

WS400022 -Firefighter Nicholas Ferry

How are you doing? This is Lieutenant Ed Forster with the State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's office. It is January 7, 2011 approximately 3:40PM in the afternoon. I'm here with Deputy Chief Kenneth Ferguson from the Framingham Police Department and we are here to interview Nicholas A Ferry who is with the Framingham Fire Department and was part of the SWAT operation. He will explain, the night of January 5th. We are investigating the January 5th homicide shooting of Eurie Stamps at 46 Fountain Street.

FERGUSON

26 Fountain Street

FORSTER

Excuse me again, 26 Fountain Street in Framingham. The shooting occurred approximately 12:30 in the morning. With us firefighter Nicholas Terry afternoon sir. If you just explain your function that night and what you do and how you hooked up with the police department.

FERRY

Sure yea, I'm also a fire fighter with the Framingham Fire Department also a member of the tactical EMS team and we are more of a function of the Framingham SWAT team to provide EMS in case of if anyone gets injured. So, on that evening we received a page, I believe it was around 9:30 for all temps, to report to the police station for a briefing at 11 o'clock. So, at 11 o'clock I reported here. I attended a briefing. It was going to be for a warrant, execution at 26 Fountain Street. Myself and other members of the temps team were there. I was then given an assignment of being temps command and assigned to the command post and to assist with communication between with the temps team and EMS resources assisting with any types of EMS. So...

FERGUSON

So if anybody got hurt, you weren't going to respond. You would just coordinate the communication part of it.

FERRY

Yup or assist if anybody got hurt. We were staging an ambulance at the command post also, yup. So, we went up to the scene, went up to the command post, the staging post which was a gas station just east of the house. Myself and a paramedic from AMR were in the ambulance. And we exited the ambulance to go up to the command vehicle which I believe was Chief Davis, Deputy Chief Davis. We walk up towards them and all of a sudden while we hear the breach occur, we hear glass breaking and I believe what was a flash bang. Shortly after that we heard medic up. Which means that somebody got injured. So, we started to... Tom the AMR paramedic got into the ambulance to get ready to respond up if needed. So, I started to move up a little bit and staged. As I was doing that, I was on the radio. Timms command to tens one which was a team that was up at the scene, up at the house. And as I was moving up to get confirmation that the scene was safe and to get an update from our Tim's members. I was met by I believe it was, I think it was a street crimes officer. I don't believe he was a member of the swat team. He just kept us there to keep us safe and secure. We kept the ambulance back and then I heard the radio transmissions that we have a gunshot victim, gunshot wound to the neck. We need a back board. Then we waved up and we brought the ambulance to the house immediately. Waved Tom to get out of the ambulance and got the back board. And I assisted him with the stretcher, and we got the stretcher in front of the door. And that's when I observed Tim's members bringing a male with an

unresponsive male which appeared to be a gunshot wounds to the neck towards us as we were going with the stretcher and the back board in. Assisted the members and the paramedics getting the patient on the board and then the stretcher and we immediately brought him on to the ambulance. Put him back on the ambulance and addressed the temps team and paramedics worked on the patient. I got in front of the ambulance and drove to the hospital and at that point we assisted. We assisted them with the stretcher into the emergency room into the corridor with other members of the temp team we assisted in CPR until the doctors pronounced the patient.

FORSTER

Will you, I'm sorry, there's a little bit I lost you. Will you just explain.

FERRY

That's all right.

FORSTER

So your driving, your in the ambulance right?

FERRY

Yes because ...

FORSTER

Who were you with?

FERRY

What happened was, all the remaining members of the temps team which was Captain Hicks and Jeff Beckwith and two paramedics. The two paramedics that were assigned to the ambulance. One paramedic in which you will interview today, he's part of the temps team too. But he was also assigned to that ambulance that night. As a Framingham 911 ambulance. So he was up in the house with the temps team.

FORSTER

So I'm sorry, your up in the ambulance with the other guy right? That's your assignment.

FERRY

Our assignment was, we brought the ambulance up, they waved us up and what happened was when we put the patient in the ambulance.

