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2 ISAAC, LARRY

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4 LEGEND:

5 TEFT = Detective John Tefft, San Diego Police Department

6 ISAAC = Larry ISAAC – Witness

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8 ISAAC: [Personal data deleted]

9 TEFFT: Is this Larry?

10 ISAAC: Yes.

11 TEFFT: Hi, this is John Teft, San Diego Police.

12 ISAAC: Hey, there we go.

13 TEFFT: Hey, we finally hooked up here, huh.

14 ISAAC: (Laughing) Great.

15 TEFFT: How ya doin'? Hey, you got a couple minutes?

16 ISAAC: I certainly do.

17 TEFFT: All righty. Hey Larry, before I get too involved, I, you know I need to get some  
18 information. All I got is your, your name and your phone number. Is your first name  
19 Larry or Lawrence?

20 ISAAC: It's Larry.

21 TEFFT: Okay. And your middle name?

22 ISAAC: [Personal data deleted]

23 TEFFT: But ah... Hey um, like I said, um, oh um, Laura came in the other day at the police  
24 department...

25 ISAAC: Uh huh.

26 TEFFT: ...and she, last week, and she said "Hey, you know, I saw some stuff here, and I  
27 thought you know, we should, you know, I should come forward and talk about it,  
28 and when I talked to her, she said there were several other people in the car...

ISAAC: Um huh.

TEFFT: ...there was six of you, and that you're the last person I had to talk to.

ISAAC: Um huh.

TEFFT: And what I'd like...

1 ISAAC: I was the first person to say I was going to say something as soon as I found out they  
2 had the autopsy done, then I was gonna call in.

3 TEFFT: Sure. Did you call ah... Now I um, ah, a guy, I think his name was David I think, he  
4 called the police.

5 ISAAC: Uh huh.

6 TEFFT: Did you happen to call the police as well?

7 ISAAC: No I did not.

8 TEFFT: Okay, so you... Okay, that's good, so you did not call because...

9 ISAAC: No.

10 TEFFT: ...ah somehow it didn't get hooked, it didn't, didn't get directed over to us, ah  
11 towards us rather, but anyway.

12 ISAAC: Oh okay, Dave Martocchio, yeah, he's like a brother...

13 TEFFT: Yeah.

14 ISAAC: ...he did call.

15 TEFFT: Right.

16 ISAAC: Um, we discussed it. He called, and I said I was going to, and I never did, so  
17 everybody thought I called, but I didn't.

18 TEFFT: Okay, well that's just good. Well, hey Larry, why don't you start off by um, what,  
19 what, start off the evening here. I guess you had a barbecue at your house for your  
20 sister Cassandra who was out, and why don't you just... After the barbecue kind of  
21 broke up, why don't you guys tell me, tell me what you did and where you went and  
22 what you saw.

23 ISAAC: Ah, okay. Well actually...

24 TEFFT: Yeah.

25 ISAAC: ...we just ah, don't need to know a whole bunch... We went to Mr. Frosty. We all  
26 got in the truck and went to Mr. Frosty, six of us.

27 TEFFT: Um huh.

28 ISAAC: And ah, that would be Dave (unin)...

TEFFT: Um huh.

ISAAC: ...and ah, had a couple of malts in the truck. We wanted to go down and ride the ah,  
Big Dipper.

TEFFT: Um huh.

1 ISAAC: As we were coming up Mission Boulevard, we noticed there was a helicopter with a  
2 spot on. We didn't know what it was. Actually at that point, it was a couple blocks  
3 away, but ah, to be honest...

4 TEFFT: Um huh.

5 ISAAC: ...um, we were right on it...

6 TEFFT: Um huh.

7 ISAAC: ...right when it happened.

8 TEFFT: Okay.

9 ISAAC: So we all pretty much except for Laura, she's trying to drive. There was, there was  
10 somebody in front of her...

11 TEFFT: Um huh.

12 ISAAC: Ah, but the rest of us all pretty much turned to the right because we heard yelling...

13 TEFFT: Um huh.

14 ISAAC: ...and the yelling... I'm only gonna tell you exactly what I saw.

15 TEFFT: Um huh. That's exactly what I wanta hear.

16 ISAAC: Exactly what I saw. And what I saw was two officers on each side of the guy.

17 TEFFT: Um huh.

18 ISAAC: I don't know what he did. All I know is they were, he was in between 'em, and they  
19 were continuously yelling "get down, get down, get down on the ground!"

