INTERVIEW OF OFFICER MATTHEW VATCHER

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2 1 TPR. CONNOLLY: Alright. I'm sorry I know you just 2 told me, but what's your name again? 3 OFC. VATCHER: Matthew Vatcher. Last name is V-A-T-C-H-E-R. V-A-T-C-H - like catcher, with a "V". 4 5 TPR. CONNOLLY: Okay. So you were working the day or eve shift? 6 7 **OFC. VATCHER:** Evening. TPR. CONNOLLY: Evening. If you could, could you just 8 9 take me through your shift? 10 **OFC. VATCHER:** Okay, I came upstairs, probably a few 11 minutes before 4 o'clock. Didn't see anyone, which I thought 12 was odd. Then I found out from down the hall that they were out on the road at 1462 Main Street cause of - due to a disturbance 13 14 with the residents there, who we dealt with last night. 15 TPR. CONNOLLY: Were you involved in that? 16 **OFC. VATCHER:** I went there and I took the initial 17 report for the assault that occurred last night. 18 TPR. CONNOLLY: You did? 19 **OFC. VATCHER:** Yes. 20 TPR. CONNOLLY: Okay. 21 OFC. VATCHER: Between Alan Greenough and Devin 22 McDonald. 23 TPR. CONNOLLY: Alright.

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1	OFC. VATCHER: And his girlfriend. And then Sgt.
2	Silva came down and told me to respond up there since I handled
3	it last night and there was possible additional charges going
4	to be - that Alan Greenough was going to be charged with, so I
5	responded up there. I got up there and Officer Lee, Officer
6	Wilson, Officer Gooley, and Officer Fontes were all on scene.
7	They were at the front door to the residence. All along the
8	hallway there. Talking to Mr. Greenough through the door.
9	DET. FITZGERALD: Matty, hold on one sec. Lee,
10	Wilson, Gooley, and, Fontes?
11	OFC. VATCHER: Yeah. He arrived probably a few
12	minutes before I did.
13	DET. FITZGERALD: Okay. They were all out of their
14	cars at that time?
15	OFC. VATCHER: Yeah. They were all inside the front -
16	DET. FITZGERALD: Little office area, there?
17	OFC. VATCHER: It's like there's one apartment, if
18	you go in the front door there's one apartment on the right and
19	their apartment is on the left. And they were in that little
20	hallway, talking to him through the door.
21	TPR. CONNOLLY: What was he saying?
22	OFC. VATCHER: From where I was, I couldn't gather. I
23	was outside. There was just not enough room to get close enough
24	to hear what they were saying but I believe they were just

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1	trying to get him out to talk with him. And let's see, Mr.
2	Greenough's brother was there. He was where I was, off in the
3	parking lot. He was talking to him on the phone, trying to get
4	him to come out.
5	DET. FITZGERALD: So Anthony was on the phone with
6	Alan -
7	OFC. VATCHER: Yeah.
8	DET. FITZGERALD: Trying to get him to come out?
9	OFC. VATCHER: Yeah.
10	TPR. CONNOLLY: He was outside though, right?
11	OFC. VATCHER: Yeah.
12	TPR. CONNOLLY: Not in the hallway?
13	OFC. VATCHER: No, he was outside, he was going back
14	and forth to the - like the office, or the gas station lobby -
15	and the front door of where we were.
16	TPR. CONNOLLY: Alright, what happened next?
17	OFC. VATCHER: Let's see. We kept on - that pretty
18	much went on for a little while trying to get him out of the
19	house. I went over and talked to Devin McDonald, the roommate,
20	and the girlfriend again, because Officer Gooley asked me to go
21	over and see if they wanted harassment prevention orders
22	against Mr. Greenough. And then - so after I did that I came
23	back - we were kind of talking to Sergeant Silva on the phone

