

INTERVIEW OF OFFICER MICHAEL LEE

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1 **LT. BULMAN:** Good evening my name is Lieutenant
2 Paul Bulman from the Massachusetts State Police Middlesex
3 District Attorney's Office. The time is approximately 11:45 on
4 Feb 3rd, 2018. Present are, Detective?

5 **DET. HALLORAN:** Detective Michelle Halloran.

6 **LT. BULMAN:** And your name Sir?

7 **OFC. LEE:** Officer Michael Lee.

8 **LT. BULMAN:** And Officer Lee, if you wouldn't mind,
9 could I just get some brief biographical information from you?
10 How long have you been employed by the Reading Police
11 Department?

12 **OFC. LEE:** Since '98 - what is that - that's - 19
13 years? 20 years? Something like that.

14 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay. And you've been - did you have
15 any prior employment at another agency prior to coming to
16 Reading?

17 **OFC. LEE:** I did not.

18 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay. What was your assignment today?

19 **OFC. LEE:** Day shift patrol. In Sector 2.

20 **LT. BULMAN:** Can you tell me what transpired that
21 led you to this location today? To the best of your
22 recollection?

23 **OFC. LEE:** Up to Main Street?

24 **LT. BULMAN:** Yeah.

1 **OFC. LEE:** Okay, so we got a call on the radio from
2 Dispatch that there was a fight or domestic or something in
3 progress. They had told us over the radio that last night there
4 had been something similar to that going on. I was the first to
5 arrive up on scene. Then we went to the door, tried to talk to
6 him, get his name, he was very hostile, very aggravated, very
7 agitated.

8 **LT. BULMAN:** Did you get his name eventually?

9 **OFC. LEE:** Yeah. It was Alan.

10 **LT. BULMAN:** Did he tell you his last name?

11 **OFC. LEE:** It was like - I can't remember - it was
12 Greenough or something. I think it was Greenough.

13 **LT. BULMAN:** (Indiscernible)

14 **OFC. LEE:** He didn't tell it to us. I think it was - we
15 were told on the radio that's who it was.

16 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay. Were you familiar with him from
17 any previous encounters?

18 **OFC. LEE:** I was not. No.

19 **LT. BULMAN:** And then what happened?

20 **OFC. LEE:** So, I got up there, and we tried to get in
21 contact with him. Knocking on the door. We first found the front
22 door was blocked or locked or something. We called the guy
23 upstairs, don't know what his name was, to come by and open the

1 door for us, found out it was just stuck, so it was neither
2 here nor there.

3 **LT. BULMAN:** Remember what this guy's name was?

4 **OFC. LEE:** He didn't tell us. We didn't know. He was
5 just the guy who lives upstairs.

6 **LT. BULMAN:** The guy that lives upstairs?

7 **OFC. LEE:** Yup. The guy that lives upstairs.

8 **LT. BULMAN:** And he actually came down and opened
9 it?

10 **OFC. LEE:** Yes.

11 **LT. BULMAN:** And is this is this door on the -

12 **OFC. LEE:** This is the outside door, for on the road.

13 **LT. BULMAN:** So if you're looking at the front of
14 the building -

15 **OFC. LEE:** Yup.

16 **LT. BULMAN:** That would be the Alpha side?

17 **OFC. LEE:** Yup. And it would be -

18 **LT. BULMAN:** If you went clockwise around the
19 building so the left side of the building would be the Bravo -

20 **OFC. LEE:** Yeah.

21 **LT. BULMAN:** And the back would be the Charlie and
22 the right side would be the Delta.

23 **OFC. LEE:** Right. So it was on the Alpha side.

1 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay. So you got into this front
2 doorway.

