body towards us.  
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19 MORENO: And verbal commands were given?  
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21 CHRISTIANSON: Yes, uh, I - I could hear officers yelling, I'm not sure what they were yelling.  
22 I - immediately when I saw the gun I yelled, "Gun" so I let everybody know that  
23 there was a gun and by the time I finished yelling my second, "gun", uh, the  
24 round, it went off, rounds.  
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26 MORENO: Um, you stated that you were able to hear the shooting and you were able to hear  
27 not only suspect's shot but you heard the officer sh- also fire. Can you describe  
28 anything else that you heard, any communication that was said between the  
29 officers during or after the shooting?  
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31 CHRISTIANSON: So, uh, during the shooting, like I said, I yelled, "Gun, gun." As I was  
32 yelling, "Gun, gun" I could hear officers yelling something, as well but I can't - I  
33 can't tell you what they were yelling. Uh, as soon as the shots went off, uh, we  
34 announced, I think, I announced the gun was still in his right hand. Um, officers  
35 started giving him commands of to, you know, to drop the gun, show us his  
36 hands. Um, at that point I instructed one officer, Officer Federly to give

1 commands that way we had one person, uh, making concise announcements to  
2 him. So Officer Federly took over making commands from there and that's  
3 when, uh, we started to - I started to formulate a plan of how to get to him while  
4 Officer Federly continued to make commands of the suspect.  
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6 MORENO: Can you describe what the suspect's actions or what he was doing at -  
7 immediately after the - the shooting?  
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9 CHRISTIANSON: Yeah, he fell, like, to a seated position with his back against the door, it was  
10 holding it up. Um, he was moving around, his body was moving and I could see  
11 that he was breathing and, again, the gun was still in his right hand. We were  
12 giving commands to drop the gun, however, that wasn't happening so we kept  
13 giving commands just based on him breathing still, still moving his body around.  
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15 KLINZING: Based on the positioning of the officers, do you believe that, uh, other officers  
16 had a better view or the similar view or a worse view of what you had when you  
17 were looking at suspect?  
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19 CHRISTIANSON: Based on when I was there or after the fact?  
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21 KLINZING: When you were there.  
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23 CHRISTIANSON: When I was there? I believe, uh, Officer Schroeder's car had a good view of  
24 the suspect. I think I had a - the best view of him with the gun to his head was  
25 initially came out due to my angle.  
26

27 KLINZING: Mm-hm.  
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29 CHRISTIANSON: Whereas the other cars were directly behind him so it may have taken them a  
30 little bit longer to see that the gun was, um, at his head and that he had a gun.  
31 That's when I yelled out, "Gun, gun" very quickly as soon as I saw it 'cause I  
32 wanted to let them know in case they hadn't seen it. I think from Detwiler's  
33 position he was a little bit far right so it probably would've taken him longer to  
34 notice it then, again, me 'cause I had that direct angle. So, as he was turning I  
35 would've picked it up first.  
36

1 KLINZING: So, as - as he was turning you said he was kinda bladed so as he was turning did  
2 he turn towards you or did he turn away from you towards your - the next unit  
3 which would've been to your right?  
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5 CHRISTIANSON: So, counterclockwise towards me.  
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7 KLINZING: So, he turned towards you.  
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9 CHRISTIANSON: Yeah.  
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11 KLINZING: Um, and you said when he got out did you see where his right hand was prior to  
12 the gun, the hei- I'm sorry the gun in his hand leaning up to his head, did you  
13 see- were you able to get a visual of where his hand was?  
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15 CHRISTIANSON: No, again, well, when he jumped out I could see his left side but I couldn't  
16 see his any of his right side so as he started to make his turn it exposed his right  
17 side. That's when I saw the gun in his hand.  
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19 KLINZING: Have you been in an OIS prior, uh, personally?  
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21 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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23 KLINZING: Okay and how - just how quickly how long ago roughly, a year, two years, three  
24 years?  
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26 CHRISTIANSON: It's probably been, like, a year.  
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28 MORENO: And you did state that, um, medical was staged and as soon as he was rendered  
29 medical aid was given?  
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31 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.  
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33 MORENO: Um, you said that - I keep saying that, please, I apologize. Officers are - started  
34 CPR and then were relieved by Hemet Fire?  
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36 CHRISTIANSON: Yes.

