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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
3 Civil Action No. 1:12-cv-11908-FDS
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5 EURIE A. STAMPS, JR. and NORMA
BUSHFAN STAMPS, Co-Administrators
6 of the Estate of Eurie A. Stamps,
Sr.,
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Plaintiffs,
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THE TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM, and PAUL
10 K. DUNCAN, individually and in
his Capacity as a Police Officer
11 of the Framingham Police
Department,
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Defendants.
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15 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JAMES M. SEBASTIAN
16
17 Tuesday, August 6th, 2013
18 12:40 p.m.
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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now on the 4 record. My name is Chris Coughlin, I'm a 5 videographer for Golkow Technologies. 6 Today's date is August 6th, 2013, and 7 the time is 12:40 p.m. 8 This video deposition is taking place 9 in Boston, Massachusetts in the matter of 10 Eurie A. Stamps, Jr. and Norma Bushfan 11 Stamps, as Co-Administrators of the Estate 12 of Eurie A. Stamps, Sr., Plaintiffs, versus 13 the Town of Framingham and Paul K. Duncan, 14 individually and in his capacity as a police 15 officer of the Framingham Police Department, 16 Defendants, United States District Court, 17 District of Massachusetts, Civil Action Case 18 Number 1:12-cv-11908-FDS. 19 The deponent is Officer James 20 Sebastian. 21 Will counsel please identify 22 yourselves for the record. 23 MR. MUSACCHIO: Joseph Musacchio

24 representing the Plaintiff Eurie Stamps,

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2	MR. FUGATE: Anthony Fugate
3	representing Norma Stamps, the widow of the
4	decedent.
5	MR. DONOHUE: Tom Donohue for the
6	Defendants.
7	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: And also present?
8	MS. GRAZIANO: Christine Graziano, a
9	law clerk working on behalf of the
10	Plaintiffs.
11	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: And Lucille Sharp.
12	The court reporter is Maureen Pollard,
13	and will now swear in the witness.
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15	JAMES M. SEBASTIAN,
16	having been first duly sworn, was examined and
17	testified as follows:
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19	MR. MUSACCHIO: We'll have the usual
20	stipulations that we had in the prior
21	deposition?
22	MR. DONOHUE: Agreed.
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- 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 2 BY MR. MUSACCHIO:
- 3 Q. Can you please state your name for the
- 4 record?
- 5 A. Sure. James Michael Sebastian.
- 6 Q. And where do you reside?
- 7 A. Franklin, Massachusetts.
- 8 Q. And are you presently employed?
- 9 A. Yes, I am.
- 10 Q. And where is that?
- 11 A. The Town of Framingham as a police

12 officer.

- 13 Q. And how long have you been a police
- 14 officer in Framingham?
- 15 A. Approximately twelve years.
- 16 Q. And what is your rank or position?
- 17 A. I'm a patrolman, sir.
- 18 Q. And have you -- prior to working at
- 19 the Framingham Police Department, were you
- 20 employed by any other law enforcement agency?
- 21 A. Yes, I was. I was employed for
- 22 approximately two years at the Natick Police
- 23 Department, and I worked as a court officer for
- 24 the Trial Court of the Commonwealth for seven

- 1 years.
- 2 Q. In Natick, what was your rank as a

3 police officer?

- 4 A. Patrolman.
- 5 Q. And back on January 5th, 2011, your
- 6 position was patrolman at the Framingham Police
- 7 Department?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And you are presently a member of the
- 10 Framingham Police Department SWAT team, is that

11 correct?

- 12 A. Just reassigned to the SWAT team due
- 13 to lack of personnel, and people are injured, so
- 14 they asked me to come back to be helpful, I
- 15 guess, to the team in the next couple months.
- 16 Q. When did you first become a member of
- 17 the Framingham Police Department SWAT team?
- 18 A. I think in 2004.
- 19 Q. And at some point you left the team?
- 20 A. Yes. After I did -- it wouldn't make
- 21 sense 2004 for ten years. But I did ten years
- 22 on the team, so it must have been anywhere
- 23 between 2003, 2000 -- late 2002. So I left
- 24 after ten years on the team.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Pardon me for a
- 3 moment, please. Sir, your microphone seems
- 4 to have slipped down.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
- 6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you.
- 7 BY MR. MUSACCHIO:
- 8 Q. So what date did you leave the team,
- 9 approximately?
- 10 A. I think it was a year after, close to
- 11 a year after this incident, so it was 2000 --
- 12 Q. 2012?
- 13 A. Yes, 2012, yes.
- 14 Q. And why did you leave the team?
- 15 A. I felt as though that it was my time.
- 16 I'm 51 years old, the PT that we were doing, it
- 17 was starting to take its wear and tear on my

18 body.

- 19 Q. And you said that now that you're
- 20 presently been called back to the team?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And the reason you were called back
- 23 was what?
- 24 A. We have people that are out injured,

- 1 and they had asked if I would come back for a
- 2 few months. I think they asked me in June, and
- 3 the stipulation was probably to just around
- 4 September until people come back.
- 5 Q. When you were a member of the SWAT
- 6 team on January 5th, 2011, what was your rank or
- 7 position at that time?
- 8 A. I was an entry officer, entry SWAT
- 9 guy, and team member, and a sniper, on the
- 10 sniper team.
- 11 Q. You had no command responsibilities?
- 12 A. No, sir.
- 13 Q. Okay. Can you briefly describe your
- 14 educational background, where you went to high
- 15 school and college, if any?
- 16 A. Went to Framingham North High School.
- 17 After I got out of high school, I went to Mass
- 18 Bay Community College for two years. Enlisted
- 19 in the United States Marine Corps for four
- 20 years. And when I got out, I finished up my
- 21 degree at Westfield State College through the
- 22 Framingham State College Sauer program in
- 23 criminal justice.
- 24 Q. Any subsequent degrees after that?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Now, you understand that we're here
- 3 today to discuss your involvement in the
- 4 execution of a search warrant that occurred on
- 5 January 5th, 2011 at 26 Fountain Street,
- 6 Framingham, is that correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And you understand that Eurie Stamps,
- 9 Sr. was killed in his home during the execution
- 10 of the warrant by a bullet fired from the gun of
- 11 Officer Paul Duncan. You understand that to be

12 correct?

- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. In preparation for your deposition,
- 15 did you review your interview transcript that
- 16 was taken on January 6th, 2011?
- 17 A. Yes, I did.
- 18 Q. And when did you review that?
- 19 A. I met with Tom approximately two weeks
- 20 ago, he gave me a copy. And I saw him yesterday
- 21 and we went over -- he gave me another copy just
- 22 to look at again.
- 23 Q. Prior to two weeks ago, had you
- 24 reviewed it at another time?

- 1 A. No, sir.
- 2 Q. And you, when you gave your testimony
- 3 during the interview, you were not under oath at
- 4 that time, is that correct?
- 5 A. I don't recall.
- 6 Q. But you knew you needed to tell the
- 7 truth as to what you observed and saw during the
- 8 execution of the warrant, correct?
- 9 A. Absolutely, yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Just one ground rule here --
- 11 A. Let you finish.
- 12 Q. -- make I finish my question --
- 13 A. Okay. I'm sorry.
- 14 Q. -- before you answer. It just helps
- 15 the stenographer.
- 16 A. Lapologize.
- 17 Q. No problem. I do it myself, too.
- 18 MR. MUSACCHIO: Let me mark this
- 19 transcript as the next exhibit.
- 20 (Whereupon, Exhibit Number 22, 1/6/11
- 21 Interview of James Sebastian by
- 22 Lieutenant Forster, Bates STAMPS
- 23 000300 through 307, was marked for
- 24 identification.)

- 1 BY MR. MUSACCHIO:
- 2 Q. Officer Sebastian, I'm going to show
- 3 you what's been marked as Exhibit 23. Is that a
- 4 -- does that appear to you --
- 5 MS. SHARP: 22.
- 6 MR. MUSACCHIO: 22.
- 7 BY MR. MUSACCHIO:
- 8 Q. -- does that appear to you to be a
- 9 copy of the transcript of your interview that
- 10 took place on January 6th, 2011 with Lieutenant
- 11 Forster?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Now, you've reviewed this before your
- 14 deposition, is that correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Is there anything in there that you
- 17 now feel is incorrect that you could recall?
- 18 A. I believe I made a mistake with names,
- 19 and then corrected myself during the interview.
- 20 Q. Other than that, there's no
- 21 inaccuracies that you can identify?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Did you review any other materials or
- 24 documents before your deposition today?

- 1 A. I went over the policies and
- 2 procedures for firearms.
- 3 Q. Did you do that on your own?
- 4 A. I did.
- 5 Q. Did you review any other documents or
- 6 procedures?
- 7 A. No, I didn't.
- 8 Q. Did you discuss your deposition with
- 9 Officer Paul Duncan?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did you discuss your deposition with
- 12 any other law enforcement personnel employed by
- 13 the Framingham Police Department, other than
- 14 issues relating to scheduling, that the
- 15 deposition was happening? Any substantive
- 16 conversations that you had with anybody
- 17 associated with the Framingham Police Department
- 18 relating to your deposition?
- 19 A. I spoke to other officers and told
- 20 them I was coming in today, you know, and what
- 21 my time was to come in. Other than that...
- 22 Q. You did not discuss the substance of
- 23 the shooting incident of January 5th, 2011 with
- 24 anybody prior to coming in here today for your

- 1 deposition?
- 2 A. I don't recall talking about it to

3 anybody.

- 4 Q. But I'm talking like within the last,
- 5 say, week or several weeks, you haven't
- 6 discussed the incident with anybody else at the
- 7 Framingham Police Department in light of the
- 8 fact that your deposition was being taken?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Now, when were you first notified back
- 11 on January 4th of 2011 that the SWAT team was
- 12 going to be mobilized, do you recall?

13 A. Approximately 9:30.

- 14 Q. And you arrived at the police station
- 15 at approximately 11:00 p.m. on January 4th, is
- 16 that correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And when you arrived at the station,
- 19 is that the first time you learned that the SWAT
- 20 team was going to be employed for the execution
- 21 of the search warrant at 26 Fountain Street,
- 22 Framingham?
- 23 A. I believe so, yes.
- 24 Q. Now, there was a planning meeting or

- 1 briefing that took place to discuss the plan for
- 2 the execution of the warrant, is that correct?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. Who was in command of that meeting, do
- 5 you recall?
- 6 A. I believe it was Deputy Davis,
- 7 Lieutenant Bob Downing, and Sergeant Vincent
- 8 Stuart.
- 9 Q. And Downing had a command position
- 10 with the SWAT team, is that correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. What was his official title?
- 13 A. Team leader.
- 14 Q. What about Sergeant Stuart, what was
- 15 his position?
- 16 A. He answered to Lieutenant Downing, but
- 17 he was more or less -- he was the one in charge
- 18 of, more or less, the plan. He had the most

19 input, I believe.

- 20 Q. So during this briefing, you went over
- 21 the plan for the execution of the warrant, is
- 22 that correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And you saw a layout of the apartment

1 at 26 Fountain Street. Do you recall that?

2 A. I'm sure I did, but I don't recall it

3 as we speak here. Like looking up on a board

- 4 and seeing different rooms or anything like
- 5 that, I don't recall any of that.
- 6 Q. But do you have a recollection that
- 7 information was being presented to you during
- 8 the meeting regarding the layout of the
- 9 apartment? You may not remember the specifics,
- 10 but you remember there was information conveyed
- 11 to you about the layout of the apartment, is

12 that correct?