5 regarding the charges last night. And, let's see we went back -1 2 Anthony's the brother? 3 TPR. CONNOLLY: Yup. OFC. VATCHER: Anthony managed to get him to come to 4 5 the window, and open up the window to speak with Officer 6 Wilson, and I was right next to Officer Wilson when he came to 7 the window. He was very confrontational. This is Alan? 8 DET. FITZGERALD: 9 **OFC. VATCHER:** Yeah. Swearing at Wilson and pretty 10 much degrading him, calling him, you know, just all sorts of names. Saying he wasn't coming out. I couldn't hear what Sean 11 12 was saying. And then, he eventually got angry and slammed the 13 window. 14 DET. FITZGERALD: Do you remember what Alan was 15 saying specifically, if you heard anything? 16 TPR. CONNOLLY: This is an exterior window, or is it a 17 window into the hallway or is it something weird? OFC. VATCHER: This is a kitchen window, if you're in 18 19 the kitchen of the apartment. 20 TPR. CONNOLLY: Yeah. 21 OFC. VATCHER: It's one of two windows. There's the 22 stairs to the house, there's two windows to the left of that. 23 TPR. CONNOLLY: So you're outside? OFC. VATCHER: We're outside, he's inside. 24

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1 **TPR. CONNOLLY:** Who was outside with you and Wilson? 2 Was it the entire - all four of you? 3 OFC. VATCHER: Me and Wilson were over by the window. Lee, Fontes, they were still up in the hallway. 4 5 TPR. CONNOLLY: So it's just you and Wilson? 6 OFC. VATCHER: Just me and Wilson over by the window. 7 And I couldn't hear what Sean was saying because he talks so 8 low. 9 DET. FITZGERALD: Mhm. 10 OFC. VATCHER: But, Greenough was very loud. Calling 11 him, you know, asshole - that's what I remember specifically. 12 Saying that - asking him if he was mad because he beat a prior 13 charge that he thought Wilson got him with or something like 14 that. Something to that effect. And Wilson was trying to get 15 him to come out of the house, and eventually, yeah, like I 16 said, he just got mad and he slammed the window. And I believe 17 he went back to the door. I think Lee was talking with him 18 after that, through the door again. Then, let's see, Sergeant 19 Silva came on scene. Let's see, I'm trying to remember exactly 20 what happened next. Eric and Savio showed up on scene as well. 21 And then I think his brother - what I remember happening after 22 that was his brother coming over from the gas station, like the 23 lobby there I don't know what you would call it. 24 TPR. CONNOLLY: Yeah.

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7 1 OFC. VATCHER: Like the front counter inside, because 2 there's a door that leads into the apartment-3 TPR. CONNOLLY: Mhm. OFC. VATCHER: From there. He came over and said 4 5 "Hey, this door is open". Somehow, for some reason, this door is now unlocked. 6 7 TPR. CONNOLLY: Who said that to you? 8 **OFC. VATCHER:** His brother. TPR. CONNOLLY: His brother. 9 OFC. VATCHER: Anthony. Yeah. Now I do remember -10 11 sorry I have to go back - I do remember through the doorway, 12 Mike Lee, or Sean, it was either Mike Lee or Sean, saying that, 13 Mr. Greenough was - if we were to come in there, because we 14 were thinking about breaching the door with the fire department 15 on scene, he was going to hit us with like, some sort of like, 16 pole or something that he-17 And who said that? DET. FITZGERALD: OFC. VATCHER: I think - it was either Lee or Wilson 18 that relayed that to me. And his brother said "He doesn't have 19 20 a pole, he has a piece of wood". Because I can only imagine it 21 was from the table that he smashed, or the chair that he 22 smashed last night. Yeah, and then his brother came around and 23 said "Hey this door is open now". And I believe, I think Kaylyn asked him, previously, if there was a door inside and he said 24

