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INTERVIEWEE: Officer Nicholas Ayoub

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PARTICIPANTS: Detective Lieutenant William Donahue
Officer Nicholas Ayoub
Lieutenant David Brown
Attorney Kenneth Anderson

**TRANSCRIPTION
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Donahue: All right. This is being recorded now.

Ayoub: Okay.

Donahue: Okay. Oop, I'm throwing stuff at you. The date is January 6th, 2023. Uh, the time is now approximately 5:11 p.m. My name is, uh, Detective Lieutenant William Donahue, um, with the Massachusetts State Police, assigned to the Middlesex district attorney's office. Uh, we are currently conducting an interview of Cambridge Police Officer Nicholas Ayoub, uh, relative to the facts and circumstances ... stances surrounding a fatal, officer-involved shooting which occurred on Wednesday, January 4th, 2023 in the city of Cambridge. For the purposes of the tape, if we could go around the room and identify ourselves.

Brown: Uh, Lieutenant David Brown, B-R-O-W-N, assigned to criminal investigations.

Anderson: Attorney Kenneth Anderson, A-N-D-E-R-S-O-N, for Officer Ayoub.

Ayoub: Nicholas Ayoub, Cambridge Police, patrol officer.

Donahue: And how do you spell your last name, Nicholas?

Ayoub: A-Y-O-U-B.

Donahue: Okay. Thank you. Um, and prior to this interview, you've had an opportunity to consult with your attorney?

Ayoub: Correct.

Donahue: And you're here voluntarily?

Ayoub: Yes.

Donahue: Yes. Attorney Anderson?

Anderson: Yeah. He's, he's here voluntarily. He hasn't been coerced to be here, ordered to be here. He's fully cooperating in the investigation from a voluntary standpoint.

Donahue: Okay. I appreciate that. Um, to start off, uh, what's your current occupation?

Ayoub: Police officer with Cambridge ... city of Cambridge.

Donahue: How long you been, uh, employed as a police officer?

Ayoub: Uh, since May 2018.

Donahue: 2018, and, uh, do you, uh, academy training?

Ayoub: Yes.

Donahue: Where did you attend that?

Ayoub: Lowell Police Academy.

Donahue: A-, how long was that training?

Ayoub: Six months.

Donahue: And can you describe that training?

Ayoub: Um, it was a lot of classroom sessions, a lot of PT, um, firearms training, a lot of vehicle training.

Donahue: Okay. And since your, um, during your tenure as a Cambridge police officer, do you attend additional training and service training?

Ayoub: Yes. Every year we do that. Uh, we DID ICAT. We've ... this year, we ... most recently, we did, uh, mental health training about a month or two ago.

Donahue: So could you, uh, further des-, w-, w-, further describe ICAT training and then further describe your most recent mental health training.

Ayoub: Um, ICAT training, uh, we had probably three years ago or so. Um, it's to try and help deescalate situations before they, you know, escalate, and it's an attempt to, um, lessen use of force, I would say.

Donahue: OKAY.

Ayoub: With, with, uh, specifically people that may have weapons.

Donahue: You say people that have ... people that have weapons. I-, uh, is it, um, is ... well, let me ask you, what about the mental health compulsion ... training component here?

Ayoub: Just, uh, like, try to deescalate, talk with somebody, establish a rapport, um, and, and try to get them to comply and get them help.

Donahue: Those trainings are m-, provided by Cambridge Police?

Ayoub: Yes.

Donahue: And, um, are there practical exercises? Is it classroom?

Ayoub: Uh, we did both.

Donahue: You did both? And it's, um, using dialog ...

Ayoub: Mostly, yes.

Donahue: ... versus use of force?

Ayoub: Correct.

Donahue: And then your firearms training, uh, is there a use of force training as well?

Ayoub: Yes.

Donahue: To ... would you ... is it fair to say they go hand-in-hand?

Ayoub: Yes.

Donahue: Okay. Um, i-, as ... in your tenure as a patr-, patrol officer, um, what are your assignments and what have they been since you've been, uh, a member of the Cambridge police force?