- 13 A. I'm pretty sure. That's what we do
- 14 before we go in, we look at a building and
- 15 street number of the house, the surroundings.
- 16 Q. And you were told during the planning
- 17 meeting that the warrant related to probable
- 18 cause to believe that drugs were being
- 19 distributed from 26 Fountain Street, is that
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. And were you told of the individuals
- 23 that were involved in the distribution of drugs
- 24 from that apartment?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Do you remember that it was Joseph
- 3 Bushfan and Dwayne Barrett who were identified
- 4 as suspects who allegedly were selling drugs
- 5 from the apartment?
- 6 A. I'm not sure of the names.
- 7 Q. I'm going to show you what's been
- 8 previously marked as Exhibit 13, and represent
- 9 to you that this is the search warrant for 26
- 10 Fountain Street on January 5th, 2011. And I'm
- 11 going to ask you if, after reviewing that, if
- 12 you can see the names of the suspects that were
- 13 alleged to be selling drugs at that address?
- 14 A. Okay. I see their names right here on
- 15 the first page.
- 16 Q. And what are they?
- 17 A. Dwayne Barrett and Joseph Bushfan.
- 18 Q. And those were the two targets of the
- 19 search, is that correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And you -- although you don't remember
- 22 the names, you became aware of that at the time
- 23 of the planning meeting, right?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And you also became aware of the
- 2 planning meeting that other individuals who
- 3 resided at 26 Fountain Street were also -- who
- 4 may be present at the apartment at the time, is
- 5 that correct?
- 6 A. I don't recall.
- 7 Q. Do you recall a discussion of a
- 8 68 year old black man who resided at the
- 9 apartment?
- 10 A. I don't recall.
- 11 Q. What's the planning -- I think it's
- 12 12, the after action plan. It's 12? I can take
- 13 that back from you.
- 14 A. Sure.
- 15 Q. Officer Sebastian, I'm going to show
- 16 you what's been marked previously as Exhibit 12,
- 17 which was the after action report submitted by
- 18 Deputy Chief Greg Davis on January 5th, 2011.
- 19 I'm going to in a moment call your attention to
- 20 some language in that report.
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. Can you turn to the second page of the
- 23 report, which is Bates stamp number 522?
- 24 A. Okay.

- Q. And this is -- there's a discussion on
  Page 1, the previous page, about the briefing
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{3}}$  and the planning meeting that occurred. Do you
- 4 see that in the bottom paragraph? If you can
- 5 peruse that for me.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 MR. DONOHUE: Take your time and read
- 8 the paragraph.
- 9 (Witness reviewing document.)
- 10 BY MR. MUSACCHIO:
- 11 Q. Did you read that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And what you read, that's consistent
- 14 with what you previously testified to, that
- 15 there was a discussion of the layout of the
- 16 apartment at 26 Fountain Street, is that right,
- 17 an aerial view, is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. If you can turn the page, it says

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And below that it says "Additional to

- 1 the above subjects these persons were believed
- 2 to be within the premises," and it lists "Eurie
- 3 Stamps

5 Do you see that?

6 A. Yes, I do.

7 Q. Does that refresh your recollection as

8 to whether other people were identified as

9 residents of 26 Fountain Street that may be

10 present in the apartment at the time of the

11 execution of the warrant?

12 A. It doesn't. But after reading this, I

13 understand that it was given out at that time.

14 Q. It was.

15 So when you left the police station as

16 a member of the SWAT team to execute the

17 warrant, you knew that an elderly individual,

18 Eurie Stamps, resided in the apartment?

19 A. He was believed to be in the

20 apartment.

- 21 Q. Now, during the search warrant, was
- 22

1 A. Yes. 2 Q. And the information that the 3 commanding officer had and conveyed to you and 4 the other SWAT members, 5 6 is that correct? A. Yes. 7 8 Q. Did you -- during the planning 9 meeting, were you provided with any information 10 that Mr. Stamps was armed and dangerous? 11 A. I don't recall --12 Q. You don't recall? A. -- any information that Mr. Stamps was 13 14 armed and dangerous. Q. Okay. Do you have any memory of being 15 16 provided any information that Mr. Stamps was 17 involved or alleged to be involved in any 18 illegal activity at 26 Fountain Street? 19 A. I don't recall that information being 20 given to us. 21 Q. Do you have any recollection of any 22 information being provided to you that Eurie 23 Stamps posed any kind of a threat to the police? 24 A. No.

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1	Q.	Can I see that for a second?
2	Α.	Sure (handing).
3	Q.	Now, it says in the after action
4	repor	t, after Eurie Stamps is listed as persons
5	who r	may also be on the premises,
6		
7		Is that listed here for the purposes
8	of let	ting the police officers
9		
10		
11	Α.	Yes.
12	Q.	And according to this after action
13	repo	rt, it was conveyed to the officers that
14		
15		
16	Α.	Yes.
17	Q.	Did you have any knowledge whether he
18	was t	the one who leased the apartment?
19	Α.	No.
20	Q.	Now, assignments, at the planning
21	meet	ting, assignments were given to each member
22	of th	e SWAT team, is that correct?
23	Α.	Yes.
24	Q.	And the SWAT team arrived at 26

- 1 Fountain Street shortly after midnight on
- 2 January 5th, 2011, is that correct?
- 3 A. Not sure of the exact time, but we
- 4 were there.
- 5 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you Exhibit
- 6 12 again, the after action report of Deputy
- 7 Chief -- Deputy Craig Davis. Can you look at
- 8 that first paragraph, first full paragraph, and
- 9 just read that first line to me?
- 10 A. Okay. "At 12:20 the SWAT officers
- 11 left the station for 26 Fountain Street."
- 12 Q. So you arrived at 26 Fountain Street
- 13 sometime after midnight on January 5th, 2006, is
- 14 that correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Now, you understood that the warrant
- 17 was to be executed on the first floor of 26
- 18 Fountain Street?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Now, before you arrived, you had some,
- 21 you may not remember right now, but you had some
- 22 familiarity with the lay out of the apartment,
- 23 is that correct?
- 24 A. Yes.

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1 MR. MUSACCHIO: Mark this as the next
2 exhibit.
3 (Whereupon, Exhibit Number 23, Color
4 scaled diagram of interior of 26
5 Fountain Street, was marked for
6 identification.)
7 BY MR. MUSACCHIO:
8 Q. Officer Sebastian, I'm going to
9 represent to you that this is a floor plan
10 diagram that was prepared for the Plaintiffs in
11 this case that depicts the layout and various
12 measurements of the first floor apartment at 26
13 Fountain Street. I want to go through this with
14 you, and see if this refreshes your
15 recollection.
16 A. Okay.
17 Q. Now, you recall that this is the front
18 entrance to the house? Is that consistent with
19 your memory?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. And this was a common area hallway
22 here, is that correct?

- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. And the common area hallway

- 1 led -- had two doors, right; one on the right
- 2 side that led into what we refer to as a living
- 3 room, is that right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Is that consistent with your memory?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And then there's another door at the
- 8 end of the hallway that led into the kitchen, is
- 9 that correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And then off of the living room there
- 12 was an opening that led into what we refer to as
- 13 a room that's called a den. Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Is that consistent with your memory of
- 16 the layout of the apartment on January 5th,
- 17 2011?
- 18 A. All the way up to the end of the
- 19 kitchen, because I never went any farther into
- 20 that area.
- 21 Q. Exactly.
- 22 Okay. So the front entry, the living
- 23 room, the den, and the kitchen is all -- the
- 24 layout is all consistent with your memory of

- 1 what it looked like on January 5th, 2011?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Now, your assignment that evening was
- 4 to be part of a three man team that would enter
- 5 the door in the hallway on the right side of the
- 6 hallway, is that correct?
- 7 A. Right here, yes (indicating).
- 8 Q. Can you take this black marker and
- 9 just put an X at that doorway that related to
- 10 your assignment in terms of where you were going

11 to enter?

- 12 A. Okay (labelling).
- 13 Q. So your team consisted of yourself,
- 14 Officer Paul Duncan, and Sergeant Stuart, is
- 15 that correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. And what you did is you entered
- 18 into the apartment at the front door entry,
- 19 which is right here (indicating), is that
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And that door was unlocked at the
- 23 time, do you recall?
- 24 A. It was open when I went through it.

- 1 Q. It was open.
- 2 A. It was unlocked.
- 3 Q. So it didn't have to be breached or
- 4 broken?
- 5 A. I don't believe so. I don't recall,
- 6 because I'm not sure.
- 7 Q. You entered through the front door?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And your assignment, along with
- 10 Sergeant Stuart and Officer Duncan, was to enter
- 11 the apartment at the appropriate time by
- 12 breaching this door in the hallway on the right
- 13 side, and to enter what we've referred to as the
- 14 living room, is that correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And Officer Duncan was the
- 17 so-called breacher of the door, is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And that meant that if the door was
- 20 locked, he needed to break the door open to gain
- 21 entry, is that correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And after the door was breached, your
- 24 responsibility was to enter the room in a

- 1 so-called stack consisting of Officer Duncan,
- 2 yourself, and Sergeant Stuart, is that correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And at some point you -- and then
- 5 there was another team that was going to enter
- 6 the apartment through the kitchen door, is that

7 correct?

- 8 A. Yes, it is.
- 9 Q. And that team consisted of Officer
- 10 O'Toole, Officer Sheehan, is that correct?
- 11 A. I don't recall who was in that stack

12 over there.

- 13 Q. Okay. Do you know if Lieutenant
- 14 Downing was in that stack to enter in the
- 15 kitchen?
- 16 A. He was.
- 17 Q. He was. Okay.
- 18 But you don't recall necessarily who
- 19 the other two officers were?
- 20 A. No. Nope.
- 21 Q. Now, at some point Officer Stuart,
- 22 after you made entry, knocked on that right door
- 23 that you've marked an X and knocked and
- 24 announced "Framingham Police Department search

- 1 warrant," is that correct?
- 2 A. I don't recall if he did it outside
- 3 the house or in the hallway. I don't recall.
- 4 Q. But you heard him make an
- 5 announcement?
- 6 A. I did.
- 7 Q. So-called knock and announce, correct?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. And at some point after that
- 10 you heard an order to execute? Do you recall

11 that?

- 12 A. I don't recall it, but that is our way
- 13 of saying we're going to go in.
- 14 Q. So the sequence is that Stuart does a
- 15 knock and announce?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. If he doesn't get a response to his
- 18 knocking and announcing, an order is given to
- 19 execute the warrant, is that correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. And is that your memory of what
- 22 happened that evening?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And then at that point did you hear a

- 1 flashbang go off?
- 2 Let me ask you this. Was it part of
- 3 the execution of the warrant --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- planning to have a flashbang?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And you wouldn't enter the apartment
- 8 until after the flashbangs go off, is that
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. So is it fair to say that at some
- 12 point a flashbang went off after the execution
- 13 order was given? Is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And then once the flashbang went off,
- 16 that's when Officer Duncan broke open the door
- 17 into the living room, is that correct?
- 18 A. I recall him breaking open the door,

19 yes.

- 20 Q. And was Duncan the first one into the
- 21 room?
- 22 A. I don't recall. A lot of times when
- 23 you're breaching and you open the door, you have
- 24 to get rid of the breaching tool, and somebody

- 1 else, while you do that, somebody else will move
- 2 in, and then you follow him behind as if you're
- 3 the breacher.
- 4 Q. You don't have a recollection of who
- 5 was first into the room?
- 6 A. I don't.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. I don't.
- 9 Q. Do you know if you were -- at any
- 10 point, you entered -- after the door is breached
- 11 Officer Duncan, yourself, and Sergeant Stuart
- 12 entered into the living room, is that correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And when you entered the living room,
- 15 what weapon were you carrying?
- 16 A. I was carrying an M-4 Colt assault
- 17 rifle.
- 18 Q. What setting was it on; was it on safe
- 19 or off safe?
- 20 A. It was on safe.
- 21 Q. So when you entered that living room,
- 22 your gun was on safe?
- 23 A. Yes, it was.
- 24 Q. And was that your understanding of

- 1 what the procedure and protocol was upon
- 2 entering a room like that?
- 3 A. I like to keep my weapon on safe.
- 4 Q. Were you instructed by anybody at the
- 5 Framingham Police Department that upon entry at
- 6 this point in the execution of a search warrant
- 7 that the weapon should be on safe?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. But your weapon was on safe?
- 10 A. My weapon was on safe, yes.
- 11 Q. And why do you prefer to have it on

12 safe?

