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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
21-01099-CF  
SECTION M

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CORNELIUS TREVON WHITFIELD

Person ID: 1566510,

Defendant.

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DEPOSITION OF:           MARISSA GADDIS  
DATE:                    February 21, 2023  
TIME:                    1:29 p.m. to 2:24 p.m.  
PLACE:                   County Justice Center  
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                          Room 1100  
                          Clearwater, Florida

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                          of Civil Procedure

BEFORE:                 Nathan F. Perkins, RDR  
                          Notary Public, State of  
                          Florida at Large

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E X H I B I T S  
(None marked)

1                                   MARISSA GADDIS,  
2     the witness herein, being first duly sworn on oath, was  
3     examined and deposed as follows:

4                                   DIRECT EXAMINATION

5     BY MS. MANUELE:

6             Q.     Could you state your name and occupation for  
7     the record?

8             A.     Marissa Gaddis, police officer, St. Petersburg  
9     Police Department?

10            Q.     How long have you been with St. Pete PD?

11            A.     Over eight years.

12            Q.     Any prime law enforcement experience?

13            A.     No.

14            Q.     What unit are you currently assigned to?

15            A.     Currently I'm a field training officer.

16            Q.     How long have you been doing that?

17            A.     I did it for like a year and a half a while  
18     ago, like, 2017, and then I just started back up again  
19     in December.

20            Q.     Going back to February of 2021, what unit were  
21     you assigned to at that time?

22            A.     The major crimes.

23            Q.     And what period of time were you in major  
24     crimes?

25            A.     June 2020 until September of '22.

1 Q. We're here today because you've been listed as  
2 a witness in the State of Florida versus Cornelius  
3 Whitfield. You are actually listed as a witness in both  
4 cases. When I set you for depo I think I only included  
5 the 4037 Report.

6 A. That's fine. I copied both my reports in  
7 here. So --

8 Q. Okay. So you have --

9 A. I looked at both. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. So you have your reports from your  
11 involvement in both of the cases that -- the mid  
12 February and the February 1st or 2nd one?

13 A. Correct. Yeah. It looks like I only did two  
14 actual follow-ups. I put in evidence in the second one.

15 Q. Okay. Regarding your involvement on the  
16 February 1st or February 2nd case, did you write a  
17 supplemental report for that, in that case?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Was it just the one supplement?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And do you have that report with you?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. Have you had an opportunity to review it?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Anything in that report that you -- or your

1 supplement that you found to be inaccurate or that you  
2 would like to change?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Okay. And then looking at the 6023 report, I  
5 have two sets of, like, evidence vouchers; is that  
6 right?

7 A. Yes. That's what I saw too.

8 Q. Okay. And then I had one supplement that did  
9 have a narrative.

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. Okay. And so those three supplements, is that  
12 the only -- or is that the entirety of the report that  
13 you wrote regarding the second case?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And you have that with you today?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Have you had an opportunity to review?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Was there anything in that narrative or  
20 evidence receipts that you found to be inaccurate --

21 A. No.

22 Q. -- that you would like to change?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Okay. What was your -- tell me how you became  
25 involved in this case.

1 A. The first one?

2 Q. February 2nd. Yeah.

3 A. I was called in at 1:15 a.m. by Sergeant  
4 Elizondo.

5 (The reporter requested a repetition.)

6 A. Elizondo. E-L-I-Z-O-N-D-O.

7 Q. And you were called in to what scene?

8 A. I was called in to assist by being at the  
9 hospital.

10 Q. Okay. So did you respond just straight to the  
11 hospital?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And when you get to the hospital, what's  
14 taking place at that point?

15 A. I got to the hospital, patrol officers were  
16 standing by with one of the victims, Rodney Green, in  
17 Trauma Room 1. I tried to get any information that they  
18 received from him, and Offer Seay told me that the only  
19 thing that they heard had from Green was "They killed my  
20 brother."

21 Q. Okay. Did you actually enter the room where  
22 Green was, or were you just -- did you just have eyes on  
23 him from outside?

24 A. I entered it, and then I, like, stood by  
25 outside.

1 Q. From where you were, if Green were making any  
2 statements, would you have been able to hear?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. Did he make any statements that once  
5 you arrived?