20 TEFFT: Um huh.

21 ISAAC: Ah, he was constantly fighting back, ah, back and forth at both of them. And it  
22 appeared to me, to the, to the best of my recollection, when they were hitting him, it  
23 appeared that they were hitting, one guy was hitting him low, one officer was hitting  
24 him low at the kneecaps, and the other one was hitting him around the elbows. Um, I,  
25 I just remember that cause I remember, are they beating this guy or is this guy you  
26 know, and ah...

27 TEFFT: Um huh.

28 ISAAC: ...from what I saw, ah, they weren't at his head or anything like that.

TEFFT: Um huh.

ISAAC: Um, they were... It, it appeared that they were really trying to, to, to break him, to  
get him to do what they would say. Um, and then it was pretty much out of my view.

TEFFT: Um huh.

1 ISAAC: Ah, we had a vehicle in between us and the front door, ah, between us and them, and  
2 ah, we had passed that vehicle and after we got past that vehicle, I just saw a clip of  
3 the second officer on the, it would have been the officer on the ah, south side...

4 TEFFT: Um huh.

5 ISAAC: ...of the guy that they were, they were wrestling with. Ah, and that was it. I just  
6 caught a, a clip of him. I don't know what he was doing. What was happening. All I  
7 know is I caught a clip of him. A, appeared kind of like maybe he was ducking...

8 TEFFT: Um huh.

9 ISAAC: ...with his head or something trying to protect himself or something to that, that  
10 effect. And then I remembered Dave saying, "He's pulling his gun."

11 TEFFT: Um huh.

12 ISAAC: "Oh no, he's pulling his gun," something to that effect, I don't remember his exact  
13 words.

14 TEFFT: Um huh.

15 ISAAC: And um, then I heard the shots. And I, I remember the shots very well because I've  
16 heard some people say, "Oh, he unloaded eight shots, (unin)", it's a big thing,  
17 everybody's talking about it.

18 TEFFT: Um huh.

19 ISAAC: Um, and I've kept kind of quiet. I've maybe talked to two or three people about it.

20 TEFFT: Um huh.

21 ISAAC: But um, the shots were "Bang! Bang!" They were hesitated the first two.

22 TEFFT: Um huh.

23 ISAAC: And then three in a row, Bang! Bang! Bang!

24 TEFFT: Um huh.

25 ISAAC: And I would say, I would say a fraction of the second between the first two. They,  
26 they were hesitated. It was like, Bam!

27 TEFFT: Um huh.

28 ISAAC: Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

TEFFT: Um huh.

ISAAC: Ah, so you know, it', it's, that was it. I just remember...

TEFFT: Okay.

ISAAC: ...hearing, hearing the shots. Um...

1 TEFFT: Um huh.

2 ISAAC: ...now I know Dave mentioned, he says... Dave mentioned to me, "He just knocked  
3 the other officer down."

4 TEFFT: Um huh.

5 ISAAC: And maybe at that time that was, in fact that was right at the time that I saw a clip of  
6 the other officer which to me kind of, I'm not a hundred percent sure, but it looked  
7 like he was, you know, protecting himself so I got a feeling you know, after he  
8 knocked him down, he went after the other cop cause...

9 TEFFT: Um huh.

10 ISAAC: ...I hear that he took his nunchukas from other people (unin)...

11 TEFFT: Um huh.

12 ISAAC: ...kind of fits in with my story, but...

13 TEFFT: Um huh.

14 ISAAC: ...um, and that's when I heard the two shots, and then the three.

15 TEFFT: Okay.

16 ISAAC: And then I heard that people said he got shot in the back and the front, and it makes  
17 sense to me because he, Dave said he knocked the guy down the second he went out  
18 of my view. Dave said he knocked him down and the other cop got up and I guess he  
19 was at the other officer. He's a big guy. He wasn't giving up. He was fightin' ah,  
20 like pretty hard. He was, he was... The cops were going at him, but he was, he was  
21 messing up the cops at the same time...

22 TEFFT: Um huh.

23 ISAAC: ...so um, it was very scary.

24 TEFFT: All right.

25 ISAAC: It was a very scary situation.

26 TEFFT: Now the um, the, the police officers, did you immediately recognize 'em as police  
27 officers?

28 ISAAC: Oh yes.

TEFFT: Okay.

ISAAC: Oh yeah, definitely. They, they had ah, you know keys and stuff. You heard, you  
heard 'em.

