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2 B., MIKE  
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4 TEFFT: Detective John TEFFT, San Diego Police Department  
5 MIKE B: Mike B., witness and interviewee, last name withheld at witness's request  
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8 MIKE B: Good morning (unintelligible).  
9 TEFFT: Hi Mike.  
10 MIKE B: Yes.  
11 TEFFT: Hi, my name is John TEFFT, I'm a detective with San Diego Police.  
12 MIKE B: How are you?  
13 TEFFT: Good, how about yourself?  
14 MIKE B: I'm alive.  
15 TEFFT: Good. Well, hey the reason why I'm calling you is, I just got your name and number  
16 from [Personal data deleted] ...  
17 MIKE B: Yeah.  
18 TEFFT: ... and that uh he said that you guys were all down at Mission Beach the day of that  
19 officer involved shooting.  
20 MIKE B: Yeah, well, yeah we saw it.  
21 TEFFT: Hey do you have a few minutes to talk to me about that?  
22 MIKE B: I sure do.  
23 TEFFT: Okay, great. Hey uh okay let me, I just need to get some information about you.  
24 You're last name is B?  
25 MIKE B: B.  
26 TEFFT: And your first name is Michael?  
27 MIKE B: Let me tell you one thing. The only reason I haven't been involved ...  
28 TEFFT: Okay.  
MIKE B: ... okay, is because I don't want it to interfere with my life. I know that I need to say  
what I saw ...  
TEFFT: Right.

1 MIKE B: ... and I think this is a bunch of BS, this Black-White crap ...  
2 TEFFT: Okay  
3 MIKE B: ... it had nothing to do with it.  
4 TEFFT: Okay.  
5 MIKE B: Okay.  
6 TEFFT: All right.  
7 MIKE B: But I -- I'm a sole proprietor ...  
8 TEFFT: Um.  
9 MIKE B: ... I sell real estate on the side ...  
10 TEFFT: Uh-hum.  
11 MIKE B: ... I have a lot going on and I - I can't get drug into court or da-da-da. I -- I mean, I  
12 guess if something comes up and it's absolutely necessary, I don't know. We'll have  
13 to deal with it then, but ...  
14 TEFFT: No I understand.  
15 MIKE B: ... I'm so busy that I ...  
16 TEFFT: Okay, why ...  
17 MIKE B: ... that's -- that's why, so.  
18 TEFFT: I'm cool, I'm cool with that, I just need to talk to you and find out what you saw ...  
19 MIKE B: That's fine.  
20 TEFFT: ... and so on; and I understand, I appreciate your situation. Your first name is  
21 Michael?  
22 MIKE B: Mike B..  
23 TEFFT: Okay, just Mike, huh?  
24 MIKE B: Yeah, my mom used to have it Michael, but I ...  
25 TEFFT: Okay.  
26 MIKE B: ... most things pretty much are in Mike now.  
27 TEFFT: Okay, and your middle name Mike?  
28 MIKE B: Actually I think my house is in Michael, so you might -- Lyn, L-y-n, Lyn.  
TEFFT: Oh okay. And what race are you there Mike?  
MIKE B: White.  
TEFFT: Okay. And your date of birth?

1 MIKE B: [Personal data deleted]

2 TEFFT: [Personal data deleted]. And your uh social security number, or driver's license  
3 number or -- I don't care, I mean we just need some kind of identifying number ...

4 MIKE B: Okay.

5 TEFFT: ... I guess there's a lot of Mike B.'s in the world.

6 MIKE B: Okay. Driver's license number?

7 TEFFT: Sure.

8 MIKE B: [Personal data deleted].

9 TEFFT: [Personal data deleted]

10 MIKE B: [Personal data deleted].

11 TEFFT: Okay. And um what's your home address there Mike?

12 MIKE B: [Personal data deleted]

13 TEFFT: Okay, [Personal data deleted].

14 MIKE B: Let me explain to you one thing.

15 TEFFT: Okay.

16 MIKE B: I don't like stuff like that. I mean, I know a lot of underground things go on ...

17 TEFFT: Uh-hum.

18 MIKE B: ... and I don't want no one to have no way to get my home information or any of this  
19 information.

20 TEFFT: All right, well -- why -- okay, why don't I just put declined on there and we'll use a  
21 business address, is that -- is that okay?

