



Massachusetts State Police  
**INTERVIEW REPORT 2022-110-252/5**

Report Date: 02/13/2022

**Primary Information**

Description: Interview of Yisroel New  
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Reporting LEO: Quigley, Scott (msp3693 / Middlesex Homicide Squad / Massachusetts State Police)  
Report Status: Approved  
Report Status Date: 02/13/2022  
Approved By: Delucia, Anthony R (MSP2975 / Massachusetts State Police)

**Address #1 - INTERVIEW LOCATION #1 - 9 Burlington St**

**Primary Information**

Address: 9 Burlington St, LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02420 UNITED STATES

**Subject #1 - WITNESS #1 - NEW, ISRAEL**

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Subject Name: NEW, ISRAEL  
Record Type: PERSON  
Bio: 31 yr. old, Unknown, MALE  
Birth Date: [REDACTED]/1990  
Juvenile: NO

**Personal Information**

Height: 602

**Addresses**

Relationship	Address
MAILING ADDRESS	[REDACTED], LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02420 UNITED STATES

**Narrative begins on the following page.**

On February 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 at approximately 1115 Hours, I conducted an Interview with Israel NEW (■■■■/90), who is a Rabbi at the Beth Chaim Meir Chabad Center located at 9 Burlington St in Lexington. This interview was conducted in furtherance of the fatal shooting of Brendan Reilly.

NEW stated that services at the Synagogue had just ended and as he was walking outside with his brother-in-law he heard loud shouting coming from the front residence of a home next to the Synagogue. While he was hearing the shouting he heard soft pops from what sounded like a B.B. Gun. NEW walked around to the driveway on the residence portion of 9 Burlington Street and saw police interacting with a man holding a knife in his right hand. NEW stated that the man was erratically walking around the middle of the street and observed several Officer's moving around in what appeared to be a semi-circle around him in order to keep him contained. He observed one or two officers with tazers drawn, and at least one officer with a longer gun that had colored tape on it which he believed is used to fire rubber bullets.

NEW stated that from the time he observed the interaction it was primarily one Officer who was trying to speak with the suspect. This Officer introduced himself by name to the Suspect and was trying to ask him questions on how he could help him. NEW described the Officer's tone as very calm and he was constantly saying, "Brendan we just want to help you", "Please put down the knife", "No one wants to hurt you", "We just want to get you help," and "We have an ambulance coming for you". He stated that "Please put down the knife" was repeated constantly and you could really hear and feel the concern in the Officer's tone as he was begging him to drop the knife. He stated that the suspect was responding but his words were not coherent, and described him as having a crazed look about him like he was a caged animal. NEW stated that I really don't know what else the Officers could have possibly done to try and prevent the situation from unfolding the way it did. While NEW was watching the incident he could just feel that the situation was going to end badly just based on the Suspect's demeanor towards the Officers.

NEW described the suspect with the knife as making a very abrupt move towards the Officer who had been trying to calmly speak with him. The Officer quickly backed up and then tumbled to the ground. NEW thought the Officer may have tripped over the curb while backing away from the man with the knife. Once the Officer fell everything happened so fast. He described four pops in quick succession and the suspect immediately falling to the ground while still holding the knife. NEW stated that within 20 to 30 seconds, Officers were already performing CPR and an ambulance was on scene in under a minute. NEW described the response of the ambulance as being so fast that it must have been parked right on the street where the incident occurred.

NEW told me that he has lived in the area for three years and has seen the Police respond to 98 Hancock St numerous times in the past. NEW stated that it was evident that the Police had trained for this type of incident and commended them on all the efforts they put in to try and avoid this situation having the outcome that it did.

NEW provided me with his contact information and informed me that I could contact him with any further questions.

Investigation Continues.