TEFFT: Right.

1 ISAAC: They were full dressed. They were you know... And they were (unin). I, I will say  
2 one thing, a hundred percent on a stack of bibles...

3 TEFFT: Um huh.

4 ISAAC: ...they constantly, "Get down! Get down! Get down!", and they guy just was not  
5 gonna get down.

6 TEFFT: Right, so they were...

7 ISAAC: No way.

8 TEFFT: ...giving verbal commands.

9 ISAAC: Yeah.

10 TEFFT: Now when you said, you said that they were hitting him, ah, that both off, one was  
11 hitting him low by the knees, and one was hittin' him high up by the elbows. What  
12 were they hitting him with?

13 ISAAC: It, it, it appeared like the nightstick. The black sticks.

14 TEFFT: Um huh.

15 ISAAC: It appeared like they had nightsticks and they were, they were hitting him.

16 TEFFT: Okay. Okay. And, okay.

17 ISAAC: It was quick. It was a, it was definitely a scuffle between three people...

18 TEFFT: Sure.

19 ISAAC: ...so I, I don't...

20 TEFFT: Do you remember how many times the officers hit him?

21 ISAAC: Mmm, well I know they were still wrestling after I lost sight of 'em, but...

22 TEFFT: Um huh.

23 ISAAC: ...I... Three, four times. I mean...

24 TEFFT: Okay.

25 ISAAC: ...it was kind of a whack, whack, whack, whack, "Get down! Get down!" Whack,  
26 whack, whack, Get down!"...

27 TEFFT: Um huh.

28 ISAAC: ...type of thing.

TEFFT: All right. So they were hitting him and giving him verbal commands at the same  
time?

ISAAC: Yes, exactly. And, and to me...

TEFFT: Um huh.

1 ISAAC: ...they were giving him plenty of time and warning even with physical warnings to  
2 get down. The guy just wasn't going to. I, I just figured he was on drugs, that's why  
3 I didn't call. I figured they'll do an autopsy and find out he was on drugs and  
4 obviously would be guilty, I mean...

5 TEFFT: Um huh.

6 ISAAC: ...if he's on drug, he's taking drugs, he's responsible for taking drugs, so...

7 TEFFT: Um huh.

8 ISAAC: ...(unin) what happened, but I'm very sorry to hear that's it out in the public going to  
9 a Black and White thing. Very sad, but....

10 TEFFT: Yeah. Yeah.

11 ISAAC: But I, I definitely want my two-cents in as far as....

12 TEFFT: Sure.

13 ISAAC: ...ah, they definitely were giving him verbal commands, "Get down! Get down on the  
14 ground! Get down!"

15 TEFFT: Um huh.

16 ISAAC: And then ah, like I said, I did notice that they were hitting, one was hitting low and  
17 one was hitting ah you know towards the, the chest or elbows.

18 TEFFT: Sure.

19 ISAAC: Um, they weren't hitting him in the face or anything like that. I do remember that  
20 explicitly...

21 TEFFT: Okay.

22 ISAAC: ...for that second I saw it.

23 TEFFT: Good. Now let me ah, ah, then where, where did you guys go after, ah, as you  
24 continued on down the street, where'd you end up going?

25 ISAAC: We went to the roller coaster.

26 TEFFT: Okay.

27 ISAAC: And of course kind of... Janette, Dave's wife was crying and we actually sat in the  
28 vehicle and, and prayed for everybody and ah...

29 TEFFT: Okay.

30 ISAAC: ...you know.

31 TEFFT: Sure.

32 ISAAC: The officers (unin).

1 TEFFT: ...oh, oh, yeah, that was a nice thing to do. And, okay, now... Okay, let me just go  
2 over this real quick and let's see if I have this um, fairly correct here for you. Ah, on  
3 that evening ah, there was a barbecue over at your house, and after that you guys ah  
4 got in a car, and then you were going southbound on Mission, you did some other  
5 things and you end up now on southbound on Mission Boulevard, and you saw a  
6 helicopter with it's spotlight on.

7 ISAAC: Correct.

8 TEFFT: And then ah, so that's what kind of drew you attention and then ah, ah you saw three  
9 individuals over there on the sidewalk and two of which you recognized as police  
10 officers and the third you recognized as a, a non-police officer. Do you remember  
11 what race that guy was?

