

Interview of Lieutenant Richard Briggs, Ashland Police Department

- Sgt. Sennott: Okay, it's, uh, Tuesday, July 9th, 2013, uh, 9:45 a.m. I'm Sergeant Peter Sennott from the State Police at the District Attorney's Office. Attorney Timothy Burke and...
- Lt. Briggs: Lieutenant Richard Briggs.
- Sgt. Sennott: Lieutenant Richard Briggs. Okay, and we're at the law offices of Attorney Briggs, uh, Attorney Burke talking about the shooting that took place on July 2nd of this year in Ashland. Okay. So the easiest thing, Lieutenant, is just tell me in your own words what happened that day. Um, you don't have to go back to the beginning of the day, start with the, the radio traffic.
- Lt. Briggs: Sure.
- Sgt. Sennott: That probably brought you all there.
- Lt. Briggs: Sure. Um, on Tuesday, um, I was the, uh, the C.O. of the day shift. Sergeant Greg Fawkes was the, uh, Patrol Supervisor. Um, I was in the station and, um, I overheard Officer Kevin Piers, um, requesting um assistance down on Metro, that 13 Metropolitan. Um sounded like he had somebody, um, bail out of a car that had warrants and into a residence there. Um, en route to the, uh, I, I had left the station, uh, in a marked car. Officer Bill Foster, who was also in the station, left from the station, um, and upon arrival I, I took up, uh, position in the rear of the building in the event that, um, that the subject tried to escape out the back window, we've, we've been to the residence before and I'm familiar with the, the subject, with the warrants, Andrew Stigliano, and, um, we've had people bail out the windows in the past, um, there's a big stockade fence, or a wooden fence around the, uh, the back yard. So when I pulled up, Kevin Piers, Officer Piers was, um, was over near the garage and it looked like he was looking in the window of the garage or something to that effect, or checking the back yard. There was a little gap in the fence and, uh, I had asked him, because, I, the, I know they have pit bulls, um, if the dogs were in the back yard, I couldn't see over the fence, and, um, he said it sounded like the dogs were inside the house. So I found a gate, um, towards the, I guess the south end of the, the fence that I, uh, was able to get through, and I took a, just took a position in the back yard. Um, it was all overgrown in the back yard, so I was kind of searching the, the shrubbery, the bushes, the (inaudible) to make sure he wasn't hiding in the bushes. Um, couldn't locate him there, um, I waited, uh, a little bit in the backyard, um, in the meantime, Officer Piers had, uh, there was some radio transmissions, um, back and forth about the warrants, um, and, uh, whether the, the warrants were listed at, at that residence. Stigliano was listed at that residence and they were. Um, at some point, um I overheard a, uh, I, I think, I, I don't know whether it was before or after, but I had

requested, um, Sergeant Fawkes to come down, he was the patrol supervisor and the supervisor car has a, um, 40 mm less lethal...

Sgt. Sennott: Mmhmm.

Lt. Briggs: ... weapon. And I, he was in a meeting, um, when I left the station, so I, he didn't immediately answer his radio and finally he answered and I said, asked him to come down with the less lethal. Um, and, um, for two reasons: um, number one, if you, he, I was gonna have him take up position in the back yard with, um, Officer Piers, and, uh, in the event Stigliano ran out the back window, um, and the second thing is because of the dogs inside, if we had to force entry into the house, um, I, I would rather use a less lethal than kill the dogs, so...

Sgt. Sennott: Mmhmm.