6 A. No, no.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. If he did I would have noted it in my report.

9 Q. Okay. And is this before Mr. Green is taken  
10 into surgery?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. What is your role or responsibility at  
13 the hospital?

14 A. I basically stand by, make sure that I can  
15 update anyone that is on the call, detective-wise, of  
16 his status. And then I called for a technician to have  
17 him processed once he was out of surgery and stable.  
18 And, again, I just updated Sergeant DeMark, it looks  
19 like -- sorry. I thought I saw DeMark in here. Sorry.  
20 Sergeant Elizondo of his status, and then the technician  
21 responded.

22 Q. Okay. About what time did the technician  
23 respond?

24 A. I did not note that in my report. That should  
25 be in the technician's report.

1 Q. Do you know who the technician was?

2 A. Dunseith.

3 Q. Do you stand by while Dunseith processes  
4 Mr. Green?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Does Mr. Green make any statements during that  
7 time?

8 A. Not that I note in my report, so no.

9 Q. Do you remember if he was conscious or awake?

10 A. I don't remember, obviously.

11 Q. And you indicate --

12 Does the processing happen before or after you  
13 make contact with Mr. Green's mom?

14 A. Before.

15 Q. Did you call any of the family?

16 A. No. I just somehow figured out that his mom  
17 was down in the lobby.

18 Q. Was there any other family down in the lobby?

19 A. I honestly don't remember. I don't remember  
20 talking to anyone else but the mom.

21 Q. As far as you know, had you ever had any  
22 contact with Rodney Green before?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And I know I think I asked you specifically if  
25 any other family was there. Do you remember if there



1 was anybody at all with Winifred Green?

2 A. I do not remember.

3 Q. Okay. What other involvement, if any, do you  
4 have after the hospital?

5 A. I assisted with neighborhood canvass at the  
6 apartment and on Fourth Street.

7 Q. Now, are you -- when you get called in about  
8 1:15, are you now working straight through, or have you  
9 taken a break before you start doing the canvass?

10 A. Typically we work just straight through. I  
11 didn't go home, if that's the question.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. Yeah. We just work -- we work it until we're  
14 done with it.

15 Q. Do you know -- so in this case, do you know if  
16 you went straight from the hospital back out to the  
17 Emerald Pointe Apartments?

18 A. No. I believe I went to the office first,  
19 just to kind of regroup with everyone.

20 Q. How many videos did you collect from the  
21 apartment complex?

22 A. I was there while Officer Johnson was -- like,  
23 I assisted her in collecting them. I don't --

24 Like, you are talking about the actual, like,  
25 security cam from the complex itself --

1 Q. Yeah.

2 A. -- or from like individual people?

3 Q. From the complex.

4 A. I don't know how long of a video we collected.  
5 You'd have to check on evidence.com for that.

6 Q. Was it just one view, or were there multiple  
7 views?

8 A. I remember looking at multiple views, I think.  
9 I would have to look at evidence.com to see what she  
10 submitted. But now that I am not in that unit, I can  
11 only look at what I submitted to evidence.com. So  
12 that's my problem.

13 Q. So, like, how would you know -- you said --  
14 like you said, you have to look at evidence.com. So say  
15 I look at evidence.com and I see three videos. How do  
16 you know that there weren't additional videos that  
17 didn't make it to evidence.com?

18 A. Because when we collect videos, we submit  
19 everything that we collected to evidence.com.

20 Q. Well, in theory. That's the plan, right?

21 A. Yeah. I mean, why wouldn't we? There's no  
22 point in not. I mean, I collected a video, I would put  
23 it in evidence.com.

24 Q. Okay. So I see a video from evidence.com, a  
25 view of the complex that shows the outgoing traffic.

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. Do you know if you collected other views?

3 A. Let me log into evidence.com.

4 Q. Yeah. Hopefully you can do it faster than I  
5 can.

6 A. It's going to send me a verification email, so  
7 give me, like, one second here.

8 Q. Even though you clicked the box that says  
9 "Don't send it to me"?

10 A. It's so annoying.

11 Q. So annoying.

12 A. I'm sorry. Like, ever since I left the unit  
13 my, like, settings and everything for evidence.com have  
14 changed. So I need to see if I submitted it or if  
15 Detective Johnson did it. So give me one second.

