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2 MILLIGAN, LARA KRISTINA

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4 LEGEND:

5 TEFFT: John Tefft, Detective, SDPD Homicide

6 YOUNG: John Young, Detective, SDPD Homicide

7 MILLIGAN: Laura Kristina Milligan, interviewee

8 UNID: Unidentified Person

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10 TEFFT: Hi, I'm John Tefft.

11 MILLIGAN: Hi, Lara Milligan.

12 TEFFT: Hi, Lara how are you doing?

13 MILLIGAN: Good, how you doing?

14 TEFFT: Nice day. Just need some information here. Can you spell your last name for me
Lara?

15 TEFFT: Uh-mm, anyway uh-mm tell us what brought you down here today?

16 MILLIGAN: Well, uh-mm the night of the 24th, June 24th ...

17 TEFFT: Uh-huh.

18 MILLIGAN: ... (unintelligible) my husband and my friends and I were in my truck and we were
19 driving towards – at approximately 2030 p.m. uh-mm heading down toward the roller
20 coaster and about three car lengths ahead on the side I seen this large black man uh-
21 mm and two cops, he was facing east, facing left facing the liquor and just like –
22 moving his arms, waving his arms around ...

23 TEFFT: Uh-hum.

24 MILLIGAN: ... and it seems like he was – he seemed – he seem big to me ...

25 TEFFT: Uh-huh.

26 MILLIGAN: ... uh-mm, because the way that he was swinging his arms at the cops who were
27 thrown back ...

28 TEFFT: Uh-huh.

MILLIGAN: ... and they were hitting him with a night stick, and my dad was cop so I know those
things hurt ...

1 TEFFT: Uh-huh.

2 MILLIGAN: ... really bad but he – it didn't seem like it affected him.

3 TEFFT: Uh-huh.

4 MILLIGAN: And he just kept pushing then off and uh-mm, I – we were going about 20 miles an
5 hour, I was able to watch the road and watch what was going on and then when we
6 got right next to the liquor store we heard five shots and I didn't know who – to who
7 took the shots ...

8 TEFFT: Uh-huh.

9 MILLIGAN: ... and I thought well I better get out of here and, and took off.

10 TEFFT: Okay.

11 MILLIGAN: That's about it (unintelligible).

12 TEFFT: Sure, okay, all right ah-hh who where you with in the car?

13 MILLIGAN: I was with my husband.

14 TEFFT: Okay and his name?

15 MILLIGAN: Sean Milligan, S-e-a-n.

16 TEFFT: Okay.

17 MILLIGAN: And I guess two of my friends that were there uh-mm had already have given their
18 statement.

19 TEFFT: And what were their names?

20 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm, Dave Martocchio.

21 TEFFT: And do you know how Dave spells his last name?

22 MILLIGAN: M-a-r-t-o-c-c-h-i-o.

23 TEFFT: h-i-o. And ...

24 MILLIGAN: (Unintelligible),I don't know he put Larry Isaac or L.A. Isaac.

25 TEFFT: Isaac?

26 MILLIGAN: Isaac, yeah.

27 TEFFT: Do – do you know ...

28 MILLIGAN: I-s-a-a-c.

TEFFT: And you say they were interviewed by the police?

1 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm, I wasn't at home at the time, but my husband told me that Larry came to our
2 house and said that they had called and made statement about uh-mm what, what went
3 on.
4 TEFFT: Okay.
5 MILLIGAN: His wife, Dave's wife and Larry's sister were in the truck as well, but Larry sister
6 wasn't (unintelligible).
7 TEFFT: Okay, so, so beside Sean, David, and Larry who else was in the truck?
8 MILLIGAN: Jeanette Martocchio
9 TEFFT: And who else?
10 MILLIGAN: Cassandra Anderson.
11 TEFFT: Cassandra?
12 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.
13 TEFFT: What kind of truck was this?
14 UNID: I was just gonna ...
15 MILLIGAN: It's ah Dodge 19 – 1998 Dodge Ram Quad Cab.
16 TEFFT: Okay, okay it's ah 98 huh?
17 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.
18 TEFFT: And who was the driver?
19 MILLIGAN: I was.
20 TEFFT: You were the driver okay, and is that your car?
21 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.
22 TEFFT: Okay, and you're the owner okay, alrightie and uh-mm, so you guys were going ...
23 MILLIGAN: South.
24 TEFFT: ... Southbound on Mission Boulevard?
25 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.
26 TEFFT: At about what time?
27 MILLIGAN: 8:30.
28 TEFFT: Okay, earlier you said 2030 do you frequently use military time?
MILLIGAN: My husband's in the military so ...

