

INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]  
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KENNETT: Okay. November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. The time is 6:48, uh, p.m. and this is, uh, Corporal ADAM KENNETT, Rhode Island State Police. I'm being assisted by Sergeant Elizabeth Romano from the Providence Police Department. Uh, we are at the Lincoln Woods Barracks, and this is gonna be a recorded statement of [REDACTED]. Uh, Mr. [REDACTED], could you just say and spell your name, please?

MR. [REDACTED]: My first name is [REDACTED], last name [REDACTED]. Want me to spell it too?

KENNETT: Yeah, could you?

MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

KENNETT: All right. Perfect. And what's, uh, your date of birth, sir?

MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

KENNETT: Uh, your home address?

MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] and that is Riverside, Rhode Island 02915.

KENNETT: LET ME HAVE THE phone number.

MR. [REDACTED]: 401-[REDACTED].

KENNETT: Great. All right. So, uh, Mr. [REDACTED], you know you're here today to talk about, uh, an incident that occurred on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, um, involving a scooter

and Providence Police cruisers?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes, that's correct.

KENNETT: Okay. Um, why don't we start off at the, uh, at the beginning of the day. Um, what brought you to Elmwood Avenue, uh, on that date?

MR. [REDACTED]: On that day, um, I don't know if you guys already spoke to him, my best friend, [REDACTED], and his wife, [REDACTED]. We ... me and my girlfriend was on our way actually to their house. Uh, what was that day? I want to say there was a sports game we we-, we went to go watch or something.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: And we was just ... uh, typical day on our way over there to hang out like we usually do. And, um, on our way there, we was going up Elmwood, so facing towards ... what is that? Park Ave. APARTMENT?

KENNETT: You'd be heading towards Park Avenue.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes, yes. Heading towards Park Ave. So we was traveling upwards. We saw, I want to say, like, a big group of bikes. They were traveling the same way. They were going upwards. Now, as we was traveling, we kind of just glance at some of the guys but didn't really focus on them too much. Boom, so now that group

passed us. Then there was, like, a smaller little group behind. Then after about couple ... I want to say a couple seconds behind that, was about maybe two or three cops in the group going, traveling upwards.

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: By now that time, we are approaching, I want to say, um, WA-, two, three streets away from his actual house. So by then, all those guys passed, that group of cops. As we're approaching, let's say this is the corner. Bissell's right here.

KENNETT: Let me just ... let me pause you right there. SO that first, that first group that passed you, um, when you were driving down Elmwood, so you're driving south on Elmwood Avenue towards Park Avenue.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: Or towards Bissell Street ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: ... your destination. And you said the ... a group of bikes, couple different groups of bikes, had passed you.

MR. [REDACTED]: Mm hmm.

KENNETT: Were you in the right lane or the left lane when you're traveling?

MR. [REDACTED]: When I first noticed them, I was on my right lane.

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: When I first saw them, they were ... so I'm on my right. They kind of went around us on the ... the lanes merged around and they kept going.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: So I STOOD on my right the whole way 'cause traveling up it, the house is on the right-hand side.

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: So there was no need for me to go left.

KENNETT: Were the bikes, um ... were they doing tricks at that time? Were they going, uh ... you know, passing on the left side of the, the yellow line or were they taking the whole road at that point? What are they doing?

MR. [REDACTED]: So from what I've noticed, um, so-, they were mainly all on our side, so they were traveling on the correct side.

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: There was obviously a couple guys hitting wheelies and stuff, but most of them was just riding in a pack.

KENNETT: What kind of bikes were these? Were they street legal

...

MR. [REDACTED]: Um ...

KENNETT: ... ESCORT bikes INAUDIBLE?

MR. [REDACTED]: They were a mix of everything. They had a couple street bikes. They had a couple probably dirt bikes. They had a couple, um ... what is it? ATV ...

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... four-wheelers?

KENNETT: Four-wheelers. Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: And a couple kids also on mopeds.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: So there was everything on ... out of a group.

KENNETT: All right. All right. So then you, you got a little closer to, uh, your friend's house.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: AND what, what happened?

[REDACTED]: So then boom, we approach the house. So let's say this is Bissell. I forget what's that side street. Well, you know, from Bissell and the next corner. So we park in front of, uh ... what the heck is that business? I think it's, like, an electrical place or something. Whatever that business is in between the, the corner right before Bissell. We parked there. That's when we notice, um, Jham-, I want to say his name's Jhamal, right?

