

NELSON: Alright. Uh, time is 12:09 hours on November 11, 2017, actually 0009 hours, November 11, 2017. We're in the Crystal Police Department in the conference room. This is Detective Diane Nelson, with me is my partner, Detective Chris Nybeck and your name for the record please?

KUYPER: Uh Jared Kuyper, New Hope Police.

NELSON: And can you spell your first and last please?

KUYPER: JARED and then KUYPER.

NELSON: And your date of birth sir?

KUYPER: [REDACTED]

NELSON: Okay. And you're appointed by New Hope PD?

KUYPER: Yup.

NELSON: And how long have you been employed by them?

KUYPER: Uh, 7 years.

NELSON: Okay. And what was your shift today?

KUYPER: Uh...

NELSON: Uh...

KUYPER: Day, day shift 7AM to 7PM.

NELSON: And that would've been Friday?

KUYPER: Yes.

NELSON: Saturday morning now.

KUYPER: Yup.

NELSON: Okay. And what was your call number on the 10th of November.

KUYPER: Uh 4127.

NELSON: Okay. At some point and time, during the evening, did you become aware of a call for mutual aid out of the city of Crystal?

KUYPER: Yes.

NELSON: Can you tell me a little bit about that?

KUYPER: I, I believe it came out as a mental um guy with a gun, two guns to his head, um, at that time I didn't directly respond until uh Crystal asked for help so then we started rolling over there.

NELSON: Okay. Do you remember what time of day that was?

KUYPER: Oh gosh, 5:00.

NELSON: Okay. Is it pretty common uh given that you guys are all pretty closely together that you often time do mutual aid for other agencies?

KUYPER: Yes.

NELSON: Okay. So uh, once they ask for mutual aid, what happen then?

KUYPER: Uh, I made a, an emergency red run over to the address. Uh, initially I took up a position on the west side of the address because the Sergeant of Crystal asked us to, um, watch that side cause there was a park over there so I initially went over there, dark out my squads because the Sergeant asked to not have lights and sirens when you came in the area. So I went over there. I sat over there for a while. You just want me to keep going?

NELSON: Yeah.

KUYPER: Okay.

NELSON: Until...

KUYPER: Um, I then asked one of my partners to come bring me, we have a bunker. I didn't have a bunker so I asked one of my partners from, who was at the PD to bring me a bunk, a bunker. He met me, he then took my spot. Uh, I don't know how long it took for him to come over but I got the bunker. I drove over to I believe 53rd and Quail I think, wherever the command post was at. I don't remember the exact streets.

NELSON: Hmm mm.

KUYPER: Then I met up with the sergeant from Crystal. Um, I had my uh patrol rifle out, that's in our squad cars, and I waited for further instructions from the Crystal sergeant.

NELSON: Okay so you're about 53rd and Quail, is that correct?

KUYPER: Is where the command post was I believe, yes.

NELSON: And where about would you have been?

KUYPER: In that same, roughly in that same area.

NELSON: Okay. And who else was around that you're aware of?

KUYPER: Um, Albers from Crystal Police Department, um, Sergeant Brandon Dorr from Crystal Police Department, Sergeant Geoff Kusick and um Sergeant Doug Brunner from New Hope and then there was a Plymouth Canine, I believe his name was Steve Larson was there.

NELSON: So as you're holding your position, what uh, what happened next?

KUYPER: Well initially we're at 53rd and Quail and then we walked down the street uh with bunkers to the address where the call came out. Uh, we took up a position, the house to the east of it, on the front step, two front step, uh we decided to post up there with them. Sergeant Dorr had a bunker and then we