Ayoub: I started on, uh, day patrol, I worked night patrol for a few years, and now I'm back on day patrol.

Donahue: And what do are your duties and responsibilities as a day and night patrol officer with Cambridge police?

Ayoub: Uh, mainly, I TURN 9-1-1 calls for service, um, writing reports.

Donahue: And you are experienced ... what's the range of calls for a n-, a ni-, you know, 9-1-1 calls ... what's the range of calls you've had here as a Cambridge police officer?

Ayoub: Uh, it could be anything from a 9-1-1 hang-up to, uh, shots fired, anything in between, sexual assaults, shopliftings.

Donahue: Okay. Um, directing your attention to this past Wednesday, January 4th, 2023, were you working?

Ayoub: I was.

Donahue: And what was your assignment that day?

Ayoub: Car 3.

Donahue: Car 3. And what is car 3? Does that have a particular area that you would cover? Or it's ...

Ayoub: The, uh, coast area or Cambridge Port area, in between Central Square to the river.

Donahue: Is that a single-man car or a ...

Ayoub: Two-person car.

Donahue: Two-person car? Who were you driving with that day?

Ayoub: Officer Liam McMahon.

Donahue: Okay. Um, and at some point, um, did you and Officer McMahon, um, respond to a call?

Ayoub: We did.

Donahue: Uh, do you remember the time and the nature of that call?

Ayoub: It was about 1:00, and it was for a person ... it was a psych suicide. A person with a ... armed with a machete and was self-harming himself.

Donahue: When you say "psych suicide," is, is that ... were you notified via radio?

Ayoub: Yes, that's what it ...

Donahue: And ...

Ayoub: ... says on the INAUDIBLE.

Donahue: ... and that's what ... is that, um, is there a computer notification on that?

Ayoub: Correct.

Donahue: And does that com-, does that notification actually say "psych"?

Ayoub: It does.

Donahue: Okay. "Psych suicidal"?

Ayoub: I believe that's what it says.

Donahue: Okay. So, um, via radio transmission, what else did you learn about that call?

Ayoub: Uh, the individual ... the reporting person said he was armed with what he believed was a machete. Uh, he had jumped through a window, broken a window, and he was actively cutting himself with both the knife a-, and with broken glass.

Donahue: And do you remember where you were when you received that call?

Ayoub: HARPER Square.

Donahue: Okay. And with that information, what'd you guys do?

Ayoub: Uh, we immediately responded to the call, which was, I believe, 625 Putnam Ave, in that area.

Donahue: And, uh, emergency lights, siren activated?

Ayoub: Yes.

Donahue: Okay. And on your way, do you recall or did you learn or, uh, recall learning any additional information? Were there other officers there? Were there further radio transmissions?

Ayoub: Yes. They were updating us on, uh, the person's location. I believe car 1 got there first, maybe a minute or two before us.

Donahue: Do you remember who was in car 1?

Ayoub: Uh, Officer COLBERT and Officer BUCKS Pugliares.

Donahue: Okay. Um, they got there first. When did you arrive and where did you arrive?

Ayoub: I'd say it probably took us about five minutes to get there, maybe four minutes. Um, we arrived a-, as there was foot pursuit. Um, I got out of the cruiser at Chestnut and Sydney Street, and Officer McMahon parked the cruiser and, and followed me on Chestnut Street.

Donahue: Um, w-, when you first got out, did you see anyone, or were you just following radio transmissions to get ... to assist?

Ayoub: There was a UPS driver right at that intersection. I told him to leave the area, and I was listening to the radio as they were chasing the person and calling out where they were going.

Donahue: And why ... why'd you tell him to leave?

Ayoub: Uh, because from what I knew, there was a person armed with a weapon, and there was an active foot pursuit.

Donahue: Uh, anyone else ... any other civilians?

Ayoub: WELL, that's all I saw.

Donahue: Okay. Um, what'd you do next?

Ayoub: Uh, Officer McMahon and I went to ... went down Chestnut Street. They were saying the person was running towards Waverly by the tracks. We got to the end of Chestnut at Waverly. At that time, I believe Officer Colbert said they were on the train tracks. We looped around the fence onto the train tracks, and that's when I saw f-, for the first time, the individual.

