

Massachusetts State Police

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Primary Information

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Address #1 - INTERVIEW LOCATION #1 - 100 Hancock St

Primary Information

Address: 100 Hancock St, LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02420 UNITED STATES

Subject #1 - WITNESS #1 - COLLAZZO, PAUL D

Primary Information

Subject Name: COLLAZZO, PAUL D

Record Type: PERSON

Bio: 58 yr. old, Unknown, MALE

Birth Date: /1963

Juvenile: NO

Personal Information

Height: 504

Addresses

Relationship Address

MAILING ADDRESS 100 Hancock St, LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02420 UNITED STATES

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On February 12th 2022 at approximately 1515 hours, Trooper Murgo and I conducted an interview of Paul Collazzo (63) at his residence, 100 Hancock St in Lexington. This was done in furtherance of the investigation into the fatal shooting of Brendan Reilly.

Collazzo informed me that he was inside his house when he heard shouting coming from 98 Hancock St. Collazzo stated that he recognized the deep tone of voice to be Brendan who lives at 98 Hancock St. Collazzo was familiar with Brendan as he stated that they would say hello to each other in passing. Collazzo stated that Brendan has lived at that residence for at least two years. When he looked outside he saw a Subaru stopped just before the rotary and thought that Brendan was yelling at the person in that car. Collazzo stated that he went upstairs where he could look through the window and saw Brendan sort of tucked behind where the trash barrels were at 98 Hancock St and could clearly see that he had a knife in his hand. Collazzo also started to hear police sirens in the background. When the first Police Officer arrived Collazzo tried to get his attention but the Officer did not see him. When the second Officer arrived he was able to tell him, "He's behind the house, and he has a knife."

Collazzo stated that he did not see the initial interaction between the Police and Reilly and came outside of the residence through his front door. He heard the Police pleading with Reilly to drop the knife, telling him that we have an ambulance coming to help him, and that no one wants him to get hurt. Collazzo stated that he heard Reilly screaming about killing people. Collazzo described the Police as being "Patient as hell" with Collazzo.

From back inside his home he watched from the second floor window as Reilly moved towards one of the Police Officers who backed up and fell to the ground. It looked like one of the Officers shot him with one of the guns that don't kill him and Reilly immediately got up with the knife and went at the Officer who fell to the ground. That's when he heard 3 to 4 quick pops and Reilly went down to the ground. He stated that he saw the Police move to Reilly and almost immediately start CPR. Collazzo stated that at the time they shot Reilly, the Officer who had fallen to the ground definitely looked like he was in a very vulnerable position and very much at risk. He described Brendan as not running towards the Officer but that he was in a very aggressive posture and moving very quickly towards him.

I asked Collazzo if we could look out the front door and if he could describe to me where the Officer fell in relation to where Reilly was when he was shot. Collazzo looked out and saw the blue medical bag on the side walk. He stated that when the Officer fell he was pretty much right there. He stated that Reilly was in the street but within 6-8 feet of the Officer on the ground and advancing towards him at the time the shots were fired.

Collazzo provided me with his phone so I could review what was captured by the ring cameras. I was able to successfully send those videos to myself and the videos will be available with this case. Collazzo provided me with his contact information and advised that if we had any other questions to please reach out.

Investigation Continues.