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: Jhamal traveling upwards.

KENNETT: What was Jha-, what was Jhamal operating?

MR. [REDACTED]: Um, he was on a moped.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Uh, yeah, a moped. And, um, so I was parked on the right-hand lane, obviously.

KENNETT: Just to, just to clarify, uh, where you said for the audio recording 'cause you were kind of using some hand references on the streets. Um, you were on the, uh, the right side of Elmwood Avenue.

MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

KENNETT: And you were, you were heading south towards ...

MR. [REDACTED]: YUP.

KENNETT: ... Park Ave.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yup.

KENNETT: Uh, your friend's house, um, who was, uh, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yup.

KENNETT: ... is on the right-hand side as well.

MR. [REDACTED]: INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: Were you, um, beyond his house or prior to ... were you north of his house? Had you not yet reached his house?



MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. I had not yet reached his house, so I want to say that business that I described with my hand, it's probably one house or two before getting ...

KENNETT: Nor- ...

MR. [REDACTED]: ... to his house.

KENNETT: Which would be north ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, it would be north.

KENNETT: ... of his house. Okay. So you were maybe 100 feet or so from his house?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, roughly. Yeah.

KENNETT: All right. And you pulled over into the breakdown lane at that point?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yup. So that's, like, a breakdown lane parking spot there.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: And we pulled over there.

KENNETT: All right. And then the next cross street in front of you was Bissell Street.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: All right.

MR. [REDACTED]: So Bissell's the next one.

KENNETT: Gotcha. All right.

MR. [REDACTED]: INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: So I think we know where, where you were parked. And you said you saw Jhamal riding.

MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

KENNETT: What was he riding again?

MR. [REDACTED]: He was riding a ... I can't remember exactly the color. I want to say it was, like, black and white moped.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Or black. He was traveling upwards, so I guess ... what is that? North?

KENNETT: That's south. Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: INAUDIBLE. Sorry. South. He was traveling upwards south towards Bissell.

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: And, um, so now I'm parked. What I notice was him coming up, up against the left-hand lane.

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: So now, I'll kind of do the figure with my hand and then we could explain ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... it better if you want for the recording. So I'm parked here. This is the two-lane. He was traveling up left. Before he got to Bissell, Bissell's the side

street.

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: There was a co-, a Providence Police there sideways. And, um, roughly, probably I want to say what? Like, 50 feet, maybe a little more, maybe less. As, um, Jhamal was approaching, that Providence cop pulled out. I'm not sure ... it looked like he was trying to road block the street or just pulled up, and from that point, I witnessed him go from the left lane, kind of bear to the right to kind of ... looked like it was to go around him.

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: And I wanted to say because of the way that the cop stopped, instead of going around him successfully, he kind of BEARED right and that's when he turned into Bissell Street towards, like, that stop sign section.

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: And, um, yeah. So we noticed that. And, um, what was I gonna say? That section. I didn't see the full impact. That's like I said. We were still in the car.

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: But, um, when we was fully done parking, we heard the, the, I guess ... what do you call? The impact or

whatever, and once we stepped out, like, I remember stepping out of the car. I look up. That's when I seen him kind of, I guess, FLY A BIT off his moped, hit the brick building, like, head on and just stood there sideways.

KENNETT: Just laid down.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: INAUDIBLE.

MR. [REDACTED]: Basically laid there sideways.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Didn't move at all.

KENNETT: All right.

MR. [REDACTED]: Witnessed a cop run up to him before anything. They just dragged him, didn't check up on him. Um, yeah.

KENNETT: Okay. All right. So let's back up a little bit, talk about some of the things you said a little more. Did you see him ... did you see Jhamal prior to seeing him going straight down Elmwood? Did you see him doing anything before that point?

MR. [REDACTED]: No. I'm not gonna lie and say yes, I did. No, I did not see him prior INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: Okay. So first time you, you observed that scooter,

uh, with Jhamal on it, he was, safe to say, passing you and going southbound at that point?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes. Correct.

KENNETT: Uh, so now he's just driving straight.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: And ...

MR. [REDACTED]: He's driving upwards.

KENNETT: ... you said, uh, he was about 50 feet from Bissell Street, and you said a cruiser pulled out.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes, that Providence Police pulled out. It looked like either to road block that section where he was traveling or ...