used my bunker and we kind of made a made shift uh bunker I guess. I don't know how to explain that but so we're all kind of behind that. Um, I was holding my rifle um towards where the suspect's house was. I didn't have a good view point of the garage. Um, it was pushed further back. The house, the suspect's house was pushed further back than were my house, the house we were at so I didn't have good view point of the garage at that time. Um, at some point, I don't know a time frame, I don't know what time, I saw a male, a white male come out of the garage. Um, he appeared to have um, he was drinking something. Uh, I also noticed there was a red dot on the driveway, down by his feet. Um, I didn't know if it was laser pointer or some firearms come with laser dots for their sights. Um, we were then notified from an, I don't remember which officer it was across the streets at um, looks like he has a firearm in his hand. Um, we didn't identify ourselves because in the notes from the text, he said any police officer, he would engage in a, a shootout, he wanna kill police so we just kind of held our ground there. Um, he then went back in the garage and I think one shot was fired from him, uh, unknown direction. Uh, I don't know what firearm he used to shoot. Um, I could hear yelling, "I wanna kill myself." And then a lot of the stuff was uh garbled. I just couldn't, I couldn't decipher what it was. Um, we got notified that I think he went back in the house, turned off the light, turned on a light, came back out in the garage ad I believe another shot was fired by him at some point. Uh we just held our spot. We were just kind of holding up position of cover. Um, so, yeah, it, that was about it and then at some point he was in the garage, uh, I didn't see any of that cause like I said his house was pushed back so our sight line was, he had to come out of the garage for us to see him. Um, at some point, another shot rang out. Uh, we found out that was one of partners that shot. At this point, we moved up with the bunkers, uh Sergeant Dorr, Sergeant Kusick, myself, uh, Officer Albers and Sergeant Brunner, we moved up. As we came across the suspect, he was laying down on the ground. Uh, his feet towards us. I could see a pool of red uh, blood in the garage. Uh, we had the bunkers up. We were given verbal commands uh, I believe Sergeant Dorr told Officer Albers who had a less lethal shotgun to shoot him with the less lethal shotgun. Uh, Officer Albers um, shot him with less lethal. There was no um, what's the word I'm looking for...

NELSON: Like...

KUYPER: No response by the suspect um, that it hit. Uh, our rifles have flashlights, uh weapon lights on the end so I was kind of quickly lightening him up, uh err, turning the light on, turn it off, like I notice the firearm, I think in between in his legs. There's also one by his right hand and not by it, it was by his right hand, not in his hand. Um, we eventually went up uh and secured him. Hand, handcuffed him and uh, I removed one of the uh, I believe it's a revolver that was by his right hand. I took my foot and moved it away from the suspect so we could secure him.

NELSON: Where did you move that handgun to?
KUYPER: I moved it down the driveway and then um, once we, he was secured, um, we had gather all the guns by the front step of the suspect's house and I stood over that as other officers uh came running up uh after the shot, to clear the house and to kind of just gain secure, uh scene security.

NELSON: How many uh rounds were fired on the less lethal?
KUYPER: One that I recall.

NELSON: Okay. And how many handguns did you see?
KUYPER: 3.

NELSON: Okay. Were they revolver, semi-autos?
KUYPER: One was a revolver and I believe two were semi-autos.

NELSON: Okay. As you approached, did anyone try to speak with the person in the garage?
KUYPER: I believe somebody said police, show me your hands, show me your hands, uh, that was said several times. No response again from the suspect.

NELSON: Did he react in any way?
KUYPER: No.

NELSON: Do you know who that was?
KUYPER: I think it was Sergeant Dorr but I, when we were making the approach it was, it was pretty just chaotic and I, so I, I can't recall who, I just remembered somebody had said hey show me your hands, show me your hands and then we made the approach.

NELSON: Did you, at any point, see the handgun pointed at you or pointed at your um, other people on the, approach team?
KUYPER: No.

NELSON: Okay. Could you tell what he was saying? The person inside the garage?
KUYPER: Periodically.

NELSON: And what types of thing was he saying?
KUYPER: Um, I'm gonna kill myself, I wanna be killed, that was about the extent and then the rest, a lot of it was just uh garbled or we couldn't hear it because it, it was pretty windy out and we were a house away, so depending on where he was at, the, we couldn't hear what he was saying so.