22 MIKE B: That's -- yeah it's the same thing. It doesn't matter, if you can give 'em a business  
23 address and whatever. I guess ...

24 TEFFT: I mean, we're not planning on giving this out to anybody ...

25 MIKE B: ... okay, I just -- I just don't want any way for anyone to get this.

26 TEFFT: Okay.

27 MIKE B: And I'm not a freaking paranoid freak.

28 TEFFT: Okay.

MIKE B: I've don't nothing wrong. You just hear stories about people ...

TEFFT: I understand all that.

MIKE B: ... freaky stuff happens and I don't ...

1 TEFFT: Okay.  
2 MIKE B: ... have time for that.  
3 TEFFT: Okay. Well I agree with you.  
4 MIKE B: So if you're just, I mean, just go ahead and -- as long as this doesn't go out to the  
5 freakin' whoever's ...  
6 TEFFT: Okay.  
7 MIKE B: ... going against us or something.  
8 TEFFT: Okay, I got you. All right.  
9 MIKE B: Okay.  
10 TEFFT: Okay. Now ...  
11 MIKE B: I give you my -- did I give you my home address?  
12 TEFFT: Yeah you did.  
13 MIKE B: Okay.  
14 TEFFT: [Personal data deleted].  
15 MIKE B: My social's 5-0-4 ...  
16 TEFFT: No that's all right, I got your driver's license number, that's cool.  
17 MIKE B: Okay.  
18 TEFFT: I only needed one identifying number that, you know, just to so because there's a lot  
19 of Mike B.'s in the world ...  
20 MIKE B: All right.  
21 TEFFT: ... you know, that kind of shit. But anyway ...  
22 MIKE B: Okay.  
23 TEFFT: ... um okay, so um does [Personal data deleted] live with you as well?  
24 MIKE B: Yes he does.  
25 TEFFT: Hey, when -- I left a message on your home phone as well ...  
26 MIKE B: Okay.  
27 TEFFT: ... if the two of -- if you hook up with him sometime, I just need to talk to him as well.  
28 MIKE B: Okay, he's at work right now.  
TEFFT: Okay. Do -- is it cool to call him at work?  
MIKE B: Uh not -- he's a mechanic, so not really.  
TEFFT: Okay, no problem. I'll hook up with him when he's off.

1 MIKE B: Yeah I can have him just give us -- you left a message at home?

2 TEFFT: Yeah.

3 MIKE B: Okay.

4 TEFFT: We'll -- we'll hook up, not a hurry.

5 MIKE B: Okay.

6 TEFFT: Not a hurry.

7 MIKE B: I can have you uh, I mean, I'll have him call you.

8 TEFFT: No problem. Okay, uh, why don't you just kind of tell me what was going on that

9 night, who were you with and what were you doing and what you saw.

10 MIKE B: Okay. Me, [Personal data deleted] ...

11 TEFFT: Uh-hum.

12 MIKE B: ... okay, if I get cut off I'm gonna be going through some light hills here ...

13 TEFFT: Okay.

14 MIKE B: ... if I get cut off call me back.

15 TEFFT: Okay.

16 MIKE B: Um, okay, we're driving down Mission Beach ...

17 TEFFT: Uh-hum.

18 MIKE B: ... we see the helicopter spotlight, okay.

19 TEFFT: Uh-hum.

20 MIKE B: "Oh look, something's going on up there."

21 TEFFT: Uh-hum.

22 MIKE B: We're -- we're driving down the road, we're in traffic, you know.

23 TEFFT: Uh-hum.

24 MIKE B: Okay. "Oh the spotlight's getting closer," we're not really paying attention to it.

25 Wow all of a sudden here's the spotlight, the helicopter's over us, it's on that building

26 right there.

