

1 INTERVIEW OF: CORPORAL WILLIAM DEE

2 INTERVIEW BY: DETECTIVE DIANE FREIER AND

3 SENIOR INVESTIGATOR JAY CLARK

4 ALSO PRESENT: ROBERT VALEDAHN

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6 DET. FREIER: All right. Detective Diane Freier. Today
7 is 10/25/2011. And I'm in the briefing room, patrol briefing
8 room, and I'm with Jay Clark, Senior Inspector with the Contra
9 Costa County DA's office; Mr. Valentine, which --

10 MR. VALEDAHN: Valedahn. Valedahn.

11 DET. FREIER: Valedahn.

12 MR. VALEDAHN: Right.

13 DET. FREIER: Excuse me. Robert Valedahn -- it sounds
14 like Valentine -- from (inaudible) and Stearn.

15 And we're going to be speaking with Corporal Dee,
16 Corporal Will Dee, about the officer-involved shooting in Case
17 No. 11-9020.

18 So you know that (inaudible), I'm going to ask you
19 the basic questions about your background and history here at
20 the police department, so I'll get your age to begin with.

21 CPL. DEE: Forty-three.

22 DET. FREIER: Forty-three?

23 How long have you been with APD?

24 CPL. DEE: Eighteen years.

25 DET. FREIER: Okay. And you're currently a corporal.



1 **CPL. DEE:** Correct.

2 **DET. FREIER:** Assigned to Patrol?

3 **CPL. DEE:** Yes.

4 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And what shift do you work?

5 **CPL. DEE:** (Inaudible.)

6 **DET. FREIER:** Which is which days?

7 **CPL. DEE:** (Inaudible.)

8 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And from what time to what time?

9 **CPL. DEE:** From 3:30 in the afternoon until either 2:30 or
10 3:30 in the morning.

11 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And this week, when did you start
12 your workweek?

13 **CPL. DEE:** I started Sunday. Actually -- excuse me -- on
14 Saturday.

15 **DET. FREIER:** Okay.

16 **CPL. DEE:** This week.

17 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. Which police academy did you go to?

18 **CPL. DEE:** Napa Valley.

19 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And did you have any previous law
20 enforcement training prior to that?

21 **CPL. DEE:** Yes. In the military.

22 **DET. FREIER:** In the military? Which branch were you?

23 **CPL. DEE:** (Inaudible) in the Air Force.

24 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And you had weapons training?

25 **CPL. DEE:** Yes.



1 **DET. FREIER:** Handgun?

2 **CPL. DEE:** Yes.

3 **DET. FREIER:** Rifle?

4 **CPL. DEE:** Yes.

5 **DET. FREIER:** Shotgun?

6 **CPL. DEE:** Yes.

7 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. Tell me what -- what your uniform was
8 tonight since you're changed now.

9 **CPL. DEE:** Today it was dark blue pants, our uniform
10 shirt, PD style with a patch.

11 **DET. FREIER:** Okay.

12 **CPL. DEE:** They have a (inaudible) on the upper left
13 torso, "Antioch PD" written within that, and then my name on
14 the right lapel or pocket area.

15 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And then your -- your duty belt that
16 you had on, can you tell me from left to right what you carry
17 on it and what was on it tonight.

18 **CPL. DEE:** I carry my handgun on my right-hand side.
19 Going around from the back, handcuffs. The next item -- oh,
20 gosh, what would it be? -- probably the Taser, flashlight,
21 magazines, and then keys --

22 **DET. FREIER:** And how --

23 **CPL. DEE:** -- and radio.

24 **DET. FREIER:** Excuse me. How many magazines do you have
25 with you tonight?



1 **CPL. DEE:** Two, one in the gun and then two on the belt.

2 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And how many do they hold each, how

3 many rounds?

4 **CPL. DEE:** Twelve each.

5 **DET. FREIER:** Twelve each?

6 **CPL. DEE:** Uh-huh.

7 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And when was the last time that you

8 checked those to see that they work?

9 **CPL. DEE:** We did a shoot last week, a qualifying shoot

10 for the department, and that's when I loaded them all.

