1 DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF JEFFERSON 2 STATE OF COLORADO DATE FILED: February 25, 2019 4:54 PM 100 Jefferson County Parkway 3 Golden, Colorado 80401 4 Plaintiff: 5 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO 6 ^FOR COURT USE ONLY^ ٧. 7 Defendant: ERIC JAMES ST. GEORGE Case No. 16CR2509 8 Division 1 9 10 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT 11 The Jury Trial in the above-entitled matter 12 recommenced on February 2, 2018, before THE HONORABLE LILY OEFFLER, Judge of the District Court. 13 This is a full and complete transcript of the 14 proceedings had on this date in the aforementioned matter. 15 16 APPEARANCES 17 For the People: MIKE FREEMAN, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY 18 KATHARINE DECKER, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY District Attorney's Office 19 First Judicial District 500 Jefferson County Parkway 20 Golden, Colorado 80401 21 For the Defendant: ERIC ST. GEORGE, PRO SE 22 For the Defendant (Advisory Counsel): 23 PETER MENGES, P.C. The Law Offices of Peter D. Menges, P.C. 24 140 East 19th Avenue Suite 300 25 Denver, Colorado 80203

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PROCEEDINGS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018, 8:24 A.M.

(The following proceedings were had in open court outside the presence and hearing of the jury:)

THE COURT: I think we should just go on record and talk about any issues that might have come up that people wanted to address before we begin the trial date.

We're here on 16CR2509, People versus St.

George. And I understand Ms. Decker is not here yet?

MR. FREEMAN: No, Judge. I think they're on their way. They will be here in a minute.

THE COURT: Are there issues we need to deal with before we start? We have the witness on the stand. We're going to resume testimony.

MR. FREEMAN: I don't have any issues, Judge.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, it's kind of a really minor point, but since you've invited it, I suppose I'll bring it to your attention.

Yesterday during voir dire we had had that in limine in which I think point number one was that my education was not to be mentioned, but yet during voir dire Mr. Freeman brought up that I don't hold a JD.

And so I just thought that that may have been a door-opening issue, and if I wanted to bring up the fact that I do have an education, albeit just a bachelor's, perhaps that since that door was opened, that it is fair

game now.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, I would disagree. The only reason that he would want to introduce his education would be to bolster his credibility, and the case law is pretty clear that that's not a proper way to bolster -- or bolstering someone's credibility is not proper.

I didn't open the door. The point I was making was that whether the jury would feel sympathy for him or not if he didn't do a good job in representing himself, and that was the only purpose for it. So I don't think the door has been opened to bring in any improper character evidence at this point.

THE COURT: Okay. So it was brought up that Mr. St. George doesn't have a law degree. There wasn't a contemporaneous objection for me to deal with it at that particular point in time, but I wouldn't rule out the fact that Mr. St. George, if, for some reason, you feel it is relevant in a part of the trial, give me a heads-up, and we can have that discussion to determine whether or not.

Because the issue was discussed, so in that respect the jury has some information that you don't have a law degree. We are through opening and we're into questioning, so I'm not certain where it would become relevant during this stage of the proceeding, but if you think it becomes relevant, we can have that discussion

again.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Thank you, Your Honor. And as long as we're discussing minor issues, I am understood to be main -- to stay at the podium, at the lectern, at all times, and I think that we had discussed that that would go both ways.

You know, during -- during some of the voir dire questioning yesterday the district attorneys, they weren't necessarily confined to the lectern, and I was just making sure that that remained the case. As long as I'm not allowed to leave the lectern, that they do not either.

THE COURT: All right. I thought people stayed pretty close to the lectern yesterday.

I'm not seeing that as a significant issue. If I see it, I'll address it.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Thank you, Your Honor. (Pause in the proceedings.)

THE COURT: Okay. Let's go back on the record.

We're still missing one juror. We did have a phone call that indicated one juror was running late, but we're still missing one juror.

We also have Juror Number 10, who told the bailiff that he went back and he spoke to his employer and his employer said: This can't be. You can't be out of work for this period of time.

The bailiff said: You're sworn; you're on the jury. Contact your employer again. He wants to speak with the Court. So that is Juror Number 10, and I'm going to bring him in just a moment.

We can talk about it before. I know these are work concerns and money concerns that he has. I can do any of a number of things. Most commonly I say yesterday was the day to bring these issues to my attention. This isn't something that is new overnight. Sometimes if somebody was ill or something like that, then we can deal wit. So generally I'll say that.

On occasion I've had agreement to use the alternate and go without that noting, certainly, the difficulties then with a juror with these sort of concerns.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, I would agree. I think the appropriate course is to bring him in and just inquire about his ability to remain on the case and stay focused despite his conflict. So I think we just have to see how that comes out.

I also wanted to ask the Court, I did mention Investigator Gallerani yesterday. She is on our witness list. We don't actually expect her to testify. We did put her on the witness list because -- because we do expect to have her take part in a -- sort of an in-court

the jury how the two parties, the defendant and Agent
Trimmer, were positioned in relation to each other.

So I don't expect her to actually testify. Sh

demonstration between Agent Trimmer using Investigator

Gallerani as one of the participants just to describe to

would like to remain in court, and I'd like to ask the Court if she can be a second advisory witness because she did sit through some witness interviews in this case, and she is going to be needed in court at some point to take part in that demonstration. I expect that to be later this morning or this afternoon.

THE COURT: Mr. St. George, do you have an issue with that?

MR. ST. GEORGE: No objection, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. With that being said, I'm going to bring Juror Number 10 in, as my practice would be, to explain to Juror Number 10 that this is the day and yesterday was the time to let me know if there were issues with regard to work, et cetera.

I'll listen to him. My thought is I'm going to tell him he's on the jury, that I certainly can communicate with his boss, provide any kind of correspondence that he needs, and then we'll wait and see what the reaction is.

So I'm going to bring Juror Number 10 out.

(Juror Number 10 entered the courtroom.)

THE COURT: And, sir, do you want to just have a seat right there. So you're Juror Number 10, and you brought to the bailiff's attention that you had concerns about work.

JUROR NUMBER 10: Right.

THE COURT: What did you want to tell me?

JUROR NUMBER 10: Well, it wasn't a big concern until I called my boss last night and let him know how long everything was going to be. And there's only six people that work for the company that I work for. So if I'm not there, there's a lot of work to be done and a lot of work I'm missing.

And it's also a lot of money that I'm missing out on. So I'm not quite sure what to do from here.

THE COURT: Well, this is our issue and our problem in this case: You have been selected for the jury and sworn.

JUROR NUMBER 10: Sure.

THE COURT: So in that respect, you're on the jury. What I can do is contact your employer myself -- JUROR NUMBER 10: Okay.

THE COURT: -- talk to your employer, let him know that as soon as we're finished with this, you're free to go.

JUROR NUMBER 10: Sure.

THE COURT: I can send him any kind of correspondence to it. The difficulty is once the jury is sworn, all sorts of legal rules fall into place with the Court.

JUROR NUMBER 10: Sure.

THE COURT: So at this point in time with this sort of situation, I can't just excuse you from the jury in this situation. But we can do anything to accommodate you in regard to contacting your employer, doing all of that. And if you want me to do that, I will.

JUROR NUMBER 10: Yeah, if you could contact my boss.

THE COURT: We could do that or I could send -- or prepare a letter. Would you like that on my letterhead?

JUROR NUMBER 10: A phone call would be fine.

If you want to do a letter, that's fine too, but a phone
call --

THE COURT: Either way we could go ahead and let him know that you're on the jury and that it is not your choice.

JUROR NUMBER 10: Okay.

THE COURT: It is the Court's choice and rules, whatever, and that you're obligated to now sit and listen

1 and be fair. 2 JUROR NUMBER 10: Absolutely. 3 THE COURT: And you can be fair. 4 JUROR NUMBER 10: Absolutely. 5 THE COURT: Okay. So we'll do that. I'll 6 either give him a call or we'll write a letter, you can 7 talk to the bailiffs about that, and we're going to bring 8 everyone back in. 9 JUROR NUMBER 10: Okay. 10 THE COURT: Thanks very much for bringing that 11 to my attention. 12 JUROR NUMBER 10: Yes, absolutely. 13 (Juror Number 10 left the courtroom.) 14 THE COURT: All right. We're ready for our 15 jury. Can we have our witness back on the stand. 16 MR. FREEMAN: Sure. 17 THE COURT: And you remain sworn from yesterday. 18 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you. 19 (Pause in the proceedings.) 20 THE COURT: We're ready for the jury. 21 (The jury entered the courtroom.) 22 THE COURT: And everyone please be seated. Good 23 morning, everyone. Thanks so much for coming back here 24 today, and we're resuming testimony. Mr. Freeman. 25 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.

1 EMILY ELLIOTT, 2 having been called as a witness on behalf of the People, 3 being previously duly sworn, testified as follows: 4 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Continued) 5 BY MR. FREEMAN: 6 Good morning, Ms. Elliott. 0 7 Α Good morning. 8 Q I think yesterday when we left off I was at the 9 point -- you were at the point where you were telling the 10 jury about that you were about to leave the defendant's 11 apartment. 12 Α Yeah. 13 Q I want to back up a little bit. 14 Α Okay. 15 We had talked about those exhibits in front of 0 16 you yesterday. I want to go back to those. Do you have 17 Exhibit 3 in front of you? 18 Α Yes. I do. And do you recognize that as an aerial 19 20 photograph of the building in which the defendant's 21 apartment was located? 22 Α Yes. 23 And can you see on that aerial photograph the 0

area where you parked your car?

Yes.

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1 And does that aerial photograph appear to Q 2 accurately depict the way that that area looked back on 3 July 31st of 2016? 4 Α Yes. 5 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, I would move to introduce 6 People's 3. 7 THE COURT: Any objection? 8 MR. ST. GEORGE: No objection, Your Honor. THE COURT: 3 is admitted. 9 10 (People's Exhibit 3 was admitted into evidence.) 11 MR. FREEMAN: And may we publish? 12 THE COURT: You may. 13 (People's Exhibit 3 was published.) 14 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Ms. Elliott, take a look at 0 15 the big screen. Can you see that? 16 THE COURT: Jurors, let me know if you need the 17 lights dimmed. Sometimes you do, sometimes you don't. 18 give me a heads-up if you do. 19 (People's Exhibit 3 was published.) 20 0 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Can you see that okay from 21 where you're seated? 22 Α Yes. 23 0 Does what's on the screen appear to be the same 24 as People's 3 that's in front of you? 25 Α Yes.

**Q** And that building that is sort of depicted in the middle of that, is that the building in which the defendant's apartment was located?

A Yes.

**Q** Now, as far as you could tell, was that apartment all contained on the ground floor?

A Yes.

**Q** You didn't see any stairs or anything?

A No.

**Q** And the parking area where you park, can you describe for the jury where that is?

A It's right near that handicap parking spot on the lower right-hand corner.

**Q** Okay. There's sort of an orange exhibit sticker in the bottom right corner. Is it just above?

A Yes.

Q And I think you described there's some handicap spots. You parked next to one of those?

A Yes.

**Q** And so that distance between the area where you parked, where do you recall the entrance, that breezeway that we talked about yesterday, being on that building?

A It's that big building, and it's on the right-hand side of that, that right entryway.

**Q** Okay. And it looks like there's a couple of

driveways out front? 1 2 Α Yes. 3 0 Is it in between the two driveways? 4 Α Yes. 5 Do you have any ability to estimate that 0 6 distance between that breezeway and where your car was? 7 Just right down that street. Α 8 Q Okay. Fairly short walk? 9 Α Yeah. 10 Okay. We talked about 8 and 9. Would you take 0 11 a look at those? I think those are the next couple of 12 pages. 13 Α Yes. 14 And I think you said both of these depict the 15 photos that were used for your ad that the defendant used 16 to find you? 17 Α Yes. 18 And do these photographs accurately depict the 0 19 photographs that were used for your add? 20 Α Yes. 21 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, I would move to introduce 8 22 and 9. 23 MR. ST. GEORGE: Objection, Your Honor. This is 24 not coming from the Backpage.com website. This is coming 25 from ColoradoBeauties.com, I believe.

THE COURT: Okay. So there's an objection that these aren't the specific website that has been noted and that the witness, I believe, indicated that she didn't recognize this -- the Colorado Beauties piece of this.

For what purpose are these being offered?

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, she testified that these are the exact same photos that were used for the Denver Ladies ad. So this is tantamount to what the defendant looked at when he decided to hire her that evening. So I think it's relevant and she's authenticated it.

THE COURT: Okay. So regarding 8 and 9, the Court will admit 8 and 9 solely for the purpose of the photographs that the witness has identified and not for the website itself.

So the information at the top of the photograph indicating Colorado Beauties, et cetera, not admitted.

These photographs or these exhibits are admitted solely for the purpose of identifying the photographs that were reviewed.

MR. FREEMAN: And Judge, may I publish 8?
THE COURT: Yes.

(People's Exhibits 8 and 9 were admitted into evidence.)

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) Taking a look at the big screen and now at the -- the photographs to the right are

a little bit small, but are those -- do you recognize that 1 2 as the same as People's 8 that's in front of you? 3 Α Yes. 4 Are the photographs to the right, the smaller 0 5 sort of snapshots, are those all various pictures of you? 6 Α Yes. 7 0 And I don't know if the jury can see it, but in 8 that very upper left corner of the ad does it say Effy, "Effv"? 9 10 Α Yes. 11 0 And is that -- you said that was your stage 12 name? 13 Α Yes. 14 All right. If you could go to the next exhibit, 0 15 I think, that's underneath People's 82? 16 Α Yes. 17 And then if you can go ahead and look at 83, 84 0 18 I think you looked at those yesterday, and I 19 believe you said that you recognized all of those as 20 various photographs of the defendant's bedroom? 21 Α Yes. 22 Do those photographs accurately depict the way Q 23 his bedroom looked that evening? 24 Α Yes. 25 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, move to introduce 82, 83,

1 84 and 85. 2 MR. ST. GEORGE: No objection, Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: 82, 83, 84 and 85 are admitted. 4 (People's Exhibits 82 through 85 were admitted 5 into evidence.) 6 MR. FREEMAN: And may I publish, Your Honor? 7 THE COURT: You may. 8 MR. FREEMAN: If we could have 82 up, please? 9 (People's Exhibit 82 was published.) 10 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Ms. Elliott, if you could take 0 11 a look at 82 that's in front of you. Does that appear to 12 be the same as what's up on the big screen? 13 Α Yes. 14 And you described yesterday doing this sort of 15 striptease where you sort of straddled the defendant. 16 that the bed in which that occurred? 17 Α Yes. 18 Did you notice -- and I might have asked you 19 this yesterday. Did you notice any weapons around or in 20 the defendant's bedroom? 21 Α No. I did not. 22 MR. FREEMAN: And if we could have 85 up, 23 please. 24 Q (BY MR. FREEMAN) Could you take a look at 85? 25 (People's Exhibit 85 was published.)

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) Do you see in the left-hand next to the nightstand or that sort of stand that's next to the left of the bed, do you see a rifle leaning up against the wall?

A Yes.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Objection, Your Honor. The witness has stated that she did not see it at the time. I don't see the point in talking about it now.

THE COURT: All right. I'm going permit the question about does she see that. She has indicated that when she was in the room she did not observe any weapons.

- **Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) You didn't see that rifle when you were in the bedroom?
  - A No, I did not.
- **Q** Can you take a look at -- I think the last exhibit is 88, the one with the tent?
  - A Yes.
- **Q** Do you recognize that as a photograph of at least part of the defendant's living room?
- A Yes. Except I don't recognize it with the blood though.
  - **Q** Okay. I was going to ask you that.
  - **A** Or the gun.
- **Q** When you were there, you didn't see any blood on the carpet?

No. 1 Α 2 You didn't see a shotgun on the carpet? Q 3 Α No. 4 0 But the tent --5 Α The tent was there, yeah. 6 Okay. And does this photograph accurately 0 7 depict what that tent looked like when you were at his 8 apartment? 9 Α Yes. 10 Okay. And I think you testified yesterday that 0 you thought that was a little strange? 11 12 Α I thought it was weird. Yeah. 13 You weren't aware that he had gone camping the 0 14 night before? 15 Yeah, I wasn't aware of that, so I thought it 16 was strange. 17 Other than the blood and the shotgun, does that 0 18 photograph accurately depict the defendant's -- the way 19 that tent looked in his living room? 20 Α Yes. 21 Okay. All right. I want to get back to what 22 happened on the evening of the 16th -- I'm sorry, 23 July 31st of 2016. 24 So I think yesterday you were talking about the 25

point at which you decided to leave, and I want to back up

a little bit. After court yesterday, did you get another chance to listen to your recorded interview with Detective Larson?

A Yes.

**Q** And that recorded interview, was that -- did that occur the next day or shortly after --

A Yes.

**Q** -- the events occurred?

A It happened the next day, yeah.

**Q** Would you say that the events were fresher in your mind back then than they are now?

A Yeah.

**Q** In listening that recorded interview, did that help refresh your recollection as to certain details about your interaction with the defendant that led to you deciding to leave?

A Yeah. Yeah. A few details, yeah.

**Q** Okay. And specifically you described yesterday him touching you or trying to touch you in your private parts and that led to your decision to leave?

A Yes.

**Q** Was there something that you listened to in that interview that refreshed your recollection about exactly what the defendant did?

A Yes. He had put his hands on my back and pulled

me and put his mouth on me, which I never let a client put his mouth on me, so I was pretty upset.

- **Q** Okay. And I'm sorry to ask this, but on what part of your body did he put his mouth?
  - A Like my chest.
- **Q** And I think you testified yesterday you had a bra or something on at that point?
  - A Yeah. I had a bra and panties on.
- **Q** Okay. Was that the last thing he did before you decided to leave or was there something he did after that?
- A Well, because I pushed him off and told him that kissing was not allowed and indicated that I was upset, and that's when he grabbed me.
  - **Q** Okay. And how did me grab you?
  - A He, kind of under, grabbed my vagina.
  - **Q** Okay. Did he do that forcefully or gently?
  - A It was forcefully.
  - **Q** Did that cause you any pain?
- A Didn't cause me any pain, but I was very shocked and very upset and really taken aback.
- **Q** What did you do immediately after he grabbed you down there?
- A I pushed him off and I got up and I put my dress on and proceeded to leave.
  - **Q** And I think that's where we kind of left off

yesterday is I think you described that you were -- you 1 2 were -- as you were leaving --3 Α Uh-hum. 4 -- you got on to the phone, your cell phone, 5 with your dispatcher. Was this the same dispatcher that 6 was used to sort of arrange the meeting with the defendant 7 in the first place? 8 Α Yes. 9 0 Okay. Do you know at what point you got on the 10 phone with her? 11 Α As I was walking out the door. 12 Okay. Were you aware of what the defendant was Q 13 doing as you were leaving and on the phone? 14 No, I was mostly just concerned about getting Α 15 back to my car. 16 Could you hear him saying anything as you're 0 17 leaving his apartment? 18 Α I don't recall. 19 Q Okay. And did you go out the front door? 20 Α Yeah, I did, yeah. 21 Q Same door you came in? 22 Α Uh-hum, yeah. 23 Did you notice anyone outside as you left? Q 24 Α No.

Now, at some point as you left his apartment,

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did it come to your attention that he was following you? 1 2 Α Yes. 3 And how did that come to your attention? How 0 4 did you notice that? 5 I had turned around and -- and saw him following 6 me. 7 Okay. And where, roughly, were you when you 0 8 noticed he was behind you? 9 Α Right outside the door. 10 MR. FREEMAN: Okay. If we could go back to that 11 aerial photo. I think it's 3. 12 (People's Exhibit 3 was published.) 13 (BY MR. FREEMAN) So do you have 3 in front of 0 14 you still? So are you still in that covered breezeway 15 when you realize that he's following you? Um, I was pretty much out of it at that point. 16 Α 17 Q Okay. So no longer in the covered breezeway? 18 Α Yeah, 19 Q Okay. 20 Α No, I had just got out of it. 21 0 Okay. And you said you look back, and what do 22 you see? 23 I saw him following me in his boxers. Α 24 Q The black boxers you described yesterday? 25 Α Yes, uh-hum.

1 Q Okay. So you turned back and looked? 2 Α Yeah. 3 Can you describe -- and you sort of did it Q 4 quickly with your right hand. Can you just demonstrate 5 for the jury how he held his hand and the gun in the air? 6 It was like -- up like that, and then it went 7 down like that (indicated). 8 Q And for the record, you're using your right arm. 9 Was that the arm that he held the gun in? 10 I don't know. Α 11 Okay. And for the record, if you could do that 0 12 again and just hold it for a second? 13 Α (The witness complied.) 14 So you roughly have your elbow about even with 0 15 your shoulder and your hand above your head --16 Α Yeah. 17 -- pointing, more or less, straight up? Q 18 Α Yeah. 19 Q Do you know much about guns? 20 Α No. No. 21 0 Do you know the difference between a handgun and 22 a rifle? 23 Well, size obviously. Α 24 Q Okay. Okay. Did he have a handgun or a rifle 25 in his hand?

2 Okay. Do you know the difference between a 0 3 revolver and a semiautomatic handgun? 4 Kind of. Α 5 Okay. A revolver I call, like, a cowboy gun. 0 6 It's got that kind of little wheel that goes around, John 7 Wayne. 8 A semiautomatic is more -- usually more square, 9 kind of more of a James Bond gun? 10 Α Yeah. 11 0 Is that helpful at all? 12 Α Yeah. 13 Could you tell which kind? Was it a revolver or 0 14 a semi-auto? 15 It was really dark, and I just took a very quick 16 So I just knew that it was in his hand, his 17 hands. 18 Roughly where do you recall that he was 0 Okav. 19 standing or walking when the first shot went off? 20 It was more like in the street, because I was 21 pretty much almost to my car when the first shot went off. 22 Q Okay. So you think he's out of the breezeway 23 when you hear the first shot? 24 Α Uh-hum. 25 0 Okay. Is that a "yes"?

It was a handgun.

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1	А	Yes.	
2	Q	She's got to take it down.	
3	А	Sorry.	
4	Q	Do you are you still on the phone with the	
5	dispatcher?		
6	Α	Yeah.	
7	Q	And do you describe to her what he had just	
8	done?		
9	Α	Yeah.	
10	Q	Are you walking when he fires?	
11	Α	Oh, I'm running at that point.	
12	Q	Okay. Try to let me finish	
13	А	Okay.	
14	Q	because she can't take us at the same time.	
15	A	Sorry.	
16	Q	It's okay. At what point did you start running?	
17	Α	Right after the first shot.	
18	Q	And running to your car?	
19	Α	Yeah.	
20	Q	And does he continue to follow you?	
21	Α	Yes.	
22	Q	Now, you described earlier that he fired a	
23	second shot when he brought his arm down. Can you		
24	describe that to the jury?		
25	Α	I had just heard the shot from behind me after	

1 he lowered his arm, and then I just got in my car and 2 drove away. 3 Q Okay. Did you see him lower his arm? I did. 4 Α 5 And what did he appear to be pointing or aiming 0 6 the gun at at that point? 7 Α Me. 8 Q And how far away from you was he? 9 Α Maybe about, I don't know, like -- from, like, 10 me here to, like, the jury over there. 11 0 The jury box, like this -- the front of it? 12 That juror right there in the white and plaid. Α 13 Okay. Q 14 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, I would estimate about 20 15 to 25 feet. 16 Α Yeah. 17 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Would it be helpful to go up 0 18 to the -- I know it might not be comfortable, would it be 19 helpful for you to do that, just to --20 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, can she approach the board 21 with the pointer? 22 THE COURT: Yes. 23 MR. FREEMAN: There's a wooden pointer, if you 24 can look to your right, right in front of judge there. 25 THE COURT: This stick.

2 0 (BY MR. FREEMAN) If you could just point out to 3 the jury where you were and where the defendant was at the 4 time of the second shot. 5 I guess I was about here and he was about here 6 (indicated). 7 0 Okay. And for the record you're indicating the 8 leftmost parking spot, roughly? That's where you were? 9 Α I was like right around here (indicated). 10 0 Okay. And if you could for a moment hold it 11 where the defendant was roughly? 12 Right there (indicated). Α 13 And you're indicating a spot about halfway Q 14 between the opening to the breezeway and the parking area? 15 Α Yes. 16 0 Is that about right? 17 Yeah. Α 18 0 You can go ahead and have a seat. Thank you. 19 Α (The witness complied.) 20 Q The second shot, were you hit? 21 Α No. 22 Do you know where it went? Q 23 Α I don't. 24 Q What did you do after the second shot? 25 Α I was running for my car. I got into my car and

MR. FREEMAN: Yeah, the stick.

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      put it -- got it started as fast as I could and got out of
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      there.
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           Q
                 Was he saying anything as he was doing these
 4
      things?
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                 No.
           Α
 6
                 Were you scared?
           Q
 7
           Α
                 Yeah.
 8
                 What were you scared of?
           Q
9
           Α
                 I was scared I was going to get shot.
10
           0
                 Okay. Did you stay on the phone with your
11
      dispatcher?
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           Α
                 Yeah, I did.
13
                 And did you continue to talk to her until you
           0
14
      were sort of out of the area?
15
           Α
                 Yeah.
16
                 Do you remember how you got out of that complex?
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                 I had pulled out, reversed, and then gone down
           Α
18
      that road past his apartments, so to the left.
19
           Q
                 Did you have to do anything to avoid him as you
20
      were backing out and driving away?
21
           Α
                 Yeah.
                        I almost hit him with my car.
22
                 Okay. And why is that?
           Q
23
                 Because he was on my passenger side door when I
           Α
24
      pulled out.
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           0
                 Okay. So did you have to back out of the
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parking spot? 2 Α Yes. 3 Q And is that when you almost hit him? 4 Α Yeah. 5 Did you have to do anything to avoid hitting 0 6 him? 7 I did have to swerve a little, but that's 8 because he was right there. 9 0 Okay. In his boxers with a gun? 10 Α Yes. 11 0 Once you got out of the apartment complex, where 12 did you go? 13 Α I drove home. 14 0 And started heading back to Parker? 15 Yes, uh-hum. Α 16 Did you have any further conversations with your 0 17 dispatcher or anyone that you worked with? 18 Yes, because they had another appointment for me 19 that night. Obviously, I was distressed, so I didn't want 20 to do it. And I had asked them to call the police, and I 21 thought they had. And they told me to speak to the owner, 22 who is Cedric, and Cedric basically told me to call the 23 police right away and to just take the rest of the night 24 off. 25 0 Okay. So let's back up a little bit. Was it

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initially your impression that the dispatcher was going to call the police?

A Yeah, I thought that's how it worked and -- with that company, that they had to call the police because of, you know, the type of company that it was.

**Q** And how was it that you learned that they weren't going to call and they wanted you to call?

A When Cedric had spoken to me, he told me that I needed to to get off the phone with him and call the police right away, and then that's when I called the police.

**Q** And so when is this conversation with Cedric taking place?

A I was on I-25 at that point right after the incident. So I don't know, maybe about ten minutes? Because I was still on the phone with dispatch for a while, and then I --

- **Q** When you say "dispatch," Denver Ladies dispatch?
- A Yeah, yeah.
- **Q** So you talk to dispatch for a while, and then does Cedric call you?
  - A Yes.
- **Q** And at that point he indicates that he wants you to call the police?
  - A Yes.

1 Q So then do you call the police? 2 Α Yes. 3 0 And do you call 911? 4 Yeah, I called 911. I didn't know who else to Α 5 call. 6 Okay. And did you tell them what happened? Q 7 Α Yes. 8 Q And did you leave your name and your phone 9 number and things like that? 10 Yeah. Because originally I had -- I was so far 11 down I-25 that I was -- Greenwood Village answered the 12 dispatch, and they had to transfer me to the Denver 13 dispatch. And then that's when I was able to talk to 14 somebody over there. 15 So it took awhile for them to get you to the 16 right 911? 17 Yeah, because I wasn't in, like, the right area Α 18 for them. 19 Q How long after the second shot do you think it 20 was until you actually started talking to a police 21 dispatcher about what happened? 22 Α Maybe about 20 minutes. 23 0 And why did it take so long? 24 Α Well, because I didn't know that I was supposed 25 to call the police. I thought my company was going to do

1 that. And then it took me awhile to get to the right 2 police to speak to about it. 3 Once you were talking to the right police Q 4 department, did a police officer call you and sort of 5 interview you over the phone. 6 Α Yeah. 7 0 Do you remember his name? 8 Α No, I don't. 9 0 If I said Agent Brennan, does that ring any 10 bells? 11 Α Yeah, actually that does, yeah. 12 Q And did you tell him what had happened in --13 sort of in detail? 14 Α Yes. 15 And did he ask you to come back to the area? Q 16 Yeah, he did. Α 17 Did you do that? Q 18 Α No. 19 Q Why not? 20 Because I was terrified. It wasn't going to go Α 21 back to his house. 22 Okay. Do you know about how long after you Q 23 spoke to the proper police dispatch it was that Eric 24 Brennan -- or Agent Brennan called you? 25 Α I don't recall.

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                 Okay. Was there much of a delay between when
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      you spoke to the police dispatcher and when he called you?
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           Α
                 No.
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                 How many times did he speak to you on the phone?
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                 I think quite a couple of times, one of those.
           Α
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           Q
                 Did you describe the defendant's apartment?
 7
           Α
                Yes.
 8
           Q
                 And did you describe where you parked and things
9
      like that?
10
           Α
                 Uh-hum.
11
                 Did you tell him about the fish tank and the
           0
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      tent that was up in the living room?
13
           Α
                 Uh-hum.
14
           0
                 Is that a "yes"?
15
                Yes. Yes, sorry.
           Α
16
           0
                That's all right.
17
                 Have you -- I'm going to show you a couple of
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      exhibits.
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                 MR. FREEMAN:
                               Judge, can I borrow the --
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 MR. FREEMAN: I'm going ask you to hand 318 --
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      318 is entitled Colorado Beauties's Dispatch, and 320
23
      is -- just says Dispatch Tape.
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                 THE COURT: So we're looking at 318 and 320?
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                 MR. FREEMAN: 318 and 320, thank you.
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**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) Just take a look at 318, the one that says Colorado Beauties Dispatch.