Donahue: And what did you see?

Ayoub: I saw a shirtless, uh, light-skinned male, uh, gray sweatpants, and he was holding a large, large knife.

Donahue: And how would you, um, further describe that large knife? Particularly describe it.

Ayoub: Uh, it was probably a ... looked, looked f-, to be about a foot long. Uh, it was silver. Um, that's all I ... that's what I saw at that time.

Donahue: It was, uh, the call came in as a machete.

Ayoub: Mm hmm.

Donahue: Would, would it be consistent with that?

Ayoub: I would say so.

Donahue: Okay. And, um, any other observations about that individual?

Ayoub: Uh, he was bleeding, um, and he was not responding to anything we were saying to him.

Donahue: And what were you saying to him?

Ayoub: Uh, "Buddy, can you talk to me? Can you please drop the knife?" Um, "We just wanna help you." He did not respond at all.

Donahue: In that, um, being faced with somebody with a machete and that tactic ... is that part of the ICAT training and the other training you've received? Is that a s-, is that a intentional technique you're using?

Ayoub: Uh, we were trying to keep our distance from him. Uh, at that point, Officer McMahan and I were on one side of him. The other officers were on the other side. He was in the middle, and we were trying to keep distance and try to establish some sort of communication with them.

Donahue: Okay.

Ayoub: Um.

Donahue: And the distance is for your own safety?

Ayoub: How far?

Donahue: Well ...

Ayoub: Yeah, yeah.

Donahue: ... how far, but ...

Ayoub: For ...

Donahue: ... the purpose ...

Ayoub: ... for ...

Donahue: ... IS ...

Ayoub: ... for our safety and also for his not to force our hand.

Donahue: And use force?

Ayoub: Right.

Donahue: Okay. Um, who was present at that moment?

Ayoub: Uh, myself, Officer McMahon, Officer Colbert, Officer Pugliares, and I believe Officer Maziarz was also there.

Donahue: Okay. Um, is everyone talking to him ... to the individual at that time?

Ayoub: Um, they were definitely talking to him, but at that point, he was facing us, so I, I was talking to him. Um, I'm not sure if people were continuing to talk to him.

Donahue: Did you recognize him?

Ayoub: No.

Donahue: Had you ever dealt with him before?

Ayoub: No.

Donahue: Um, any further observations of his face or mental state?

- Ayoub: Uh, he was bleeding from the neck, I saw, 'cause I was looking at his ... I remember seeing his eyes, which weren't ... it didn't seem like he was acknowledging me at all. He was smiling, but he wasn't saying anything.
- Donahue: And, um, how was he holding that knife?
- Ayoub: Um, at that point, I believe he was ... still had it to his, to his throat, uh, but he was, he was moving around a lot.
- Donahue: In what fashion?
- Ayoub: Uh, just very jerky. He was walking, running, um, and then shortly after we were on the train tracks, he cut out a, a hole in the fence. He went through a cut-out hole in the fence.
- Donahue: Okay. And what'd you guys do? What did the officers that were responding do?
- Ayoub: We followed through the same hole, um ...
- Donahue: Where did that ...
- Ayoub: ... back onto Chestnut Street.
- Donahue: Okay. Back onto Chestnut Street? And what happened next?
- Ayoub: We were still engaging with him, trying to, trying to get him to talk to us, trying to get him to drop the knife. Um, the UPS driver that I'd first seen was still there. He was in the back of the truck at that point. Um, and he was ... the person was heading towards him. I told him to shut the door and leave the area, uh, w-, at which point he, he saw all of us, and he immediately did. Um, the person with the knife was, at one point, cutting his, cutting his wrists. He was cutting his throat. Um.
- Donahue: When you say, "cutting his wrists, cutting his throat," was that ... i-, is he doing that stat-, while he's stationary? Is he doing it on, on the move? Is he doing that continually?
- Ayoub: I believe ...
- Donahue: How was that happening?