1 TEFFT: No that's fine, I was curious – we don't encounter a lots of witnesses that use the 24
2 hour clock, so you said, at about 2030 hours you guys were stopped on Mission
3 Boulevard?
4 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.
5 TEFFT: And you saw a Black male?
6 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.
7 TEFFT: And you described him as large, what – everybody has their own definition of large,
8 what – tell me what your definition is?
9 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm, I would say he was about – about 3 or 4 inches taller than the officers.
10 TEFFT: Okay.
11 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm, didn't have a lot of hair ...
12 TEFFT: Okay.
13 MILLIGAN: ... that I could tell, but it was (unintelligible) so ...
14 TEFFT: Okay.
15 MILLIGAN: ... uh-m he was wearing dark clothing ...
16 TEFFT: Okay.
17 MILLIGAN: ... and he, he just seemed very uh-mm broad, very broad, but uh-mm not chunky, but
18 ah built.
19 TEFFT: Okay, all right. And as you saw this person he was facing which way?
20 MILLIGAN: West.
21 TEFFT: Okay, west and there's -- a little, store right there ...
22 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.
23 TEFFT: ... and that's just for simplicity it's called Sam's Little Market ...
24 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm.
25 TEFFT: ... he was facing the store?
26 MILLIGAN: Yes.
27 TEFFT: Okay, and where, if you can tell me or if you know where were the two officers?
28 MILLIGAN: They were if, if this was the guy ...
TEFFT: Just draw it out, fine.
MILLIGAN: Okay, if a – Mission Boulevard ...
TEFFT: Uh-huh.

1 MILLIGAN: ... here's store ...

2 TEFFT: Uh-huh.

3 MILLIGAN: ... ah you're here and if he taken facing this way and they were like this on him.

4 TEFFT: Okay.

5 MILLIGAN: And (unintelligible).

6 TEFFT: Okay, all right no that's fine, and we'll say ah, okay we'll use a little hash marks as the

7 cops, we'll use the arrow as the Black male, and we'll call the you, all right. So what,

8 what drew your attention over there?

9 MILLIGAN: Just staring at the road ...

10 TEFFT: Uh-hum.

11 MILLIGAN: ... and uh-mm we were – I was going slower then I usually went because ...

12 TEFFT: Uh-huh.

13 MILLIGAN: ... I didn't know if I should proceed pass what was going on I didn't know ...

14 TEFFT: Okay.

15 MILLIGAN: ... you know, who had what.

16 TEFFT: Well what – what do you think your speed was?

17 MILLIGAN: About 20.

18 TEFFT: Okay, okay. And what was the Black male doing?

19 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm he had his arms pushing out like flailing out ...

20 TEFFT: Okay.

21 MILLIGAN: ... but with such a force that we thought they were being thrown back ...

22 TEFFT: Okay. What, what, how many officer were using their right – their right stick?

23 MILLIGAN: Both of them.

24 TEFFT: Okay.

25 MILLIGAN: It didn't seem to affect him.

26 TEFFT: Okay. Did you happen to see where the officers hit this person?

27 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm, I think it was just on his -- mostly just on his, his arms because he just kept

28 putting his arms out.

1 TEFFT: Okay, all right and the officers were falling back sort of speak, not -- not saying not
2 falling on the ground but kinda ...

3 MILLIGAN: Being forcefully pushed back, yeah.

4 TEFFT: Okay, pushed back, okay. Okay, what did you see next?

5 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm, well I went back (unintelligible) just some more fighting and then I
6 concentrated on the street ...

7 TEFFT: Uh-huh.

8 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm, and that was because by the time that I was watching that we got next to the
9 liquor store, I heard the five shots and I just thought "I'm getting out of here" I didn't
10 know if the guy had the gun and he was gonna come and try to take my truck or stray
11 bullets through (unintelligible).

12 TEFFT: Okay. So you heard five shots ...

13 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.

14 TEFFT: ... and you didn't know who the shooter, was whether it was a police officer or
15 whether ...

16 MILLIGAN: I didn't see ...

17 TEFFT: ... it was the man in the bar (unintelligible)

18 MILLIGAN: ... I didn't see him, after the struggling.

19 TEFFT: Okay. And so you kinda scoot down out of there to avoid and kind of problems?

20 MILLIGAN: Yeah.

21 TEFFT: Okay, okay and then after that where did you guys go?

22 MILLIGAN: To the roller coaster.

23 TEFFT: Okay. All right and ah, and just went about your evening that you had planned?

24 MILLIGAN: Yeah, we uh -- we went though (unintelligible) and I remember looking at my watch to
25 see what time it was and it was 9:05 when we finished and we went straight -- we
26 actually went to Mr. Frosty to get ice cream and then we went home to watch the
27 news and we found out (unintelligible).