16 (A pause was had in the proceedings.)

17 Q. Are you able to do, like, a search, like, by  
18 person? Like, could you say, like, I want all of my  
19 videos on this case somehow?

20 A. I can only do it for my specific videos right  
21 now.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. That's what I am saying. Like, my settings  
24 before, I could see like every piece of evidence. Let  
25 me see --

1           What is the case number? 0043 something.

2           Q.    Oh, your report or the -- sorry. 4037 is the  
3    St. Pete.

4           A.    4037. Okay. Let me see what it comes up with  
5    here.

6           Oh, I can see. Okay. It says restricted.

7           Let them look at my evidence. I submitted a  
8    lot of videos. It looks like I submitted 16 videos,  
9    anything from a couple of seconds to like 45 minutes.  
10   So --

11          Q.    Okay. Are you able to tell on there how many  
12    came like from the, like, Emerald Pointe Apartments?

13          A.    Let me look. I should be able to see it  
14    because I submitted it. It says restricted.

15          Okay. This looks like it was from the  
16    apartment. It's a view from the, like, the pool area.

17          Q.    Okay.

18          A.    All right.

19          Q.    That's labeled rear parking?

20          A.    Yeah.

21          Q.    What time does that video start? It says --

22          A.    12:13 a.m.

23          All right. So that's Channel 11. Okay. So  
24    it looks like I have one, two, three, four, four videos  
25    that are Channel 11.

1 Channel 4. Let me see which one this one is.  
2 It's a 47-minute video.

3 Q. And which view is that?

4 A. This is the Fourth Street exit.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. I have a couple videos from that. Let me  
7 look.

8 Channel 4, one, two, three, four videos from  
9 Channel 4.

10 Q. Are you able to see the earliest start time?

11 A. It says 009. So let me see if was that the  
12 earliest one or not. That was only 52 seconds.

13 Q. The 47 one, and there was 23:21, I believe. I  
14 don't know if that helps, if they are in order.

15 A. 22:23. Okay. So this one says 22:35, and  
16 then 22:02 is the last one. It's 36 minutes. Or  
17 32 minutes.

18 Q. Okay. And the 22:02 and that one you said  
19 right before that, are those both the Fourth Street  
20 exit?

21 A. Yeah. They are all Channel 4.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. It looks like Channel 3, I have a video that  
24 starts at 21:54 maybe? The earliest one.

25 Q. Can I look?

1           A.    Yeah.  I just clicked on it.  I'm just looking  
2   for the earliest one.

3           Q.    So you get the circle of death too?

4           A.    Good thing I brought my computer, huh?  Didn't  
5   have any time to print this out.

6                    Okay.  Fourth Street entry.  And it says it  
7   starts on 2/1 of '21 of Monday, 21:54 hours.

8           Q.    Okay.  How many -- I don't think you told me.  
9   I'm sorry.

10          A.    I didn't tell you.

11          Q.    How many videos there were from that view?

12          A.    Yeah.  Channel 3 has one, two, three, four  
13   five, six, seven, eight videos.

14          Q.    Okay.

15          A.    Now, obviously, the reason there is more of  
16   one versus the other is just how it copies onto the  
17   flash drive.  So it could be for different lengths.  You  
18   know what I am saying?  There's no reason that it has  
19   eight for one and four for another.  It's just how it  
20   copied.

21          Q.    Gotcha.  And so that would be -- so that 16  
22   videos -- so you think all the ones -- so all the ones  
23   that you submitted were of it complex?

24          A.    Yes, yes.

25          Q.    Okay.  Oh.  I was going to ask you.  Your

1 supplement on the 4037 one has the supplement date of  
2 2/8/21. Does that mean that's when you wrote your  
3 report?

4 A. That's when I created the supplement itself.  
5 I typically write my reports in like Word document as we  
6 go through the investigation, and then when my  
7 supplement is needed to be put into the report, I just  
8 copy and pasted it into there.