Ayoub: ... I believe he stopped at c-, certain points, and then we all stopped, and he would turn around, kinda mock us, um, and then he would continue on his way. Um, but he, he was, like, sawing at his, at his throat. Um, at ONE point, he did stop and drop down to the curb and began, like, sharpening the knife on the curb.

Donahue: Do you remember ... was that on Chestnut Street?

Ayoub: Chestnut Street.

Donahue: Do you know what, you know, what area of Chestnut?

Ayoub: It was in between Chest-, uh, it was on Chestnut between Waverly and Sydney.

Donahue: Okay. H-, your ... who was the point person in, in this foot chase, if you recall?

Ayoub: I believe ...

Donahue: If there's an order ...

Ayoub: Yeah.

Donahue: ... that you know at this time INAUDIBLE.

Ayoub: Officer, Officer Pugliares, O-, myself, and Officer McMahon were on the left side of the street. He was on the right side of the street for most of it. Um, I would say we were closest to him.

Donahue: And what's that distance?

Ayoub: Maybe 30 feet.

Donahue: And that w-, was that, uh, kind of a maintained distance throughout this?

Ayoub: Correct. We tried to, you know, keep him close enough but not too close, um, whereas we could still interact with him.

Donahue: And what were your concerns as you are going through this neighborhood?

Ayoub: Uh, passerby, it's a busy, tight-, tight-knit neighborhood, a lot of houses, a lot of businesses. MIT's right there. It's usually very crowded.

Donahue: So it's a crowded neighborhood, but more specifically, what are your concerns with the man with the knife in this state?

Ayoub: That he could harm somebody if somebody were to come across him.

Donahue: And with a weapon like that, what would the result be?

Ayoub: Severe injury.

Donahue: Okay. So you're following him down Chestnut Street. What happens next?

Ayoub: Um, we're continuing to order him to drop the knife. Uh, he continues to mock us, I guess, and, and was laughing, smiling, wasn't saying anything. Um, he also did have a ... uh, it appeared to be, like, a Bible, and somebody said it was a Quran. Um, and he continued ... he just continued down Chestnut.

Donahue: Um, do you remember seeing that?

Ayoub: I do.

Donahue: The Bible or Quran or whatever ...

Ayoub: I do.

Donahue: ... it was? Okay. Uh, so you continued down Chestnut Street. Where do you go? What happens next?

Ayoub: He entered the driveway of 65, I believe, or 63 Chestnut Street, uh, which I remember calling off on the radio, that address. Right as I called that off, he switched over into the next-door-neighbor's house, which was 59 Chestnut. We followed him through that driveway on the left side of the house.

Donahue: I'm gonna stop you for one second. So he ...

Ayoub: Yup.

Donahue: ... he went ... how did he enter that address?

Ayoub: He was in, like, the driveway area there. I don't believe ... at the very tip of the driveway, there was a fence, but regardless, he ended up in the driveway to s-, 59 Chestnut.

Donahue: And were you ... you were actively pursuing him?

Ayoub: Correct.

Donahue: And who else was with you?

Ayoub: Officer McMahon and I believe Officer Pugliares.

Donahue: Okay. So you entered through 65, we believe, um, but you end up in 59?

Ayoub: Correct.

Donahue: And when you pursue him in 59, what happens when that ... when you get into that backyard?

Ayoub: Uh, so there's a little ... there's a little fence there. He jumped over the fence. Officer Mc-, McMahon and I both hopped over the fence, and I, I remember him being towards the back of the yard. It was large yard for Cambridge, um, and there was a ... kinda like a boarded-off garden in the middle of it. And he ... I remember putting over the radio that he was trying to get out the back of the yard, um, which he couldn't. The fences were too high, um, at which point he s-, went around the, the opposite side of the house ... so the right side if you're looking at it ...

Donahue: And we're talking about 59 now?

Ayoub: 59.

Donahue: Okay. So f-, backyard o-, opposite how you guys came in.

Ayoub: Right. Well, we, we came in through 59, over that fence into the backyard of 59.

Donahue: Well, I guess, um, if you're facing 59, do you recall a driveway to the right? You ... did you come in through the left side?