Lt. Briggs: Um, and I also requested our K-9, he was off duty, Officer Alberini, I requested, uh, the dispatcher see his availability, I don't know whether she called me or he called me directly and they, he lives in town. Um, but it, he, he was trying to, um, arrange childcare. Uh, he was watching the, his kids, and, um, he said he'd get back to me in a few minutes. Uh, as we were waiting, um, I was still in the back yard, Sergeant Fawkes hadn't arrived yet, I heard a commotion in front of the, um, the residence. Some yelling, screaming, and I had cut through the, the breezeway that connects the detached garage to the house, so I cut through the breezeway there, the slider was, I think it was a slider door, it was open, so I just cut through, and [REDACTED] was up there causing a scene in the, in the driveway. Um, she was yelling, swearing at Officer Foster, who was in the front yard, and Officer Piers, telling them something to the effect of "Get off my fucking property. You have no right to be here," something to that effect. So she kept it up, kept it up. Officer Piers was asking her where Andrew was in the house, "Just tell us where he is, just tell us where he went," and, uh, she, she kept saying he wasn't there, so, but she kept swearing, yelling, so I finally, I was standing near her, I just, finally I told her to turn around and I was gonna arrest her for disorderly conduct cause she was creating a scene. So I arrested her, she put up a little bit of a, she resisted a little bit, um, and, uh, we got her handcuffed, I called for another car, which was a female officer we have, uh, Officer Oestreicher. She came down and I passed, uh, [REDACTED] off to Officer Oestreicher and I said, "She hasn't been patted down yet, um, just pat frisk her and get her in the back of the cruiser," so she did. Um, and I went back out towards the back yard at that point, and Officer Alberini at some point not too long after that called me and said he was available and en route with the dog. So, um, we waited and, a couple minutes and, and Officer Alberini arrived, and in the meantime Sergeant Fawkes had arrived, too, but around the same time. The less lethal and, uh, I had instructed him and Officer Piers to take up positions in the back yard, and, um, Officer Alberini, I briefed

him on what was going on and informed him that there were dogs, several, it sounded like several dogs in the house. Um, so we had just decided that he was going to, uh, uh, force the door and, uh...

Sgt. Sennott: What, what door?

Lt. Briggs: It was the one inside the breezeway.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: So it would be the side door.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: I guess on the north side of the house.

Sgt. Sennott: Mmhmm.

Lt. Briggs: Uh, it goes into the kitchen, it's the kitchen door. He was going to, um, force it, but we were again concerned that the dogs were gonna, uh, being scared away would attack, attack us, so I had Sergeant Fawkes come into the breezeway with the less lethal. We stood by while, um, Officer Alberini forced the door, took him a little bit, probably 8 or 9 kicks. It was a, a steel door and I think it was dead bolted, and, um, he finally got through it and the dogs, one of them pretty good sized pit bull, which I've, I've met before, um, they were scared, so, uh, we were able to corral them, um, and usher them, two of them, into the, uh, detached garage, and, um, prior to that, um, when I had asked Officer Piers if he had searched the garage, he said, "I've already checked the garage." So we ushered the dogs into the garage, um, and there was a third dog in the, the hallway, down the hallway, the, there's a bathroom, there was a third dog locked in, in, in the bathroom, door's closed, um so we just decided to leave it there, and Chris went to get the dog out of his cruiser. He came back and, um, just, he had given, uh, several K-9 warnings, yelling them into the house, and then he told me he was gonna send the dog in and he, he had just closed the door, so it was ajar, and I waited in the breezeway. Piers and, uh, Fawkes had gone back in the back yard. They were kind of in between the back yard and the, the breezeway, and, um, the dog worked for, uh, a couple minutes on the main floor, um, and as the dog started working, dispatcher called and advised us that she was receiving, she received a call from Stigliano's attorney, who was advising us to use extreme caution and that he was threatening to harm officers. Um, so I popped the door open a little bit to see just to yell to Chris, I said, "Did you get that?" and he goes, "Yeah, I got it," and then, uh, um, shortly after that it was only a few minutes, a few moments after that he, Chris came to the door and said, um, he pointed out that there was a ladder, a step ladder up against the wall in the south end of the hall, um, and, uh, it was right, just below a scuttle for the attic, and, uh...

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Sgt. Sennott: Just below what?

Lt. Briggs: The hole for the attic, the entrance, the scuttle.

Sgt. Sennott: Oh, the scuttle, okay.

Lt. Briggs: Um...

~~Sennott~~
Male Voice: You know what, I haven't heard that before, either.

Lt. Briggs: Um. .

Male Voice: ~~He may be gay.~~
Navy man?

Lt. Briggs: I'm not, but...

Sgt. Sennott: (laughs)

Lt. Briggs: Um, so, the, the, the hatch for it was...