27 TEFFT: Uh-hum.

28 MIKE B: Out from between the building, okay -- hello ...

TEFFT: Yeah I'm still there.

MIKE B: ... okay, out from between the building comes this big old Black guy, okay ...

TEFFT: Uh-hum.

1 MIKE B: ... and right, I saw -- from -- from what I saw, I'm driving, okay ...  
2 TEFFT: Uh-hum.  
3 MIKE B: ... one cop had like his arm up on the shoulder, sort of, or possibly around the neck, it  
4 wasn't that clear, okay, and he's swinging his nunchuk at like the knees, okay.  
5 TEFFT: Uh-hum.  
6 MIKE B: And then the other cop was on the other side and they said he was swinging too with  
7 the nunchuk trying to get him down.  
8 TEFFT: Okay, but what did you -- and that's cool, I just need to know what you saw.  
9 MIKE B: What I saw was the one cop that was on the outside ...  
10 TEFFT: Uh-hum.  
11 MIKE B: ... okay, holding on on top swinging the nunchuk at the knee ...  
12 TEFFT: Okay.  
13 MIKE B: ... okay. Which to me is perfect instance that they're not trying to kill the guy ...  
14 TEFFT: Uh-hum.  
15 MIKE B: ... okay. Then they go to the ground, and there was a parked car between us ...  
16 TEFFT: Okay, who goes -- who goes to the ground?  
17 MIKE B: All three of them.  
18 TEFFT: Okay.  
19 MIKE B: From what I -- from what I could tell ...  
20 TEFFT: Yeah, okay.  
21 MIKE B: ... okay there's a parked car right there. All three of them were right on my sight,  
22 okay, all of a sudden the two cops jumped back and the guy stands up with their  
23 nunchuks in his hand.  
24 TEFFT: Uh-huh.  
25 MIKE B: I heard on the news, there's something that they fell out of their holsters or something  
26 ...  
27 TEFFT: Uh-hum.  
28 MIKE B: ... whatever they wanna make sound good, but to me this is what I saw.  
TEFFT: Okay, that's all I wanna know.  
MIKE B: He stands up with the nunchuks and starts to turn around and at that point ...  
TEFFT: Turn -- turn away from the cops?

1 MIKE B: Turn to the cops.  
2 TEFFT: Okay.  
3 MIKE B: He stood up back facing the cops.  
4 TEFFT: Okay.  
5 MIKE B: From what I saw. He stood up ...  
6 TEFFT: Okay.  
7 MIKE B: ... back facing the cops and he started to turn to them.  
8 TEFFT: Okay.  
9 MIKE B: Okay. At that point I ducked my head and nailed the gas 'cause I was in the line of  
10 fire. The officers drew and I go "Huh, that's coming right at me."  
11 TEFFT: Uh-hum.  
12 MIKE B: Me and (unintelligible) both were in the front.  
13 TEFFT: Uh-hum.  
14 MIKE B: We ducked our heads and I nailed it and swerved a little bit but not -- I mean ...  
15 TEFFT: Right.  
16 MIKE B: ... it was all over by the time I even got going so.  
17 TEFFT: Okay.  
18 MIKE B: That was it.  
19 TEFFT: All right. Now, hey this other guy that was in the car, is [Personal data deleted]?  
20 MIKE B: Yeah.  
21 TEFFT: Uh do you know how I can get a hold of him, [Personal data deleted] wasn't sure.  
22 MIKE B: He doesn't wanna have anything to do with it.  
23 TEFFT: Okay. Um ...  
24 MIKE B: Okay, he doesn't wanna ...  
25 TEFFT: Well I ...  
26 MIKE B: ... talk to anyone.  
27 TEFFT: Okay that's cool. Now can I ask you to do me a favor on that.  
28 MIKE B: Okay.  
TEFFT: Is -- I'm gonna -- before we get off the phone I'm gonna give you my name and  
number and he can just -- if he can just call, like if he calls like 9 o'clock, 10 o'clock at  
night, I'm not gonna be here, but just leave it on my voice mail, say, "Hey I'm