Do you recognize that CD as a CD that you've listened to before today?

A Yes.

**Q** And how is that you're able to recognize that as something you listened to before today?

A It has my initials and the date that I listened to it written on it.

**O** And what was that date?

A January 26th of this year.

**Q** This year, so just a week or so ago?

A Yeah.

**Q** And did you recognize the voices that were on the various calls on there?

A Yes.

**Q** But I think there are actually seven different calls --

A Yes.

Q -- on that CD. And are those the various calls that took place regarding the defendant calling and setting up his meeting with you, and then you described that you had -- I think when you got on scene there was this sort of disagreement about what services you would provide, and you got the dispatcher on there. Is that on

1 there as well? 2 Α Yes. 3 And did you recognize your voice, the 0 4 defendant's voice, the dispatcher's voice for that? 5 Α Yes. 6 Did you -- and I think you described at one 0 7 point you asked for coffee, which was sort of code for I'd 8 like a call in a few minutes for my safety? 9 Α Yes. 10 Do you recognize your voice making that request? 0 11 Α Yes. 12 And did you also listen to the call, I think Q 13 it's entitled when you terminate the visit, and you just 14 described a little bit ago where, as you were leaving the 15 defendant's apartment, you're on the phone with your 16 dispatcher, and that's when one of the shots occurs? 17 Α Yes. 18 And did you recognize your voice and your 0 19 dispatcher's voice on that one? 20 Α Yes. 21 0 And then I think the last call is just a 22 conversation you had with the dispatcher after you were

A Uh-hum.

sort of safely away?

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Q And do you recognize your voice --

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                Yes.
           Α
 2
           Q
                 -- and the dispatcher's voice on that?
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                Yes.
           Α
 4
                 When did that last call take place in relation
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 5
      to your conversation with the police dispatcher and Agent
 6
      Brennan?
 7
           Α
                 I don't recall.
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           Q
                You don't know in what order those events took
9
      place?
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                 I don't recall.
           Α
11
                 Okay. Aside from that, do the seven calls on
           0
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      there -- you said you recognized all the voices. Do they
13
      accurately -- are they accurate recordings of the
14
      conversations that took place?
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           Α
                 Yes.
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                 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, I would move to introduce
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      318.
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                 MR. ST. GEORGE: No objection, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: 318 is admitted.
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                 (People's Exhibit 318 was admitted into
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      evidence.)
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                 MR. FREEMAN: And may we publish, Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: You may.
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                 (People's Exhibit 318 was published.)
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           Q
                 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Ms. Elliott, do you recognize
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the male voice as that of the defendant?
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           Α
                 Yes.
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                 What about the female's voice, is that your
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      voice?
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           Α
                      That's one of my operators, or she was one
 6
      of my operators.
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           0
                 Is she just, more or less, pretending to be you?
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           Α
                 Yeah. That's usually how it works.
9
           0
                 You can tell she doesn't have a very good
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      English accent?
11
           Α
                 No.
12
                 And is that -- do you recognize her as one of
           Q
13
      the dispatchers that you worked with that night?
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           Α
                 Yeah.
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                 (Publication of People's Exhibit 318 was
16
      resumed.)
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                 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Do you recognize the voices in
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      that little clip?
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           Α
                 Yes.
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           Q
                 And whose voices are those?
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                 Daundrea's and mine.
           Α
22
           Q
                 Daundrea is the person that we heard in the last
23
      call that was speaking to the defendant?
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           Α
                 Yes.
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           Q
                 And this is her telling you that you've got a
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1 client? 2 Α Yeah. Okay. And there wasn't much information shared 3 Q 4 Did she give you the address and the defendant's 5 name by some other method? 6 Yeah. I always requested a text of the address 7 just so that I didn't have to run around and write it 8 down. 9 0 Easier to find the location? 10 Α Yeah. 11 0 Okay. 12 MR. FREEMAN: The next one. 13 (Publication of People's Exhibit 318 was 14 resumed.) 15 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Do you recognize the voices in Q 16 that clip? 17 Α Yep. 18 0 And who is that? 19 Α Daundrea again and me. 20 0 And is that -- what are you telling her in that 21 call? 22 That I was at location, that I was at the -- at Α 23 his home. 24 Okay. Had you actually made contact with the Q 25 defendant yet?

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1	A No. I was always supposed to call and let them
2	know I was there before I actually made contact with the
3	client.
4	<b>Q</b> Do you know what time that was when you made
5	that call?
6	<b>A</b> Like around nine or something like that.
7	<b>Q</b> Okay.
8	MR. FREEMAN: All right. If we could have
9	(Publication of People's Exhibit 318 was
10	resumed.)
11	<b>Q</b> (BY MR. FREEMAN) Did you recognize the voices
12	in that clip?
13	A Yes.
14	<b>Q</b> And who were the speakers on that one?
15	<b>A</b> The defendant, myself, and Daundrea.
16	<b>Q</b> And I think you described that yesterday, this
17	was the call that was on your cell phone on speakerphone
18	where she sort of mediated and convinced him to keep you?
19	A Yes.
20	<b>Q</b> At one point on that call you said something to
21	the effect of he's not really what you're looking for.
22	What did you mean by that?
23	<b>A</b> Well, it was that I wasn't what he was looking
24	for. And basically I had, right off the bat, like I
25	always did, told him exactly what it is that I offer and

2 not really what I'm looking for. 3 Q Okay. 4 Yeah. So that's why I used that terminology. I 5 think -- never mind. 6 I think you said yesterday that he indicated 7 that he wanted full service? 8 Yes, yeah. Α 9 And you took that to mean some sort of sexual 0 10 contact? 11 Α Yeah. Like he wanted more than I was willing to 12 offer, I would say, yeah, more sexual contact. 13 Q Okay. And just to be clear, at the end of that 14 call, did you ever agree to provide some sort of sexual 15 contact? 16 Α No. 17 Okay. So you -- you always -- did you always Q 18 maintain that you were just going to provide sort of what 19 was described, the striptease --20 Α Yes. 21 0 -- the body glide? 22 Α Uh-hum. Yeah. 23 And he indicated that he would -- that was 0 24 acceptable? 25 Α Yeah. I mean, at that point he said that was

what I don't, and he's kind of like: Oh. Well, that's

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      okay.
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                 Okay.
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                 (Publication of People's Exhibit 318 was
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      resumed.)
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                 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Do you recognize the voices in
 6
      that clip?
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           Α
                 Yes.
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           Q
                And who was that?
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           Α
                 Myself and Daundrea.
10
                 Okay. And did that call take place after the
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      call that we just heard where he's deciding to keep you?
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           Α
                 Yes.
13
                 How shortly after that call was terminated did
           Q
14
      you have this conversation about the coffee?
15
           Α
                 I'm pretty sure that was the same call.
16
           0
                 Okay.
17
                 Yeah.
           Α
18
           0
                 So was that on -- still on speakerphone?
19
           Α
                 No. I had taken it off of speakerphone at that
20
      point.
21
                 Okay. So that's a private conversation that you
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22
      have --
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                 Yes.
           Α
24
                 -- just with Daundrea?
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           Α
                 Uh-hum.
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           Q
                Okay. Is that a "yes"?
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           Α
                 Yes.
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                 And asking for coffee, you described that
           Q
 4
      yesterday, is sort of a safety feature?
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           Α
                 Yeah.
                        Yeah.
 6
                 Okay. And I think you described yesterday that
           0
 7
      she didn't call and -- she didn't make that call?
 8
           Α
                 No, she didn't.
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           0
                 Okay.
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                 MR. FREEMAN: We can hear the next one.
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                 (Publication of People's Exhibit 318 was
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      resumed.)
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                 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Do you recognize the voices on
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      that clip?
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           Α
                Yeah.
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                And what voices were those?
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                 Daundrea and mine, and then I believe it was,
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      like, one of her children in the background.
19
           Q
                 Okay. I was going to ask you about that. It
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      sounded like there was a child's voice.
21
                 Yeah. She worked from home, so I'd assume
           Α
22
      that's a child.
23
                 There was no child with you?
           Q
24
                 I'm sorry, what?
           Α
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           0
                 There was no child with you?
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customers that asked for you specifically? 1 2 Yeah. Α I had regulars. 3 And was that an important part of your business 0 and your income back then? 4 5 Yeah. Yeah. Α And what about referrals, getting referrals from 6 0 7 customers that liked you to their friends, did you ever 8 get that? 9 Α I had quite a few referrals, actually. 10 0 Okay. Was it important, when you could, to 11 leave customers happy? 12 Α Yes. MR. ST. GEORGE: Objection, relevance. 13 14 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, he -- if I can speak to it. 15 THE COURT: I'm going allow one or two questions 16 on this and then rule. 17 MR. FREEMAN: Okay. 18 What was your question then? Α 19 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Was it important for you, in 20 your business back then, to try to leave customers happy? 21 Α Yeah, yeah. I mean, nobody wants to call a girl 22 and have a terrible experience. And I don't want to have a terrible experience either, so... 23 24 MR. FREEMAN: If we can play the last clip. 25 (Publication of People's Exhibit 318 was

resumed.)

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) Were you able to recognize the voices in that clip?

- A Yes.
- **Q** And who was that?
- A Myself and Daundrea.
- **Q** Now, I think I asked you this earlier, and I think you said you don't recall when that conversation took place in relation to your conversation with a police 911 dispatcher; is that correct?
  - A Yeah.
- **Q** Okay. There was a couple of things about that call I wanted to ask you about.
  - A Yeah.
- **Q** When you were going out to your car and the defendant was following you, you said you were on the phone, and I think we heard that, did you have Daundrea on the phone or was she on a speakerphone?
- A She was on the phone, and then I just had my phone in my hand as I was running. So that was the kind of dead silence for a while.
- **Q** Okay. Going back to the two gunshots, the one in the air and the one leveled at you, did you ever see a muzzle flash or fire or anything come out of the gun?
  - **A** For the second one or the first one?

1 Q For either one. The first one, yes; the second one, no. 2 Α 3 Q Did you hear both of those? 4 Α Yes. 5 0 You were having a conversation in this last 6 clip --7 Uh-hum. Α 8 Q -- and you said something about: Why does this 9 always happen to me? And you sounded like you started 10 talking about another bad experience with a client? 11 Α Yeah. 12 And then Daundrea said something about: We sent Q 13 security up there? What did she mean by that? 14 Well, it was at a hotel, it was at a Marriott. 15 So they sent hotel security up there. 16 Okay. You described yesterday that Denver 0 17 Ladies doesn't have any security. 18 Α No. 19 Q So it was hotel security? 20 Α Yes. 21 0 Okay. I want to draw your attention to the 22 other CD that we gave you. I think it's marked 320. 23 Α Uh-hum. 24 Do you recognize that as a CD that you've 25 listened to?

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                 Yes.
           Α
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                 And how it is that you are able to recognize
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      that one as another one that you listened to?
 4
           Α
                 My initials and the date of January 26th.
 5
           0
                 So same day as you listened to the other one?
 6
           Α
                 Yep.
 7
                 And did you recognize that as a recording of
           0
 8
      your 911 call to the dispatcher?
9
           Α
                 Yeah.
10
                 And does that also include your conversation
           0
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      with the agent when he called you back?
12
           Α
                 I don't know.
13
                 Okay. But it has your call to the police
           Q
14
      dispatch?
15
           Α
                 Yes.
16
                 Okay. And does that appear to be an accurate
           0
17
      and complete recording of that call?
18
           Α
                 Uh-hum. Yes.
19
           Q
                 Is that a "yes"? That's all right.
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                 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, move to introduce 320.
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                 MR. ST. GEORGE: No objection, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: 320's admitted.
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                 (People's Exhibit 320 was admitted into
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      evidence.)
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                 MR. FREEMAN: And may we publish?
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1 THE COURT: Yes. 2 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Before we play that, let me 0 3 just ask you a couple more questions. On a couple of 4 those clips that we heard there's this mention of this 5 person, April. Who is April? 6 April was kind of like the head dispatcher for 7 the company. So she took care of all the administrative 8 things. 9 0 Okay. So is that the April that Daundrea was talking about on a couple of the clips? 10 11 Yes, uh-hum. Α 12 And was it your understanding that April was Q 13 going to be the one to call the police, at least 14 initially, until Cedric called you? 15 Α Yes. 16 0 Going back to that last clip, when you're having 17 a conversation with Daundrea afterwards --18 Α Yeah. 19 -- she asked you a question about whether, once 20 you were in your car, the defendant ever shot at you 21 again. Do you recall that? 22 Α Yes. 23 Once you were in your car, did you ever hear or 0 24 see him fire the gun a third time?

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No.

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                 Okay. When you got home, either that night or
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      the next day, did you ever look at your car to see if
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      there was any damage to it?
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           Α
                 I did look at it, but there wasn't any, like,
 5
      bullet holes in it or anything like that.
 6
           Q
                 So you never noticed any damage to your car --
 7
           Α
                 No.
 8
           Q
                 -- from this incident?
9
           Α
                 No.
10
           Q
                 Okay.
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                 MR. FREEMAN: All right. If we can --
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                 (People's Exhibit 320 was published.)
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                 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Is that basically the end of
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14
      that call?
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           Α
                 Yes.
16
                 Okay. Do you recognize your voice on that call?
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17
                 Yes.
           Α
18
                 And did that appear to be a complete and
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19
      accurate recording of your conversation with the Lakewood
20
      dispatcher?
21
           Α
                 Yes.
22
                 I want to ask you a couple of things about that
           Q
23
      conversation.
24
           Α
                 Okay.
25
           Q
                 Near the beginning of that conversation, when
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you're sort of describing what you do and why you were 1 2 there, he said something -- the dispatcher said something 3 about a party. Did you ever tell him that you were at a 4 party? 5 No. Α 6 Do you know where he got that from? Q 7 Α I don't. 8 Q Does that appear to just be a misunderstanding 9 on his part? 10 I believe so, yeah. Α 11 And I want to talk about after. You said he 0 12 would have an officer call you, and you already talked 13 about that. 14 Uh-hum. Α 15 After this event occurred, did you ever try to Q 16 contact the defendant again? 17 Α No. 18 0 Did you ever text him? 19 Α No. 20 0 Did you ever ask anyone to text him on your 21 behalf? 22 Α No. 23 Are you aware of anyone texting him on your Q 24 behalf? 25 Α No.

**Q** Prior to this incident when you were arriving at his house, did you send him a text that you were there?

A Well, I didn't actually have his number. I was never given that information. So if he did receive a text that I was there, then it was from my dispatcher.

**Q** Okay. And I wanted to clarify that. So you never actually had his cell number?

A No.

**Q** Did you ask your dispatcher, did you ask

Daundrea to send him a text that you were there when you arrived?

A No.

**Q** Do you know if she did that?

A I don't.

**Q** Okay. When this case was being investigated, we talked earlier about you had a recorded interview with police. At some point were you asked if they could download the contents of your cell phone?

A Yes.

**Q** And just so we're clear, did you have more than one cell phone back then?

A No.

**Q** You didn't have, like, a work phone and a private phone?

A No. All of the information from my work is on

the phone that they downloaded. 1 2 Did you agree to that? Q 3 Α Yes. 4 Had you deleted anything from your phone prior 0 5 to offering your phone to the police? No, because I didn't even know they were going 6 7 to ask for it. 8 Q So you weren't prepared for that? 9 Α Yeah. 10 0 Okay. 11 (Pause in the proceedings.) 12 MR. FREEMAN: All right. Thank you. I don't 13 have any other questions. 14 THE COURT: Cross-examination. 15 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, the exhibits that have been 16 admitted -- oh, I see. She's got those. Do you want to 17 just leave those there for now? 18 THE COURT: Yes. 19 MR. FREEMAN: Okay. 20 THE COURT: Or Ms. Carr, do you want to pick 21 these up and bring them back and then we can use them as 22 wished. 23 So all the exhibits that are admitted can we 24 leave on the podium, please? 25 MR. FREEMAN: Sure.

THE COURT: Cross-examination.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, I'd like to ask the Court if this would be an appropriate time for us to take a break.

THE COURT: Okay. If we need a break, we can do that. Let's take 15 minutes. Please don't discuss the case. Keep an open mind. Don't do any investigation.

(The jury left the courtroom and a recess was taken.)

THE COURT: Be seated. Let's have our witness back on the stand.

MR. FREEMAN: I'm sorry, Judge. You want the witness back?

THE COURT: Please.

All right. So you can go ahead and take the stand, and we're going to have the jury back out, and then, Mr. St. George, we're going to start cross-examination.

Do you have everything you want to do cross-examination, like your documents or pictures or anything you want?

MR. ST. GEORGE: I think if I need anything, I've got it over here with Ian. Or I may just take advantage of the fact that the district attorney has got it if I need to play a recording again.

1 THE COURT: Okay. You want to give them a 2 heads-up with anything like that. 3 MR. BURNETT: I just did that. 4 MR. FREEMAN: Which recording did you want? 5 MR. ST. GEORGE: It will -- it would be the file 6 that's called Denver Ladies Dispatch to Effy. And I'll 7 get to that here in a little bit. 8 MR. FREEMAN: Okay. Just let us know. 9 MR. ST. GEORGE: Yep. 10 THE COURT: Okay. Let's bring the jury in. 11 (Pause in the proceedings.) 12 THE COURT: Do we have which number it is? MR. ST. GEORGE: They called it Number 318, Your 13 14 Honor. 15 THE COURT: Okay. 16 MR. ST. GEORGE: So yeah, it will be a portion 17 of that, as needed. 18 THE COURT: Okay. All right. So 318. I'm 19 going bring the jury in. 20 MR. ST. GEORGE: Fantastic. 21 (Pause in the proceedings.) 22 (The jury entered the courtroom.) 23 THE COURT: All right. Everyone be seated, 24 please, and we're ready to resume. We're on cross-25 examination.

1 CROSS-EXAMINATION 2 BY MR. ST. GEORGE: 3 So now, Ms. Elliott, do you mind if we start with establishing some time line? 4 5 Α Yes. So the time of your call when you were 6 0 7 terminating, that's at 9:46 p.m.? 8 Α Uh-hum. 9 And then that return call, that comes from -- is 10 it Daundrea? 11 Α Uh-hum. Yes. 12 -- from Daundrea, that comes in at 9:52? Q 13 (The witness nodded head.) Α 14 And then at 10:02 you called Cedric? 0 15 Α Yes. 16 And that call lasted for three and a half 0 17 minutes, thereabouts? 18 Α I don't recall. 19 Q Fair enough. And then at nine minutes past ten 20 is when you were able to call 911? 21 Α Yes. 22 Okay. And you had -- you had called at 10:06, 23 but that call got disconnected. That was when you were --24 I think it was when they were trying to get me Α 25 to the right dispatch for the right county.

1 Okay. And then when you were leaving the Q 2 apartment, you called your company's operator -- that was 3 Daundrea -- to report that you had terminated the visit? 4 Α Yes. 5 And you dialed that number as you left the 0 6 apartment? 7 Α Yes. 8 Q And the call connected while you were walking 9 down the street to your car? 10 I thought it was sooner, but... 11 Okay. And that call was connected, and it 0 12 stayed connected after you got into your car? 13 Α Yes. 14 And it didn't disconnect until you clicked over 0 15 when Daundrea was calling you back? 16 Α Um, yes. 17 And in that -- in that recording that we just 0 18 listened to --19 Α Uh-hum. 20 0 -- you didn't hear but one gunshot; is that 21 right? 22 Α I heard two, physically, when I was there. 23 But in this recording just today, you didn't 0 24 hear but the one, right? 25 I guess not, no. Α

And you didn't know that that call was being 1 Q 2 recorded at the time, did you? 3 I did, yes. 4 Now, in your -- do you remember when you were 0 5 interviewed by Detective Larson here? 6 Α Yes. 7 And you remember when he asked you that question 0 8 if you -- those calls were recorded? 9 Α I don't recall. In that -- in that interview, you told him that 10 11 you didn't know that the calls were being recorded. 12 you don't -- you said: So there should be information 13 there. I'm not sure if the call is actually recorded 14 though. 15 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, objection to the form of 16 the question. Counsel is testifying. He's not asking a 17 question. 18 THE COURT: Could you rephrase, please. 19 MR. FREEMAN: And could we have a page of the 20 transcript, please. 21 MR. ST. GEORGE: Page 20 of 24. 22 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you. 23 MR. ST. GEORGE: Approximately -- a few minutes 24 in. 25 Q (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Do you remember saying --

or, rather, you remember saying: So there should be information there. I'm not sure if the call is actually recorded.

A I don't recall that.

**Q** Okay. There was only the one gunshot into the air, wasn't there?

A There was -- well, into the air, yes, there was only one gunshot.

**Q** There was no second gunshot.

A There was.

**Q** The evidence is going to show that there was no second gunshot into the air.

MR. FREEMAN: Objection, argumentative. Counsel's testifying.

THE COURT: I'll sustain that.

**Q** (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) When you were speaking to Daundrea, the two of you were talking about the termination of the visit, and you guys were laughing a bit, right?

A Well, it was a very intense situation.

**Q** And she asked you, regarding the fire in the air, as you called it: Did he shoot at your car or anything after that? Right?

A Yes.

**Q** And you remember how you answered that question,

1 right? 2 Because I believed that she was asking if you 3 shot at me as I was driving away, which, no, you did not, 4 SO... 5 0 You told her no, right? 6 Α Yes. 7 That gunshot in the air, was it in response to 0 8 you swiftly turning around to face me, right? 9 Α I'm sorry. Could you repeat the question? 10 0 That gunshot in the air was in response to you 11 swiftly turning around to face me, right? 12 MR. FREEMAN: Objection. Calls for speculation 13 as to why the shot was fired, Judge. 14 THE COURT: I'll allow the question. 15 I didn't turn around to face you. I turned around to see if you were -- because I heard the gunshot. 16 17 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) So this was before there Q 18 was any sound of the gunshot, you were turning around. 19 Α No. 20 0 You looked back to see where I was. 21 Originally, yeah, before the original gunshot Α 22 went off. Because I needed -- I saw that you were 23 following me. And that's on the recording. And then you 24 shot, and that's when I turned around and saw the gun.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, could we play that

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recording again, right quick? 1 2 THE COURT: So you want to direct a specific 3 point in time to being played. So what -- what do you 4 want being played? So we're looking at Exhibit 5 Number 318? 6 MR. ST. GEORGE: Yes, Your Honor. We're looking 7 And I will direct Mr. Burnett to play the at 318. 8 portion. 9 THE COURT: Great. Go ahead. 10 (People's Exhibit 318 was published.) 11 0 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) So you heard that gunshot 12 in that recording just now, yes? 13 Α Yes. 14 And immediately thereafter you say: Oh my God, 0 15 he has a gun? 16 Uh-hum. Α 17 So you were not aware of me having a gun prior 0 18 to that? 19 Α No. 20 And you got into your car immediately 0 21 thereafter? 22 Well, I was still running to it, but yeah, 23 that's what I did immediately after. 24 And then when Daundrea calls you back, you're in Q 25 the car and she asks you: Did he shoot at your car or

1 anything after that, in regards to that gunshot in the 2 air, right? 3 Α Yes. 4 0 And you told her no? 5 Yes, because I believed that she was asking if 6 you were shooting at my car as I drove away, to which I 7 said no because you did not. 8 Q It was dark out there in the parking lot, right? 9 Α Yeah. 10 Do others in your line of work, your former line 0 11 of work, have a driver in their cars? 12 MR. FREEMAN: Objection, relevance. 13 MR. ST. GEORGE: Absolutely relevant. MR. FREEMAN: It's her call. Objection 14 15 relevance, Judge. 16 THE COURT: I'm not seeing relevance here. I'll 17 sustain the objection. 18 0 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Do other people in your 19 profession have a bouncer or security in their cars? 20 MR. FREEMAN: Objection, relevance. 21 THE COURT: Sustained. 22 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) You did not have a bouncer Q or security in your car that night, did you? 23 24 Α No. 25 0 After this incident, did you then start having

1 security in your car? 2 MR. FREEMAN: Objection, relevance. 3 THE COURT: I'll allow this question. 4 I had my brother take me a couple places after 5 that, but he never ever made contact with any of my 6 clients thereafter. 7 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) But you had a man in your 0 8 car that served the purpose of security or protection? 9 I mean, after something like this, those are the 10 measures that you take. 11 Do others in your profession -- your former 0 12 profession, I apologize, do they sometimes carry guns? 13 MR. FREEMAN: Objection, relevance. 14 THE COURT: Sustained. 15 MR. ST. GEORGE: Excuse me. 16 (Pause in the proceedings.) 17 MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, I would like to 18 make an offer of proof as to these questions. 19 THE COURT: I'm going to excuse the jury for a 20 few minutes. Please don't discuss the case, keep an open 21 mind, don't do any research. We'll have you back in a 22 couple of minutes. 23 (The jury left the courtroom.) 24 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, do you still want 25 Ms. Elliott to remain up here?

THE COURT: You can step down for a few minutes.

(The witness was excused.)

THE COURT: I'll hear you, Mr. St. George.

MR. ST. GEORGE: So, Your Honor, the purpose of this line of questioning is to go to my state of mind at the time, and that's the point of me asking this -- in this line of questioning.

THE COURT: So regarding this, Mr. St. George, whether or not this woman says that people carry guns or not carry guns, what I would be concerned about is your beliefs about that. I'll hear from the People.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, I was going to -- my objection is along the same lines. Certainly she can't weigh in to what the defendant thought or feared or anything like that. Only he can. She would be speculating.

And I'm sure somewhere in the annals of history of this line of work plenty of escorts have brought with them somebody that robbed a client or had a gun and shot a client, I mean, if we did research.

It doesn't matter what other people have done.

And she's never going to get to -- he's never going to get to the point with her where she can testify to what his beliefs or fears or level of comfort was, only he can.

And so this line of questioning is irrelevant, and I'm

going to continue to object.

THE COURT: Mr. St. George, that is the issue in the case.

MR. ST. GEORGE: And --

THE COURT: Go ahead. Did you want to say something further?

MR. ST. GEORGE: I'm sorry. Yes, Your Honor. The facts show, as she testified yesterday, that she was, in fact, carrying a weapon at the time. She had mace on her key chain.

So I think this line of questioning is incredibly relevant. I think she's absolutely more than capable of answering in regards to what others in her -- that line of work do because the facts show that she was carrying a weapon.

THE COURT: All right. So, again, you're looking to determine your state of mind regarding what you undertook from her testimony, guessing whether or not people in her line of work may carry a gun.

So we're a couple stages beyond any sort of permission to allow this witness to testify. Can you ask her was she carrying a gun? Sure. Can you ask her about the key chain mace that she had? Yes, you can.

But she can't testify -- it's irrelevant as to whether or not it is her belief that people in her

profession may carry guns.

You'll have the opportunity to present whatever you want in your case to provide whatever foundation you want then to bring this out in relation to your actions. But at this point in time, it's irrelevant; I'll continue to sustain those objections.

MR. ST. GEORGE: All right. Your Honor, I'll restrict my questions to specifically what she was carrying then.

THE COURT: Sure.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Right.

THE COURT: We'll have the jury back.

MR. FREEMAN: Let me get the witness, Judge.

(The jury entered the courtroom.)

THE COURT: Everybody be seated, please. Thank you. We can resume cross-examination.

**Q** (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Ms. Elliott, on that night, you -- were you carrying a gun with you?

A Absolutely not.

**Q** On that night, were you carrying a bottle of mace with you?

- A Yeah, I believe so.
- **Q** And you had that bottle of mace in your hands?
- A No. In my purse.
- **Q** Did you have your keys in your hands when you

1 went to the car? 2 Yeah. Α 3 Okay. And at that point you had that bottle of 0 4 mace and your keys in your hands? 5 Yes. I was leaving your house, so... Α 6 That's it. Now, you stated that you nearly 0 7 struck me with your car, right? 8 Α Yes. 9 0 So I was very close to your car then, right? 10 Α Yes. 11 0 And your telephone was connected to the 12 dispatcher at the time? 13 Α Yes. 14 Had there been a second gunshot, it would have 0 15 been heard on the recording, would it not? 16 MR. FREEMAN: Objection, argumentative, and 17 calls for speculation. 18 THE COURT: I'll allow the question. 19 Well, you couldn't hear me running after a 20 certain point because my hand was covering the phone. I 21 had it in my hand. 22 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) So it's your belief that Q 23 while you were in the car you had your hand over the 24 microphone, which would have covered up the sound of a 25 gunshot?

apartment and the car is when you heard a first gunshot?