11 **DET. FREIER:** Okay.

12 **CPL. DEE:** And I check them before every shift, but that

13 was the last time that we reloaded the guns.

14 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. You said that in your gun you had one

15 chambered?

16 **CPL. DEE:** One chambered.

17 **DET. FREIER:** And these are the 12 magazines?

18 **CPL. DEE:** Correct.

19 **DET. FREIER:** And what type of gun do you carry?

20 **CPL. DEE:** The (inaudible) and .40 caliber.

21 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. Did you have any other backup weapons

22 on you tonight?

23 **CPL. DEE:** No.

24 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. Do you wear glasses or contacts?

25 **CPL. DEE:** No.



1 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. In what vehicle were you in tonight?
2 **CPL. DEE:** 1203.
3 **DET. FREIER:** 1203? By yourself?
4 **CPL. DEE:** Uh-huh.
5 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And did you start your shift at the
6 normal time?
7 **CPL. DEE:** Yes.
8 **DET. FREIER:** And prior to your shift starting, did you
9 get sleep before your shift?
10 **CPL. DEE:** Yes.
11 **DET. FREIER:** And what was your hours of sleep?
12 **CPL. DEE:** I got home approximately 4:30 in the morning.
13 I got up the first time around 8:00. I went back to sleep
14 around 9:30 and then woke up for good around 11:00.
15 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And you came in, you said, at your
16 normal time?
17 **CPL. DEE:** Correct.
18 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And when did you eat last?
19 **CPL. DEE:** Huh.
20 **DET. FREIER:** Besides the pizza tonight.
21 **CPL. DEE:** I ate right before I came to work actually.
22 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. Do you take any prescription
23 medication, or have you taken any?
24 **CPL. DEE:** I do take [REDACTED] but I
25 haven't taken anything in about a week.



1 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And when you started your -- your
2 shift today, what type of activity was going on? Would you
3 consider it a normal day? It was busy?

4 **CPL. DEE:** You know, we just started, but basically I came
5 in. I ran through briefing. Got done with briefing.

6 Due to the fact that we were going to have a -- quite
7 a few people missing from our shift, I was actually calling
8 people in to try to get them to work the shift we were
9 (inaudible). We only have seven working after mid -- or after
10 eleven o'clock tonight. So I was tasked with trying to get a
11 hold of extra people to come in.

12 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. So you said that you had shooting
13 last week, was it?

14 **CPL. DEE:** Yeah.

15 **DET. FREIER:** And that was the qualifying training?

16 **CPL. DEE:** Uh-huh.

17 **DET. FREIER:** And then we were talking about your academy
18 training. You've been trained on which weapons in the academy?

19 **CPL. DEE:** Power handgun, rifle -- or actually, a handgun,
20 a shotgun, I believe, in the academy. They didn't do any
21 AR-15's or anything at that time. No one was carrying those.

22 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. But you were later trained?

23 **CPL. DEE:** Well, I was trained previously to that in the
24 military, so --

25 **DET. FREIER:** Right.



1 **CPL. DEE:** -- I did have rifle training in the military.

2 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And then you've had additional
3 training here at Antioch Police Department --

4 **CPL. DEE:** Correct.

5 **DET. FREIER:** -- (inaudible).

6 **CPL. DEE:** Uh-huh.

7 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And excuse my back-and-forth
8 questioning, but I'm a little tired at this point.

9 So tell me what happened leading up to the -- the
10 event tonight.

11 **CPL. DEE:** Myself, Sergeant Morefield, Officer Koch,
12 Officer Wisecarver, and Detective Vincelet were all in the
13 sergeant's office. I was on the phone trying to deal with
14 getting a hold of someone to come in. I (inaudible) from that.
15 I'm talking with them, and I heard someone on the radio -- I
16 didn't know who it was at the time -- say, "Gun, man with a
17 gun," gave the location and "He's got the gun to his head."
18 The location was obviously the Lemontree Court.