Sgt. Sennott: Yeah.

Lt. Briggs: ... was off of it. It was open. So Chris said, uh, "I, I think he might be up in the attic." I said, "Okay." So we kind of moved towards, down the hall way. Uh, he had the dog. Chris did. Um, he had, I don't know if it was leash or if he was holding on to its harness, but, um, he had it ~~on~~ ⁱⁿ his direct control, and, um, we kind of, my concern was that the scuttle was right near that bathroom door that was closed and we hadn't searched that bathroom yet. So I kind of just maintained a position so if anybody came out the bathroom, I could react. Um, or the dog, and, uh, Chris yelled up the attic several times, um, that he was gonna send the dog up, to come out, um, he even used, he even used Andrew's first name, and, uh, I yelled up at some point a couple times, said, "Just, just make it easy, you don't wanna get bit. Just come out. Um, we know you're up there," and, uh, we had no response. So Chris made the decision that he wanted to send the dog into the attic, so he, um, he hoisted the dog up on his shoulders and started climbing the step ladder. So I kind of helped, just held on to Chris so he wouldn't fall off the ladder, and, um, he went up a couple steps and then he just kind of launched the dog up into the attic, into the scuttle. It was dark up there, there was no lighting up there at all, it was pitch dark, and that, he had given me his flashlight to hold while he was, had the dog, and then he reached back and grabbed his flashlight. He had the dog start working and I, I, uh, I could hear it tapping on the, on the floor, you know? The ceiling above, and, um, that was probably only a couple seconds. Chris climbed right up behind the dog, and, um, Chris, Chris was giving the dog commands that I don't remember what they were, but, um, it was only, yeah, I had started climbing up behind him and at that point I, it was, I had heard, he, he was either yelling or screaming, but I heard a

commotion in the attic. It was clear to me that the dog had made contact with, with the suspect or with somebody in the attic. Um, so I had, I had, I was climbing through at that point, about the time I landed on my feet and got up, stood upright, I, I couldn't see anything, it was pitch dark up there. Couldn't see a thing. Um, I heard Chris yell, "Gun, gun, gun!" and I started moving towards him. I don't, I don't even remember really balancing, it was just, the floor was joists and insulation. If you stepped in between the joists, you were going through the ceiling I don't remember really balancing on the joists, but, um, I just moved towards him and uh, his voice.

Sgt. Sennott: So Chris is in the attic when he yells, "Gun, gun, gun," and his body's completely into the attic?

Lt. Briggs: Yeah, I couldn't see him. Right.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: Correct.

Sgt. Sennott: And before that, you'd heard the dog, some kind of commotion with the dog?

Lt. Briggs: Yeah, it was clear to me that the dog had...

Sgt. Sennott: Found him.

Lt. Briggs: ... made contact with somebody. Yeah.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay. Alright. Alright, and then Chris, you hear Chris... Chris is up there, he's in the attic, completely in the attic.

Lt. Briggs: Correct.

Sgt. Sennott: Have you made it up into the attic or are you just on the ladder?

Lt. Briggs: About the time I heard the dog make contact, I was on the ladder, kind of reaching up to pull myself up.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: I had pulled myself up and I had literally just stood up...

Sgt. Sennott: Yeah.

Lt. Briggs: ... upright when I...

Sgt. Sennott: And you have to bal, you have to balance on the, uh...

Lt. Briggs: Right, on the joists.

Sgt. Sennott: On the joists.

Lt. Briggs: And, uh, I was kind of just trying to get my balance and I heard Chris yell, "Gun, gun, gun."

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: So I started moving towards him. I drew my weapon and I drew my flashlight off my belt, um, but I didn't want to light myself up.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt Briggs: So I just moved towards his voice. Uh, I couldn't see him. It was pitch dark, couldn't see him.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay

Lt. Briggs: And, um, he, uh, I, I, at the, at the, I believe Officer Piers was behind me or he was down in the kitchen area, and, um, I assumed he heard Chris yell, "Gun."