- 13 A. Because I have the confidence in
- 14 myself that if I perceive a threat, I can raise
- 15 my weapon and put the weapon from safe to fire
- 16 quickly.
- 17 Q. Now, when you entered the living room,
- 18 did you see any persons in there, other than the
- 19 other officers, of course?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. So you did not encounter any threats
- 22 in the living room at that point, is that
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. No.

1 Q. So you still kept your weapon on safe

2 at that point?

3 A. Yes. Safe, and at the low ready.

4 Q. After entering the living room, what

5 did you do in that living room area?

6 A. As I made entry here, I know that

7 Sergeant Stuart and Officer Duncan were in front

8 of me. Up here, I saw what I thought was a

9 blanket taped to the walls, right here to cover

10 this (indicating).

11 Q. Can you mark with your -- with a black

12 marker, just put a line where you saw the

13 blanket, and just write the word "blanket"?

14 A. Sure (labelling).

15 Q. And when Officer Duncan and Sergeant

16 Stuart, they at some point walked over to where

17 the blanket was?

18 A. You know what? I made a mistake. I

19 made a mistake on this.

20 The blanket, I believe, was right

21 here, because when I walked in -- just trying to

22 recall (indicating).

23 Q. We can take a look at your interview,

24 because I believe in your interview you said

1 that there was a blanket there.

2 A. There was definitely a blanket. I'm

3 just not sure if it was either here or here. I

4 can tell you this, that it looked like Duncan --

5 I know Duncan and Stuart had met up with other

6 members of our team, and what I did was I came

7 back in here into the kitchen area (indicating).

8 Q. Okay. So --

9 A. I just don't recall if it was either

10 here or here, but there was definitely a blanket

11 (indicating).

12 Q. Okay. Whether there was a -- you saw

13 Officer Duncan and Sergeant Stuart --

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. -- leave the living room and enter the

16 den?

17 A. Yes. They did not come back with me.

18 Q. Okay. And why did you leave the

19 living -- let's go back.

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. Why don't you tell me where you were

22 standing once Stuart and Duncan left the living

23 room? Where were you standing, approximately?

A. I believe I was -- I didn't make that

- 1 much of an entry into the room, so I was
- 2 probably, I'm guessing approximately right here
- 3 (indicating).
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. I shouldn't say "guessing."
- 6 Q. As you testified, after Stuart and
- 7 Duncan crossed that threshold into the den, you
- 8 decided -- you went back into the front hallway.
- 9 Why don't you trace with a line, and you can do
- 10 the line in red, your path back into the front
- 11 hallway. And you went into the kitchen?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. Can you just --
- 14 A. Sure. I just want to try to be clear
- 15 on this, that I'm not sure if the blanket was
- 16 here or here. However, once I saw Sergeant
- 17 Stuart and Officer Duncan meet up with our other
- 18 officers, I went back. It's a little thing what
- 19 we call looking for work, so they were kind of
- 20 log-jammed up. So I went back. And I'll show
- 21 you exactly how I went back.
- 22 I went back in here, and I believe
- 23 Sergeant Ruiz was right here holding down this
- 24 stairway in case a neighbor came out and -- you

1 know, after hearing all the noise or anything

2 like that, for their safety (indicating).

3 Q. Sure.

4 A. So I came back in here into the

5 kitchen area, and I encountered Lieutenant

6 Downing right here. And he said to me "we have

7 to clear the cellar area." And I actually --

8 that was my -- right where I was with Lieutenant

9 Downing (indicating).

10 Q. Okay. Can you mark with a black

11 marker --

12 A. Sure.

13 Q. -- a circle where Downing was standing

14 big enough that you can put his initials in it?

15 A. Okay. He was standing right in front

16 of this door. So it would be where the "DN"

17 initials are. So he was standing right in front

18 of that door. So I'll circle it right here with

19 his initials (labelling).

20 Q. Sure.

21 And that's the door leading to the

22 cellar, correct?

23 A. Yes, it is.

24 Q. Now, you also saw Sergeant -- you also

- 1 saw Officer Riley standing in the kitchen, too,
- 2 is that correct?
- 3 A. I believe Officer Riley was right in
- 4 there with me.
- 5 Q. Can you mark where Officer Riley was
- 6 standing?
- 7 A. (Labelling).
- 8 Q. Same way, with a --
- 9 A. He was off to my right or left
- 10 (labelling).
- 11 Q. Okay. So when you entered the
- 12 kitchen, the three of you were essentially
- 13 standing very close to the door leading to the
- 14 cellar, is that right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 MR. MUSACCHIO: Mark that as the next
- 17 exhibit.
- 18 (Whereupon, Exhibit Number 24, Copy of
- 19 color photograph, was marked for

20 identification.)

- 21 BY MR. MUSACCHIO:
- 22 Q. You can take a look at that. That's
- 23 24.
- 24 Officer Sebastian, is that your

- 1 signature on the top there?
- 2 A. Yes, it is.
- 3 Q. So this is the drawing that you made
- 4 on January 6th, 2011 during your interview with
- 5 Lieutenant Forster where you made markings on a
- 6 picture of the kitchen, is that correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. And you can see where you've
- 9 placed Lieutenant Downing, Officer Riley, and
- 10 yourself, is that correct?
- 11 A. Yes, it is.
- 12 Q. Is that an accurate depiction of where
- 13 everybody was standing when you first entered
- 14 the kitchen?
- 15 A. Yes, it is.
- 16 Q. Okay. And the order that was given by
- 17 Lieutenant Downing was that this door needed to
- 18 be secured, and the basement needed to be
- 19 searched, is that right?
- 20 A. Well, the door didn't need to be
- 21 secured, we needed to make entry down there to
- 22 make sure that there was nobody hiding down
- 23 there.
- 24 Q. And that order was given by Lieutenant

1 Downing, is that correct?

2 A. Yes, it is.

3 Q. And the plan was that you and Officer

4 Riley were going to enter the cellar to do the

5 search, is that right?

6 A. There could have been trailers that

7 were going to come up and help us. We just

8 weren't going to go right down there. In an

9 area that's that large, you're going to need a

10 little bit more than one or two guys.