8 "No". I think he said there wasn't a door to the apartment and 1 2 now he's saying it was open, so. 3 DET. FITZGERALD: Okay so it was Lee or Wilson stated that Alan had a pole and -4 5 **OFC. VATCHER:** Yeah. **DET. FITZGERALD:** Anthony responded "It's a piece 6 7 of wood". 8 **OFC. VATCHER:** Anthony said "He doesn't have a pole, 9 he has a piece of wood". At that point, I think someone had 10 come around from the back of the house and said "Hey there's an 11 open window in the back now". 12 TPR. CONNOLLY: Do you remember who that was? OFC. VATCHER: I think it was Officer Savio. 13 14 TPR. CONNOLLY: Who were the two officers that you 15 said arrived after? 16 OFC. VATCHER: Officer Savio - Sergeant Silva arrived on scene, and Officer Savio and Officer Drauschke arrived in 17 18 the same car. 19 TPR. CONNOLLY: Is that before Greenough shut the 20 window? 21 OFC. VATCHER: Yeah. No, they showed up after that. 22 TPR. CONNOLLY: Oh, okay. So it was Sergeant Silva-

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1 OFC. VATCHER: Sergeant Silva, Officer Drauschke, and 2 Officer Savio. They showed up pretty much right at the same 3 time, like pulled in. TPR. CONNOLLY: So you guys are still continuing to 4 5 talk? You're in the hallway with Officer Lee? 6 **OFC. VATCHER:** I wasn't in the hallway. I was still 7 out, like in the parking lot area. 8 TPR. CONNOLLY: Oh, okay. 9 **OFC. VATCHER:** Like right outside the entryway. 10 There's like a couple steps, with like a landing. There's the 11 hallway I was in, I was outside of that. 12 TPR. CONNOLLY: Okay. So either Lee or Wilson come out 13 and tell you that "He's got a pole and he's threatening to hit 14 us with it if we go inside the house"? 15 OFC. VATCHER: Yeah, at some point that was relayed. 16 I think - I don't know what they said to him, but - I mean it 17 was -18 TPR. CONNOLLY: But Anthony obviously hears you guys 19 saying this and says-20 OFC. VATCHER: Yeah, I think I said it to someone 21 else, maybe Kaylyn or something like that. And Anthony said 22 "No, he doesn't have a pole, he has a piece of wood". 23 TPR. CONNOLLY: Who's Katelyn? 24 **OFC. VATCHER:** Officer Gooley.

DET. FITZGERALD: She's the female officer, Officer 1 2 Gooley. 3 TPR. CONNOLLY: Oh, okay. Okay. So then Anthony tells you that there's a door that's unlocked inside. 4 5 **OFC. VATCHER:** Yeah. This is probably a few minutes 6 after that, because he was going from us over to the gas 7 station and back and forth, and yeah, at some point, he came over and said, after that -8 9 TPR. CONNOLLY: Yeah. 10 OFC. VATCHER: "This door is open or unlocked now. I don't know if you tried it before or didn't try before", but -11 12 he said-13 TPR. CONNOLLY: Did you guys go in? OFC. VATCHER: "It's unlocked now". Yeah, we made our 14 15 way over to there. And I'm pretty sure, it was almost 16 simultaneously when Dave Savio, I think, came around - I think 17 it was simultaneously, he said there's an open window in the back as well. And after we found out the door was open, me, 18 Officer Wilson, and Officer Gooley went into the house to clear 19 20 it to make sure he wasn't in there. 21 **DET. FITZGERALD:** You, Wilson, and Gooley? 22 **OFC. VATCHER:** Yeah. 23 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Went into the house? 24 OFC. VATCHER: Yeah.

11 1 **DET. FITZGERALD:** And cleared the apartment? 2 **OFC. VATCHER:** Yeah. We cleared the apartment. 3 (PAUSE) TPR. CONNOLLY: I'm sorry, one more time. It's you -4 5 OFC. VATCHER: Wilson. TPR. CONNOLLY: Officer Wilson. 6 7 **OFC. VATCHER:** That cleared the house? 8 TPR. CONNOLLY: Yeah. 9 OFC. VATCHER: Yeah. It was me, Officer Wilson, and 10 Gooley. 11 TPR. CONNOLLY: And obviously you did not find him 12 inside? 13 OFC. VATCHER: No. 14 TPR. CONNOLLY: Alright, and what happened after that? 15 **OFC. VATCHER:** I remember I was upstairs with Kaylyn 16 and we were coming down the stairs when the radio transmission 17 for "Shots fired" was heard. 18 (PAUSE) **TPR. CONNOLLY:** You didn't hear the shots? 19 20 OFC. VATCHER: I did not hear the shots. 21 TPR. CONNOLLY: Where did you guys go? 22 OFC. VATCHER: We went through - out the same door we went in, because the other door was dead bolted. Came out in 23 front of the gas station and nobody at that time knew the 24

