



*Massachusetts State Police*  
**INTERVIEW REPORT 2016-110-233/3**

Report Date: 04/21/2016

**Warning**

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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: 04/28/2016  
 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: 35 yr. old, HISPANIC, FEMALE  
 Birth Date: [REDACTED] 1980  
 Juvenile: NO

**Relationship Information**

Related Offense: WITNESS of

**Addresses**

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
HOME ADDRESS	[REDACTED] MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS 02148 , UNITED STATES

**Subject #2 - RELEVANT TO CASE (SEE REPORT) #1 - Pepicelli, Joseph**

**Primary Information**

Exempt From Disclosure: YES  
 Subject Name: Pepicelli, Joseph  
 Record Type: LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL  
 Bio: 57 yr. old, WHITE, MALE  
 Birth Date: 10/22/1958  
 Juvenile: NO

**Relationship Information**

Related Offense: RELEVANT TO CASE (SEE REPORT) of



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**Subject #3 - RELEVANT TO CASE (SEE REPORT) #2 - MARTINEZ, MARIO MEJIA**

**Primary Information**

Subject Name: MARTINEZ, MARIO MEJIA  
 Record Type: PERSON  
 Bio: 48 yr. old, HISPANIC, MALE  
 Birth Date: 01/29/1968  
 Juvenile: NO

**Relationship Information**

Related Offense: RELEVANT TO CASE (SEE REPORT) of

**Record Status Information**

Record Origination Operator: Connolly, James M. (msp3558 / Middlesex SPDU / Massachusetts State Police)  
 Record Origination Date: 04/21/2016 22:54  
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Reporting LEO	Date	Supervisor	Date
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TO: THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT  
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FROM: JAMES CONNOLLY, TROOPER  
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE

SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 80  
[REDACTED]  
Malden, MA

1. On April 21st, 2016, at approximately 1633 hours, [REDACTED] called 911 to report a man acting strangely. Everett Police Officer Joseph Pepicelli had responded to the intersection of Broadway and Norwood Street for the complaint. Subsequently, Officer Pepicelli shot and killed Mario Mejia Martinez (1/29/68). Detective Michael Lavey and I interviewed [REDACTED] at the Everett Police Department at approximately 1945 hours. The following is [REDACTED]' account of the incident;

2. [REDACTED] had just left Bread and Company in her black Toyota Sienna. She was stopped in the left turning lane of Norwood Street waiting to turn North on Broadway, when she noticed a man later identified as Mejia-Martinez. Mejia-Martinez was pacing and mumbling angrily. She noted that he didn't seem "drunk. . . just nervous and angry". He paced back and forth and was speaking in Spanish. [REDACTED] observed a 4" to 5" knife blade (handle down) sticking out of Mejia-Martinez' back right pocket. She believed that Mejia-Martinez was going to hurt someone and noticed that he was also drawing attention of people walking by him. One such man appeared to turn around thinking that Mejia-Martinez was speaking to him, but he was simply mumbling.

██████████ rolled her window up because she was within feet of Mejia-Martinez and called 911 from her cell phone.

3. The light turned and she turned North on Broadway, but quickly pulled over to watch Mejia-Martinez. ██████████ noticed that she was in a no parking area, so she went up the street, parked and walked back down Broadway on the same side of the street as Mejia-Martinez. She watched Mejia-Martinez pacing and walking in a circle. ██████████ observed a marked Everett Police cruiser come South on Broadway and stop near the aforementioned intersection. ██████████ observed Officer Pepicelli exit his cruiser and “calmly approach” Mejia-Martinez. Mejia-Martinez seemed angry about the officer’s presence and began yelling, “go away!” and flailing his arms in a dismissive manner. Mejia-Martinez walked towards the officer and out of ██████████ line of sight. Mejia-Martinez was in front of the Everett cruiser, but she could see Officer Pepicelli, with his pistol in hand, and heard him yelling “put the knife down!” as he backed away from Mejia-Martinez. ██████████ heard Officer Pepicelli order Mejia-Martinez to drop the knife at least twice. ██████████ could not see Mejia-Martinez when the shots were fired.

4. ██████████ noted that, after the shooting, a Hispanic woman had emerged from a shop and started telling people that the officer had shot Mejia-Martinez because he was Spanish. ██████████ made it a point to mention that Mejia-Martinez’ race was absolutely not a factor and that he seemed like he was going to hurt someone if the police did not intervene.

Respectfully,

James Connolly,  
Trooper  
Massachusetts State Police