11 Q. All right. Before you made entry into

12 the cellar you heard a gunshot, is that correct?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. And you flinched when you heard the

15 gunshot?

16 A. I did, yes.

17 Q. And the gunshot came from inside the

18 kitchen where you were standing?

19 A. No, it did not come from inside the

20 kitchen. It came off, as I'm standing here

21 looking at Lieutenant Downing, it came off to my

22 right.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. When I heard the shot, the bang, there

- 1 was nobody in this kitchen area, it was off back
- 2 into this area. I couldn't see anyone in that
- 3 area (indicating).
- 4 Q. Okay. So after you -- let's take a
- 5 look at your statement.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. If you can go to Page 6. I'm going to
- 8 read a portion of your answer in the middle of
- 9 the page that starts "Right at this particular
- 10 time." Do you follow along with me? Page 6,
- 11 "Right at this particular time."
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. And this is Bates stamped Page 305.
- 14 And your answer, part of your answer was "Right
- 15 at this particular time, Lieutenant Downing,
- 16 when I came around and said we need to clear the
- 17 cellar. And Officer Riley was right here. It
- 18 was at this point where I heard a loud bang, and
- 19 I flinched when I heard the bang because it was
- 20 very loud, and Lieutenant Downing moved from the
- 21 door and moved this way, and Officer Riley and I
- 22 both said we got to get down there and clear the
- 23 cellar obviously for safety reasons and to see
- 24 if anyone else was down there."

- 1 Did I read that correctly?
- 2 A. Yes, you did.
- 3 Q. Is that an accurate description of
- 4 what happened?
- 5 A. Yes, it was.
- 6 Q. Okay. And if you can turn to Page 7,
- 7 again another part of your answer that starts
- 8 "So when I came up the stairs."

9 Do you see that?

- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. "So when I came up the stairs" -- I
- 12 assume that means when you came back up the
- 13 stairs after clearing the cellar?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. -- "I peeled this way and walked out
- 16 and I was met by Deputy Chief Davis and he had
- 17 asked what happened. I said I really don't know
- 18 what happened. And I did -- I think before I
- 19 went down, I called for medics because they were
- 20 calling for a medic and I was the closest one
- 21 here to yell outside. I knew that the ambulance
- 22 had pulled right up to the front."
- 23 Did I read that correctly?
- A. Yes, you did.

1 Q. Is that an accurate description of 2 what occurred?

3 A. I don't recall exactly all -- I mean

4 obviously it happened. But to this day I mean I

5 don't -- you know, it's not clear in my memory

6 that -- you know, exactly what happened. But I

7 wouldn't have said it if it didn't happen.

8 Q. Okay. So you told Deputy Chief Davis

9 "I really don't know what happened," is that

10 correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Okay. So based on what you said in

13 your statement, when you heard the gunshot you

14 immediately entered the cellar at that point?

15 A. Not immediately. I looked over to

16 where the shot came from, and I didn't see any

17 of our guys like running out or anything like

18 that. And I was basically waiting for another

19 shot to happen if one of our guys got shot at

20 and one of our guys returned fire, but I didn't

21 hear that.

22 Q. How much time elapsed between when you

23 heard the gunshot and you made entry into the

24 cellar?

- 1 A. I don't recall.
- 2 Q. Are we talking seconds?
- 3 A. Yeah, I mean it was --
- 4 Q. Five seconds?
- 5 A. I don't -- I'm not sure exactly how
- 6 long it was, but it was within seconds of
- 7 hearing the gunshot.
- 8 Q. Okay. So you're testifying -- your
- 9 testimony is that you looked towards the
- 10 direction where the gunshot came from?
- 11 A. Sure.
- 12 Q. And you said you looked towards this
- 13 area between --
- 14 A. This area (indicating).
- 15 Q. -- which area did you look towards?
- 16 A. Just in this general direction right
- 17 here (indicating).
- 18 Q. Okay. So that's the general direction
- 19 where the kitchen goes into the hallway and the
- 20 rear entry area that's marked there?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. That's where you looked?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. Was anything blocking your

- 1 vision in terms of whether you could see over
- 2 here, the entryway between the kitchen and the

3 hallway?

- 4 A. I don't recall. I don't recall.
- 5 Q. Now, Officer Riley testified that when
- 6 he heard the gunshot, he immediately turned when
- 7 he heard the shot, and he saw Officer Duncan on
- 8 his feet trying to regain his balance. Is that
- 9 consistent with your memory?
- 10 A. I did not see that. I saw Officer
- 11 Duncan walking out.
- 12 Q. Walking out?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. And how quickly did you turn
- 15 when you heard the gunshot? Was it immediate?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. And did you, when you turned
- 18 immediately, did you see at that second Officer
- 19 Duncan coming -- walking from here to here
- 20 (indicating)?
- 21 A. When I looked over, I don't recall how
- 22 many seconds it was, but I did see him walking
- 23 through the kitchen area.
- 24 Q. Okay. But you don't know how many

- 1 seconds that was after you turned to look?
- 2 A. I don't recall. I don't.
- 3 Q. Okay. Now, Officer Downing testified
- 4 that he was facing toward the kitchen this way,
- 5 looking toward the hallway when the gun went
- 6 off, and that he saw Duncan walking towards him.
- 7 Is that consistent with what you saw?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Did you hear Officer Duncan say
- 10 anything when you first saw him?
- 11 A. I didn't hear him say anything.
- 12 Q. So after the gun was fired, you never
- 13 heard his voice?
- 14 A. I don't recall hearing his voice.
- 15 Q. All right. Now, you subsequently
- 16 learned that Officer Duncan's weapon discharged,
- 17 and the bullet from his weapon entered and
- 18 killed Eurie Stamps, is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Did you see Eurie Stamps at any time?
- 21 A. I did.
- 22 Q. And when was that?
- 23 A. When I cleared the cellar and came up
- 24 the stairway, I think it's right in here, I

