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INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]  
TAKEN AT LOCATION NOT STATED  
IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
ON OCTOBER 26, 2020 AT 4:33 P.M.

Name of Interviewer: RYAN GWALTNEY

Name of Interviewee: MS. [REDACTED]

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1 GWALTNEY: This is investigator Ryan Gwaltney. Last name is  
2 spelled G-W-A-L-T-N-E-Y. Today I'll be interviewing  
3 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], could you please state and  
4 spell your name for me, please?

5 MS. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] last name [REDACTED].

6 GWALTNEY: Today's date is 10/26/2020, and the current time is  
7 4:33 p.m. Uh, [REDACTED], O-, where do you currently  
8 live?

9 MS. [REDACTED]: I live on [REDACTED] in Providence,  
10 Rhode Island.

11 GWALTNEY: And where you live, is that close to Bissell Street?

12 MS. [REDACTED]: Uh, yes, is, uh, one street away.

13 GWALTNEY: And I want to now bring your attention to October 18<sup>th</sup>,  
14 2020, which was a Sunday, uh, at around dinnertime.  
15 Did you happen to be at your house, uh, on [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED] uh, during that time?

17 MS. [REDACTED]: Uh, yes. I was, uh, in my living room. We had  
18 heard the motorcycles pass by. Um, we had missed it  
19 the first time. Uh, we was gonna go outside every  
20 quarter, but they pass so fast. Then they passed  
21 around the second time. Uh, the second time, we  
22 happened to go outside. Uh, my husband started  
23 recording everything. Then I witness ... there was a  
24 moped that, um, was, like, last. And three vehicles,  
25 three, three cop cars, try to box him in in front of

1 the church on Spooner Street, which is a street away  
2 from my house. And then, um, the kid on the moped  
3 managed to go around the car, which then one of the,  
4 uh, cop cars was chasing behind him. And then, uh,  
5 there was a cop in front of, uh, Bissell Street. When  
6 he seen the moped, it, it looked like, um, he pulled  
7 out, like, trying to block him in. So then the boy on  
8 the moped tried to go around him. And then the cop  
9 that was behind him went, like, right behind him and  
10 lost control. And they both went into the sidewalk,  
11 hitting him in the back of the moped.

12 GWALTNEY: About what time was this?

13 MS. [REDACTED]: I say it would've ... it was around 5:40, around  
14 there, 5:50.

15 GWALTNEY: And where were you located?

16 MS. [REDACTED]: I was, UH, in my house, in my porch, when  
17 everything happened.

18 GWALTNEY: The, the front porch?

19 MS. [REDACTED]: The front porch, yes.

20 GWALTNEY: And IS the front porch overlook, uh, Elmwood Avenue?

21 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes, um, 'cause it's right on the main street.  
22 So we COULD see all the areas on Elmwood.

23 GWALTNEY: What is your husband's name?

24 MS. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

25 GWALTNEY: Did he videotape some of the incident?

1 MS. [REDACTED]: Uh, he recorded from the beginning all the way to  
2 the end.

3 GWALTNEY: And he turned over that video?

4 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.

5 GWALTNEY: Can you describe the motorbikes?

6 MS. [REDACTED]: Um, some were motorcycles, like street-legal.  
7 Some were dirt bikes, four-wheelers, mopeds.

8 GWALTNEY: UH, about how many?

9 MS. [REDACTED]: I WILL say there was more than a hundred bikes.

10 GWALTNEY: The first time that they came by, do you, do you know  
11 about what time that was?

12 MS. [REDACTED]: Uh, it was about 30 minutes before, um, the  
13 second time that they passed around.

14 GWALTNEY: And, the first time that they came by, did you see any  
15 police vehicles as well?

16 MS. [REDACTED]: Uh, there were actually, I will say, two, um,  
17 police cruisers following them. They had the lights  
18 on, but they were just following them behind.

19 GWALTNEY: And, the second time that they came by, was there the  
20 same amount of MO- ...

21 MS. [REDACTED]: No, there was way more, um, officers. I counted,  
22 just from the beginning that I see trying to box him  
23 in, it was three. Then, um, it was at least a good  
24 more than seven cop cars.

25 GWALTNEY: And did any of the police vehicles have their lights

1 activated?

