

Lexington Police**Supplemental Report**

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NAMES**Witness-1**

Dinnar, Samuel W/M-55 of 95 Simonds Rd, Lexington, MA, 02420

DOB: [REDACTED]/1966

HT: 602 WT: 0 Hair: Brown

Eyes: Hazel

Phone 1: [REDACTED] Phone 2: [REDACTED]

Witness-2

Dinnar, Tal W/F-54 of 95 Simonds Rd, Lexington, MA, 02420

DOB: [REDACTED]/1967

HT: 507 WT: 0 Hair: Brown

Phone 1: [REDACTED]

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NARRATIVE

*****Witness Statement Samuel & Tal Dinnar by Detective Michael Sowle

On Wednesday February 16, 2022 at approximately 130PM, I spoke with Samuel and Tal Dinnar, husband and wife who reside at 95 Simonds Road. Mr. Dinnar contacted the police station and advised that he and his wife had observed the events connected to 98 Hancock Street on Saturday February 12, 2022.

The following is a synopsis of the statements made by Samuel and Tal Dinnar when I spoke with them.

Dinnar stated that he and his wife went for a walk on Saturday at approximately 1230PM towards Blake road from their residence. They noted hearing sirens sounding in the distance. When they reached #16 Blake they state they heard commands and shortly after that he reports hearing the sound of boots hitting the ground. It was at this time they saw a man running from the rotary towards the intersection of Blake Rd and Burlington Street. They report next observing the man fall to the ground. Unsure if he slipped or if something else caused him to fall. They report that the officers were running up from behind the male. After male falls, officers got around in semi-circle around male.

They report that two of the three officers were doing most of the talking. One officer to the left had a rifle and another officer to the right had a firearm (described in witness view). Person who was talking was doing so in a calming voice (clarified as officer with firearm). Officers was speaking calmly, "we're here to help you. There's an ambulance coming. Drop the knife." Man on ground had back to witnesses. They could not hear what he was saying. They report being able to see knife at times. Male was sitting up at times and laying on back at other times.

The Dinnars report that the officer with the rifle (on the left) was more abrupt, commanding "Drop the Knife." He was more aggressive in tone and language. They report that this continued on for approximately 10 minutes in their opinion. Several times during this interaction shots were fired. Person on left with rifle was shooting. Subject didn't get up was always either sitting or laying on back. After a short time another police cruiser arrived and blocked Burlington Street. Tal Dinnar states that she was blocking traffic from coming down Blake Rd. towards the incident.

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They report the officer with the rifle was moving and adjusting position often. Officer with the rifle took command ordering "Drop the Knife, Drop the knife Drop the knife." The officer then began advancing towards the male and slipped or tripped. They report again they could hear the male party speaking but didn't know what he was saying and he was wielding the knife around. Samuel states he heard officers say "We can't put our guns down until you drop the knife." Male was stressed and not well.

When officer fell, tension went up. Subject sat up. They report that most of the time prior the male tried to scoot back and away (Mr. Dinnar demonstrated pushing shoulders back and scooting away). He advised that the males reaction this time was different. They report hearing several shots that sounded different than before. Subject became non responsive and they believed he was shot at this time. Officers kept yelling "Drop the Knife! Let it go!" Officer approached to remove knife and they believe that the officer realized that the male was unresponsive. He ran to car to get something and officers began providing care. Ambulance arrived quickly.

The following are clarifying and additional statement.

The initial shots were one at a time. Multiple shots at the end "More metallic sound" and were in a large group.

Officer either slipped or tripped on ice or snow and fell backwards. Officer frantically tried to get back up. Quickly turned around to get up.

Describe rifles as wide barrel black rifle and handgun.

They report that officers quickly fell into the early described semi-circle and stayed in those positions throughout the event.

Person with rifle was about eight (8) feet away generally and advanced as close as six(6) feet. Dinnar states these measurements are approximations.

Person doing the talking was further away nine (9) feet away estimated.

Male on ground mostly focused on whoever was talking but would slip in and out of focus.

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Knife was in right hand and he sat upward (Samuel Dinnar makes swinging motion forward with knife) but says male did not raise knife. Says males attention went to officer who fell.

Male party was in middle of road officers were at edge of road/sidewalk.

Reports 3/4 metallic sounding shots with 1 softer sounding shot at end. Reports hearing softer sounding shots on three (3) different occasions earlier in interaction with rifle.

Tal Dinnar states that she did not see officer fall because she was directing traffic at that time.

She reports that the officer with the firearm was speaking calmly and in an empathetic voice. "Drop the knife. We have an ambulance coming. Drop the knife Brandon." Officer with the rifle was more demanding.

While Brandon was on the ground officers explained that he needed to drop the knife so they could help him.

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