

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Interview of Robert Radosevic

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Agents Assigned: Eric Lehnhart and James Ruth (not BCI)

Legend:

SK= Steve Kinas

PD= Patrick D'Angelo

RR= Robert Radosevic

JF= Jeffrey Follmer

EL= Eric Lehnhart

JR= James Ruth

Transcribed by: Christine Shuff

JR I'm Detective Sargent James Ruth East Cleveland Police and Eric, I'm with holding the last name so,

EL It's Lehnhart

JR It's easy for him but not for me.

(Shaking hands and laughing)

JR First I'm gonna, get some, I need a little bit of information from ya. I just need, your name?

RR Robert Radosevic

JR Another common spelling

SK Radosevic of course (laughing)

RR R A D O S E V I C

JR Uh what's your date of birth?

RR [REDACTED]

JR Address?

RR [REDACTED]

JR Cell phone, do you have a cell phone?

RR [REDACTED]

JR Alright, um (Clears throat) just to let you know we are here doing an investigation of a shooting uh, we are only here to collect the facts ok? All were going to do uh, we give this to the uh prosecutor once its compiled we don't make any determinations.....But since this is a criminal investigation I have to read you your Miranda Rights, ok?

RR Yes

JR Now, you have the right to remain silent anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law, you have the right to talk to a lawyer and have him present with you while you are being questioned if you cannot afford to hire a lawyer one will be appointed to represent you for any questions, questionings if you wish. You can decide any time to exercise these rights and not answer any questions or make any statements. Alright do you understand each of these rights that I have explained to you?

RR Yes

JR And having these rights in mind do you wish to speak to us know?

RR Yes

JR Alright, also we ask.....how are you doing? Since this incident how are you doing, are you alright? I mean,

RR Yea, after the incident I a little you know shaken up but uh, I've calmed down since then.

JR I'm sure

JR What, what's your current assignment with Cleveland?

RR Um I'm currently Second District, uh C Platoon, third shift. Uh, no assigned car, general duty.

JR General ? ok

JR That's still a zone car?

RR Yes, (patrol ?)

JR How long have you been at Cleveland?

RR Uh, seven months

JR What did you do before that?

RR Uh I was a waste water operator , City of Bedford Heights

JR Seven months on the job huh?

RR And a couple of hours. (laughing)

EL You said Bedford?

RR Bedford Heights

JR And you said what shift are you with its?

RR I'm on third shift.

JR Third, shift that's right.

JR And who is your supervisor there?

RR Uh, Lieutenant Socha

JR What's your days off they rotate or?

RR Um, yes. I'm off for three days right now.

JR Oh so we caught you at a good time here uh?

RR yes

JR Now do you work any extra details, over time shift or?

RR Uh no

JR So you work nothing. Did you work anything over the night of this incident?

RR Uh no.

JR So you were rested that night, then when you were at work?

RR Yes

JR Ok, Uh any drugs alcohol, prescription medications the night of the incident? Are you currently on anything right now?

RR No

JR Corrective lenses do you wear any type of glasses?

RR Na, I

JR Uh what uniform, standard uniform your wearing now?

RR Uh, Uh, I vest, carrier uh ok, duty belt, Taser, baton uh, OC spray

JR Ok Fire, what kind of fire arm was it?

RR Uh Glock 17

JR And all the magazines were filled?

RR Yes I have an extra one and two pouches and an extra one in my, my carrier. And one in my enforcement car.

JR So you have a total of four then right?

RR Correct

JR Ok, (show me how you carry it like that ok?)

JR Um any type of personal recording device whether audio, video any little cameras??....

RR No

JR Oh your crui, what's the cruiser number what was, that you were in?

RR I was in uh car 238

JR The call sign for that?

RR Uh 2 Barney 38

JR Ok and how do ya, I need to get this to you. I need to know who, how many people was in the car, how many people were in the car.

RR I was driving and uh Officer Scott Sisteck was uh car commander, uh passenger.

JR No uh does your car have any type of camera inside?

RR Negative

JR How about if uh everything works spot light emergency lights, sirens, radio?

RR Uh I, I as far as I know.

