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LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT, ET AL.

DEPONENT: STEVE CONRAD

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BY MR. SIMMS: 1

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- 2 Chief Conrad, my name is Greg Simms.
- 3 I represent Semone Carter in the capacity of the estate of Shelby Gazaway in this matter. You have been deposed
- 5 many times before, correct?
 - Α Yes, sir.
- 7 Okay. Even though you've been deposed many
- 8 times, and I know that you know all of the rules of a
- 9 deposition, I'm going to go over them anyway.
- 10 My anticipation is, I'll probably be going over a lot of 11 things you already know today.
- 12 Α Yes, sir.
- 13 Q I'd ask you to just bear with me, please.
- 14 Α Yes. sir.
- 15 Generally, as we go through a deposition, your
- answers need to be verbal and audible. We're recording 16
- 17 this matter, so I would ask that you say yes, or no, or
- 18 I don't know whenever applicable, instead of shaking
- your head yes or no, or saying uh-huh or uh-uh; is that 19
- 20 acceptable?
- 21 Α Yes, sir.
- 22 At any time, we can take a break for any
- 23 reason, really. All I may ask is that if there's a
- 24 question on the table, you may answer the question
- 25 before we take that break, okay?
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- 1 Α Yes, sir.
- 2 Sometimes there may be objections as we go
- 3 through this. The general rule on objections is that I
- 4 would ask a question, then someone would state an
- 5 objection, and then you answer the question.
- 6 Occasionally, rarely, a lawyer may instruct a witness
- 7 not to answer a question. For example, if I ask,
- "What did you and your lawyer talk to about this 8
- subject," that could be calling for attorney-client
- privilege and would be something that you could be 10
- instructed not to answer, but generally there's a 11
- 12 question, an objection would be stated, and then you
- 13 answer the question, okay?
- 14 Α Yes. sir.
- 15 If at any time I ask a question that is
- unclear, that is my fault, not yours. I would ask you 16
- to ask me to restate or rephrase the question if 17
- anything at all is unclear; is that fair? 18
- 19 Α Yes, sir.
- 20 If I ask a question and you answer it, I will
- 21 assume that you understood the question; is that fair?
- 22 Yes, sir.
- 23 0 I want to talk about just your role as Chief
- 24 of Police at Louisville Metro Police Department briefly.
- 25 During what time span were you Chief of Police?

- I started in 2012, March 19th of 2012. Α
- And I was relieved of that job on June 1st of 2020. 2
 - You were the chief policymaker for LMPD during Q that period of time, correct?
- MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 5 6
- answer. 7 Α I was responsible for the policies that were
- 8 made in the -- in the department. 9 To be more specific, you were responsible for 10 the implementation of standard operating procedures at
- 11 Louisville Metro Police Department?
 - Α Yes, sir.
- 13 You were responsible for the training and 14 supervision on those standard operating procedures,
- 15 correct?
- 16 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. Answer.
 - Α Yes, sir.
- 18 Q Okay. And for instances in the standard
- 19 operating procedures that involved, for example, use of
- 20 force, if an officer does not follow the standard
- 21 operating procedures, someone could be killed or hurt as
- 22 a result?
- 23 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection --
- 24 That fair?
- MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. 25

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- 1 Α That -- that could be an occurrence.
 - Yes, sir.

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- Q Okay. The standard operating procedures for Louisville Metro Police Department are rules that the
- officers in your employ as chief must follow, correct?
 - No, sir. Α
- The standard operating procedures are not 0
- 8 rules that the officers can choose to disobey, correct? 9 Yes, sir. However, the -- the preface of the
- standard operating procedure manual, does allow for 10
- deviation from a policy or a procedure, but the officer 11
- 12 would need to justify their reason for that variation
- 13
 - from whatever the policy says.
 - Are the parameters that allow deviation set forth in the standard operating procedures?
 - Yes, sir. It is laid out in the preface of
- the standard operating procedure manual. 17
- And can you explain that? What is the -- what 18
- 19 are the parameters for deviating from the standard
- 20 operating procedures that you knew of during your stint
- as chief -- and specific -- more specifically, in 21
- 22 November of 2019; if you know?
 - MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can
- 24 answer if you know.
 - I would need to see the preface page from the



Page 10 1 standard operating procedure. I haven't looked at that 2 material since 2020. I -- I wouldn't have an 3 opportunity to remember it specifically. But that variation or the -- the -- the information that I'm referring to is -- is in that preface. 5 If someone did deviate from the standard 6 7

- operating procedures, what would they need to do?
- 8 They would need to be in a position to explain 9 the reason for their deviation to their commanding 10 officer.
- 11 Okay. And is that a situation where the commanding officer would be the individual who would 12 13 either approve or disapprove of the deviation?
- It would depend on the deviation, the reason 14 15 for the deviation. That -- that would be something that, you know, in -- in a minor situation, a minor 16 17 policy, I think a sergeant could understand it and --18 and explain it and -- and allow it. In use of force situation, particularly involving someone's death, that 19 20 -- that deviation or request for a deviation would be 21 escalated and would be considered through the 22 investigation that was completed in -- in terms of either a -- a professional standards investigation or a 23 24 public integrity investigation.
 - Do you know why generally you are here today?

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Α Correct.

- 0 Do you know if you've ever watched any video in regard to the shooting of Shelby Gazaway?
- I did see the video from the shooting. Α
- 6 0 In addition to implementing, training, and 7 supervising on the standard operating procedures as 8 Chief of Police, there was a degree of deterring and incentivizing specific behaviors for police, correct? 9
 - I don't understand your --

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

I'm sorry. Α

MR. MCKIERNAN: Yeah. Objection to form.

I -- I don't understand the question, sir. Α

15 Well, so with regard to supervising on SOPs, officers could be punished and terminated for violation 16 17 of SOPs, correct?

> Α That is possible. Yes, sir.

0 And in addition to that, there were certain things that you could do as far as, like, commendations or awards that you could give officers, correct?

> Α Yes, sir.

Okay. And the general overarching and probably oversimplified version of that is that there are things that you can do as chief to sort of

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Yes, sir. Α

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Why is that?

3 I -- I'm -- I'm here because of the death of -- of a man at the hands of -- of two Louisville Metro 4 5 Police Officers in -- in 2019.

- Do you know who the individual is who is 6 0 7 deceased?
- 8 Α I -- I -- I do not.
- 9 Does the name Shelby Gazaway mean anything to 10 you?
- 11 I recognize it from the litigation. Α
- 12 Can -- do you understand why you personally 0 13 are involved in this lawsuit?
- 14 Α It is my understanding that I'm here because I 15 was the Chief of Police at the time of the incident.
- Have you read any of the documents that are 16 involved in the litigation? 17
 - I have not. Α
- 19 0 Did you do anything to prepare for today?
 - Α Other than a conversation with my counsel.
- 21 No, sir.

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- 22 You didn't review any of the legal documents Q 23 for this case to prepare for today?
- 24 Α Correct.
 - Q You did not watch any video to prepare for

1 incentivize the behaviors that are -- that you want to see and punish and deter the behaviors that you don't want to see, fair?

> MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can answer if you understand.

situation where someone has violated SOP, the purpose

I think that taking any sort of action in a

8 for that penalty, punishment, whatever it might be, 9 whether it's a written reprimand all the way up to a suspension, that is intended to do a couple of things. 10

Obviously, change that particular employee's behavior in 11

12 the future. Or in -- in terms of a termination, to have 13 that, you know, officer leave the department, where we

14 don't have any additional problems from that officer.