1 [Personal data deleted], I was a witness but I don't wanna talk to you," at least I can  
2 document it in my report that I made an effort to find him. You see what I'm getting  
3 at. 'Cause I got to show that I made an effort to get there and I ...  
4 MIKE B: Yeah.  
5 TEFFT: ... need to hear him tell me he doesn't wanna talk to me. You see where I'm coming  
6 from?  
7 MIKE B: Yeah I doubt that he'll do it but ...  
8 TEFFT: I mean, you can't ...  
9 MIKE B: ... I don't know, he might.  
10 TEFFT: All he can do is ask me.  
11 MIKE B: Yeah, yeah ...  
12 TEFFT: All he can do is ask for me.  
13 MIKE B: I -- I said, I said, you know, "We're gonna talk to some people about this Mike do you  
14 wanna be" you know, and he said, "No I don't wanna have anything to do with  
15 anything.  
16 TEFFT: Well ...  
17 MIKE B: So I mean, he has -- I don't know, we'll just ...  
18 TEFFT: Whatever. I mean, all I can do is ask you to ...  
19 MIKE B: Yeah.  
20 TEFFT: ... relay this message ...  
21 MIKE B: Yeah.  
22 TEFFT: ... and ask him to at least to have the courtesy to call me and say, "Hey I got your  
23 message but I don't wanna talk to you," and I can deal with that, I - that way it looks  
24 like I'm doing my job, you know ....  
25 MIKE B: Yeah.  
26 TEFFT: ... and the other person -- somebody could always come back and say, "Well hey this  
27 [Personal data deleted] guy, he" you know, "what business is he telling you whether  
28 he's gonna talk or not." I believe you ...  
MIKE B: Yeah, yeah.  
TEFFT: ... what you're telling me, but I just ...  
MIKE B: No, that's fine.



1 TEFFT: ... you know, (unintelligible). Okay, let me go over this real quick with you and make  
2 sure I have all the details and then I'll let you get off the phone. You guys were  
3 driving down Mission -- uh you're driving, what kind of car were you in?  
4 MIKE B: Uh a '99 F350 Crewcab Duelly.  
5 TEFFT: Okay, F350, okay. And you were the ...  
6 MIKE B: Ford Duelly.  
7 TEFFT: ... you were the driver?  
8 MIKE B: I was the driver.  
9 TEFFT: And who was in the -- who was in the left front with you?  
10 MIKE B: [Personal data deleted] was in the right front.  
11 TEFFT: Okay [Personal data deleted] was in the ...  
12 MIKE B: The passenger side front.  
13 TEFFT: ... okay he was in the right front, and the right rear was [Personal data deleted] and I  
14 guess the left rear would have been ...  
15 MIKE B: [Personal data deleted].  
16 TEFFT: ... Mike. Okay. Alrighty. And you guys see a helicopter and then all of a sudden you  
17 see the spotlight ...  
18 MIKE B: [Personal data deleted] watched the whole thing.  
19 TEFFT: Right.  
20 MIKE B: He didn't look away. I looked away when I realized I was in the line of fire.  
21 TEFFT: Sure I got you. And you see a Black guy come running out from a little side street or  
22 a little alley onto Mission Boulevard?  
23 MIKE B: Yeah.  
24 TEFFT: You saw a cop uh had a hold of him on the sidewalk and he had him either around the  
25 shoulder or around the neck and the cop was swinging his nunchuks at the -- at the  
26 guy's knees.  
27 MIKE B: Yeah he had one arm up top and he was swinging the other nunchuk down low at the  
28 knees, I would imagine, I mean, leg area.  
TEFFT: Okay. But ...  
MIKE B: I'm sorry, go ahead.  
TEFFT: No, go ahead, I don't wanna interrupt you.