- 1 looked to my right, or walked out here, and I
- 2 was met by Deputy Chief Davis. And he had asked
- 3 me what happened, and I told him I wasn't sure
- 4 what happened. The way Duncan walked by me, he
- 5 didn't look like he was -- he looked -- I wasn't
- 6 sure if he was the one that actually maybe got
- 7 grazed by a bullet, or something happened.
- 8 Q. But before Eurie Stamps was shot, you
- 9 never saw his body?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Okay. While you were in the kitchen
- 12 with Officers -- with Officer Riley and
- 13 Lieutenant Downing, did Officer Duncan ever ask
- 14 for assistance in any effort to make contact
- 15 with or encounter Eurie Stamps?
- 16 A. I didn't observe -- I didn't observe
- 17 him making any contact with -- I couldn't see.
- 18 Q. Correct. I'm asking, did you ever --
- 19 do you have any recollection of Officer Duncan
- 20 asking for any assistance from any other officer
- 21 relating to anything he was doing in the
- 22 kitchen?
- 23 A. I don't recall. But looking back on
- 24 this, I think it says I said something like

- 1 "medic. We need a medic. We need medics." I
- 2 don't know if it was from other people yelling
- 3 "we need a medic," but I didn't -- my only
- 4 interaction with Officer Duncan was when I
- 5 looked over and I saw him walking through the
- 6 kitchen.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. And he was pretty much -- he was gone.
- 9 That was the last time I saw him.
- 10 Q. So you never heard him ask any
- 11 officers for assistance while you were in the

12 kitchen?

- 13 A. He could have. I don't recall. I
- 14 just heard voices saying "medics." When Paul,
- 15 Officer Duncan walked by me, he was not talking.
- 16 Q. Okay. Before the shot was fired, did
- 17 you ever hear Officer Duncan's voice while you
- 18 were in the kitchen?
- 19 A. I don't recall hearing his voice, no.
- 20 Q. Now, you're familiar with the
- 21 procedure called contact and cover?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Can you explain what that is?
- 24 A. Sure. It takes two officers, it's a

- 1 two officer procedure, and what it is is you're
- 2 trying to handcuff a suspect who you perceive is
- 3 a threat. And so in a situation like that, you
- 4 would need two officers to perform the task.
- 5 Q. Okay. And one officer will cover the
- 6 person or suspect and secure that person?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Right?
- 9 And when we say "cover," it usually
- 10 involves a weapon, right?

11 A. Absolutely.

12 Q. And then the contact officer will then

13 secure his weapon on safety, is that correct?

14 A. Depending on what he's carrying for a

15 weapon system.

- 16 Q. Okay. If he's got a gun that allows
- 17 him to put it on safety, he puts it on safety,

18 is that correct?

- 19 A. Well, I'll give you two examples. If
- 20 you have a handgun, our handguns are always --
- 21 we don't have a safety on our handgun, we have a
- 22 de-cocking mode. So you would holster your
- 23 handgun, you'd put it in your holster, and you
- 24 would approach the suspect, after you've

1 communicated with the other officer on who was

- 2 going to be the contact or the cover officer.
- 3 If you have a long rifle or an M-4,
- 4 you -- ideally that would be the person who was
- 5 going to be the cover officer.
- 6 Q. So in this situation with three
- 7 officers standing here, and Officer Duncan
- 8 interacting or encountering Eurie Stamps, if he
- 9 had asked for assistance in order to physically
- 10 engage Mr. Stamps, is it fair to say that one of
- 11 these officers, either Lieutenant Downing,
- 12 yourself, or Officer Riley, would have assisted

13 him?

- 14 MR. DONOHUE: Objection.
- 15 BY MR. MUSACCHIO:
- 16 Q. You can answer.
- 17 A. If any one of my team members calls
- 18 for assistance and I'm available, I'm going to

19 assist him.

- 20 Q. So if Officer Duncan asked for you
- 21 your assistance in whatever he was going to do
- 22 dealing with Eurie Stamps, you would have
- 23 provided him help?
- 24 A. If I was tactically capable of doing

- 1 that.
- 2 Q. And would you have been tactically
- 3 able to do that, given that there were two
- 4 officers present securing that door?
- 5 A. Well, Lieutenant Downing had issued
- 6 the order that he would like us to clear the
- 7 cellar. Once the door was breached or opened by
- 8 Lieutenant Downing, it was a go down there,
- 9 there was no turning back.
- 10 Q. But the gunshot occurred before the
- 11 door was opened?
- 12 A. I don't recall.
- 13 Q. All right. But your testimony is that
- 14 you would -- if Officer Duncan asked for
- 15 assistance, if you were tactically able to do
- 16 it, you would have done it?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Was this contact/cover rule that you
- 19 just described taught to you in your police
- 20 training and your SWAT training at the
- 21 Framingham Police Department prior to
- 22 January 5th, 2011?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And it's a rather standard procedure,

1 isn't that correct?

2 A. Yes, it is.

3 Q. And you were taught that probably at

4 the police academy, in addition to being taught

5 during your SWAT training, is that correct?

6 A. SWAT training, yes. I mean it's

7 implemented into our in-service trainings.

8 Q. Now, are you also aware of the rule or

9 the procedure where that if there's nobody else

10 available to assist when a police officer wants

11 to pat search or handcuff a person or a suspect

12 during the execution of a search warrant, that

13 the proper procedure is for the police officer,

14 before encountering the suspect, to put his gun

15 on safety, or to holster a handgun?

16 A. Are you asking me during the

17 contact/cover, or just if you've ordered someone

18 to the ground?

19 Q. I'm just talking in a situation where

20 somebody is ordered to the ground --

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. -- and an officer feels that there's a

23 need to handcuff the person or pat search them

24 for a weapon, or just to make physical contact

- 1 with them, is the proper procedure that before
- 2 the officer does that, if he has a long rifle,
- 3 to put the long rifle on safety and sling it
- 4 over his shoulder before making contact with the
- 5 suspect?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And that was a procedure that was
- 8 trained -- that you were trained in and the SWAT
- 9 team was trained in prior to January 5th, 2011,

10 is that correct?