19 At that point, I just ran out the door and ran to my
20 car, jumped in, and headed out. Sergeant Morefield and Officer
21 Koch were in the car paired up in front of me. They actually
22 went out the gate. I followed behind them. I came out, made a
23 left, went on to L Street. I went Code 3 from here all the way
24 to the -- what was it? -- Lemontree to make the right and then
25 up into the court. The court was pretty full at the point --



1 at that point.

2 And right before I got there, someone had said, "I
3 need a shield. We need a shield up here."

4 I knew I had one in the back, so I hit the button,
5 went around the back. By that time, Morefield and Koch had
6 already gotten out of their car and were heading to the corner
7 of the building. It took me a little while to get the -- you
8 know, the shield out of the back, pull it out, close the trunk,
9 secure my car, and then run back up there.

10 When I got to the sidewalk in front of the
11 building --

12 **DET. FREIER:** (Inaudible.)

13 **CPL. DEE:** Yeah. The car was out in the street area.
14 Actually, before I got -- I didn't quite make it in the court.

15 **DET. FREIER:** When you said it was full, you meant --

16 **CPL. DEE:** Oh, they --

17 **DET. FREIER:** -- from other patrol cars?

18 **CPL. DEE:** Yeah, patrol cars and just regular parked cars
19 from the neighborhood.

20 **DET. FREIER:** Okay.

21 **CPL. DEE:** There was no way to park in there. So I ended
22 up running through. As I did, I noticed quite a few people
23 coming out of their houses, kind of moving towards where the
24 officers were. I could hear them screaming. I really didn't
25 understand what they were saying. And I'm just screaming at



1 people, you know, "Get back in your houses. Get back. Stay
2 back."

3 As I got to the curb right here, that's when I heard
4 a single shot. My assumption at that point was that the
5 suspect had shot himself in the head or, you know, ended his
6 own life.

7 After that, a [REDACTED] volley of fire occurred, so I ran
8 to the west of the building and came around the back. I ended
9 up -- where the carport, there's a doorway that opens up to go
10 into the carport, you know, a pedestrian-type thing where you
11 have the opening for where the cars can come in.

12 There was two groups of officers. One group was
13 standing there. Several of them were kneeled down. There was
14 some over the top of them and another group up front. I
15 noticed that there was [REDACTED] in the
16 grass area here. I wanted them to get back. I pushed them
17 back and told them just to kind of wait in this area here.

18 I noticed K-9 Joannides was there. He was pulling
19 his dog back away from the officers that were guarding through
20 here. Okay. So I told him to stay where he's at.

21 At that point, they're screaming to have the shield
22 brought around to the corner where the -- the entrance where
23 the vehicle would go into. I came up. Myself, Sergeant
24 Morefield, and it was Fortner -- Officer Fortner was there --
25 and another officer, but I'm not sure, who basically entered in



1 the carport area and approached the subject.

2 And at that point, when I came around the corner, I
3 could see probably his left thigh. That was about it and maybe
4 part of his feet. He was laying inside of it, head facing the
5 front of the building on his stomach.

6 As we got closer, I noticed some blood in the area.
7 I noticed a gun down by it looked like his stomach area.

8 Having the shield, I had my -- a gun -- my handgun in
9 my right hand and I had the shield in my left hand, so it was
10 kind of hard to kind of maneuver with it.

11 Officer -- or Sergeant Morefield was to my left, and
12 Officer Fortner was to my right. And (inaudible) was behind
13 me. He was, you know -- behind me. I couldn't see him. I
14 kept my gun on the suspect.

15 Officer Fortner said, "Let me secure the gun," so I
16 gave him room to go in there. He -- he kind of jumped in there
17 and grabbed the gun and handed it to me. I holstered my gun
18 and held the gun. I looked at it immediately and noticed that
19 there was no magazine in the gun but also noticed there was a
20 huge hole on the side of it.

21 At first I thought it was a BB gun based on that, you
22 know, looking at it, because the bottom was plastic, and it was
23 like, hum, it's kind of -- kind of a hoakie-looking gun.