12 ISAAC: Um, I couldn't swear on a stack of bibles, but he was a big guy and he's, he was dark.  
13 I don't know if he had...

14 TEFFT: Okay.

15 ISAAC: ...a hood on or if he, but, but, he was, he was a large ah dark guy whether (unin)  
16 clothes is dark. I, I, I understand and know he's, he's Black, but...

17 TEFFT: Right, but at the time, you didn't know one way or the other? Now, now you, now  
18 you now know in the paper that he's Black, but I mean other than that, you (unin).

19 ISAAC: Correct. At, at the time, I, I probably would not of been able to say...

20 TEFFT: Yeah.

21 ISAAC: ...ah, you know, swear it, no.

22 TEFFT: All right. That's, no, that's fine. Now, when you say big, ...big is relative to  
23 everyone, I mean what would you esti...

24 ISAAC: Larger, larger than the cops. It...

25 TEFFT: Okay.

26 ISAAC: ...it appeared to me. Um...

27 TEFFT: Okay.

28 ISAAC: ...(unin) there were ducking. He, he, he was...

TEFFT: Okay.

ISAAC: ...you know, cause he was fighting back, there's no doubt.

TEFFT: All right.

ISAAC: He, he was definitely ah punching, throwing, ah you know, missed punches and, and



1                   ah... There was physical contact. He was definitely hitting 'em.  
2   TEFFT:        Okay.  
3   ISAAC:        Ah he wasn't landing every punch kind of thing, but he, he was, he was fightin' back  
4                   and forth with both of 'em.  
5   TEFFT:        Okay.  
6   ISAAC:        At the quick fractions of...  
7   TEFFT:        Okay.  
8   ISAAC:        ...seconds that I saw.  
9   TEFFT:        Sure. Hey, where were you seated in the car?  
10   ISAAC:       Um, this was an extra cab truck.  
11   TEFFT:       Right, um huh.  
12   ISAAC:       ...and I was in between Janette and Kathy in the back seat...  
13   TEFFT:       Okay.  
14   ISAAC:       ...so I was in the middle of the back seat.  
15   TEFFT:       Back seat, middle. Okay.  
16   ISAAC:       Janette's a very small girl, so um, she was... I had a pretty decent view...  
17   TEFFT:       Okay.  
18   ISAAC:       ...so it was very easy to see past her, so...  
19   TEFFT:       All right. So anyways you're driving down the street, you see these three individuals,  
20                   two are police officers, one is a male, and you hear the officers yelling, "Get down!  
21                   Get down on the ground!" They're clearly giving some verbal commands. Ah, it was  
22                   clear enough that you could hear it from some feet away I guess.  
23   ISAAC:       They were loud. Definitely yelling loud.  
24   TEFFT:       And at, during this time, the officers were using what you believe to be like the black  
25                   nightsticks or something similar to that.  
26   ISAAC:       Correct.  
27   TEFFT:       And they were hitting him about the knee and the elbow area, and there was maybe  
28                   three or four hits going on. That there was a scuffle between all three of 'em, and that  
                  the, the, the male was ah fighting back. He was swinging and some missing and  
                  some connecting, and basically you saw a street fight so to speak except with, with  
                  police officers. As you continued southbound on ah Mission Boulevard, ah, ah, a  
                  parked vehicle started to obstruct your view, and then you saw a clip, ah, just a few

1 seconds there, there abouts of the, one of the officers, and...

2 ISAAC: Correct.

3 TEFFT: ...at that time Dave told everyone in the car, "Hey, he's pulling out his gun."

4 Although you didn't see that.

5 ISAAC: Correct.

6 TEFFT: And that ah, then you heard some shots, and there was, it was a bang, and then like a

7 hesitation, and then a second bang, and then three bangs quick in ah session after that.

8 And so there was kind of a hesitation, first two, and then three subsequently real

9 quick after that. And Dave told you that um, ah that the one officer got knocked

10 down, but you didn't see that.

11 ISAAC: Correct.

12 TEFFT: And let's see, you were able to... I gotta just go over my notes here make sure I got

13 ah, I.D.d, fully I.D.d the cops. Saw nightsticks. Ah, the verbal and hit was (unin)

14 time. And then you guys went down to the roller coaster. You guys were, you know,

15 a little shaken by what you saw. You said a little prayer for everyone involved, and

16 um, and so basically you, you saw some of it, but you... Well let's see; let me ask

17 you if this is a fair statement. The other people I've interviewed, they all said ah, in

18 your cars, "Hey, we saw it, but we didn't think it was, what we saw was all that

19 monumental, that's why we hadn't come forward, and now we realize that it, that all,

20 any and all witnesses are important."