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1 Yeah, I mean, the way I explained it when I was 2 up there showing you guys. 3 And then you told him that there was -- that you 0 4 believe that there was a second shot three-quarters of the 5 way to the car? 6 Α Yes. 7 0 So at no point did you ever tell Mr. Brennan 8 that you saw a gunshot in the breezeway? 9 Α No. 10 You never said that to him, did you? 0 11 Α No. 12 Q You said it was out in the street? 13 Yes, because it was. Α 14 When you were being interviewed with Detective 0 15 Larson, on several occasions throughout that interview 16 with him he asked you: How many times did he shoot? 17 Do you recall this? 18 Α Yes. 19 Q On one of these occasions in the interview you 20 gestured, just the one. Do you remember that? 21 No. Α 22 During that interview you then doubled back and Q 23 said, just the one and then the one. Do you recall that? 24 Α (The witness shook head.) 25 MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, would you bear with

1 me one moment while I consult with counsel? 2 Surely. THE COURT: 3 (Pause in the proceedings.) 4 0 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Detective Larson asked you: 5 What do you think he was trying to do, in reference to me. 6 Do you remember your answer to that question? 7 I don't. It was a year and a half ago. 8 Q He might have been trying to just scare me, is 9 what you said. Does that sound familiar now? 10 Α Yeah. 11 Shooting a gun pointed in a person's direction 0 12 is never just to scare somebody. Shooting a gun at 13 someone is --14 THE COURT: We need a question. 15 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) You do understand that, Q 16 right? 17 Α Yeah. 18 0 One doesn't just try to scare someone by 19 pointing a gun at them and shooting? 20 Α I mean, my experience is --21 MR. FREEMAN: I'm going to object, Judge. It's 22 argumentative and calls for speculation. 23 THE COURT: Sustained. 24 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) In those calls that we Q 25 heard earlier --

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      from Daundrea, right?
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1 laughing? 2 Yeah, I was in shock. Α 3 0 And then in the 911 call you're in hysterics? 4 Because when I had spoken to Cedric, he Α Yes. 5 had wanted me to continue to work that night, which 6 frustrated me beyond belief, and I was very upset when I 7 actually did make the phone call. 8 But if you listen, then I do clear up after a 9 minute, and I sound just normal again. 10 Do you think that your tone of voice or the way 11 you were -- the way you were saying things would influence 12 the person on the other end of the line? 13 Α No. 14 MR. ST. GEORGE: Bear with me, Your Honor. 15 (Pause in the proceedings.) 16 MR. ST. GEORGE: Is it People's 3 that is the 17 overhead? 18 MR. FREEMAN: Yeah. The aerial? 19 MR. ST. GEORGE: Yeah. Would you mind putting 20 that up for me? 21 MR. FREEMAN: Do we need to switch back? 22 THE COURT: Okay. Hold on a second. 23 (People's Exhibit 3 was published.) 24 Q (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Now, Ms. Elliott, I'm going 25 and you to stand back up again, and if you don't mind

2 over there? 3 Α Yes. 4 It is. Would you mind tell us exactly where it 0 5 is that -- that first gunshot that you heard? 6 So, like I said, I was about here, and you were 7 about here (indicated). 8 Okay. And for the record, you are pointing Q 9 to -- when you say: I was about here, you're pointing to 10 the guest parking area, right? 11 Α Yes. Right over here (indicated). 12 And you're pointing to the street right adjacent Q 13 to the guest parking, right? 14 Α I'm sorry? 15 You're saying I'm here? Q 16 Yeah, I'm right here. You're over here 17 (indicated). 18 And so -- and when you're saying: I'm right 19 here, you're pointing to the street right next to the 20 guest parking, correct? 21 Α Yes. 22 And when you're saying I am right here --Q 23 Α Okay. 24 Q -- you're pointing to a piece -- the street 25 somewhere around the southeast corner of the building; is

going back over here to the exhibit. Is that dowel rod

2 Α Just right here (indicated). 3 Okay. So the -- for the court record, she's Q 4 pointing to a piece of the street out in front of the 5 building. 6 And then would you point to where that second 7 gunshot you believe occurred? 8 Α I believe about -- if you were right here 9 originally, it would be right about here. 10 Okay. So you're now pointing to an 11 area -- would you mind if I said 20 feet from the first 12 shot, again, at the southeast corner of the building but 13 out in the street? 14 Α Yeah, I guess so. 15 Okay. And at no time did you ever point to the Q 16 breezeway in front of my apartment as being the location 17 of the first gunshot? 18 Α No. 19 Q Thank you. 20 Α Uh-hum. 21 MR. ST. GEORGE: I have no further questions. 22 THE COURT: Redirect. 23 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 24 BY MR. FREEMAN: 25 0 Just a few more questions, Ms. Elliott.

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Uh-hum.

Just getting back to those two gunshots, I think you testified earlier the first one was in the air, the second one was leveled at you.

Uh-hum.

I think you testified earlier that you didn't recall which hand the defendant was holding the gun in?

No.

Can you demonstrate, as best as you can recall, how he held the gun for the second gunshot?

Like down like this.

Okay. And for the record, you've got your right arm basically straight out?

Yeah.

And would you say roughly perpendicular with the

Yeah.

Did he appear to be aiming, like looking Okav. down the barrel, or was it just arm straight at you like

Α Just arm straight at me.

There were some questions about at which Q point you first realized that he had a gun.

Α Uh-hum.

Can you clarify for the jury, either by hearing 0

or seeing, what was the first moment that you realized 1 2 that he had a gun? 3 When I heard the initial gunshot, I turned 4 around and then I saw him with the gun. 5 Okay. And did you turn around immediately upon 0 6 hearing that? 7 Α Yes. 8 Q Did you recognize it as a gunshot? 9 Yes. Α 10 And you turned around and immediately. And 0 11 about how far away from you was he when you turned 12 immediately? And if you want to use something from where 13 you're seated in the courtroom --14 I mean, kind of like I said earlier, between me 15 here, right now, and then that juror right there on the 16 end. 17 First juror? Q 18 Α Yeah. So that's, I would say, 20 to 25 feet? 19 Q 20 Α Yeah. 21 0 And what position was his arm in when you turned 22 after that first shot? 23 It was moving in a downward motion. Α 24 Q But you -- you started --

It was up in the air, and then it was --

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2 Α Yeah. 3 And so you don't know if you increased the Q 4 distance between the two of you before the second shot? 5 Α I don't know. 6 There were some questions about that little 0 7 canister of mace? 8 Α Uh-hum. 9 0 How big was that? 10 Α Maybe that big (indicated). 11 MR. FREEMAN: And for the record, Judge, the 12 witness is holding her fingers up, I would say, about 13 3 inches. 14 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Did you ever have it in your 0 15 hand that night? 16 I mean, it was on my keys. So I had my keys in 17 my hand to run to my car. But before that I did not have 18 it out or anything like that. 19 Q Did you ever hold it in your hand like preparing 20 to use it? 21 Α No. 22 Q Did you ever use it? 23 Α No. 24 Q Did you ever threaten to use it? 25 Α No.

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      material that you can't see through?
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1 I believe it was black. Α 2 Okay. So you wouldn't be able to see into your 0 3 purse to see the contents? 4 Α Yeah, no. 5 Did you ever take your keys out while you were 0 6 in his apartment? 7 Α No. 8 Q What did it appear -- for the second shot, when 9 the defendant held his hand out, what did it appear that 10 he was aiming at? 11 Α Me. 12 I want to go back a little bit to your initial Q 13 contact with the defendant, your initial conversation with 14 him. 15 I think you testified, I think it might have 16 been yesterday actually, that you were paid the \$220 up 17 front. 18 Α Uh-hum. 19 Q Is that a "yes"? 20 Α Yes. I'm sorry. 21 0 No big deal. And then --22 MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, this is beyond the 23 scope. 24 THE COURT: I'm going to allow the next 25 question.

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) I had asked you questions earlier about whether you received tips. Did you ever get a tip from the defendant?

A He had attempted to tip me, and I had stopped him because, you know, we hadn't had that initial conversation about what I offer and what I don't offer.

So he had said: Well, give me the 20 back for the 220, and I'll just give you a hundred. I said: Wait, wait, wait. Do you have any questions for me about the show, like, before we do this? And that's when the conversation started. So I didn't actually accept the tip.

**Q** So this is before you --

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, this is -- this is not relevant and this is beyond the scope.

THE COURT: This is beyond the scope now at this point.

MR. FREEMAN: All right.

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) And just so we're clear, once you got into your car, did you ever hear any more gunshots?

A No.

**Q** Did you ever think that the defendant shot at you after you got in your car?

A No.

1	Q	And going back to your conversation with
2	Daundrea,	is that what you thought she was asking you
3	about whe	n she said
4	А	Yes.
5	Q	did he ever shoot at you again?
6	А	Yes.
7	Q	Okay.
8		MR. FREEMAN: All right. That's all I've got,
9	thank you	
10		THE COURT: Recross.
11		RECROSS-EXAMINATION
12	BY MR. ST	. GEORGE:
13	Q	Ms. Elliott?
14	А	Yes.
15	Q	You testified that you looked back after the
16	first shot, correct?	
17	А	Yes.
18	Q	And that was the first time you saw the gun?
19	А	Uh-hum.
20	Q	You also testified on direct that you saw the
21	flash of	the gun during the first shot?
22	А	Yeah.
23	Q	So you testified that you looked back after the
24	first shot?	
25	А	Yes.

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      back and you didn't know I had a gun, you would not have
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      seen a muzzle flash, right?
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                MR. FREEMAN: Objection, argumentative.
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                THE COURT: Sustained. You need to rephrase.
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                 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) You testified that you saw
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      me shoot at you?
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      and then your hand lower.
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                And you testified that you did not see a gun
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      flash during that second shot?
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                No, I did not, because I had my back turned. I
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      was running away from you.
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                MR. ST. GEORGE: No more questions.
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                THE COURT: Does anyone on the jury have a
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      question for this witness?
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                THE COURT: Okay. Okay. I'm going to excuse
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      the jury for a moment. Same admonitions.
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                 (The jury left the courtroom.)
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THE COURT: Do you want to step down for a 1 2 second? 3 THE WITNESS: Yeah, of course. 4 (The witness was excused.) 5 JURY QUESTIONS 6 THE COURT: Okay. So the question is: Could 7 witness please retrace her steps, both in and out of the 8 apartment, on Exhibit 3 using the dowel slowly, please. 9 Any objection? 10 MR. FREEMAN: No, Judge. 11 MR. ST. GEORGE: No objection, Your Honor. 12 THE COURT: We'll bring in the jury; we'll bring 13 in the witness. 14 MR. MENGES: Is that the only question? 15 (Pause in the proceedings.) 16 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, I'll mention we do have an 17 apartment diagram. I haven't shown it to her. I'm happy 18 to do so if the Court wants. 19 THE COURT: Well, I'll allow follow-up 20 questions, if necessary, from both sides. They're looking 21 at steps both in and out of the apartment, I think what 22 we've already seen, but we'll see how the question goes. MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, I would object to 23 24 the use of this. It's not in the scope of the question

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that was asked by the jury.

1 THE COURT: As I said, I would go ahead and have 2 the question, and then I allow follow-up questions, and 3 I'll make that decision at that time. 4 MR. ST. GEORGE: Thank you, Your Honor. 5 (Pause in the proceedings.) 6 THE COURT: Sorry for the back and forth. You 7 can be seated. 8 THE WITNESS: You're all right. 9 (The witness complied.) 10 THE COURT: And I'm going to need Exhibit 3. 11 let me make sure --12 MR. FREEMAN: Do you want it up? 13 THE COURT: Yeah. 14 (People's Exhibit 3 was published.) 15 MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor --16 THE COURT: Yes, we're ready. 17 (The jury entered the courtroom.) 18 THE COURT: All right. So I have question for 19 you from the jury. 20 THE WITNESS: Yes. 21 THE COURT: Could you please retrace your steps, 22 both in and out of the apartment, on Exhibit 3, using the dowel, slowly. 23 24 THE WITNESS: Okay. 25 THE COURT: So if you would go ahead and step

down for me one more time and use the dowel there, the pointer, and go up to the board and kind of slowly trace your steps both in and out.

THE WITNESS: Okay. So I parked here, and then I walked over here into his apartment breezeway there. I was in the apartment at that point.

And, you know, the show happened, the incident happened, and this is -- and then I ran out of here this way, and -- well, walked out of here. And then I heard the gunshot right around here. He was here, and I was here. And then I got back into my car and I left.

THE COURT: Are there any follow-up questions as a result of the jury's questions?

MR. FREEMAN: A couple, Your Honor.

## FOLLOW-UP EXAMINATION

## BY MR. FREEMAN:

**Q** And just to clarify, I think you said that when you got into your car and left, you went back across the front of the parking --

A Yes, I did. I did pull out that way and then went that way (indicated).

**Q** Okay. Do you recall where you went inside the defendant's apartment?

A Yeah. So I walked -- right in the doorway there was like a little, like, sliver of an entryway.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Objection, Your Honor. This is beyond the scope of the question.

THE COURT: The question says both in and out of the apartment, so I'll allow just where in the apartment she went.

A Okay. So I walked in through that little tiny entryway section. Then we went into the kitchen, which was connected to the living room area, where I saw the tent and the aquarium and all that.

So we were talking in the kitchen area kind of, and then after him wanting to cancel and then him deciding to keep me, then we went into the bedroom, and then that's where the show happened and that's where the incident had happened.

And then I left. I walked out of his bedroom door, which was the living room at that point, and I walked past the kitchen, down to that entryway, and walked out of the apartment.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, I would like to have the witness handed Exhibit 7.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor --

THE COURT: Yeah. At this point in time, I think we're going restrict to Exhibit 3.

MR. FREEMAN: Okay. I understood the juror's questions of steps in and out, so you're not going to

1 allow me to --2 THE COURT: Yeah. But at this point, we're 3 going use Exhibit 3. 4 MR. FREEMAN: Okay. Then I'm not going to ask 5 her any questions about Exhibit 7 then. 6 MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, I've got nothing 7 further on that. 8 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down. 9 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 10 (The witness was excused.) 11 THE COURT: You may call your next witness. 12 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, we'll call Agent Brennan. 13 AGENT ERIC BRENNAN, 14 having been called as a witness on behalf of the People, 15 being first duly sworn, testified as follows: 16 THE COURT: Have a seat, please. 17 THE WITNESS: (The witness complied.) 18 DIRECT EXAMINATION 19 BY MR. FREEMAN: 20 Q Good morning, sir. 21 Α Good morning. 22 Would you please state your full name and spell Q 23 your last name for us? 24 Yes. Agent Eric Brennan. The last name is 25 spelled B-r-e-n-n-a-n.

(The witness complied.)

shoulders that identify you as an officer, is that on all

2 Α Every uniform I wear. 3 Do you typically wear anything on your head when 0 4 you're working? 5 Typically I don't. During a day shift sometimes 6 I'll wear, like, a -- basically a baseball cap that says 7 LPD with large letters across it. 8 Sometimes in winter weather we have a black kind 9 of beanie, I guess it would be called. 10 0 When you're working in a patrol capacity, are 11 you driving a marked Lakewood patrol car? 12 Α Yes. 13 And is it clearly marked? Looks like a police 0 14 car? 15 Yes. It's a black-and-white police car just 16 like everybody would assume it is. 17 0 Do you normally work with a partner in your vehicle? 18 19 Α No. 20 0 And I notice you've got a radio sort of hanging 21 over your right shoulder? 22 Α That's correct. 23 0 How does that work? 24 Α This would be what's known as a lapel mike. 25 It's just -- basically I can talk into it, but also radio

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your uniforms?

traffic comes out of it. Usually I'll wear an earpiece.

And it just makes it so you don't have to take a radio off
your belt to speak into it and then put it back.

- **Q** What do you have to do to speak into it to communicate with either other officers or your dispatch?
  - A Press this button right here on the side.
- **Q** Okay. So without pressing that button, are you able to communicate with folks?
- A Just -- it only would be the intake of the radio traffic. So it would -- people transmitting, I could hear them. It doesn't allow me to transmit without pressing the button.
- **Q** Okay. So you can hear others but they can't hear you?
  - A Correct.
- **Q** Okay. And when you've got the earpiece in, does that prevent other people from standing around you hearing what you're hearing?
- A That's correct. It is basically an officer safety thing. So if you're talking to somebody and you run them through dispatch, you find out they have a warrant, you don't necessarily want them to know that immediately because they might take off running, so yeah.
- **Q** So you don't necessarily want the people around you to hear what you're hearing?

city just on my watch, which is the Watch 4, 9 p.m. to

which is the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift.

7 a.m. At that time there would still be Watch 3 agents,

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2 night? 3 Α Yeah. 4 0 Did you have -- in your vehicle did you have any 5 other weapons, rifles or anything? 6 At that time, no. I wasn't shotgun or rifle 7 certified. 8 Q And you have to be certified by Lakewood PD to 9 carry those? 10 That's correct. Α 11 And by certified, does that mean special 0 12 training? 13 Α Correct. I believe both classes are 40 hours. 14 Okay. I want to draw your attention to that 0 15 I think you said you came on at nine. At about 16 10:13 p.m. do you recall getting a dispatch to 8139 West 17 Eastman Place in the City of Lakewood? 18 Α I do. 19 Q Are you familiar with that part of town? 20 Α Yes. 21 Is that in the City of Lakewood, County of 0 22 Jefferson? 23 Α Yes. 24 Q What was the nature of that dispatch? 25 Α It was actually toned out, which our dispatch

later, but this is the same weapon that you carried that

does for serious calls. It's basically just -- basically a loud-pitched tone that goes off in our ear basically saying pay attention to this.

Dispatch initially said it was a weapons call.

They said a female had called in and said somebody tried to shoot her. They gathered a little more information, and then they continued to say that she initially said she was at a party, a male had tried to touch her inappropriately, and then as she left, he shot a gun in the air and then at her.

Dispatch then said that this occurred 25 minutes prior. The female was at approximately I-25 and RidgeGate, and she was refusing to come back to the scene.

- **Q** And so this is information you're getting from a dispatcher?
  - **A** That is correct.
  - **Q** And how did you react to that call?
- A Well, initially, with the tone-out, like I said, it being a serious call, I started driving lights and sirens.

When dispatch said that it happened 25 minutes prior, I turned off my lights and sirens because the female who was calling and reporting this was already a very far distance from where it occurred. And so I drove there routine, is basically what it's called, and then met

up with my partner and basically came up with a plan on how we were going to contact people involved in this.

**Q** Why did it change your approach when you learned that the call was 25 minutes old?

A Just because if she had called and said this person is currently shooting at me, I'm being fired upon, that would obviously elicit a different response. We would go there as fast as we could.

Being that she was at a safe place, she was at a -- this event had occurred 25 minutes prior and she was already at I-25 and RidgeGate, it didn't elicit a code response, as I would say.

**Q** Is there some risk to you and other motorists if you drive lights and sirens quickly to a scene?

A Absolutely. There's a common saying, you can't help if you never make it, referring to, you know, driving through a red light, running lights and sirens and you get T-boned, then you're not going to help anybody.

It's also just going to create more problems. Police officers then can't respond to original problem, and they have to respond to help you in this traffic accident.

**Q** You mentioned that you met up with your partner. And, again, not a partner that was in your car.

A Correct. Another officer.

1 Q And by "partner," was that also a cover officer? Yeah. Yeah. 2 Α 3 And who was that agent. Q 4 Α That was Agent Devon Trimmer. 5 0 And Ms. Trimmer is a female agent? 6 Α That's correct. 7 0 And was she working by herself that evening as 8 well? 9 Α Yeah. 10 And was she wearing a uniform similar to yours? Q 11 Α Yes. 12 Driving a vehicle similar to yours? Q 13 Yes. Α 14 Were you familiar with her, somebody that you 0 15 had worked with before? 16 Yes. Α 17 Do you recall approximately where you were when 0 18 you heard the tone? 19 I would say somewhere in area of Pierce and 20 Mississippi. 21 0 Just give us your best estimate as to how long 22 it took you to get to Eastman Place. 23 Around ten minutes maybe, five to ten minutes. Α 24 Okay. And once you got there, were you able to Q 25 get inside immediately?

A I actually made phone calls from down the street initially to call the reporting party. Our dispatch, at the end of them airing information, said is anybody ready to take this phone call from the lady calling in. I said I would take the phone call from her, so I parked down the street and spoke to her.

**Q** So you didn't go immediately to the building or the apartment where this incident was alleged to have occurred.

A Correct. I would describe it as being about a block away is where I stopped.

**Q** Was Agent Trimmer there with you when you stopped?

A Yes.

**Q** And did you make some effort to contact what we call the reporting party or the person that called dispatch that made this report?

- A Yes, I spoke with her.
- **Q** And was that Ms. Elliott?
- A Yeah, Emily Elliott.
- **Q** Did you call her or did she call you?
- A I believe dispatch transferred her to my work cell.

**Q** Okay. And you said "work cell." Do you have a -- did you have a cell phone back then that was

specifically dedicated to work duties?

- A Yeah. It was issued by the department.
- **Q** Separate from your personal cell?
- A Correct.
- **Q** When you spoke to her on the phone, was that recorded?
  - A I don't believe so.
  - **Q** Okay. How did she sound on the phone?
- A I don't specifically remember her tone on the phone.
- **Q** Okay. Do you remember what she told you, the basic gist that she told you?
- A Yeah. She gave me -- I actually ended up speaking to her two or possibly three times, just to get clarifying details later.

Initially, she basically told me that she worked for a company called Denver Ladies. She was an escort.

And she gave me a quick rundown of what happened. I asked for more details. She said she arrived at around 9 p.m.

She had met with the client. They had come to an agreement of about an hour of service, and that was after she had clarified that she does not partake in any illegal activities. It was basically like a striptease only.

Initially the male said that's not what he's

looking for, but they came to this agreement on an hour of services. She said that about three-quarters of the way through the services, approximately 45 minutes later, she was laying on top of him wearing only her underwear in sort of a T manner. He was laying down and she was laying across him like this.

She said that he attempted to touch her vagina.

She told him to watch his hands. He said: I didn't know
I couldn't do that. She then continued with her services,

straddled him.

She said he attempted to pull her closer to him by her waist, also slightly pulling on her hair. When he reached around her buttocks and touched her vagina over her underwear with both hands, she said she felt very disrespected and she was leaving. She got off of him --

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, objection. This is hearsay.

THE COURT: I'll sustain that objection.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, can I be heard on that?

THE COURT: No. Let's continue.

MR. FREEMAN: All right.

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) Did she describe anything happening in relation to a firearm?

A Yes. She said that she then left. She didn't think the male was following her initially. She walked

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out of the breezeway.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, objection. This is more hearsay.

> Judge, can I be heard? MR. FREEMAN:

THE COURT: This is different. I'm going to overrule that objection.

(BY MR. FREEMAN) Go ahead. 0

Α She told me that she was walking out a breezeway when she noticed the male was following her. She did not think he was going to continue following her because of the way he was dressed. He was only wearing underwear.

She continued looking back as she was calling her Denver Ladies dispatch to let them know that her services were being terminated because she felt disrespected.

Approximately a quarter of the distance from the apartment to her car she said she turned around, saw the defendant fire a gun into the air. She told the -- she continued walking to her car.

Approximately three-quarters of the distance from the apartment to her car is where the defendant was as she was getting into the car. He fired another shot. She said this time he had actually leveled the weapon in her direction and fired.

She said she then got in her car, locked the

2 Did she describe -- did she give the name of the 3 suspect? 4 Yeah. She told me the name was Eric. Α 5 And did she tell you what apartment or what unit 0 6 he was in? 7 Α They had told me 8119 West Eastman Place, 8 Apartment 103. 9 0 Did she describe whether or not he said that 10 this day that this happened was his birthday? 11 Α Yes. 12 Did she ever describe anything -- sort of unique Q 13 features in the apartment that she noticed when she was in 14 there? 15 MR. ST. GEORGE: Object --16 Yes. She said there was a large tent --Α 17 MR. ST. GEORGE: Objection, hearsay. 18 THE COURT: Sustained. 19 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, can I be heard on these 20 objections? 21 No. Let's continue. THE COURT: 22 (BY MR. FREEMAN) You said that you spoke to her Q 23 either two or three times. 24 A Correct. 25 0 Did you call her back?

doors, and drove past him very fast.

A Yeah, I called for clarifying details, the ones that were just sustained.

**Q** What sort of details did you ask her?

A I asked for unique details regarding the apartment.

**Q** Why did you ask that?

A Just to make sure that we were at the right apartment.

**Q** What concerns did you have about going to the right apartment?

A We just wanted to make sure that we were going to the correct apartment. Basically we're responding to a call where we have a reporting party saying she was being shot at. So we don't want to be standing outside of the wrong apartment and have this supposed suspect come out and have our backs turned to him or something like that. We want to make sure that we're in the right area.

**Q** Okay. And without telling us what unique details that she described, was she able to describe some fairly unique details about the inside of this apartment?

A Yes, I would say they were very unique.

**Q** And did you -- were you able to pass those on at some point to other officers that eventually showed up at the scene?

A Yeah.

**Q** Okay. We might go back to those later.

You said that Agent Trimmer was there. Was it just the two of you agents at this point when you're speaking to Ms. Elliott on the phone?

A Yes.

**Q** After you finished speaking with Ms. Elliott on the phone, what was decided to do next?

A At that point we decided, after I spoke with Emily the first time, I -- she gave me a number for a dispatcher, Denver Ladies dispatcher, I spoke to. That lady was actually not the dispatcher. It was, I'm assuming, a manager for the company who had taken a statement from the dispatcher that Emily had spoken to.

**Q** Let me stop you there. This supervisor-type person that you spoke to, was that a lady named April?

A April Rissler, I believe.

**Q** And were you able to get some more identifying information as far as the phone number of this person?

A I think at that point she said the company only takes the client's first name. She provided a phone number and an address.

And she basically stated that due to the nature of the work they don't like to get too much personal information about their clients.

**Q** Okay. They don't ask too many questions?

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                 Okay. And was there a determination made at
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      some point to actually go to the apartment?
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                 And who did that? Was that you and Agent
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      Trimmer?
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                 Agent Trimmer and I, yes. Initially it was just
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      us who went to the area of the apartment.
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                 Was this a gated apartment complex?
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                 Yes.
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                 Did you have any trouble getting into the unit?
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                 Not that I remember. Our dispatch usually has
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      codes for gated communities.
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                 So you were able to get in okay?
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           Α
                 Yeah.
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                 Were you able to find the particular building
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      where this unit was located?
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                 Did you take both of your patrol cars in?
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                 So I'm going to have the bailiff hand you 1, 2,
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      4 and 5.
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      of those and let me know when you're ready.
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                 (The witness complied.)
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                 (Pause in the proceedings.)
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1 I'm ready. Α (BY MR. FREEMAN) Do you recognize, 1, 2, 4 and 2 0 3 5 as various aerial views of the City of Lakewood, 4 particularly the part of Lakewood where the Windsor 5 apartment complex is located? 6 Α That's correct. 7 And do these aerial photos appear to accurately 0 8 depict the way that part of town and that apartment complex looked back on the night of July 31st? 9 10 Α Yes. 11 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, move to introduce, 12 People's 1, 2, 4 and 5. 13 MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, I have no objection 14 to these exhibits. 15 THE COURT: 1, 2, 4 and 5 are admitted. (People's Exhibits 1, 2, 4 and 5 were admitted 16 17 into evidence.) 18 MR. FREEMAN: And may we publish, Your Honor? 19 THE COURT: You may. 20 MR. FREEMAN: If we could have People's 1. 21 (People's Exhibit 1 was published.) 22 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Looking at People's 1 on the Q 23 big screen, does that appear to be the same as People's 1 24 that's in front of you? 25 Α Yes.

- **Q** And if you could sort of orient the jury to what part of town we're looking at. At the bottom, sort of in the east-west direction there appears to be a fairly major roadway. Do you recognize what roadway that is?
  - A That would be Hampden.
  - **Q** Hampden or 285 at some points?
  - A Yeah.
- **Q** And then sort of towards the right side there appears to be a fairly large north-south roadway?
  - A That would be Wadsworth Boulevard --
  - **Q** So we're looking at Hampden and Wads?
  - A -- South Wadsworth Boulevard.
- **Q** And in this particular exhibit, People's 1, do you see the Windsor apartment complex where this 8139 West Eastman Place is located?
  - A I do.
- **Q** Would you mind -- I don't want to have you use the laser pointer because I think from your angle --
  - A Yeah. Would you like me to go point it out?
- **Q** Yeah. There's a stick right there if you want to grab it. You can just point it out.
- A Yeah. This is the area we responded to (indicated).
- **Q** So you're indicating an area that's sort of a darker-looking cluster of units there and then towards the

top and somewhat to the left of the exhibit? 1 2 That's correct. Α 3 Now, can you see on this exhibit the location 0 4 where you sort of staged with Agent Trimmer and made the 5 calls with Ms. Elliott and --6 That would be this parking lot right here 7 (indicated). 8 Q So that's the corner of Wads and Eastman? 9 Α That's correct. 10 0 Okay. And you said you were there for a little 11 bit and then you went into the apartment complex. Can you 12 tell, roughly, on this exhibit where the building is, 13 where the suspect's unit was? 14 Yeah, there's a thumbtack. You can kind of see 15 it's yellow. It says Unit 7, 103 right here. 16 Okav. And that's towards the north end of this? 0 17 Yeah. Α 18 And beyond that north edge of the complex, is 0 19 there some sort of open space there? 20 Beyond, yeah, this would be -- basically it's a 21 greenbelt area. 22 Okay. And does that sort of go into the Bear Q 23 Creek greenbelt at some point? 24 Α Yes. 25 Q Okay.

1 MR. FREEMAN: And if we could have 2 up, please. 2 (People's Exhibit 2 was published.) 3 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Taking a look at 2, is this Q 4 just sort of a little closer-up version? 5 Yeah, it's just slightly closer up, and then you 6 have little bit more view of the greenbelt. 7 0 Greenbelt, and some view of scale of that? 8 MR. FREEMAN: And if we could have 4 up, please. (People's Exhibit 4 was published.) 9 10 0 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Taking a look at 4, do you see 11 that the unit -- the suspect's unit on this particular 12 exhibit? 13 Α Yeah (indicated). 14 And you're indicating of the two 0 15 northeasternmost buildings, it's the one on the left? 16 Α Correct. 17 Okay. I'm not sure if I described that well 0 18 enough. 19 MR. FREEMAN: If we could have 3 up. 20 (People's Exhibit 3 was published.) 21 0 (BY MR. FREEMAN) And I haven't shown you 3, but 22 3's been admitted. Do you recognize that as an aerial 23 view of the particular building? 24 Α Yes. 25 When you went into the complex, can you tell the 0

jury where you and Agent Trimmer's -- parked your patrol 1 2 cars? 3 Α Yeah, we would have to go one back. 0 One back? 4 5 MR. FREEMAN: Let's try, which was that, maybe 4? 6 7 (People's Exhibit 4 was published.) 8 Α Yeah. We were parked approximately this area. 9 0 (BY MR. FREEMAN) And you're indicating an area 10 directly to the south? 11 Α That's correct, one building away. 12 One building away? Q 13 One building. Α 14 Why did you park down there? 0 15 That's just an officer safety thing. We 16 wouldn't want to drive marked patrol cars if somebody is 17 shooting at people. We don't want to just drive up. 18 Patrol cars don't stop bullets, and they attract a lot of 19 attention. 20 0 And you described at one point when you got the 21 initial tone that you drove lights and sirens. 22 Α That's correct. 23 Is that the overhead red and blues? Q 24 Yeah. Overhead emergency lights and siren also. Α 25 Q Did you drive -- sorry about that.