24 I basically put it in one of my pockets. I drew my
25 gun again, and we pulled him out. Actually, Fortner pulled him



1 out by his feet and pulled him into the carport area where he
2 was left. And that's when we handcuffed him and secured him at
3 that point.

4 Once we secured and made sure everybody wasn't hit, I
5 went and put my shield down against the back wall of the
6 carport area. I pulled the slide back from the gun, still
7 thinking it was a -- like a pallet-type gun. I looked in
8 there, and that hole was big enough to show that it was a
9 .9 millimeter weapon. So I put it down, and I told Koch to
10 basically keep an eye on the body and on the gun and basically
11 that -- that part -- part of the scene.

12 I made contact with Sergeant Morefield. We were
13 checking everybody to make sure, you know, was anybody hit?
14 Anybody hit? And no one was hit.

15 He basically said, "Okay. Who shot?" He made the
16 arrangements for everybody that did take a shot to walk away.
17 They all met in this area here by a couple of patrol cars that
18 were there. They remained in that area basically sequestered.

19 I took anybody that did not shoot and then started
20 using them to do scene security, put up tape, start a crime
21 scene log and that kind of stuff and just went into that mode
22 for the rest of the time I was there, trying to get stuff
23 going, do my notifications and all that.

24 Shortly after, Lieutenant Welch arrived. I kind of
25 explained what was going on, and then so we just started taking



1 off from there and making our notifications.

2 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. So when -- the last radio traffic
3 that you really hear is that this guy has got a gun and he's
4 got it to his head?

5 **CPL. DEE:** Yes.

6 **DET. FREIER:** So as you're approaching, you hear one shot
7 thinking that the suspect shot himself in the head because he
8 had the gun to his head?

9 **CPL. DEE:** Right. Uh-huh.

10 **DET. FREIER:** As far as you knew? You go along the west
11 wall. You hear somebody ask for a shield. You had already
12 grabbed that.

13 **CPL. DEE:** Uh-huh.

14 **DET. FREIER:** You go along the west wall. You see
15 officers. And if you can just draw on there where you saw the
16 officers. I know you were showing with your hands, but --

17 **CPL. DEE:** Well, there's like a little garbage can in the
18 carport area here. The door is -- yeah, it's hard to draw on
19 here, so --

20 **DET. FREIER:** Yeah.

21 **CPL. DEE:** -- I'll write there.

22 **DET. FREIER:** That's okay.

23 **CPL. DEE:** And I'm going to say there was probably three
24 or four officers here. And then (inaudible) there.

25 **DET. FREIER:** And did you know who those officers were?



1 **CPL. DEE:** Well, this is when I remember seeing Walters.

2 **DET. FREIER:** By the door of the -- the --

3 **CPL. DEE:** By the door, the door going to -- the man door

4 going in.

5 **DET. FREIER:** Okay.

6 **CPL. DEE:** Officer Koch. I believe Bedgood, but I

7 can't -- I can't tell you for sure -- over there. Officer

8 Joannides was here.

9 Do you want me putting in initials or anything on

10 this or --

11 **DET. FREIER:** Yeah, if you can -- or you can number them

12 if you just reference.

13 **CPL. DEE:** Okay.

14 **DET. FREIER:** However you want to do it. I know it's hard

15 to draw on there.

16 **CPL. DEE:** Yeah. (Inaudible.) I'll just do it this way.

17 Officer Joannides. Yeah. Two and three are here. Security.

18 Then you have four, five, six, four, and then (inaudible)

19 Walters. Who did I say was there?

20 **DET. FREIER:** I think you said Bedgood.

21 **CPL. DEE:** Possibly Bedgood. That's a question mark. I

22 mean, it was very fast, I mean, once I got on scene, they're

23 screaming to have the shield brought to that other location.

24 And then six, seven, eight and nine and ten. Seven,

25 we're going to call him Morefield. Eight would be Perkinson.



1 Nine would be Fortner, and ten would be Vanderpool. Okay.

2 What else?

3 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. So you have all those people
4 positioned. And the shots are -- the shots are fired, and you
5 go around with the shield.