Ayoub: I came in through the left side if you're looking at the house.

Donahue: Okay.

Ayoub: I believe there's driveways on ...

Donahue: CORRECT.

Ayoub: ... both sides.

Donahue: Correct. So you were in the backyard. He's trying to potentially get out the back. What happens next from there?

Ayoub: Um, at that point, I said he was trying to go out the backyard. He realized, I think, he couldn't get out that area 'cause the fences were probably 12 feet high, at which point he started going ... trying to get back out towards the Chestnut Street, um, using the opposite way that he came in, which was ...

Donahue: Did you guys have guns drawn at that time?

Ayoub: Yes.

Donahue: And, um, were you trying to maintain distance in that backyard as well?

Ayoub: As much as we could. Uh, I stayed ... right when I hopped that fence, I stayed right by that fence as I was observing him kinda move about the backyard until he went around the corner of the house to that driveway, and Officer McMahon then was in front of me. I t-, remember saying, "Liam, like, stay back. Stay back. He's around that corner." Um, at which time, I heard the other officers starting to order commands from the driveway.

Donahue: And specifically, what were they saying?

Ayoub: Uh, continuing to yell "drop the knife," um, and then I remember people saying j-, "we're just trying to help you. We're just trying to help you. Just talk to us. Drop the knife." And then I remember hearing, uh, "the less lethal."

Donahue: You say hear-, hearing the less lethal round or hearing someone ...

Ayoub: Hea- ...

Donahue: ... announce "less lethal" INAUDIBLE?

Ayoub: I heard Officer Colbert, who had ... I'd seen him with the 40-millimeter launcher. I o-, I heard him yell, "Less lethal, less lethal," which I knew to mean he was gonna fire the less lethal round.

Donahue: And then did you hear that fi-, actually fire?

Ayoub: I did.

Donahue: And what happened then?

Ayoub: Um, so he was around the corner. I, I heard all this. I didn't see it, um, but after hearing the, the round fired, I heard him laugh ... the person laugh.

Donahue: Did he go down?

Ayoub: Didn't appear so because he came back into my frame in the backyard.

Donahue: Okay. Um, as he's coming back into the backyard, where ... and I'm gonna have you draw a little basic diagram here, but where are you and where is Liam and where is the indiv-, i-, well, let me ask you this. Who's in the backyard at this moment?

Ayoub: Myself, Officer McMahon, and the individual.

Donahue: And what happens next?

Ayoub: The individual begins to walk towards Officer McMahon. I begin to kinda keep a ... keep pace with him from where I was against the fence, and he just continued advancing towards Officer McMahon who was at ... now at the backyard, like, at the back of the backyard.

Donahue: And can you describe the pace, and can you describe where the weapon was? Is it up, down, where is the weapon?

Ayoub: I believe he had it ...

Donahue: INAUDIBLE.

Ayoub: ... I believe he had the weap-, the weapon out, and he was walking fr-, briskly, I would say, or if not faster.

Donahue: And are you looking at ... is your vantage point a, a profile of this? Are you off to the ... a side view, or however ...

Ayoub: Side ...

Donahue: ... how would you describe it?

Ayoub: I was off to the side, so I saw his left body.

Donahue: Okay. And, um, he's walking briskly, your words. Um, what happens next?

Ayoub: Um, Officer McMahon was continuing to move backwards towards the back fence, and we were both screaming at him, "Drop the knife." Officer McMahon was, was yelling, "Don't, don't make me ... don't make me do this. Don't make me do this. Just drop the knife." And he just continued, continued forward.

Donahue: And, um, did Officer McMahon have his weapon drawn?

Ayoub: He did.

Donahue: And what position was that in?

Ayoub: I believe he was pointing it at him.

Donahue: And, um, what was the distance between the individual and Officer McMahon, uh, as they're closing in, um, as that distance closed, um, let me ask you this. What happened?

Ayoub: Um, Officer McMahon ... I heard him ... I heard gunshots, um, and, um, yeah.

Donahue: Do you remember how many gunshots?

Ayoub: I thought I heard five.

