



Massachusetts State Police
INTERVIEW REPORT 2016-110-233/1

Report Date: 04/21/2016

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Primary Information

Description: Interview of [REDACTED]
Dissemination Code: report respect the security of its associated case
Reporting LEO: Connolly, James M. (msp3558 / Middlesex SPDU / Massachusetts State Police)
Approval Status: Approved
Approved Date: 05/03/2016
Approved By: Sennott, Peter (msp1873 / Middlesex Homicide Squad / Massachusetts State Police)

Address #1 - LOCATION OCCURRED #1 - Broadway and Norwood St

Primary Information

Address: Broadway and Norwood St, EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS , UNITED STATES

Subject #1 - WITNESS #1 - [REDACTED]

Primary Information

Subject Name: [REDACTED]
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: 36 yr. old, WHITE, MALE
Birth Date: [REDACTED] 1979
Juvenile: NO

Relationship Information

Related Offense: WITNESS of

Personal Information

Height: 511

Subject #2 - WITNESS #2 - [REDACTED]

Primary Information

Subject Name: [REDACTED]
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: 29 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE
Birth Date: [REDACTED] 1986
Juvenile: NO

Relationship Information

Related Offense: WITNESS of

Personal Information

Height: 506



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Subject #3 - RELEVANT TO CASE (SEE REPORT) #1 - Pepicelli, Joseph	
<i>Primary Information</i>	
Exempt From Disclosure:	YES
Subject Name:	Pepicelli, Joseph
Record Type:	LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL
Bio:	57 yr. old, WHITE, MALE
Birth Date:	██████ 1958
Juvenile:	NO
<i>Relationship Information</i>	
Related Offense:	RELEVANT TO CASE (SEE REPORT) of

Subject #4 - RELEVANT TO CASE (SEE REPORT) #2 - MARTINEZ, MARIO MEJIA	
<i>Primary Information</i>	
Subject Name:	MARTINEZ, MARIO MEJIA
Record Type:	PERSON
Bio:	48 yr. old, HISPANIC, MALE
Birth Date:	01/29/1968
Juvenile:	NO
<i>Relationship Information</i>	
Related Offense:	RELEVANT TO CASE (SEE REPORT) of

Record Status Information	
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Narrative begins on the following page.



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2016-110-233

TO: THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE

FROM: JAMES CONNOLLY, TROOPER
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE

SUBJECT. INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 79

[REDACTED]

Everett, MA

1. On April 21st, 2016, at approximately 1633 hours, Everett Police Officer Joseph Pepicelli had responded to the intersection of Broadway and Norwood Street for a complaint of a man harassing people. Subsequently, Officer Pepicelli shot and killed Mario Mejia Martinez (1/29/68). [REDACTED] was a witness to the entire incident. Detective Michael Lavey and I interviewed [REDACTED] at the Everett Police Department at approximately 1900 hours. The following is [REDACTED]'s account of the incident,

2. [REDACTED] and his girlfriend, [REDACTED], live on Norwood St and were walking to the Family Dollar on Broadway. As they approached the intersection of the two roads, he noticed Martinez on the sidewalk, talking to himself. He noticed that Martinez had a knife in his back pocket. [REDACTED] and his girlfriend went into Family Dollar and left within five minutes. As they were walking on Broadway towards Norwood St, he noticed an Everett Police cruiser coming down Broadway towards Norwood with its emergency lights activated. [REDACTED] believed the police were coming for Martinez.

3. ██████ said that the cruiser came to a stop and the lone police officer (Pepicelli) exited the driver's side. Martinez immediately took the knife from his back pocket and began screaming, "Get outta here, get outta here!" Officer Pepicelli immediately backed away and drew his firearm. Officer Pepicelli yelled to Martinez to "drop the knife" approximately five to seven times as he backed away. Martinez continuously advanced on Officer Pepicelli and ultimately "lunged" and "stabbed" at the officer, whom fired his weapon until the man collapsed.

4 ██████ said that, after the incident, he heard a woman saying that the police officer only shot Martinez because he was of Spanish decent. ██████ insisted that the officer had no chance but to defend himself. Saying, "It was total self-defense. It's sad that someone had to die, but he was defending himself." ██████ had completed a short written statement and that statement is on file with the Everett Police Department.

Respectfully,

James Connolly
Trooper
Massachusetts State Police

Everett Police Department

Victim/Witness Statement

Event# 669675

Date: 4-21-2016

Victim/Witness:

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] EVERETT

Tel. No.:

Home: [REDACTED]

Employment: _____

Age: 36

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Suspect/Defendant:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.:

Home: _____

Employment: _____

Age: _____

DOB: _____

SSN: _____

Nature of Complaint:

Are you willing to testify against the Defendant in Court? _____

My official statement to the Everett Police Department is as follows:

(Please give a detailed account of the facts of the alleged incident in proper chronological order, including any relationship you may have had with the Defendant leading up to the incident.)

I was walking to Family Dollar from Norway
of when I saw a man that was talking
to himself with a knife in his back
packet when I left the store a police
officer pulled up he got out of the
car asked the man to drop the
knife in his hand as he pulled it out
of his pocket 2 times the officer
asked him to drop it the the man
lunged at the officer almost stabbed
him the he shot him

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 4-21-16