15 In terms of the awards and commendations, that was all

delegated. I usually learned of the awards the day of 16 the awards banquet. I didn't personally, with maybe a 17

couple of exceptions, write any of the commendations or 18

19 -- or actually give any of the awards, other than the

20 presentation portion of it. So I don't know that -- that the incentivizing anything by way of commendation or 21

22 award is -- is -- is accurate. It was not a means I

23 ever used for motivation.

24 Well, I think one of the things that we're getting caught up in here is the purpose for doing it or 25



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- 1 -- versus maybe the effect that it has. And let me try 2 to make myself a little bit more clear. Earlier, you
- 3 had indicated that whenever someone violated SOPs, there
- would be several different possible reasons for
- 5 punishing that, or for the repercussions for violating
- SOPs. Could be for changing that individual's behavior. 6
- 7 In the case of termination, it could be to make sure
- 8 that that person is not an officer anymore, correct?
- 10 But in addition, when you punish those for 11 violations of SOPs, it has the effect of letting other
- officers know that that conduct is not tolerated, 12
- 13 correct?

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- 14 Α Yes, sir.
- 15 Q So it's not -- the function of that is not just for the officer who violated the SOPs. It has a 16
- function that is a little broader, that can have an 17 18 effect on the rest of the department, fair?
- 19 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 20 answer.
- 21 Α It -- it could.
- 22 Same for the presentation of awards or
- 23 commendations; is that correct? I mean, it -- the
- 24 purpose could be for that individual as far as that
- 25 person is rewarded or let known that their behavior was

- 1 0 Okay. It's standard practice to separate 2 witnesses, and then interview them close to the event as possible; is that fair?
 - Yes, sir.
- 5 And the purpose for that is, so that witnesses don't either intentionally or unintentionally get their 6 story together, correct? 7
- 8 I don't know whether that's the reason or --Α 9 or not the reason. You're trying to get truthful 10 information about what occurred. There are -- in -- in 11 the case of an officer-involved shooting, there is an opportunity to -- to have a -- a conversation with 12 13 counsel prior to giving a statement. But -- but yes.
 - Okay. Generally speaking, if you have witnesses to an event, if they are together, they can get a story together, correct?
 - MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.
 - And if you separate them, it helps to remove that possibility, fair?
- 20 That -- that -- that potential is there and --21 and yes, separating them would lessen the potential for 22 that to occur.
- 23 And for the most part, when you interview 24 witnesses -- I'm -- and I'm not talking about an 25 officer-involved shooting. But the standard practices

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- appropriate or beneficial. But in addition to that, it 1 2 had -- can have an effect on the rest of the department as in showing the others what a behavior is appropriate
- 4 or rewarded, fair?

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- MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection.
- I guess it could. I don't know that that message would be received by everyone in the department, but I would certainly believe it would be by members of the department who attended the -- the banquet when the awards were -- were given.
- Or anyone who got wind of it through media or other sources; is that fair?
 - Α Potentially. Yes, sir.
- I want to move on to some general questions about police training. You've been through numerous instances of training as an officer yourself, correct?
 - Yes, sir.
- Generally speaking, when it comes to police work, police are trained when they're questioning witnesses to separate witnesses, correct?
- Honestly, I -- I don't know that. That is --21 22 that is a -- a standard practice when you're trying to 23 solicit information from a -- from a witness. But --24 but I don't know if that's a part of the SOP. It -- it

- 1 to interview them as quickly after the event as
 - possible, because it's generally well known that
 - people's memories can change over time, fair?
 - 4 Again, I don't know that there -- that is laid out in policy, that it must be done immediately or $\operatorname{\mathsf{--}}$ or 5 right away. But yes, as a -- as a -- as a practice --6 7 as a good practice, I -- I would agree with you.
 - Okay. And the general rule for officers 8 9 gathering evidence in a case is to gather the evidence, weigh the evidence, and then make some sort of 10 determination, as opposed to making the determination, 11 12 and then gathering the evidence to support their 13 determination, correct?
 - MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.
 - I think you have to complete an investigation before you can come to a conclusion. Yes, sir.
 - 17 Okay. What does "identifying yourself as an Q officer" mean to you? 18
 - Α
 - 20 Q I will be asking several stupid questions 21 through the course of this deposition.
 - 22 No. That's not stupid at all. No, sir.
 - I think identifying yourself as an officer would be 23
 - 24 letting another person know that you are, in fact, a
 - 25 police officer. That might be obvious from wearing a



likely is, but I don't know that.

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uniform. It may not from an officer that's wearing 1 2 plain clothes. But if you're getting ready to -- to -to do something, identifying yourself as an officer is a 3 good way to let people know that you are, in fact, a 5 police officer.

> Why is it a -- why is that a good practice? Q

It -- it -- I think it's important to let, again, people know that you are a police officer. However, again, an officer in uniform, it's -- it's -it's a pretty plain situation. Officer that's not in uniform, I think that's a much more standard practice or a standard statement to make if -- to make sure that the person you're dealing with understands that you are, in fact, a police officer.

Q There could also be other instances where an officer is in uniform. For example, if there's a door between them and another person, or a wall, or whatever other object or circumstance that could prevent them for -- from seeing the officer or from seeing the identifying information. That could also be something that would benefit the officer and the public for identifying themselves as an officer; is that fair?

23 Α In -- in most situations, yes. I would agree 24 with that.

> 0 Okay. What does the term "de-escalation" mean

Page 20 standard practice that you know of where a -- screaming 1 or shouting would be a part of de-escalation? 2

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

I don't think it's a part of de-escalation, but it may be important in the situation depending on other sounds that are -- are happening. But --

Sure. I'm just asking about -- I'm sorry, I stepped on your words there. I did not -- I'm just talking about de-escalation specifically. And I think what you're getting at is, there could be times when de-escalation is either not appropriate or not available, right? 12

> Α Yes, sir.

Q But when it is, what I'm talking about is, when there is -- when the possibility of de-escalation, using a calm voice is always preferable to shouting or screaming.

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

I -- I believe it would be helpful, yes. Α

Also, giving a person time and space is a part of de-escalation, correct?

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

23 Α Typically, yes.

24 If an officer sees a weapon in someone's hand, 25 and they want the person to drop that weapon, is there

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De-escalation, and -- and I've heard that term specifically with the use of force is, it is an attempt to try to change the outcome of a situation by -- by trying to calm the person you're dealing with down, to try to use comments or -- or words that will cause a person to relax or at least maybe change their course of potential conduct by -- by -- by trying to talk them down, if that -- if that makes sense.

Okay. Are there any tactics in the course of doing exactly what you're talking about that you can speak on that are standard of practice?

Again, I've -- I've not reviewed the -- the Α standard operating procedure in -- in a long time. That is laid out in the standard operating procedure. There are different methods for trying to de-escalate situations. And I know that is described in the department's use of force policy and is trained in basic training and also in -- in many of the continuing education.

What about using a calm voice? Is that part of the standard practice of de-escalation?

23 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

24 It can be. Α

> Well, is there -- is there ever an -- a 0

Page 21 1 any standard practice for what the officer should say?

> Α Not that I'm aware of.

3 Q Have you ever heard officers give commands to 4 drop a weapon?

Α I'm sure that I have.

That's something that's pretty common, fair? 6 7 If officers see a weapon to tell someone to drop that weapon?

9 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection. You can answer.

Α Generally, yes.

11 Q Are you familiar with open carry law in 12 Kentucky?

13 I -- I know that -- that it is allowed in Α 14 Kentucky. I don't know the -- the law specifically.

15 Okay. But generally, you would agree with the statement that carrying a gun out in the open in public 16 in Kentucky is not unlawful? 17

> Α Unless you're a convicted felon, yes.