Donahue: And at the time Officer McMahon fired those shots, what would you estimate the distance between Officer McMahon and the individual was?

Ayoub: Say within 5, uh, sorry, within 10 feet.

Donahue: Within 10 feet. And what was the position of the knife, if you recall ... I should say the knife or machete or however we're describing it ... in the individual's hand at that moment or through the course?

Ayoub: I believe at this time, he was holding it out in his right hand.

Donahue: Okay. And, um, after those shots were fired, what happened?

Ayoub: Um, I saw the individual go to the ground. Um, I remember looking at Officer McMahon, who was stationary, frozen, and I ... Officer Pugliares and I began kind of triangulating on the, on the suspect.

Donahue: Um, and as you triangulated, you moved in?

Ayoub: Correct.

Donahue: And what did you see?

Ayoub: Um, he was laying down. I ... the knife was under his shoulder, I believe, and I remember we moved him so that Officer Pugliares could, could grab ... get it away from him. And, uh ...

Donahue: Get the knife away?

Ayoub: Get the knife away from him. And we started medical aid.

Donahue: Um, did that individual make any statements?

Ayoub: Not at that time. Um.

Donahue: Did he make any movements?

Ayoub: He was moving.

Donahue: Um, how would you categorize those movements?

Ayoub: At first, he wasn't really resisting or anything. We were kinda just seeing where he was hit and where we needed to, uh, we were just assessing his injuries. Um, and then we began kinda applying pressure to where he was injured, and then at one point, he began kinda fighting back with us, and I, I grabbed both of his hands and put them behind his head.

Donahue: Uh, was he handcuffed?

Ayoub: He wasn't at that time, and, and then we, we did handcuff him in, in the front.

Donahue: In the front. Um, and was the knife moved, do you recall?

Ayoub: Yes. I believe, I believe Officer Pugliares put the knife off to the side of, of the yard.

Donahue: Are you familiar with the ... have ... the 40-millimeter round ...

Ayoub: YES.

Donahue: ... the less-lethal round? Have you seen it deployed in the field?

Ayoub: Um, no.

Donahue: A-, uh, during t-, you ... are you certified in that?

Ayoub: Yes.

Donahue: And have you, um, you've gone to the training. Um, when you were in that backyard and that millimeter ... the 40-millimeter less lethal was, um, deployed with no effect, what w-, did that have an effect on how you were gonna handle the situation and what your thoughts were at the time?

Ayoub: I ... from, from when we got there, I, I was hoping that the 40-millimeter was gonna make him drop the knife and get on the ground. When he laughed a-, after I assumed he was hit with it, uh, I knew, I knew it was ... he wasn't gonna stop.

Donahue: And when the distance ... he turned and was turning towards Officer McMahon, do you, uh, before ... I g-, my next question, but that backyard ... with M-, hi-, McMahon's pim-, positioning, do you recall a fence being behind him?

Ayoub: There was a fence behind Liam, yes.

Donahue: Do you recall that distance?

Ayoub: Maybe 5 feet, maybe.

Donahue: And how 'bout to his left, which would be, uh, WHERE, WHERE your ...

Ayoub: Uh.

Donahue: ... forward-facing area. Do you recall ... could you describe that?

Ayoub: So you're asking where the far fence was from ...

Donahue: Yes.

Ayoub: ... how far he was from that?

Donahue: Yes.

Ayoub: Um, maybe 15 feet.

Donahue: And then where the individual was, that far fence ... was there ... were there other avenues for that individual to go, other than directly at Officer McMahon, in your recollection?

Ayoub: No, I bel-, on-, once the round ... the 40-millimeter round was fired, I, I knew once he came back into view, he was either gonna go towards Officer McMahon or m-, or myself, because I was by the s-, short fence.

Donahue: And, um, why do you say that?

Ayoub: 'Cause there was nowhere else for him to go at that point. There was officers in that driveway. There was a, a tall fence going the length of the yard ... tall fence at the back of the yard. So there was nowhere else for him to go.

Donahue: But you described, you described him ... when he's walking, um, directly towards Officer ...