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... maybe both lanes, but he pulled out and kind of, like, just stopped there, and that's when ar-, around the moment when Jhamal BEARED, I guess, to the right to try to, like, I guess, go around him.

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: Didn't PLAN out, I guess, so he BEARED right, and that's when he went through that little ... that corner, that ramp. He missed a stop sign and that's when we saw the ... uh, well, heard the impact.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: We heard it.

KENNETT: All right. So let's, let's, again, back up here. So you saw that, uh, that cruiser that pulled out. Did it have its lights on or anything like that?

MR. [REDACTED]: No, it did not.

KENNETT: Okay. Were there any other cars coming either direction on Elmwood at that time or was it really only Jhamal?

MR. [REDACTED]: Uh, shoot. Um, I can't remember too well on that one if there was coming out. I can't remember too well  
INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: All right. How about, how about before you saw Jhamal? You, you ... what is ... you know, we talked a little bit about a few bikes. Was there a larger group of bikes at that point before?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. I want to say roughly maybe a good 50 to roughly 100 bikes.

KENNETT: Okay. So that's ... you know, we talked about a smaller group and then you, you ... as you got closer to your destination, um, you saw that, that large group.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes. Correct.

KENNETT: Um, and did they ... did that cause you to pull over earlier than you wanted to because of the size of that

group or what, uh, what made you pull over instead of directly in front of Elmwood ...?

MR. [REDACTED]: In front of [REDACTED]'S house?

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: Well, by the ti-, before I pulled up in front, I believe there was another car already parked in front of his house.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: So being that there was another car, I couldn't park, like, directly in front.

KENNETT: YUP.

MR. [REDACTED]: So, like I said, I parked, I want to say, one or two houses before. I'm not sure how many feet that is, but that's in front of that, like, little business there that's there.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: So that's where we was kind of parked.

KENNETT: All right.

MR. [REDACTED]: There was a little space between us and the house.

KENNETT: And did that ... did you stay in the car for ... 'cause you couldn't get out or because you just wanted to watch the bikes? What was your reason for staying in the car as all these bikes ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Well ...

KENNETT: ... drove by?

MR. [REDACTED]: ... me and my girlfriend, we both ride motorcycles, and when we kind of see a group, we always just look, you know, just to see if they're being safe or, um, if we happen to know any of the guys or something, you know?

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Happened to be we was just looking at them, and, um, yeah. That's when we observed that.

KENNETT: All right. And you said you look at them to see if they're being safe. Do you think this group was being safe?

MR. [REDACTED]: Uh, in my honest opinion from a rider, no. But yes. Meaning no. I say that be-, we w-, they were being safe because they wasn't going on the ongoing lane, but also the pack of ... like, the group of people f-, also scares other, like, drivers on the road. So ...

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... yeah. When you see a large group of, like, 50 to 80 guys maybe wheelie-ing and, you know, some of them acting crazy, I would say yeah. It could scare somebody.



KENNETT: Okay. All right. So you could see how that could be ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, of course.

KENNETT: ... interpreted by people, um ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Of course, of course.

KENNETT: Okay. Um, so you said, uh, you ... first time you see Jhamal he's passing you. Was there any other cruisers in the area?

MR. [REDACTED]: There was the one on Bissell and then I want to say a f-, I don't know how many yards or feet back there was, I think, two more cruisers.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: When you say back, was that be-, behind ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: ... Jhamal?

MR. [REDACTED]: Behind him. So basically, he was leading and ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... they were behind him.

KENNETT: All right. Were they ... at any point, did you see them following him or try to stop him or anything like that?

MR. [REDACTED]: That I noticed, no.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: They didn't have no sirens or anything, so it

didn't look like they was trying to stop him.

KENNETT: All right. DIDN'T look like they were following him.

MR. [REDACTED]: Exactly. YEAH.

KENNETT: Did it look like they were traveling his speed, slower than his speed or faster than his speed?

MR. [REDACTED]: I would want to say roughly about his speed.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: E-, or a good 5 maybe miles over or 10, but it wasn't, like, a big difference, like, uh, an example 20 to 50. It was, like, so close INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: HE'S RIDING close. Uh, all right.

MR. [REDACTED]: YEAH.

KENNETT: So very similar speed ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Exactly.