There are other circumstances as well. If somebody's too young to have a handgum, that could --

Α Sure. Sure.

22 -- also be illegal. If the gun is defaced or Q 23 stolen, that could be illegal as well. But just the 24 general idea without any other additional information, carrying a gun in the -- out in the open in Kentucky is 25



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1 not a sign of unlawful behavior, fair?

- 2 A That is correct. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q I want to take you through, just generally,4 what you know about this case and when you learned the
- 5 information that you received. And I'll purport to you
- 6 that Shelby Gazaway was shot on November 7 of 2019
- 7 outside of a Kroger in Louisville, Kentucky. Do you
- 8 have any dispute with what I've just told you?
 - A No, sir.

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- 10 Q Okay. Take us through when you learned about 11 this and how you learned about it.
- 12 A I received a telephone call from Assistant
- 13 Chief Josh -- Josh Judah that there had been a shooting
- 14 at the Kroger store in Portland. I responded to the
- 15 scene. This was at some point, you know, well after the
- 16 shooting when I finally arrived.
- 17 Q Do you know when you got that contact from 18 Chief Josh Judah?
- 19 A No, sir. It was in the evening, but I don't
- 20 know the specific time.
- Q Okay. If I indicated to you that Mr. Gazaway was shot sometime around 6:30 p.m., would you have any
- 23 dispute with that?
- 24 A No, sir. It -- it was in the evening and --
- 25 and -- and -- and dark, I know when I arrived.

- A I'm -- I'm sure that -- that there were
- 2 opportunities for me to exchange texts with Assistant
- 3 Chief Judah, but I -- I don't remember anything specific
- to this case.
- 5 Q Okay. Officers would, for official
- 6 communications with other officers, frequently use
- 7 dispatch, but then they also frequently use cell phone
- 8 communications as well, fair?
 - A I would assume so, yes.
- 10 Q And you don't recall any specific text
- 11 messages with Assistant Chief Judah, but it's possible
 - that that did happen?
 - MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.
 - A It -- it is possible, but I -- I don't recall
- 15 any.
- 16 Q Okay. And this was on the evening of November 17 7, 2019?
- 18 A Yes, sir.
- 19 Q And obviously at some point he told you which
- 20 Kroger it was, fair?
- 21 A Yes, sir. He -- he told me that information
- 22 during the -- the call.
- 23 Q Did he indicate which officers, or how many
- 24 officers, were involved in the shooting?
 - A I don't recall the specifics. I -- I -- I

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- 1 Q And it was November, and it would tend to get 2 dark a little earlier in November than it does now, for 3 example, as we sit here in March?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q So you get this call from Josh Judah.
- 6 Where were you at the time that you got that call?
 - A I was at police headquarters.
- 8 Q Okay. Do you recall what he said?
- 9 A I do not.
- 10 Q He indicated that there was a shooting at
- 11 Kroger. Any other information that you recall getting
- 12 from him?

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- 13 $\,$ $\,$ A $\,$ I'm sure there was more to the conversation
- 14 than that, but I -- I don't know that.
- 15 Q Was that call documented in any way?
- 16 A No, sir.
- 17 Q Did the call come in on your cell phone, or
- 18 work phone, or through dispatch? How did you get that
- 19 contact?

- A It was a cell phone call.
- 21 Q Okay. Did you have any text messages with
- 22 Assistant Chief Josh Judah?
- 23 A Not that I recall.
- 24 Q Did you ever text Josh Judah?
- 25 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection.

- 1 don't believe so.
 - 2 Q Do you recall if he indicated who the person
 - was who was shot and killed, or why they were shot and
 - 4 killed, or any specifics about that person?
 - 5 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can
 - 6 answer.
 - 7 A There was no -- no information beyond the fact
 - 8 that there had been an officer-involved shooting at that
 - 9 location --
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 A -- that -- that I recall.
- 12 Q Was it standard practice for you to respond to
- 13 the scene for every officer-involved shooting?
- 14 A Almost every one of them. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q When it was possible?
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 Q So take us through, what did you do in
- 18 response to that call?
- 19 A I -- I drove to the location. Once I was
- 20 there, I -- I had an opportunity to speak with a couple
- 21 of the commanding officers who were there. I had an
- 22 opportunity to speak briefly with the two officers who
- 23 were involved in the shooting. I had then a meeting
- 24 with folks from our public information office. And one
- 25 of the assistant -- and one of the other assistant



Page 26 chiefs. And although I'm not 100 percent sure, I 1 2 believe we did a short press event there where -- where 3 I spoke briefly to the media. But -- but I'm not sure that occurred. I -- I think it did. It -- it did in most situations, but -- but I can't specifically remember that -- that particular briefing. 6 7 So at the scene, you spoke with several 8 commanding officers. Do you know who those officers 9 10 Α I do not. 11 Q Is there any -- would there be any documentation of you speaking with those commanding 12 13 officers? 14 Α No documentation that I made. I don't know if 15 they -- they made any documentation of it or not. Is there any reason why they wouldn't document 16 Q 17 that? 18 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. I -- I don't know that there would necessarily 19 20 need to be a documentation of someone interacting with 21 me, but that could have occurred. 22 What were the substance of those 23 communications? 24 I don't recall the specifics, other than 25 checking on officers, and -- and that would've been Page 27 1 about the extent of it. 2 What do you mean "checking on officers?" 3 Checking on the -- essentially, the safety of 4 the officers that had been involved. 5 Okay. It was through your communication with commanding officers that you obtained the identity of 6 7 Norton and Dugan who were involved in the shooting? 8 Α Yes, sir. 9 Okay. And through that communication with the commanding officers that led you to the identities and 10 the location of Norton and Dugan, and then led you to go 11 12 speak with them? 13 Α Correct. 14 Aside from the substance that we've just 15 talked about, about them referring you essentially to Norton and Dugan, do you recall any other substance of 16 conversation with commanding officers when you first 17 arrived on the scene November 7th? 18 19 Α I do not. 20 O Okay. So then you went to speak with Norton 21 and Dugan, correct? 22

26..29 Page 28 the Kroger building itself. 1 2 Outside? 0 They were sitting inside police cars, as they 3 were separated. But no, they -- they were -- they were 4 sitting in the passenger side of -- of the respective 5 cars that they were sitting in. 6 7 So are you telling me that Dugan was in one 8 car and Norton was in a different car? 9 Α Correct. 10 0 Who did you speak with first? 11 Α Honestly, I don't remember. Did you speak with both of those officers? 12 Q 13 Α T did. 14 Q What was the substance of the conversation 15 that you had with them? Again, I don't remember all of the specifics, 16 17 but it was -- and this is typically the -- the things 18 that I say when I have conversations or when I had conversations with officers that had been involved in 19 20 shootings. I ask them if they're okay. I ask them if 21 they had had an opportunity to speak with family. 22 And that is typically the extent of that conversation. I don't recall anything different in the conversations 23 24 with these two officers. 25 Your only conversation with them would have Page 29 been to ask if they're okay, and sort of assess that 1 from their perspective, and then ask if they've had a 3 chance to speak with family? 4 Α Correct. 5 Q And that's all that you would have a conversation with them about? 6 7

Α Yes, sir. That -- that is -- that is all I recall. And again, not only in this situation, but in the vast majority of other officer-involved shootings.

Do you recall what they indicated to you on 10 Q November 7th? 11

> Α I -- I don't, sir.

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14 Other than -- than indicating that they were -15 - they were fine, and they had talked to family. I -- I don't recall any specifics. 16

They both indicated that they were fine, and 17 Q they had spoken with their family? 18

19 Α That was an indication. Again, I -- I don't 20 know any specifics of what they said -- or don't recall any specifics of what they may have said, but --21

22 Without knowing the exact verbiage, that's 23 what they indicated to you?

24 Α Yes, sir.

