

Ofc. Sullivan Recorded Interview

1 DELUCIA: Alright so it's uh Monday February 14th, 2022, it is 15:33
2 hours um, and it's Sean, Sullivan?

3 SULLIVAN: Yep, correct.

4 DELUCIA: I'm gonna read you your Miranda rights Sean okay?

5 SULLIVAN: Okay.

6 DELUCIA: Uh before asking you any questions it is my duty to advise
7 you of your rights. You have the right to remain silent, if you choose to speak
8 anything you say may be against- may be used against you in a court of law. You
9 have the right to consult with a lawyer before answering any questions and you
10 may have a lawyer with you during questioning. If you cannot afford a lawyer or
11 want one, a lawyer will be provided at no cost before any questioning. If you
12 decide to answer questions you may stop at any time. Do you understand each of
13 these rights I have read to you?

14 SULLIVAN: Yes.

15 DELUCIA: Okay so there's a yes, no, and initials. So.

16 SULLIVAN: Check it off?

17 DELUCIA: Yep. And then having these rights in mind, do you wish to
18 speak with me now?

19 SULLIVAN: Yes.

20 DELUCIA: Okay and then initials. And then it's just gonna have the Se-
21 oh, excuse me, sign and then we'll have the Sarge be the witness for it. Thanks.

22 HAGENAH: Yep.

1 DELUCIA: Uh, so again it's Monday February 14th, 2022, 15:34 hours,
2 my name is Anthony Delucia, I'm a Sergeant with the Massachusetts State
3 Police I work out of the Middlesex DA's office. So Sarge if you could introduce
4 yourself please?

5 HAGENAH: Sergeant Alex Hagenah.

6 SULLIVAN: Sean Sulli-

7 DELUCIA: Yep go ahead.

8 SULLIVAN: Sean Sullivan, Lexington Police, Patrol.

9 MCDONALD: Alan McDonald, counsel to the Lexington Police
10 Association.

11 DELUCIA: Alright great. So, um, Sean, uh how long have you been a
12 police officer?

13 SULLIVAN: A little over 3 years.

14 DELUCIA: All with Lexington PD?

15 SULLIVAN: Yes.

16 DELUCIA: Had you worked prior, anywhere prior to that in law
17 enforcement?

18 SULLIVAN: I have not no.

19 DELUCIA: Did you have a prior career or different job?

20 SULLIVAN: Yeah I worked at a special needs program in Burlington.

21 DELUCIA: Okay, and, and what age would that have been? The people
22 you were working with.

23 SULLIVAN: Uhh... so it was 14 to 22.

1 DELUCIA: Okay um what type of facility was that? Was it a lockdown
2 facility, or?

3 SULLIVAN: Uh, no, it was at uh Burlington High.

4 DELUCIA: Oh okay it was affiliated with the high school?

5 SULLIVAN: So it was a lab program-

6 DELUCIA: Okay.

7 SULLIVAN: But I worked at Burlington High School.

8 DELUCIA: Okay.

9 SULLIVAN: So it's Lexington, Arlington, Bedford, Burlington, Belmont.

10 DELUCIA: Okay. And what, so what would your title have been when
11 you did that?

12 SULLIVAN: A teacher assistant.

13 DELUCIA: You were a teacher's assistant, okay.

14 SULLIVAN: Correct.

15 DELUCIA: And did you go to school for that? Or did you just fall into
16 that?

17 SULLIVAN: Uh, I kinda just fell into it.

18 DELUCIA: Okay. And how long did you do that for?

19 SULLIVAN: Oof.. uh, either 5 or 6 years.

20 DELUCIA: Okay. How, how was that job?

21 SULLIVAN: Uh, I loved the kids but just wasn't uh, it wasn't enough
22 money in it.

1 DELUCIA: Yeah, it's hard work for sure. Um, so in terms of your training
2 and experience with Lexington, do you have annual training that you have to
3 perform?

4 SULLIVAN: Yep. I attend in service every year.

5 DELUCIA: Okay. Is that, is that in person, is it online, is it a hybrid
6 thing, or?

7 SULLIVAN: This year it was all in person.

8 DELUCIA: All in person this year.

9 SULLIVAN: Yes.

10 DELUCIA: Okay um, do you have any specialized training in terms of
11 um, if you guys use like less lethal and stuff like that, do you have you been
12 trained in anything like that before?

13 SULLIVAN: Yeah, we've been trained in that in the, at the range. I
14 haven't had like a, I'm not like a range officer or anything.

15 DELUCIA: Are you certified to use that equipment?

16 SULLIVAN: I am yes.

17 DELUCIA: You are. Okay. Alright. Is everybody in your department
18 certified to use that?

19 SULLIVAN: I believe everyone is yep.

20 DELUCIA: Okay. I didn't know if it was a thing you volunteer for or um
21 as a Lexington police officer they have you do it.