28 TEFFT: [Personal data deleted] Yeah, exactly, ah -- okay, and, so then you saw it on the news

MILLIGAN: Yes, very sketchy, just ...

TEFFT: Right, okay.

1 MILLIGAN: Actually we had tried to go back that way to the scene, uh-mm there wasn't a whole
2 lot traffic, so we thought. "Oh well let's you know" no big deal ...

3 TEFFT: Uh-huh.

4 MILLIGAN: ... but as we got further uh-mm we noticed that it was closed off and they were re-
5 routing people around so I just made a turn and went back, the long way around.

6 TEFFT: Okay, all right. Now I'm not interested in this other than just what the facts are here,
7 obviously you're not gonna get in any trouble, had you been drinking that night?

8 MILLIGAN: No.

9 TEFFT: Okay. Had anyone else been drinking that night in your car?

10 MILLIGAN: No.

11 TEFFT: Okay. Okay and prior to – where were you coming from when you were driving
12 Southbound on Mission Boulevard?

13 MILLIGAN: We where coming from ah-mm Larry's house.

14 TEFFT: Okay.

15 MILLIGAN: We just had ah ...

16 TEFFT: Larry Isaac?

17 MILLIGAN: Yes.

18 TEFFT: Okay. Now ah, you said – who did you say said that they talked to the police?

19 MILLIGAN: Dave and Larry.

20 TEFFT: Dave and Larry said they talked to the police?

21 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.

22 TEFFT: Did they give you any details as to when and where and who?

23 MILLIGAN: My husband told me that they, I don't know when they told the police, but my
24 husband told me on Sunday that they had gone there.

25 TEFFT: Okay.

26 MILLIGAN: I don't know if it was that day or prior.

27 TEFFT: All right, okay. Let me see, let me just run this over one more time make sure, sur –
28 what, what and today you came down because of why?

MILLIGAN: Uh-mm well it was mostly because I had time, but on Sunday afternoon I had decided,
you know, we should go talk because – it – it just you know the news that getting
messier, and messier so I thought any information I'm sure could help out.

1 TEFFT: Okay.

2 MILLIGAN: At first, I mean we didn't even think that we'd would be a significant factor, I and that
3 well now we really didn't see to much but ...

4 TEFFT: Right. Okay, let me see if I have this correct, let me just make sure I have it correct.
5 You guys where coming from Larry Isaac's house and barbecued earlier that night,
6 and your were driving in an 1988 – a 1999 – 1988 rather Dodge Quad Cab and in the
7 car was you, as the driver, your husband Sean, David, Larry, Jeanette and Cassandra –
8 I think I got all of them.

9 MILLIGAN: I don't know you said 1988 or 1998?

10 TEFFT: '98.

11 MILLIGAN: '98. Yeah, I'm sorry.

12 TEFFT: And, and I did, I did, I screwed up first time around, but it's a '98 and you guys where
13 southbound on Mission Boulevard, approximately at 8:30 in the evening?

14 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.

15 TEFFT: As you're driving southbound in Mission Boulevard you look over and you see what
16 you describe a large Black male dressed in dark clothing very And broad built, and
17 he's standing on the sidewalk facing toward the store ...

18 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.

19 TEFFT: ... and he has his arms flying out and as you -- let me see I (unintelligible) say if I'm
20 correctly kinda shoulder length going out.

21 MILLIGAN: Right, right

22 TEFFT: Okay.

23 MILLIGAN: . yeah not up but, but pushing out.

24 TEFFT: Somewhat parallel to the ground ...

25 MILLIGAN: Yes.

26 TEFFT: Okay, so their arms are going out. Parallel to the ground. There were some officers,
27 there two officer there, how do you know they were police officers?

28 MILLIGAN: Because they had their uh-mm, one of them I saw he had shorts on ...

TEFFT: Uh-huh.

MILLIGAN: ... and you could see their um-mm uniform, police uniform.

TEFFT: Okay. So you, you had no problem recognizing them as police officers?

1 MILLIGAN: No.

2 TEFFT: Okay, so you saw two police officer, and they had, what you describe as a night –
3 nightstick?

4 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.

5 TEFFT: Okay. Could you describe that a little bit to me, what it looked like to you?

6 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm, it was black and it looked like one of those signs that say (unintelligible) or
7 the road, but it, it was – I mean (unintelligible) night stick with him (unintelligible) my
8 dad had uh—can I draw it for you.