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2 A That was when I had the opportunity to meet 3 with the Public Information person that I was dealing 4 with and the other assistant chief.

Q And who was that person from Public 6 Information?

- A It was Jessie Halladay.
- Q Jessie Halladay with PIU?

9 A No. She -- she is with -- she was a special 10 advisor on my command staff that -- that essentially was 11 responsible for public information.

12 Q She's essentially a PR person?

13 A No. She -- I mean, she was -- was a -- a -14 an advisor to me and it did involve dealings with the
15 media and -- and also sometimes dealings with -- with
16 the public, but I wouldn't -- public relations isn't -17 wasn't her -- her job necessarily.

18 Q But at least a part of her job was advising 19 you on, for lack of a better phrase, how to interact 20 with the public?

A With the public and with the media. Yes, sir.

Q Okay. Is there any difference between that and what you understand public relations to be?

24 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

25 A I -- I don't know what -- public relations, I

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that there was essentially, for lack of a better word, a
"spiel" that you would give to officers after they were
involved in an officer-involved shooting, "Are you okay,
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6 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 7 answer.

8 A That -- that is -- that is what I just 9 testified to, yes.

Q Okay. Was there anything like that with Jessie Halladay? Did she have essentially a spiel of this is what we say, or this is what we do when there's an officer-involved shooting, these are the things that she would say to you?

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form, and also for the use of spiel.

MR. SIMMS: That's probably fair.

A Yeah -- yeah. I -- again, I -- I don't recall the specifics of the conversation. I believe that we spent our time talking to prepare for the comments that I made to the media on the scene. But again, I'm not 100 percent sure that occurred, but I -- I believe that was -- that did happen and that was my reason for the conversations with Lieutenant Colonel Parks and -- and -- and Jessie Halladay.

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always take it as a way to, you know, change people's minds about who you are and what you are, like, you're

3 trying to sell something, and I don't -- that -- that's

4 what I see -- or at least what I -- what I took away

from public relations and -- and that's not necessarily the same thing in -- at least in my mind.

Q Okay. You associate a negative connotation of spin with public relations?

9 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

A That would be one of my concerns, yes.

Q Okay. But Jessie Halladay, at least, a portion of her job, was to assist and advise you on interacting with the public and media, correct?

A Yes.

Q Okay. Who was the assistant chief that you spoke with along with Jessie Halladay?

17 A That was Shara Parks.

18 Q Shara?

19 A S-H-A-R-A Parks.

20 Q What was the substance of the conversation 21 with Jessie Halladay?

22 A I don't recall any of the specifics.

23 Q Do you remember anything generally?

24 A No.

Q What are the types of things -- you indicated

1 Q What were the type of things that she would 2 say in that regard, as far as how to interact with the 3 public and the media?

4 A Again, I -- I don't recall any of the 5 specifics.

Q Do you recall anything generally? Did she generally advise you to keep things vague? Did she generally advise you to not talk about specifics or anything at all you remember generally?

A No, sir.

11 Q But what was the purpose of talking to Jessie 12 Halladay?

13 A Essentially, she would help me get together 14 the -- the comments that I would make that were 15 preliminary in nature of -- of a shooting that had 16 happened -- that had just happened.

17 Q Essentially, how to present the narrative of 18 the story of what happened?

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

20 A I think essentially giving me, more or less, a 21 script to -- to be able to describe what occurred.

Q Okay. And that essentially, this story or script, however you want to use that term, would have come from who -- that Jessie Halladay spoke with?

A I couldn't tell you who Jessie Halladay spoke



Page 36 Page 34 1 with conversation? 1 2 Okay. What was the norm for Jessie Halladay, 2 Α I -- I -- I don't -- I don't recall. I don't 3 as far as in that sort of position? I guess my question 3 recall her -- I -- she was part of the conversation, but is: Would Jessie Halladay have gotten her information I -- I don't recall any specifics. from Norton and Dugan, or would Jessie Halladay have 5 Okay. Were Norton and Dugan wearing body cam gotten her information from lawyers, or would Jessie through these events after the shooting? 6 6 7 7 Halladay have gotten her information from other officers Δ I don't know that, sir. 8 who were intermediaries between her and Norton and 8 Would they have had body cam on when they 0 9 Dugan, is I guess, what I'm getting at? 9 spoke with you? 10 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection --10 Α I don't know that, sir. 11 I don't really know how to ask that, but do 11 Q Would your conversation have -- with Norton you know how she would get her information? and Dugan have been documented in any way? 12 12 13 No. I assume conversations with -- with 13 Α I don't know that, sir. It was not documented someone probably from the Public Integrity Unit, but --14 14 by me. 15 but I'm not sure who. 15 Should it have been? 0 Jessie Halladay wouldn't be interviewing Dugan MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. 16 16 and Norton herself, would she? 17 17 And I don't know that, sir. I -- I -- I've never documented that in -- in the situations that I've 18 Α No, sir. 18 Okay. That would be reserved -- in fact, 19 been in before. 19 20 Norton and Dugan giving official statements would not 20 Do you know if the emergency equipment in the 0 21 occur on November 7, 2019, fair? 21 vehicles where Norton and Dugan were sitting was 22 Correct. 22 activated? Α 23 Okay. But at some point, in unofficial 23 Α I have no idea, sir. Do you recall if the lights were running? I 24 statements, there are officers on November 7th who get 24 25 the rundown, for lack of a better term, from Norton and 25 mean, the flashing lights? Page 35 Page 37 1 Dugan? 1 I don't believe they were, but I -- I don't --2 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. 2 I don't specifically recall. 3 I'm not sure what information was exchanged in 3 Q Generally, in the cruisers they ran a digital 4 this situation. recording system, correct? 5 Do you recall what you told the media about 5 Δ I don't know that, sir. 0 this case? 6 Are you not familiar with the recording 6 7 Α I do not. 7 systems in the cruisers during the time period when you But at some point, Jessie Halladay has to get were chief? 8 8 9 the information of the script of what happened from 9 Well, they had a video camera that was in the someone who presumably got that information from Norton police car, and then the officers had body cameras on -10 10 and Dugan, fair? - on their person. I don't know that everything in the 11 11 12 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 12 car was recorded, that -- that's -- that's not my recollection of how that occurred unless the -- the 13 answer if you know. 13 14 I -- I don't know that. I'm -- that what 14 camera was running at the time. 15 you're saying is a -- is an assumption and -- and I 15 Are you familiar with the functioning of the generally agree with it. arbitrator recording system? 16 16 Okay. You have nothing to point to in order Not specifically. No, sir. 17 17 to disagree with that in this particular circumstance? Okay. Are you familiar with the functioning 18 18 19 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. 19 of the recording system in the cruisers at the time 20 Q Fair? 20 insofar as when the emergency lights are activated, that I believe so. it would go back 30 seconds and record from 30 seconds 21 Α 21 22 0 Okay. And then Shara Parks was present as 22 prior to the activation of emergency lights? 23 well? 23 Α I -- I am aware of some sort of buffer, but I 24 24 -- I don't know the specifics that you're -- you're Α



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suggesting. I -- I -- I don't doubt what you're saying.