JR You, you, they don't make you check everything before you get on the road?

RR Eh, as quickly as possible, I didn't check I the uh spotlight. It started.

JR All right the uh radio, since you, you were uh driving.

RR Yes

JR Uh the radio was operating?

RR Yea oh yea.

JR What Channel were you guys on?

RR Uh, um Second District

JR Channel 2?

RR Channel 2, sorry.

JR Is there any NDT in the car at all?

RR I, I don, I, I'm not aware.

JR Don't recall?

RR Don't recall.

JR Alright besides the police academy do you have any other special training. Do you have SWAT, military training or anything?

RR I, I was an auxiliary Officer for Bedford Heights also and uh I took Mountain Bike training if that has any bearing on this.

(laughter)

JR And your weapon of qualification, did you do that, this summer?

RR Uh yea, yes, when we came back, we got called back from layoff just at um that summer.

JR Ok and you, also did, did you do your use of force training? When you wee, when you did your firearms training?

RR Yes, as I recall back we did two weeks of in service.

JR And you just, you just took your OPOTA test right?

RR Yea, uh, June uh 24th around the 16th?

JR Ok

RR We got laid off as soon as we graduated.

JR Oh, I know exactly, I know what you're talking about

EL Really?

JR Yea I remember that now.

RR I was an Officer for forty minutes.

JR Yea they brought them in to swear everybody in and then laid everybody off. Yea I remember that.

JR Ok uh you know have you ever had any prior involvement in shooting incidents?

RR uh no.

JR And seven months, I'm hoping you're going to answer no to this, we'll find out. But do you have any prior discipline that you know?

RR huh-uh

JR Uh we want you to describe to us how you first became involved in this incident and describe in detail, involved in the pursuit.

RR Ok uh, Scott and I had just came on shift. Uh were uh at considered at Barney 38 is considered a uh extra car so we pretty much had free reign of the, the district, the uh patrol. And so uh we decided lets go uh, seven zone which is the Old Brooklyn area. So as we patrolled uh, we uh,

uh pulled one car over uh, did the traffic stop as soon as we and then, that's when we uh were completed with the traffic stop we heard a radio call from a car downtown uh "shots fired, uh shot fired" heard a shot downtown, near uh Saint Clair. Uh, I think it was by yea right by the Justice Center he said. Uh so Scott and I uh, said well let's start heading that way, so we traveled Northbound uh 2,5, West 25th, uh getting closer to the scene. Cause the car cop started calling out the description of the vehicle, older style Chevy, Impala, color uh and we figured it's a close proximity downtown and could easily come to our (...?...shared) zone so. Scotts says we'll start heading North on 25th. Let's get there. So as we uh as were progressing we uh heard one of our cars announce that they had picked up the vehicle on the Detroit Superior Bridge, traveling into the district. What, uh Westbound. So then we rap, no started to increase our pace down, but we're still away off, and uh as we got closer North we could hear the uh car in pursuit calling out streets, Franklin but continuing West I, I think they went on Lorain West. And the details of that I know they were traveling West and as Scott and I approached we uh, said well we will go up the Lorain and see if we'll parallel and see if they doubled back. So, West on Lorain as we approached 44, he's like uh we also heard on the radio that they thought that they were turning, heading towards the freeway, and, and they notified the First District, but then they made a rapid turn Eastbound on 3rd. So he's like we'll go Southbound on 44 we'll pick em' up there. So West 44 runs into Clark we, we stopped and oh the suspect vehicle passed right by us. At the time our zone car was uh immed, immediately on its uh tale, so we made a quick left turn, quickly got onto a pursuit and as we wrapped up the lead car passed us, along with uh Vice car, a silver Vice car So uh we were like the sec, well the second marked car in that chase. Uh as we're going he's calling out streets, we're being aware of uh the car , at wha, what speed it was. Probably seventy down Clair (?) Clark (?) Avenue uh and then we uh approached Clark West 14th uh and then it started going down a hill towards Quigley and uh we thought he would lose it by then lose control because it's a very dangerous curve uh uh I was a little aware of my driving skills that night (laughing) since I have very little driving with a zone car at that time. But I was getting instructions quickly. (laughing) as we uh, as we uh got down made a right towards Quigley down by Quigley uh were maybe fifty yards behind still gaining so the car that's when the lead car called out uh, uh, uh "passenger has a pointing a gun behind, pointing a gun behind" and I witnessed the passenger full face uh uh, and knit hat and I saw the arm motion, you know directly behind. Scott's calling out which you know which side and we took were weaving. Cause we ss the other cars are weaving and they were a lot close than we were, but we were weaving cause I saw the arm motion and we thought we were gonna get shot at.(coughing) I'd say, Quick evasion was necessary. The car continued up uh Quigley to the roundabout at West14 and Clark uh we uh I think the passenger was still turned around at the at that point, uh well as we you know now we were going on Northbound on West 14th uh, still in pursuit, car you know car going through intersections uh past up?...?..... and we got on 90 going East. Again the second car, second, third car in that, that pursuit. Continued on, on uh 90 West, uh through downtown, uh car, the suspect vehicle is weaving in and out of traffic. Trying to lose us and uh I though he was going to get off on Chester I think, and uh cut away. We approached dead, uh dead mans curve uh that's when the lead car sorta fell behind cause the car was eluding it to avoid an accident it uh backed off and I think it was a vice car and us, it was an outside lane and I think we took dead mans at seventy

