



Massachusetts State Police
INTERVIEW REPORT 2022-110-252/9

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Primary Information

Description: Interview of James Lane (dob 11/4/63)
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Reporting LEO: O'Rourke, Bruce (msp2556 / Middlesex Homicide Squad / Massachusetts State Police)
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Approved By: O'Rourke, Bruce (msp2556 / Massachusetts State Police)

Synopsis

1. On Saturday 2/12/22 this officer and Detective Mike Sowle of the Lexington Police Department spoke with James Lane (dob 11/4/63), of 6 Victory Garden Way, Lexington, cell phone number [REDACTED], in regards to any information he had regarding a police shooting that had occurred on the street in front of his house. The interview took place in his kitchen, which was the area he was in when he first saw what was going on. James' wife Patricia Lane (dob [REDACTED]/62) was with James as he recounted what he had seen.
2. James said that he heard yelling and a pop sound coming from outside. He thought the pop was a tazer. James went over to his kitchen slider to see what was going on. He looked outside and could see that there was a man on the ground. He could see a police vehicle. James went out into his yard, to the edge of his property to see more.
3. From his yard James saw a man on the ground out in the street. The man was sitting up. He had a knife. The man was moving and screaming things like - I'm going to fucking kill everyone. I'm going to kill you. There were police officers surrounding the man and they were trying to calm the man down. The man was white, in his mid thirties, very big (not obese but tall and thick), and dressed in shorts and a short sleeve shirt. James described the man as out of control. James described the incident as intensifying quickly. The police were telling the man to put the knife down and they were using his name - "Put the knife down Brandon/Brendan." James wasn't sure if they were saying Brandon or Brendan but they kept using his name. The man got up and tried to run but the police tazed him again which took the man off of his feet. The man sat up again and began to yell the same types of things again at the police.
4. The Police were telling the man to stay down, and to drop the knife. Again the man got up to run and again the police tazed the man and knocked him off of his feet. Again the man sat up and began to yell that he was going to kill everyone and going to kill the police. The police were telling the man to stay down. The officers were around the man but kept shifting and moving depending on the man's movements. One of the officers was backing up and slipped and fell to the ground. Right when the officer fell the man got up and charged at the officer. The man was up in a flash to go after the fallen officer. As soon as the man got up it was very threatening. The man was taking advantage of his chance to charge the fallen officer. James heard three shots and then the man went down but was still holding the knife. James didn't know who shot the man but didn't think it could have been the officer who fell that shot him because the man and that officer were extremely close and that officer couldn't have had enough time to draw his gun. James' wife Patricia said there was no way the officer who had fallen could have been the one to shoot the man because it happened too quick - it had to be a different officer. Once the man had been shot, the officers were screaming at him to let go of the knife. James thinks that the police must have gotten the knife away from the man or the man dropped the knife because they began to give the man first aid and CPR. The officers gave the man first aid the whole time until the ambulance arrived.
5. James said that whenever the man got tazed the man was only immobile for a short time. The man would be knocked off his feet and then would sit up and start screaming, moving and threatening the officers. The whole incident went on for several minutes and the whole time the officers were trying to verbally calm the man down. James said that he was not surprised that the police shot the man when he charged the officer.
6. James wasn't sure if he had ever seen the man in the neighborhood before.

Respectfully submitted
Lieutenant Bruce ORourke



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Subject #1 - WITNESS #1 - Lane, James

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Subject Name: **Lane, James**
Record Type: **PERSON**
Bio: **58 yr. old, White, MALE**
Birth Date: **11/04/1963**
Juvenile: **NO**