NELSON: What was his demeanor based on what you could see and hear?
KUYPER: Uh agitated, um, he was, um, the time I did see him, um, it seem like he was just kind of swinging the, if, the firearm in his hand around cause the laser

um, dot was moving a lot around the driveway. He never pointed it at us but it was just um, his screaming. Um, short burst of yelling. Um, he just seem very agitated and all the information we had from dispatched was that he wanna kill the poli-you know he wanted to be killed by the police. He wanted to have a shootout with the police so that really came into play with how we were reacting, because of that information so...

NELSON: How many shots do you believe the suspect fired?

KUYPER: Two.

NELSON: Okay, and, could you differentiate between his firing and the shots by officers?

KUYPER: No.

NELSON: Okay.

KUYPER: Only until I was told that the, that our officer shot if that, if that make sense.

NELSON: Yeah, was...

KUYPER: [Inaudible]

NELSON: Was that over the radio or?

KUYPER: Yes. Yup. Um, once the, another, I believe it was a third shot rang out, we were told an officer shot, and then at that point, where that officer is at from their vantage point, they said, the suspect was down so then that's when we made our approach.

NELSON: Could you see the suspect at that time that that shot was fired?

KUYPER: No.

NELSON: Okay. Once you approached, uh, can you tell me again what your role was?

KUYPER: I had a, a, squad, AR15 or a squad rifle. Uh, I was behind um, Sergeant Kusick and Sergeant Dorr was in front of me. Officer Albers was behind me and we were just kind of stacked up, um, as Sergeant Dorr held the bunkers, is kind of a mobile cover so.

NELSON: And, was the suspect obviously deceased when you guys approached?

KUYPER: Yes.

NELSON: How could you tell?

KUYPER: There was a large amount of blood in the garage.

NELSON: Okay. And did anybody provide 1st aid or was it obvious that he was deceased?

KUYPER: Uh, we secured him. As soon as we secured him, uh North Ambulance was down the street waiting for us to secure. They arrived on scene very, very

quickly because we hadn't clear the house yet so we were, we weren't sure if anybody else was in the house or what was going on so uh North Ambulance came and I believe the paramedic said they see brain matter and they, they called him deceased. I don't remember what the paramedic's name was. I don't, I don't, yeah, so.

NELSON: After uh, he was pronounced, what happened next?

KUYPER: I stood there, um, over the uh suspect's firearms, uh, for, cause they weren't secure. Um, bunch of other officers went inside the house, cleared the house. They said it was fine. Um, more Crystal officer showed up. They started taping things off. I just held my position um, standing over the suspect's firearms. Um, then my, Sergeant Brunner came up and said you can go back to squad, and he was gonna watch the weapon so then I disengaged from the scene.

NELSON: Okay. And what happened with next with you?

KUYPER: I just went back to my squad car, uh, put my rifle away, um, called my wife and told her I was okay and then just, just was, I just stayed in the area in case they need anything else.

NELSON: Did you fire handgun, or your wea-uh weapon at all?

KUYPER: No.

NELSON: Okay.

NYBECK: Just got a couple quick ones here. You said when he was out, you saw a red dot um, on the ground.

KUYPER: Yeah like in the drive, he was out in the driveway so he was, out of his garage and yeah it, a red dot was by his feet.

NYBECK: Did that red dot kind of move in hand with him?

KUYPER: His, his arm movement I would say so...

NYBECK: It corresponded to his hand movement?

KUYPER: Yeah, yup.

NYBECK: Okay. Um, uh, after he was shot and he was on the ground and you guys approached, you said you saw a couple guns on the ground? Uh, uh, did any of these guns have like a laser sight on them?

KUYPER: I, I didn't look closely at, at that when we were securing them. Um, like I said, I just used my foot to, to move.

NYBECK: Okay.

KUYPER: The firearms back and um, I think I actually took um, the less lethal shotgun from Officer Albers because he was going into handcuff and I was trying to help him so he be hands free to handcuff him so I actually, I slid the gun with

my foot. Um, somebody said secure the suspect. Albers, I was, Albers was in front of me. He turned towards me, he handed me the less lethal. I took it while they handcuffed him.

NYBECK: Okay.

KUYPER: So.

NYBECK: And, were you and other officers being relayed, continuously over the radio about what was known or learned by uh, the negotiator or dispatch?