Did you drive into the complex with your overhead red and blues on?

- A No.
- **Q** Why not?

A Once again, it's an officer safety concern. We would never drive up to somebody's front doorstep or anything like that. We always park a short distance away.

And, generally speaking, even if I had run lights and sirens all the way, I would have turned them off quite a distance away so people don't know where exactly we're at when we approach.

**Q** Why don't you want a potential shooter to know that police are coming or police are in the area?

A It just could potentially victimize us if they know exactly where we are and they are actively shooting people. Then they know where we are to shoot at us.

- **Q** Okay. So you parked in that area that you described on -- I think we're looking at 4. Did you go on foot from there?
  - A Yes.
  - **Q** And can you describe to the jury where you went?
  - A We went to this area up in here (indicated).
  - **Q** So you went north?
  - A Yeah, we walked along here.
    - MR. FREEMAN: It might be better to go to

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People's 3, the next one?
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                 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Can you see on People's 3
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      where you approached the building from?
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      here (indicated).
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                 Okay. Can you describe, as you approach that
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      building, what do you see? What do you hear?
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                 It was all quiet when we arrived.
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                 So this is after 10 o'clock at night?
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                 Uh-hum.
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                 Do you recall what day of the week it was?
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                 I do not.
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                 Is anybody outside?
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                 No.
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                 Do you hear anything, any music, anything going
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      on?
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                 Can you describe the weather? This is end of
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      July.
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                 Yeah, I think it was warm. I don't remember it
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      being rainy or anything like that. Clear night.
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                 Can you describe the lighting in the front of
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      that building on the south side of that unit?
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                 Yeah, this area was fairly dark. It
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wasn't -- there wasn't a lot of street light in there, I remember.

**Q** Okay. Were you able to identify or locate the front door to this Unit 103 that you had been dispatched about?

A Yeah. It what us in this area right here (indicated).

**Q** And can you describe the approach to that front door?

A Yeah. That is a tree right here. If you can see right here, there's kind of a hallway that leads down, and the defendant's door was at the end of the hallway on the right-hand side.

So we could -- by standing outside of the hallway, we could barely see any part of that door.

**Q** About how long was that hallway?

A I would guess that it was 15 to 20 feet, approximately.

**Q** Was there only one door at the end of that hallway?

A I believe there was two, but I don't remember for sure.

**Q** Do you recall being able to identify which one went to Unit 103?

A Yeah. It was the door on the right-hand side.

**Q** At that point were you aware of whether Unit 103 was a ground floor unit, a second floor unit or both?

A No.

**Q** Were there some windows on the front of that building that caused you any safety concerns?

A Yeah, there's windows -- I believe this little outcrop right here is a window.

So we didn't know from his door if it was just stairs up to a second-story level or if it was a flat level only on the ground floor or it was booth. We had no idea.

**Q** And upon your initial approach, did you know whether or not there was a back door to that unit?

A I don't believe we knew initially.

**Q** When you first got there with Agent Trimmer, did you immediately try to make contact with the suspect at Unit 103?

A No.

**Q** Why not?

A Initially we basically did surveillance of this area looking for damaged property and shell casings, given the report.

**Q** What do you mean by "damaged property?" What are you looking for?

A Bullet holes.

**Q** Did you have any idea where to look?

A Initially, I don't believe we did. It wasn't until I made a follow-up question with Em -- follow-up phone call with Emily where I got a better description of where she was parked.

**Q** And based upon her description, can you point out on People's 3 where she indicated or at least she described to you where she was parked?

A She had told me that if you were facing the building, the south side of the building, she was parked to the right, and she had indicated that she was parked one or two spots away from a handicap spot.

**Q** And do you see that area of parking just above the exhibit sticker?

A Yes. So this would be facing the south side of the building to the right, and here's a handicap spot.

**Q** Did you look in that area for any evidence of gunshots, I guess?

A Yes.

**Q** And what were you looking -- were you looking on vehicles, on trees? What were you doing?

A Yeah, we had tried to look at the side of this building to see -- given her statement that he had leveled out and shot towards her, we were looking at the side of this building to see if we saw a bullet hole in there.

It was very dark, and we were responding to a call where somebody was shooting at people. So we obviously weren't crawling around looking for shell casings, but we were trying to light up the street to see if we saw the shine of shell casings.

MR. FREEMAN: And if we can switch to Exhibit 4 please.

(People's Exhibit 4 was published.)

- **Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) Taking a look at Exhibit 4, again identifying that building, and then it looks like that guest parking area sort of to the south and between those two buildings, can you point out the building at which you looked at for evidence of a bullet strike?
  - A (The witness complied.)
- **Q** So this would be this building to the southeast of the defendant's building?
  - A Yeah.
- **Q** Okay. And were you using anything to illuminate this search?
  - A Just our flashlights.
  - **Q** And did you find any evidence of bullet strikes?
  - A No.
  - **Q** You say you were looking for bullet casings.
- What are those?
  - A It would be the -- basically a bullet has the

projectile that comes out, and then there's usually a 1 2 brass or aluminum casing filled with gunpowder. 3 When you're speaking about semiautomatic 4 handguns, after you fire it, the projectile comes out, and 5 the casing is automatically ejected out of the firearm. 6 If you were dealing with a revolver, that would 7 not be the case. It would stay in the cylinder. 8 Q Did Ms. Elliott tell you what kind of gun she 9 thought was used? 10 Α No. 11 0 So were you certain that there would be a casing 12 outside? 13 Α No. 14 MR. FREEMAN: If we could switch back to 15 People's 5. (People's Exhibit 5 was published.) 16 17 Q (BY MR. FREEMAN) Look at People's 5. 18 see the general area where you looked for a casing? 19 Α Yeah. It would have been along this corridor 20 here. 21 0 And again using the your flashlights to 22 illuminate? 23 Α Yes. 24 How long do you think you looked for casings? Q 25 Α I would say approximately ten minutes.

A I was looking for evidence of the crime over here, and I believe she spoke to the person that lived

(People's Exhibit 4 was published.)

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here (indicated).

- **Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) Okay.
- A But once again, I was on the phone. I'm not certain which exact unit she spoke to.
- **Q** So you think it was more the building directly south?
- A Yeah, basically directly south, slightly to the east.
- **Q** Okay. And, again, without -- without telling us what she told you the neighbor said, she came back after that conversation, and did you meet with Agent Trimmer?
  - A Yeah.
- **Q** Now, just so we're clear, are you in contact or at least able to be in contact with your dispatcher at this time?
  - A Yes.
- **Q** And did you get any indication that any other people had called in to report this -- possible gunshots?
  - A I don't believe anyone else called in.
- **Q** So as far as you know, no other 911 calls regarding this incident other than Ms. Elliott.
  - A That's correct.
- **Q** Once you finished your search for possible bullet strikes and possible casings and Agent Trimmer had spoken with one or more neighbors, what did you do next?

A I think at that point it was about that time that Sergeant Muller and Sergeant Maines were showing up on scene, and we decided to call the defendant.

**Q** Okay. Why don't you go ahead and have a seat for a little bit.

- A Okay.
- Q I appreciate you standing there for a while.

Do you recall if Sergeant Muller or Sergeant Maines, which of them arrived first or did they arrive about the same time?

- A I believe they arrived at about the same time.
- **Q** Were they working in the same vehicle?
- A No.
- **Q** So they weren't partners that night in that sense?

A No. I believe they were actually working different shifts.

- **Q** Okay. And were they both wearing police uniforms similar to the one that you and Agent Trimmer were wearing?
  - A That's correct.
- **Q** And armed with the belt similar to yours and Agent Trimmer's?
  - A That's correct.
  - **Q** Once the sergeants were on scene, did they sort

of take over the direction of the investigation?

- A Yeah. You could say that.
- **Q** Okay.

A The decision was made to try to make phone contact with the defendant.

**Q** Okay. And do you remember who -- who decided that or whose idea that was?

A It was one of the supervisors, I'm not sure which one.

- **Q** Okay. Was there ever discussion about just going up to the defendant's front door and knocking?
  - A No.
  - **Q** Why not?

A Given the call that we were responding to, and a long hallway, and we couldn't really see the door -- doorways are what we like to call fatal funnels. If you ever notice, police officers usually knock on the door and then step to the side because you don't want to be trapped in a doorway, let alone a doorway that leads to a hallway.

If something were to go wrong and somebody were to step out and start shooting, perhaps we would have nowhere to go sideways. We would have to retreat and turn our backs. So generally speaking, we don't make contact -- we try not to make contact in hallways, and we don't stand in front of doorways. It's a basic officer safety

thing that's taught in the academy. 1 2 It was never an option to just go up to the door 3 and knock? 4 Α No. 5 What about using, like, a loudspeaker to order 0 6 or request the suspect, Eric, to come outside? 7 Α Never seen that happen before. 8 Q So the decision was made to call. You had 9 indicated earlier that you got a phone number from April. 10 Was that the number that was called? 11 Α I believe so. 12 And who initially tried the call the defendant? Q 13 Α I did. 14 And did you do that using your work cell? 0 15 Α Yes. 16 Do you remember what that number was back then? 0 17 My work cell number? Α 18 0 Yeah. 19 Α I believe it was 720-616-1471. 20 0 616-1471? 21 Α Yeah, I believe that's right. 22 And do you recall, prior to trying to call the Q 23 defendant's number, the 858 number, whether you unblocked 24 or did anything to unblock your number? 25 I don't remember if I did or not.

**Q** Do you remember physically where you were standing when you tried to call the defendant the first time?

A Yeah. We were standing outside of the hallway. I believe it was just on the west side. So right outside of his building, the hallway that leads up to his door. We were just standing on the west side of that.

- **Q** And you say "we." Who was with you?
- A Sergeant Muller.
- **Q** Okay. Where was Agent Trimmer and Sergeant Maines?

A I believe at some point around this time they had circled around to the north side of the building to see if they could see somebody running out of the building and whatnot. It's basically a containment issue.

**Q** Okay.

MR. FREEMAN: And if we could have People's 3 up, please.

(People's Exhibit 3 was published.)

- **Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) So taking a look at People's 3, you're just outside this hallway --
  - A That's correct.
- **Q** -- with Sergeant Muller. Do you recall Agent Trimmer and Agent Maines, which direction they went to go around the back? Did they go clockwise or

counterclockwise?

A Yeah, if you were facing at the TV, I believe they would have gone counterclock -- they would have gone to the right, counterclockwise, and circled around. I do not know exactly where they went from there.

**Q** And you said it was a concealment issue? Can you elaborate?

- A Containment.
- **Q** Containment.
- A Yeah.
- **Q** Can you elaborate a little bit about that?

A Yeah. We just wanted to know if somebody went running out the back door, obviously, raise some suspicions. So we also, when we respond to a call like this, the first thing is to set containment, basically, a perimeter.

**Q** So somebody doesn't run away from police contact?

- A Yeah, exactly.
- **Q** Was there any concern that somebody could come out the back door and circle around to where you were --
  - A Yeah.
  - Q -- and sort of ambush you from behind?
- A Absolutely. Especially with the way the building's shaped. If somebody would have gone out the

1 back door and we were all standing at the front door, they 2 could easily circle around. 3 And when Agent Trimmer and Sergeant Maines left Q 4 your side, did you remain in radio contact with them? 5 Α Yeah. 6 0 And did you have your earpiece in? 7 Α Yes. 8 Q And so you were the first person to attempt to 9 Did you call that 865 number that you gave us 10 earlier? 11 Α I believe that's the number I called, yes. 12 And what happened when you called that number? Q 13 The first time I called it there was no answer, Α 14 and I left a voicemail. 15 On the voicemail, was it like that sort of 16 generic computerized voice or was it like -- did it sound 17 like a voice naturally? 18 I believe it came back to the defendant, Eric 19 St. George, I believe. 20 Q And do you recall what, in essence, the message 21 said? 22 My message? Α 23 Q No, the voicemail message. 24 I don't recall exactly what was said. Α 25 Q Okay. Do you remember if it identified whose

1 phone it was? Yeah. It identified as the phone of Eric St. 2 Α 3 George. 4 0 Okay. And as best as you can recall, what did 5 you say when you left the message? 6 Basically a standardized recording that I leave 7 when I'm trying to contact somebody. I said, This is --8 something to the effect of: This is the Lakewood Police. 9 I need to talk to you. Can you call me back at this 10 number. 11 0 And what number did you give? 12 I believe I gave our dispatcher's number, which would be 303-987-7111. 13 14 Okay. And that number that you just gave, you 15 said that's dispatch's number. Is that a non-emergency 16 line? 17 That's correct. Α 18 So obviously emergency would be 911. This is a 0 19 non-emergency line? 20 Α Yeah. 21 Did you identify yourself by name? 22 Α I don't recall if I said this is Agent Brennan. 23 I know I said this was the Lakewood Police. 24 Did you indicate why you wanted to speak with 25 Mr. St. George?

1 I don't remember if I left a detailed message or 2 not, just that I needed to speak with him. 3 0 Okay. What did you do after that first call, 4 that first attempt? 5 Α I called again. 6 How quickly after the first call did you call 0 7 again? 8 Α I'm not sure, but it was not a long time. 9 Q Okay. 10 It was probably close to being immediately Α 11 after. 12 Q And what was the result? What happened the 13 second call? 14 Α There was an answer. 15 Okay. And what did the voice sound like, male Q 16 or female? 17 It sounded like a male. Α 18 0 And what was the conversation? What did you 19 say? 20 I said something to the effect of: This is 21 Agent Brennan with the Lakewood Police Department. We 22 need to speak to you. And every time I said this, the

defendant said: What? And I basically just repeated

myself, I believe, three times, approximately, saying:

This is the Lakewood Police Department. Can you come

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outside and speak to me? Continuously he said: What?

Finally I said: Do you understand what I'm saying to you or can you understand what I'm saying to you? And he said no. And then there was silence where I continued to try to ask questions but it appeared as though he had just set the phone down.

**Q** Okay. How long do you think that conversation took place?

A The entire conversation? It was not a long conversation. I would say probably less than a minute, I don't know.

**Q** During your time as an officer, and even including your life experience, have you had an opportunity to speak with persons that were intoxicated?

A Yes, every -- almost every shift, I'd say.

**Q** So quite a bit of experience. Have you learned to recognize some of the outward symptoms of intoxication that people display when they've had too much to drink?

A Yes.

Q Can you sometimes hear it in their voice?

A Yes.

**Q** And obviously you hadn't spoken with this defendant before this day, but just in your brief conversation with him that you had on this evening, were there any outward indications that he had been drinking

just based upon the sound of this voice?

A Yeah, even though the statements he made were very short, speaking one word only, I could tell that he had some slurred speech.

**Q** When you were speaking with him, was there any noise or anything in the background that you thought was interfering with your ability to communicate with him?

- A No.
- **Q** So he just kept responding "what"?

A Yeah. He said "what" after each response until I asked him if he could -- or can he understand me, and he said "no."

**Q** And I think you said at one point you asked him if he would come outside and speak to you?

- **A** That's correct.
- **Q** Did you ever try to tell him why you wanted to speak to him?

A I don't recall what the exact conversation was, no.

**Q** Do you know about what time these calls with the defendant, or Mr. St. George, had taken place?

- A I do not know the time of the calls, no.
- **Q** And when you were speaking with him, or at least attempting to speak with him, were you on speakerphone or just your regular speaker up to your ear?

A Back then our department-issued phone was a flip phone, and I was just holding it up to my ear.

**Q** And was Sergeant Muller nearby when you were doing this?

A Yeah.

**Q** You said that it appeared at one point that the person on the other end of the line appeared to just set the phone down?

A That's correct.

**Q** Did that call ever end or how did that call end?

A After I had basically talked to myself for a while because there was no response, I hung up the phone.

**Q** Okay. What did you do after that?

A Called again.

**Q** And what happened when you called again?

A There was no answer, and I left another voicemail saying: This is the Lakewood Police. I need to speak with you. Call back at this number, which once again, I gave dispatch's number.

**Q** This third call, was it, more or less, right after you terminated the second call?

A I believe so.

**Q** Did you personally make any further calls or attempts to reach the defendant by phone?

A No, not personally.

1 Okay. At some point did Sergeant Muller make Q 2 attempts? 3 Α Yes. 4 0 Was that done in your presence? 5 Α Yes. I was right next to him. 6 And was that with your phone, or did he use a 0 7 different phone? 8 Α I believe he used his own phone. 9 Did he have a similar flip phone, or did he have 0 10 a different, maybe fancier --11 I would imagine that he used his work phone, 12 which would have been a similar flip phone, but I'm not 13 certain. 14 Could you hear both ends of the call or just his 0 15 half? 16 I could only hear Sergeant Muller. He was 17 speaking, as I was, with the phone to his ear. 18 Was his first call -- how quickly did that occur 0 19 after your second voicemail? 20 I believe after the second voicemail, my third 21 call, I hung up, Sergeant Muller asked for the defendant's 22 phone number, and I gave to it him and he called. 23 And you gave him the same 865 number? Q 24 Α That's correct. 25 0 And hearing his half of the conversation, at

least of his initial call, did it sound like he got voicemail, or did it sound like he was speaking with a person?

A Sounded like he was having a conversation with a person.

**Q** And can you describe, as best as you can recall, what you heard him saying?

A Yeah. He was saying some of the same things I was. He was saying: Can you come outside, come speak with us? This is the Lakewood Police. Please keep your hands up. Don't have anything in your hands.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Objection, hearsay.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, it's not offered for the truth. It's simply offered to show the effects on the listener.

THE COURT: Sustained.

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) Did Sergeant Muller just make one call or did he make more than one?

- A I believe he only made one call.
- **Q** What happened at the end of that call?

A Sergeant Muller spoke to me. He turned the phone away from his face and he said: I need you to air that he's being threatening, and he said: He has something in his hands. And when he says "air," that means over the radio. So he told me that, and I aired

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After you aired that over the radio, did you change your position in relation to his front door? I believe at that time it was approximately the time that we had moved slightly to the west. MR. FREEMAN: And if we could have 3 up, please. (People's Exhibit 3 was published.) (BY MR. FREEMAN) Can you describe for the jury where you went to the west? And when you say "we," did Yeah. Did you want -- would you like me to Yeah, I'd appreciate it, if you don't mind. It was approximately this time that the two of Okay. You're indicating to more of the ---- southwest corner of the building? And why Just for safety considerations. Just to get Okay. Now, you indicated that you aired Sergeant Muller's concerns or directive. Would that have been something that would have gone out to Agent Trimmer

and Sergeant Maines, who were on the other side of the

building?

A Correct.

**Q** And once you got to that roughly southwest corner of the building, what happened next?

A Approximately that time, I believe, is when Sergeant Maines, who was on the other side of the building, had aired that the defendant had come outside his backdoor and racked some sort of gun.

**Q** And what does that mean to you, that somebody racked a gun?

A To me, I mean, if it was a shotgun, it would mean that he would move the action, which is an audible thing you can hear, and it's very distinct. With a handgun, it would be pulling the slide back. And with a rifle it would be somehow using the charging handle.

And basically it's loading -- or simulating loading a live round into the chamber.

**Q** And is that, in your experience, a fairly distinctive sound?

A Yes.

**Q** And is that something that a person will need to do to make a gun ready to fire if it is that type of weapon that needs to be racked?

A Yes.

Q What happened after Sergeant Maines aired that

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A I believe he went back inside -- the defendant went back inside, and then shortly after Sergeant Maines had aired that he was back outside. Sergeant Maines could see him.

There's a -- I believe it's this line right here. There's approximately about a 6-foot tall security fence, a metal fence. Sergeant Maines couldn't see what he had in his hands, but he was airing that he was somewhere in between the building and that fence.

**Q** And just so we're clear, you can't see what's going on on the north side of this building?

A No.

**Q** You're only hearing what Sergeant Maines and possibly Agent Trimmer are describing?

A Yes.

**Q** And do you remain with Sergeant Muller roughly at that southwest corner?

A Yes, somewhere around there.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, this is probably a good time to take a lunch break.

THE COURT: All right. Do you want to resume -- we can stop right now. Ladies and gentlemen, we're going to stop for the lunch hour right now.

Please keep an open mind. Don't talk about the

case in any way. Don't do any research. We'll see you back here around -- let's say ten after one. Ten after one in that area overlooking the atrium on the fifth floor. We'll see you back here then.

(The jury left the courtroom.)

THE COURT: You can step down.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

(The witness was excused.)

THE COURT: Okay. So there were objections with reference to hearsay and request for an offer of proof from the People I didn't permit.

I want to say that I was looking at People v. Eppens, 979 P.2d 14. That's a Colorado Supreme Court case. That Colorado Supreme Court case tells the Court about prior consistent statements and how they can be used. And they can be used for rehabilitation when a witness's credibility has been attacked. And as such, the Court permits prior consistent statements to come in under certain aspects of it.

Eppens gives a pretty good explanation of all of those statements. There also, of course, the Rule 801(d)(1)(B) does talk about prior consistent statements to refute allegations of improper influence or motive. But this was the case that expanded the rule in the case.

Eppens also tells the Court to be cautious to

not permit cumulative prior consistent statements so that that was the grant of the hearsay objections to certain portions of the witness's statement that were not impeached.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, could I just explain where I was going with that line of questioning and why?

THE COURT: Surely.

MR. FREEMAN: So what occurred is, as the Court has heard so far, is that Agent Brennan spoke with Ms. Elliott, and in an attempt to identify the defendant's particular unit, because of their safety concerns, she described a couple of unique features, one being a tent up in the living room, and the other being a large aquarium.

That was communicated by Agent Brennan to

Sergeant Maines. And when Sergeant Maines goes around the
back of the building, at one point he looks in the window
of a unit where the lights are on, and he sees a tent and
he sees a large aquarium, and thereby they're able to
identify the defendant's unit.

And then they see things inside, at one point they see the defendant apparently on the phone, ostensibly with the officers having the conversations that were described. And then shortly after that, the lights go out, and that causes certainly Sergeant Maines and Agent Trimmer not only to have certain concerns but to also sort

of change their approach.

And so I'm trying to link that up. I understand that the hearsay objection was made, but it's not offered for the truth. It is offered to explain the conduct of these listeners and why they take certain steps.

And I think that's extremely important because the defendant spent a lot of time in his opening attacking the conduct of the officers, basically second guessing and attacking their approach to him and why they did and didn't do certain things.

And I think it's important for the Court to understand, and the jury especially to understand, why the officers took certain steps and why they approached it a certain way and what their safety concerns were, because he's attacking everything that they're doing.

THE COURT: Any response?

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, I would offer to the Court that my attack of their conduct is inconsequential to the case in the fact that I'm the one that's on trial here, not the police. And thusly, the way I reacted to their conduct is the only thing of consequence, not what they thought or what they were doing. It only matters what they did, in fact, do, and my reaction to it is the matter at hand.

THE COURT: All right. So as I indicated, the

rulings were made in concert with that Supreme Court case. It is appropriate for -- or certainly the district attorney can bring into evidence what the officers did, how they proceeded, et cetera.

The witness had already testified about the singular -- well, what were unusual to her factors within the apartment, particularly the tent, and then there was also questioning about the aquarium.

And so how the officers proceed is relevant to the proceeding. So it is relevant. That didn't have anything to do with the Court -- the objection that I heard was not why the Court sustained objections to hearsay and overruled objections to hearsay.

I'll see everyone back here at 1 o'clock.

MR. MENGES: Thank you, Judge.

(A recess was taken.)

THE COURT: Okay. So we have our jurors. Everybody ready for the jury?

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, the People are ready.

MR. ST. GEORGE: As well.

THE COURT: Okay. We'll bring the jury out.

(Pause in the proceedings.)

(The jury entered the courtroom.)

THE COURT: Okay. Everybody can be seated, please. And you can resume your questioning.

1 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. 2 0 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Agent Brennan, before we took 3 a break, I think we were at the point where you had -- you 4 and Sergeant Muller had moved to the -- I think you 5 described the southwest corner of the building? 6 Α Yeah. 7 I want to go back a little bit to the entryway 0 8 leading up to the defendant's door. You've got People's 9 112 in front of you. Do you recognize that as a 10 photograph of that area of the scene and the unit? 11 Α Yes. 12 Does that accurately depict how that looked on Q 13 that night? 14 Α Yes. 15 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, move to introduce 16 People's 112. 17 MR. ST. GEORGE: No objection, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: 112 is admitted. 19 (People's Exhibit 112 was admitted into 20 evidence.) 21 MR. FREEMAN: And may I publish? 22 THE COURT: You may. (People's Exhibit 112 was published.) 23 24 Q (BY MR. FREEMAN) Taking look at the big screen, 25 does that appear to be the same as 112 that's in front of

you?

A Yes.

**Q** And this is that area that you described and you sort of called it a fatal funnel because of the safety concerns that it raised for you?

A Yes.

**Q** Can you see the defendant's door or the door to the suspect's unit in that photograph?

A Yes.

**Q** And where is that door?

A Would you like me to go point it out or just describe?

**Q** If you can just describe it from where you're at, that's fine.

A It's at the end of the hallway on the right-hand side.

**Q** And can you tell from this picture if there's another door to the left to an entrance to another apparent unit?

A Yeah. You can barely see it, but there is a unit directly across the hall there.

**Q** Now, do you recall at the mouth of this hallway, basically where the person that has the camera in this photograph would be standing or maybe directly behind, is there anything there that obstructs the view down into

this hallway?

A No. On the other side there would be -- there's a tree, I believe. But from where we were at, I believe -- I remember making the phone calls, basically, on the outside of this hallway just to the left side.

**Q** Okay. And was this your -- roughly your viewpoint when you did that?

A Yes.

**Q** Okay.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. I think we can have the lights.

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) So let's fast-forward to you and Sergeant Muller are at the southwest corner of the building. You described some radio contact between yourselves and Agents Trimmer and Maines?

A Yes.

**Q** And I think that you clarified before lunch that the things that they were describing either seeing or hearing, you couldn't see or hear from your vantage point?

A That's correct. They were on the other side of the building.

**Q** And did you roughly remain in that position for a period of time while this incident sort of unfolded?

A Yeah. There was some slight movement later on, but it was -- we stayed on the southwest side of the

building throughout the incident the entire time.

**Q** Okay. And I think that you said at one point that Sergeant Maines aired that someone had come out the back door of the unit and racked a gun?

- A That's correct.
- **Q** Did you hear that?
- A No.
- **Q** Did Sergeant Maines describe what kind of gun he thought it was?
  - A Not to my memory.
- **Q** Okay. What was the next thing that they aired after airing that event?

A He had gone back inside a short time later -- or that he'd come back outside, and he was in between the back of the building, which is the north side, and that 6-foot fence that I described earlier.

Sergeant Maines said he couldn't see what he was holding because it was so dark on the back side, but he was basically walking around back there.

- **Q** Did Sergeant Trimmer -- I'm sorry. Did Sergeant Maines and/or Agent Trimmer indicate at some point that they changed position, moved to a different spot?
  - A I do not remember that.
  - **Q** Okay. What was the next event that they aired?
  - A The next thing I remember hearing was Sergeant

Maines radioing to Agent Trimmer saying that the male is coming towards her quickly, he's coming at her very fast, in her direction.

**Q** And what was the next thing that you saw or heard?

A The next thing I heard was six to eight gunshots.

**Q** And where did it sound like the gunshots were coming from?

A To me it sounded like they were coming from what would be the east side of the building.

MR. FREEMAN: And if we could go -- if we could go to Exhibit 3, please.

(People's Exhibit 3 was published.)

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) So Exhibit 3 is back up. You indicated that for a period of time you and Sergeant Muller were on that -- towards that southeast corner of the building?

- A Southwest.
- **Q** Southwest, I'm sorry.

Is that the same approximate location you were when you started hearing gunshots?

- A I believe so.
- **Q** And where did it sound like the gunshots were coming from?

A Sounded like they were coming from the east side of the building.

Q Okay.

A As you can see, there's -- the roadway turns up. There's basically some garage units, some parking. That's where it sounded like it was coming from from my vantage point.

- Q How many gunshots do you think you heard?
- A I heard somewhere between six and eight.
- **Q** How close in succession were they?
- A Very.
- **Q** And --
- A They all seemed to basically overlap.
- **Q** Okay. And I'm guessing you're not looking at a stopwatch, but can you give us your best estimate as the time it took for these six to eight gunshots from beginning to end?
  - A 10 seconds, maybe.
- **Q** Did they sound like they were coming from the same gun or different guns?
- A There was a different noise, but I couldn't -- I couldn't differentiate what type of firearm it was from my vantage point.
- **Q** Okay. Let me ask you about that, just so we're clear. Have you, as part of your training, or just in

1 your personal life, ever been around a shotgun being 2 fired? 3 Since this incident, I am now shotgun and 4 rifle certified. 5 You weren't at the time? 0 6 Α No. 7 Had you been around in the presence of a shotgun 0 8 being fired on the night this occurred? 9 Α Yes. 10 And how many times do you think -- or maybe on 11 how many different occasions had you been in that 12 situation? 13 Probably around a hundred. Α 14 Okay. So were you familiar with the sound of a 0 15 shotgun? 16 Α Yeah. 17 How about a handgun firing, specifically a 0 18 9-millimeter semi-auto like you carry? I'm assuming you 19 had to qualify at the range and things like that. 20 Α Yeah. 21 0 So you're familiar with that sound? 22 Α That's correct. From where you were on the other side of the 23 0 24 building, the distance, were you able to differentiate the

kinds of sounds that you heard?