1 MIKE B: To me, this whole thing, okay, if I was a cop, I -- I would of shot him, without even  
2 blinking. The guy, think about it, he goes to the ground with two officers with their  
3 weapons out. First of all, we don't know what happened before that. We don't know  
4 how long they've been trying to get this guy ...

5 TEFFT: Uh-hum.

6 MIKE B: ... in custody, okay, or whatever you call it, arrested.

7 TEFFT: Uh-hum.

8 MIKE B: Okay. He -- they go to the ground and the guy ends up, one way or another, the guy  
9 ends up with both of their weapons ...

10 TEFFT: Right.

11 MIKE B: ... in his hand.

12 TEFFT: Right.

13 MIKE B: Okay. Not -- he does not leave them on the ground ...

14 TEFFT: Right.

15 MIKE B: ... he gets up with their weapons, what do you think at that point?

16 TEFFT: Right, (unintelligible).

17 MIKE B: You know. So anyhow.

18 TEFFT: Okay. So anyway, all three of them appear to go to the ground and your vision's now  
19 somewhat obstructed by a parked car?

20 MIKE B: Uh-hum.

21 TEFFT: And then the -- the -- the cops jump back, the Black male stands up, he's facing away  
22 from the officers, but he turns towards the officers ...

23 MIKE B: He stands up with the weapons.

24 TEFFT: ... and he has both nunchuks in his hands?

25 MIKE B: Uh-hum.

26 TEFFT: Okay. And -- and the uh -- and then you heard shots?

27 MIKE B: Yeah and that was it. They were drawn ...

28 TEFFT: Okay you saw the cops with their guns out?

MIKE B: I saw them draw, yeah.

TEFFT: Okay.

MIKE B: Okay. And I saw 'em, you know, and I was in the line of fire so ...

1   TEFFT:       You gassed it and got out of there.  
2   MIKE B:       ... I ducked -- I ducked my head and started to turn and get on the gas.  
3   TEFFT:       And did you hear any shots?  
4   MIKE B:       Oh yeah.  
5   TEFFT:       How many shots do you think you heard?  
6   MIKE B:       You know what, that's -- that's the thing that I -- you know what, I shoot guns a lot  
7                 ...  
8   TEFFT:       Uh-hum.  
9   MIKE B:       ... okay, um I don't know.  
10   TEFFT:       Okay.  
11   MIKE B:       I thought that it was more than likely the echo of the building ...  
12   TEFFT:       Okay.  
13   MIKE B:       ... okay. I honestly thought that I heard like three shots.  
14   TEFFT:       Okay.  
15   MIKE B:       So I -- I hear -- last night on the news I saw eleven shots.  
16   TEFFT:       Right.  
17   MIKE B:       Some in the back and some in the front.  
18   TEFFT:       Right.  
19   MIKE B:       I don't know.  
20   TEFFT:       That's okay.  
21   MIKE B:       I -- I thought that a lot of that was the echo.  
22   TEFFT:       Okay.  
23   MIKE B:       Okay. So I -- me and [Personal data deleted] looked at each other and went about  
24                 three shots.  
25   TEFFT:       Okay.  
26   MIKE B:       And ...  
27   TEFFT:       All right.  
28   MIKE B:       ... come to find out there was a lot more. We thought -- I thought that a lot of that  
                  was echo ...  
          TEFFT:       Uh-huh.  
          MIKE B:       ... because we're in-between ...

1   TEFFT:       Sure.

2   MIKE B:       ... or it was right in front of the building there, so.

3   TEFFT:       Okay. Where did you guys go after the uh after you left there?

4   MIKE B:       Home.

5   TEFFT:       Okay.

6   MIKE B:       We drove home.

7   TEFFT:       Okay. Uh did you stop anywhere before that?

8   MIKE B:       No.

9   TEFFT:       Not even (unintelligible).

10  MIKE B:       No actually yes we did.

11  TEFFT:       All right. Did you talk to any -- not that this makes any difference one way or the  
12               other, did you talk to anybody about what you saw about this?

