



Massachusetts State Police  
**INTERVIEW REPORT 2022-110-147/2**

Report Date: 01/25/2022

**Primary Information**

Description: The Interview of Firefighter Nicholas Menkello (DOB [REDACTED]/72)  
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  
Report Status Date: 01/26/2022  
Approved By: Delucia, Anthony R (MSP2975 / Massachusetts State Police)

**Address #1 - INTERVIEW LOCATION #1 - 114 Terrace Hall Ave**

**Primary Information**

Address: 114 Terrace Hall Ave, Burlington, MASSACHUSETTS 01803 UNITED STATES

**Subject #1 - INTERVIEWEE #1 - MENKELLO, NICHOLAS A**

**Primary Information**

Subject Name: MENKELLO, NICHOLAS A  
Record Type: PERSON  
Bio: 49 yr. old, White, MALE  
Birth Date: [REDACTED] 1972  
Juvenile: NO

**Personal Information**

Height: 600

**Addresses**

Relationship	Address
RMV ADDRESS	[REDACTED] BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01803-3255 UNITED STATES

**Telephones / E-Addresses**

Relationship	Number/E-Address
USER	[REDACTED] (PHONE - CELLULAR)

Narrative begins on the following page.

1. On Sunday, January 25, 2022, Detective Ashley Daniels and I spoke with Burlington Firefighter Nicholas Menkello at the Burlington Fire Station on Terrace Hall Ave. Nicholas had just responded to the Lord Baron Apartments in Burlington and he made observations at the officer involved shooting.

2. Nicholas was driving the firetruck, Engine 2. His understanding of the callout was to assist Police for an unstable male with a knife. The firetruck turned right onto Baron Park Lane from Middlesex Turnpike Ext, and Nicholas saw the Burlington Police Cruisers parked along the left side curb. Nicholas saw a white male wearing sweatpants, socks, and a white hooded sweatshirt, running. From Nicholas' view this man was coming from his left to his right beginning in the area of the Building 1 entrance. The man running was later identified as Paul Courtemanche. In Courtemanche's right hand, raised over his head, was what looked like a knife. Nicholas described Courtemanche as running aggressively. Courtemanche appeared to run between the two police cruisers. He then turned left behind the last cruiser toward the direction of Officer Aurise Medico. Nicholas saw that Officer Medico was holding a shield and Courtemanche was charging at her. Officer Medico was back pedaling and Courtemanche made it to roughly one foot away from her. At that time, Officer Medico dropped her shield and fell backwards onto the ground. Nicholas also saw Courtemanche fall down at this point. Nicholas did not recall seeing Officer Medico drawing her firearm. The location of the shooting was approximately 40 yards away from Nicholas. Nicholas heard what he thought was more than one gunshot, but he did not know how many. He described the inside of the firetruck as being very loud.

3. After Officer Medico and Courtemanche fell, Nicholas parked the firetruck along the right side curb. He retrieved a stretcher and blanket from the firetruck before approaching the scene. Nicholas saw what he thought was a less lethal projectile on the ground while walking. Courtemanche was face down and handcuffed. He was rolled onto his back, an exam for trauma was performed, and trauma gauze was applied to Courtemanche's head. Courtemanche was then put onto a long board and placed on a stretcher for transport.

4. Nicholas saw a young black female by the entrance of Building 1. He described this person as either oblivious or not fazed by the scene because she had her head down looking at a cellphone. Besides noticing her presence, Nicholas did not see where the female came from or went to.

Respectfully,

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