Page 38 1 So I -- I'll purport to you that in those 1 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form and the word 2 cruisers, the digital system was always running, but 2 mouthpiece. 3 when they activated emergency lights, it would go back 3 Α Yes, sir. 30 seconds to start recording in order to record, Have you seen the body cam video in this case? 0 presumably, the reason for turning on the emergency Α I have. lights; does that sound familiar to you? Q Do you know when you watched that? 6 6 7 7 That -- yes, sir, that -- that's familiar. Α I would've seen it either later that evening Okay. And then that system would keep 8 8 or early the next morning in preparation for a press 9 recording until the emergency lights were deactivated? 9 briefing. 10 I -- I would assume that's the way it was 10 0 From the body cam of both Norton and Dugan? 11 supposed to work. Yes, sir. 11 Α Honestly, I -- I believe both, but I -- I 12 Okay. Do you know, as we sit here today, if don't recall. 12 13 you recall when you arrived on the scene, November 7th, 13 Q Okay. What do you recall from the body cam? if you saw police lights? Α It's been three years since I've seen it, to 14 14 I -- I don't recall. I'm sure there -- there 15 15 be honest with you, I don't remember much. Officers were cars there with their lights on. were behind some sort of -- of a wall and -- and were 16 16 firing shots, that's about the extent that I recall. 17 It was still an active crime scene, correct? 17 18 Α Yes, sir. 18 Q Do you recall seeing any aggressive behavior Okay. Or at least an investigative scene, from Shelby Gazaway? 19 19 20 fair? I mean nobody got charged with a crime, right? 20 I don't recall the specifics of the video at Α 21 Yes, sir. 21 all. Α 22 Okay. After speaking with Jessie Halladay and 22 Well, you may not recall all the specifics of 23 Shara Parks, what did you do next? 23 the video, but you do recall seeing the officers behind 24 My recollection, and again, I believe I gave a 24 a wall or a concrete pillar or some sort of barrier, 25 statement to members of the media, but as I've said a 25 correct? Page 39 1 couple of times, I'm -- I'm not 100 percent sure I did 1 Α 2 that. I believe that's what occurred. 2 And you recall that the officers at the time 3 Okay. And whatever statement you would've 3 did have their service weapons pulled, correct? 4 given to the media, or at least the substance of the 4 Α I don't know that, sir. statement, would've come from Jessie Halladay, fair? 5 Well, you indicated, I think that you saw the 5 Q 6 She would've scripted it for me, yes. officers firing weapons, correct? 6 7 Okay. And you, at that point, would have no 7 Yes. I don't recall if it was pistols or Α idea whether the information was accurate or not? rifles. 8 9 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. 9 Okay. But you recall seeing guns and that Is that fair? those guns were fired by the officers, fair? 10 Q 10 That is fair. And I would've couched any Yes, sir. 11 11 Α 12 statement that I made to the media as -- as saying this 12 Okay. And from your recollection, at this 0 13 information is preliminary. 13 time, you can't articulate anything physically 14 Q Okav. 14 aggressive from Shelby Gazaway's perspective, fair? 15 Always subject to change. 15 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can Α 16 Assuming you spoke with the media on November 16 answer if you know. 7, 2019, do you recall what you did after that? I -- I have no specific recollection of -- of 17 17 Α Mr. Gazaway in -- in the video. 18 Α Other than going home. No, sir. 18 19 That would've really been the purpose or the 19 Okay. Do you recall as we sit here today, 20 substantive purpose of you going out and responding to 20 seeing anything in that body cam that justified the an officer-involved shooting at the time, correct? 21 officers' use of force? 21 22 Yes, sir. 22 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 23 Okay. Just presenting that, essentially being 23 answer if you remember. 24 the mouthpiece for LMPD and presenting that to the 24 I don't know that, sir. Α



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- Okay. Do you know if during your conversation with Norton and Dugan, if they indicated that they were in danger at any point?
- MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.
- No, sir. Again, my conversations with those two officers stuck with, "Are you okay and have you had an opportunity to speak with family?" The conversations went nowhere beyond that.
- Okay. And we spoke earlier a little bit about Norton and Dugan's official statements wouldn't come until later after November 7, 2019, fair?
- 15 Q About when would be normal for officers to be interviewed in the context of use of lethal force? 16
- MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 17 18 answer.
- I don't know. 19 Α
- 20 It would be days or weeks after the event,
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- 22 It -- it could be. Α
- 23 Okay. Which is typically different than how
- 24 normal witnesses are interviewed, fair?
- MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection. 25
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- 1 Α True.
 - But at some point, prior to their official statements, Norton and Dugan give some sort of information to someone who gave that information to Jessie Halladay who gave that information to you?
 - The information was given to me by Jessie Halladay, the basic information of what occurred, and I don't know her source of that information.
 - The -- what I'm getting at is, at some point, Dugan and Norton are talking about what happened on November 7, 2019, and I think that's fair to assume, correct?
- 13 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.
- 14 Α I think that's a fair assumption, yes.
 - My question is: In what way would that have been documented? Body cam, cruiser cam, police report, any of the ways that are typical for documentation, what -- how would that have been done?
 - Α Again. I don't know, sir.
 - Well, what should have been done as far as documenting those preliminary conversations and getting that information from Dugan and Norton?
- 23 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 24 answer.
 - Again, I have -- I was acting as the police Α

chief. I have never investigated on my own an 1

- 2 officer-involved shooting. I have never worked on the
- 3 police department in that capacity. I am not able to
- articulate the procedure or policies that should have
- 5 been followed that may or may not have been followed in
- this situation. 6
- 7 Q Okay. Would you agree that as far as the 8 documentation that we have, when Shelby Gazaway walked out of Kroger, that he was walking and not running?
- 10 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 11 answer if you know.
- 12 I -- I'm unable to answer that question.
- 13 I don't know what Mr. Gazaway was doing. 14
 - If you saw it in the body cam video the night of the shooting, you don't recall, that's fair?
 - Α That's correct.
- 17 Do you ever recall Mr. Gazaway pointing a gun 18 at any individual?
- 19 Again, I -- I don't recall that. I have not Α 20 seen the video since 2019. I -- I don't recall the 21 contents of the video beyond what I've described.
- 22 Okay. So we discussed some of the context of 23 what happened after the shooting, and we've gone up to 24 at -- within 24 hours after the shooting, you indicated 25
 - that you watched the body cam video and that was to

prepare for what?

Again, the press conference that we held with the media, the -- the day following the -- the shooting.

Okay. Aside from watching the body camera, did you do anything else to prepare for that press conference?

- 7 Α The Lieutenant of the Public Integrity Unit would've prepared a narrative, a brief narrative of --8
- 9 of what had occurred. That information would've been
- shared with me, and I would've gotten a draft statement 10
- from one of the Public Information officers that was 11
- 12 based on the information that the Public Integrity
- 13 Lieutenant had provided. I would read through that --
- 14 that draft, make some potential changes. I don't recall
- 15 any specific changes that I made in this one, but -- but
- I would always make something and -- and then that would 16
- be the script that I would follow during the press 17 18
 - briefing.
- 19 So in order to prepare for the press 0 20 conference, you would have spoken with a lieutenant from PIU, and I have been going through, this the entire 21
- 22 time, under the assumption that both you and I know what
- PIU is. Can you explain that for the record, please? 23
- 24 Yes, sir. PIU, the -- the acronym stands for the Public Integrity Unit. The Public Integrity Unit 25





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- was responsible for investigating potential crimes 1
- 2 involving metro police officers, metro employees, and -
- and I -- I think that that's essentially the extent of 3
- it. They were responsible for criminal investigations
- involving employees and -- and as opposed to 5
- Professional Standards, which would be more focused in 6
- 7 on violations of policy.
- 8 And that's the difference between PIU and PSU?
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- 10 The profession -- both of those units are 11 supposed to be unbiased units that examine, in some
- cases, the conduct of an officer? 12
- 13 Α Yes, sir.
- 14 Q And the ultimate result of a PIU investigation 15 can be either to bring a criminal charge, or to not
- bring a criminal charge? 16
- 17 Α Yes, sir.
- 18 And the ultimate result of a PSU investigation can be to either absolve an officer of any sort of 19 20 culpability for violating a standard, or it can be to 21 discipline the officer in some way, correct?
- 22 Α Correct.
- 23 Q Unless they retire?
- 24 They could retire, you're right. Leave the
- 25 department prior to some sort of punishment. Yes, sir.

