



Massachusetts State Police  
**INTERVIEW REPORT 2023-110-22/24**

Report Date: 05/12/2023

**Primary Information**

Description: **The Zoom Interview of Susan Freireich (DOB 6/21/40) on 5/12/23**  
Dissemination Code: **report respect the security of its associated case**  
Reporting LEO: **O'Keefe, Patrick R (MSP3854 / Middlesex Homicide Squad / Massachusetts State Police)**  
Report Status: **Approved**  
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Approved By: **Gagnon, Erik P. (msp2523 / Massachusetts State Police)**

**Subject #1 - INTERVIEWEE #1 - FREIREICH, H SUSAN**

**Primary Information**

Subject Name: **FREIREICH, H SUSAN**  
Record Type: **Person**  
Bio: **82 yr. old, Unknown, FEMALE**  
Birth Date: **06/21/1940**  
Juvenile: **No**

**Personal Information**

Height: **411**

**Addresses**

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
<b>MAILING ADDRESS</b>	<b>59 Chestnut St, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139-4835 UNITED STATES</b>

**Narrative begins on the following page.**

1. On Friday, May 12, 2023, Susan Freireich was interviewed by investigators via an online Zoom meeting. Present for the meeting with Susan was ADA Carrie Spiros, ADA Caroline Evans, VWA Anne Foley, Susan's attorney Martin Murphy, and myself. This meeting was held in preparation for Susan's appearance at the inquest regarding the fatal shooting of Sayed Faisal on January 4, 2023, in Cambridge. ADA Spiros began the meeting by explaining to Susan what the inquest was and how it would proceed.

2. Susan Freireich holds degrees in both teaching and public health. After retiring from teaching, Susan began working in the public health sector. Her focus was on lead poisoning prevention in the areas of Chelsea, Somerville, and Cambridge. Susan has lived in Cambridge for approximately fifty years. She currently resides on the second floor of 59 Chestnut St and has a tenant on the first floor. Susan parks her vehicle, a red Ford Focus, in the driveway. The building's backyard is fenced in and contains some trees and a bush. There are seven rooms in Susan's home. To gain access to her home from the front door of the building, there are stairs that lead to Susan's unit. Once in the home, the first room is a dining room that Susan refers to as the middle room. From the middle room, leading to the back of the home, is the kitchen. There are windows in both the kitchen and middle room. There is also a clear backdoor on top of the fire escape.

3. On the day of the shooting, Susan did not recall the exact day of the week it was, but she knew it was a weekday. It was the daytime, around lunch, when Susan first noticed activity. At that time, she was home, on the second floor, but she did not recall what exactly she was doing. Also home at the time was Susan's significant other, Donald. Susan was in the middle room when she heard shouting. She went to the window and saw a young man, Faisal, run into the driveway being pursued by two police officers. Faisal looked to be wearing pajama bottoms, no shirt, and he was barefoot. It was a quick timeframe, a few seconds, because Faisal was running fast, but Susan could see that Faisal had nothing in his hands. Susan then moved to the kitchen window before finally moving to the clear door at the back of the home. She saw Faisal stop and turn near her fencing. The police officers stopped as well. Shortly afterwards Susan heard five shots. Susan remembered asking Donald if he thought they were from one gun or two. From that view, Susan could see that Faisal had nothing in his hands and there was no one else in the backyard besides the police. Susan did not see anything on the ground of the backyard besides Faisal's body. After the shooting, a police officer came to where she was at the back door. Susan allowed him into her home, and he asked her if she was ok.

Respectfully,

Trooper Patrick R. O'Keefe #3854  
Middlesex District Attorney's Office  
Massachusetts State Police