maybe it was I was taxing the vehicle at that point, my vehicle. It means that their really uh. Then we continued on 90 going yea Eastbound, uh at that point uh speeds got uh in my opinion the fastest I've ever traveled in a vehicle. Uh, I, I looked down briefly I was doing 125. Um, and uh adrenaline going at that point. We got uh were following the vehicle the lead car caught up uh right after dead man's well we, we let it get up to the lead car. Uh we continued Eastbound uh rapidly until we approached uh East 72nd again we thought the car was uh not going to maintain control, but it did, and went up the berm uh but it, it pulled out of it. And we continued uh my partner was sure cause he worked in that District so he had better knowledge of the streets. But were just now were just at this point I didn't know where we were at that point an uh he called he was calling out streets plus probably the lead car. And were approaching Euclid, I remember that. Again we, just cars weaving in and out of traffic uh we continued through there again at a they are just trying everything driving over sidewalks uh we thought they were at a stopping point but then again they pulled over berms and on sidewalks to get away. At this point there were so uh many zones care there uh during that pursuit uh we got kicked back, a lot of cars were pulling into the front to avoid an accident I you know just I'll hold and pull back a little bit and we traveled up this one road I specifically remember it was a dusty road and I'm just, now I'm just looking for break lights on cars in front of me. Well uh I, no I did see, e the car did uh I think it hit the breaks, but one car I think hit the back of it cause I know there was damage to it that, that I didn't notice before. I, I think I saw uh when it happened but again it was dusty. Uh but we continued on that dusty road and then all's I heard on the radio was uh, uh Oh god I'm trying to think when um, the Oh they, they mentioned that there heading towards the waste water plant. Uh someone got to the back exit uh to block it off and cause there was a hill it's got a uh you know a right hand turn and it's a school this school yard. In the school, the school try to, which I didn't have any knowledge of it until we made this right hand turn down this driveway and since it was a slight uphill we saw we looked down we saw the suspect vehicle now surrounded by uh a bunch of uh zone cars. So my partner decided hey "they're probably gonna bail, probably gonna bail" So as I pulled to the left I'm on the curb, I put the car in park. At the same time my partner is exiting the vehicle, uh and uh over the radio all's I hear was "Shots fired, shots fired". An officer like "shots fired, shots fired" And at that point uh the suspect vehicle rounded some cars up ahead to my surprise all of our surprise uh he, the car approached and then he came and within two seconds struck my vehicle. Uh, I know my partner was on the left side of the car. The suspect vehicle there the two passengers were a pane of glass away. Uh I was startled I know they hit pretty good too but at that point it was self-preservation uh I exited the car drew my weapon and as I was closing the door I heads shots rang out and uh I pretty much felt that cover was prudent uh I know that for some strange reason I thought that ducking behind the car and keeping the windshield and frame of the car in line with the subject was actually going to you know protect me but for some reason you know I thought that was the best spot to be but I basically kept my head down uh down as the shots were being fired. I uh I remember looking down I saw motion off to my right of, of uh someone on the ground scrambling and I was like ok what's that and when I thought, shots are still ringing out just keep my head down keep my head down. Uh and then when I was about to raise my head up all's I heard was someone behind me "Keep my, keep your head down, keep your head down"! And I listened and uh not too long after that uh the shots