3 **OFC. LEE:** Right. The guy came down and opened the door
4 for us. Then we tried to get his attention. He wasn't answering
5 - calling. His brother came up and tried to get his attention
6 also. He called him a number of times and didn't get a response.
7 Finally caught a hold of him and was talking to him. And he was
8 sounding very hostile, very aggravated on the phone. His brother
9 told us that he was drunk and he gets like that when he's drunk.
10 And we kept talking to him, trying to get him out. And he was
11 just telling us to "Fuck off. We have no rights to be in his
12 house". And you know what, none of us were acting aggressive
13 towards him, just saying "Alan, come out here. You can talk to
14 us. We just need to know what's going on". Then he finally came
15 to - his brother finally was able to get him to come a window. I
16 wasn't outside for that. I was still inside. There's a little
17 hallway, so, you go in that front door and then his apartment's
18 the first door on the left. I was still in there trying to get
19 his attention. He was talking to him. While we were sitting at
20 the door he was hollering "If you come in my house I'm going to
21 hit you with a pipe or a pole" or something like that. I asked -
22 then we talked to his roommate, I think his name's Devin or
23 something like that. You know, I asked him if there was any guns
24 or anything in the house and he seemed to think there wasn't -

1 and then - so, after he talked to - I think he talked to
2 Officer Wilson outside - at the window. We started talking to
3 his brother, and his brother tells us, that him and his - him
4 and Alan had come home and they found this guy Devin's
5 girlfriend in the room and Alan was pissed off about that and he
6 was just mad as hell and aggravated and said "Get the hell out
7 of my room". She was going through his drawers, according to the
8 brother and Alan got mad and threw his speaker down on the
9 floor, according to the brother. While this was going on, I
10 guess Devin heard something upstairs - from upstairs - came
11 downstairs and they had another verbal discussion, according to
12 the brother. Then they went upstairs and that's when his brother
13 said he heard people scuffling and buffling up there like they
14 were wrestling or fighting or something. And - yeah, that's it.
15 To that point.

16 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

17 **OFC. LEE:** So we asked the brother if there was - we
18 tried the door. The brother finally got into the apartment and
19 he unlocked the bottom of the - in the door to the apartment
20 there's two knobs, there's bottom knob and the deadbolt. He
21 unlocked the bottom door but the deadbolt was still locked. I
22 never made it into the apartment so I don't know. I heard it
23 rattling while we were sitting there waiting and they were
24 talking. Alan was also being just very belligerent. Pounding the

1 door, smashing the door, not breaking through, but hitting it
2 really hard.

3 **LT. BULMAN:** From the inside?

4 **OFC. LEE:** From the inside. Yeah. Saying "Get the fuck
5 off my property. You're not allowed to be on my property. I know
6 my rights." We asked if there was a back door, the brother said
7 there was no back door. But he did mention there was some door
8 on the inside near the station.

9 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

10 **OFC. LEE:** Then - I forget what happened after that.
11 Then all of a sudden we hear the gunshots. I'm like "What the
12 fuck was that?" You know and were all looking where the hell's
13 that coming from, you know we were looking for Eric. Who was the
14 officer -

15 **LT. BULMAN:** Can I back you up -

16 **OFC. LEE:** Yup.

17 **LT. BULMAN:** A little bit?

18 **OFC. LEE:** Sure.

19 **LT. BULMAN:** So you're having this conversation with
20 Anthony the brother -

21 **OFC. LEE:** Yeah.

22 **LT. BULMAN:** And he mentions that there's another
23 doorway.

24 **OFC. LEE:** Yup.

1 **LT. BULMAN:** Do you recall, did you make entry into
2 the apartment?

3 **OFC. LEE:** I did not go to the apartment at all. I was
4 - I stayed in that hall the whole time.

5 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

6 **OFC. LEE:** Until -

7 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

8 **OFC. LEE:** Until we heard the gunshots.

9 **LT. BULMAN:** Was that different - was that a little
10 different from what Sean told us? That he said, he went in with
11 them?

12 **DET. HALLORAN:** I think Sean meant - what I
13 thought he meant, was that they went into that main hallway
14 together.

15 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

16 **OFC. LEE:** Yeah. Oh, Sean that was in the hall with me,
17 for a little bit, but then he went out. And then he was talking
18 through the window and then it was me and Officer - new guy-
19 which one's he? Fontanez - Fontes.

20 **DET. HALLORAN:** Fontes.

21 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

22 **OFC. LEE:** Yeah. We were - we were sitting there
23 waiting and that's when we heard the gunfire. It was just me and
24 him in that hallway at that time.

1 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay. So it's fair to say then that
2 you and Fontanez were in the house, but you were actually
3 outside the doorway?

4 **OFC. LEE:** We were - we were in the common hallway.

5 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

6 **OFC. LEE:** Yeah.

7 **LT. BULMAN:** Do you know if - so Sean, to your
8 knowledge, did Sean actually go into the apartment?