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: And, um, so as I moved towards him, I heard Chris yell, "Gun, gun, gun," a second time.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: And I, assuming that they didn't hear it downstairs, I yelled back as I was moving, "Gun, gun, gun," and I just kept moving towards Chris, and, I mean, it was only a split second later that I heard, I heard two shots.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: Two distinct shots, uh, which sounded to me, it, it sounded, it, at first I questioned myself, I go that, that didn't sound like a, it, it's, it was very muffled, it sounded like a cap gun. So I stopped for just a split second and then I yelled out to Chris...

Sgt. Sennott: Mmhmm.

Lt. Briggs: ... and I yelled to him a bunch of times, and he wasn't answering me, and I still didn't really know where he was, I had just been kind of following his voice, and, uh, it scared the shit out of me cause I thought he got shot, and, um, so he wasn't answering me and I just kept moving towards him and at some point I was maybe six feet away from him and I, um, I used my flashlight at that point, and I kind of lit him up. I saw him standing

there and I yelled to him again. I go, "Chris, are you okay?" and he still didn't answer me, and he was just kind of standing there, and, uh, my first thought was, "Holy shit, he got shot and doesn't even know it."

Sgt. Sennott: Mmhmm.

Lt. Briggs: Um, and as I got on top of him, I could see that he was, he was holding, um, it, uh, Andrew's, I, I recognized Stigliano, but he was holding his hands, kind of pinning them down to the, to the joists of the floor.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: And, uh, he kept, Chris just kinda looked at me and he goes, "The, the gun's under him, just grab the gun."

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: And, uh, I started moving towards his feet. Chris, I don't know if he pointed, but anyways I, I knew it was under his, under his legs, and, uh, I realized then that the dog was latched onto one of his, the, the, An, Andrew's legs.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: The muzzle of the gun was right under his leg, which was under the dog's, uh, mouth. So I was trying not to get bit, um, while I, I slid it, I just grabbed the muzzle and I started sliding it out slow. I was afraid of catching the trigger on something and...

Sgt. Sennott: Mmhmm.

Lt. Briggs: ... and shooting myself at the same time, so I just kind of pulled it out slowly, and by then Officer Piers was behind me and, uh, I just handed it to him and I said to get this thing out of here.

Sgt. Sennott: What kind of gun was it?

Lt. Briggs: It looked, it was, it was clearly a shotgun...

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: Um I couldn't tell you what it was.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: ... but, uh, it was, it was clearly a pump action shotgun. I passed it to him and, um, I, I, he had passed it off, I don't know to who...

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: . . . uh, at that point, so, um, I, I, I had, um, I said to Chris, I said, um, “Are you okay?” and he goes, “Yeah, I’m okay,” and I said, “Well, who shot him?” thinking maybe he shot, the kid shot himself. I didn’t know.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: And he goes, “I did,” and I said, “Okay.” Um, I said, “Call for an ambulance.” So he immediately got on the radio and called for an ambulance. He, he had said something about pat frisking the kid, but it was clear to me the kid was, was, was dying.

Sgt. Sennott: Yeah.

Lt. Briggs: Uh, he just, he turned a quick ashen grey.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: Uh, and his eyes were open. I said, “Chris, I, I don’t, I don’t think,” I said, “I think he’s dead,” and at that point I said, “Call for an ambulance,” and he called for an ambulance. I got on the radio some point and said, “Step up the ambulance,” and then I instructed Chris, I said, “You, get the dog off of him and get the dog out of here.” So he, he’s gotta manually release the dog, he can’t just give it a command. So he manually released the dog. Sergeant Fawkes was up there at that point and he helped him get the dog down. Um, I mean, in a matter of sec, I had advised the dispatcher to notify the Chief, who I knew was at the station Um the fire department I called. You, normally you feel like you’re waiting an eternity for them, but they seemed like they were there in, uh, in two minutes. I don’t know how they got there so fast, but they called to see if the scene was secure. I said, “It is.” I said to Kevin, I said, um, where, where, the kid was laying, was behind, uh, like rafters. Uh, they had these 2x4s up there, and he was on the other side of, like, a truss, kind of tucked in the insulation, and we couldn’t get in there to, we couldn’t really get in there to work him or treat him, so I said to Kevin, I said, “Let’s, uh, let’s get him out so the, uh, the medics can work him. Give me a hand getting him out.” So we started. We had a hard time getting him over the truss and through the, uh, the rafters, and his arms kept flailing out and, um...