stopped. I raised my head I saw the suspect vehicle in line with our car, uh they weren't moving uh the passenger weren't moving uh Officers were pretty much were scrambling around everybody is coming up to me going "are you hit". Everybody is checking each other making user uh the a lot of adrenaline going a lot of panic. We were just I, I looked up and I saw three rounds in my vehicle in my windshield that weren't there before and then multiple shots in 217 and uh you know there all's I know there was uh bunch of gun fire and I thought I was taking it so.

(coughing)

EL Ok, do us a favor here, give you a chance to catch up here.

RR Mhm

EL Can ya give us an idea in how you guys ended up in here and how did you, this is uh Terrace here and this is Lee you can't see the drive way, but it comes in though here from

RR Oh boy, uh is thatthere this is a street light. I, I don't know that may be the dusty road and then specifically I think I made a right onto their uh and as we came up yea we made that right hand turn into the school uh like I said about midway that's when I, all those zone cars went around and I saw the suspect vehicle down there some yea that's when we decided I've got him trapped, they're gonna bail, they're gonna bail. And I'd say about midway up that drive I decided to pull to the left, put the car in park and uh that when it came at me.

EL Can you make on this were you think you were?

RR Uh let's see, let's see.

JE this is the same road

RR yea, yea I'm just trying ta, know where this school yard is right at, probably right there, this is a hill right?

EL Mmm, yea

RR Yea, Ok yea, yea cause we were right against that sidewalkand my tires were right there.

EL Does that seem to be a pretty accurate depiction of? Pretty close?

RR Yea, that our car there.

EL Would you circle that for us?

EL Which partner do you mean ?

RR Scott Sistik

EL Ok.....ok that's why....

JRsorry got some questions now form you know what you told us.

RR Mhm

JR Um, during the pursuit at any point did you uh see the gun or hear gun fire?

RR I didn't see the gun I remember seeing the arm motion though of the passenger uh

JR But you heard, you said that you heard it on the radio?

RR I heard it on the radio and I also heard uh I just can't tell I remember hearing about "reloading the gun reloading the gun" which again that was another adrenaline.

JR You don't remember where that was at all?

RR It huh it may have been on 90 I'm thinking. Oh uh I know on I-90 one of the cars got real close and somebody called back you know "don't get that close, don't get that close"! There like almost you know as I was catching up we let Dave and Jim you know their lead car and as were speeding upI know one car got real close and they were warned to get back, cause there, I don't know why they go that close.

JR But you never saw anything get discarded or?

RR No

JR Anything thrown from the car at all?

RR No I did, did not.

JR And you said what seventy on Clark, on 90 and about one hundred twenty-five?

RR Yea that was my estimate on Clark, but I remember specifically looking down and I was going 125.

JR I head you say uh?.....a couple of accidents one of the things tell me was there a lot of traffic out or?

RR Um, let it was Thursday night, no it was I mean it was, it was enough to where they were weaving in and out trying to lose us. Uh and it I'm pretty happy we avoided an accident. Uh it wasn't clear, but it wasn't super busy there.

JR Ok, when you are looking at the passenger uh were you aware that it was a female?

RR uh No.

JRYou didn't realize that it was a female and not male?

RR Saturday uh afternoon I heard it on the, the news.

JR Did ya, after seeing it on the news or finding out their names do you remember ever having any prior contact with these two?

RR Negative, no.

JR Uh you said that you talked about what occurred in the school parking lot there, what you saw.

RR Mhm

JR and your actions, did you stay in the car or got out?

RR Oh I exited the car as, as soon as they started my zone car

JR Now you, came out of the passenger side or?