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A I was not able to basically describe -- I couldn't tell you which particular guns had been fired or at what time, but I can just tell that there were two different sounds. I think it was probably because of the echoing going on between the buildings and my location.

**Q** When the gunshots stopped, what happened next?

A I believe that's when, obviously, it was aired that shots were fired. I believe Sergeant Maines did that, and then he asked if Devin was okay. Devin had responded she was okay but that she didn't know where the defendant had gone after the -- the gunfight.

And then Sergeant Muller and myself had actually moved further west into cover behind a car just for better containment, because we knew that -- based on Devin and Sergeant Maines's positions, we knew that he had gone back behind the building, because they would have seen if he had walked south.

So our kind of thought was that he may be trying to get away and continue westbound. So we went -- do you mind if I go point it out?

**Q** No, please do.

A It will be a little bit easier to explain. So we were somewhere in this area at the time that the -- when the shots were fired. And then when they aired that they didn't know where he went, we had actually gone over

here to approximately this location. There was a car parked, or some sort of vehicle, I don't exactly recall what it was. And we took cover behind that in an attempt to, you know, have cover, be able to see if he leaves this way but, yet, just provide some sort of containment.

Many people were over there. And at this time -- because when they aired that he had come outside and racked his shotgun, and then they aired that shots were fired, more people are coming to respond now. So basically every available police officer that we had was coming.

So when Sergeant Muller and I had moved over here, there was more police officers arriving on the scene. And they were taking -- they had -- I know for a fact that he had come up here, and they were now watching the front door. So we had containment around both sides.

**Q** And you're indicating that officers that were arriving were coming from the south in a northerly direction?

A Yeah. Basically arriving in the same manner that we did.

**Q** Okay. And could you see them, those agents, arriving?

A No. I couldn't from over here. I could hear things being -- yelling, yelling going on here later. I

don't remember being able to see them. I know we were joined by another agent over here later, but I don't think I could see them in this area.

- **Q** And as you were situated at that spot a little bit west of the building, did you ever see anybody come out from behind the building in a westerly direction?
  - A From this way, no.
- **Q** After that initial group of six to eight shots, did you ever hear any more gunshots?
  - A Yes.
  - **Q** And how many more did you hear?
- A There was a single gunshot that sounded -- I would describe it as muffled. It sounded like it was indoors, and it was coming from the general vicinity of his apartment.
- Shortly after that, there was two more that were also muffled gunshots from, presumably, inside the apartment.
- **Q** Approximately how long after the end of those initial six to eight shots was it until you heard the first muffled shot?
  - A I would say approximately a minute.
- **Q** And then how close together were those three muffled gunshots?
  - A There was the one, and then shortly after,

possibly 15 seconds, there was two more.

**Q** And did those sound like they came from the same gun or different guns?

A Yeah, there was a slight difference in tone. They -- actually, I believe they sounded a little bit quieter, but it was coming from the same area, and it sounded muffled just like the first one.

**Q** Okay. And I just want to make it clear, because my question might not have been great. The three muffled shots, did those sound like they came from the same gun or different guns?

A They sounded like the same gun.

**Q** Okay. What happened after the third muffled gunshot?

A I believe after the third muffled gunshot there was plenty of police agents in this area. Our dispatch had received a phone call, a 911 emergency call from somebody saying the they had been shot. And I believe he gave the same address as we were at. So we were pretty sure it was him.

Our sergeant had gone on the air, Sergeant
Maines, got on the air and said if he would like medical
treatment, then he needs to come outside and have nothing
in his hands.

Shortly after that, it wasn't immediately, but

out?

shortly after, I could hear the police agents in this area screaming: Show us your hands. Come outside. Show us your hands. And presumably he had come outside at that time.

From where I was at, I could not see what was going on. I could only hear what they were yelling.

**Q** Did you maintain your position on that west side while that commotion was happening out front?

A That's correct. I stayed there until he was taken into custody outside and the apartment was cleared for other people who may be injured or other people involved in this.

**Q** So were you present when a person came out and was taken into custody?

A I was present in the sense that I was over here.

**Q** But you didn't see him come out and get arrested --

A No.

**Q** -- or anything of that?

Okay. Did you ever see the person that came

A I don't recall seeing him ever.

**Q** Okay. And did you participate in any sort of clearing of the apartment?

A No.

- **Q** Did you ever go in the unit at all?
- A Never went inside.
- **Q** Did you ever walk around the building and help look for evidence or do anything like that?

A Yeah. Later I eventually conducted a canvass, basically, going door to door to residents here and asking them if they heard or saw anything. Basically just trying to talk to more witnesses of the incident.

**Q** And that canvass, that process of looking for witnesses, were you the only officer that was tasked with that?

A No, there was many others. I would say approximately at least four others.

**Q** And do you know if the efforts to find potential witnesses were confined to that building that the defendant's unit was in, or did it include the surrounding buildings?

A It included these buildings and this building, I believe.

**Q** And without telling us what anybody told you, if you did talk to a neighbor, if you knocked on the door and a neighbor answered, did you document whether they heard something or not in the report?

- A Yes.
- **Q** And get their name and their contact number and

things like that?

A Yes.

**Q** Okay. Did you do anything else on the scene to help investigate what happened?

A Not to my memory. I don't believe I did. After the canvass, I was done.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, we're handing the witness Exhibits 105, 106, and 107.

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) Agent Brennan, if you could take a look at those three photographs and tell us if you recognize what is depicted in those.

A These are -- start with 107 is view of the defendant's building from the south side. It appears on the left-hand side is a tree where -- is the tree I was describing earlier at the end of the hallway.

106 appears to be the southeast corner of his building where it sounded like, on the east side, there was -- that's where the shots were coming from.

And I believe 105 would be a picture from the southeast corner facing west.

**Q** And those photographs are obviously taken in the daytime. But other than that, do they accurately depict the way those various areas outside the suspect's unit looked on the night of July 31st?

A Yes.

1 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, move to introduce 105, 106, 2 and 107. 3 MR. ST. GEORGE: My only objection is it would 4 have been dark at night, but other than that, no 5 objection. 6 THE COURT: Okay. So 105, 106, and 107 are 7 admitted. 8 (People's Exhibits 105 through 107 were admitted 9 into evidence.) 10 MR. FREEMAN: And may we publish? 11 THE COURT: You may. 12 MR. FREEMAN: Let's start with 105, please. 13 (People's Exhibit 105 was published.) 14 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Take a look at the screen. 0 15 Does that appear to be the same as 105 that's in front of 16 you? 17 Α Yes. 18 And you said that was roughly the southeast 0 19 corner of the unit? 20 Α Yes. 21 0 And does that accurately depict sort of the 22 driveways and things that are on the south side of that 23 unit? 24 Α Yes. 25 MR. FREEMAN: And if we could go to 106, please.

1 (People's Exhibit 106 was published.) 2 Q (BY MR. FREEMAN) Is that also a picture of the 3 southeast corner looking roughly northward of the unit? 4 Α Yes. 5 And you said that's the area in between the 0 6 buildings where it sounded like the initial six to eight 7 gunshots were occurring? 8 Α Yes. 9 Does this picture, 106, does this depict part of 10 the area that you and Agent Trimmer searched for a bullet 11 casing? 12 Α Yes. 13 And the foliage, the trees and the landscaping 0 14 and things like that, that are depicted in this photo, is 15 that pretty much consistent throughout the buildings and 16 things in that area? 17 I think it's pretty generalized Α 18 landscaping. 19 MR. FREEMAN: Okay. And if we could have 107 20 up, please. 21 (People's Exhibit 107 was published.) 22 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Taking a look at 107, is that Q 23 the front of the unit -- of the south side of that 24 building looking northwards? 25 Α Yes.

**Q** And if you could indicate for the jury where that hallway is that leads up to his front door?

A (Indicated.)

**Q** And you're indicating, for the record, on the far left side of the exhibit, sort of a darkened area next to that last garage door?

A Yes.

**Q** And there appears to be sort of a wide conifer or pine tree there. Is that the tree you were describing?

A Yeah, that's the one I was describing earlier.

**Q** A few more questions.

After the person was taken into custody and sort of the investigation began, was it brought to your attention that Sergeant Trimmer had discharged her weapon, had fired her gun during this event?

A Agent Trimmer? Yes.

**Q** Agent Trimmer, sorry. And because of that, did certain sort of investigative protocols take place, one which is called a CIRT, a Critical Incident Response Team, get involved?

A Yes.

**Q** Were you interviewed pursuant to that process and also in relation to the criminal investigation?

A Yes.

**Q** And did you write a report in this case?

A Yes.

**Q** Okay. And you wrote a report in addition to being interviewed?

A That's correct.

**Q** Okay. I just want to try to go back a little bit on the time line of events just so we're clear.

How long would you estimate between the last of the three muffled shots and the indication from dispatch that somebody was calling 911 asking for medical?

A It would be very difficult for me to remember that, but I would say approximately a minute.

**Q** Okay. So not a long time?

A No.

**Q** And, again, asking you to estimate how long after you got that indication from dispatch that somebody was calling asking for medical was it until you heard agents yelling out front something to the effect of, put up your hands or show us your hands?

A Once again, it would be a guess, but I would say another minute.

**Q** Okay. So, again, not a long time.

We talked -- I asked you a lot of questions about your attempts to contact the suspect, and I think you described those. I'm going have you handed Exhibit 344 and ask if you recognize 344?

defendant's phone. As the defendant's aware, we seized

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his phone. We did a forensic download of it and downloaded basically all of the contents.

Part of that download captured these two voicemails. It was provided to him on a CD. I don't know if he's listened to it or not, but as part of discovery, it was provided quite a while back.

THE COURT: Okay. So 344 is a portion of the download of Mr. St. George's phone.

MR. FREEMAN: That's correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. St. George?

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, this is absolutely discoverable evidence, and I have never been provided with an audio recording of these voicemail -- these voicemails.

It's not included here on the exhibit list.

I've never heard these voicemails. I don't know the content of these voicemails. I was not privy to the -- I never heard these voicemails the night that they were purportedly left, so I can't image how they're relevant, and it's a discovery violation.

MR. FREEMAN: It's not a discovery violation because we gave them to the defendant. He just hasn't listened them.

THE COURT: Could we -- could we check and see how that was produced, et cetera? Do we have a record of 344, the download of Mr. St. George's phone?

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, it was on a Blu-ray disc that was provided to the defendant. It's People's 321. I mean, I think we'll have to -- we'll have to look up in our action system to see when it was discovered.

THE COURT: That would be great.

MR. ST. GEORGE: And, Your Honor, I'll give you help here and shortcut this whole adventure.

If you recall, the Blu-ray disc was not something that I was capable of accessing, and I specifically indicated that through a motion.

The district attorney was obliged to give these -- anything that was on that Blu-ray disc to me in a format that I could access.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, you didn't make any such ruling on that. And if he couldn't access it, he needed to immediately reach out to his investigator or his defense attorney.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, bear with me for a moment.

MR. FREEMAN: I'm be happy to play it for him now and play it for the Court so the Court can hear it.

THE COURT: Okay. I'm looking at the case to take a look at this. Does anyone know approximately when this issue was brought before the Court?

MR. ST. GEORGE: Yeah, Your Honor. I'm going

find that motion that I filed that this Court. In the meantime, though, I'm going reassert the fact that these recordings are not relevant, regardless. Because I've never heard them, thusly, they're not relevant.

THE COURT: Okay. I wouldn't base relevance on whether or not somebody heard it or not. I do see a June 29, 2017, letter explaining a disc received is not compatible with the jail computer. I'm going to take a look at it right now.

And this is a letter to the office of the district attorney with, I think, a copy for the Court.

"Attention, Mr. Freeman: I've had my first opportunity to begin reviewing." And then we have the discussion about the FARO 3D files that we went into at length.

Okay. You say then, "The jail does not provide a computer with Blu-ray capabilities on which the phone records were delivered." And you're telling me then about the jail computers have limited file type capabilities.

So let me see. Okay. So we said, with reference to the digital FARO scans, the Court is asking the DA to pursue this with Ms. Rossi. And then we considered that the defendant needed proprietary permissions to look at the finished product with advisory counsel, Mr. Brew any. He doesn't want Ms. Rossi to be present.

Okay. So then on July 14th there was an in-court hearing where it was believed that conversion and delivery had been completed that week. And then we went on to other issues, medical records.

So that's what I have. Defendant appears in custody with advisory counsel, Damon Brune. Blu-ray phone record disc. People represent and believe conversion and delivery were completed this week. Parties will follow up.

So in this case, was there any further interchange, Mr. St. George, between you and the district attorney's office that perhaps I'm not privy to? Because this was a letter that you wrote. I don't know how I got the original letter about whether or not you received any other format for the phone calls.

I think then we're still going into the other issue with regard to the whether or not we have copyrights, et cetera, and how you're going to view that other material on the computers. Was there further follow-up about this?

MR. ST. GEORGE: If you're asking about the FARO, that was taken care of, yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I'm not asking about the FARO. I'm asking about the disc, which was the initial -- "Defendant appears in custody with advisory counsel." I'm just

reading the minute order from there.

Mr. Brune was there. Blu-ray phone records, disc. The People represent they believe the conversion and delivery were completed this week. The parties will follow up.

MR. ST. GEORGE: So I think, to answer your question, Your Honor, I would not have known to ask regarding audio recordings of voicemails because I didn't know that they were on the Blu-ray because I never had access to the Blu-ray. So, no, I was not -- I was never delivered any CDs -- ROMs that I could access that would have contained these voicemails. That never -- that was never sent over to me. So I can't say about what I didn't get. It would be dispositive.

THE COURT: Okay. We do identify those disks as disks that contained phone records. So my understanding is that there was never any further communication between the parties regarding these phone calls?

MR. ST. GEORGE: So, Your Honor, what I did receive was the PDF, which is the Cellebrite phone -- and that PDF document had the phone records in the sense of a call log which would have shown inbound, outbound. It also contained other contents of the cell phone, but it was in PDF format.

There was no audio.

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THE COURT: Right. Right. And that would be a different thing that we're talking about. Those would be the phone logs.

From the People, was there any subsequent information regarding this? I'm just reading the minute order from July 14th.

Right. And I'm looking at that as MR. FREEMAN: well, Judge. I mean, as I sit here now, I don't have an independent recollection. I know once the defendant made the decision to go pro se, all discovery was given to our investigator, Kim Gallerani, and then she had to hand-deliver it to the jail.

I did ask her to, you know, sort of take a log of what she brought over and when in case something like this came up. So we're trying to get ahold of her.

Also, we've -- as the Court may know, we've gone to a new system, Action. Neither of us are quite as familiar with it as we used to be with the old system in looking up discovery as far as our office kept a pretty strict long of when things were discovered and what was given and things like that.

So I have a vague recollection that we were able to convert the Blu-ray information into a different format. I don't believe I ever heard or we ever heard from the defendant that that was unsuccessful or that he

didn't get it.

And I can tell the Court that we took this audio that's Exhibit 344, the voicemail, off of what was discovered. So it was included in discovery.

I can tell the Court that the original Blu-ray disc was discovered on December 20th of 2016, so quite a while ago.

It sounds to me like the defendant either didn't know how to navigate, because I don't know if the Court is familiar with the information that comes in a phone download. It's sort of a series of phone numbers, and you have to know how to navigate through those for the information you're looking for. It's got text messages in one folder. You click on that, and it's got more sub folders of incoming, outgoing, things like that. Same for phone calls.

And so if you don't know how to navigate through that discovery, you might not find what you're looking for. I'm guessing that's maybe what happened here. But I can tell the Court that the entire phone load -- phone download, including the audio, was discovered to the defendant on December 20th of 2016.

THE COURT: Okay. So, again, Mr. St. George 's letter dated June 25th of 2017, he said he's received discs and he's beginning to review them, and he said:

I've had my first opportunity to begin reviewing them as of June 25, 2017, due to computer failures here in the jail. I will need an application to review the FARO 3D files delivered in -- difficult to read the handwriting right there, but a specific format.

So then he -- then further on: The jail does not provide a computer with Blu-ray capabilities on which the phone records were delivered.

So that's where we are at the initial stage.

And then we talk about the FARO in detail on July 5th.

And then we discuss briefly, along with a number of other issues, medical records, et cetera, on July 14, that there was the thought that conversion and delivery were completed that week regarding that particular disc, Blu-ray phone records disc.

So I think we need to have some information about that to see when and if -- in the meantime, can -- how -- can you play me these messages, so I know what we're talking about?

MR. FREEMAN: Sure, Judge. They're pretty short.

THE COURT: Mr. St. George, you can have a seat while we play these.

(Pause in the proceedings.)

(People's Exhibit 344 was published.)

MR. FREEMAN: That's it.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, I need to know what, if anything, was done about supplying the discs in another format before I can admit, and -- so I'll leave it at that. I need to know whether or not they've been discovered in a readable way for Mr. St. George.

Mr. St. George?

MR. ST. GEORGE: Bear with me one second, I'm sorry.

THE COURT: Because I'm not certain what else is on -- what else is on those discs too.

MR. FREEMAN: On the disc that we just played? THE COURT: No.

MR. FREEMAN: There's nothing else on the disc we just played.

THE COURT: The Blu-ray discs that couldn't be read at the jail.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Before we go any further, we should discuss the consideration of whether these recordings would be relevant anyways, having -- being that there's no way that I would have been -- that I would have heard these.

So Mr. Brennan is reported to have left this voicemail. His first call was at 12:22 and 59 seconds, a.m. His second call to me was at 12:23 and 21 seconds,

a.m. And then his -- I'm sorry. His calls are at 12:17.

THE COURT: Hold on. So -- okay. Because I had 12:22:59, 12:23:21. So...

MR. ST. GEORGE: And I apologize, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. So just tell me the times.

MR. ST. GEORGE: I'll give you just in minutes. We'll round them off.

THE COURT: No, give me the seconds.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Okay. So his first call is placed to me at 12:17 and 50 seconds. His second call is placed to me at 12:20 and 27 seconds. That call has a duration of 2 minutes and 32 seconds. He calls me a third time at 12:23 and 21 seconds.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. ST. GEORGE: And then Nathan Muller, he calls me at 12:24 and 45 seconds, with a call duration of 5 minutes and 5 seconds. Nathan Muller calls me a second time at 12:30 and 27 seconds. That call is missed.

Then Nathan Muller calls me for the -- this would be the sixth total phone call, Nathan's third phone call -- or, rather, Mr. Muller's third phone call, 12:32 and 17 seconds. That call has a duration of 5 minutes and 54 seconds.

And my argument being, there's no time interspersed within those calls wherein I could have

listened to any voicemail. I'm shot at 12:44 and 13 seconds.

So there's never any period of time wherein I could have heard a voicemail. Thusly, these voicemails, if left on my phone, would be irrelevant.

THE COURT: Response to relevancy.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, I think everything that the defendant said, number one, is not before the jury yet, and even if he were to testify that, there's still time to listen to a voicemail. And that's not the only relevance of the calls. It's also to document that, A, the officers made the attempt. They put him on notice that they were outside.

They continued calling. And whether he chose to answer their calls or not, the clear indication is that they want to talk to him. They're not going to go away.

And it's only after the sixth call that he decides to arm himself with two guns and go outside and confront them.

So it's extremely relevant to corroborate the officers and their testimony of all the attempts they made to call him. And, again, this goes back to his attack on the officers and everything that they did and saying why this is their fault and he's the victim in his opening statement.

And this goes to show all the reasonable efforts

that they made to avoid what happened that night. And I can tell the Court, in looking at the report that was filed by one of our investigators, Debra Farnum, that she delivered to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Detention Facility 11 CDs and one thumb drive to Mr. St. George.

Six of the CDs were the phone download from his phone that were the converted Blu-ray CDs. They were delivered to him on July 7, I think it is. They're slashes. It's not July 17, it's July 7 of 2017.

So I have documentation that he was given this discovery back on July 7.

THE COURT: Anything further, Mr. St. George?

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, I -- I'll actually allow the jury to hear these voice messages and let you bring them in under the caveat that the jury -- that it's understood that these are unheard -- these voicemails were not heard by me on that night or ever.

THE COURT: Mr. St. George, I have no idea if you heard these voicemails, so -- and neither does the jury. The information that has been supplied to the Court -- and I certainly don't have testimony or evidence on all of these -- is that we have information that some messages were left and one conversation, and it indicated to your phone with you, was had. And so that's what we

have in this case. No one can tell us, as far as the witnesses we've had before, who listened to what.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Well, Your Honor, we do have the Cellebrite report here. I'm sure that we could investigate it quite quickly and determine whether or not it was a listened-to voicemail, or does my phone -- the download indicate that there's unheard voicemails.

THE COURT: Then that would be something that you would want to present to the jury. But at this point in time, they don't have that information.

So if you have no objection to their admission, then I will admit them. But I can't admit them and tell them that they were unheard because there's no such evidence before the jury.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Will you give me a minute and let my investigator pull the report right quickly?

THE COURT: Mr. St. George, this information is not before the jury.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Okay.

THE COURT: Right now I have to go with what's before the jury. What's before the jury is that certain messages were left. And also if I look back through my notes, one phone conversation was had. And so that's what they have. Whether or not you listened to messages is not before the jury right now.

1 MR. ST. GEORGE: Okay. 2 THE COURT: So you either have an objection to 3 their admission or you don't have an objection. You 4 certainly can provide whatever you want as you litigate 5 the case in the way you want to litigate it. 6 MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, I'll rescind my 7 objection. You may let them come in. 8 THE COURT: Okay. So there's no objection. And 9 so these are the two phone calls, my understanding, two 10 messages. So there's no objection to any message, is that 11 my understanding, so we don't have to excuse the jury 12 again? Because we talked about six calls. 13 MR. FREEMAN: No, there's just two. Two that 14 were voicemails. 15 THE COURT: Okay. So two voicemails. All 16 right. Let's bring the jury in. 17 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, can I -- before we do that, 18 can I take a real quick restroom break? 19 THE COURT: Yes. Let's take a couple minutes. 20 Everybody take a couple minutes. 21 (A recess was taken.) 22 THE COURT: Okay. Are we ready to go? 23 MR. FREEMAN: The People are ready. 24 MR. ST. GEORGE: I'm ready, Your Honor. I 25 apologize.

1 THE COURT: Okay. 2 (The jury entered the courtroom.) 3 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Be seated, 4 everyone. 5 MR. FREEMAN: May I resume, Your Honor? 6 THE COURT: You may. 7 (BY MR. FREEMAN) Agent Brennan, just before the 0 8 break, I think we were talking about Exhibit 344 in front 9 Do you recognize Exhibit 344? of you. 10 Α Yes. 11 And do you recognize that exhibit to contain the 0 12 recordings of the two voicemails you left for the suspect 13 back on the night of July 31st of 2016? 14 Α Yes. 15 Have you had a chance to listen to the two Q 16 recordings on that CD? 17 Α Yes. 18 And do you recognize those as complete and 0 19 accurate recordings of the voicemail -- voicemail that you 20 left that evening? 21 Α Yes. 22 And how is it that you are able to recognize Q 23 that CD as one that you've listened to? 24 Α I signed it with my name. 25 0 And do you recall when you did that?

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2	Q	Today?
3		MR. FREEMAN: Judge, at this time I would ask to
4	introduce	344.
5		THE COURT: 344 is admitted.
6		(People's Exhibit 344 was admitted into
7	evidence.	)
8		MR. FREEMAN: And may we publish it?
9		THE COURT: Yes.
10		(People's Exhibit 344 was published.)
11	Q	(BY MR. FREEMAN) Do you recognize both of those
12	calls as I	being recordings of your voice?
13	Α	Yes.
14	Q	And that number you gave, is that the Lakewood
15	non-emerg	ency dispatch number?
16	Α	That's correct.
17	Q	As you sit here now, do you have any way of
18	knowing w	hether or not the person in possession of that
19	phone tha	t you left those messages on ever listened to
20	those mes	sages?
21	Α	No.
22	Q	All right.
23		MR. FREEMAN: Thank you. I don't have anything
24	else.	
25		THE COURT: Cross-Avamination?

1 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. ST. GEORGE: 2 3 Agent Brennan, can we quickly do some cleanup on Q the time line and discuss the times of those telephone 4 5 calls that you made? I don't know what you mean by "cleanup." 6 7 We're just going to talk about what time those 0 8 telephone calls that you made were made to me. 9 Α Yes. 10 Okay. And that first call that you made was at 0 11 12:17 a.m., does that sound right to you? 12 I don't know the exact time of the calls. I did Α 13 not have that in my report. So unless I see a 14 documentation with what time I called, I wouldn't know. 15 Okay. But it sounds probably right, 12:17? Q 16 Α I really don't know. 17 0 Okay. And then you said -- you did say, 18 however, that your second phone call occurred immediately 19 thereafter or shortly thereafter? 20 Α Shortly. Shortly sometime thereafter. 21 0 And the same for your third then, right? 22 Α I believe so. 23 You made, one, two, three phone calls? 0 24 first phone call went to voicemail. That was one of these 25 recordings that we just heard?

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                That's correct. The first one, I believe.
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                The second phone call, I did pick up, you said?
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      during that call were, "What?"
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      then "no."
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                MR. FREEMAN: It's an S.
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                THE REPORTER: No. I'm sorry. You need to use
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      letters.
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                MR. ST. GEORGE: I'm sorry?
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                THE REPORTER: You need to use letters.
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                THE COURT: It's Defendant's S.
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                MR. ST. GEORGE: I'm sorry. It's Defendant's S.
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1	THE COURT: Defendant's S.
2	<b>Q</b> (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) And, Agent Brennan, does
3	that look familiar to you now?
4	A Just give me a moment to look at it real quick.
5	<b>Q</b> Sure.
6	(Pause in the proceedings.)
7	A Yes, this looks familiar.
8	<b>Q</b> (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Okay, good. And that's
9	your signature on that, right?
10	A That's correct.
11	<b>Q</b> Excellent. I see
12	MR. ST. GEORGE: Actually, Your Honor, can we
13	publish, and put this up on the TV for everyone to see?
14	MR. FREEMAN: It hasn't been admitted yet.
15	THE COURT: We would need to admit it, and then
16	do you have it so that it can be?
17	MR. ST. GEORGE: Yes, we do have it. I
18	apologize for skipping that step. So could we please
19	admit Defendant's S.
20	MR. FREEMAN: If I could voir dire on it, Judge.
21	THE COURT: Surely.
22	VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION
23	BY MR. FREEMAN:
24	<b>Q</b> Agent Brennan, do you recognize Defendant's S as
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                MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, objection.
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1 MR. FREEMAN: All right. Judge, with those 2 clarifications, I don't have an objection to this exhibit. 3 THE COURT: S is admitted. 4 (Defendant's Exhibit S was admitted into 5 evidence.) 6 MR. ST. GEORGE: Thank you, Agent Brennan. 7 CROSS-EXAMINATION (Continued) 8 BY MR. ST. GEORGE: On the illustration, I see that you've drawn a 9 10 series of Xs with some -- oh, first, can we get this up on 11 the board so that everyone can follow along? 12 THE COURT: So you want to publish it? 13 MR. ST. GEORGE: Yes, Your Honor, thank you. 14 THE COURT: And you may publish. 15 (Defendant's Exhibit S was published.) 16 0 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Okay. So now what we're 17 looking at here, Agent Brennan, is a series of Xs that you 18 have labeled with the word "phone"; is that right? 19 There's two Xs with "phone" written underneath, 20 that's correct. 21 0 Okay. And then some lines kind of that go over 22 to another pair of Xs and then another pair of Xs? 23 Α That's correct. 24 Okay. And this illustration is demonstrative of Q 25 where you were standing when you made phone calls; is that

correct?

A So those two Xs show where I made the phone calls. The lines show our movements. And then the next Xs show where we stayed for a little bit. And then the line shows movement again. And the final resting spot on the left-hand side, if you're looking at it, is where we took cover behind the vehicle. That box on the far left-hand side is indicative of the vehicle.

**Q** Okay. And we'll come back to this. I have a couple of other questions first.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, we could probably have the lights back up.

**Q** (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) You said earlier when you came to the scene that you did drive a marked police vehicle?

A Yes.

**Q** And tell us again, where was it that your parked that vehicle?

A It was on the south side of the buildings that were south of where the --

**Q** Perhaps we should put People's 3 back up, or People's -- how about we put People's 4 back up real quick so that way I can have you point that place out for us?

THE COURT: So you're asking the prosecution to put People's 4 up?

1 MR. ST. GEORGE: Yes, Your Honor. 2 (People's Exhibit 4 was published.) 3 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Okay. And if you don't Q 4 mind doing so, would you indicate where you parked those 5 cars again? Or your car, rather? 6 As I said earlier, I parked approximately in 7 this area. 8 Q Okay. Thank you. 9 Α Would you like me to stay up here or go back? 10 0 No, you can take the stand again. 11 Now, that parking space that you parked in, 12 that's not visible from Building 7, is it? 13 Α Not that I recall. 14 Okay. So when placed your call to me and I 0 15 answered, you said I said, "What? What?" and then "No," 16 correct? 17 I said you said "what" two to three times after Α 18 I repeated myself, and then you said "no" after I asked if 19 you understood. 20 0 Okay. And then you said there was a space of 21 time where you felt like the phone had been put down? 22 Α Yes. 23 0 Okay. And there was no -- no sound or anything. 24 That's what gave you the impression it had been set down? 25 Yeah, I -- obviously, I didn't -- I couldn't see Α

that so I don't know if you set the phone down or not, but that's what it seemed like to me, nobody was responding. It was all quiet.

**Q** Okay. And you said that you could not see that I had walked away from the phone?

A No.

**Q** When I walked out the front door and I looked outside --

MR. FREEMAN: Objection, Judge. Assumes facts not in evidence. We have no testimony from anybody that he walked out.

THE COURT: I am thinking, Mr. St. George, that I do not have the information as of yet about when and how you walked out the door.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Okay.

**Q** (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Where you were standing when you were making those phone calls, were you able to see the front door?