9 Q. Do you still -- like, do you then save the  
10 Word document somewhere?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Okay. When you are doing the canvass, are  
13 you -- in this particular case, when you are doing the  
14 canvass, was it recorded in any kind of way?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Are you taking notes?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you still have your notes?

19 A. I believe so. I would have to try and find  
20 it. But yes, I believe I have my notes still.

21 Q. Okay. So I'm looking at that supplement, same  
22 supplement. There's Unit 103, you indicate heard  
23 yelling at 11:00 p.m. Not sure if it was his direct  
24 neighbors or not.

25 Are you saying that the person at 103, that

1 person was not sure if it was that person's direct  
2 neighbor yelling?

3 A. Correct. That's what I am saying.

4 Q. Okay. And who was that person at 103 that you  
5 spoke to?

6 A. I did not note their name. They must have not  
7 wanted to be involved.

8 Q. Would you have a physical description of that  
9 person in your notes?

10 A. I should. I don't know why I didn't put that  
11 in my report.

12 Q. If you wouldn't mind, could you check and get  
13 back to the State Attorney about it? Or you can call me  
14 directly, either way.

15 A. Sure.

16 Q. Thanks. And then looking at 105, you have  
17 "timing was off." What does that mean?

18 A. Like, I believe I remember this -- I don't  
19 remember the person, like, in front of me, but I do  
20 remember, like, their time frames were off, what the  
21 sequence of events were. Like, if they heard arguing or  
22 shots or something like that. You know what I'm trying  
23 to say? Like, their timing of the sequence of events,  
24 like, they had it either much later or much earlier than  
25 what we were hearing from other neighbors, from what we



1 were gathering.

2 Q. Wouldn't that be still important to say what  
3 it was exactly that they heard?

4 A. Yeah. I don't know why I didn't put more  
5 detail. It might be in my notes, in my notebook.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Or I don't know if Officer -- or if Detective  
8 Johnson put more detail in her report.

9 Q. Detective Johnson just said that your report  
10 has all the details.

11 A. Oh, that's awesome. Okay. Maybe it's in my  
12 note pad. I don't know. I mean, I clearly talked to a  
13 lot of people that day.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. So -- but I do remember one apartment had  
16 someone that was, like, the story was just completely --  
17 like, their sequence of events was just off.

18 Q. And then 315 said did not hear anything, woke  
19 up to police.

20 Did you ask what time they had went to sleep?

21 A. I did not ask what time they went to sleep.  
22 But, I mean, we were there after 10:00 a.m., so they  
23 were sleeping through most of the activity it seemed.

24 Q. Does this mean woke up when you were there, or  
25 woke up when the activity was taking place a midnight?

1           A.     That's a good question.  Either way, they  
2     didn't hear anything.  So that's the main part of that  
3     one.  So --

4           Q.     But you will check to see if you have those  
5     notes?

6           A.     Yes.  Yeah.  My stuff is -- I've got to find  
7     it because -- off topic -- but we've got a whole bunch  
8     of housework, so all my notes are shoved somewhere.  So  
9     I'll find it, though.  I'll get with her.

10          Q.     Okay.  After -- is that the -- after the  
11     canvass, is that the extent of your involvement on  
12     February 2nd?

13          A.     Yes.

14          Q.     Okay.

15          A.     On that day.

16          Q.     As far as you know, had you ever had any  
17     contact with Cornelius Whitfield?

18          A.     No.

19          Q.     What is the next involvement you have?

20          A.     On the 3rd I went with Detective Jordan to  
21     speak with Whitfield's family, and they were stopped by  
22     K-9 officer on, like, a traffic stop.

23          Q.     Was that contact recorded in any way?

24          A.     I do not believe so.

25          Q.     Do you know why they were stopped by K-9

1 officers?

2 A. I do not. That would be in their supplement.

3 Q. Well, you hope. Do you know -- I guess, how  
4 did you get roped into going with Jordan?

5 A. I just went with him to assist him with the  
6 interview. We just talked to the grandma and asked if  
7 she had seen Cornelius.

