



Massachusetts State Police
INTERVIEW REPORT 2016-110-233/8

Report Date: 04/25/2016

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Primary Information
Description: Interview of Officer Joseph Pepicelli
Occurrence From: 04/25/2016 09:30
Occurrence To: 04/25/2016 09:30
Dissemination Code: report respect the security of its associated case
Reporting LEO: Sennott, Peter (msp1873 / Middlesex Homicide Squad / Massachusetts State Police)
Approval Status: Approved
Approved Date: 05/04/2016
Approved By: Sullivan, Thomas (MSP1966 / Middlesex SPDU / Massachusetts State Police)

Subject #1 - OTHER #1 - Horgan, Thomas
Primary Information
Subject Name: Horgan, Thomas
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: WHITE, MALE
Juvenile: NO
Relationship Information
Related Offense: OTHER of
Employment Information
Education: Attorney
Employed: YES

Subject #2 - INTERVIEWEE #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: [REDACTED] 1958
Juvenile: NO
Relationship Information
Related Offense: INTERVIEWEE of

Subject #3 - VICTIM - HOMICIDE #1 - MARTINEZ, MARIO MEJIA
Primary Information
Subject Name: MARTINEZ, MARIO MEJIA



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Subject #3 - VICTIM - HOMICIDE #1 - MARTINEZ, MARIO MEJIA - Continued

Primary Information - Continued

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

Relationship Information

Related Offense: VICTIM - HOMICIDE of

Property #1 - .45 Glock 21

Primary Information

Property Class: EVIDENCE
 Property Type: FIREARM /GUN
 Description: .45 Glock 21
 Date Seized: 04/21/2016
 Property Status: EVIDENCE/SEIZED
 Status Date: 04/27/2016
 Quantity: 1
 Make: GLOCK, INC
 Weapon Sub-Type: PISTOL-SEMIAUTOMATIC
 Firearm Caliber: .45
 Owner: Everett Police Department
 Collected Date/Time: 04/21/2016 00:00

Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator: Sennott, Peter (msp1873 / Middlesex Homicide Squad / Massachusetts State Police)
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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OFFICER JOSPEH PEPICELLI, EVERETT POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. On 04-25-16, this officer interviewed Officer Joseph Pepicelli of the Everett Police Department at the Everett Department; also present was Sgt Scott Stalbaum of the Everett Police, Attorney Thomas Horgan (representing Officer Pepicelli) and Officer Jeff McCabe the Everett Police Union President.

2. The interview was recorded with Officers Pepicelli consent, and the recording should be referenced for exact wording and statements. In summary the following is Officers Pepicelli's statement regarding the fatal shooting of Mario Mejia Martinez on 04-21-16.

3. Officer Pepicelli is a 10 year veteran of the Everett Police and also worked 11 years previous with the Boston Municipal Police (21 year Police Officer) and was working the evening shift in uniform in a marked Everett Police cruiser. At approximately 1633, he heard a radio call for Officer Dusablon for an agitated man at the Cancun restaurant with a knife in his back pocket. Officer Pepicelli responded as a backup to the call from the Police Station, proceeding south on Broadway toward the Cancun Restaurant.

Officer Pepicelli stated the Cancun in a known MS-13 gang hangout and stopped his cruiser prior to the restaurant to approach the scene. He observed a male subject he felt was the suspect and asked for a confirmation and description on the radio to insure he was approaching the correct person. A bystander at the scene also pointed out the suspect and told Pepicelli that is was the individual.

Officer Pepicelli stated he tried to keep distance and have the suspect come speak with him, while making observations because he knew it was a call involving a knife. He called out to the suspect

“Mira, Mira” and during the interview made hand gestures saying “come here’ come here” is what he was saying to the suspect. Officer Pepicelli knows little Spanish, and uses some words to assist dealing with the public. The suspect stated “No”, and Pepicelli stated the suspect clearly understood and communicated “NO”

4. Pepicelli stated at this time the suspect made a gesture to his rear pocket, Pepicelli yelled “No”, the suspect ran toward the edge of the side walk (video indicated Northwest corner Broadway and Norwood Street). Officer Pepicelli stated he was reaching for his Taser as the suspect advanced to this location, but he then observed the suspect snapped a knife out of his rear pocket. Officer Pepicelli stated he drew his weapon (Glock .45) and positioned at the low ready. The suspect was within the 21 foot knife attack danger zone and closing on Pepicelli.