22 SULLIVAN: Uh,

23 DELUCIA: Do you know the answer to that?

24 SULLIVAN: I don't know, but I believe everyone has to-

1 DELUCIA: Okay.

2 SULLIVAN: –qualify with their whatever. Yeah.

3 DELUCIA: Okay. Um, what was your assignment on Saturday?

4 SULLIVAN: I was assigned to the 411 sector.

5 DELUCIA: Okay. And could you just describe for that, describe the place?

6 SULLIVAN: Uh, like a typical day so-

7 DELUCIA: What that sector is, excuse me. Like what part of town was

8 that.

9 SULLIVAN: Oh, um...

10 DELUCIA: Is that how it's broken up?

11 SULLIVAN: Yeah uh, ask me a question I don't know exactly how you

12 want me to describe the...

13 MCDONALD: Was it like the geographic area, or is it...

14 SULLIVAN: Yeah I just don't know like, what street, Lowell street...

15 DELUCIA: Yeah no we don't have to get into particulars, um.

16 SULLIVAN: Okay.

17 DELUCIA: You're in uniform patrol that day?

18 SULLIVAN: Correct. Yes.

19 DELUCIA: You're in a marked car?

20 SULLIVAN: Yes.

21 DELUCIA: Okay. And you're covering a section of the town.

22 SULLIVAN: Correct.

23 DELUCIA: Okay. Very good. I'm not, yeah. I'm not trying to be tricky.

24 SULLIVAN: Yeah I just don't know exactly.

1 DELUCIA: No I get you. I get you. Might have not been a fair question.

2 SULLIVAN: East Lexington, I guess?

3 DELUCIA: I get you. I know, it's really irrelevant its more-

4 SULLIVAN: Okay.

5 DELUCIA: What your assignment was that day.

6 SULLIVAN: Alright.

7 DELUCIA: Um, did you attend a roll call that day?

8 SULLIVAN: I did yes.

9 DELUCIA: Okay. And who, who leads roll call.

10 SULLIVAN: Uh, that day it was Sergeant Demambro.

11 DELUCIA: Okay. Was there anything at roll call that was put out that

12 was unusual or anything or was it just kind of a...

13 SULLIVAN: No it was just the usual like who has what sector.

14 DELUCIA: Okay.

15 SULLIVAN: Just do your thing.

16 DELUCIA: Okay.

17 SULLIVAN: (*unintelligible*) calls you.

18 DELUCIA: Okay. And uh what were your hours worked on that day on

19 Saturday. When did you come in?

20 SULLIVAN: What were they supposed to be?

21 DELUCIA: Yeah. Well when did you arrive for work?

22 SULLIVAN: Uh,

23 DELUCIA: Start of your shift.

24 SULLIVAN: Started at 7:45.

1 DELUCIA: Okay. Uh had you worked the prior night?
2 SULLIVAN: Uh no I was off.
3 DELUCIA: Okay. So you came in for 7:45 AM, is the beginning of your
4 shift?
5 SULLIVAN: Yep.
6 DELUCIA: You attend roll call?
7 SULLIVAN: I did yes.
8 DELUCIA: Okay. Um, when were you alerted to something going on at 98
9 Hancock?
10 SULLIVAN: Um, so I was actually on Heartwell Ave., across town, um,
11 closer to where it happened. I heard the call come in, it was for, they were
12 dispatching two cars I believe. Uh, Steve arrived, John arrived.
13 DELUCIA: Do you remember what the call was?
14 SULLIVAN: Uh, it was for a jogger running by claiming they heard
15 someone, from, coming from the window saying someone was gonna kill them.
16 DELUCIA: Okay.
17 SULLIVAN: "I need help." Along those lines.
18 DELUCIA: Okay. Are you familiar with that address?
19 SULLIVAN: I am, yes.
20 DELUCIA: And have you been there before?
21 SULLIVAN: I have, yes.
22 DELUCIA: Uh what have you been there for in the past?
23 SULLIVAN: Uh a lot of mental health—
24 DELUCIA: Okay.