9 TEFFT: Sure, okay.

10 MILLIGAN: It was black.

11 TEFFT: Okay, all right and they were – and they were hitting the person with it.

12 MILLIGAN: Yeah.

13 TEFFT: How many times do you – and they would hit him on the arms?

14 MILLIGAN: Yes.

15 TEFFT: How many times do you think you saw him hit or swing?

16 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm, like I saw about three times ...

17 TEFFT: Okay.

18 MILLIGAN: ... 'cause I was watching the road (unintelligible).

19 TEFFT: Sure. Okay and is...

20 MILLIGAN: I'm sorry.

21 TEFFT: Go ahead.

22 MILLIGAN: Three, uh, times per officer or...

23 TEFFT: Just tell me what you saw.

24 MILLIGAN: ... the officer that was closest to ah was on the Northside, wait ...

25 TEFFT: Uh-huh.

26 MILLIGAN: ... this officer here I saw about three times.

27 TEFFT: Okay.

28 MILLIGAN: And this officer I saw about once ...

TEFFT: Okay.

MILLIGAN: ... because the man – his arms were kind of (unintelligible).

TEFFT: Okay.

1 YOUNG: Just to clear up, we know the guy is facing the store.
2 MILLIGAN: Yeah.
3 TEFFT: But the two officers were between the guy and the store.
4 MILLIGAN: Yes, they're ...
5 TEFFT: Right.
6 MILLIGAN: Yeah.
7 TEFFT: Right. Okay. He's more along the curb line in there, like on the sidewalk, and then
8 here's the building.
9 MILLIGAN: Right there's ah sort of like a large vehicle ...
10 TEFFT: Okay, all right. Okay, so you saw the officers hitting the subject with the batons.
11 MILLIGAN: Uh-huh.
12 TEFFT: ... and as you were – continued on driving you're about 20 miles an hour, as got fairly
13 level with or , you know along side of the store you heard five shots ...
14 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm.
15 TEFFT: ... and you don't know who the shooter was ...
16 MILLIGAN: No.
17 TEFFT: ... whether it was the suspect or whether the officer or whatever, and then your
18 concern was ah, this is probably not the best place to be at you kinda kept driving on
19 about your business. You guys went down the roller coaster, from went to ah Mr.
20 Frosty, and then you went home and saw it on the news ah, you didn't really think had
21 anything significant add or to talk about at this time that you – obviously seen it in the
22 news it's been in the paper and so you felt that you may have information that's
23 germane to this that you thought you should share with us.
24 MILLIGAN: Okay.
25 TEFFT: That – is that a fair synopsis of your statement here.
26 MILLIGAN: That's right.
27 TEFFT: Is there anything that, that I said incorrectly on this?
28 MILLIGAN: No.
TEFFT: Okay. Anything that else that you need to add that I didn't ask you?
MILLIGAN: Uh-mm, no I mean, this was purely speculation on our part, but it was, I guess it was
confirmed by (unintelligible) anyone fighting, we all pretty much saying that anyone

1 fighting the officers like that must be on drugs but he didn't seem like he was affected
2 and then uh-mm my husband had told me that in the paper or on the news the
3 toxicology report said that drugs were involved.

4 TEFFT: Yeah. All right. Thank you.

5 YOUNG: A couple quick ones – when you are driving down did you notice (unintelligible)
6 what's going on over there.

7 MILLIGAN: Everybody knows the person.

8 YOUNG: And when you heard the shots did you look over at the (unintelligible).

9 MILLIGAN: No, no, well actually I did a quick look and then just you know don't even – and just
10 kept going.

11 YOUNG: When – when you did the quick look did you see anything?

12 MILLIGAN: No, there ah like – I don't know if it was an SUV ...

13 YOUNG: And – and you obviously talked to your friends about this right?

14 MILLIGAN: Uh-mm, not since that night no.

15 YOUNG: Okay, so would you're telling us is independent of what you ...

16 MILLIGAN: My husband and I had talked about it but ...

17 YOUNG: And is there anything that you gave John that is not of your own knowledge I mean in
18 other words, is some of this being filled in from newspaper and, and media?

19 YOUNG: So everything you told John is what you actually saw?

20 TEFFT: You know ah.

21 YOUNG: Actually if you can give us, how to contact these people 'cause they have not been
22 talked to, at least not by people that need to talk to them, right.

23 TEFFT [Personal data deleted] All right uh-mm let me give you my card, if for some reason,
24 something comes up as you recall that, you wanna add or something that you think
25 you need to share with me or whatever, please give me a call if any additional detail
26 come up. Ah-hh, thanks for coming down. We didn't know who you were, you know
27 there's ...

28 MILLIGAN: [Personal data deleted] Thank you.