KENNETT: ... to Jhamal.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: And was this cruiser directly behind Jhamal or to the side?

MR. [REDACTED]: Uh, when I, when I first saw him, he was ... shit. I'm bad with feet and yards. Um, I want to say probably 20 feet maybe.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: He was probably at a distance maybe this table

length here.

KENNETT: Okay. I'd say this table length's probably closer to 10 feet. Um, so ...

MR. [REDACTED]: INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: ... that's about 10 feet. OKAY.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, 10 feet then I'll say. Yeah.

KENNETT: All right.

MR. [REDACTED]: He was about this length behind.

KENNETT: And that cruiser was directly ... so 10 feet behind Jhamal as he was approaching Bissell Street?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes. Correct.

KENNETT: Okay. And then what did ... where did that cruiser go as Jhamal took the turn?

MR. [REDACTED]: So that ... about that moment when Jhamal turned or BEARED to the right or turned to the right, whatever he did, um, that's when we notice he turned right and then it looked like the cop was turning with him right. So the same angle that he was cutting, the cop cruiser was cutting at that same angle ...

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... which was going towards ... so if this is Bissell, we're cutting at, what, like, a 90-degree, I want to say, angle after when he cut. INAUDIBLE ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... SAYING?

KENNETT: So a ni-, a 90-degree would be perfectly to the right.

MR. [REDACTED]: Uh.

KENNETT: So for-, 45 would be MORE OF A ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Forty-five, yeah.

KENNETT: ... an angle you described with your hand.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes. Yes. Perfect. Yeah.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: A 45.

KENNETT: All right.

MR. [REDACTED]: Um, yeah.

KENNETT: So, um, he makes that turn almost like the cruiser  
stays directly behind him ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: ... to follow the same path. And you mentioned you heard  
something.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: You ...

MR. [REDACTED]: We heard, like, a tire screech for a second and we  
heard, like, a loud thump.

KENNETT: Do you know where the tire screech came from? Could  
you associate that with any, any of the vehicles?

MR. [REDACTED]: I couldn't tell which of the two it came from.

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: But we just heard and then from right ... it was probably a quick, not even a second. We just heard quick, like, "ER," and then it was just a "boom," the striking.

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: And that's when, like, we got out of the car and witnessed him already still in the air kind of hit the building and he landed sideways, and that was ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... the last we saw HIM.

KENNETT: So you're, you know, you're a car guy. You're a mechanic. You've towed. Um, i-, i-, the sound you heard, what do you think that sound was? What do you think was associating that sound that created that BANG?

MR. [REDACTED]: Honestly, maybe I might not be right, but for what I feel that, that sound was, I feel like the cruiser tapped or made contact with the moped, and then the real loud thump that we heard was when the cruiser actually fully hit the stop sign that caused him to stop.

KENNETT: UH HUH.

MR. [REDACTED]: So it was, like, a quick, short, um, low sound and then it was a higher "bang" sound INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: Yup. Okay. So you think that you might've heard a first initial sound of the cruiser hitting the moped, but then a really loud ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Exactly. Yeah.

KENNETT: ... what, maybe metallic sou-, metal sound INAUDIBLE?

MR. [REDACTED]: W-, yeah, like, a metal to metal, like a ... and it was a, a straight, like ... shit. How do I describe this? Like, a metal impact and it was, like, a instant stop. Like, it wasn't, like, a screeching and, like, it kept making sound. It was ...

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... just a instant "boom."

KENNETT: So just one impact INAUDIBLE.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, that one impact and that was it.

KENNETT: And, uh, did you see what happened to the stop sign after it was hit?

MR. [REDACTED]: Um, yeah. It got hit by the cruiser. Eventually, they just took it with them. I ...

KENNETT: No. Uh, when it ... the, the, the motion of the stop sign ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, yeah, yeah.

KENNETT: ... at impact.

MR. [REDACTED]: So on the motion, it looked like the stop sign kind of ... I'm gonna use this as an example. So this is Bissell. Well, Bissell's right here. It looked like the stop sign kind of went in this motion and then it seemed like it hit him in the back somewhere of his head or, like, the back of his body, and that was what we saw.

KENNETT: OKAY.

MR. [REDACTED]: I couldn't say, like, you know, anything else from the motion ...

KENNETT: So it ...

MR. [REDACTED]: ... from it.