A As I said earlier, we could look down the hallway around the corner we were standing on. His door was on the far right side. We could partially see the door.

**Q** And that was the entire time that you were standing there?

A I believe so. Either myself or Sergeant Muller,

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gotten from dispatch, correct?A I have never spoken with Sergeant Fahlsing.Q But you had orders that came from someone to try

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instructions from Sergeant Fahlsing to find evidence to

try to corroborate what you had -- the report that you had

Would a police vehicle have been visible from

Okay. So when you got to the scene, it was your

A That's correct. We -- I had called a supervisor -- as I said earlier, I couldn't remember if it was Sergeant Maines or Sergeant Muller -- to give them an update on what was going on, and they told us to go to the scene to see if we could find anything.

to find some evidence to corroborate the call, correct?

**Q** And you found no bullet casings in the road at that time?

A That's correct.

**Q** You found no damage from bullets to vehicles or other surroundings at that time?

A That's correct.

**Q** You radioed to dispatch. You asked a question, you said: Do we have any calls of shots heard in the

area? Do you recall making that?

A No.

**Q** Do you remember dispatch telling you that there were no calls from the area reporting gunshots?

A Yeah, I believe I said that earlier, that there with are no other calls for shots heard.

**Q** Okay. So the readily available evidence was non-corroborative of the report that you had?

A Well, we only had one side of the story. And as we had talked about earlier, shell casings would not automatically be in the area, given that we didn't know what type of firearm it was, not to mention people can pick them up.

**Q** Okay. So you didn't have any -- you did not consider that the report could perhaps be a false one then?

A That's always something that we consider, but we always do our due diligence to prove that.

**Q** And like any reasonable person, you would attempt to verify a report given over the telephone by a stranger, right?

A Can you rephrase that, please?

**Q** Sure. You would also attempt to verify a report that was given to you by a stranger on the telephone, right?

A I believe every report that we ever take is verified. And it's usually given by a stranger over the phone.

**Q** Okay. The original report, you took that call, that was transferred to you at 10:17 p.m., right?

A I do not know what time I had that call transferred to me, but that time line would make sense.

**Q** Okay. And the first attempt at contacting me was made at 12:17 a.m., correct?

A As I said earlier, I don't have the records indicating that phone call, so I really don't know.

**Q** Bear with me one moment.

A Okay.

(Pause in the proceedings.)

**Q** (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Appreciate you giving me that break.

A That's fine.

**Q** Are you willing to suggest that -- or willing to agree that 10:17 p.m., for when you received her call, being transferred to your phone, and 12:17 a.m., when you made your first attempt to call me, sound reasonably close to the accurate times?

A It could be. But like -- as I stated to you before, I don't know.

**Q** Okay. That being the case, it was, more or

less, two full hours after the call from Ms. Elliott that you first attempted to contact me, right?

A Assuming that that time line is correct, then, ves.

**Q** Okay. And in your opinion, would an ordinary person think that that might be a bit suspicious?

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, objection. Calls for speculation.

THE COURT: Sustained.

**Q** (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) When you call me, your caller ID is blocked, and it comes up "unknown" on people's phones when you call them, right, when you call anyone, on that phone?

A Yes.

**Q** Okay. You say that when I picked up the phone, that I sounded like I was drowsy and intoxicated, right? That was your assessment of --

A Yes.

**Q** Okay. As if perhaps you might have woken me up?

A Yeah, I believe I said that in my CIRT interview.

**Q** You did. And you told me: We know you're inside. We saw you through your windows.

You said that in your CIRT interview as well, correct?

1 We saw the picture of the breezeway. There's a Q 2 large conifer tree in front of that breezeway, right? 3 Α Yes. 4 That would make it difficult to see to the door, 0 5 wouldn't it? 6 Α Yes. 7 0 Okay. And vice versa? Seems reasonable? 8 Α It would make it difficult for someone to see out in the street, is that what you're asking? 9 10 0 And for you to see the door itself. 11 That's correct. But I was not behind the 12 conifer tree, as I just said. I was not standing in the 13 street when I made those phone calls. This illustration 14 is hand-drawn. It's not to scale. 15 Q Okay. Bear with me one moment. 16 (Pause in the proceedings.) 17 THE COURT: Redirect? 18 MR. ST. GEORGE: No. Your Honor. Just bear with 19 me one second. I'm consulting counsel. 20 THE COURT: Okay. I understand. 21 MR. ST. GEORGE: No more questions for now, Your 22 Honor. 23 THE COURT: Redirect? 24 111 25 ///

## REDIRECT EXAMINATION

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0 Just a few more questions, excuse me, Agent

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Just so we're clear, I want to clarify some of those questions about where you were standing and your observations -- well, both you were making the calls attempting to contact the suspect and Sergeant Muller was doing that. I think you described being just around the corner from this hallway leading up to the suspect's front door?

- That's correct. Α
- 0 Were you able to see the front door?

Yeah. As I said earlier, as we're peeking Α around the corner down the hallway, because it is so important to know if somebody is going to come out or not. So as -- I believe as I'm making the phone calls, Sergeant Muller is watching the door. As he's making the phone calls, I had eyes on the door the entire time. So we were right around the corner. We were not standing in the street behind the conifer tree.

Q In the time that you were watching the front door, did you ever see it open?

- Α No.
- Did you ever hear it open? 0

A No.

**Q** In the time that you were on the phone and Sergeant Muller was watching the door, did he ever indicate to you that he had seen it open or heard it open?

A No.

**Q** And defendant asked you if you ever shouted from that position at the end of the hallway, if you ever shouted towards his front door that you were out there. Why didn't you do that?

A It's basically more of the same. I mean, we want to try to control the situation. We want to try to allow somebody to come out to us. We never want to go and force entry into a place that we don't know what's on the other side.

Not saying that we would in that situation, but it's always easier to make a telephone contact where we don't necessarily know exactly where you are. You can say: Can you come outside? Have nothing in your hands.

Sometimes we'll even say: Open the door. Come out with your hands first.

Because hands are what hold weapons. So we know, if somebody is walking out like this (indicated), they have nothing in their hands, and then that would be when we make verbal contact and say: Okay. Now walk towards us. We would go from there.

But it's important, when we have somebody coming out of a building, that they don't exactly know where everybody's at.

**Q** Is that especially important in an investigation of a call involving discharge of a firearm?

A Yes.

**Q** And last topic, if we could have the Defendant's Exhibit back up. And I'm sorry, what number was that?

MR. MENGES: S.

MR. FREEMAN: S, letter S. If we could have that back up.

(Defendant's Exhibit S was published.)

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) It might be a little bit hard to see. Do you have a copy of it in front of you?

A I do.

**Q** Okay. Towards the top, it looks like there's a line that goes up a little bit and then makes a hard right turn, sort of on the top of the diagram, and it says "suspect"?

MR. ST. GEORGE: Beyond the scope, Your Honor, if we could discuss this.

MR. FREEMAN: Judge, he introduced it.

THE COURT: We introduced the document, so it can be questioned on. I'll overrule.

**Q** (BY MR. FREEMAN) A line that goes up a little

bit and then to the right with an arrow a that says "suspect"?

- A Yes.
- **Q** And what was that meant to indicate?
- A That was meant to indicate the defendant's movement prior to the shooting.
- **Q** And I think you already testified you never saw him come out of that part of the unit?
  - A That's correct.
- **Q** So is that information that you were aware of because another --
- A Just based on everything that happened, where I heard the shots happening, where his back door was, and based on Sergeant Maines yelling that he was coming at Devon Trimmer fast, that's how I put that together.
- **Q** Okay. And then right almost in the middle of the diagram, it looks like there's maybe some parking stalls and then it says "escort." What was that meant to indicate?
  - A So those -- can I go point it out?
  - **Q** Sure. If it will help, yeah.
- A So earlier, when we introduced the aerial photographs of the handicap parking spots, that's what these -- these are the same parking spots. And this illustration is just based on what Emily had told me.

She told me that when she was approximately a quarter of the way to the car -- or when the defendant was a quarter of the way to the car, that he fired a shot in air. So that's what this X represents. So shot up here.

She told me she was parked somewhere around that handicap spot. She said when the defendant was three-quarters of the way to the vehicle, he had leveled a shot towards her. And so shot in the air, leveled shot, approximately a quarter of the way to the car, approximately three-quarters of the way to the car, and "escort" was Ms. Emily.

**Q** And her description to that -- of those events to you was over the phone?

A Yeah. She never -- she did not return to speak with me.

**Q** Okay.

MR. FREEMAN: All right. Thank you, that's all I have.

THE COURT: Did you want to use this also?

MR. ST. GEORGE: Yeah, you can leave that up,
thank you. But you don't need to dim the lights.

THE COURT: I'll leave the lights.

MR. ST. GEORGE: That's fine.

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## **RECROSS-EXAMINATION**

BY MR. ST. GEORGE:

**Q** Just one more question. So Ms. Elliott, when she talked to you, she gave you the impression that that is where those alleged shots occurred, right?

A Yeah. She had told me where she was parked, and that she was unable to communicate distances away from her vehicle. So she initially told me a shot was fired a quarter of the way from the vehicle and three-quarters of way to the vehicle.

When I asked for clarification later on another phone call, she told me, basically at a walking pace, five seconds from her car and three seconds from her car with a brisk walk.

**Q** I remember reading that as well. And that was the area that you searched for shell casings, right?

A That he was the area that we looked for shell casings, yes.

**Q** And you didn't find any?

A We did not find any.

 $\mbox{MR.}$  ST. GEORGE: No more questions.

THE COURT: Does anyone on the jury have a question for this witness?

(No verbal response.)

THE COURT: I'm going to have to excuse the jury

1 for just a moment. 2 (The jury left the courtroom.) 3 JURY QUESTIONS 4 (The witness was excused.) 5 THE COURT: Okay. So here's the question: 6 it Lakewood's policy or procedure -- Lakewood PD's policy 7 or procedure to approach a possibly dangerous situation 8 with no lights or sirens, and then -- as well as parking 9 out of sight of location? In other words, is this 10 something that is simply taught and followed by the 11 department, or is there written policies? 12 MR. FREEMAN: I don't have an objection. 13 MR. ST. GEORGE: Nor do I. No objection, Your 14 Honor. 15 THE COURT: Okay. 16 (Pause in the proceedings.) 17 (The jury entered the courtroom.) 18 THE COURT: Everybody be seated, please. Agent, 19 I have a question for you from the jury. 20 Is it Lakewood Police Department's policy or 21 procedure to approach a possibly dangerous situation with 22 no lights or sirens, as well as parking out of sight of 23 the location? 24 And there's a clarification here: In other 25 words, is this something that is simply taught and

followed by the department, or is there or are there written policies?

THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of any written policies that say that we must park a certain distance away. It's just simply taught in the academy. It's not only Lakewood but every police agency that attends our academy. Somewhere between 10 and 15 of West Metro, west side of Denver, police agencies. And that's something that's thought nationwide.

Anytime we respond to a call, with never park in front of it. There's a chance, if somebody's confused or gets lost, that, yeah, they drive by the house. But it's standard operating procedure to park down the street and not have lights and sirens on to give away positions.

Obviously in some high-stress situations if you're responding to something absolutely outlandish, like an active shooter, they may forget to turn off their lights and sirens as they're pulling in.

But in terms of a call like this, it's standard procedure for us to park away where the suspect does not see us and then to approach quietly for the same reasons.

THE COURT: As a result of the jury's questions, do either side have follow-up questions?

MR. FREEMAN: Not for the People, Judge.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Nor myself. Thank you, Your

1 Honor. 2 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down. 3 (The witness was excused.) 4 THE COURT: You may call your next witness. 5 MS. DECKER: The People call Sergeant Nathan 6 Muller. 7 SERGEANT NATHAN MULLER, 8 having been called as a witness on behalf of the People, 9 being first duly sworn, testified as follows: 10 DIRECT EXAMINATION 11 BY MS. DECKER: 12 Q Good afternoon. 13 Good afternoon. Α 14 Will you please state your full name for our 0 15 court reporter and introduce yourself to the jury? 16 Α My name is Nathan Muller, M-u-l-l-e-r. 17 Sergeant Muller, what do you do for a living? Q 18 Α I'm a police sergeant in the City of Lakewood. 19 Q And what does that mean to be a police sergeant? 20 I have a group of agents that I supervise. And 21 our city is cut up between north and south, 6th Avenue 22 being the border. So south of 6th Avenue. 23 0 And what do you do to supervise these agents? 24 I go on various calls of theirs, approve Α 25 reports, answer phone calls, and just make sure that what

they're doing is legal and within our policy and procedures, making sure that they're safe.

**Q** For how long have you been working in law enforcement?

A March '99 is when I've got hired. So coming up on, gosh, 19 years.

**Q** And for how long have you been working in the capacity as a sergeant?

A Since 2013.

**Q** And can you describe for the jury generally your training and experience both as a sergeant and working in law enforcement?

A Sure. There was a police academy that I attended, and then after that I got my experience on the streets. Going back from my academy days on the things that we were taught, basic law, officer safety, handgun, those sorts of things.

As a sergeant it's leadership classes, incident command. There's a varied degree of incident command classes that I took. And then I also assist with the officer safety portion of the academy and vehicle stops.

**Q** You said the term "incident command." Can you explain what that is?

A Absolutely. It's command and control of any incident. And an incident doesn't have to be a mass

casualty incident. It can be a small incident, as a DV.

Just managing agents, putting agents where they need to be and running that.

- **Q** You mentioned another term that the jury might not be familiar with. DV, what's that mean?
  - A Domestic violence.
- **Q** You also talked about training and experience in officer safety. Can you explain that a little bit more?
- A Absolutely. I'm part of the officer safety team. I'm not one of the main instructors, but I do assist with the classes. I do help instruct. And then the vehicle stops class, in regards to officer safety, I do teach that.
- **Q** I'm going to draw your attention to July 31st of 2016. How were you working that day or that evening?
  - A As a police sergeant, City of Lakewood.
  - **Q** And were you working a particular shift?
- A Yes. It's called Watch 3, which is 3 p.m. to 1 in the morning.
- **Q** And were you assigned to be supervising a certain number of agents?
  - A Correct.
- **Q** And how many agents were you supervising that evening, roughly?
  - A Specifically assigned seven, but in Lakewood

there's watches that overlap each other. So it could be upward to 15.

So describe for the jury what you were doing when you began your shift on July 31st.

If my memory serves me right, it was just starting off as admin work, paperwork of some sorts. After that, hitting the streets, as we call it. Leaving the station, getting in a patrol car, driving around. Answering different calls for service. Answering, you know, telephone calls and that sort of thing.

- Did you ever get notified of anything at around
  - Yes.
  - And how did you become notified?
  - Via dispatch.
  - And what does that mean?
- The in-car radio that communicates back and forth with our dispatch center.
- So at around 10 p.m. you were in your patrol
  - Yes, ma'am.
  - Do you recall where you were at around 10 p.m?
- I do remember I was near Hampden. Maybe Estes,
  - 0 And when you got this dispatch call, do you call

2 Yes, ma'am. Α 3 What does that mean? 4 Be a varied thing, but it's basically three 5 short beeps that get your attention that something serious 6 is going on in the city. 7 And once you got that alert tone from dispatch, 0 8 what did you learn? 9 That an RP, meaning reporting party, someone who 10 contacted Lakewood Police Department, had stated that she 11 had been shot at by an individual at the Windsor 12 townhomes. 13 What did you do based on that information? 0 14 Based on that information, and listening to --15 the call was about a half-hour old. I did not respond to 16 the initial call, no. 17 What did you do instead of responding? Did you 0 18 stay apprised of what was going on at the Windsor 19 apartment complex? 20 Α Correct. 21 0 And how did you do that? 22 Just listening to the radio. I was not assigned Α 23 to that call. 24 Q Do you know whether someone else -- or other

people were assigned to that call?

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it an alert tone?

- A I do remember, yes.
- **Q** And who were those people?
- A Agent Trimmer, Agent Brennan, and then Sergeant Maines.
- **Q** And how is it that someone gets assigned to respond when you receive this dispatch call?
- A Dispatch or someone volunteers to handle a call. Something of this nature, I don't know exactly. I'm sure they was dispatched to, which means assigned this call.
- **Q** And were you staying apprised once these two or three agents were arriving to that scene of what was going on?
- A To the scene itself? Not particularly, no. I was handling calls throughout my day. But I was listening to the radio.
- **Q** And in listening to that radio, did you become aware of anything that was going on in the complex?
- A I knew that -- that two agents were making contact with the reporting party, or victim, and Jason Maines -- Sergeant Maines had needed some assistance. So I either called him via cell phone or on the radio and asked if I could help.
- **Q** And you received this alert tone at around 10 p.m. Had other officers also heard that same alert tone? Was this on the radio?

1 Yes, it was on the radio. When they do that, it 2 takes up all three radio channels, which means our -- our 3 city is cut up into north, like I said, south, and then 4 into the west. So all of the stations get the alert tone. 5 0 Did you ever respond yourself to that area, that 6 Windsor apartment complex? 7 Α For the initial call? 8 Q At any time that day. 9 Yes. After, yes. Α 10 0 And what I'd like to get at is why and when you 11 responded to that complex. 12 Sergeant Maines, I asked him if he needed some Α 13 assistance, and he said yes. 14 Do you recall after 10 p.m. at around what time 0 15 you spoke with Sergeant Maines to determine that you would 16 also be arriving to that location, roughly? 17 Α Sometime afterwards. 10:30. 18 0 And was the address 8139 West Eastman Place? 19 Α Yes, ma'am. 20 Q And Building 7, Unit 103? 21 Α Yes. 22 And is that in Jefferson County, Colorado? Q 23 Α Yes.

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Lakewood?

Yes, ma'am. State of Colorado.

**Q** Having spoken with Sergeant Maines at about 10:30 to arrive, how long after 10:30 would you say you arrived at that time that complex?

A We met up at the northwest corner of Eastman and Wadsworth, and he was on the telephone making some arrangement with the agents there, getting background information from his people, contacting the major crimes team on-call detective. So I would have to guess 15 minutes or so.

**Q** And when you say, "We met up," are you talking about you and Sergeant Maines meeting up?

A Yes. Car to car.

MS. DECKER: And if we could project that image, that expanded out. I believe it's People's 2.

(People's Exhibit 2 was published.)

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) If you would just see if you recognize in People's 2 -- or 1, where you and Sergeant Maines met up.

(People's Exhibit 1 was published.)

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) And if you need to step down, you can step down to get a better view of it.

A Sure.

THE COURT: There's also a pointer there.

THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am. Thank you. So this being Wadsworth running north to south, with this being

255 or Hampden Avenue. This area here, this intersection is Eastman. So somewhere in this general vicinity.

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) And for the record, the witness is pointing above the exhibit sticker, towards the top portion of the photo.

Thank you. And you can have your seat.

A Thank you.

**Q** So this is now around 10:45 in the evening when you and Sergeant Maines meet up in this location?

A Approximately, sure.

**Q** And you described to the jury that you're parked nose to nose; is that right?

A Car to car, which means both driver's sides are next to each other.

**Q** And describe for the jury what you and Sergeant Maines were doing at this point.

A Sergeant Maines was talking to Agent Trimmer and Brennan about the case and the information they had learned during their investigation. He had received a name of a possible suspect, and researching that through his computer, and then after that he had made the decision to call the on-call major crimes detective at that time to get some input.

**Q** And was the name of that suspect Eric St. George?

- A Correct.
- **Q** So once you and Sergeant Maines had this discussion and he was talking with those on scene at the time, what did you and Sergeant Maines do from that location that you just pointed out?
- A From that location we drove over to the target location, the Windsor apartments.
- **Q** And once you arrived at the Windsor apartments, did you have to drive any special way into the apartment complex?
- A It seemed very confusing to get in there, so we looped around. Just seemed like a, you know, curving road, and we parked just south of the target location.
- **Q** And when you arrived to that location, were you and Sergeant Maines in separate patrol cars?
  - A Yes, ma'am.
- **Q** Did you drive up -- was it still a little bit after 10:45, would you say?
  - A It could be, yes.
  - **Q** Did you drive up with lights and sirens?
  - A Absolutely not.
- **Q** You said "absolutely not." Can you explain for the jury why you absolutely didn't drive up lights and sirens?
  - A The original call was a gun call. And with my

training and experience, knowing that a possible gun is involved in some type of call, we're using surprise to our advantage. We don't want to give away our positions.

We don't know what's going on. We have no idea if someone is outside, waiting for us in the apartment, nothing. So being stealthy is really a key to our approach.

**Q** Once you arrived to the Windsor apartment complex, you mentioned you parked to the south of the suspect's address?

A Correct.

MS. DECKER: If we could project Exhibit 3. (People's Exhibit 3 was published.)

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) If it's depicted on this picture, can you point out where you parked or if it's farther south?

A It's farther south.

MS. DECKER: If we could project Exhibit 4.

(People's Exhibit 4 was published.)

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) And if you need to step down to point out where you parked and if you saw where Sergeant Maines parked?

THE WITNESS: Permission to step down?

THE COURT: Yes.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

- A And where is the target location on the map now?
- **Q** (BY MS. DECKER) And if you look to the top rightof the -- top right.
  - A Okay.
  - **Q** The second building.
  - **A** That one there?
  - **Q** Yes. Did you park in relation to there?
- A So there's a little parking area right here, which is south of whatever building number this.
- **Q** So are you pointing to a building directly south but on the right-hand side of the suspect building?
  - A Correct.
- **Q** Okay. Thank you. And is that where Sergeant Maines also parked?
  - A Correct.
  - **Q** You can probably remain standing there.
- Once you and Sergeant Maines parked to that building to the south of the suspect's location, what did you do once you arrived there?
- A Hindsight being 20/20, we walked directly up this road. Not knowing that the suspect's location was here, we walked up this road. And then there was a -- call it a white truck, where we met the other two agents.
- **Q** You mentioned hindsight being 20/20. Why would you say that that was a bad thing to do?

A Well, and we call it a fatal funnel. Basically, we're downwind or downstream of the target location. And not knowing anything what's going on, they have a clear line of sight to us walking straight up towards the building.

**Q** Is it fair to say that there were several fatal funnels not only in between these two buildings but also the breezeway of the defendant's apartment itself?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q So once you arrived --

MS. DECKER: Let's project to People's Exhibit 3.

(People's Exhibit 3 was published.)

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) Now, looking at the suspect's building, once you and Sergeant Maines arrived essentially to the front of that building and yet not knowing it, did you mention that you then walked our left or to the west?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** And point out for the jury where you went.

A Came up this little street, I don't know if it's marked or named, and walked to the left or to the west and met up right about here. I believe we called it the white truck. There was a white car that was parked there, couldn't tell you what side of the road, but that's where we met up with the other two agents.

- **Q** And that being Agents Brennan and Trimmer?
- A Yes, ma'am.
- **Q** Once the four of you were on the southwest side of the suspect's building, what did you do from there?

A We just talked about the game plan that we had was to have containment on the residence, to make a telephone call in, see if someone would come out.

And then Sergeant Maines had learned -- I don't know if we had spoken about it at the corner of Eastman and Wadsworth, but there was information that there was a fish tank inside the residence, that the victim had told him that there was a fish tank inside. So his idea and thought was to go back -- back of the residence here and get some information.

**Q** So at that point, after the four of you had decided to contain the residence and Sergeant Maines decided to get information on the fish tank being inside, did he go gather that information?

A Yes. Last time I saw him, he swooped behind the corner of this building and relayed information and came back and said that this was the correct location, it was the fish tank.

**Q** So while Sergeant Maines walked to the back of the building, were you and the other two still on the southwest side of this building?

A Correct.

**Q** You also mentioned that you -- the game plan was to have containment on the residence. Can you explain for the jury what that term means, to have containment on the residence?

A Correct. If you're going to do containment on the side of a building, there's a lot of things to think about, some considerations.

You have the south, the north, and the east.

With this unit, we only had containment which was the north and south. Basically what we're trying to do is surround it to get an eye on both locations to see what's going on if someone comes out, someone goes in, but we're supposed to have containment and keep anybody from leaving.

**Q** And you mentioned to keep anyone from leaving. Was it in any way for officer safety concerns?

A Yes.

**Q** And can you explain why containing on all sides would be for officer safety as well?

A Something like this, a call with a gun, I really don't know the great details about it, Sergeant Maines did. But I knew that a weapon was used earlier, or alleged to be used earlier.

We want to keep eyes on the building or on the

unit to make sure that someone doesn't come out, come around and ambush you us, or that an innocent bystander is walking their dog or doing whatever, doesn't try to go to the apartment in and out.

Or if the individual has party guests or other people in there, trying to keep them out, maybe interviewing them at a later date -- or a later time. I apologize.

**Q** And it seems that as you and Sergeant Maines had walked through this roadway and fatal funnel, as you called it, you were not familiar with this building?

A No.

**Q** Were you familiar with the layout of these apartments and whether they had two stories or anything like that?

A No.

**Q** Or where the garage was located on the front or book?

A No.

**Q** Once Sergeant Maines returned to you, how much time had elapsed by the time he had gone back to confirm he had eyes on what he believed to be the suspect's apartment?

A Maybe five minutes. It was short.

Q And once Sergeant Maines returned to the three

of you on the southwest corner of this building, what did you four do from there?

A We decided it would be best, to have containment, to have Sergeant Maines and Agent Trimmer go onto the back side of the house -- or apartment. Myself and Agent Brennan would take the front.

- **Q** So once you made that decision, what did you do?
- A We split up and moved.
- **Q** Where did you go?

A I went to the front of the house with the breezeway area with Agent Brennan.

**Q** And would you just point out for the jury where you went?

A (Indicated). The white truck is approximately in this area. I do remember a large tree of some sort right here. So this would be the breezeway.

**Q** And you pointed to the center area in between those two trees indicating that that was the breezeway?

A Yes.

**Q** Were you standing behind those two trees in some way or behind just the breezeway itself in between the trees?

A If you can think about this being a hallway and this area here right in the front being a concrete step-type deal, we were -- positioned ourselves by the

wall on the concrete between the shrubbery.

**Q** And describe for the jury why you positioned yourself there.

A Like I said before, it was a gun call. I don't know the particulars of the case. I just know there was an alleged firearm and there were shots being fired.

Something of that nature, I'm not just going walk up to the door. I'm not going the walk down the hallway. There's nowhere for me to get concealment or cover on that. So I want to find myself somewhere where I can make myself small, get concealment and/or cover, and try to make communication from there.

- **Q** So describe for the jury what you were concealing behind.
  - A A brick wall, best way to describe it.
- **Q** Was it essentially the angle of the wall that came out of that breezeway?
  - A Correct.
  - **Q** And was Agent Brennan there with you?
  - A Correct.
- **Q** How close in proximity were you and Agent Brennan to one another?
  - A Two to three feet.
- **Q** And at this time were you wearing a police radio?

A Correct.

**Q** And did you have your earpiece in?

A Yes.

**Q** Were you in radio contact with those behind the building, Agents Trimmer and Sergeant Brennan -- I'm sorry, Sergeant Maines?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** And at this point, had you learned where they were going and where they had arrived?

A I knew they were in the back of the target location, which was to the east of the breezeway. But in their exact locations in the back, I did not know where they were. But they could -- I'm sorry. But they could see -- the fish tank was the reference point.

**Q** And so that's what they aired that they could know see?

A That's an assumption, knowing Sergeant Maines as I do, that he knew that that was the target location. It would be somewhere within that area.

**Q** So once you and Agent Brennan were standing behind this wall, did you have a visual of what you believed to be the defendant's apartment?

A Yes.

**Q** And describe for the jury how you maintained that visual wall also remaining concealed.

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A It's unfortunate that you do have to stick your head out and take a peek around to see the doorways. So if this is a wall, you just kind of canter your body to take a quick peek.

**Q** So when you and Sergeant Brennan were standing there, did you do anything to try and make contact with the defendant?

A I did, yes.

**Q** Describe for the jury -- did Agent Brennan also try and make contact with the defendant?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** Did Agent Brennan place any phone calls that you were able to hear --

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** -- to the defendant?

And you can probably take a seat at this point, and then you may have you step down again.

A (The witness complied.)

**Q** Did you hear Agent Brennan leave voicemails on what was the defendant's purported cell phone number?

A Correct.

**Q** And how many calls did you hear him make?

A I heard him make a total of two.

**Q** Did you hear him identify himself as Lakewood Police?

- A Correct.
- **Q** And did he say anything to you after that second call was made that affected what you did?
- A He left a voicemail message with the dispatch number.
- **Q** And did you have any indication that the suspect was going to come out of the home?
  - A No, he was not.
- **Q** Was Agent Brennan successful in making contact with the defendant to get him to come out?
- A He made verbal contact one time, and, no, it was not successful.
- **Q** So to be clear, you heard two voicemails and one verbal contact?
- A I heard one verbal and one voicemail. That's what I recall.
- **Q** Once he finished those -- the voicemail, phone contact and voicemail, did you in any way attempt to contact Eric St. George?
  - A Yes, ma'am.
  - **Q** And describe for the jury how you did that.
- A Eric Brennan, Agent Brennan had provided me with a telephone number, and I used my department-issued phone and made a telephone call.
  - **Q** And why did you decide, after Agent Brennan had

placed three calls, that you would try as well? 1 2 It's been my experience maybe a different voice, 3 a different person can try to get a better result. that's why I called. 4 5 And was that at 865-280-3742? 0 6 Α That number sounds correct. 7 0 How many times did you call? 8 Α Recollection of my phone saying three times. 9 Q And do you recall those specific times? 10 Α I do. 11 0 And what were those specific times? 12 24 minutes after midnight, 30 minutes after Α 13 midnight, 34 minutes after midnight. 14 0 Could it have been 32 minutes after midnight? 15 Α It could have been. 16 0 And were you able, after this incident, to look 17 at your phone to verify those exact times? 18 Α Well after, correct. 19 Q And did you speak with him each of those times? 20 Α I did. 21 0 And to be clear, this is now after midnight, 22 meaning it's August 1st of 2016 at this point? 23 Α Yes, ma'am. 24 When you made contact with the defendant the Q 25 first time on the phone, can you describe for the jury

what you said to introduce yourself?