6 Do you hear any other communication going on between
7 the officers and the suspect or the suspect and the officers --

8 **CPL. DEE:** I never heard anything.

9 **DET. FREIER:** -- (inaudible).

10 **CPL. DEE:** Huh-uh.

11 **DET. FREIER:** Okay.

12 **CPL. DEE:** No. And there was very little communication.
13 After he said, "Shot in the head," I was listening, listening,
14 listening. There was a Code 3 obviously at that point. But
15 nobody was transmitting really anything and even when the shots
16 were fired.

17 **DET. FREIER:** You said, "Shot in the head," but do you
18 mean --

19 **CPL. DEE:** Well --

20 **DET. FREIER:** -- gun to the head?

21 **CPL. DEE:** "Gun to the head."

22 **DET. FREIER:** Okay.

23 **CPL. DEE:** Excuse me. "Gun to head."

24 So then as I'm running here and I do hear the shots,
25 once I get to here, I get on the air. And it will be on the



1 dispatch tape, you know, "Shots were fired." I screamed that
2 out to dispatch to let them know. And I believe that was
3 pretty much the last transmission for a while in regards to
4 this whole thing until he was actually secured to let them know
5 we were Code 4.

6 **DET. FREIER:** So you're -- you're purposely going in with
7 the shield. You're trying to secure the -- the suspect at that
8 point?

9 **CPL. DEE:** Well, yes. He wasn't moving. It was very
10 obvious at that point that he wasn't moving. We could see --
11 or someone could see his hands because they were saying, "His
12 hands are clear. His hands are clear."

13 And I basically walked in front of the officers
14 because even if he hadn't been and he could reach around, at
15 least there -- this is not really any kind of cover. You know,
16 I mean, rounds could go right through that wall, so you need
17 something in there if he's got a handgun and he's got a shield
18 up there, and then, you know, officers can get behind that and
19 use that as some type of cover to -- to make the approach.

20 **DET. FREIER:** And then you said that -- how was the
21 subject or the suspect positioned when you -- when you first
22 saw him?

23 **CPL. DEE:** All I could see was like his thigh and then
24 part of like his lower legs and shoes. And I actually put it
25 on the air as basically his head was here and feet like this.



1 That kind of (inaudible) wrong, but he was kind of like on his
2 right side. He had almost rolled over onto his stomach but not
3 quite, and then his legs were kind of crossed over each other.
4 So if you can imagine, the left leg was to the left and the
5 other one was actually to the west and the other one was to the
6 right.

7 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And then did you say Fortner is the
8 person that secured him?

9 **CPL. DEE:** Yeah.

10 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. Because you had the gun, and then
11 you --

12 **CPL. DEE:** Right.

13 **DET. FREIER:** -- had the shield.

14 **CPL. DEE:** And he handed me the gun back, and I took that
15 and then secured that gun. I pulled my gun back out, and then
16 he ran and grabbed him, telling -- I think he's the one telling
17 Morefield. He told him to grab his feet, and they just took
18 him out into the middle of the carport so we can, you know,
19 make sure he's -- I do remember too that he had a -- a knife,
20 you know, the -- and they found a little clip-on in his pocket
21 too.

22 **DET. FREIER:** And then how -- how long was it, do you
23 recall, when Fire and Ambulance might have approached there?

24 **CPL. DEE:** It was fairly quick -- quickly, I would say.
25 We called them in right away once we handcuffed him, and I



1 would say the whole -- this whole event, I mean, if it was a
2 minute, I would be surprised. I mean, it was very, very quick.
3 Probably within two minutes they were inside the carport with
4 us and administering first aid and all that kind of stuff.

5 **DET. FREIER:** Who did they -- what kind of first aid did
6 they give him?

7 **CPL. DEE:** I really -- fairly, I think they were kind of
8 under the same impression that he wasn't breathing. You know,
9 they checked his pulse and all that kind of stuff, and that was
10 about it. They pretty much called it at that point.

11 **DET. FREIER:** Did -- when the officers were shooting, I
12 know you're -- you're coming up with the shield, but did you
13 happen to notice who might be shooting as far as the officers,
14 shooting, like a little flash or anything?