KENNETT: So it looked like as the, the stop sign was falling ...

MR. [REDACTED]: It struck him either in the back ...

KENNETT: When you say him, who DO YOU ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Um, Jhamal.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: The person on the moped.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: It looked like it struck him either, like, s-, top half of his head, like ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... bottom half ...

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... or maybe the top half of, like, the low ... the upper back towards the neck area.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: So somewhere from there is what we ...

KENNETT: All right.

MR. [REDACTED]: It seemed like it struck. I can't say yeah, I witnessed, like, the full struck 'cause of the distance we was, but that's ...

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... what it seemed like it fell on him.

KENNETT: Okay. And it ... did it look like Jhamal was, uh, upright on the bike at that point or was he starting to fall?

MR. [REDACTED]: That's when he ... i-, I believe he was starting to fall.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, he was starting to fall kind of, like, already in the, in the motion, like ... yeah. He was already in the motion of kind of f-, being thrown or ejected off the bike, and then that's when it looked



like the object struck him ...

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... in mid, um ... what do you want to call that? Fly into the wall, whatever you want to call that.

KENNETT: All right. Did you see him fly off the bike in, in a direction or can you ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: ... describe that?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes. We saw him actually after he BEARED to the right. It looked like he had cleared the sidewalk to us. Um, but I can't be too sure. But it looked like he cleared it. As he cleared it, there was probably, like, a quick only second or two where then that's when, like I said, the car struck. Then we saw the stop sign fall, and, um, his body just hit the ... that concrete wall or brick wall, whatever it was, as he was ...

KENNETT: YEAH.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... like, falling sideways on it.

KENNETT: Okay. And, um, can you ... I just want to go back to how fast do you think Jhamal was going, um ... uh, um, JERON, sorry. Excuse me. I'm getting my, uh ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Jhamal, Jhamal.

KENNETT: Uh, I'm getting the names all mixed up INAUDIBLE. Uh, PAR-, Jhamal. How fast do you think he was going, um, when he went around the cruiser or started to make that turn?

MR. [REDACTED]: I would want to say just by experience that I ride myself, I know it had to be about 20 to maybe 30 miles per hour.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Roughly. Uh, yeah. Wasn't ... it wasn't too fast, but it wasn't also at a, like, super slow motion. You know, it was, like, a steady speed.

KENNETT: Yeah. And so, again, you've got experience riding bikes. Um, did you see his maneuver? Did it look like he swerved to avoid that cruiser as, like, uh, an escape maneuver or did you think he maybe could've kept going on Elmwood and chose to turn at that point? Which one do you think it was?

MR. [REDACTED]: What was it? I'm sorry. INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: So you, you saw him make the turn.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yup. Yup.

KENNETT: Do you think he could've gone straight on Elmwood if he chose to or do you think if he went straight he would've hit that cruiser?

MR. [REDACTED]: I think he would have hit the cruiser or maybe clipped it.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: So he didn't have enough room in your opinion.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes, in my opinion ...

KENNETT: To keep ... to just maybe move to the right and just go around and then continue on.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. I don't think he had enough space for that.

KENNETT: Okay. And when he turned onto, uh, Bissell Street, do you think that was controlled or w-, did it seem like he was losing it at that point, like, he wasn't able to make the corner and ...?

MR. [REDACTED]: Well, not that I know him, like, personally. I know he's a pro bike rider and I've actually seen him ride.

KENNETT: Yup. Like, personally or through videos?

MR. [REDACTED]: Know him personally, personally.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Uh, um, I know him through car ... through our car friends and stuff, but personally, seeing him actually ride himself ...

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... I would say he could have handled that.

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: I would ... yeah. Uh, I wouldn't say, like, it was one of those, like, you got lucky and you did a turn. I feel like that was, like, he went around purposely 'cause that was his best move and outcome that he thought in his head ...

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... TO BE FOLLOW being struck. So knowing, like I said, that he was a rider, yeah, I feel like he would've, he would've cleared that.

KENNETT: Cleared around the cruiser?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, clearly the ... around the cruiser, there was enough space ...

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... or went to that right before the whole accident ...

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... stuff happened. I feel like he could've got out of that.

KENNETT: So I just want to hit on a couple things. You said you, uh ... you've met ... did you personally ... were you personally friends with Jhamal or did you ...?

MR. [REDACTED]: Uh ...