1 SULLIVAN: –disturbances.

2 DELUCIA: Do you know, d- okay. Do you know who lives there?

3 SULLIVAN: Um, I know, is it Brendan or Brandon?

4 DELUCIA: Brandon.

5 SULLIVAN: Brandon, I remember there was a female with black hair I
6 don't know her name.

7 DELUCIA: Okay.

8 SULLIVAN: And I don't know the other person.

9 DELUCIA: So have you dealt with Brandon before?

10 SULLIVAN: I have. Yes.

11 DELUCIA: And what was that interaction or experience like in the past?

12 SULLIVAN: Um, I mean obviously nothing like what occurred then, but
13 it was usually pretty intense.

14 DELUCIA: Okay.

15 SULLIVAN: Um, appeared to have some mental illness.

16 DELUCIA: Okay.

17 SULLIVAN: Stuff like that.

18 DELUCIA: Okay. Um, do you remember the last time was that you would
19 have had interactions with him?

20 SULLIVAN: Oh man, um...

21 MCDONALD: Approximate's fine.

22 SULLIVAN: Maybe like last November.

23 DELUCIA: Okay. So months-

24 SULLIVAN: Maybe then.

1 DELUCIA: Let's say months.

2 SULLIVAN: Months, yes.

3 DELUCIA: Okay. Alright. Um, so on that day, you heard that go out over
4 the radio, was that—

5 SULLIVAN: I did yeah.

6 DELUCIA: —the dispatcher put something out over the radio?

7 SULLIVAN: Correct, yep.

8 DELUCIA: Um, do you start sliding that way? Or...

9 SULLIVAN: I did yes.

10 DELUCIA: Okay.

11 SULLIVAN: Um, not, and then once I heard, I don't know exactly how it
12 happened, I remember Steve saying knife, so then I really picked it up.

13 DELUCIA: You heard that over the radio.

14 SULLIVAN: Yes.

15 DELUCIA: Okay.

16 SULLIVAN: Yep.

17 DELUCIA: Alright so-

18 SULLIVAN: And I think he asked, he told Joe to grab the less lethal.

19 DELUCIA: Over the radio.

20 SULLIVAN: I believe so yes.

21 DELUCIA: Okay. But again that's your memory, that's what you think
22 you heard on the radio.

23 SULLIVAN: Correct.

1 DELUCIA: Okay. Um, as you're driving there, do you hear more radio, is
2 there more information going out or is-

3 SULLIVAN: Um, I'm just trying to think...

4 DELUCIA: Yeah, no again take your time. If you don't remember, you
5 don't remember, but do your best to uh, see what you do remember.

6 SULLIVAN: Yes so I remember, I remember Steve and John kinda like
7 going back and forth. I couldn't understand him perfectly, but I remember him
8 saying knife. So that's when I really picked it up.

9 DELUCIA: Yup.

10 SULLIVAN: And that- do you want me to keep going?

11 DELUCIA: Yeah for sure yeah.

12 SULLIVAN: So I was driving up North Hancock, um, driving down
13 towards the house. I remember Joe Carruthers driving by the house, parking on
14 the side.

15 DELUCIA: So, so I have a photo here.

16 SULLIVAN: Oh perfect.

17 DELUCIA: If that's gonna be helpful.

18 SULLIVAN: Perfect.

19 DELUCIA: So, um just so you can have your point of view, this is 98.

20 SULLIVAN: 98.

21 DELUCIA: Okay. This is 100.

22 SULLIVAN: So I'm coming this way.

23 DELUCIA: So this is, what road is this?

24 SULLIVAN: Umm...

1 DELUCIA: Hamilton?

2 SULLIVAN: Actually no, so I'm coming, where's North Hancock?

3 DELUCIA: So this is, this is Hancock, I believe this is-

4 SULLIVAN: I'm coming from like here.

5 DELUCIA: Okay.

6 SULLIVAN: I'm coming here.

7 DELUCIA: Okay.

8 SULLIVAN: So I'm coming down, Joe's coming right here. Stops, I

9 remember him opening-

10 DELUCIA: Okay. No go ahead, go ahead nope.

11 SULLIVAN: I remember him opening up the trunk, to I assume grab the

12 less lethal.

13 DELUCIA: Okay.

14 SULLIVAN: So now I'm like right here.

15 DELUCIA: Mmhmm.

16 SULLIVAN: Then I see Brendan?

17 DELUCIA: Yup.

18 SULLIVAN: Brendan literally running through here.

19 DELUCIA: Yup.

20 SULLIVAN: I see John, I see Steve. So I'm here.

21 DELUCIA: Where, where do you park your car?

22 SULLIVAN: So I stop right here.

23 DELUCIA: Yup.

24 SULLIVAN: These guys are running out,

1 DELUCIA: Yup.

2 SULLIVAN: I back up to right here.

3 DELUCIA: Okay. So why don't you, if you would, just make a circle there
4 as to where you parked your car and got out of your car.

5 SULLIVAN: Right here.

6 DELUCIA: Okay. And then just put your initials like underneath there or
7 something like that.

8 SULLIVAN: Okay. So now they're like right—

9 DELUCIA: So this is when you first arrive.

10 SULLIVAN: So when I first arrive, I stopped here.

11 DELUCIA: Yep.

12 SULLIVAN: Didn't park it, I see them running.

13 DELUCIA: Yep.

14 SULLIVAN: So I back up here.

15 DELUCIA: Understood. Yup.

16 SULLIVAN: I get out here.

17 DELUCIA: Yup.

18 SULLIVAN: Come out, I believe, I don't know exactly if, I believe Steve
19 Papia shot a less lethal here.

20 DELUCIA: Okay. So, I just want to mark this up.

21 SULLIVAN: Yep.

22 DELUCIA: Just one thing at a time.

23 SULLIVAN: Yep.

1 DELUCIA: So not too much on here. I'm just gonna make this #1 which is
2 where you parked your car when you arrived.

3 SULLIVAN: Yep, perfect.

4 DELUCIA: And if you could just initial up there. Right in between the
5 time and #1. And again, strictly, this is where you parked your vehicle.