- special -- all special investigations. He had oversight 1 2 over PIU and -- and PSU. And then it was either the
- Major or the Lieutenant who would actually go into the 3 specifics of what occurred.
- 5 You wouldn't -- your role was to make any 6 changes you saw fit, and ultimately, approve the narrative that would be given to whoever it was from 7 8 PIU, who would deliver the statement to the press?
 - MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.
- 10 No, sir. I had no input into making changes 11 in the narrative of what occurred. That was something
- that was shared with me to -- to tell me what -- what 12
- 13 they thought had occurred at that early point in the
- investigation, but I would not make changes in their 14
- 15 statements. I would make change -- changes in the -- in
- the comments that I was making that were -- were 16
- 17 essentially at the beginning of the press conference.
- 18 What actually occurred, at least is based on what we
- knew at that time, was information that was prepared by 19 20 someone in Public Integrity.
- 21 Okay. That was the statement that you would 22 or would not alter, is the one that you would be giving?
 - The one that I was giving, yes.
- Okay. But they would share the narrative that 24 25 PIU was giving with you, correct?

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- 1 The day after the shooting on November 8, you 2 would have watched the body cam videos and you had 3 spoken to PIU -- a lieutenant from PIU. Do you recall 4 who that was?
 - Δ I don't. I believe it was Ted Eidem.
- How do you spell Eidem? 6 Q
- 7 E-I-D-E-M or it may have been the Major,
- Jamie Schwab, S-C-H-W-A-B, I believe. I'm not sure 8
- 9 which -- whether it was Schwab or Eidem that talked
- during the press statement. 10
- 11 Q Okay.
- 12 Α I'm not sure which I can't -- I just can't
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- And then they would give you a prepared narrative of what happened, and then you would be able to make any change -- read the script, make any changes that you saw appropriate?
- Yes. However, let me clarify. I was not 18
- 19 typically the one during the press briefing that
- 20 described what occurred. I would provide information
- about the importance of -- of providing information 21
- 22 about what occurred, why we were doing it, what we could
- 23 and couldn't say, and then I would turn it over to either the Lieutenant of Public Integrity, or I think in
- this case, Major Schwab who was responsible for all man 25

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- Okay. What was the purpose of sharing that with you if you weren't going to -- if you weren't in a
- 4 position to make any changes?
- 5 It gave me the opportunity to understand what Α
- had occurred. I had gotten preliminary information 6
- 7 verbally at the scene, and then this is some number of
- hours later where they've had the opportunity, "they" 8
- 9 being Public Integrity Unit members, have had the
- opportunity to have a better sense of what occurred -- a 10
- more accurate sense of what occurred. 11
 - By reviewing body cam?
- 13 Again, I would defer to Public Integrity to --
- 14 to -- I -- I have no idea what their -- what their
- 15 process was, but yes, I think that would be obviously
- one of the steps they would take. 16
- 17 Well, the body cam was available by that time because you'd -- you had watched it, correct? 18
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- 20 Q Was there any other evidence available that you knew of at that time? 21
- 22 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 23 answer if you remember.
- 24 0 Besides the officer's body cam?
 - I -- I would assume that there were witnesses



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1 involved. I -- I recall a bus being brought in with a

2 number of people being housed in the bus to keep them

3 warm, who we're going to be witnesses that were

more to this than just the body cameras.

Q When did that occur, the people being put in the bus? That would've been on the 7th, correct?

interviewed. So there was -- there was significantly

A Yes, sir. That was in place when I arrived.

Q Okay. So this is additional information of what you witnessed on the 7th. We hadn't talked about this previously, so I want to go back to that.

12 A Sure.

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13 Q At some point when you're out on the scene on 14 the 7th, you are made aware that there is -- there are a 15 substantial -- some sort of number of witnesses to the 16 events, correct?

17 A Yes, sir.

Q Okay. And that those people were, at the time you were there on the 7th, located inside a bus?

20 A Correct.

Q Okay. Any other information that you recall from the night of the 7th that we haven't talked about?

23 A There could be, but again, I -- I don't have 24 any recollection.

Q None that you recall at this time that we

1 arriving on the scene?

2 A Not that -- not that I'm aware of. There --3 there could have been more to it, but that's the basis 4 of what I recall.

5 Q Okay. Did you end up watching any of the news 6 stories or press coverage about these events?

A Not that I recall, sir.

8 Q I'm going to ask to take a -- if we can do a 9 ten-minute break, bathroom break. Is that okay with 10 everybody if we go off the record for just a bit?

MR. MCKIERNAN: Sure.

12 VIDEOGRAPHER: We're off record. The time is

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(OFF THE RECORD)

15 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on record. The time

16 is 11:12.

17 BY MR. SIMMS:

18 Q Chief, do you recognize yourself to still be 19 under oath at this time?

A Yes, sir.

Q On the night of the 7th, you -- when you got the call from Assistant Chief Judah, you indicated that essentially, he told you that there was shots fired at Kroger, that there was an officer-involved shooting, and

25 he gave you the location of the incident, and then you

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1 haven't spoken about?

A Correct.

3 Q Do you recall what the narrative was as far as 4 what any witnesses said as far as how the altercation 5 inside Kroger occurred?

6 A I don't recall.

Q Were you aware that there was supposed to be some sort of altercation inside Kroger?

9 A That was my recollection, yes.

Q Okay. Do you recall anything other than that, that -- as far as there was a -- there was some sort of altercation in Kroger, any other information about that?

13 A My -- my recollection is that there were shots 14 fired inside the Kroger and I -- I got that, I believe, 15 from Assistant Chief Judah.

Q Okay. When do you think you got that information?

18 A It would've been during that phone call with 19 him when he first made me aware of the shooting.

Q Okay.

21 A And, again, that's my recollection. I could 22 be mistaken, but that's -- that's what I believe he had 23 told me.

Q Any other information that you can recall that 25 Judah gave you in that initial phone call prior to you 1 went out to the scene, correct?

A Yes, sir. I believe that is the information

3 that I shared.

4 Q And you indicated that in addition to the -5 it's being an officer-involved shooting, Judah had

6 indicated that there were shots fired in the Kroger,

7 correct?

8 A Yes, sir. That is what I testified to.

9 That is my recollection of what he shared.

10 Q Okay. Any idea where Judah got that 11 information?

A I don't know that, sir.

Q Would that be documented anywhere that you

14 know of?

A I don't know that, sir.

Q Okay. I am going to show you a brief clip of a body cam footage from this case and ask if this is what you recall seeing when you reviewed the body cam

19 footage. And I can rewind this a couple of times as far

20 as logistics are concerned if we need to, but this comes

21 from -- I don't have an actual copy of the body cam just

22 yet. This clip is from a news report, and I can give

23 the full web address of the news report here in just a

24 bit if that will assist.

25 MR. MCKIERNAN: Are you making this an exhibit?



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              MR. SIMMS: Not yet. I won't -- we may end up
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     BY MR. SIMMS:
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     the shooting on November 7th?
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     walking away from the Kroger in the red jacket or hoodie
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Page 58 at $\operatorname{\mathsf{--}}$ before he starts shooting, pulls back and then 1 2 starts firing. And at that point, the -- the -- the camera went from where you could see Mr. Gazaway to -to where you couldn't. That -- that view was obscured by the pillar.