9 **OFC. LEE:** I don't - I don't know.

10 **LT. BULMAN:** You don't know that?

11 **OFC. LEE:** If he went into the apartment. No.

12 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

13 **OFC. LEE:** I know the brother did because he later came
14 out when he said he was the one that unlocked the door. He was
15 the one that I knew went into the apartment. Which he did unlock
16 the door, come to find out the deadbolt - there's a key on the
17 inside too, and he didn't have the key, or something. But I was
18 never in there.

19 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay. So you and Fontanez are at the
20 common hallway front door to the apartment -

21 **OFC. LEE:** Yes.

22 **LT. BULMAN:** And you hear the banging -

23 **OFC. LEE:** Yes.

1 **LT. BULMAN:** At some point you're just standing
2 there and you hear - you heard a gunshot, or several gunshots?

3 **OFC. LEE:** Heard two - two rounds.

4 **LT. BULMAN:** And then what happened?

5 **OFC. LEE:** Then we were like what the fuck? Where's
6 that coming from? And we started looking for - we noticed that
7 the other guys were in the area, Sgt. Silva, Wilson was there,
8 Fontes was there, Vatcher was there with us. That's all the
9 names I can remember off the top of my head. And the other units
10 had come up and we were like where the fuck is Eric? Where the
11 fuck's Eric? "ERIC"! You know, we didn't hear a response. And
12 then I - we left the hallway started heading - I forget how - if
13 we heard someone was like "Hey, we're over here" or whatever. We
14 started - we heard what was going on over there and I went to my
15 cruiser, grabbed my medical bag. And then ran to the - got to
16 the site. Took out some gauze pads. Officer Gooley was up at the
17 - well, when I got on the scene, I had my bag, he was on his
18 knees, like hunched over with his handcuffed - hands cuffed
19 behind his back. Like facedown -

20 **LT. BULMAN:** So he was on his knees, hands cuffed
21 behind his back?

22 **OFC. LEE:** Yes.

23 **LT. BULMAN:** And it - so was his head on the ground?

1 **OFC. LEE:** Right, like almost, like almost - yeah. It
2 seemed- yes it was. Yeah. He was on his knees and he was kind of
3 like - kind of like in the fetal position but on his knees. I
4 guess. You know. I think it's called downward - not downward
5 dog, but -

6 **LT. BULMAN:** Yeah.

7 **OFC. LEE:** Warrior or some shit like that.

8 **LT. BULMAN:** Yeah.

9 **OFC. LEE:** Yeah. Some yoga thing like that. Yeah. And
10 then we - I noticed some blood. We turned him over, I took
11 Officer Drauschke's knife, cut off his shirt and started - and
12 gave Officer Gooley gauze to put on the things, and then I
13 started CPR.

14 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay and then what happened?

15 **OFC. LEE:** What happened next - so, Officer Savio was
16 there also, I don't - I think he had the Ambu bag. I don't
17 remember who had the bag but someone had an Ambu bag. I was
18 pushing, they were breathing. I heard them call over the radio
19 someone get the fire department back there. Officer Vatcher was
20 behind me. I did a few minutes of compressions, I don't know how
21 long, I wasn't sure of the time, then Officer Vatcher took over
22 for me. And that's when the fire department came in, and they
23 took him out. Yeah.

24 (SHORT PAUSE)

1 **OFC. LEE:** Then once he was gone - or then once, Alan
2 was taken by the Fire, I went back into the ambulance, because
3 they needed the keys, because he was still handcuffed. Gave them
4 the key to my handcuffs. They took the handcuffs off. Came back
5 out, then, was standing at the - as scene protection. Then I was
6 told to move down to Mattera Cabin Area to help direct the media
7 to where they were going to park.

8 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

9 **OFC. LEE:** And then, from there I helped the media walk
10 up the street because that hill sucks and people were flying.
11 And got them up there safely, so I didn't have to do more
12 paperwork. Then, yeah.

13 **LT. BULMAN:** So then you stayed there until you were
14 told -

15 **OFC. LEE:** Yup.

16 **LT. BULMAN:** By someone to come here?

17 **OFC. LEE:** Yup. Until - then I stayed there - I'm not
18 sure what time, probably, 6:30 or 7, I don't know I didn't see
19 my watch. Then I went back up and watched the scene with Officer
20 Gooley again, then we were relieved, and we came here.