KENNETT: How'd you guys associate?

MR. [REDACTED]: So we associate through car stuff. Like ...

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... I work on cars and, um, he works at, at a  
boating yard but has a passion for cars. So we kind of  
... I bought parts off him before and, uh ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... he's bought parts off me, and, like, we've  
shared outputs on certain ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... things. So ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... I don't ... I wouldn't say I know him personally  
as, like, my buddy, but I know him, like, close as a  
friend.

KENNETT: Know him well enough that you'd ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: ... know him, know him by face. You know him ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Exactly. Yeah. Yeah.

KENNETT: Um, you guys have each other's cell phone numbers?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. Yeah. I have him on social ...

KENNETT: OKAY.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... media and stuff, so yeah.

KENNETT: All right. And, and you had the opportunity to, uh, witness him ride, uh ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: ... motorcross.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yup.

KENNETT: And, um, YEAH. From my understanding, he's a, uh, a, a very good ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, he's, I believe ...

KENNETT: ... motorcross rider.

MR. [REDACTED]: Um, he's, like, semipro motorcross rider, I believe is what he is.

KENNETT: Yup. Okay. Um, so has a very h-, high ability, uh, on a motorcycle, would you say?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: Would you say he's, um, you know, obviously, more advanced than the average rider ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. Yeah.

KENNETT: ... and, and, and probably would you go as far as to say he's in the top 1% of abilities of ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: ... of all, all bike riders, you know ...

MR. [REDACTED]: INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: ... recreational riders and people ... weekend warriors and ... but then you got a guy who's ... rides professional level motorcross.

MR. [REDACTED]: Mm hmm.

KENNETT: Um, so he ... he's a talented rider ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: ... to say the least.

MR. [REDACTED]: I would say yeah. He's a talented well-skilled ...

KENNETT: And ...

MR. [REDACTED]: ... rider.

KENNETT: And with that motorcross comes the ability to ri-, make quick decisions?

MR. [REDACTED]: Exactly. Yeah.

KENNETT: So looking at that and knowing, knowing, knowing his abilities, he might've been able to maneuver around at that speed.

MR. [REDACTED]: I feel confident, yeah.

KENNETT: He, he probably could've made it if he ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: So he most likely ... if he went down Bissell ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Mm hmm.

KENNETT: ... do you think that was an intentional path of ...?

MR. [REDACTED]: So from my point of view, yeah. I feel like that

was his best KIND OF ... because, um, I don't know if you guys ride. When you're riding, you only have a short time span of thinking of things.

KENNETT: Yeah, it's quick.

MR. [REDACTED]: So, uh, I feel like in that point 2 second, uh, uh, his brain activated and was ... like, his best move was going to the right. It was either, like I said, bear around the cop, and I felt like he would've clipped, like, the, the quarter panel of it or the back bumper of it.

KENNETT: INAUDIBLE.

MR. [REDACTED]: So I think that was his best move. Well, he probably planned it too, thought it was his best move, turned right and that's when that ... all that happened.

KENNETT: Okay. All right. Um, and did you know it was Jhamal when you went up to the ... when you saw him laying down there? When did you find out it was Jhamal?

MR. [REDACTED]: So I found out ... uh, no. I didn't know to begin with that it was Jhamal. I probably found out after 15 minutes that he was laying there.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, like, 15, roughly maybe 20-minute mark. Um, I noticed that the ... I realized that it was him because



I saw the moped after the cops kept moving it around so much.

KENNETT: Yeah. Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: I stood for a second and I noticed it, and I got closer to him. I was like, oh, shoot. I actually know the bike, and that's when, um, I caught a quick glance of him, and yeah, I, I confirmed it was him.

KENNETT: Had you, had you seen him ride that moped before?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: Okay. Um, was that, uh, was that a standard, uh, scooter or was there anything, uh, you know, made to ... you know, for tricks or for, you know, enhancements or anything like that?

MR. [REDACTED]: No, no. Uh, it was a basic just, um ... shit. I, I forgot the brand. I want to say it was, like, a Zuma or something.

KENNETT: Yeah. That's what it was, yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. And when ... see how INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: Yeah. Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: Um, it was a basic just ... basic Zuma and nothing ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... special, didn't have, like, nothing to enhance it. None ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: None of the plastics were missing that I'VE noticed. It was solid bike.