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2 MORENO: Um, now earlier you said that the suspect was all over the roadway but then prior  
3 to the termination of the pursuit he slowed down. What was goin' on in your  
4 mind as to him slowing down?  
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6 CHRISTIANSON: Uh, well I thought initially as original murder we didn't find any shell casing  
7 so we were assuming it was possibly a revolver. Um, as he was slowing down  
8 and throughout the course of the pursuit when he was digging around, um, I had  
9 the - I - I believe he was possibly tryin' to load his revolver. I don't know if he  
10 had not loaded it yet or was looking for rounds to load that weapon or, again, if  
11 he was trying to find another weapon within the car to use on us or anybody else.  
12

13 KLINZING: Um, at what point in time do you recall that the person that was actively evading  
14 and involved in the pursuit had been identified as the murder suspect?  
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16 CHRISTIANSON: The, um, the plate came back 'cause I think it was there was a pending  
17 master file to him.  
18

19 KLINZING: Mm-hm.  
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21 CHRISTIANSON: To the suspect that we had and I believe as we were in San Jacinto Street so  
22 coming up, um, Southbound on San Jacinto Street (unintelligible) confirm that  
23 that was the actual suspect.  
24

25 KLINZING: Okay.  
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27 MORENO: Um, wanna take a break?  
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29 KLINZING: Yeah we'll take a quick break.  
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31 MORENO: Okay it is, uh, 12:01.  
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1 INTERVIEW WITH CPL. BRENT CHRISTIANSON

2 DAR2020-230-001

3 MORENO=Mario Moreno

4 CHRISTIANSON=Cpl. Brent Christianson

5 Duration: 00:20:00

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8 MORENO: Okay. It's, uh, still August 19 approximately 12:11 pm. We're back on record,  
9 um, in regards to (unintelligible), PA Case Number DAR22 -- I'm sorry -- 2020-  
10 230-001. All parties are same parties from earlier in the room. Couple questions  
11 for you, Corporal, that we have. Um, can you tell us why - what was your  
12 reasoning for turning off - you said earlier that during the pursuit the two cars in  
13 front of you had lights and sirens. And at one point you chose to turn off your  
14 siren. Can you explain why you decided to turn off your siren?

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16 CHRISTIANSON: Oh, um, I was trying to listen to the radio traffic that they were putting out.  
17 And given that there were in front of me I was a little ways back and they had  
18 their sirens on, I turned mine off.

19  
20 MORENO: Okay. Um, at the termination of the pursuit, um, about what was the distance  
21 between your car and, uh, the second car being, uh, Officer Schroeder?

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23 CHRISTIANSON: I'm sorry, one more time?

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25 MORENO: That when the - when the pursuit ended your - your - your car - you stopped on  
26 the left side of Officer Schroeder's patrol car?

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28 CHRISTIANSON: Mm-hm.

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30 MORENO: Can you explain the distance between your door and where, uh, Officer  
31 Schroeder was standing?

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33 CHRISTIANSON: If I had to guess 10 to 15 yards away.

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35 MORENO: Um, and based on, uh, where they were positioned and the suspect's actions as  
36 he exited the car, um, do you feel that they had a - a good visual of the suspect?



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2 CHRISTIANSON: They could have. Um, like I said, from my position I had my angle where I  
3 saw it. I'm not sure what - I never actually went like to his car and looked at  
4 what his vantage point was.  
5  
6 MORENO: Okay.  
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8 CHRISTIANSON: So I'm not sure. He may have a - a different vision of what the suspect did  
9 when he came out. Um, from mine I had to get angle on him from what I could  
10 see. But I'm not sure what actual...  
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12 MORENO: And then...  
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14 CHRISTIANSON: ...position he had.  
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16 MORENO: ...um, in your own words could you describe again the actions from when the  
17 suspect that was bladed, um, turned, there was an officer-involved shooting? Can  
18 you describe that to us again in your own words?  
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20 CHRISTIANSON: So as I came to a stop his door opened and I saw him exit the car.  
21  
22 MORENO: Mm-hm.  
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24 CHRISTIANSON: He exited, uh, was facing away from us and slightly turned towards me. So I  
25 saw his left side. And as he continued to turn as I came out of my car then I saw  
26 him pointing a gun to his head. He turns completely towards the officers and  
27 that's when the shooting occurred.  
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29 MORENO: And, um, a- and did you say - well, can you tell who fired. Was it suspect or the  
30 officers that shot first?  
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32 CHRISTIANSON: It was simultaneously.  
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34 MORENO: Simultaneously? I don't have any further questions, do you?  
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36 MAN: No, sir.

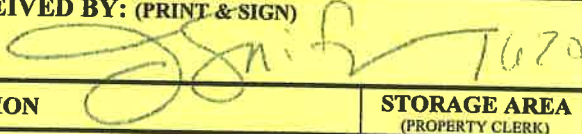
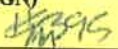
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MORENO: Okay. Um, it is 12:15. Um, we'll go ahead and stop the recording.





## Riverside County District Attorney's Office PROPERTY SHEET

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