21 **LT. BULMAN:** What time were you relieved to come
22 here?

23 **OFC. LEE:** 6:30, 7? I don't know. I didn't see the
24 clock.

1 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

2 **OFC. LEE:** It was dark out though, I can tell you that.
3 Which doesn't really help right now. But it was dark.

4 **LT. BULMAN:** Did you ever see Alan, or did you ever
5 see Alan with a pole, or - from the doorway were there any
6 (indiscernible) -

7 **OFC. LEE:** No. In the common hallway -

8 **LT. BULMAN:** Yeah.

9 **OFC. LEE:** It's a solid, metal encased door, you know
10 like the kind -

11 **LT. BULMAN:** Yeah.

12 **OFC. LEE:** You use for the weathering.

13 **LT. BULMAN:** Yeah.

14 **OFC. LEE:** And he was just yelling through the door.

15 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

16 **OFC. LEE:** Officer Wilson said he saw something when
17 they came back around the corner after they tried to talk to him
18 through the window, but, no, I never saw anything like that. I
19 never saw him until I was on the ground giving him CPR.

20 **LT. BULMAN:** Can you describe this guy from the
21 second floor that opened the door for you? Because that's the
22 first I've heard of him. Was he an Indian gentleman?

1 **OFC. LEE:** Yeah. Middle eastern of some sort. Balding
2 or really short hair. Not really old, but older. Older than me,
3 at least I think he is, he looks older than me at least.

4 **LT. BULMAN:** Approximately fifty years old?

5 **OFC. LEE:** Probably. Best guess, probably about my
6 height, maybe a little taller. About six feet - maybe -
7 somewhere right around my height. He just opened the door and
8 went right back up the stairs to his apartment.

9 **LT. BULMAN:** Thin build? Heavy build?

10 **OFC. LEE:** I'd say medium, but not like athletic
11 medium. Not wicked fat, but not wicked thin.

12 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay. Can you think of any other
13 witnesses that we should try to talk to? Other than that
14 gentleman that we may not have identified yet? Did you see any
15 other civilians?

16 **OFC. LEE:** Just the two roommates who weren't actually
17 down at that end. The brother. There was another guy at the gas
18 station, but I think you already have him too, the owner I think
19 he is.

20 **LT. BULMAN:** Yeah.

21 **OFC. LEE:** I'm not sure, but those are the ones that I
22 saw, that were there.

23 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay. Can I just get a street address
24 for you?

1 **OFC. LEE:** Yup. 17 Governors Drive. Here in town,
2 Reading.

3 **LT. BULMAN:** Reading?

4 **OFC. LEE:** Yup. I don't think I got to tell you, I got
5 called there about 4 o'clock. I don't think I mentioned that
6 earlier.

7 **LT. BULMAN:** You arrived there at 4?

8 **OFC. LEE:** Yup. Right around 4, because it was close to
9 me getting ready to go home.

10 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

11 **OFC. LEE:** So I know it was about 4.

12 **LT. BULMAN:** And did you have occasion to talk to
13 anyone regarding the actual shooting? Did anyone make any
14 statements to you, or anything like that?

15 **OFC. LEE:** Like, at all, or?

16 **LT. BULMAN:** Yeah. Did anyone identify "I shot the
17 guy"?

18 **OFC. LEE:** No.

19 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay.

20 **OFC. LEE:** No, nobody said that. We just - like I said,
21 we just heard the shots. I saw Erik over by the car, it was an
22 orange Humvee, and he was over in that kind of fetal position,
23 on his knees, with his hands cuffed behind his back.

1 **LT. BULMAN:** So then you just kind of jumped right
2 into the -

3 **OFC. LEE:** Yeah.

4 **LT. BULMAN:** First responder role?

5 **OFC. LEE:** Yeah.

6 **LT. BULMAN:** And started CPR.

7 **OFC. LEE:** Mhm.

8 **LT. BULMAN:** Fixated on that.

9 **OFC. LEE:** Yeah.

10 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay. I can't think of anything else,
11 can you?

12 **DET. HALLORAN:** No.

13 **LT. BULMAN:** Okay. The time is approximately
14 midnight, 12:01 on February 4th, 2018. This concludes the
15 interview.

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