KENNETT: Okay. Um, have you seen him do tricks and stuff on it? Was he i- ...?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. I've seen him done tricks o-, on big bikes, motorcross, all, all sorts of things. I've seen ...

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... pretty good guy on it. So ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: Okay. Um, and again, you didn't ... did it l-, did you think he was getting stopped when you saw those cars going after him the first time? Did it look like ... when you saw that cruiser behind him, did you think, oh, they're trying to stop this guy? What were you thinking when you saw?

MR. [REDACTED]: Well, when I first saw it, I kind of thought in a way to myself, which I thought was kind of cool before seeing all this, I thought they were escorting him ...

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... because they didn't have no sirens on. Nobody seemed to, like, speed away from them. Like, you know,

they were still in that solid, like, for-, line formation.

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: It wasn't like boom, you went way too ahead.

Like, they got into a chase. It was the whole way that I'd noticed it from when they passed us. They were at that sta-, same steady ...

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... speed and pace.

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: So nobody ever, like, through lights. Nobody did anything where it seemed like maybe somebody was trying to get away. Well, obviously, you ... we know they're illegal, you know, but didn't seem anything.

KENNETT: What do you mean, you know they're illegal?

MR. [REDACTED]: Well, the, the bikes. So, you know, thinking that they are illegal, I thought maybe they are riding with them, escorting them maybe for ...

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... I think it was, like, a Halloween ride or, or something that they were ...

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... doing.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: So I probably ... I ... we thought to OURSELF, maybe 'cause of it's Halloween, the cops actually were cool enough to escort these guys for a first ride.

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: And that was it.

KENNETT: Okay. So it didn't ... the, the cruisers you did see behind the big group you didn't think were trying to stop the group. It looked like they were just following them.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. It looked like following them.

KENNETT: So they ... the ones that were, uh, behind Jhamal, did you think the same thing, that they're just following him ...

MR. [REDACTED]: I thought they were ...

KENNETT: ... INAUDIBLE?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. I thought they were kind of, like, the ending of the group, kind of, like, to be, like, the full back of the whole pack, kind of, like, I guess ... what do you call it? The end of the, the bike ... a-, fuck. Got me all messed up. The end of the group. So it looked like ...

KENNETT: YEAH.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... they was kind of, like, the back ONE in detail.

KENNETT: Yeah. Okay. And, uh, you f-, you know, uh, did you have your windows up or down on your ...?

MR. [REDACTED]: They were cracked about, like ...

KENNETT: They were cracked?

MR. [REDACTED]: ... halfway INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: Okay. So you could hear.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: When, when, uh, Jhamal passed you, the cruiser was behind you, did you hear that cruiser ... like, did it sound like it's a, a cruiser, like, accelerating hard or did it seem like it was just kind of keeping up with him ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

KENNETT: ... following him?

MR. [REDACTED]: I'm not gonna, I'm not gonna lie and say that they did accelerate. They had a SEADY ... a steady, um, speed THE WHOLE ...

KENNETT: So the two of them were just ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Steady.

KENNETT: ... maintaining a consistent steady pace ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yup.

KENNETT: ... which was about 20 to 30 miles per hour ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yup.

KENNETT: ... south on Elmwood.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yup. Correct.

KENNETT: Then that car pulls out and, um, that's when it looks like ...

MR. [REDACTED]: He INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: ... Jhamal does the, the maneuver to either go around or take the turn. He goes. He d-, makes the decision to take Bissell, goes on the sidewalk, and that other cruiser is just kind of staying that same distance ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: ... behind him?

MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

KENNETT: And then you see the cruiser hit the, hit the sign. You hear the crash. You can't really see whether or not he hits ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

KENNETT: ... the scooter, but at that point, they're close and you hear a sound of a crash, and you see Jhamal go flying forward and land on the ground.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes. Correct, SIR.

KENNETT: INAUDIBLE. Okay. All right. Sarge ...

ROMANO: WHEN ...

KENNETT: ... you got anything?

ROMANO: Did, did you actually see the cruiser hit the stop sign  
or you just hear something?

MR. [REDACTED]: Uh, I heard something.

ROMANO: Okay. So you never actually saw any impact?

MR. [REDACTED]: No, I didn't get to see no impact.

ROMANO: INAUDIBLE.

MR. [REDACTED]: I'm not gonna say I did.

ROMANO: You didn't see any impact with the stop sign or with  
the moped, correct?