The view, once the officer starts to change Q his body positioning behind that brick wall or pillar, shows the gun itself that the officer is firing, but it doesn't include Shelby Gazaway in the screen anymore, does it?

11 MR. MCKIERNAN: Same objection.

No, sir. What I would take from that would be 12 13 an officer trying to get cover.

And the video that we've watched, I'll purport to you, shows the very first interaction between Shelby Gazaway and any officer, that as he walks out of the Kroger with his weapon in his right hand pointed down to the ground, the very first interaction with an officer is what you've just seen.

MR. MCKIERNAN: I'm going to object to that. Again, this is the only video you've seen? I'm just asking because you're using a WAVE, I think, 3 story that's literally spliced both -- it looks like Kroger camera footage that goes into body cam footage, correct?

Page 60 police officers prior to this officer yelling, "Hey"?

2 Again, I have not seen video since 2019. Α 3 I do not recall the specifics. I -- I can't answer your question.

And regardless of whether there is or there isn't, you don't know of any; is that fair?

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection. That's misleading.

8 Of any interaction that Mr. Gazaway, as we sit 9 here today, you just don't recall any other interaction 10 he had with police prior to this incident; is that fair?

I can answer that I do not recall.

Okay. And assuming that this is the first 13 interaction that Gazaway has with any officers, the 14 first thing that an officer says to Mr. Gazaway is that he yells the word "Hey" twice, and then you hear 15 shooting, correct?

> MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection. Video speaks for itself. You can answer.

19 I heard the officer say, "Hey," I saw the 20 officer step to the left as in an effort to take cover, 21 and then started firing shots.

22 Okay. Did you see anything from Mr. Gazaway's 23 perspective that justified the use of deadly force in 24 that video?

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection.

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So what I'm talking about is, I'm just concentrating on the body cam footage. Any footage that we've seen from Kroger is literally just because my fat finger can't stop it on the exact moment prior to seeing just body cam footage.

Α Yes, sir.

And in addition to that, if I did start exactly on the body cam footage, within one second, that's when the officer yells, "Hey," and you -- it would be possible that we've missed that, and I don't want to do that. So please ignore the Kroger footage from -- for the purpose of this conversation. But when this officer yells, "Hey," that's the first interaction that officers have with Shelby Gazaway. Do you have any information to dispute that?

MR. MCKIERNAN: And I'm going to object. That's misrepresenting because I think there is other body cam footage.

20 BY MR. SIMMS:

21 What I'm saying is, interaction with any 22 police officers.

I don't know that, sir. 23 Α

24 Okay. As we sit here today, do you know of 25 any other interaction that Shelby Gazaway had with

I did not see enough of the video to be able 1 2 to say whether or not that would justify the use of 3 force. And the video in and of itself wouldn't necessarily give you that information. 4

5 Well, I think we're going to be on the same page here. I guess my point is, if there is evidence 6 7 that justifies the use of force, it's not in that video.

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

It -- it doesn't appear to be in the video that I saw, with the exception of the officer moving to the left, and what appeared to me to be an effort to take cover behind something that would be bullet -somewhat bullet resistant.

Okay. I think you'll agree with me that the officer did not identify himself as police, fair?

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

I -- I didn't hear it in that video. No, sir. Α

In the course of your reviewing information 18 19 regarding this case, did you get any information 20 contrary to that, that police officers did identify 21 themselves as police officers prior to shooting Shelby 22 Gazaway?

23 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection. Form. You can 24 answer if you know.

I -- I have no recollection one way or the



Page 62 Page 64 1 other, sir, it's been -- been too long. scope of their employment and under state law? 1 2 And in the video that you watched, obviously 2 Α Yes, sir. You would agree that Mr. Gazaway, Shelby 3 nobody asks Mr. Gazaway to drop his weapon at any time, 3 do they? Gazaway, the plaintiff in this action, was shot and 5 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. The video 5 killed by Norton and Dugan on November 17 [sic], 2019, speaks for itself. You can answer. in Jefferson County, correct? 6 6 7 I did -- sorry, sir. I did not hear that in MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 8 the -- in the video you shared with me. 8 answer if you know. 9 9 And in circumstances where an officer is out Α Again, I'm not sure who fired which shots 10 in the open displaying their badge, uniform, insignia as 10 which led to his death, but -- but the shooting resulted 11 a police officer, it can be obvious that someone is a 11 in his death, whether it was Dugan or the other officer, police officer, correct? I don't know. 12 12 13 Α Yes, sir. 13 Q To be fair, that's not been determined yet, 14 Q And if somebody goes behind a wall to use it 14 has it? 15 for cover as a shield, for example, as in this 15 Α I -- I -- I don't know that, sir. circumstance, that can conceal the insignia and the If it has, you don't have that information? 16 16 0 17 identifying information that that person is an officer, 17 Α Correct. 18 correct? 18 Q Okay. Regardless of whether he was ultimately 19 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can killed by a bullet from Dugan or a bullet from Norton, 19 20 it was Norton and Dugan shooting at Mr. Gazaway when answer. 20 21 Α Potentially. Yes, sir. 21 Mr. Gazaway was killed by gunshot wounds, correct? 22 Okay. I want to show it to you one more time 22 Yes, sir. 23 and I'm going to ask if you to -- I'm going to ask you 23 Okay. Anyone else that we know of who could 24 to watch Mr. Gazaway in the red hoodie, and after I show 24 possibly have been the individual who killed 25 it to you again, I'm going to ask you if you saw any 25 Mr. Gazaway? Page 63 Page 65 1 change of movement as Gazaway's walking away from the 1 Α 2 Kroger. 2 Okay. And I -- I've been assuming this, but 3 (VIDEO PLAYED) 3 I'm not really sure. Were Norton and Dugan in the same 4 (VIDEO STOPPED) cruiser or do we know? 5 They were in different cars, at least that's 5 BY MR. SIMMS: Α 6 Do you see Mr. Gazaway change his direction at my recollection. 6 7 any point as he's walking away from the Kroger? 7 Okay. But they just both, so happened to be 0 MR. MCKIERNAN: Again, same objection. 8 8 pretty close to that Kroger at the time the call came 9 The video speaks for itself. You can answer. 9 I didn't see it. 10 10 Α That, I don't know. Okay. Prior to the officer -- what we can't 11 11 Q Okay. see is the split-second right before the officer shoots, 12 12 Α I -- I'm not sure the response times, but they 13 right? Because he goes for cover and that obscures the 13 were in separate cars. 14 view of Mr. Gazaway, fair? 14 Okay. Regardless, on November 7, 2019, it was 15 Α Yes, sir. 15 Norton and Dugan who they did respond to reports of a 16 But prior to the officer taking cover to 16 shooting at the Kroger grocery store, correct? shoot, you don't see Mr. Gazaway change his direction, 17 17 Α I assume that was a reason for their response, correct? 18 18 yes. 19 Α 19 Okay. We don't have any information to Correct. 0 20 Okay. Sorry, I've got, like, six different 20 contradict that, fair? piles. You would agree that officers Patrick Norton and 21 21 Α Yes, sir.



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Yes, sir.

Alex Dugan were at all times relevant to this action

And that in doing so, they were acting in the

employed as LMPD police officers, correct?