13  MIKE B:       Yeah, yeah. We ...

14  TEFFT:       Besides the guys in the car, who else did you talk to, anybody?

15  MIKE B:       Um ...

16  TEFFT:       You went home to the folks?

17  MIKE B:       ... oh no, I own my house.

18  TEFFT:       Oh that's right you were born in [Personal data deleted] you're okay, you're all right.

19  MIKE B:       Um, no when I uh -- let's see I talked to who -- um, shoot, who did you see there. We  
20               saw somebody there.

21  TEFFT:       Okay.

22  MIKE B:       That I knew from high school or something, I don't know ...

23  TEFFT:       Okay.

24  MIKE B:       ... and we told him about it.

25  TEFFT:       Okay.

26  MIKE B:       Yeah.

27  TEFFT:       You still there?

28  MIKE B:       Yeah.

29  TEFFT:       Hey I'm not looking to make a big deal out of this, I'm just gonna ask you a question  
30               ...

31  MIKE B:       I -- you know what, I don't care. I'm more than open to tell you what I want.

1 TEFFT: ... had you guys been drinking that night?  
2 MIKE B: No. We don't drink.  
3 TEFFT: Okay, well I don't know that. You gotta make ...  
4 MIKE B: Okay.  
5 TEFFT: ... okay, okay.  
6 MIKE B: Yeah.  
7 TEFFT: All right, well I think I got everything and uh I left my -- my number on your home  
8 machine.  
9 MIKE B: You did.  
10 TEFFT: And if you can get a hold of [Personal data deleted] for me and just -- please, like I  
11 said, he can call me. I go home at 5:30 so he can call 9 or 10 o'clock at night on my  
12 voice mail and he can just leave it on there. I'm not gonna track him down, I'm not  
13 gonna hound him.  
14 MIKE B: No.  
15 TEFFT: I just -- I just need to hear it from him that he doesn't wanna talk to me. And he  
16 might, you know, just tell him, hey it wasn't that painful, I talked to the cop on the  
17 phone, it took him 15 minutes and then ...  
18 MIKE B: Yeah well ...  
19 TEFFT: ... the guy left me alone so that was the end of it.  
20 MIKE B: Okay. But, I'm just trying to think -- I mean, I -- I talk and I say, you know, we're  
21 gonna say something so, you know, do you wanna us to give us another  
22 (unintelligible) I don't have anything to do with anything.  
23 TEFFT: Okay.  
24 MIKE B: But what he's not gonna like is exactly what I didn't like. Is the information thing da-  
25 da-da.  
26 TEFFT: Well we can use whatever address or phone number he wants. I don't care. So I  
27 mean we're not, you know ...  
28 MIKE B: But he's not gonna want to give you an address or phone number.  
TEFFT: Okay well whatever. I mean, I can, you know, however he wants to shake it up.  
MIKE B: I know it's frustrating for you guys ...  
TEFFT: Okay.

1 MIKE B: ... but people just hear stories about people getting involved and then underground  
2 stuff happens and who knows.  
3 TEFFT: Okay.  
4 MIKE B: I don't know.  
5 TEFFT: All right. Well all -- all I can do is ask you to pass that along ...  
6 MIKE B: Yeah.  
7 TEFFT: ... and whether he follows up on it or not that's -- we can't control what people do.  
8 MIKE B: Yeah.  
9 TEFFT: So, I mean that's all I can do is ask the favor of that.  
10 MIKE B: All right, call me if you need to know anything else that might help.  
11 TEFFT: Okay. And uh -- and then just have Joe give me a call as well.  
12 MIKE B: Okay.  
13 TEFFT: Okay. Thanks a lot Mike.  
14 MIKE B: Take care.  
15 TEFFT: All right, bye, bye.  
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