Officer Pepicelli immediately stated over the radio “Drop the knife, Drop the knife” to communicate to other officers that he needed help and also to warn responding officers. He knew this communication would provide assistance and back up, that he needed help. Pepicelli stated this was happening “in the blink of an eye” and he was thinking of pedestrians and bystanders being injured if he had to shoot.

Pepicelli retreated, moved to the side, observed the area and suspect, and fired one shot hitting the suspect but he did not stop. He advanced swinging the knife and closing distance, Pepicelli thought he had training in knife fighting, that the suspect knew what he was doing. Pepicelli then continued to fire his weapon to stop the suspect, until he went down.

Pepicelli stated he experienced ringing in his ear, and began accessing for secondary threats. He observed other Everett Officers arrive and approach, to secure the suspect and scene.

Officer Pepicelli indicated on a diagram the position of his cruiser and this encounter occurred.

Pepicelli stated and communicated during the interview that the suspect continued to break the 21 foot safety barrier, he was clearly concerned for his life and safety and the safety of citizens in the area. Later in the ambulance Pepicelli had a pain in his stomach and thought he had been stabbed. Pepicelli recounted how the suspect advanced on him, kept closing the gap, swinging the knife at him and preventing him from obtaining a safe zone of distance and cover.

5. The interview was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Sennott
Sergeant
Massachusetts State Police

Joseph Pepicelli

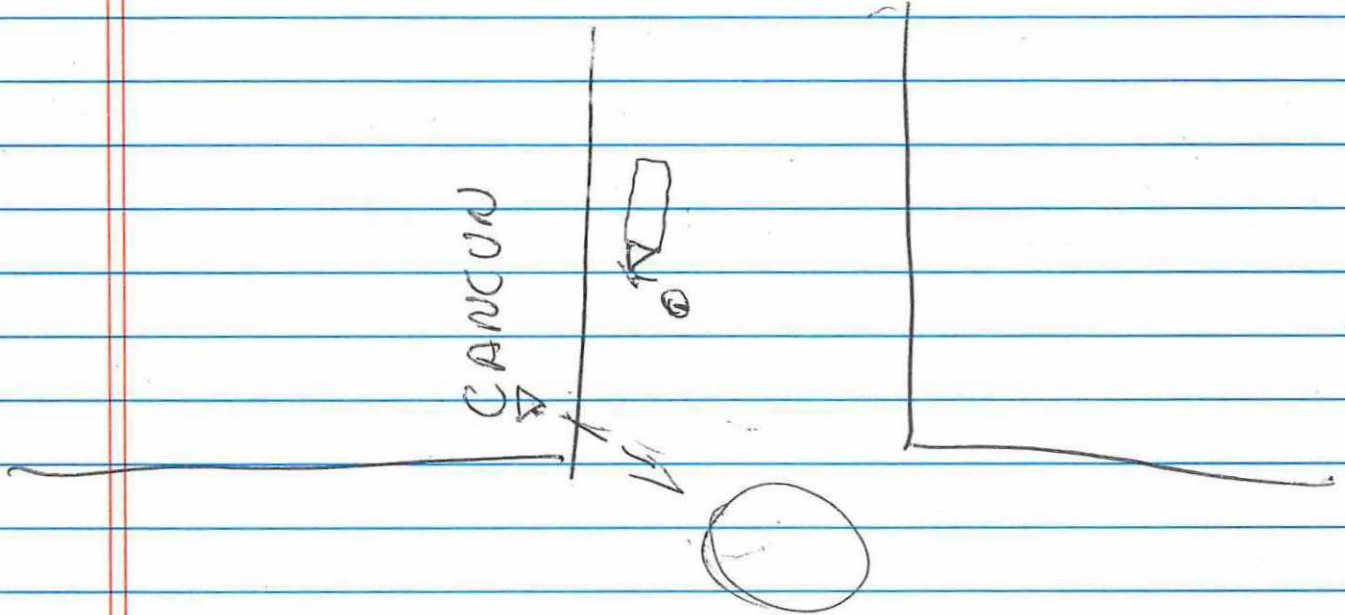
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