12 location of the shots fired. So I got on the radio and asked 1 2 Eric "Where's your location?". And he said "Over by the cars". 3 So, I mean, it's a gas station, on the left side is all cars to 4 be fixed, so, we headed that way. 5 TPR. CONNOLLY: Who's we? OFC. VATCHER: Oh, I did at least. I know Kaylyn 6 7 went, as well. 8 TPR. CONNOLLY: Okay. 9 OFC. VATCHER: Kaylyn - I know Kaylyn was in front of 10 me. Sean, I think was trailing behind us - I'm not sure about 11 Sean. Once we went over, it was Eric, and, I believe Kaylyn was attempting to handcuff him with Eric. And then, I think - I 12 13 believe Lee was over there as well. And they started - after they had him cuffed - they started CPR and I ran to my cruiser 14 15 to grab my med bag and my AED. 16 TPR. CONNOLLY: So when you went over there, Gooley 17 was helping-18 **OFC. VATCHER:** Handcuff. 19 **TPR. CONNOLLY:** Handcuff. 20 OFC. VATCHER: Yeah, Gooley was assisting with her 21 handcuffs, and I ran back to my cruiser to get my medical 22 supplies. 23 TPR. CONNOLLY: Did you help in the treatment? Or did 24 you, were you -

13 1 **OFC. VATCHER:** I did. I took over for Officer Lee and 2 performed chest compressions. 3 TPR. CONNOLLY: How was he positioned when you first saw him? 4 **OFC. VATCHER:** When I first saw him? 5 TPR. CONNOLLY: Yeah. 6 7 OFC. VATCHER: When I made my way to their location, there's a bunch of cars, so I think it was in between a another 8 9 car, and he was next to, I believe, it was the orange Hummer. 10 And they were on the ground, and they kind of had him rolled 11 over to try to put the handcuffs on him. That's the first time 12 I saw him. 13 **TPR. CONNOLLY:** Rolled over onto his stomach or onto 14 his side? 15 OFC. VATCHER: Onto his stomach - I think, I think it 16 was more like if I was lying like this, he was rolled onto his 17 right side and they were trying to handcuff him like that. 18 TPR. CONNOLLY: So he was like, on his stomach, but 19 then onto his -20 OFC. VATCHER: I believe he was on back and they 21 rolled him up on his right side to get handcuffs on him. I 2.2 think. 23 TPR. CONNOLLY: Okay.

14 1 **OFC. VATCHER:** I think that's how I saw him. Officer 2 Gooley was in front of me, so she was kind of blocking my view. 3 (PAUSE) TPR. CONNOLLY: Did you see where Anthony was? 4 5 **OFC. VATCHER:** At that point? When I ran, he was by 6 the gas pumps, because I remember running by him, and he was 7 yelling, "They shot my brother! They shot my brother!" And then 8 I ran back and he was in the same position, at the pumps, still 9 yelling and screaming. When you say you ran back, you 10 TPR. CONNOLLY: 11 mean to get your medical bag? 12 OFC. VATCHER: Yeah. I ran past him to the scene and 13 then I immediately ran back to my car and he was in the same 14 position by the gas pumps. 15 TPR. CONNOLLY: So when you came out of the house, 16 when the initial call came out, you came out of the house, he 17 was in the same spot that he stayed? 18 **OFC. VATCHER:** I took a right out of the house, because, well I took a left first, because I didn't know the 19 20 location, then they said the location so I ran past the gas 21 pumps and he was on the other side of the gas pumps, closer to 22 their side, and that's when he was saying "They shot my bother! 23 They shot my brother!"

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DET. FITZGERALD: So if you're looking at the front of the building, Matty, he was closest to the left part of the gas pumps?

