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NARRATIVE

*********Witness Statement of Vikas Kinger By Detective Michael Sowle

On Thursday February 17, 2022 at approximately 1108AM, I spoke with Vikas Kinger who made himself known to the Lexington Police Department after hearing a request for witnesses to come forward with information in regard to the shooting incident that occurred on Saturday February 12, 2022.

The following is a synopsis of the statements given by Vikas Kinger when we spoke at his residence.

Vikas Kinger states that he, his wife and their autistic son went for a walk from their residence to Diamond Middle School sometime after 12PM on Saturday. After passing Kinneen Park, Kinger reports hearing and seeing police cars with lights on. He reports that he and his son, who were walking ahead of his wife, got to within approximately 100 meters of the circle.

Kinger states that he saw a man fall and that the man was screaming and yelling. He also heard police yelling. He could not make out what any of the parties were saying, his interpretation was that police were telling the man to stay on the ground. Kinger states that before seeing this he heard shots before the man fell. Kinger laid on the floor to demonstrate how the male acted. He laid flat on back and raised hands up towards head repeatedly trying to sit up before quickly moving to his feet.

Kinger states that the man fell to his back with hands held up towards his head. Police yelling "Stay Down!" Male party wouldn't listen. Male gets up with hands raised and steps forward and didn't rush, didn't run. Kinger then reports hearing "Pop, pop, pop, pop," Kinger states that it was at this time he said to himself, "Why isn't this guy staying down?" He states that he looked away at this time because he said to himself, "This can't be good."

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The following are clarifying statements made by Kinger.

Kinger states that he did not have a view of any weapon in the male's hand nor could he see what the officers were holding from his position of approximately 100 meters away. He states that he could see officers arms pointed out straight and demonstrated a similar position taken to pointing a firearm by officers.

Kinger states that the earlier shot sounded different than the final group of shots. Was unable to provide further information on first shots. He did state that the last shots were louder and in a large group.

States that he could not make out tone of male subject and didn't believe he was even saying words. Just screaming and yelling.

Unable to provide information of location and distance again noted that he was about a 100 meters away.

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