21 ISAAC: Um huh.

22 TEFFT: Is that, is that a fair statement or your situation here or what?

23 ISAAC: Not after the gunshots.

24 TEFFT: Oh you wanted, you wanted to go back?

25 ISAAC: No, I, I didn't want to go back, no...

26 TEFFT: Oh.

27 ISAAC: ...I wasn't interested in any stray bullets (unin).

28 TEFFT: No, no, I meant that night. I meant the, the reason why you, you didn't contact the

police.

ISAAC: Oh. Um, well you know, that's, that's kind of... I managed a Triple, a Triple-A

towed truck company up in Northern California, so I, I know a lot of law

enforcement.

1 TEFFT: Um huh.

2 ISAAC: And I've been... I work with them very closely. Um, I, I just thought that you know  
3 what, you know, I didn't see the whole entire thing...

4 TEFFT: Right.

5 ISAAC: Um, I'll, I'll listen to what's on the News, and I'm sure that, I mean with the guy  
6 fightin' two cops like that that hard....

7 TEFFT: Um huh.

8 ISAAC: ...and, and not getting down after being hit, um, you know in the kneecaps like that,  
9 in the legs...

10 TEFFT: Um huh.

11 ISAAC: ...um, I just figured that he was definitely on drugs and an autopsy would show that.  
12 Then once that was... I mean, I just figured that, that would be the end of the line.

13 TEFFT: I got ya.

14 ISAAC: I mean, if he was on drugs then he...

15 TEFFT: Okay.

16 ISAAC: ...was guilty and there wouldn't be a big thing, but it's turned into a big thing and  
17 since it's turned into a big ordeal...

18 TEFFT: Um huh.

19 ISAAC: ...I wanted, you know, I, I'm glad we all gave our little part...

20 TEFFT: Sure.

21 ISAAC: ...of what we saw to hopefully come up with the truth.

22 TEFFT: Yeah. Now, what you've told me here today, you seem to be, you were, you were  
23 pretty particular in what you had, had told, what you were told, and what you heard  
24 on the News as opposed to what you actually saw.

25 ISAAC: (Unin).

26 TEFFT: And this is, this is, this is your statement of what you saw, and can clearly, you know  
27 other things have been flushed in that you've got from the News and from talking  
28 with other people which is fine, so...

ISAAC: Yeah, I, I have, but um, like I said, I, I didn't see him get knocked down.

TEFFT: Right.

ISAAC: I didn't see the officer pull his gun.

TEFFT: Um huh.

1 ISAAC: Um, I saw the scuffle. The only thing that I could definitely attest to as far as ah, if  
2 ever need to be pulled into a court of law...

3 TEFFT: Um huh.

4 ISAAC: ...would be that they were hitting him high and low, and repetitively, repetitively,  
5 warning him, "Get down! Get down! Get on the ground! Get down!"

6 TEFFT: Um huh.

7 ISAAC: And then the, what I believed to be five shots, two hesitated, and then three in a row.

8 TEFFT: All right.

9 ISAAC: That's what I can... Hearing those, those are the two things that, that I can really  
10 attest to.

11 TEFFT: Ah, good enough.

12 ISAAC: (Unin)

13 TEFFT: Can't beat that. [Personal data deleted] so anyway thanks for your time, thanks for  
14 your patience. If you have any questions whatsoever, you have my name and  
15 number. If in fact something, I think you probably covered it all, but if something  
16 pops in your mind, which sometimes does with witnesses, they say, "Oh man, I forgot  
17 to tell the cop that", feel free to give me a call, and if I'm not in, just leave it on my  
18 voice mail. If it's you know, some nickel and dime thing and ah, ah I'll mend the  
19 report ah accordingly.

20 ISAAC: Correct.

21 TEFFT: All right. Well thanks again...

22 ISAAC: Great.

23 TEFFT: ...for ah, for hanging in there for us.

24 ISAAC: All rightly. Appreciate...

25 TEFFT: Okay.

26 ISAAC: ...appreciate you getting a hold of me and ah thanks for listening.

27 TEFFT: No problem.

28 ISAAC: All righty, have a great day.

TEFFT: You too. Bye bye.

TEFFT: Concluding the report at 1905 hours.