15 **CPL. DEE:** No.

16 **DET. FREIER:** Or --

17 **CPL. DEE:** No, because they're -- when that all occurred,
18 I was still in this point right here, so I didn't even -- I
19 didn't really even have a visual on the officers until I came
20 around the corner. All the volley of shots had already
21 occurred.

22 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. Did you happen to notice when you
23 were back in that -- that corner, that southwest corner, if
24 there were any other patrol cars in that area?

25 **CPL. DEE:** In this area here?



1 **DET. FREIER:** Uh-huh.

2 **CPL. DEE:** Yes. There was a car almost directly in front
3 here. There was another car here. And if I can draw on there.

4 **DET. FREIER:** (Inaudible.)

5 **CPL. DEE:** Yeah. So there's a patrol car, and it was
6 facing this way. There was actually a secondary car in front
7 of that one like that. And then there was another one here.
8 And I know this one was Perkinson's car because I told him to
9 move it once we started putting up crime scene tape because I
10 wanted to get an inner perimeter and an outer perimeter.

11 Once we did that, I figured, well, the press might be
12 coming. And then we also had the crowds of people, I mean,
13 large crowds of people inside the court. And they started
14 moving around to this area here, which is west of the location,
15 and they also started creeping around the other side trying to,
16 you know, look into this area.

17 So I had him, you know, extend it out and then bring
18 his car and basically stop -- stop people from coming around
19 the corner.

20 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And you said this is -- this is
21 Perkinson's car right here?

22 **CPL. DEE:** Originally. And then I had him move it to this
23 location about right here.

24 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. And then it was -- you were out at
25 the scene later, but there -- there was another car here, but I



1 don't remember if it was faced that way.

2 **CPL. DEE:** Yeah, and it may have come up later on or
3 somebody may have moved one of them because I remember this one
4 left too. But this is the car that they were standing by once
5 they were basically sequestered and moved, you know, from the
6 scene, the officers who were identified as the shooters, moved
7 to this area and stayed behind that car until they were brought
8 into the station.

9 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. Anything else that you think was
10 significant that -- that I didn't ask you about?

11 **CPL. DEE:** There was a camera right here on a pole, a pole
12 camera. And they're throughout the whole neighborhood, but
13 that's -- that's one -- of course, later we found out there is
14 video. I did observe the video in our briefing.

15 **DET. FREIER:** You did or did not?

16 **CPL. DEE:** I did.

17 **DET. FREIER:** Okay.

18 **CPL. DEE:** So and I had talked to somebody about having
19 it, you know, taken out because we went over there and got the
20 videotape and brought it back here. So that's about it.

21 **DET. FREIER:** Okay. What else?

22 **INV. CLARK:** No. I think you covered it well.

23 Anything that you can think of that you wanted to add
24 in there? Anything that is significant that you think that we
25 forgot to ask, anything that just jogged your memory now that



1 we've asked you specific questions?

2 **CPL. DEE:** No. I mean, there were casings. Obviously, we
3 secured casings and put over a number of plastic numbers over
4 those. There was just procedural stuff that I did, you know,
5 as a supervisor once we got the scene kind of calmed down a
6 little bit and, you know, started using our heads to try to
7 figure out what we need to do next and that type of thing.

8 **DET. FREIER:** Is there -- is there anything about that
9 particular neighborhood that, you know, causes concern with
10 you?

11 **CPL. DEE:** Oh, it's, you know, a very high crime rate and
12 that, and we've had numerous -- [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I mean, it's just a --
14 (inaudible) and I worked down in that area for two years
15 straight, and there's always been a major, major problem, you
16 know, with high crime and shootings and -- and shots fired. I
17 mean, obviously if they're putting cameras up in the
18 neighborhood, it's not normal activity, so --

19 **DET. FREIER:** Uh-huh. Okay. (Inaudible.)

20 **INV. CLARK:** (Inaudible.)

21 **DET. FREIER:** (Inaudible.) It is 1:54. We're off tape.

22 (Conclusion of Recorded Material.)

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