RR The driver's side, sorry, o, our cars were facing opposite they came at us. And struck us here.....

(multiple people talking)

EL Your facing this way right?

JR Oh so that ok I gotch ya.

RR Yea, yea luck, I's luckily my partner, was out of, well I don't know if you'd say lucky because the car approached him was coming at him rapidly uh, but I'm glad he wasn't there cause he would of got trapped right there. They were right there, when I, I got hit, shot, right out of my seat.

EL So, so you, you, did you come this way or?

RR I, I did I, was on the side walk, right on the side walk I.... my vision was on the side of the zone car.

EL Ok you were over.

RR And for yea since our windshields were lined up I just kept my head down should of went behind the engine block but training went to hell there uh but I just for some reason I just thought it was the safest spot, hiding behind there so.

JR Ok where you were there what kind of lighting could you see?

RR oh yea

JR Could you see the car as they pulled up? Could you see the passenger and the drive as they hit your car?

RR Oh yes ya

JR What kind of facial expressions, movements what?

RR Well after they struck the car um I think all of us involved are you know, I think I shot up in the seat about six inches. You know I's, I'm glad I wasn't injured in this (laughing) I, I'd guesstimate their speed hitting about thirty. Cause as soon as we stopped they went from there and there in seconds, I mean two seconds, as I said I, I didn't even have enough time to warn my partner. You know from the time we parked, put it in park to hear "shots fired" you know (coughing) I'm assuming from cars that I really yea sent from cars up there heard "Shots fired" Scott was already exiting the car uh and yea, and it, struck, struck and like I said by that time as I exited the car there was already shots being fired cause I thought that they were shooting at us.

JR But, ok did you could you see the driver?

RR I could see them both.

JR What were they doing as they came up....

RR Well they hit like I said I didn't see a I ho, they were adjusting just as we, we hit ah but I know they were moving making you know rapid movement, like I'm not sticking around to see what they pulled on, on us so (laughing) you know

JR?..... he was driving and he just had a blank look on his face I don't know if you saw him looking at anything or?

RR Uh, uh, (laughing) I didn't that direction, I just saw, I just got hit so I was just like happy to get out of the car, know my name you know, the car right there.

JR I just uh, jump back onto something.

RR Ok

JR Uh, you said, when did you first hear the shots or hear? Ok

RR I heard the radio call,

JR Ok

RR as soon as I put the car in park, it was like put the car in park, Scott got out of the car, and then I heard over the radio "shots fired, shots fired". And then that's when the car arou, around heading toward and just caught off it struck us on that side.

JR And light, pretty light?

RR It was, it was well lit uh

JR Yea, it just with the uh out side lights there?

RR Yea uh

JR (clears throat) Now when the car's coming down toward you did your partner or anyone else give any type of verbal commands to the car like go "Stop" or ?

RR Na, I didn't hear anything else.

JR Um, and you said, you, you really didn't observe a weapon you just saw him hit, hit your car and just kinda.

RR Yea we were all kinda just, just were all and

JR Your partners on the right ok that's with the suspect vehicle.

RR I, I didn't even see where my partner was at that was the unfortunate this but I know he was out of the car.

JR That's what I say you saw him get outta

RR Yea I saw him get out to the right yea and then the car approached on that side so.

JR And you said that you didn't fire

RR No

JR J, was there a reason why you didn't or?

RR Uh, I think cover at that point being that the suspects right there I e I said I got out of the car and I drew my weapon in an attempt to find myself and my, my fellow Police Officers but there was already being shots fired so I thought I was taking, we were uh I was taking uh rounds, so I was, was right there I wasn't taking the chance of

JR Gee so ya you had your weapon in your hand?

RR Yea.

JR Uh, after the shooting what'd you see or hear, observe?

RR Uh, people I just there was a lot of Officers there scrambling but it was everybody's checking "you all right, you all right"? and people going (shakes his head in a yes notion) and I mean, people, and that was pretty much it. And wow that just happened situation en see the hor, you know everybody said it was like "wow".

JR Did you see anyone try to uh check on the uh people in the car at all?