A I said: I'm Sergeant Nathan Muller with the Lakewood Police Department. And the response was: Hello -- or, I'm sorry, response was -- when it rang, he picked up and said hello, and I said: This is Sergeant Nathan Muller with the Lakewood Police Department. I apologize.

**Q** And did he say anything in response or did you continue?

A I continued.

**Q** And what did you say next?

A I said: We are here to talk about an incident involving a female that may or may not have happened out in the parking lot.

**Q** And how did he respond?

A In disbelief. Not -- saying nothing happened, nothing occurred, really don't know what you're talking about. But it was disbelief that I was even calling.

**Q** How did that conversation continue from there?

A You know, I don't remember the exacts of the conversation, but I was trying to explain that we're here, we're outside, we'd like to get your side of the story about an incident that was reported to have happened to a female out in the parking lot. And it was just: Why are you fucking with me? I don't -- it's all disbelief. Everything I was telling him, he wasn't -- wasn't

believing that I was the police or wasn't believing that something occurred because he denied that nothing happened outside.

**Q** And do you recall how long this first conversation lasted?

A Maybe a minute or two. I mean, it was a short conversation.

**Q** And did you notice anything else about the sound of his voice?

A Yeah, really -- it was like a thick tongue, like a swollen tongue, and slurred. And he wasn't tracking what I was saying. We're here to talk about something, the response would be really slow. Just didn't seem like he was tracking or understanding what I was saying.

**Q** And having worked in law enforcement since, I think, 1999 --

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** -- do you have training and experience interacting with those who are under the influence of alcohol?

A Alcohol and narcotics, yes, ma'am.

**Q** And did some of these signs that you just mentioned seem consistent with someone who was under the influence of alcohol?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** And as for the second call, can you describe that for the jury?

A I called again and I said: I'm Nathan Muller with the Lakewood Police Department. It was very similar. We're just -- you know, we're here to figure out what is going on. It was disbelief, not really believing who I was. Nothing occurred, you know, why are you fucking with me? That was something that stuck out in my mind.

Not understanding that I was who I was saying I was and just -- I don't understand why -- I'm putting words in his mouth, but it just came across as I don't understand why you're here. Nothing happened. I don't know who you are.

**Q** And in hearing this response, how did you explain further why you were there?

A Via the radio, the earpiece up here, during one of the two conversations, I believe it was the second one, there was information that was relayed from Sergeant Maines that he had come out to the back and either locked or closed a sliding door.

So I relayed that, saying: We know that you just closed the sliding door -- or locked it or closed it. And the response was paranoia, like: You're watching me. And just what I recall is kind of how the conversation went. It was very disbelief.

**Q** And was that what you believe to be around the second phone call?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** And the third phone call, describe for the jury, again, how that phone call went

A I came across, saying, you know, we're just trying to figure out what's going on. This might not even be a big deal. You know, we can be out of here quickly. We just need to get your side of the story.

Again, it was thick-tongued, slurred. And it was agitated. Not angry, not upset, but best way I could say was annoyed, is the best word I can use, that you're calling me. But it wasn't screaming, it wasn't yelling. It was just annoyed, because I already told you, you're not who you say you are. I don't believe it's going on.

**Q** You mentioned he was saying things like, you're not who you say you ar. Did you do anything to help the defendant verify that you were, in fact, Lakewood Police?

A Correct. I said: You can call. You can get patched into my cell phone from dispatch.

And what that means is you can call dispatch, and they can transfer you to my cell phone and we can have a conversation. We do that periodically to folks that don't believe who we say we are to verify who we are.

They'll call into dispatch. Dispatch will say:

Lakewood 911. I'm here to talk to Sergeant Muller, Nathan Muller, and they'll patch that call in to you.

**Q** And did he ever indicate that he recalled, based on any of the prior phone conversations you had with him, who you were?

A At one time he called me by my first name,
Nathan, and I believe that was the third phone call, and I
remember no one calls me Nathan. Even though I address
myself as Nathan Muller with the Lakewood Police
Department, I found that to be -- interesting is the right
way to say it.

**Q** And had you, in those previous two phone calls, or at least one of those two previous phone calls, identified yourself as Nathan Muller with the Lakewood Police Department?

A All three times, I identified myself. First time I believe it was Sergeant Nathan Muller with the Lakewood Police Department.

**Q** And all three teems, to be clear, did you identify yourself as Lakewood Police?

A Correct.

**Q** Do you recall whether he said something that was more concerning than simply not -- just not abiding by your request to come outside?

**A** Correct. He said: I have something for you.

And I remember getting -- going off the phone, covering it, and telling Agent Brennan, you know, exactly that he's got something in his hand for us, to relay that information.

everything that happened in the past, the original

I took that as a threat towards me.

allegations, that there was a gun call, shots had been

**Q** And so you -- did he say something like he did have something for you in his hands?

A Uh-hum.

**Q** You said that you took this as something that was threatening. Can you relay for the jury whether or not this was in response to something you had said and his tone of voice?

A I don't remember if it was in response to anything we talked about. It was the same conversation that we had already discussed is: We're here to figure out what's going on, your side of the story.

And I can't tell you what happened prior to that. His tone, again, was not angry. It was more disbelief, but -- and agitated.

**Q** And in those phone calls, were you asking him repeatedly to come out with nothing in his hands?

A After he said that -- you know, come out with nothing in your hands, correct.

**Q** Once you hear that, you said that you whispered to Agent Brennan that he's making this type of threat.

A Correct.

**Q** Did you have one more subsequent phone call that you can recall with the defendant, or were the phone calls completed with him?

A I believe that was the -- it was either the second or third phone call. But I only made three, if that's what you're asking.

**Q** And when he made this threatening comment, it could have been the second or the third, you just don't remember?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** And once you told that to Agent Brennan, did you want that to be relayed to those who were in the back of the defendant's building?

A Absolutely.

**Q** Once you got off the phone -- how did the conversations all three of these times end?

A Either he hung up or we were disconnected, one of the two.

**Q** Once the phone conversation ended the third time, what did you and Agent Brennan do?

A We heard Sergeant Maines get on the radio, the lights went out, and he's racking a shotgun.

**Q** And when you heard Sergeant Maines say the lights went out, were you still positioned where you were with Agent Brennan?

A Correct. We never made it to the back of the building at all.

**Q** And did you hear Sergeant Maines say those things, all the lights went out and that he could hear a shotgun being racked, and he's outside?

A Yes.

**Q** Once you heard Sergeant Maines air on your radio that a shotgun had been racked, what did you do?

A We fell back to a position by that big tree that I showed on one of the exhibits. It's a big pine-looking tree, it's really wide, and trying to get -- I would call it more concealment than cover because the tree is not going to provide you -- the pine tree itself is not going to provide you cover. Creating distance.

**Q** And was that the tree that was directly in front of the breezeway?

A Correct.

**Q** And once you -- did both you and Agent Brennan position yourself behind that tree?

A Correct.

**Q** And can you describe, essentially, what you were able to see from that vantage point, if anything?

A Absolutely. Agent Brennan had a better -- he was in a position to see the front door better than myself just by the way we were sitting. And at that one point during all this I looked over to my east, or which would be to my right, and saw the silhouette of Sergeant Maines walking towards the next building over, walking away or towards it.

**Q** And to be clear, could you see Sergeant Brennan walking east on that roadway around the building that was to the east of the defendant's building?

A Yes. Sergeant Maines was walking away, and I knew it just because of his silhouette. You mean -- Sergeant Maines and Agent Trimmer, they definitely have a different silhouette.

**Q** At this point, were you clear on what the plan was? The four of you had made that first initial plan, you had made those calls, and now Agent Trimmer and Sergeant Maines were clearly moving.

Was that made clear to you at this point, or were you all acting as you deemed appropriate?

A Acting as we deemed appropriate. In fact, at one point during the conversations, and -- just the general conversation between myself and Agent Brennan, I said: If this goes wrong or something goes bad, we're going to retreat to the white truck. We'll have the west

side and the south side of the building.

It was just a premonition. We talk about, in incident command, it's a fumble, fumble point or fumble plan. You just have to have -- if something goes wrong, you have to have a plan. Sergeant Brennan and I had spoken about if something was wrong.

But at that point, when Agent Trimmer and Sergeant Maines were moving, it was all independently, and acting accordingly.

**Q** And that if something went wrong, you mentioned you'd have a view of the west and the south, essentially not covering the north and east two sides of the building?

A Correct.

**Q** So once you could see Sergeant Maines walking east around that building next door, were you able to see anyone coming out the front of the defendant's apartment?

A No one came out the front, no.

**Q** Once you saw -- did you see Sergeant Maines go somewhere or disappear?

A Disappeared behind the building.

**Q** And once Sergeant Maines disappeared, what did you hear or do or see next?

A I distinctively heard two -- from my training and experiences, two shotgun blasts, and myself and Agent Brennan then ran towards the sound of gunfire, towards the

east side of the building.

Q You mentioned two shotgun blasts that you recognized from your training and experience. Can you explain to the jury how you can recognize and distinguish a shotgun blast and how it's different from another type of blast or fire from a different type of weapon?

A Absolutely. During my training at the Lakewood Police academy, and we have in-service training three times a year, and I also have less legal training, we use the shotgun or less legal, which is an orange shotgun. So I personally used it. You hear that loud bang. You know when it's a shotgun. So I'm familiar with what a shotgun sounds like, plus at ranges.

**Q** And you just mentioned that the plan was if something goes -- if things goes south, the plan was to retreat to that white truck, and yet you and Agent Brennan moved in the opposite direction towards the gunfire?

A Correct.

**Q** Can you explain to the jury why you did that instead of retreating toward that truck?

A To be honest with you, I didn't know what was going on. This wasn't making sense. The defendant was contained inside the apartment, to the best of our knowledge, in the front -- I'm speaking for myself -- and now somehow the defendant or a person was outside.

I didn't know if Sergeant Maines had been shot,

Agent Trimmer had been shot, or the gentleman himself had
been shot -- or I should say person had been shot, needing
medical aid.

That's what we're trained to do. We're trained to run towards the gunfire, and that's what we did.

**Q** You mentioned you heard these two shotgun blasts. Did you hear any additional gunfire that didn't seem to come from a shotgun?

A Correct. I heard two or three bangs or pops, which is definitely consistent with a handgun. I go to the range three times a year. I fire my handgun. I know what it sounds like. It sounded like a handgun. It was definitely distinctive from a shotgun blast.

**Q** And this sound of a handgun, did it sound similar to the handgun that you would have with you?

A Yes.

**Q** And how many of those handgun shots do you recall hearing?

A I recall hearing two to three. I remember hearing boom, boom, pop, pop.

**Q** And after hearing what you believe to be five shots, did you -- what did you hear after that?

A I heard Agent Trimmer's voice. I don't know what she said, but I just heard it. I heard Sergeant

Maines's voice. I just heard it, so I knew they were okay. Didn't know if they had been shot, but they were alive.

Now, at the corner of this building, my line of sight is I can't see a thing. I can see, it looks like, garages on the other side, but I can't see anything that's going on.

Then I hear Sergeant Maines say -- or then I hear one more shot, one more shotgun blast, consistent with the first two I heard, and he's running back towards the apartment.

MS. DECKER: And if we could project Exhibit 3. (People's Exhibit 3 was published.)

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) So to be clear, were you and Agent Brennan now stationed away from the breezeway and on the southeast corner of the suspect's building?

- A Can I go up and --
- Q Yes.

A We retreated back here, like I had mentioned, heard the distinctive, in my opinion, shotgun blasts, ran towards the east and right around this area (indicated).

- **Q** And you were pointing to the southeast corner of that building; is that accurate?
  - A Correct.
  - **Q** And so from that vantage point, can you just

draw a line essentially marking the angle at which you could not see any more, if that question makes sense to you?

A Yes. What is below the pointer stick is probably the area that I could see. Everything above it, I had no idea what was going on.

**Q** And after you heard the next shotgun blast after the two first shotgun blasts and Sergeant Maines aired: He's going back inside, what did you and Agent Brennan do?

A We run back towards the white truck, towards the plan that we had.

**Q** And once there, did you hear anything else?

A While running here, Agent Brennan, I lost him at the front. I believe he covered the front. I go back to this dumpster that was that white truck area. And while I'm there, I'm radioing that we need more help.

I look over, and it's one of the greatest things I ever saw. 20, looks like, police officers just showed up. It was the four of us, and for some reason now there's 20 Lakewood police officers standing there with me. As we're on the side here, I hear a volley of shots coming in from the apartment or condo.

**Q** And you said a volley of shots. Did you recognize whether these were handgun-type or any other type of gun versus a shotgun type?

A I believe I heard one shotgun and the rest were handgun.

**Q** And were you aware whether Sergeant Maines had called in reinforcement officers or called in any certain code to have these reinforcements there even just right after this happened?

A I remember myself yelling, "Shots fired" on the radio. Sergeant Maines had said, "Shots fired." So that's the big indicator for everybody in the city to come help.

- **Q** And you can have your seat again, thank you.
- A (The witness complied.)
- **Q** And do you recall being -- after all of this, speaking to other investigators with different agencies as a part of the investigation, given that this was a shooting involving an officer?
  - A Correct.
- **Q** And as a part of that, did you indicate to them that your heard handgun shots coming from inside?
  - A Yes.
- **Q** Versus a shotgun, just to be clear, coming from the inside?
  - A Correct.
- **Q** And did you learn whether or not the suspect had been shot?

A Yes.

**Q** How did you learn that?

A On scene.

**Q** And was that when you had gone back to that white truck area?

A Correct.

**Q** And after you went to that white truck area and saw this -- all of Lakewood or police arriving to the scene, what did you do, if anything, to participate in the investigation? Or was that the end of your investigation?

A After the individual was placed into custody and placed in the ambulance, I took more of a supervisory role, assisting another sergeant that came down, Todd Fahlsing, who is more or less what we call the incident commander now, since Sergeant Maines and I were involved, assisting him with getting certain agents tasked to do different various items, tasks to do.

**Q** And what types of tasks were those that you were assigning at this point?

A Scene security, getting the involved agents involved in the actual shooting separated and moved to the station for the interview.

Peer support called me if anybody needed any, you know, emotional or mental help right away. That is my duty. And then after that, once the scene was secure,

detectives from the CIRT team, or critical incident team, had come down. I gave a briefing of what I recall occurred. And then after that, I drove myself to the police station, the Lakewood police station.

**Q** Did you give that briefing to other officers who had arrived on scene -- at the scene of where this took place?

- A Meaning after -- after it was done?
- Q Yes.
- A Correct.
- **Q** And you mentioned first scene security. Can you explain what that means, after this crime had already taken place, what you were doing?

A Correct. Giving agent direction to tape off with the yellow crime scene tape that most people see on the news, tape off the area, the involved area. And then I went around the back after the incident was done, and that was the first time I had gotten a glimpse of what the back looked like. I made sure that there was an agent posted there to make sure that no one entered the dwelling.

**Q** And why is it important to leave the scene the way it was, to keep the integrity of that scene?

A Just that, keep the integrity of it. When investigators come down to document the scene itself, is

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this is how it was. This is its true form.

**Q** Did you ever see the suspect come out of that apartment?

A I did not.

**Q** And you mentioned that your role after he was transported to the hospital was to separate and move those individuals who were involved in this to the station?

A Correct.

**Q** Can you explain why keeping them separated and then moved to the station was important?

A To keep their recollection of what occurred pure, not to get it tainted, not to have anybody else put something in their mind of what may have occurred.

It's kind of interesting. When you hear something so many times, your mind picks it up and, in my personal, experiences it to be the truth, and it's not. So the best thing we do is we separate folks for their interview to make it as pure as we can.

**Q** And so, for example, would that be the number and the type of gunshot blasts that each person would have heard?

A Correct.

**Q** And would that be to separate them so that they don't taint one another's memory?

A Correct.

1 You were at the front of the suspect's building. Q 2 Did you ever tell the suspect which door to come out of? 3 Α No. 4 You just made it clear to come out with nothing 5 in your hands? 6 Α Correct. 7 And he had said he had something for you in his 0 8 hands? 9 Α Correct. 10 MS. DECKER: Thank you. No further questions. 11 THE COURT: Cross-examination. 12 MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, I need to ask for a 13 break in order to queue up some exhibits. 14 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, we'll excuse 15 you for about ten minutes. Please don't talk about the 16 case, keep an open mind, don't do any investigations. 17 (The jury left the courtroom.) 18 THE COURT: You may step down. 19 THE WITNESS: Thank you, ma'am. 20 (The witness was excused.) 21 (A recess was taken.) 22 THE COURT: We're going to bring in the jury. 23 We're going to have to not break for a very long time to 24 get exhibits together for witnesses. 25 MR. MENGES: It just came up with the testimony.

1 (Pause in the proceedings.) 2 (The jury entered the courtroom.) 3 THE COURT: Be seated, everyone. Cross-examination. 4 5 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. ST. GEORGE: 6 7 All right. Sarge, what I want to do first is 0 8 start with an exhibit. This is going to be Defendant's X. 9 This is a sheet that comes from the background time 10 chronology. Are you familiar with that? That's something 11 that your dispatch publishes that they create? 12 Α Yes, sir. 13 Okay. And Sergeant Muller, that looks familiar 0 14 to you and you recognize that as being part of the 15 chronology? 16 Yes, sir. Α 17 Q And, all right. 18 MR. ST. GEORGE: Can I -- I'd like to admit this 19 into evidence as Defendant's X. 20 MS. DECKER: Your Honor, I'd ask for further 21 foundation. 22 THE COURT: Can we have a little more about the 23 document, the date? 24 MR. ST. GEORGE: Sure. 25 0 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Sergeant Muller, on -- so

the background time chronology, this is something that's created by your dispatcher at the police station; is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

**Q** Okay. And essentially what it is, is it's a tool that stamps the time for specific events throughout, for example, in this case, the evening of July 31st and morning of August 1st?

A Yes, sir.

**Q** Okay. And so looking at it now, it looks familiar to you. You see -- for example, you see the event at 030 hours. And it says: Event comment: Coming out the back?

A Correct. Yes, sir.

**Q** And to you, you recognize that as being an event that occurred during this night that we've been talking about. And so you recognize this -- this page of the chronology as being from that night?

A Yes, sir.

**Q** Okay.

MR. ST. GEORGE: And I'd like to admit this into evidence as Defendant's X, then.

MS. DECKER: The People have no objection.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Thank you.

THE COURT: X is admitted.

1 (Defendant's Exhibit X was admitted into 2 evidence.) 3 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) All right. Now, Sergeant Q 4 Muller, you're about to get your fourth stripe on your 5 sleeve, aren't you? 6 Very close, yes, sir, 20 years. Α 7 0 Congratulations. 8 Α Thank you, sir. 9 0 And 20 years, nearly, would make you a very 10 experienced law enforcement officer, correct? 11 Yes, sir. Α 12 And I'd even say you're probably very good at Q 13 your job, right? 14 I would like to say so, yes, sir. Α 15 When you arrived at my neighborhood, did you Q 16 notice that it was a gated and fenced neighborhood? 17 Α Yes. 18 0 And did you announce yourself at the gate? 19 Α Did I? No, sir. 20 0 And so I did not buzz you through the gate by 21 opening the gate with my telephone, right? 22 Α Not to my knowledge, no, sir. 23 0 Okay. And that night you weren't driving a 24 marked squad car. You had your silver unmarked, right? 25 Α Yes, sir. Normally I take out a silver unmarked

1 car, so -- without knowing, but that is normally my MO, 2 yes. 3 Cool. And we've long since discussed that you Q 4 did not knock on my front door, right? 5 No, sir, I didn't -- no, sir, Agent Brennan or Α 6 myself did not. 7 0 Okay. And you were with Agent Brennan when he 8 made his call, right? Yes, sir. 9 Α 10 0 And did you hear him refer to himself as Agent 11 Brennan? 12 Α Yes. You did? And "agent," a lot of folks might 13 0 14 associate that to a real estate agent or an agent with the 15 FBI. To your knowledge, is there any other police 16 department here in the state of Colorado that uses this 17 term for a police officer? 18 Α Local, no, just federal. 19 Q Okay. To someone who is not familiar with the 20 Lakewood Police Department as agents, do you think it 21 might sound strange or fake? 22 MS. DECKER: Objection, speculation. 23 THE COURT: Sustained. 24 Q (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) Out in front of Building 7 25 there were no marked police vehicles, correct?

- 1 Α No, sir, there was not. 2 Q And there were no red or blue flashing lights? 3 No, sir, there was not. Α 4 And at no time do you recall yourself or anyone 0 5 else shouting out: Lakewood police. We're over here. We 6 need to talk to you? 7 Verbally, you mean? Α 8 Correct, verbally. Q 9 Α No, sir, we did not do that. No, sir. 10 0 Okay. Now, let's go back to that chronology 11 that I placed in front of you, and we're also going to 12 reference back to the radio traffic. 13 I'm going play a portion of the radio traffic 14 so -- because I could ask you right away if you remember 15 making certain airs -- or saying certain things on the 16 radio, and I know this was a long timing, and so I'm 17 anticipating that you may not remember what was said. 18 Α Correct, yes, sir. 19 0 Okay. And so it would be agreeable that I play 20 this portion of the radio traffic so that would refresh 21 your memory?
  - A Yes, sir.
  - **Q** Okay.

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MR. ST. GEORGE: Mr. Burnett, if you could, please.

1 THE COURT: What are we doing now? 2 MR. ST. GEORGE: We're going to play a portion 3 of this radio traffic. This is from People's --4 MR. FREEMAN: Judge, this was 5 exhibit -- admitted as an exhibit. We've already -- the 6 only part we've heard so far was Ms. Elliot's 911 call. 7 But after her call, on that exhibit, is radio traffic. 8 THE COURT: All right. So this is -- so this is 9 Exhibit --10 MR. ST. GEORGE: This is People's Exhibit 320, 11 Your Honor. 12 THE COURT: 320. 13 MR. FREEMAN: And I think it might be up here on 14 the table. We should play the actual exhibit. 15 MR. BURNETT: I have the same copy pulled up. 16 MS. DECKER: That's fine. 17 MR. BURNETT: If you could switch to my side, 18 Your Honor? THE COURT: So we're going to be using what you 19 20 got in discovery, which coincides with 320? 21 MR. BURNETT: Yes. 22 MR. ST. GEORGE: That's right, Your Honor. 23 (People's Exhibit 320 was published.) 24 Q (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) So, Sergeant Muller, did 25 you recognize that as the radio traffic from that evening?

I don't remember the time that was played.

Okay. And then we heard dispatch time stamp

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that at 025 hours?

**Q** Okay. And -- all right. And so at this point, Maines is in the backyard, and you know that he's able to see through the windows?

A Yes, sir.

**Q** And you remember speaking with Brad With, the interviewer? Do you recall that interview?

A Yes, sir.

**Q** And do you remember telling him that you had said on the telephone in your phone call to me that I could be seen through my windows?

A I do recall that, yes.

**Q** Okay. And that was during that first phone call that you made to me where you made contact with me?

A Sounds right, yes.

**Q** Okay. And so at that point, I've been told that someone is in the backyard, and they can see me through my windows, correct?

A Correct.

**Q** All right. And I'm going to have you reference your exhibit that you've got sitting there in front of you.

A Okay.

**Q** You'll see where Maines airs: Coming out the back. And do you see that being time stamped as 12:30 and 49 seconds in the morning, or probably 030 hours?

1 Correct. I guess first 003049. Then Comment: 2 Coming out the back. 3 Okay. And then on the radio traffic, we heard Q 4 vou air: 330, 430, are you in contact? 5 Α Uh-hum. Do you remember saying that? 6 Q 7 I do remember -- I don't remember saying that. Α 8 I remember hearing it. 9 So your heard it, fair enough. And then 10 at -- then we hear Sergeant Maines air: Not yet. He came 11 out, looked around, went back in real quick, closed the 12 door, locked it. 13 Do you remember hearing that? 14 Α Yes. 15 Okay. And then on your exhibit that you've got 16 there in your hands, you probably see a time stamp of 17 032 hours. Does that -- does that look right? 18 Α Yeah. 0032, 11 seconds. Okay. And that's the time stamp for "going back 19 Q in," right? 20 21 Correct. That's the time stamp for radio 22 traffic. 23 Right. Okay. So would you agree that there's a Q 24 minute and 22 seconds between those two timestamps? 25

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Yes.

- **Q** And during that minute and 22 seconds, you did radio to Sergeant Maines: Are you coming out -- or are you in contact?
  - A I remember hearing that, yes.
- **Q** Yeah. So Sergeant Maines didn't forget the plan to make contact; is that correct?
  - A I can't speak for him, but that was the plan.
- **Q** And during that minute and 22 seconds, he did not make contact; is that correct?
- A I do not know from the radio traffic. And from everything I know, contact was not made. But I was not in back, sir, so I don't know specifically.
- **Q** I understand. Farther down through the radio traffic, do you remember hearing Brennan say: He's being threatening on the phone and saying he's got something in his hands?
  - A I do remember hearing that, yes, sir.
- **Q** That came after the event that we just discussed, the minute and 22 seconds, where the door was opened and Sergeant Maines was not making contact.
- A Could I ask a question of which time that was on Exhibit X?
- **Q** On Exhibit X it's O32 hours. In the radio traffic it was, two, three, four, five chirps after?
  - A Okay. So I take your word on it, yes, sir.

1 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) You said that you wouldn't Q 2 have described me as being angry, upset, or unsettled. 3 Or, rather, you said, not angry but unsettled or upset. 4 That's how you would describe my tone of voice? 5 Correct, a little irritated, but yes. Α 6 So it doesn't sound like I've lost my cool on 0 7 the telephone? 8 Α "Cool" meaning swearing, yelling, screaming, no, 9 sir. 10 Okay. And that tone, that changed after that, 0 11 that phone call, that sixth phone call, or, rather, your 12 second phone call. That's when you got -- I'm 13 compounding. I apologize. 14 It was your sixth call -- your third, the sixth 15 overall? 16 Yes, sir. Α 17 Wherein there was a threat? Q 18 Α Correct. 19 Q But not prior? 20 Α No, sir. 21 0 You led a briefing later on that morning at 22 3:43 a.m. Do you recall that briefing? 23 I did a few. Are you talking about the large 24 CIRT team briefing, sir? 25 0 Probably, yes.

A Yes, sir. I don't know the time, but I'll take your word on it, sir.

**Q** And in that briefing, you told everyone that will I did not believe that you were the police; is that right?

A Correct. Yes, sir.

**Q** In fact, you used the word "disbelief" quite a few times in describing the conversations that we had?

A Yes, sir.

**Q** You outrightly said that I did not believe that you were the police.

A I felt that you didn't think I was the police, yes, sir.

**Q** Now, I understand that you were not behind the building. You were in the front of the building, out on the southwest corner. White truck area I think you were calling it, right?

A Southwest side, yes, sir, after the initial shot, sir.

**Q** That was after shots?

A Yes, sir.

**Q** Whereabouts do you think you were standing before shots during the time that Maines was out in the backyard while you were having that radio traffic conversation with him?

1 Breezeway area, sir. Α 2 Okay. And when I exited out the back door, did Q 3 you ever hear any police commands? 4 Α No. sir. 5 Did you ever hear anyone say anything regarding 0 6 being police? 7 Α No, sir. 8 Q Did you hear any sounds at all? No, sir. 9 Α 10 You said that you thought that I might be 0 11 paranoid, like someone was watching me? 12 Α Correct. 13 Do you recall saying that your friends could see Q 14 me through the windows? 15 Α Yes, sir. So -- so there was someone watching me, right? 16 0 17 Yes, sir. Α 18 0 It was your friends, right? 19 Α Two agents, Sergeant Maines and Devon Trimmer in 20 the back. Where they were standing or their vantage point 21 to see you, I don't know, but there were two agents back 22 there. 23 And Sergeant, do we typically use the term Q 24 "friends" to describe agents of a police department? 25 Α I have.

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                 MR. ST. GEORGE: Thank you so much.
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                 THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.
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                 MR. ST. GEORGE: No further.
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                 THE COURT: Redirect?
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      BY MS. DECKER:
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**Q** Can you explain to the jury what a CAD report is?

A CAD report is -- there's various codes that dispatch has that means certain things. On calls like this, if we would say, "The house is orange," they would time stamp "The house is orange" at 0030.

So what they're doing is they're making a record of things we say on the scene so I can go back later and say, oh, yes, this was said, this wasn't said. So they're making a record.

Sometimes things get missed and they don't get added, but pretty good, accurate record of what was said on the radio.

- **Q** And who is generating this CAD report?
- A A dispatcher.
- **Q** Is a dispatcher generating the CAD report in realtime or based on a recording?

A It's -- it could be in realtime or it could be there's a lag, because I don't know the procedures of it. But normally it's done as it's said.

- **Q** And this dispatcher, is that a dispatcher who's not on scene?
  - A Correct.
  - **Q** Who's at a computer at the police station?
  - A Yes.

**Q** And is that dispatcher able to hear and listen to all the radio traffic that you on scene -- let's just take you to the early morning of August 1, 2016. Are they able to hear everything that's being radioed that you can hear?

A Yes.

**Q** Is that dispatcher understanding the context or writing down what that dispatcher can hear and understand contemporaneous?

A Yes.

**Q** So on this Exhibit X, is it fair to say that there are only two of the six total phone calls recorded by this dispatcher on this CAD report? And I'll refer you to 002545.

A Correct.

**Q** And is that, this fourth call total, the second call by you? Or the -- one of the calls by you?

**A** One of the calls.

**Q** And as for 0036: Male is saying he has something in his hands, is that your conversation with the defendant?

A It's my conversation, yes, with the defendant.

**Q** So on just this Exhibit X, we don't have all six of those phone calls?

A Correct.