Sgt. Sennott: Flailing out, unconsciously?

Lt. Briggs: Yes. Yeah.

Sgt. Sennott: Oh okay. He was like...

Lt. Briggs: Yeah, he wasn’t, he wasn’t conscious at that point, yeah.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: Um, so Kevin had grabbed I think his arms, I, I don't remember which side I had, but I remember grabbing the kid's belt and I just lifted him up, finally got him over the truss, and I, I had called for Sergeant Fawkes to come back up to give us a hand, and, um, he came back up and he and, we, we kind of all just, we got the kid down a little ways and one of the medics had come up in the attic at that point...

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: ... and just said, "Just leave him there, just leave him there," we, and, uh, so we left him, they came up and we just kind of all moved towards the scuttle.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: And, um, while they did their thing, they, I remember them bringing a monitor up, they put a monitor on him and, uh, um, it was, it was hot as hell in that attic, so, um, and there was a lot of people up there from the fire department, um, our own guys.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: And, uh, at that point, uh, Kevin said he felt like he was gonna pass out, so I said, "Just, let, let's get out of here, let's get out of the attic," and I left Sergeant Fawkes up there, I said, "Stand by with the medics, um, until they finish doing what they're doing, til they finish treating him." So we got out of the attic, um, and at that point, um, I had gone out to check on Chris cause I still didn't know whether he was, had been shot or not. You, you know, I, I remember seeing blood on him, but, um, I didn't believe he was shot, but I wanted to make sure.

Sgt. Sennott: Yeah.

Lt. Briggs: And to brief the Chief, who I had heard call off on scene.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: Um, and then from there it was just kind of administrative stuff, notifying the state, um, the DA's office, um...

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: ... get, getting our shifts for (inaudible)

Sgt. Sennott: Who took, um, Alberini's gun?

Lt. Briggs: Um, I didn't take it...

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: ... um, and I didn't see it taken.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: What I'm told after the fact is that Officer Piers removed it, placed it in an evidence bag, and it was locked in the trunk of A9.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: Um, and the shotgun, Stigliano's shotgun was ultimately passed off, and I again, I didn't ~~know~~ at the time, um, to, um, Officer Foster.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: Secured that also in the trunk of A9.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: And he was sitting on A9 um for chain of custody purposes with the evidence.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep. Okay.

Lt. Briggs: Um Officer Alberini um had stripped down his gun belt and all that. He had secured it in the trunk of his cruiser. Um I, Sergeant Fawkes and I discussed it and we just decided we're gonna send him down to the hospital.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: Um so I told Chris I said just prepare the dog in the car, the ACs running we'll get him back to the station soon as we can but just close the slider in between the front and the back so we can drive the car back. So he did and um again at that point it was a lot of administrative, waiting for you guys to come.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: Um securing the scene Um we had, you know, obviously secured the scene with crime scene tape and it was a matter of keeping people out and the media.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay. Um for the, for the sake of the tape recorder, we discussed it earlier, the house, the front door, the hou- Metropolitan Ave goes east west, strike that north south.

Lt. Briggs: Right

Sgt. Sennott: Runs off of 135 which goes east west.

Lt. Briggs: Correct.

Sgt. Sennott: Um the front door of the house um faces the east.

Lt. Briggs: Correct.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay and the garage is on the north side of the house.

Lt. Briggs: Correct.

Sgt. Sennott: The scuttle as you call it is at the end of a hallway towards the south end of the house.

Lt. Briggs: Correct.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay and um just a couple of things you touched on I just want to clarify them. Um as you surrounded the house when you got there and Officer Piers told you what happened, okay, um did Officer Piers know where um he ran to?

Lt. Briggs: Um I know he, he believed he was inside the house and he, he, he at one point banging on the door. The door we made entry through in the breezeway

Sgt. Sennott: The breezeway.

Lt. Briggs: Yelling to Andrew to come out and surrender.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: And he, he'd been doing that several times.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay. And you had called for the less lethal gun to come down with the sergeant...