8 Q. And do you remember what she said?

9 A. I pulled up his report.

10 MS. TAKTIKOS-DANZIG: You need to put on the  
11 record what report and what it is you are making  
12 reference to.

13 MS. MANUELE: Well, we don't have numbers.

14 MS. TAKTIKOS-DANZIG: Oh, you said "his  
15 report."

16 MS. MANUELE: She did, but she did no  
17 supplement on it.

18 MS. TAKTIKOS-DANZIG: Got it. I forget. And  
19 the numbers change every time you reprint things.

20 MS. MANUELE: Exactly.

21 THE WITNESS: Yeah. She just said she doesn't  
22 know where he was, and she saw him that morning at  
23 8:00 a.m.

24 I was present during the interview. That's  
25 why I referenced his report.

1 BY MS. MANUELE:

2 Q. Okay. Do you recall who else was present?

3 A. I know there was more people in the car. I do  
4 not know who they were.

5 Q. As far as law enforcement, who all was  
6 present?

7 A. No idea.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. It was just me and Detective Jordan talking to  
10 the grandmother. There was a bunch of other officers  
11 standing by with whoever else was in the car.

12 Q. Do you recall who the driver was?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. Patricia was the passenger? Am reading  
15 that right?

16 A. Front passenger, yeah.

17 Q. Do you recall if the driver was a male or  
18 female?

19 A. I do not recall.

20 Q. And she's indicated that she had seen him last  
21 at about 8 o'clock this morning, so February 3rd  
22 morning?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Was there any conversation with her about if  
25 he had stayed there the previous night or the night

1 before that?

2 A. I do not remember that part.

3 Q. And from -- do you know how long you would  
4 have been out at that scene?

5 A. It was pretty short. It was pretty short. A  
6 couple minutes.

7 Q. Would that have been document in any kind of,  
8 like, CAD notes dispatch?

9 A. Possibly.

10 Q. What would your call sign have been back then?

11 A. D-54.

12 Q. Would you and Jordan have been riding  
13 together?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. Do not remember his call sign. And, I mean, I  
17 was with him, so I don't know if he checked both of us  
18 out or just himself.

19 Q. Gotcha.

20 A. So --

21 Q. Okay. From that traffic stop is when you guys  
22 go to the ICU room?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Okay. Is this contact with Mr. Green  
25 recorded?

1           A.    I didn't note it in my report.  I don't know  
2 if Jordan did.  Which we talked to -- we just checked on  
3 his status.

4           Q.    Is this the first time that you were present  
5 for anybody attempting to gather information from  
6 Mr. Green?

7           A.    Yes.

8           Q.    Okay.  Did he -- I guess, what was his medical  
9 state?  Like, did he have any tubes in him that would  
10 preclude him from speaking at that time?

11          A.    I honestly -- I don't remember.

12          Q.    Okay.  Do you recall any conversation with the  
13 nurse Samantha Davies yourself?

14          A.    No.  You'd have to refer to Detective Jordan's  
15 report.

16          Q.    Do you know if you were, like, in the hospital  
17 room with Detective Jordan when he was asking Rodney  
18 questions?

19          A.    I was present, yeah.

20          Q.    Okay.

21          A.    He's the assisting detective, so he was the  
22 one that was just documenting the conversations and  
23 interactions.

24          Q.    And was it your understanding that Detective  
25 Jordan had had previous contact with him, or was that

1 his first time, if you know?

2 A. I have no idea --

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. -- if he had talked to him before.

5 Q. Okay. Do you recall the words specifically  
6 that Detective Jordan would, like, how he phrased any  
7 questions?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Would you be able to talk about specifics?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Like, he puts in his report, "I asked -- I  
12 asked Rodney if it would be okay if I asked him another  
13 question reference the incident that he was involved  
14 in."

15 Do you know if he said, like, shooting or  
16 robbery or incident? Like, would you be able to testify  
17 about what wording he used?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did Rodney ever speak any words, that you  
20 recall, in your presence?

21 A. I don't recall.

22 Q. Okay. And other than the statements that Seay  
23 gave you, that Officer Seay, that "they shot me" or  
24 "they shot my brother," one of those, are you aware of  
25 any other statements he had given to anybody --

1 A. No.

2 Q. -- different from that?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Okay. So as far as --

5 As far as whether this contact was recorded at  
6 all, would that have been up to Detective Jordan?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do you know, like, how long you guys were at  
9 the hospital with Mr. Green?