6 SULLIVAN: That's where I-

7 DELUCIA: And got out.

8 SULLIVAN: Yep, correct.

9 DELUCIA: Okay.

10 SULLIVAN: So now,

11 DELUCIA: So we'll go to another one here, just so we don't have too many
12 markings on one thing. So, let me have a, would that be, is that a better
13 representation?

14 SULLIVAN: Uh yeah that works

15 DELUCIA: Cause that's 98 again, okay?

16 SULLIVAN: Yup.

17 DELUCIA: This way, this is North Hancock Street right? That's the-,
18 that's where you came in?

19 SULLIVAN: That's yes, that's where I came in. Stopped.

20 DELUCIA: You came in, backed up,

21 SULLIVAN: Stop.

22 DELUCIA: Right, again we're not gonna mark it on this one. You stopped
23 roughly here.

24 SULLIVAN: Mmhm.

1 DELUCIA: And you see them coming, saw Branden running that way.
2 Correct?
3 SULLIVAN: That way. I remember seeing John here, Steve somewhere
4 over here.
5 DELUCIA: So did you, so, so what did you see when, you said you saw
6 Branden running.
7 SULLIVAN: Uh, I remember him running like full speed with the knife.
8 I'm like what the fuck?
9 DELUCIA: Yup.
10 SULLIVAN: This guy has a knife.
11 DELUCIA: Yup.
12 SULLIVAN: I'm like oh shit.
13 DELUCIA: Did you see what hand it was in or anything?
14 SULLIVAN: Uh, I want to say right.
15 DELUCIA: Okay.
16 SULLIVAN: I- get you, no.
17 SULLIVAN: I want to say right.
18 DELUCIA: No I get you. Again we're going with your best memory.
19 SULLIVAN: Yeah for sure.
20 DELUCIA: Um, how was he holding it?
21 SULLIVAN: It was like this.
22 DELUCIA: So you're, so right now, so we describe it, you have your right
23 hand up-
24 SULLIVAN: Correct.

1 DELUCIA: Like, kinda tow- near your head, like in a–
2 SULLIVAN: Giving like a fist pump, yeah, yeah.
3 DELUCIA: Like with your- with a blade headed outbound, obviously.
4 SULLIVAN: Correct, yeah.
5 DELUCIA: Okay.
6 SULLIVAN: Correct.
7 DELUCIA: Um, and he's running.
8 SULLIVAN: He's running towards Burlington Street.
9 DELUCIA: Okay. It–
10 SULLIVAN: Um, I don't know if he just fell, I remember, I don't know, I
11 don't know if John fell, he fell, they both fell, or Steve hit him with the less
12 lethal. But I remember him like tumbling over at some point then standing back
13 up.
14 DELUCIA: So where did you first see him tumble? If you just make a–
15 SULLIVAN: Oooh.
16 DELUCIA: And again this is rough.
17 SULLIVAN: Yeah.
18 DELUCIA: It's not drawn to scale there. Okay so.
19 SULLIVAN: Let's say...
20 DELUCIA: Is it on the street, or in this median area? Where...
21 SULLIVAN: It's like right on the edge.
22 DELUCIA: Okay.
23 SULLIVAN: But like I said, I don't know specifically.

1 DELUCIA: That's okay. Just to the best of your abilities. 'Cause you
2 kinda know where your car was right?
3 SULLIVAN: Yeah so I think I saw him, I saw this happening from like
4 here.
5 DELUCIA: Okay.
6 SULLIVAN: So I'd say like right here.
7 DELUCIA: So if you could just make it an area where we can, just like...
8 yup, okay.
9 SULLIVAN: And that's when I went back here.
10 DELUCIA: Okay.
11 SULLIVAN: Okay.
12 DELUCIA: And is this him on the ground here?
13 SULLIVAN: Uh... yes. Yes 'cause that would make sense.
14 DELUCIA: Okay. Could you just put his initials, BR?
15 SULLIVAN: Mhmm.
16 DELUCIA: Okay so this is where he's on the ground.
17 SULLIVAN: Correct.
18 DELUCIA: Uh, where are you?
19 SULLIVAN: So now I'm out of the cruiser.
20 DELUCIA: Yup.
21 SULLIVAN: And I remember, I believe it was Steve was shooting the less
22 lethal.
23 DELUCIA: Yup.

1 SULLIVAN: And I actually remember getting out and like, I don't know if
2 it ricocheted, it was like close to me, I'm like oh fuck!