2 MS. [REDACTED]: Some did and some didn't.

3 GWALTNEY: When you saw the moped, uh, you, you stated that

4 something happened around Spooner Street?

5 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.

6 GWALTNEY: Um, can you describe that, uh, ag-, again for me?

7 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah. So, um, he was coming down Elmwood Ave

8 towards ...

9 GWALTNEY: I, I'm just gonna stop you there.

10 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm hmm.

11 GWALTNEY: Coming down Elmwood Ave towards Park Avenue?

12 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah, that's what I was ...

13 GWALTNEY: And so they, uh, they would pass right in front ...

14 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm hmm.

15 GWALTNEY: ... of your house, correct?

16 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.

17 GWALTNEY: Okay.

18 MS. [REDACTED]: So they boxed him in, um, right in front of the

19 church. There was, um, two police cruisers that was

20 with the Providence Police, and then there was one

21 that didn't have the Providence Police logo on it. It

22 was a white vehicle. It was a car, not a SUV ...

23 GWALTNEY: So would that be, like ...

24 MS. [REDACTED]: ... but it was ...

25 GWALTNEY: ... an, an unmarked ...

1 MS. [REDACTED]: ... u- ...  
2 GWALTNEY: ... police car?  
3 MS. [REDACTED]: ... unmarked. Yes.  
4 GWALTNEY: Okay.  
5 MS. [REDACTED]: Um, they tried to BLO-, um, box him in. He went  
6 around one of the SUVs and kept going towards Park Ave  
7 with the rest. And then that's when the officer that  
8 was on Bissell Street pulled out from that street, and  
9 went towards Elmwood, and stood right in the middle of  
10 the street while he was coming down.  
11 GWALTNEY: What was your opinion of the officer that pulled out  
12 on Bissell Street? What, uh, do ...  
13 MS. [REDACTED]: I think, if he would've never pulled out, um, the  
14 boy on the moped, he would've kept going straight with  
15 the rest of the motorcycles ...  
16 GWALTNEY: Okay.  
17 MS. [REDACTED]: ... and he would've never tried to turn towards  
18 the right on Bissell Street.  
19 GWALTNEY: So, when he turned right towards Bissell Street, was  
20 he, was he trying to a-, avoid, uh, hitting the police  
21 car or was he turning down Bissell Street?  
22 MS. [REDACTED]: I think I-, um, he tried to avoid the police  
23 officer. And he probably took, like, a wide turn and  
24 then noticed that the cop was right behind him and  
25 tried to go on the sidewalk. But, by time, you know,

1                   the cop hit him and stuff, it was too late to turn  
2                   anywhere.

3   GWALTNEY: WITH the police officer that pulled out on Bissell  
4                   Street, do you have any opinion as to what, what that  
5                   officer was trying to do?

6   MS. [REDACTED]:   He probably thought that, by him coming out,  
7                   that, um, the boy on the moped will stop, but that  
8                   wasn't the case. So it try to block him in so the  
9                   other one behind him, you know, would box him in as  
10                  well, but ...

11   GWALTNEY: Uh, did that ...

12   MS. [REDACTED]:   YEAH.

13   GWALTNEY: ... did that police officer have its lights on,  
14                  emergency lights on, the one that pulled out on  
15                  Bissell Street?

16   MS. [REDACTED]:   Yes.

17   GWALTNEY: The one that pulled out, um ...

18   MS. [REDACTED]:   On Bissell ...

19   GWALTNEY: ... from Bissell ...

20   MS. [REDACTED]:   ... Street.

21   GWALTNEY: ... Street and cut him off had his lights on?

22   MS. [REDACTED]:   Yes, he had his lights on.

23   GWALTNEY: And, uh, and the officer that was following him, uh,  
24                  did, did that officer have his emergency ...

25   MS. [REDACTED]:   No, he did not.

1 GWALTNEY: ... lights on? And, when the moped swerved, did it  
2 swerve or veer to the right, uh, when the, the officer  
3 on Bissell Street pulled out?