10 A. Not long.

11 Q. Not long like 10 minutes, or not long like an  
12 hour, if you know?

13 A. I have no idea. It was not a long time.

14 Q. And then any other involvement on the 3rd?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Okay. And then the 5th you and Detective  
17 Johnson go out to the apartment complex to collect some  
18 video?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Is that video that you just --

21 A. Yeah, that's the one that I uploaded, it looks  
22 like.

23 Q. Okay. That we just, like, went through with  
24 you all the details?

25 A. Yeah.



1 Q. Okay. Any other involvement on this case  
2 until the 16th?

3 A. 16th. Yep.

4 Q. Of February. Anything else?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Were you at all tasked with doing any warrants  
7 to try to track Mr. Whitfield's phone or anything like  
8 that?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Were you involved in any surveillance?

11 A. No.

12 Q. How do you become involved again on then the  
13 16th?

14 A. It was, like, at the end of the day, when  
15 everyone was leaving, we were kind of listening to the  
16 radio and heard a call in reference to a shooting.  
17 Recognized the address, because it was Cornelius  
18 Whitfield's family's house. And we all -- there was a  
19 bunch of detective that were still at work, so we  
20 responded out to the scene. And I remained on the outer  
21 perimeter at Emerson and 31st street. So --

22 Q. And as far as, like, you personally recognized  
23 that address, or other officers said that they  
24 recognized it?

25 A. Well, we were -- we had the address for his

1 house from the other case, so, like, it just stuck in my  
2 mind. I'm kind of good with addresses sometimes like  
3 that. So I just remembered the address.

4 Q. And about what time did you respond on that  
5 scene?

6 A. I didn't note the exact time.

7 Q. Was this before or after the wall was taken  
8 off the house?

9 A. Oh, I got there before that.

10 Q. Who is making those calls?

11 A. Whoever was in charge of SWAT.

12 Q. You don't know who it was?

13 A. I think Hamealman or and Major Gerardo were  
14 out there. I can't -- I can't say for certain. I have  
15 nothing to do with SWAT.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. There was a lot of people out there, though.

18 Q. So like the drone and stuff that's flying  
19 over, are you in a position to see any of that video,  
20 like, at the time?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Okay. Did you see any of it since or after?

23 A. I don't think so.

24 Q. Do you know how long people had been on the  
25 house? Like, people. Law enforcement had been on the

1 house prior to you getting out there?

2 A. Not the exact time, because I didn't note the  
3 time in my report. But I just drove right from the  
4 station out there when the call came out, so --

5 Q. And then about how long do you think you were  
6 out there before Mr. Whitfield was arrested?

7 A. I have not idea.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. You'd have to look at the SWAT notes and  
10 everything.

11 Q. Okay. The SWAT notes, if I were trying to get  
12 those --

13 A. I don't know. I don't have anything to do  
14 with SWAT. I don't know if there's notes or if it's in  
15 a report or anything like that. I'm just saying, like,  
16 however it was documented, like, maybe on the call notes  
17 or something like that of the call.

18 Q. Right. What I was going to ask, though, is,  
19 like, the -- like, do their notes get input, like, with  
20 the regular, like, CAD notes?

21 A. It was at a main channel, so a dispatcher  
22 should have been noting things in the call.

23 Q. So in theory, like, I could see when the SWAT  
24 officers arrived based on looking at, like, how I would  
25 look for any other officer kind of thing?

1 A. Yeah. It should.

2 Q. Okay. Did you actually -- did you ever have,  
3 like, eyes on Mr. Whitfield?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did you ever enter the residence on that day,  
6 on 2/16?

7 A. No.

8 Q. As far as if Mr. Whitfield exited the  
9 residence with anything, fair to say you wouldn't be  
10 able to testify about that?

11 A. No idea.

12 Q. Gotcha. When you say you were dismissed  
13 without entering the scene, what exactly constituted the  
14 scene at that point?

15 A. The house.

16 Q. With just the inside of the house?

17 A. And yard. There is a little perimeter around  
18 the yard, the property.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. It's to prevent people from coming in the  
21 house. So --

22 Q. Okay. So you are talking kind of like the  
23 inner scene?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Was there also an outer perimeter set up?