RR Uh I didn't see anybody approach the car um you know I think I was on the other side of the car. May have been the closest person to the vehicle and I as I looked inside they both were, not moving.

JR Do you remember anyone calling for EMS at all?

RR I did think EMS was called. Uh I don't remember the actual call but not specifically.

JR Do you remember if after the shooting you moved anything or checked you weapon to make sure if you did or didn't shoot or anything make?

RR I, knew, I, well I knew that I didn't shoot but uh I didn't there was nothing moved or,

JR uh were you injured as a result of this incident at all?

RR No, surprisingly not I was uh pretty happy with that uh.

JR How about after words when ev, every, everything is said and done a lot of officers standing around, were there any statements made by any Officers towards anything?

RR Um, uh, god I'm trying to think of, someone said that they got hit, hit in the chest uh, with something. I'm that, that I don't know if it was uh Paul Bau.... Um, but yea we checked, everybody was checking each other after it calmed down we just still like wow, I'm glad no one got hurt I'm serious with this. There was a lot a lot of rounds thrown around there and we just pret, a amazed.

JR In the way of statements also did you hear at any time before, during, after anything any type of racial slurs being said?

RR Oh no, no.

JR And who have you talked to regarding this incident then?

RR Well besides family you know a generalization I didn't want to...really after that, but immediately after or just?

JR Immediately after all the way into.

RR Oh um just a let's just say I was involved, but didn't go into any real detail, uh I didn't want to alarm especially my family uh until they saw pictures then I was like "I'm ok". Uh you know, but other than that, just uh generalizations this is probably the most detailed I've uh gotten. Uh (laughing)

JR Uh, uh how about other Officers that were involved in this incident did you talk to any of them about it?

RR Well just like "where were you at" you know just you know I from outside my car inside my car inside my car I didn't know where anybody else were. I mean so we just came as a you know, I

didn't even know who the shooters were and until (coughing)roughly their asking every body's names "did you shoot, did you shoot". They corralled us up and so.

JR Alright um has anyone asked you to lie or otherwise influence your statement to us at all?

RR No.

JR Uh, were you in fear for your safety and the safety of others?

RR Oh yea I would say that's a big ten four there.

(laughing)

JR Do you believe that your actions were consistent with your training that you received through Cleveland?

RR Uh yes uh I yea I would say so. Except for the point that don't hide behind the zone car because we've already proved that bullets go through them so uh

JE Do you believe that the actions of the other Officers involved are consistent with their training?

RR Yes,uh yes. Hey they saved my bacon, that, that's what I was thinking I owe a lot of beers that's what I was thinking that night. I mean

JR Alright now did you use or did you see anyone? First of all did you use your phone that night? Cell phone.

RR No.

JR Did you take any pictures any texts?

RR My, my phone is not capable of pictures or of receiving pictures.

JR Alright did you see anyone using their cell phone to take pictures and text messages then?

RR No, I know uh, you know uh there were at the school and people called their families and stuff so. I, I was assuming I just saw people in the distance, you know, calling somebody.

JR Right

RR Hell, there probably happy to hears voices that's uh I mean, I, I really didn't really want to alert my family to it, it's just there letting me do the job anyways so you know.

EL Going back to the photos here. And I realize that you were in the middle of uh, uh a situation here, but when you, you exited to take cover at any time were you aware, was, was could you tell where any of the fire was coming from? Could you tell, could it of been anybody up here also shooting in?

RR I, I was not aware. I know that there was a lot of fire and the suspects were on the other side. And uh in my mind armed, uh so that's where I took cover there I uh right behind the zone car.

EL Um, When it was when this was all said and done, did you happen to chance to look around uh, the area here did you see where ,where there other than, other than theses initial units were there other units?

RR Well I know,in my head too at the time, I know when I exited the car the shooting was over looked up I, I think there were cars up here. I thought that there were officers everywhere know but after the incident uh”watch for cross fire, watch for cross fire, watch for cross fire”. And I remember seeing out, uh when I put my head out after the shooting stopped we all were sure, you know weapons drawn looking, you know even though I looked at uh the, the occupants of the car and they weren't moving I though the threat was uh stopped but cars were you know surrounding and then so we said “watch for crossfire” and like you know wow, yea let's watch for cross fire an.