3 DELUCIA: Yup.

4 SULLIVAN: So I'm like alright get back in. It actually worked out so then
5 I pull up like right... like right here.

6 DELUCIA: So you move your vehicle.

7 SULLIVAN: To right here yup.

8 DELUCIA: Did you drive forward or in reverse do you remember?

9 SULLIVAN: Forward.

10 DELUCIA: Okay.

11 SULLIVAN: 'Cause I'm like "oh shit" now we gotta block this way.

12 DELUCIA: Burlington Street.

13 SULLIVAN: Yes.

14 DELUCIA: Okay.

15 SULLIVAN: 'Cause there's, there's people coming.

16 DELUCIA: Right.

17 SULLIVAN: So I pulled up here.

18 DELUCIA: So why don't you make a notation as to where your cruiser is
19 there?

20 SULLIVAN: Uh....

21 DELUCIA: So again this is rough so...

22 SULLIVAN: Okay, alright. So I'm going like right here.

23 DELUCIA: Okay and then just again, write your initials there. And put
24 car in there possibly? Just the word car.

1 SULLIVAN: Yeah.

2 DELUCIA: And do you get out of your car at that point? After you come
3 up here?

4 SULLIVAN: Yup. So I immediately come around here and now I'm like
5 here.

6 DELUCIA: Okay.

7 SULLIVAN: And now Branden's here.

8 DELUCIA: So you have him down here, and you see him get up at some
9 point?

10 SULLIVAN: Um... no.

11 DELUCIA: Okay.

12 SULLIVAN: I mean not until I like turn around.

13 DELUCIA: Okay.

14 SULLIVAN: I don't.

15 DELUCIA: So when you, when you drive up here,

16 SULLIVAN: Yup.

17 DELUCIA: He's down. When you come up here and re-, re-situate your
18 cruiser and come back, is he in a different location?

19 SULLIVAN: Can I see that again?

20 DELUCIA: Yeah. No problem. No problem.

21 SULLIVAN: Uh, no he's definitely further down. He's definitely--

22 DELUCIA: Than when you first saw him?

23 SULLIVAN: Yes.

24 DELUCIA: Okay.

1 SULLIVAN: 100%

2 DELUCIA: Okay.

3 SULLIVAN: Cause he, he's closer to me. 'Cause I wasn't, there's no way I
4 was that far away from him.

5 DELUCIA: Okay.

6 SULLIVAN: So he was like closer to here at this point.

7 DELUCIA: And again, make a notation as to where um, where he was--

8 SULLIVAN: I'd say...

9 DELUCIA: --on that second instance...

10 SULLIVAN: I would say, like right here.

11 DELUCIA: Okay, and again if you could put his initials there that'd be
12 helpful.

13 SULLIVAN: BR.

14 DELUCIA: BR yep. Okay. Where do you go when you get out of your car?

15 SULLIVAN: So now I come over here and I'm like on this side of the
16 cruiser. Like, I'm like over here.

17 DELUCIA: You wanna make like again a little note with your initials
18 there?

19 SULLIVAN: Yep. Yep.

20 DELUCIA: Okay. Is he standing up or is he on the ground in this
21 instance?

22 SULLIVAN: Uh, he's definitely on the ground now.

23 DELUCIA: Okay. Alright so, so you're here-

24 SULLIVAN: Mhmm.

1 DELUCIA: Um, where are your fellow officers? In this- so forget about
2 this point, we're beyond that.

3 SULLIVAN: Yeah, do you want me—

4 DELUCIA: Yep. If you could write them in,

5 SULLIVAN: Okay.

6 DELUCIA: Like in a circle with their initials.

7 SULLIVAN: So this is Steve Papia, Joe Carruthers, um... John Frissore.
8 McAleer was like somewhere over here.

9 DELUCIA: Okay.

10 SULLIVAN: I don't know exactly. Um...

11 DELUCIA: Could you see him? Or you found out afterward, or— like you
12 know he's there.

13 SULLIVAN: No, I knew he was there.

14 DELUCIA: Okay.

15 SULLIVAN: He was like behind him somewhere.

16 DELUCIA: Okay. Okay.

17 SULLIVAN: There we are.

18 DELUCIA: Okay. Um... so then it, what's going on here? What are you
19 seeing, what are you hearing?

20 SULLIVAN: Drop the knife, drop the knife, please drop it, along those
21 lines.

22 DELUCIA: Is there anyone talking more than anyone else? Or is
23 everyone just communicating?

1 SULLIVAN: Um, so it's, I heard mostly Steve and John. But then Joe, Joe
2 was unbelievable. He was very calm. Like he, he was trying to talk to him
3 calmly.

4 DELUCIA: Okay.

5 SULLIVAN: And these two were more like, "drop the fucking knife," like—

6 DELUCIA: Yup.

7 SULLIVAN: —come on man, like enough is enough.

8 DELUCIA: Yup. Let me just, we gotta date and time this one too. Let's
9 make this one, this one's just going to be #2.

10 SULLIVAN: Yep.

11 DELUCIA: And same thing if you could just write your initials.

12 SULLIVAN: Yeah.

13 DELUCIA: Right in there. Okay. So, um, let me see that pen. While this
14 is going on—

15 SULLIVAN: Mmhm.

16 DELUCIA: —what's going on with you. What are your thoughts, what are
17 you seeing, what are you...

18 SULLIVAN: Um, so I think when I initially came out I had my baton
19 because I- I really thought he was going to drop the fucking knife.