FORSTER

Right

FERRY

The remaining member of the temps team got in and the two paramedics on the ambulance. And there was nobody there to drive so I was asked to drive the ambulance to the hospital so. Which we do frequently as fire fighters.

FORSTER

I apologize, just explain the set up again. You have a command post and explain how the temps go with the SWAT team. They go with them, they follow behind.

FERRY

The other were on what they call a stack. I'll explain it. When you get assigned to a stack, the temp usually 2 maybe 3 if we have enough people maybe 4 they'll be assigned to the different stacks and stay behind. We have EMS bags.

FORSTER

Oh really.

FERRY

And what they'll do the stack goes in the house, we either wait outside with the EMS bags. If they need us inside, they'll have us come up and assist.

FORSTER

Ok

FERRY

I was just a liaison at the command post and assist with EMS or the ambulance. So if they needed the ambulance and Tom didn't hear them, I would be able to bring the ambulance.

FERGUSON

You weren't assigned a stack.

FERRY

No no, that is correct. I wasn't in front of the house.

FERGUSON

Do you normally do that?

FERRY

Yup, tonight I wasn't. No, that wasn't my assignment.

FORSTER

So they actually go behind each set of police officers. I didn't realize that they let you that close to the action.

FERRY

Yup. This time we actually didn't go in the house. Some members stayed out. They'll explain I wasn't up in the house.

FERGUSON

So, who were you with in the ambulance?

FERRY

Tom Canning, he is a paramedic.

FERGUSON

Tom Canning was with you in the ambulance.

FERRY

Yeah

FERGUSON

And who were the temps guys that you saw go into the house?

FERRY

We didn't really see the house at the time. It was obstructed. I couldn't really see from the gas station. Captain Hicks and Jeff Beckwith and Dave Kay.

FERGUSON

Ok

FERGUSON

Beckwith and Dave Kay. Is it Dave Kay?

FERRY

Dave Kay, yup.

FORSTER

When you said you went into the house with the board and stretcher...

FERRY

We were at the beginning of the house. I didn't actually, we just helped. They were bringing in them to us.

FERGUSON

They were what?

FERRY

They were bringing in the patients.

FORSTER

How were they doing that?

FERRY

They were dragging them.

FORSTER

Dragging Ok, I was just wondering how they got out of there. Ok

FERRY

Sure

FORSTER

And when was he actually put on the board?

FERRY

Right there in the entrance way of the house.

FORSTER

In the hallway area.

FERRY

The hallway.

FORSTER

Ok so he got brought all the way down.

FERRY

Yup

FORSTER

Alright, would you say they would be doing emergency work right on them then?

FERRY

Dave Kay was working on him and Captain Hicks.

FORSTER

Ok all right, so they went in pretty quick after this.

FERRY

As soon as...

FORSTER

So the place considered secure they get in there.

FERRY

Absolutely and usually that's when the scene is safe enough and they'll call for medics up and ya know the guys are great. They protect us and a ...

FORSTER

That's interesting, I never knew this. The emergency people got that, that involved ya know. I thought they would stay a couple yards away and we need ya and your literally right there.

FERRY

As soon as they say medic up, they right there next to the patient right after, so...

FORSTER

And you drove the ambulance to the hospital?

FERRY

To the hospital yes.

FERGUSON

Just real quick going back to when you heard the bang, you said you heard the flash bang. You heard glass breaking. Did you hear people announcing themselves as police officers?

FERRY

I heard some yelling. I was far enough away I didn't hear exactly what they were saying.

FERGUSON

So you were on Fountain Street by the Gulf Station?

FERRY

That's correct.

FERGUSON

Ok, all right.

FORSTER

I'm sorry, I can't think of anything else at this moment. I mean you didn't see anything, you didn't hear any conversations about what happened in there at all.

FERRY

No I didn't.

FORSTER

Ok.

FERRY

No

FORSTER

All right.

FERGUSON

Did you know Officer Duncan?

FORSTER

Yes I do.

FERGUSON

And have you had any conversation with him since the incident.

FERRY

No I haven't.

FORSTER

All right thank you. Were going to go off tape, it's about ten of three, same date thank you.

End Call