4 MS. [REDACTED]: Um, he was on the left lane coming towards, um,  
5 Park Ave. And, once he seen the officer come out from  
6 Bissell Street, he went towards the right. And, um,  
7 it didn't look like he swerved. He just, like, tried  
8 to go on the sidewalk and didn't hit no curb 'cause it  
9 was, like, the handicap, um, ramp. So he didn't hit  
10 the curb on the sidewalk. He just, like, tried to  
11 go ...

12 GWALTNEY: So the moped, uh, I just want to be ... to clarify  
13 that. There are two lanes heading towards Park Avenue  
14 and two lanes heading away from Park Avenue ...

15 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.

16 GWALTNEY: ... correct?

17 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm hmm.

18 GWALTNEY: And the moped would've been in the left lane closest  
19 to the yellow lines?

20 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.

21 GWALTNEY: And, in order to pull onto Bissell Street, you would  
22 have to be in the right lane ...

23 MS. [REDACTED]: The right lane ...

24 GWALTNEY: ... correct?

25 MS. [REDACTED]: ... yes.



1 GWALTNEY: How close would you say the moped was to the police  
2 vehicle that pulled out of Bissell Street?  
3 MS. [REDACTED]: He wasn't as close, um, when he first pulled out.  
4 Uh, um, like, he had enough time to turn away from  
5 the cop car that pulled out from Bissell Street.  
6 GWALTNEY: And you said that the moped, um, pulled along the  
7 sidewalk, uh, but it didn't strike the curbing, right?  
8 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes, he did, um, turn on the sidewalk, and he did  
9 not hit no curb.  
10 GWALTNEY: Right. So would you call that a r-, like, a ramp?  
11 He ...  
12 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah, um, I will say it's, like, the handicap  
13 ramp that they put.  
14 GWALTNEY: Okay. When, when the moped veered to the right, uh,  
15 and entered the sidewalk, did it appear to be going  
16 the same speed that it was on Elmwood Ave, or was it  
17 going slower or faster?  
18 MS. [REDACTED]: No, he was going slower.  
19 GWALTNEY: How fast would you say that the moped was going o-, on  
20 Elmwood Ave?  
21 MS. [REDACTED]: I say he was going 25 or 30.  
22 GWALTNEY: And then, when it pulled onto the sidewalk, it was  
23 going slower ...  
24 MS. [REDACTED]: Slower ...  
25 GWALTNEY: ... than that?

1 MS. [REDACTED]: ... yes.

2 GWALTNEY: The police vehicle that was traveling behind the  
3 moped, was it behind the moped the whole time, or was  
4 the police vehicle trying to catch up with the moped  
5 from the incident that happened back on Spooner  
6 Street?

7 MS. [REDACTED]: He was right behind him. He was one of the ones  
8 that was, um, trying to box him in on Spooner Street.  
9 But he was right behind him, tailing him down Park  
10 Ave.

11 GWALTNEY: And, as the ... that police officer, police vehicle,  
12 that was traveling behind the moped, what did that  
13 vehicle do as the moped went onto the sidewalk?

14 MS. [REDACTED]: He turned right behind the moped right into the  
15 sidewalk. And it looked like he lost control right  
16 when he turned.

17 GWALTNEY: And w-, what did that vehicle do, the police vehicle?

18 MS. [REDACTED]: It looked like he hit the back of the moped  
19 because, right when he hit the moped, um, the boy on  
20 the moped went flying, hit the stop sign, and the stop  
21 sign fell on the boy on the moped as he fell on the  
22 floor.

23 GWALTNEY: Did you see what struck the stop sign?

24 MS. [REDACTED]: The vehicle, the cop car did.

25 GWALTNEY: And did the, the stop sign dislodge or did it bend?

1 MS. [REDACTED]: It dislodged from the location.

2 GWALTNEY: And you're say-, and, and you're saying that the stop  
3 sign hit the person that was on the moped?

4 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes, it fell right on his head.

5 GWALTNEY: Uh, can you describe the person that was on the moped.

6 MS. [REDACTED]: Um, as I saw him drive by, to me, I thought he  
7 was Spanish, um, 'cause he didn't look like light skin  
8 or dark skin. I thought he was Spanish.