20 DELUCIA: Mmhmm.

21 SULLIVAN: So I assumed we were going to have to run at him, do
22 whatever we had to do.

23 DELUCIA: Mmhmm.

1 SULLIVAN: After a while I was like alright this isn't going that way. I
2 got the vibe it wasn't going that way so I did, I took out my firearm.

3 DELUCIA: Mmhmm.

4 SULLIVAN: Low ready.

5 DELUCIA: Okay.

6 SULLIVAN: Uh,

7 DELUCIA: So you, you put your baton away?

8 SULLIVAN: Yeah, put my baton away and had my firearm out.

9 DELUCIA: Are you right handed?

10 SULLIVAN: Yeah.

11 DELUCIA: Okay.

12 SULLIVAN: Correct.

13 DELUCIA: Okay, so you're—

14 SULLIVAN: 'Cause I have this, I have this whole side, I mean that's on
15 me. I mean...

16 DELUCIA: Yeah, no like you had said right here, you're blocking
17 Burlington Street—

18 SULLIVAN: Yup. Mmhmm.

19 DELUCIA: —from traffic. I mean, I mean I'm assuming you're trying to
20 contain this whole thing.

21 SULLIVAN: Yeah and that I don't want to be in the line of fire.

22 DELUCIA: Of course.

23 SULLIVAN: So it's like, I'm on that side.

1 DELUCIA: What do you see these guys with? Do you see anyone with
2 weapons, out of your, your fellow officers?

3 SULLIVAN: Umm, I know Steve definitely had the less lethal.

4 DELUCIA: Okay.

5 SULLIVAN: Um, and I know, obviously Joe had it because he took it out
6 here, and I remember him giving it to John.

7 DELUCIA: Okay.

8 SULLIVAN: Um, I don't remember Joe pulling out his firearm but—

9 DELUCIA: Okay.

10 SULLIVAN: —I mean...

11 DELUCIA: Okay. Um, so... what ultimately happens here? What do you
12 end up seeing?

13 SULLIVAN: Ah, so after a while um, they're going "drop it, drop it."

14 DELUCIA: Is he saying anything?

15 SULLIVAN: I couldn't even understand what the hell he was saying.

16 DELUCIA: Was, was there any noise coming from him at all?

17 SULLIVAN: Yeah, something, but I can't tell you what.

18 DELUCIA: Okay.

19 SULLIVAN: Um, pretty much like along the lines of "no, I'm not, no."

20 DELUCIA: Okay.

21 SULLIVAN: I remember him banging the knife too, like against the
22 ground.

23 DELUCIA: Okay.

24 SULLIVAN: Um...

1 DELUCIA: So you're doing that with like the butt end of it with—

2 SULLIVAN: Yeah. Just like, just, I don't know he wouldn't drop it. Um,

3 and they're obviously continuing. At this point like Joe was kind of like

4 quarterbacking it.

5 DELUCIA: Mmhmm.

6 SULLIVAN: He's like um, he's like "back up guys, back up guys, give him

7 space, keep your distance." Uh and he's trying to talk to him calmly.

8 DELUCIA: Mmhmm.

9 SULLIVAN: Um, and then obviously at some point I believe Steve went

10 to reload, um...

11 DELUCIA: Did you hear any of the less lethal discharged?

12 SULLIVAN: Uhhh...

13 DELUCIA: I know you said you saw one because it like skipped by you

14 when you first got there right?

15 SULLIVAN: Yeah and then another one skipped by me over here.

16 DELUCIA: Okay.

17 SULLIVAN: Too. So I'm like "oh shit."

18 DELUCIA: Yeah.

19 SULLIVAN: Um,

20 DELUCIA: So you know they're deploying less lethal.

21 SULLIVAN: For sure.

22 DELUCIA: Okay.

23 SULLIVAN: Yes. Definitely.

24 DELUCIA: Do you know if they're hitting him?

1 SULLIVAN: Um, I can't say for sure.

2 DELUCIA: Yeah if you don't know, you don't know.

3 SULLIVAN: Yeah. I don't know.

4 DELUCIA: So, okay.

5 SULLIVAN: I believe so, but.

6 DELUCIA: You don't know.

7 SULLIVAN: I don't know.

8 DELUCIA: Okay. Um so then ultimately what ends up happening, what
9 do you end up seeing happen?

10 SULLIVAN: Uhh, so I still remember Steve Papia taking like a step back,
11 and it was like, it was like this thick of ice with like a little snow on it.