4 OFC. VATCHER: Yeah.
5 DET. FITZGERALD: Okay.
6 OFC. VATCHER: Where the garage bay door is.
7 TPR. CONNOLLY: Yeah.
8 (PAUSE)

9 TPR. CONNOLLY: Have you ever had, besides last night,
10 have you ever had any interaction with Greenough before?

11 **OFC. VATCHER:** Yeah. Once before. It was - it had to be, want to say over the wintertime, probably end of last year. 12 13 We went there one night, because Devin McDonald, the roommate, 14 was locked out of the house. He locked him out of the house. I 15 don't know why. And, he had to go stay at his mother's house 16 because Alan wouldn't let him back in. Alan wouldn't come to 17 the door for us. He wouldn't come downstairs. He only spoke to us through an upstairs window. And it seemed like, you know, 18 19 they were having some sort of roommate dispute. And we told him 20 he can come back, like tomorrow, with us, and get his stuff, if 21 he wants to move out. Doesn't look like that happened.

22 TPR. CONNOLLY: No. How about with him, Kim, Anthony, 23 any of them?

16 1 OFC. VATCHER: Never seen Anthony before. Never seen 2 Kim before. 3 TPR. CONNOLLY: And this disagreement, the end of last year was the only other time you've seen him, Greenough, or 4 5 Devin? **OFC. VATCHER:** Prior to last night, with the assault? 6 7 TPR. CONNOLLY: Yeah. 8 OFC. VATCHER: Yeah. That was the only time that I've dealt with those two. 9 10 TPR. CONNOLLY: How about rumors? Have you heard 11 anything about the two of them? Or either one of them? 12 OFC. VATCHER: I mean, people say that Alan was a 13 Class A user, like a heroin user. That's the only thing I've 14 ever heard. I haven't heard much about Devin. 15 (PAUSE) 16 DET. FITZGERALD: Matty, just from listening, when 17 you would listen to Alan like yell today, did it appear to you 18 that he was like under the influence of something? I mean I 19 know you didn't really -20 **OFC. VATCHER:** Yeah. 21 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Get a visual of him. 22 OFC. VATCHER: It seemed like he was like, 23 intoxicated, he was drunk. 24 TPR. CONNOLLY: Can you ever see him inside the house?

17 1 OFC. VATCHER: Only when he came to the window, and 2 opened it up and -3 TPR. CONNOLLY: Was he holding that pipe when he came to the window? 4 OFC. VATCHER: I couldn't see that. I didn't see-5 TPR. CONNOLLY: Did he make any threats or reference 6 7 that he had? 8 **OFC. VATCHER:** Not when we were at the window. No. 9 Not that I heard. No. He was pretty loud. He just pretty much 10 berated Sean Wilson. 11 TPR. CONNOLLY: Yeah. But did he say anything 12 threatening? Be honest. 13 OFC. VATCHER: No. Not that I can recall. 14 **TPR. CONNOLLY:** Degradation? 15 **OFC. VATCHER:** Not that I can recall. 16 TPR. CONNOLLY: I think that's it. Unless you can 17 think of something else? 18 **DET. FITZGERALD:** I got nothing. 19 TPR. CONNOLLY: Alright. Sorry for keeping you 20 here so long. 21 OFC. VATCHER: It's no problem. 22 TPR. CONNOLLY: Let me just run it past the committee 23 downstairs and we'll try - we'll get you home. 24 **OFC. VATCHER:** Okay.

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1	TPR. CONNOLLY: Alright.
2	OFC. VATCHER: Yeah. I think we're going to see all
3	the grief counseling together, I think.
4	DET. FITZGERALD: Yeah.
5	TPR. CONNOLLY: Yeah.
6	DET. FITZGERALD: Good idea.
7	TPR. CONNOLLY: Yeah.
8	OFC. VATCHER: Yeah. Just to do it right now.
9	DET. FITZGERALD: Okay, good.
10	TPR. CONNOLLY: Alright.
11	OFC. VATCHER: Alright man.
12	DET. FITZGERALD: Thanks bud.
13	OFC. VATCHER: No problem.
14	END OF INTERVIEW