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Primary Information

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Address #1 - HOME ADDRESS #1 - 98 Hancock St

Primary Information

Address: 98 Hancock St, LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02420 UNITED STATES

Address #2 - INTERVIEW LOCATION #1 - 98 Hancock St

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Subject #1 - WITNESS #1 - CHANG, JOHNY

Primary Information

Subject Name: CHANG, JOHNY
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: 27 yr. old, Unknown, MALE
Birth Date: [REDACTED]/1994
Juvenile: NO

Personal Information

Height: 506

Addresses

Relationship Address
MAILING ADDRESS [REDACTED], WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02451 UNITED STATES

Narrative begins on the following page.

On February 12th 2022 at approximately 1430 hours, I conducted an interview of John Chang (██████/1994) at 98 Hancock St in Lexington. Present during the interview was Patrick Aker who was a team leader for the Elliot House in which both Chang and Brendan Reilly lived. This interview was conducted in furtherance of the investigation into the fatal Officer Involved shooting of Brendan Reilly.

Chang stated that he was placed in the 98 Hancock Street house by the Elliot Group approximately 2 months ago. Chang advised that Reilly was already a resident here at the time he moved in. Chang described Reilly as having clear mental health issues and the days that he was off his medication it was extremely obvious. Chang stated that he did not have a very formal relationship with Reilly and would attempt to avoid him for the most part. Chang described Reilly as always bullying him a little bit, constantly telling me I better not be snitching on him to the police, or grabbing him and just saying you better not tell anyone what I do here. Chang would always just acknowledge that he would not say anything but would never really inquire what it was Reilly was referring to. Chang described Reilly as a person who seemed to always be trying to steal and get money for what he assumed was drugs.

The night prior to this incident Chang described an interaction which he had with Reilly on the evening of February 11th. Chang stated that he came downstairs and Reilly immediately began accusing him of breaking the house phone. Reilly became very confrontational with Chang and began threatening him, "Man you know I could kill you right." Chang again adamantly denied breaking the phone and attempted to redirect the conversation to a new T.V. box in the living room. Chang was under the impression that this was the new T.V. that Nate, (an employee at Elliot House) had bought for the house. (Akers later confirmed that this box was a new T.V. that Nate had bought) Chang began to open the box but instead of a new television inside he found miscellaneous books and trash. Reilly again became confrontational with Chang, and told him that if he tells the police about the missing television he will murder people. Chang stated that as Reilly was saying this he described to him how he would stab and kill police officers if they ever bust him. Reilly then laughed, grabbed Chang on the shoulder and stated to him, "You're cool though right, you won't say anything." Chang took this as a direct warning/threat from Reilly, and believed that Reilly would hurt him as well if he ever called the Police.

The next day Chang was inside his room when he heard Reilly either talking to himself or on the phone. He just kept hearing Reilly scream "What do you want." When Chang heard Reilly pacing back and forth outside his bedroom door, Chang opened the door and asked if he was OK. Reilly immediately began screaming at Chang and accusing him of stealing his medications. In an attempt to diffuse Reilly's anger he opened his door all the way and told him that he did not steal his medication and that he could look in his room. Reilly entered Chang's room and began telling Chang that he was "Going to fucking kill him" repeatedly. At one point Reilly made a specific statement to Chang stating he was going to stab him if he stole his medications. Chang was extremely nervous at this point and in an attempt to get away from Reilly he told him that he would help him look for his medications. As Reilly exited Chang's room, Chang attempted to slam the door shut behind him. Reilly began pushing and slamming on the door and telling Chang that he was going to kill him, all while Chang was attempting to hold it shut. Chang described being hit in the head with the door and having his hand slammed between the door and the door frame at one point during the struggle. When Chang heard Reilly go down the stairs, (Chang's door is directly next to the stairway) Chang moved his tall bureau up against the door as a barricade and began screaming for help from his second story window. Chang reported yelling "Help, call the police, he is trying to kill me" as loud as he

could numerous times. He was unsure who actually called the police but thought it might have been the neighbor. Chang then reported seeing Reilly exit the driveway and go run behind the neighbor's house prior to the police arriving. I asked Chang if he could see if Reilly had anything in his hands and he said he couldn't but stated that his eyes are really bad, and he likely wouldn't have been able to see anything in his hands. (It should be noted that when I first made contact with Chang by knocking on his bedroom door, he was still barricaded in his room with the dresser and multiple other pieces of furniture blocking the door)

While interviewing Chang he became very emotional and described how he truly felt that Reilly was capable of and truly was going to kill him. He described himself as 5'11- 6'0 but stated that Reilly was much bigger than him. Chang stated that Reilly was not only taller, he was just a much bigger person in general. Chang stated that Reilly had a look on his face that when he said he was going to kill him, Chang truly believed that he was going to.

Chang was able to hear the interaction between the Police and Reilly from his window, but again stated how he couldn't really see that far down the street since his vision is so bad. He described hearing the Police screaming for Reilly to put down the knife over and over again for what felt like ten minutes. He kept hearing muffled pops that sounded like gun shots but if they had a silencer on them or something. He then heard the louder bangs and could see all the police move to the same area on the ground where he assumed Reilly was.

Chang does not currently have a cell phone, which is why he resorted to yelling out the window for help. Chang is being relocated to a different house for the time being by the Elliot House Employees and advised that I could get in contact with him, through them if I had further questions.

Investigation Continues.