- 11 A. I couldn't tell you when we had the
- 12 training. I don't recall exactly when it was.
- 13 Q. But you were trained in that before
- 14 January 5th, 2011, is that correct?
- 15 A. Yes. Just I think it was more with a
- 16 handgun.
- 17 Q. So you were definitely trained prior
- 18 to January 5th, 2011 that if you have a handgun,
- 19 that you holster it before you make contact with
- 20 a person?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. And is it also your
- 23 recollection that that training, if you had a
- 24 long gun which you can't holster, that you put

1 it on safety before you make contact with a

2 suspect?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you were trained in that prior to

5 January 5th, 2011?

6 A. I mean I don't recall the training,

7 but my memory is kind of lapsing. I really

8 don't.

9 Q. Well, do you have any reason to

10 believe that there would be any other rule in

11 existence prior to January 5th that would be

12 different than putting your long gun on safety

13 before making contact with an officer -- I mean

14 with a suspect?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Okay. Because that's consistent with

17 the idea of a handgun and holstering it, isn't

18 that correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So it's fair to say that the rule or

21 the procedure, the proper procedure prior to

22 January 5th, 2011, that is when you have a long

23 rifle, that before you put your hands on a

24 suspect, or any person during the execution of a

- 1 search warrant, that you should put that gun on
- 2 safety, isn't that correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 MR. MUSACCHIO: Why don't we take a
- 6 short break.
- 7 MR. DONOHUE: Sure.
- 8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the
- 9 record. The time is 1:34.
- 10 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)
- 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record.
- 12 The time is 1:43.
- 13 MR. MUSACCHIO: Stay off the record
- 14 for a minute.
- 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the
- 16 record.
- 17 MR. MUSACCHIO: We can stay on the
- 18 record. I'm sorry.
- 19 Could you find me his interview
- 20 statement, Exhibit, I think it was --
- 21 MS. SHARP: 22.
- 22 MR. MUSACCHIO: -- 22.
- 23 BY MR. MUSACCHIO:
- 24 Q. Officer Sebastian, can you look at

- 1 your statement which is Exhibit 22 on Page 4,
- 2 which is Bates stamp number 303?
- 3 A. Okay.
- 4 Q. I want you to also look at --
- 5 A. The front entry?
- 6 Q. -- the diagram, the drawing.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. All right. I want to point out to you
- 9 that this was actually a bedroom?
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. There was a bed in there. We called
- 12 it a living room.
- 13 A. All right.
- 14 Q. But I believe, and that's going to --
- 15 I'm just telling you that because when I read
- 16 what you answered in your interview, you'll
- 17 understand.
- 18 A. All right.
- 19 Q. So if you can look at Page 4 of your
- 20 interview, your answer -- "Question: When you
- 21 say breached, the front door or the door of the
- 22 bedroom?
- 23 "The door or the bedroom here. See
- 24 this room here?

- 1 "Okay, there was a door -- okay."
- 2 The breaching we're talking about is
- 3 right here, okay (indicating)?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And that's referred to in the
- 6 interview as a bedroom.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. And then your answer "So the door was
- 9 breached. Officer Duncan and Sergeant Stuart
- 10 went in. I followed."
- 11 Did I read that correctly?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. So that's essentially what you
- 14 testified before, that the door was breached,
- 15 and the three of you entered into what is
- 16 referred to by the interviewer as a bedroom?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Which is actually we've listed as the
- 19 living room, okay?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Your answer goes on, "There was nobody
- 22 in there. The room kind of led around and I saw
- 23 like a black blanket that was taped up on the
- 24 ceiling, or I don't know how it was secured.

And that's where Officer Duncan and Sergeant
 Stuart were.

3 "At that time, I came back around

4 through the door and up the hallway into the

5 kitchen right here. To my left was Lieutenant

6 Downing."

7 Did I read that correctly?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Does that refresh your

10 recollection as to whether the blanket was

11 between what is defined here as the living room

12 and the den?

13 A. I think I messed up when I told you

14 that the blanket was here. I believe that the

15 blanket -- I just want to be, I'm trying to be

16 as -- I want to be honest, I don't want to

17 guess.

18 Q. I appreciate that.

19 A. But I'm pretty sure that I did follow

20 the room around, and then when Officer Duncan

21 and Sergeant Stuart got here, they met up with

22 other officers. And they wouldn't have met up

23 with them here, I don't believe, they would have

24 met up with them here. So I probably followed

- 1 them into this room. And when I saw that they
- 2 were with other officers, and the door -- this
- 3 area was jammed up, I went back around. I think
- 4 that makes more sense than I just stopped here
- 5 and went around. Because I know that I wouldn't
- 6 have just left them, you know what I? Mean, I
- 7 wouldn't have left them to come in here

8 (indicating).

- 9 Q. So you're saying your path was
- 10 probably from the den back in the living room --

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. -- through the front hallway, and into

13 the kitchen?

14 A. Yes.

- 15 Q. Okay. Can you just put a line there
- 16 and mark "blanket" with the other arrow where
- 17 you think the blanket may have been?

18 A. Yes (labelling). Okay. I apologize

19 for that.

20 Q. No reason to apologize.

21 MR. MUSACCHIO: I don't have any

22 further questions.

- 23 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 24 MR. DONOHUE: No questions for me.

1	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes the
2	August 6th, 2013 deposition of Officer James
3	Sebastian. Going off the record. The time
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3 I, MAUREEN O'CONNOR POLLARD, RPR, CLR,

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4 and Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of

5 Massachusetts, do certify that on the 6th day of

6 August, 2013, at 12:40 o'clock, the person

7 above-named was duly sworn to testify to the

8 truth of their knowledge, and examined, and such

9 examination reduced to typewriting under my

10 direction, and is a true record of the testimony

11 given by the witness. I further certify that I

12 am neither attorney, related or employed by any

13 of the parties to this action, and that I am not

14 a relative or employee of any attorney employed

15 by the parties hereto, or financially interested

16 in the action.

17 In witness whereof, I have hereunto

18 set my hand this 11th day of August, 2013.

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21 MAUREEN O'CONNOR POLLARD, NOTARY PUBLIC

22 Realtime Systems Administrator

23 CSR #149108

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