Lt. Briggs: Correct.

Sgt. Sennott: Um you called Alberini to come with the dog...

Lt. Briggs: Correct.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay um prior to going into the house aside from banging on the doors and stuff once you did get the door open you guys yelled out some warnings

Lt. Briggs: Yeah. Oh

Sgt. Sennott: Relative to...

Lt. Briggs: Officer Alberini yelled out K9 warnings.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: As soon as he made entry into the house.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: Um I don't know how many, several.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep, okay.

Lt. Briggs: Um and

Sgt. Sennott: And that happened again when he went to the attic.

Lt. Briggs: Correct.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: Yes.

Sgt. Sennott: Um and then when um when you lost sight of Alberini the, the

Lt. Briggs: In the attic?

Sgt. Sennott: In the attic. The, the attics pitch dark and you hear him you eventually get up there and you hear the gun, gun, gun commands and you, you've already heard the dog sounding like the dog has made contact.

Lt. Briggs: Correct.

Sgt. Sennott: Um and then the gun, gun, gun command, uh warnings come out.

Lt. Briggs: Correct.

Sgt. Sennott: Um and prior to going in the house you, you said was, was it around the time that the dog entered that the information from the attorney was released?

Lt. Briggs: The dog was already working on the main floor.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: And Officer Alberini was already inside with the dog when, um, I was standing in the breezeway and the K9 was inside, Officer Alberini was

inside and, um, it was that time the dispatcher notified us that um, that the attorney had called.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: Um and I th- recall Sergeant Fawkes asking her did, did he give you any other specific information? She said he can't, something to the effect that he can't tell us what was said but he's advising to use extreme caution that he's threatened to hurt an officer.

Sgt Sennott: Okay

Lt. Briggs: Um. You know, we've had dealings with him before and um

Sgt. Sennott: And then after, after it happens you, you turn to the first aid mode, call the ambulance. Um when you talk about moving him and the trusts, the trusts are you talking about the middle of the attic being the trust?

Lt. Briggs: It was...where he was there was, there was something, it could've been just 2x4s I don't remember exactly what it was but there was something at the floor level.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep.

Lt. Briggs: Um that we had to get him over.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: It might've just been 2x4s, it might've been a pile of wood, I don't remember exactly what it was but we, we had to get him over that.

Sgt. Sennott: Yeah

Lt. Briggs: And um if I remember right there were, there were kinda, the way the attic was formed there was 2x4s that came down.

Sgt. Sennott: Yeah they kind of split the attic in the middle I think.

Lt. Briggs: Yeah there was something, something on the floor.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: It was a trust of some sort it could've been 2x4s just, I don't recall exactly what it was but.

Sgt. Sennott: And then the, the ladder that went up do you remember what that ladder was like?

Lt. Briggs: It was a standard step ladder

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: Um I want to say it was aluminum but it was just leaning against the wall.

Sgt. Sennott: Yep Step, step ladder is like that A frame. Do you remember if this one had the A frame or just a regular?

Lt. Briggs: Uh well it was one of those, you know, it opens and closes.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: But it was, it was closed and leaning against the wall.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay.

Lt. Briggs: It, it wasn't open right under the scuttle it was leaning against the wall.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay and um the inside of the house when you looked in it. Do you remember what the inside of the house looked like at all?

Lt. Briggs: It was filthy.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay and describe filthy.

Lt. Briggs: Um, there was trash laying everywhere, there was uh, I mean from the start in the breezeway there was trash everywhere there were flies buzzing around. The interior of the house, there was just stuff everywhere. There was...um it stunk, it smelled um like trash, like dog feces, um there was clothes everywhere, there was just trash everywhere

Sgt. Sennott: Okay did you observe that through^h the entire house?

Lt. Briggs: Yes.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay and um did you see any barricades?

Lt. Briggs: I never saw any.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay um, Mr. Burke?

Attny Burke: No, I think we're all set.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay um is there anything you think I didn't touch on or you didn't touch on that...

Lt. Briggs: Nope.

Sgt. Sennott: Okay, um, alright I'm gonna turn it off its 10:10, 10:11.