EL How many rounds does your magazines hold?

RR Seventeen.

EL You said you had for and then, then one in the in the chamber.

RR Un no, four total, three, three spare and one in the firearm.

EL And you, you carry your weapon live? One?

RR Yes, yes, seventeen plus one

EL Counselor?

PD I'm fine.

EL Other than just the, the regular traffic you heard did you guys, did you guys transmit much during the pursuit?

RR Us? I know Scott, I know we got down by Quigley and when Da, Dave called out you know, “Pointing a gun at us, pointing a gun at us!” that Scott tried to transmit cause we were a little distance, we got down Clark and it was like, as I said, I saw the passengers face and arm motion and he, he's trying to broadcast “Which side, which side” you know and just so, and I, I'm just going back forth. Uh, and then so Scott tried to call out cause he knew the East side a little better uh he called out we are approaching Euclid he was, was trying to get in to call out street names.

EL Just basic, general locations, street names

RR Yes, yea that was it yea.

PD I'm at do just described how when you heard the radio broadcast of uh, they have a gun or the passenger was making these movements you just described how your kind of moving in the zone car to uh?

RR Yea I uh

PD Out of the way of potential?

RR Yea gun fire, yea gun fire

PD And also your car is zig sagging?

RR Yes, yea we, cause we da, we saw Dave and Jim going when they said you know "gun" you know "there pointing a gun at us, there pointing a gun at us" uh that's when you know, I saw them moving and then that's I's like I'm if there closer (laughing) I'm gonna do the same thing their doing so.

PD Right, so

PD Was that an legitimate uh and genuine reaction on your part or were you uh over reacting getting a little

RR oh no, no, no I was perfectly comfortable with it uh

PD So you were, you were fighting for your safety at that point?

RR And everybody else's at that point.

PD I think you described how close you got to the suspect vehicle throughout the chase. At any point did you uh hear or see anything that you took as uh, that car the suspect vehicle back firing?

RR uh negative, uh no that car we were amazed that, it functioned pretty well up until that point.

PD Did you ever see any kind of um illumination lighting or whatever coming from the tail pipe area off of that vehicle?

RR No, no. I mean, I know I think was it somewhere during the case that someone had said that a tire was down, a tire down. I think that's before we got to the school That did pop in my head uh He got a flat tire, he got a flat tire.

PD Did when you got to the scene and you described how you, you got out of the car as quick as you could uh at any point in time after did you, observe or ever think to yourself that you had observed Officers were out of control and over reacting?

RR No, uh more like uh you know.....more worried that anyone was gonna get shot that was theno it was pretty professional in that situation. Then again that was my first situation so (laughing) I didn't uh.

EL Did you feel now that you've had a chance to sit back and think about it can you imagine any other alternative that could of taken place other than what took place?

RR I wish they would of stopped (laughing) Uh their actions or ours?

EL Well

RR I mean uh, yea if they boy if any time during their pursuit a we thought they were gonna bail in the school, we thought we had them you know; it's pretty hemmed in. So that why you we're running and go after them, but yea they, they would of probably been so much better if they would ofthe car and seen everything that was going on and hands and so

El Right

RR And it was amazing I mean we there was so many zone cars there that we didn't crash, that was uh also a good thing uh that was also discussed that. Uh "wow, no one ran into each other" Besides the damage to the car I don't know exactly if he car hit the breaks I don't remember that. But yea that's.

JR I also have you do here is initial there.

JR That's the only two I need.....?

El Questions for us, comments, concerns? Anything you uh want to know or don't wanna know or?

RR I'm waiting for the investigation with you guys ta, do what you do so. That's' worry about my fellow Officers and see how they are handling it.

EL And you guys are actually back to work right?

RR yea, yea I just got three days administrative leave

EL Administrative

RR I almost got four but someone paid attention to the days (laughing) so. I saw administrative leave and I was like any reason why I'm on an extra day? Oh you are? We'll call you later.

.....(laughing).....

EL Alright we appreciate you coming in go get some sleep.