Ayoub: Directly at him.

Donahue: ... Officer McMahon? What were your concerns at that time?

Ayoub: I thought he was gonna try to, uh, stab or slash Officer McMahon.

Donahue: And what was your estimated distance when that was happening? You are ... had that side view. How close were you?

Ayoub: To the individual?

Donahue: Yes.

Ayoub: I'd say about 20 feet, maybe.

Donahue: Okay. And do you recall seeing any of the other officers that were in the driveway?

Ayoub: I didn't see any of them.

Donahue: Okay.

Brown: I don't have anything.

Donahue: Attorney Anderson?

Anderson: I ha-, I don't have any questions.

Donahue: Is there anything else ... I'm gonna have you just before we wrap up here, just if you could, on th-, on this piece of paper, um, as best you can, just a diagram of, of the residence and kinda where you came in the driveway here, but essentially, your position relative to this backyard where ... your vantage point from at the time of the shooting ... where the individual was and where Officer McMahon was.

Ayoub: Okay.

Donahue: Is that something you can do? And I think we've been doing Chestnut Street down here.

Ayoub: Okay. And then do you want the other officers over here?

Donahue: If you INAUDIBLE if you saw them.

Ayoub: I didn't, I didn't see them. I just know that they were there.

Donahue: Yeah, so if you, um, if you know who was there but not sure of their position, you could just list their names and, you know, present but not sure of their location. Is that ...

A: OKAY.

Donahue: ... fair?

Anderson: Yeah.

Ayoub: Um, I think that was it.

Donahue: Yeah, so if you could, um, just circle and indicate that that's your position, circle indicate Liam, and then, um, circle and indicate individual. And then just maybe estimate this distance for us here.

Ayoub: Okay.

Donahue: Um, you know, INAUDIBLE all that ... that's, uh, at the ... and what is this right here?

Ayoub: This is ... I believe there was a, like, a garden in the middle that was planked off with wood.

Donahue: Like a raised bed or something like that?

Ayoub: Yeah.

Donahue: Could you mark that as well? And we can just ... we'll consider this at time of shooting.

Ayoub: Yeah.

Donahue: Is that fair? While you're writing that, what other less-lethal equipment do you carry?

Ayoub: Uh, we carry pepper spray, um, a PR-24. Yeah.

Donahue: In your experience and training as a police officer, are ... would either of those been ...

Ayoub: No.

Donahue: ... an avenue when this ... or, or a option ...

Ayoub: No.

Donahue: ... in this particular incident?

Ayoub: No.

Donahue: And why is that?

Ayoub: Uh, the baton ... you'd be way too close 'cause, honestly, the knife he had was probably longer than the baton, and the pepper spray, you need to be too close for it to have an effect.

Donahue: And then just one more ...

Ayoub: Oh, yeah.

Donahue: ... if you could ...

Ayoub: INAUDIBLE.

Donahue: ... just estimate this distance and then w-, how far you, you think you got ... you may have been from those guys ... the two individuals. Yeah. And then just a-, just IN THE INAUDIBLE. And then a 59 in the middle of that.

Ayoub: Sorry. Is it Chestnut or Chesnut? Chest?

Brown: Chest.

Ayoub: Chest.

Donahue: I believe Chest. Um.

Anderson: Yup.

Donahue: Okay. If you would sign ... uh, if you haven't already signed it, we need that somewhere on the form. INAUDIBLE.

Ayoub: 5th? 6th?

Anderson: It's the 6th.

Donahue: The 6th, yeah. So just a-, as we close here, did you hear or recall any statements from the, the individual that you were dealing with, any ... at any time along the way?

Ayoub: The only time he said anything was, uh, Officer WATSON and I were rendering aid. Officer Watson said, "We're here to help you, buddy," and he looked up at both of us and he said, "Yeah, right." That's all he said.

Donahue: Okay.

Brown: I'm good.

Donahue: Attorney Anderson?

Anderson: I'm good.

Donahue: Okay. INAUDIBLE anything else that we didn't ask that you think is important for us to know?

Ayoub: No.

Donahue: Okay. Thank you.

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