1           A.     There was originally. I remember passing an  
2 officer that was blocking the road when I left. So --

3           Q.     Okay.

4           A.     I don't know how long that was held for or  
5 anything like that. So --

6           Q.     The crime scene log, is that just kept for the  
7 inner scene?

8           A.     I would believe so. It just depends on where  
9 we determined the crime scene to be, like, the main part  
10 of the scene. So yes, I would assume that it would be  
11 just the yard.

12          Q.     Okay. Do you recall seeing anybody, like,  
13 keeping a log out there?

14          A.     I do not know who was keeping the log, but  
15 there should have been someone keeping a log. It should  
16 be in evidence.

17          Q.     Do you recall when you went out there the next  
18 morning if you saw somebody out there or where that  
19 person would have been?

20          A.     I don't remember who was -- who had it, but, I  
21 mean, we all came in as a group. So --

22          Q.     Okay. The Emerald Pointe Apartment complex, I  
23 forgot to ask you this, does it just have the one  
24 entrance and exit on Fourth Street?

25          A.     I would have to look at a map. I'm not

1 familiar with it.

2 Q. It looks like that on the map to me, but I  
3 don't know. I haven't been out there yet. So I didn't  
4 know if you knew offhand.

5 A. Yeah. I'm not familiar with that area.

6 Q. Is that your normal --

7 A. No. My normal area is South Side and Childs  
8 Park.

9 Q. As far as you know, have you ever had any  
10 contact with Deronrick Green?

11 A. No. Who is that?

12 Q. Rodney's brother.

13 A. Did I say anything?

14 Q. I didn't see anything in your report. I mean,  
15 like, unrelated to this potentially. Or related to  
16 this. Any contact at all that you are aware of?

17 A. No.

18 Q. When you arrived back -- as far as getting the  
19 search warrant for the house, did you have any  
20 involvement for that?

21 A. No.

22 Q. You said no involvement in obtaining any of  
23 the warrants, right?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. When you respond on 2/17, you are responding

1 to the assist in the search; is that correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. When you get there, are there other detectives  
4 or technicians on scene, or do you guys all arrive at  
5 the same time?

6 A. We arrived at the same time.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Unless someone got there earlier when I was  
9 walking up and I have no idea. But we all were told to  
10 meet at the scene, so --

11 Q. Okay. As far as the items that you have  
12 referenced observing and collecting in your narrative,  
13 would there have been video and other pictures of that  
14 before it was moved?

15 A. You would have to look at the technician  
16 report to see if they -- when and if they did the video  
17 before. But I don't remember. I don't remember if they  
18 did the video before of the whole house. It was kind of  
19 a mess. So --

20 Q. Would that be, like, normal for them to take  
21 video before the scene is searched or disrupted?

22 A. I don't know. Like I said, you'd have to look  
23 at their report to see. But every item that I collected  
24 or noted was documented, like I said in my report.

25 Q. You indicate some items that you found in a

1 bedroom inside the west door. Do -- were there any, I  
2 guess, items or evidence to suggest whose bedroom that  
3 was?

4 A. I don't recall.

5 Q. And then what about the southwest bedroom?  
6 Any indication of whose bedroom that was?

7 A. I don't recall.

8 Q. When you guys spoke with grandma, was there  
9 any discussion about who all lived house?

10 A. I didn't note it in my report.

11 Q. In looking at your evidence vouchers, I see  
12 reference in your report that you found some marijuana,  
13 or an item believed to be marijuana, items believed to  
14 be crack cocaine, a scale. On the evidence voucher I  
15 see a couple cell phones that you submitted. Do you  
16 know where those cell phones came from?

17 A. No. Those would be in other people's reports.  
18 I am assisted by doing the ILEADS entry for a bunch of  
19 evidence. It wasn't just the evidence that I found.

20 Q. Okay. So explain to me that process. Do they  
21 actually take the -- bring the evidence to you and you  
22 input it, or they just tell you --

23 Like explain that process. How is the  
24 voucher --

25 A. Yeah. We just -- well, we had a whole bunch



1 of evidence. We brought it all back to the office, and  
2 myself and Detective Johnson entered it in.