9 GWALTNEY: About how old?

10 MS. [REDACTED]: He looked, UH, young. I will say about anywhere  
11 from 20 to 25.

12 GWALTNEY: Did you know him?

13 MS. [REDACTED]: No.

14 GWALTNEY: Can you describe the condition of the person on the  
15 moped a-, after the accident?

16 MS. [REDACTED]: Once he was on the ground, he was unconscious  
17 right away. He was not moving at all.

18 GWALTNEY: Did he have a helmet on?

19 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes, he did.

20 GWALTNEY: When ... a-, as, as you believe, and I just want to  
21 clarify this, uh, are you saying that the police  
22 vehicle hit the moped?

23 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.

24 GWALTNEY: And then what happened with the operator of the moped  
25 after the police vehicle struck the moped?

1 MS. [REDACTED]: He flew off the moped. Uh, once he fell on the  
2 ground, that's when the stop sign fell right behind  
3 him and fell on him.

4 GWALTNEY: Was there also, um, a building there?

5 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes, um, there's a house.

6 GWALTNEY: Did you see anybody hit the house?

7 MS. [REDACTED]: No.

8 GWALTNEY: After the crash happened, what did you witness then?

9 MS. [REDACTED]: I saw the officer that hit the moped. Um, he got  
10 out the car really fast. He came around and pulled,  
11 uh, away the boy that was on the moped. He pulled him  
12 away from the stop sign and took the bike away.

13 GWALTNEY: And did you see anything else relative to, uh, uh,  
14 what was the ... the person on the moped, was he, was  
15 he conscious and alert?

16 MS. [REDACTED]: No, he was not. He was unconscious and he was  
17 not alert. Like, he was not moving. Once he was on  
18 the ground, he was not moving at all.

19 GWALTNEY: If, if the, the police vehicle hadn't, uh, from  
20 Bissell Street, hadn't pulled into Elmwood ... onto  
21 Elmwood Ave in front of the, uh, uh, moped, do you  
22 think that the moped operator would have turned down  
23 Bissell Street or continued straight?

24 MS. [REDACTED]: I think he would've continued straight because  
25 Bissell Street's a dead-end. So there's no way that

1                   you can go anywhere back there.

2   GWALTNEY: The second time that the mopeds pass by, uh, or the  
3                   motorbikes, um, was the moped in back of that group?

4   MS. [REDACTED]: Yes, he was, um, I will say he was pretty far  
5                   behind because, after the first ones pass, there was a  
6                   c-, a couple of officers that was right behind THEM,  
7                   including the one that pulled out on Bissell Street.  
8                   He was one of the first ones following the first group  
9                   when he turned back around on Bissell Street.

10   GWALTNEY: Did you see the moped the first time that they passed  
11                  through?

12   MS. [REDACTED]: Um, no, it was so fast. I wasn't outside. I  
13                  just saw them through the window.

14   GWALTNEY: And how far would you say, when, when the moped ...  
15                  you mentioned that, uh, the police tried to box the  
16                  moped in around Spooner Street, correct?

17   MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.

18   GWALTNEY: And then the moped, uh, continued down Elmwood,  
19                  towards Park Ave, is that correct?

20   MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.

21   GWALTNEY: And then the officer pulled ONT-, uh, out from Bissell  
22                  Street, correct?

23   MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.

24   GWALTNEY: Um, how far behind was that moped from the, uh, from  
25                  the group?

1 MS. [REDACTED]: I will say the group had already passed Park  
2 Ave ...  
3 GWALTNEY: OKAY.  
4 MS. [REDACTED]: ... when, um, he was getting towards Bissell  
5 Street.  
6 GWALTNEY: BUT, now, so is it correct, uh, that you volunteered  
7 this statement knowing that the statement is being  
8 recorded and documented?  
9 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.  
10 GWALTNEY: Is it also true that you have not been threatened nor  
11 promised anything in return for this statement?  
12 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.  
13 GWALTNEY: Did you sign a form documenting this prior to the  
14 interview?  
15 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.  
16 GWALTNEY: Was the statement that you just gave true to the best  
17 of your knowledge?  
18 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.  
19 GWALTNEY: Have you also showed me identification verifying who  
20 you are?  
21 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.  
22 GWALTNEY: [REDACTED], thank you very much for taking time out of  
23 your day to speak with me. I will now conclude the  
24 statement.  
25 MS. [REDACTED]: You're welcome.

1 [END AUDIO.]

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