MR. [REDACTED]: No.

ROMANO: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: The only ... uh, well, I don't consider a impact.  
The only motion I saw was when it was falling. So I  
didn't see the impact of whether ...

ROMANO: Okay. You don't, you don't know who ...

MR. [REDACTED]: Who struck it.

ROMANO: Who struck the stop INAUDIBLE.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, but ...

ROMANO: But you see the stop sign fall and you see it fall on  
Jhamal.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

ROMANO: Okay. ALL RIGHT.

KENNETT: Anything else? Okay. Is there anything, uh, anything else, [REDACTED], that you saw that, uh, we didn't talk about that you think might be relevant to our investigation?

MR. [REDACTED]: Um, no. I want to say that was it.

KENNETT: Just a couple other things real quick. You did stay for a while, right?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

KENNETT: So you ... um, you know, we talked to your, uh, your girlfriend and she said you guys were there for a long time, almost 'til the, the vehicles were towed, RIGHT?

MR. [REDACTED]: I want to say that was, like, 11:30, 12:00 at night when they, they first towed the, the moped, which ...

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... I'm a tow truck driver. I've never seen this happen.

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: Um, I've always saw when we got to a scene, we always pull both vehicles out of there right away or minutes from each other. They took the moped on a big flatbed ...

KENNETT: Yup.



MR. [REDACTED]: ... that had enough space to fit their cruiser ...

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... and then I want to say, like, a good 30, maybe  
45 minutes later, another tow truck came ...

KENNETT: INAUDIBLE.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... to take the cruiser.

KENNETT: So it's two separate tows.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, two separate ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... about 30 to maybe 45 minutes apart from each  
other.

KENNETT: Okay. Um, y-, you were familiar with that ... with the,  
uh, uh, scooter. You've seen it before. You've seen  
him ride it before. D-, did you get a chance to see  
the damage from where you were standing on it or did  
you look at it? Did you notice ...

MR. [REDACTED]: N- ...

KENNETT: ... anything?

MR. [REDACTED]: No. I ... honestly, I didn't because at the time  
that I tried to approach it a bit, the cops were  
already kind of hostile. They didn't want nobody by  
the crime scene.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: They were ... already had the yellow tape stuff up, so I couldn't really cross, and, um, I couldn't really see it too well.

KENNETT: Okay. So you're not able to describe any damage that you may have seen.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. No. INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: Just you didn't get a chance to look at it closely enough.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. Exactly. I didn't see it to where I would be able to describe anything, like ...

KENNETT: Yup.

MR. [REDACTED]: You know?

KENNETT: And the cruiser, um, did you see the cruiser get moved at all prior to, like, that you saw, like, a follow-up investigator show up and take pictures? Did the cruiser stay in the same spot it was?

MR. [REDACTED]: The cruiser didn't move at all.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Uh, so ...

KENNETT: Until it got towed.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. So ...

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... about ... what? This happened, like, five, maybe

6:00, I want to say.

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: I'm not too exact on the time. But, uh, roughly, five to six it happened, and they moved, like I said, the, um, police cruiser about 11 ...

KENNETT: Yeah.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... maybe to 12:00 INAUDIBLE.

KENNETT: Uh, so it wasn't moved forward or backwards?

MR. [REDACTED]: No.

KENNETT: It stayed right where INAUDIBLE.

MR. [REDACTED]: That stayed there. What they ... I did notice they did move over six, seven time was his moped.

KENNETT: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. That changed a lot. Like, it went from being on the sidewalk. They stood it up on the street, like, up against ... they laid it up against the sidewalk where it was standing straight.

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: Then eventually, I, I witnessed it again TIP the other way. Then I seen them kind of flipping back up. Then they put it on the sidewalk up against the, the house. I don't know why they moved it so many times ...

KENNETT: Mm hmm.

MR. [REDACTED]: ... but I did see at least five, five or six times  
that it was moved.

KENNETT: Okay. Okay. Um, all right. Anything else?

ROMANO: No.

KENNETT: Okay. All right. Um, JUST W-, lastly, [REDACTED], has  
everything you've said been truthful and accurate to  
the best of your recollection?

MR. [REDACTED]: Yes, sir. That is correct.

KENNETT: Okay. All right. So we're gonna go ahead and conclude  
the statement at 7:18 p.m.

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