KUYPER: Uh, yes to both and also the officers across the street that could actually see into the suspect's garage just because we, we couldn't see into the garage so there's officers across the street and they were telling us he's inside, or he's at the bay window.

NYBECK: Okay.

KUYPER: So he, they were also relaying information on top of dispatch and um, the negotiator.

NYBECK: Um, for the negotiator and dispatch, um, what specifically did they relay over the radio regarding the, the potential danger of the situation, i.e., did they relay any threats that they learned that [Inaudible] is making?

KUYPER: Uh yes, um, we were told, I think he was on the phone with his sister, but dispatch was also hearing this and they were hearing him yell that he wanted to shoot it out with the police, kill the police or he has more fire power than the police. Things, things of that nature. Um, I don't remember exactly, well, just things along those lines of one thing that really stuck that from the, from the information was, he wanted a western style shootout with police. I remember that specifically from dispatch.

NYBECK: Okay.

KUYPER: So.

NELSON: And that was aired over the main?

KUYPER: Um, I don't remember if it was aired over the main but when we respond to calls I can look at the notes in dispatch and I believe that was in there saying um, the suspect had said he wanted a western, it just stuck, it just um, popped out at me because of the, that language of...

NYBECK: Okay.

KUYPER: A western style shootout. We don't, normally, it, it, you don't normally put that in like dispatch notes so I think it kind of, cause, this might be for real, just because of that...

NYBECK: Okay.

KUYPER: Kind of verbiage so...

NYBECK: And which officers across the street were relaying verbally to you guys that were to the, to the side about what they were seeing?

KUYPER: Uh, they were on the radio relaying stuff.

NELSON: Oh.

KUYPER: Um, like we weren't yelling at each other so I, I guess I didn't clear that up but, I think uh Robbinsdale officer was telling us what was going on and then um, one of my other partners was also letting us know...

NELSON: Do you remember their names?

KUYPER: I believe the Robbinsdale was Casey Landherr, uh, Officer Ben Harty from New Hope and then I can't remember if uh New Hope Todd Black talked on the radio because when I was in my stack, I actually had turned my radio down a little bit because we had four officers in close proximity to each other and the radios echo a whole lot so I, I turned mine down um, relying on hearing my partner's radio because I, I wasn't in a position of command. This wasn't like, it wasn't my call. Crystal asked for assistance so I was, right next to the two Crystal Sergeants listening to um, what they wanted to do.

NYBECK: Okay.

KUYPER: For the call.

NYBECK: Now when he was come pacing in and out of his garage, do you, do you make eye contact with any of the officers across the street or were you guys were at?

KUYPER: It was, it was dark um where we were at. Um, I don't know if he made contact or even saw us because I don't think we wanted to be seen because he said as soon as we seen, as soon as he sees police, he's gonna shoot at us which is why we were a house away and I believe um, the officers across the street were in a, a darker um, dark place like uh, dark cover place.

NYBECK: Now uh, that was gonna be my next question. Um, when you saw it was dark out, was it dusk or was it like sun was down.

KUYPER: Sun was down.

NYBECK: Okay.

KUYPER: Yup, dark.

NYBECK: So cars, if cars were out, they would have their lights on? That's how dark it was?

KUYPER: Yes.

NYBECK: Okay.

KUYPER: Yes.

NYBECK: Alright, I'm good. I don't have any more questions.

NELSON: Did anybody air anything on the radio um, about seeing a handgun or seeing a weapon?

KUYPER: Uh, yes I believe um, the Robbinsdale officer had mentioned he has a handgun in his, I believe his right hand. Um, so that's how we got that information at, at the time. I, from where we were at though, I, I couldn't actually, I couldn't see it. I was just re, relying on what the officer was telling uh, telling on the radio.

NELSON: [Inaudible] one second. Is there anything else you can think of that we need to add or we should know?

KUYPER: Not that I can think of.

NELSON: Okay, if you think of anything else, you can certainly uh, get back with us and you have that information and this interview will be ending at 0030 hours.

END OF STATEMENT