3 Q. So how do you know, like, if the cell phone  
4 was found in the house or if it was found on somebody's  
5 person? Is there some way that that --

6 A. Who ever located those cell phones would have  
7 noted them in the report.

8 Q. Ideally?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. So, like, looking at that evidence voucher, I  
11 see, like, the last item description is -- I'm sorry.  
12 The one that starts with the two cell phones, the 116,  
13 but I don't know if it's the same page number on yours.

14 A. Let me look at this. iPhone is one I see.

15 Q. One is an LG and one is a Motorola. I can  
16 show you on this one. Or did you need to look at it?

17 A. I'm just more used to looking at one like  
18 this.

19 Q. Oh. A better format?

20 A. Yeah. Okay. I can't find it, so --

21 Q. So looking at this evidence voucher, it  
22 specifically says description is Graham wallet with  
23 various cards. Is that a description that you created  
24 or did somebody just comment, is it already written on  
25 something, or does somebody come in and verbally relay

1 that?

2 A. I typically just describe it myself and put  
3 the description myself.

4 Q. Attached to the same supplement, there is the  
5 third item from evidence, is cash from wallet, but it  
6 doesn't specifically reference Graham wallet. Am I  
7 to -- does that mean that that's a different wallet, or  
8 does all of this property come from Mr. Graham? Or is  
9 there in any way to tell from here?

10 A. There might not be any way to tell from this  
11 specific thing. Maybe from pictures. But it appears as  
12 though it's all from Graham. But I don't want to say  
13 for sure and tell you the wrong thing.

14 Q. Yeah. Because I'm trying to figure out if  
15 these cell phones came from Graham's person.

16 A. No.

17 Q. No idea?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay. And then on the second set of evidence  
20 vouchers I have from you, there's, I guess, a couple of  
21 different items of marijuana, or suspected marijuana,  
22 and a couple of items of suspected crack, or crack  
23 cocaine. Do you know if this set of evidence vouchers,  
24 if those are all the items that you found that you  
25 referenced in your report, or if there were additional

1 drugs other than what you found that you did the  
2 vouchers for?

3 A. I would have to look at the vouchers and the  
4 pictures. Give me a second to see.

5 The system is a nightmare to find things, and  
6 I'm used to it.

7 Q. You are not wrong.

8 A. Actually, I'm looking at the wrong one. That  
9 would probably be the problem.

10 All right. Let's look at this one. So the  
11 second one? Is that what you are asking about?

12 Q. Yeah. The second set of vouchers, which may  
13 or may not start on page 120.

14 A. And that's, like, the narcotics?

15 Q. Yeah.

16 A. I mean, this just being this thick, it's  
17 probably evidence from the warrant there, the search,  
18 and I just entered it, because I remember it took a very  
19 long to do this, so --

20 Q. So you think there might have been drugs found  
21 separate from the ones you --

22 A. By other people, yeah, yeah.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. Yeah. And I tried to describe it. It looks  
25 like it says marijuana in Walmart bag. So, I mean, you

1 know what I'm saying? I'm trying to describe, like --  
2 I think it show us up a little bit better in  
3 the actual system, if I could find it.

4 Q. Do you think on the, like, evidence bag it  
5 would indicate, like, what room it was in? Or --

6 A. (Shaking head negatively).

7 Q. So just trying to find an item and a picture?

8 A. Yeah. Yeah. Because I didn't find all these  
9 items. Someone else did, and I just entered them. Made  
10 it a lot easier.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. A little easier on them.

13 Q. And so I was going to ask you about, like, the  
14 pill bottles specifically? Find the pictures to know if  
15 there were any names on the bottle?

16 A. Yep.

17 Q. Any subsequent involvement or any involvement,  
18 I guess, that we haven't covered yet?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Were you responsible for doing, like, the  
21 warrant return or anything, like the receipt or whatever  
22 from the house?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And other than the search of the house on  
25 2/17, were you involved in any, like, searches of any

1 cars or any other property?

2 A. No.

3 MS. MANUELE: All right. I don't have in  
4 other questions.

5 MS. TAKTIKOS-DANZIG: None from the state.

6 (Concluded at 2:24 p.m.)

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