**Q** And is there a more complete CAD report with many, many pages that was generated from this evening?

A Yes.

**Q** And on this simply just people -- Defense Exhibit X, are there a number of unreadable codes to a layperson?

A Correct.

**Q** Is, in fact, the majority of this page unreadable to a layperson?

A Correct.

**Q** Defense -- the defendant asked you how you got into his apartment complex. You had told the jury it was roundabout. How did you get in that front date? Was it opened?

A Memory serves me right, Sergeant Maines either had a code, got a code, and got us in.

**Q** The defendant asked you about how Agent Brennan identified himself. Did he identified himself as Agent Brennan with the FBI, Agent Brennan, the realtor, or Agent Brennan with the Lakewood Police Department?

A Agent Brennan with the Lakewood Police Department.

**Q** You and Agent Brennan have discussed that you placed six phone calls to the defendant. Can you explain why you didn't shout at his front door?

A The distance. There was quite a bit of distance, 15 feet, 20 feet. I mean, it was a walkway. And for him to -- in my opinion, to hear exactly what we wanted, it would have been lost. So I felt the phone would have been a better means of communication.

**Q** And had the phone proven successful when the defendant chose to answer it?

- A Correct.
- **Q** To be clear, it was after midnight?
- A Yes.
- **Q** This was a populated area, would you say, with others in the complex?
  - A Yes.
- **Q** If you had shouted, would that cause you concern for others' safety if the defendant were to come out?
  - A Absolutely.
- **Q** If other neighbors were to come out to find out what the ruckus was?
  - A Correct.
- **Q** And why would that be something you wouldn't want to do, to shout to wake up all the neighbors?
- A One thing -- once neighbors get introduced or citizens get introduced into a plan, I am responsible now for their safety.
  - If I could keep those neighbors or citizens in

this building sheltered in place, meaning in their building, I don't have to worry about them.

Once I introduce screaming, yelling, people coming out wondering what's going on, I've created -- basically, what I've done is I've brought liability to myself and the department for bringing an unknown person into a dangerous situation.

**Q** The defendant talked to you about how he sounded on the phone, and you said irritated, disbelief. Would you say paranoid?

- A Correct.
- **Q** Can you explain that?

A The statement, after coming to the door, just disbelief: Are you watching me? And I took that as just paranoid. We're out there, my friends are out there, but he just didn't believe it was happening.

**Q** And the defendant asked you about this terminology that you used with him, "friends." Were you trying to be conversational -- conversational and not scary to the defendant?

A Correct.

**Q** Were you using a conversational and friendly tone of voice?

- A I was.
- **Q** And can you describe for the jury whether your

voice was elevated or basically how you're speaking today?

A It was pretty constant on the phone, just as I'm speaking today, just having a telephone conversation.

That's the goal.

**Q** And were you just asking him for essentially his side of the story?

A Correct.

**Q** The defendant asked you about the fact that you didn't hear police commands or identification of police in the back of the complex when the defendant left his apartment from the back the first time. Did that surprise you?

A No.

**Q** Why?

A A lot of space separates us. You've got a breezeway, a building, and then the backyard. Normally, day-to-day life, I don't know if I would have heard anything going on in the backyard. So it wasn't surprising to me.

**Q** And not only the distance where maybe you wouldn't be able to hear that, but not yelling and identifying themselves as police directly behind the apartment when he comes out. Would that surprise you?

A No.

Q Why?

A Again, the distance. I'm focused on phone calls, I'm focused on keeping my partner alive. I'm focused on someone else coming out the front door.

I'm not really focused on anything going on in the back. It's already been covered, meaning by Sergeant Maines and Agent Trimmer.

**Q** Would you expect Agent Trimmer and Sergeant
Maines to identify themselves if they're directly behind
the defendant's complex without protective cover?

- A Without protective cover? No.
- **Q** Why?

A They need to protect themselves and find cover and concealment. That should be the number one priority.

**Q** Is that what you were getting at when the defendant essentially asked you what you would do in that situation?

A Yes.

Q So even if someone comes out with just a cell phone the first time, and then with a loaded and racked shotgun the second time, would you expect, based on your training and experience, an officer to identify him- or herself as police at that point?

A At that point -- with the shotgun or the cell phone? Or just in general?

**Q** In general, without protective cover.

1 No. Α 2 Had the defendant, in fact, disobeyed your 0 3 requests by coming out two times with something in his 4 hands, first a cell phone, and then a loaded and racked 5 shotgun? 6 Α Correct. 7 MS. DECKER: Judge, I have nothing further. 8 THE COURT: Recross? 9 **RECROSS-EXAMINATION** BY MR. ST. GEORGE: 10 11 0 Sergeant Muller? 12 Yes, sir. Α 13 The phone conversation that you and I had --Q 14 Yes, sir. Α 15 -- the object of that call was to get me to come Q 16 outside to talk; is that correct? 17 Α Correct. 18 And by exiting out the back door, where you said 19 your friends were, would you say that I substantially 20 complied with your request? 21 Α Correct. 22 And if Trimmer and Maines were back there, and 23 they were seeking cover or maintaining cover, how would I 24 ever see them to talk to them? 25 MS. DECKER: Objection, speculation.

THE COURT: I'm going allow the question to be 1 2 answered. 3 Α One more time, the question, sir. 4 0 (BY MR. ST. GEORGE) So what I asked was, if 5 Trimmer and Maines were back there, and I was going 6 outside to talk to them, and they remained in cover and 7 they were not visible, how would I ever know to talk to 8 them? I wouldn't know, sir. You wouldn't. 9 Α 10 0 Neither would I. 11 MR. ST. GEORGE: I don't think I have another 12 question. 13 THE COURT: Does anyone on the jury have a 14 question for this witness? 15 (No verbal response.) 16 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down. 17 THE WITNESS: Thank you, ma'am. 18 (The witness was excused.) 19 THE COURT: You may call your next witness. 20 MS. DECKER: Your Honor, I would just ask the 21 Court to instruct the defendant not to testify and strike 22 the comment "Neither would I." He will have his chance if 23 he chooses to testify. THE COURT: I will strike that. 24 25 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Judge.

1 MS. DECKER: The People at this time call Agent 2 Trimmer. 3 AGENT DEVON (TRIMMER) MEYERS, having been called as a witness on behalf of the People, 4 5 being first duly sworn, testified as follows: 6 THE COURT: Have a seat, please. 7 THE WITNESS: (The witness complied.) 8 DIRECT EXAMINATION 9 BY MS. DECKER: 10 Good afternoon. 0 11 Α Hi. 12 Will you please introduce yourself to the jury Q 13 and spell your full name for our court reporter? 14 I'm Agent Devon Meyers, D-e-v-o-n M-e-y-e-r-s. Α 15 And did you go by a different name as of very Q 16 recently? 17 Α Yes. 18 0 And what was your name prior to Agent Meyers? 19 Α Trimmer was my last name. 20 And is that spelled T-r-i-m-m-e-r? Q 21 Correct. Α 22 And when did you change your name? Q 23 I think it was around July of 2017. Α 24 For the purposes of this trial, do you mind if Q 25 you we refer to you as Agent Trimmer?

- A No. It's completely fine.
- **Q** Tell the jury what you do for a living.
- A I work as a police officer in the City of Lakewood, and I'm currently on patrol. Right now I work for 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Q** How long have you been working for the City of Lakewood as a patrol agent?
  - A Four and a half years.
- **Q** And can you describe for the jury the training and experience you have in that capacity?
- A You go through -- well, they put you through, like, a six-month regional academy. If you pass that, then you go on to four months of field training. And top of that we have yearly training, such as -- we call it in-service training, but classes like anti-biased policing. I've gone through CIT, or crisis intervention training. I go through quarterly ranges, and I'm rifle certified as well.
  - **Q** And what are quarterly ranges?
- **A** Um, essentially our range staff puts us through different drills. We have to pass a qualification each year.
- We did have a standard of having a hundred percent. I don't know if that's changed exactly. And we do other drills, whether it's working with barricades to

simulate cover and concealment or just accuracy drills or things to hopefully make me better.

**Q** And when you say "cover and concealment," what does that refer to?

A So when you're behind cover, it's something that should stop a bullet. Concealment just kind of hides you from view, but if someone shot at you, it's going to go through that.

**Q** So, for example, would a wall be cover and a bush be concealment?

A Depends on the wall, but a wall could be cover and a bush would be concealment.

**Q** And what type of training do you have in that regard, for covering and concealment, as it pertains to weapons?

A Just the range training kind of going over it.

Some of it, in a way, is common sense, but you understand that bullets are going to go through branches of trees and things like that, whereas if you're behind a brick wall, it should stop that.

**Q** And this seems to be a subset of officer safety training. Have you been trained in officer safety in any way?

A Yes. They do that in the academy, and then we kind of go through -- are given what they call our

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We do a lot of -- I guess, more cop speak, is like simulation rounds, essentially. They're kind of glorified paint ball rounds, but they hurt. So we do that.

And then I'm also a role-player for our academy. So I'll go back, and I think it's a good refresher. So I do that around twice a year, once for each academy.

0 You mentioned that you're also rifle certified. What does that mean?

So I took a 40-hour class, and then again I go to quarterly trainings so that I am able to carry a rifle on duty.

And when did you get that? 0

Oh, goodness. I believe that was around May of 2016. I may be off on the date.

Q So is that shortly before the incident that you're here for today?

Α I believe so, ma'am.

And in addition to rifle training, do you have any other weapons-type training to become a police officer when you are a police officer?

I mean, just the handgun, I went through the rifle. And then in our arrest control program, it's a lot of the hands on, as well as if you carry what they call an

ASP, which is like a collapsible or expandable baton, or if you carry what they call a straight stick. It's essentially just a wooden baton.

**Q** And as a police officer, can you explain to the jury the types of weapons that you carry?

A I currently carry my handgun. My rifle is in my patrol vehicle. I have an ASP on my belt. And then I guess if you classify a Taser as well, we do go through yearly Taser training. I carry that on my belt as well.

**Q** And what kind of handgun? Can you describe that for the jury?

- A It's a Glock 17.
- **Q** And what type of ammunition?
- A 9-millimeter.

**Q** And can you describe for the jury how you maintain that weapon on your person and whether you keep any additional ammunition on you?

A So I carry a total of 52 rounds. I carry three magazines. Each magazine contains 17 rounds. And then I also have one round in the chamber of my gun.

**Q** And is this how you always maintain and carry your handgun?

- A Yes, ma'am.
- **Q** And is this policy and procedure how all Lakewood agents carry their handguns?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** I'm going draw your attention to the evening of July 31st of 2016. Can you describe for the jury in what capacity you were working that evening?

A So that night I was working what we call our Watch 4 shifts, essentially our night shifts. I was working from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., and I was working what we call our southeast sector.

My call for the night was 642, but I still respond anywhere in the city. So south of 6th Avenue between Sheridan and Garrison.

**Q** And what were you doing as you entered into your shift, the beginning of your shift, what types of work?

A So initially we sit through roll call, just kind of anything that's happened since we were last on they kind of brief us on.

And then Agent Brennan and I had been on one call prior in the night, and it was an elderly lady that called and heard a noise in her backyard and just wanted us to make sure that there was nothing back there, and there wasn't.

**Q** And so once you cleared that call, did you get another call for service?

A I did.

**Q** And was that at 9:45, approximately?

A Somewhere in there, yes.

**Q** And at 9:45, when you received this dispatch call, can you explain to the jury the type of call and information you received and how you responded?

A Dispatch had aired it was a weapons-type call, and the RP, or kind of the short speak for reporting party, her name was Emily, had said that she had -- I think they described it as a party, had gone to a party, and she had been touched inappropriately. And when she was leaving, a gun had been fired at her.

**Q** And did you get any information about the suspect's name, meaning the person who fired the gun?

A I believe she had given that his name was Eric, but that's all we knew.

**Q** And through dispatch are they able to often run various information to try and get a suspect's full name?

A They can. Somehow they go through databases. I don't know if they look at tax or just past contacts, but somehow they came up with a name as well.

**Q** And could knowing that it is someone's birthday be enough of an identifier to positively get the full name of the person?

A It can be. It would be a major coincidence of you had two similar name and date of birth.

Q So did you get the name Eric St. George through

dispatch when you arrived to the scene?

A I think it was actually before we got on scene, yeah, dispatch provided that.

**Q** So you had mentioned before you got on scene. Explain for the jury at 9:45 who you were with and what you were doing when this dispatch call that you just described came out.

A So initially when it came out, I was by myself in my patrol vehicle, but I was dispatched with Agent Brennan -- I believe we were the only two clear at that point -- down to this call.

And just because -- anytime that there's a weapon, even if someone claims whether it's there or not, we like to take extra precautions. So Agent Brennan and I parked in a parking lot on the northwest corner of Wadsworth and Eastman, just kind of maybe a half mile away from the address given.

**Q** So once you and Agent Brennan met up at that corner, how soon after 9:45 was that, would you estimate?

A I remember I had been at Alameda and Pierce. So it probably took me around five -- five to ten minutes to get there.

- **Q** So it's a little bit before 10?
- A Probably somewhere in there.
- Q What was Agent Brennan's role and what was your

role as it was determined in investigating this call?

A So, again, like I had mentioned earlier, my call sign was 642. The address we were dispatched to was in Beat 9. I was assigned Beat 6. It's the first number of your call sign.

So Agent Brennan went ahead and called Emily, the reporting party, because dispatch had advised she was now in Parker. She wasn't anywhere nearby for us to meet up and talk with her. So he talked to her, and eventually I would relay this information to my sergeant.

**Q** And was there a reason why there were two of you investigating this call?

A I mean, the nature of police work is sometimes things -- things aren't super safe. So we go pretty much to every call with two people. The kind of calls we might not go with two people are traffic accidents or an area check that's two hours old for maybe a barking dog or something like that, kind of the lower priority stress calls.

**Q** And once you were with Agent Brennan, a little bit -- or around 10 p.m., you mentioned his role was to get more information?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** And can you describe the information that he was able to receive that impacted what you did.

A So he eventually relayed that when he spoke to Emily, she said that she worked as, I believe, an escort for a company called Denver Ladies.

She had gone there, essentially was hired to be, like, a private dancer. She began dancing when she said that this male named Eric touched her vagina. She said no.

MR. ST. GEORGE: Objection, hearsay.

THE COURT: I'm going to allow limited testimony and then as a conduit to the next question.

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) And I'll specify. What did you learn from Agent Brennan about what Emily Elliott told him that impacted where you went?

A So essentially she had stated that this man, Eric, had fired a gun in that air and also fired a round at her. So with that in mind, there's a possible firearm in play, which always kind of takes it up a notch. Whether it was or wasn't is something we determine down the road.

So at that time I notified Sergeant Maines of what was going on. I later updated Sergeant Fahlsing, because another high priority call had come out with a gun, I think, around 1st and Harlan.

So we drove to the area and parked, I believe it was just a little south of the address given by

dispatch -- you don't want to park directly in front of it -- and looked for shell casings in the area and tried to knock on any doors where people may have been awake, neighbors, to see if they had heard anything to corroborate that.

**Q** So I'm going back you up to when you said that whenever there's a call regarding firearms, it takes it up a notch.

A Uh-hum.

**Q** Explain what you mean by that it takes it up a notch in terms of an investigation.

A For me it's just a safety and security thing.

We get calls routinely with firearms. Whether it ends up being a BB gun or it wasn't there or it was there, we always have to treat it as if there is a real firearm in play. Because at the end of day I want to go home, and I want to make sure everyone else does as well.

**Q** And when you say "everyone else," do you mean not even law enforcement --

A Yes, ma'am.

Q -- but even potential suspects?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** You mentioned that it takes it up a notch. Is that why you called Sergeant Maines or got sergeants involved with this particular call?

A Absolutely.

**Q** You talked about how from this intersection you and Agent Brennan then responded to the address. Was that the address 8139 West Eastman Place, Number 103, that Emily Elliott had given Agent Brennan?

A Yes, ma'am.

MS. DECKER: And if I could project an image that's already been introduced into evidence, and we'll play -- project, rather, People's Exhibit 4.

(People's Exhibit 4 was published.)

MS. DECKER: And if we could zoom in, Kirsten, to the right half of this exhibit.

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) So Agent Trimmer, if you could explain for the jury or just -- if you can verbally explain, or if you need to step down to show, where you and Agent Brennan parked when we're looking at -- in respect the suspect's apartment building, the second one to the left from the top?

A Do you mind if I step down?

**Q** No, not at all.

THE COURT: There's a wooden pointer.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

A So we entered through the main entrance here.

We ended up parking -- there's, like, a visitor parking there. Since we didn't want to park directly in front

of -- we knew it was around this area, but we didn't know 1 2 which unit it was. So we park, and that way we're not 3 broadcasting, hey, we're here, and if someone doesn't like 4 us, they could either ambush us or it could go south. 5 (BY MS. DECKER) So there are two buildings 0 6 below the suspect's. Are you pointing to the building on 7 that right-hand side? 8 Α Right here, there's that little parking lot 9 right there. It's where we parked our vehicles. 10 So below that building on the right-hand side 11 but directly below the suspect's? 12 Α Yes, ma'am. 13 Q And you can take your seat again. 14 (The witness complied.) Α 15 Q I will likely have you moving back and forth. 16 Α Okay. 17 Did you and Agent Brennan arrive with lights and Q 18 sirens? 19 Α No, ma'am. 20 0 And why not? 21 Α Lights and sirens is what we call Code 3. 22 fancy talk --23 MR. ST. GEORGE: Objection, cumulative. 24 THE COURT: Overruled.

(BY MS. DECKER) You can explain.

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A It's fancy cop speak for an emergency. So this call is cold. There's no one in imminent danger. You know, no one has an injury that needs tended to immediately. So we need to get there safely. Because when you drive lights and sirens, there's a chance that people don't hear you or see you and then you get in a car wreck.

**Q** And you mentioned that you spoke with Sergeant Maines. Did you also speak with Sergeant Fahlsing?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** And in going to this area -- you seemed to have some familiarity with this area; is that true?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** So when you have this address in mind, did you seem to know what building it was before you even got there?

A No. I knew the townhome complex. I've actually had a friend or two that has lived there. It's a pretty quiet area. But I couldn't tell you the buildings.

**Q** And so after you had parked, describe where you and Agent Brennan walked to.

A So essentially we walked north between those two buildings towards the address that we had been given, and then Agent Brennan had received a description of where the -- Emily had claimed that the male had fired a gun in

the air and then at her. So we were looking for -- to see if we could find any casings on the ground.

And I began knocking on neighboring buildings' doors to see if they heard anything that could corroborate either a disturbance or loud noises around that time.

**Q** And at this point, since you had been meeting with Agent Brennan around 10 p.m., how soon after 10 p.m. was it when you first arrived there, would you say?

A I'm not sure. Probably at least another half an hour to an hour, somewhere in there. By the time we were talking to her and then calling sergeants and then they would have us call her back and then driving over there and walking, it was pretty time-consuming.

- **Q** So could have been 10:30 or 11?
- A Yeah, somewhere in there.
- **Q** Were you able to get any further information from any neighbors?
  - A I was only able to make contact with one unit.
- **Q** And any information that was notable to you in that conversation?
- A A female stated that she had heard what she thought was either a car backfiring or a bottle rocket go off around the time that Emily claimed that she had been there.
  - **Q** And did you observe any shell casings in the

area that you were looking for shell casings?

A I wasn't able to find any.

**Q** Describe the lighting in that area that you were looking for a shell casing.

A Overall, it was fairly dark. There were some lights between garages, but where we were looking there was maybe one streetlight. I know we had our flashlights out. And it was -- felt like we were looking for a needle in a haystack.

MS. DECKER: I'm going publish Exhibit 3.
(Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 was published.)

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) And on Exhibit 3, if you could point out where you and Agent Brennan were looking. And you might not even have to step down if you can describe it, but you're welcome to step down.

A It's -- actually there's -- kind of down and to the right from the building, there are those four or five parking spaces, it appears. And that is where Emily had relayed to Agent Brennan that she had been. So we looked anywhere from about the center of the building to those parking spaces.

MS. DECKER: And if we may have the bailiff approach with several exhibits.

THE COURT: Surely.

MS. DECKER: And these are Exhibits 33 through

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                 (BY MS. DECKER) And if you'll take a look at
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                MS. DECKER: The People would move to enter 33
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      through 43.
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                THE COURT: Any objection?
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                MR. ST. GEORGE: Your Honor, can I see 33? I
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                No objection to 33. I'll look at the rest right
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                MS. DECKER: 43.
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                MR. ST. GEORGE: 43.
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                Your Honor, I have no objection.
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                THE COURT: 33 through 43 are admitted.
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                 (People's Exhibits 33 through 43 were admitted
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      into evidence.)
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                MS. DECKER: And the People would request to
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      publish.
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                THE COURT: You may.
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                MS. DECKER: And I'll go with 33 through 37. So
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      if we can start at 33.
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                 (People's Exhibit 33 was published.)
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**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) Agent Trimmer, I'm just going to have you orient the jury to --

THE COURT: I'm sorry. You'll let me know if you need lights dimmed?

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) And you can step down, if you like, and grab that pointer. I'm going to have you orient the jury to this area.

JUROR: Can we dim the lights, please? THE COURT: Surely.

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) Can you describe for the jury what we can see in Exhibit 33?

A So this is the main building -- or the address. So 8139 refers to this whole building, and then Unit 103, I believe, was right behind here. So it would be kind of the front of his apartment or condo. I'm not sure how they phrase them here.

- **Q** And is there what looks like a conifer-type tree directly underneath that Building Number 7, 8139 sign?
  - A Yes, ma'am.
- **Q** And is that in front of, essentially, a breezeway behind there that has the suspect's door?
  - A Yes, ma'am.
- **Q** And so to be clear, it's not just the door to the right or the left that we can see in this picture?
  - A There's actually a hallway. And I don't know if

1 there's just one door or if there's multiple. We didn't 2 go down the hallway. 3 0 And so we can see street in front of this white 4 car. Can you describe for the jury in reference to this 5 street where you and Agent Brennan were looking for spent 6 shell casings? 7 Essentially, we started kind of right behind Α 8 this vehicle and then moved our way eastward toward those 9 parking lot spaces. 10 And at this point, were you sure where the 11 defendant lived? 12 We weren't entirely sure. Α 13 MS. DECKER: I'm going Exhibit 34. 14 (People's Exhibit 34 was published.) 15 Q (BY MS. DECKER) And so can you describe where 16 this is? 17 Α So this is just further east or to the right of 18 that breezeway area. 19 0 So is this essentially the roadway going towards 20 that parking area that we can see on the aerial photo? 21 Α Yes, ma'am. 22 MS. DECKER: And Exhibit 35. 23 (People's Exhibit 35 was published.) 24 Α So that's the -- Building 8139 would be right 25 So this would be the east side of the building.

appropriate spot.

MS. DECKER: Thank you.

**Q** (BY MS. DECKER) So once you and Agent Brennan had been -- how long had you been looking for basically evidence to corroborate what Emily Elliott had told dispatch and Agent Brennan?

A I would say approximately a half-hour we were either -- looking for casings. I did most of the neighborhood canvass, so knocking on doors, trying to find anyone to either corroborate or disprove that while Agent Brennan did a lot of relaying on the phone with sergeants and other investigations personnel.

**Q** And after that half an hour where it was just the two of you, Agent Brennan and yourself, did anyone else arrive on scene?

A A short time later agents -- or agents -- excuse me -- Sergeants Maines and Muller arrived on scene.

**Q** And once Sergeants Muller and Maines arrived, what did you all do?

A Well, we -- Agent Brennan and I had been waiting. We had been waiting on the southwest corner of the building.

So when the sergeants came, we all met up at that southwest corner and just reiterated what we had learned and what we had so far to make sure that everyone

had all the information and was on the same page.

**Q** Once you essentially debriefed with the two sergeants who had arrived, did you all make a plan as to what you would do?

A Sergeant Maines came up with the plan. He initially went around the back side or the north side of the building to try to see if we could locate if there was any back door to the unit because we made contact, if someone tried to slip out.

And after a short while he came back. And we had been given a description that the unit in question had an aquarium and a large tent in the living room, which we located.

**Q** Once Sergeant Maines had returned to where the three of you were on the southwest corner of that building, what was decided at that point?

A At that time Sergeant Maines wanted me to go with him. Eventually we wanted to stage on the northeast corner of the building while Sergeant Muller and Agent Brennan stayed on the southwest corner of the building.

**Q** Had you at that point verified through the car that was parked in the front of this unit, that there was an Eric St. George who lived in the unit?

A Yes. While Agent Brennan and I had been waiting, we walked down kind of that street, and I had

dispatched run, I believe it was, three different license plate. There was a Jeep there. It had a Florida tag, BKHCO7, and dispatch let me know that that registered to an Eric St. George.

**Q** So once it was determined that you and Sergeant Maines would go to -- did you say the northeast corner of the building?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** And the other two would remain in the southwest, describe what you and Sergeant Maines did from there.

A So essentially there's a fence on the north side of this building, and it backs up to open space. It's very dark back there, so we went along the fence line and eventually stopped just northeast of the unit.

I could see all the light were on inside, the blinds were up. You could see the aquarium and the tent in the living room. While Sergeant Muller and Agent Brennan were going to try to make a phone call and see if the male named Eric would come out.

**Q** Where were you standing first when you went into the back of the defendant's apartment?

A Initially we were standing behind some very small trees.

**Q** And were you and Sergeant Maines -- how close in proximity were the two of you?

A We were probably just a couple feet apart. We were well within earshot of each other.

**Q** Were you able to get a clear view inside of that apartment?

A As clear as I could. I mean, it has panes, and I'm a pretty short person, so I couldn't, like, directly see in like I was looking straight in the window, but you could see in and see some of the things around the apartment.

**Q** Could you see any -- a person in there at that time or any other identifying characteristics?

A I could see what appeared to be a white male. I could only see the top half of his head. He appeared to have short dark hair. I couldn't make anything else out because the rest of him was either behind part of the pane or back behind the kitchen counter.

**Q** And once you and Sergeant Maines were able to take a view inside of that complex, were you still in radio communication with the other two who were in front?

A Yes, ma'am.

**Q** And were you being notified of what those phone conversations, if any, entailed?

A Yes. I don't know which, if it was Agent

Brennan or Sergeant Muller, one of them had gotten on the radio and said -- you know, I know they tried to call once

or twice and there was no answer, so a voicemail had been left. And at one time they had been on the phone and the male hung up with them.

**Q** And at any point did you see a male come out of that back door?

A All the lights turned off in apartment after that was aired, and shortly after a male came out the back door with a cell phone in his hand.

**Q** What did you do?

A We stayed there. It wasn't -- hiding behind a tree that's much smaller than me isn't the best place to give commands for someone that may or may not have a firearm on them. So we stayed there and hoped that, I guess, nothing else would help happen, kind of held our breath.

**Q** After -- how long did you have to hold your breath, essentially?

A I think he was only outside for a minute or two. It wasn't extremely long.

**Q** And could you see the cell phone in his hand?

A I could see -- the only time we could see him was that there was a glow from his cell phone. It was so dark back there.

- **Q** Once he went back inside what did you do?
- A Realized that that was not the best place to be

standing and we moved, I guess, more to the -- closer to the building a little further east and stood near some shrubs. And I believe behind us was, like, a brick archway. So we were probably 40 feet or so east of that back door.

**Q** And once you got to this side of the building, what did you hear?

A Not long after the male, he'd gone back inside, during that time we could see he appeared to be on and off the phone. At least he was putting it up to his ear. He came out, and it sounded like there was a firearm being racked.

**Q** Can you describe that sound for a jury -- for the jury?

A I'm not -- I'm not a gun person. I'm not that person can that can tell you everything about them. I only carry a gun because I went through a police academy. But after going through the police academy rifle training, metal on metal makes a very distinct sound, and it's kind of like -- to me like you hear a car door shut, like I know it's a car door.

You just can't explain it. And I'd rather err on the side of caution, and I began pushing Sergeant Maines around the east side of the building.

**Q** And have you been able today listen to the sound

1 of the shotgun racking? 2 Yes, ma'am. Α 3 And is it with this demonstration weapon that 0 4 Detective Larson has right here? Is it with this 5 demonstration weapon? 6 Α Yes, ma'am. It was in a case. 7 And is this a fair and accurate representation 0 8 of the sound that you heard? 9 Α Yes. 10 0 Okay. If you wouldn't mind -- I'll need your 11 help, since I can't handle this weapon. If you would 12 please approach with this demonstration weapon. 13 And to be clear, this is a safe weapon, as 14 you've checked earlier; is that fair? 15 Α Yes. ma'am. 16 And it has no ammunition? 0 17 Α There was no ammunition in it. 18 0 It has no firing pin? 19 Α Not that I know of, but I didn't see that. I 20 couldn't pick that out with the gun, I'm sorry. 21 0 And if it is a fair and accurate representation 22 of what you heard, if you would please share with the 23 jury, by racking this weapon, what you heard. 24 Α Yes, ma'am (indicated). 25 MS. DECKER: Your Honor, I think we end there

1 for the day. 2 THE COURT: You may step down. 3 (The witness was excused.) 4 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, we're stopped 5 for the weekend. So I'm going ask you, please keep an 6 open mind. Please don't do any research. Don't drive 7 past any addresses, don't go online and look anything up, 8 any words, any phrases, anything like that. Don't talk 9 about the case in any way you can imagine. Just don't 10 talk about the case. We'll begin again 8:30 Monday 11 morning. Thanks very much. 12 (The jury left the courtroom.) 13 THE COURT: Okay. We we're going to begin again 14 Monday morning. Let's be here by 8:20. 15 MR. MENGES: 8:20 on Monday, Your Honor? 16 THE COURT: Yes. 17 MR. MENGES: Thank you. 18 MR. FREEMAN: Mr. Menges, can I see you for a 19 second too. 20 MR. MENGES: Yes. 21 (The proceedings concluded at 5:03 p.m.) 22 23 24 25

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