12 DELUCIA: Yeah.

13 SULLIVAN: I still remember him stepping back and seeing his face like,
14 like—

15 DELUCIA: Mmhmm.

16 SULLIVAN: —terrified. Like, that's still I can see it, like "oh shit," like "oh
17 fuck."

18 DELUCIA: Like he was gonna fall?

19 SULLIVAN: Yes.

20 DELUCIA: Okay.

21 SULLIVAN: Um, and then, obviously, shots were fired.

22 DELUCIA: What happened then, when he goes, does he fall?

23 SULLIVAN: Um, I believe so yes. I- I- all I remember is seeing his face
24 like.

1 DELUCIA: Like, fall- you're demonstrating falling backwards.

2 SULLIVAN: Yes. Stepping back and like, yeah.

3 DELUCIA: Di- did you see, when that was happening, or after that was
4 happening did you see Branden do anything?

5 SULLIVAN: I definitely saw him take a step forward at that point. He's
6 up, and then seeing him.

7 DELUCIA: So, you saw Branden get up?

8 SULLIVAN: Yes I think he's up at that, I remember seeing Steve go back,
9 it happened so fast.

10 DELUCIA: Yep and no I'm again,

11 SULLIVAN: Yeah.

12 DELUCIA: I'm not trying to get hyper-technical with you.

13 SULLIVAN: Haha yeah.

14 DELUCIA: It's just a matter of what you saw.

15 SULLIVAN: Sure.

16 DELUCIA: You have an obviously very good memory of Steve.

17 SULLIVAN: I specifically remembered his face being like, like scared.
18 Like terrified.

19 DELUCIA: Yep.

20 SULLIVAN: Yeah. Like "fuck. Fuck I just slipped."

21 DELUCIA: Yep.

22 SULLIVAN: And yeah I remember him being up, and walking like
23 towards that way. And then,

1 DELUCIA: So, and I want to make sure I understand the “hes” and
2 “hims” right?
3 SULLIVAN: Yep.
4 DELUCIA: You see Steve falling backward.
5 SULLIVAN: Yup.
6 DELUCIA: And when you say “him up” you’re talking about Branden?
7 SULLIVAN: Branden, yup.
8 DELUCIA: Standing up?
9 SULLIVAN: Standing up. Walking towards Steve’s direction.
10 DELUCIA: And, okay. And is Steve on the ground?
11 SULLIVAN: I don’t know,
12 DELUCIA: Or you don’t know, okay.
13 SULLIVAN: I don’t know exactly.
14 DELUCIA: Okay, okay. Um...
15 SULLIVAN: I believe so.
16 DELUCIA: And, how quickly, so then what happens then? When you,
17 when you see that.
18 SULLIVAN: Um...
19 DELUCIA: What’s the next thing that happens?
20 SULLIVAN: I remember there was a shot fired.
21 DELUCIA: Yup.
22 SULLIVAN: And I remember um, immediately going to my cruiser,
23 opening up the back door, the uh, to get the med bag. That wasn’t there. Opened
24 up the truck, got the med bag.

1 DELUCIA: Okay.

2 SULLIVAN: So now I have the med bag. Throw it onto the ground, I still
3 remember this like perfectly, Joe Carruthers goes “Sean put gloves on,” I was
4 like “alright.” Put gloves on, and I don’t know if there was another shot or he
5 finally just fell down, you know what I mean? Branden fell down.

6 DELUCIA: Okay.

7 SULLIVAN: Um, I remember he fell down with the knife in his hand, I
8 remember John Frissore either kicking it out or taking it out.

9 DELUCIA: Okay.

10 SULLIVAN: Uh, and then I just started doing compressions on Branden.

11 DELUCIA: How many shots did you hear? Do you know?

12 SULLIVAN: To be honest with you? None.

13 DELUCIA: Okay.

14 SULLIVAN: Like more things, I don’t know.

15 DELUCIA: Okay.

16 SULLIVAN: But how would I have known to get the med bag? You know
17 what I mean?

18 DELUCIA: Yeah no, again this is just what your memory is right?

19 SULLIVAN: Yeah.

20 DELUCIA: Uh cause whenever there’s a traumatic incident there’s...

21 SULLIVAN: Yeah.

22 DELUCIA: There’s auditory exclusions, I mean we’ve been through it all
23 right, through training.

24 SULLIVAN: It’s actually weird.

1 DELUCIA: I mean there's all kinds, you get tunnel vision, you get, all
2 kinds of things happen.

3 SULLIVAN: Yes, bizarre.

4 DELUCIA: Um, so, did you know, did you know he was shot?

5 SULLIVAN: Oh definitely.

6 DELUCIA: Did you know who, who shot, who fired their weapon.

7 SULLIVAN: I had an idea for sure.

8 DELUCIA: And who do you think that was?

9 SULLIVAN: Uh, Joe.

10 DELUCIA: Okay. And why, again can you take me through why you
11 knew that, or why you thought that.

12 SULLIVAN: Because Steve tumbling over, John had the less lethal, and I
13 knew, at that point I knew Joe had his firearm out.

14 DELUCIA: Okay. Are you familiar with you know, less lethal, there's
15 lethal cover? Are you familiar with—

16 SULLIVAN: I know you're supposed to, that's how it's supposed to be.

17 DELUCIA: Like, like through training, or?

18 SULLIVAN: Through training yes.

19 DELUCIA: Okay you're aware of that is that?

20 SULLIVAN: Correct. Yeah.

21 DELUCIA: Okay. Alright.

22 SULLIVAN: So that's why he, why Joe gave Ste— err- Joe gave John a
23 less lethal so that he had le- the—

24 DELUCIA: The lethal cover right?

1 SULLIVAN: Yeah, correct. Yeah.

2 DELUCIA: Okay. Um, and then you said you ended up doing
3 compressions?

4 SULLIVAN: Correct, yeah.

5 DELUCIA: How would you describe uh, what Branden looked like that
6 day?

7 SULLIVAN: Oh like-

8 DELUCIA: Like the size of him, there's demeanor, like whatever str-
9 whatever you remember right now.

10 SULLIVAN: Uh big, really pale, like I don't even, I can't even describe his
11 skin, not healthy.

12 DELUCIA: Okay.

13 SULLIVAN: Um,

14 DELUCIA: Remember what he was wearing?

15 SULLIVAN: Uh shorts I believe?

16 DELUCIA: Okay.

17 SULLIVAN: I want to say a long sleeve or a sweatshirt.

18 DELUCIA: Okay.

19 SULLIVAN: I know he always wears a hat, I don't know if he was
20 wearing a hat, um, yeah that's it.

21 DELUCIA: Did, did he look any differently than you had seen him in the
22 past? Based upon past interactions.

23 SULLIVAN: Yes, he looked a lot less healthier.

1 DELUCIA: Okay. In, in terms of his complexion? Is that what you're
2 talking about?

3 SULLIVAN: Just, I mean, just, I mean. Don't know how to say it. Not just
4 like, you know when someone's healthy or not. Uh, I mean...

5 DELUCIA: When you say healthy do you mean physically, do you mean
6 mental health? What-?

7 SULLIVAN: Yeah, just his uh, appearance and his skin complexion, and
8 just I dunno, just.

9 DELUCIA: Okay. Did you ever see his face?

10 SULLIVAN: Yeah.

11 DELUCIA: Okay. What did it like, could you describe any characteristics?

12 SULLIVAN: He just looked sick, um, trying to think about how I would
13 describe it... droopy, just like, just not all there.

14 DELUCIA: Okay. So when you had had interactions with him in the past,
15 were you able to successfully communicate with him?

16 SULLIVAN: For the most part. And I've seen him walking like, I always
17 see him walking.

18 DELUCIA: Mmhmm.

19 SULLIVAN: And like, he was fine.

20 DELUCIA: Okay.

21 SULLIVAN: But yeah, when I've interacted with him it's usually been
22 like okay, like you can tell he has some mental illness some, disabilities.

23 DELUCIA: Okay. What and, so, so that, that being your past experience
24 with him.

1 SULLIVAN: Mmhmm.

2 DELUCIA: How is this experience different in terms of the way, or the
3 way he was communicating or not communicating?

4 SULLIVAN: It just, it wasn't there. Like I honestly believe that there was
5 no stopping him that day.

6 DELUCIA: Okay.

7 SULLIVAN: He was a dangerous, dangerous person.

8 DELUCIA: Okay.

9 SULLIVAN: And I don't, there's just no way you could reason with him.
10 He's, these three guys they couldn't have tried harder. I mean, gave him every
11 opportunity in the world.

12 DELUCIA: Okay.

13 SULLIVAN: You know what I mean?

14 DELUCIA: Yeah, no I do.

15 SULLIVAN: Its, he wasn't stopping.

16 DELUCIA: And like, now how about you, where was your head at during
17 this entire affair? I know you said that you were (*unintelligible*).

18 SULLIVAN: So like over here I'm like, honestly I'm like fuck, he comes
19 this way guess who has him. Me.

20 DELUCIA: Yeah.

21 SULLIVAN: So. But I was definitely not, I didn't have any interaction
22 with him whatsoever.

23 DELUCIA: Okay.

24 SULLIVAN: But I, I could see it all.

1 DELUCIA: Okay. Okay. And um, do you recognize that house?
2 SULLIVAN: Yeah, 98 Hancock.
3 DELUCIA: Okay, that's that's what it looked like when you had gone in
4 the past?
5 SULLIVAN: Yep.
6 DELUCIA: Okay. Um...
7 MCDONALD: Okay.
8 DELUCIA: I, I don't think I have any more questions, um...
9 MCDONALD: Okay.
10 DELUCIA: You're good?
11 MCDONALD: Yup.
12 DELUCIA: Okay um, it is, do you have anything you want to ask me or
13 anything like that? Otherwise we are going to shut this down.
14 SULLIVAN: No, I'm all set.
15 DELUCIA: Okay. It's uh, 16:00 hours uh, Monday February 14, 2022 and
16 uh we are going to stop this interview. Okay. Thank you all.
17 VOICE: Thank you.