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That Kroger grocery store is located on North

35th Street in the Portland neighborhood; is that

Page 66 1 Do you know if -- when officers arrived on the 2 scene, that Shelby Gazaway was inside or outside the 3 Kroger? I do not. 4 Α 5 Okay. Regardless, the officers at some point observed Shelby Gazaway walking away from the Kroger, 6 7 fair? 8 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 9 answer. 10 He would've been walking away from the Kroger. 11 Yes, sir. And not in the direction of Norton and Dugan? 12 13 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

14 Q Correct?

15 A Based on the video you showed me and what 16 recollection I have of the videos, yes.

Q Okay. My understanding is that Norton is the officer who was shouting, "Hey, hey." Do you have any information to the contrary?

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21 Q Okay. But you would agree that Norton called 22 out the word, "Hey," a total of two times in quick 23 succession toward Shelby, correct?

24 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

25 A I saw that in the video you just shared with

1 correct. They did not.

Q Do you recall anyone identifying themselves as an officer or instructing Shelby Gazaway to drop his gun from any of the videos that you've watched at any time

5 in this situation?

6 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 7 answer if you remember.

8 A Again, I haven't seen those videos since 2019. 9 I don't recall their content. And what you've shown me 10 is all I've really got to comment on.

11 Q Both officers discharged their firearms at 12 Shelby Gazaway, correct?

A That is my understanding. Yes, sir.

Q And regardless of any conversation or video that may exist prior to what we just watched, both officers discharged their firearms at Shelby Gazaway immediately after Norton shouted, "Hey," twice in quick succession?

19 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 20 answer if you know.

21 A I -- I don't know that.

Q Well, in the video, you -- I think you agreed that Norton shouts twice, "Hey," in quick succession,

24 and then immediately after that there are gunshots,

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1 me. And again, I -- I don't recall the contents of the 2 two body cameras, so there -- there could have been 3 other things said before and after, but I -- I don't 4 recall.

5 Q As we sit here, do you have any information to 6 contradict that?

7 A Again, I -- I have no recollection to 8 contradict that.

Q Okay. Did you ever receive any information or indication that officers did identify themselves as police officers prior to firing their weapons?

A I don't recall, sir.

13 Q But in the video that you watched, they 14 certainly did not, correct?

15 A In the video you just showed me, that's 16 correct.

Q Any information that you received or any indication that officers gave Shelby Gazaway instructions to drop his gun prior to firing on Shelby Gazaway?

21 A Not that I recall. Could have occurred, but I 22 -- I don't remember.

Q And in the video that you watched, they certainly did not?

A The one you just showed me, yes. That is

A At that point, you -- in the video you see Officer Norton shooting. I don't know what Dugan was

3 doing or when he -- when he started shooting. It's my -

- my point. You can't tell.

Q Sure. And I appreciate that. Thank you for clarifying. But the shots happened immediately after Norton shouts, "Hey," twice, correct?

A Norton shots, yes.

9 Q Okay. Have you seen any footage of Shelby 10 Gazaway firing a weapon prior to officers shooting him 11 that you know of?

12 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 13 answer if you remember.

A I -- I don't recall.

Q To be fair, that would be the kind of thing that would stick out in a video like that, right?

17 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can answer.

19 A Again, I don't know if you're speaking of 20 video inside the Kroger or the officer-involved body 21 cameras. I'm -- I'm not sure which.

Q I'm talking about body cameras and I'm talking about Shelby Gazaway's actions toward the police, if he shot any -- if he ever discharged his firearm toward police or in the presence of police?



Page 70 1 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 2 answer if you know.

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- Okay. Well, earlier, I asked before we watched the video clip, I asked what you recalled from watching the body cam, and prior to watching this body cam footage today, this clip, you indicated that you recalled officers standing behind some sort of pillar or wall, correct?
- 10 I don't know if they were standing, but yes, 11 they were standing in that video you just showed me, but they were behind some sort of cover. 12
 - And that you also recalled from your watching of the video, again, prior to us watching this today, your recollection of what you saw was that the officers were covered behind a wall of some sort and that the officers were firing their weapons, correct?

18 Α Yes.

- Okay. And that was essentially the extent of 0 19 20 what you remembered prior to us watching this clip, 21 correct?
- 22 Α Yes, sir.
- 23 Okay. Do you recall ever watching any video 24 where Shelby Gazaway pointed his weapon at either 25 officer?

chief's office who would've -- have written a 1

- 2 commendation with the help of -- of one of the
- secretaries that worked in that office. And that 3
- 4 would've been given to them at -- at some point, sent to
- them probably by -- by e-mail. But it was never a 5
- letter I wrote, and in most cases, a letter I'd never 6
 - seen
- 8 Would it have been a letter that you would 0 9 have reviewed and had the opportunity to change?
- 10 Α No, sir. They -- they went out. I never saw 11 them.
- 12 Q Would it have -- would it have your signature

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- Α It would've had an electronic signature on it.
- Would this electronic signature be Chief 15 Q

Conrad's signature? 16

- It -- it -- it was a signature that I had made 17 Α 18 that could be cut and pasted into a letter.
- 19 And the delegating -- the delegated party who 20 would be doing this had your authority to do that, 21 correct?
- 22 Α Correct.
- 23 Q Okay. Thereby awarding a commendation on your 24 behalf?
- 25 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can

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- 1 Not that I recall. Again, I -- I have no 2 direct recollection of the -- the body camera footage beyond what you've just shared in that small clip.
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 - You agree that at the time in November 7, 2019, you were responsible for the implementation,
- 6 training, and supervising on the standard operating 7
- procedures, correct?
- I was ultimately responsible for all of that. 8 Α 9 Yes, sir.
- 10 Q On January 28, 2020, you awarded letters of commendation to Norton and Dugan, correct? 11
- 12 Α No, sir.
- 13 0 Do you know if Norton and Dugan received 14 letters of commendation?
- 15 Α I have no idea.
- So are you saying that you did not do that or 16 are you saying you don't recall? 17
- I'm saying I don't do that. Α 18
- 19 Q Okav.
- 20 Α I did not do that. It was delegated, it
- would've been written by a lieutenant in the chief's 21
- 22 office or someone in the chief's office based on --
- typically, it's a -- it's a letter or a memorandum from 23
- 24 someone in that officer's chain of command. It would've
- gone to the lieutenant that was an assistant in the 25

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- Α It -- it was a letter of commendation that
- appears to have been signed by me. Yes.
 - Would it have been signed by anyone else?
- 5 It was -- the signature on there was my Α electronic signature that was cut and pasted and added 6 7 to that letter.
 - Q Would it have been signed by anyone else?
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- 10 Q Do you know if Norton and Dugan were awarded letters of commendation? 11
- 12 Α I do not, sir.
- 13 0 Does what you've seen today in that clip of 14 the body cam footage concern you?
 - MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.
- I can't form a conclusion on that one way or 16
- the other. Based on what, you know, you've shown me, 17
- it's been a, maybe -- maybe two seconds worth of -- of 18
- 19 video. I saw an officer crouching behind a wall and
- 20 then firing shots. That I would conclude was that
- officer seeing a threat and responding with deadly 21 22
- force. But that's the conclusion I'm drawing. I did
- not see that in the video. That's what I -- that's the 23
- 24 conclusion I drew from watching that video. 25 Well, to be fair, if it's -- if it's not



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something you -- a threat you saw in the video, it's an assumption that the officer felt threatened. It's not something you saw, correct?

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MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can answer.

- All I can testify to, and all I am testifying to, is the video you shared with me, and that was Norton moving to his left to take cover, and then firing shots, which -- which I would surmise was due to a threat.
- And so I think the -- my question was, in the -- after watching the clip that you saw, does it concern you and I think your answer is no, it does not concern you; is that fair?

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

Α It -- it -- I -- I -- I quess I misunderstand, or I'm misunderstanding what you're 16 17 asking me about the concern. I mean, there -- there's a concern that an officer had to fire shots at that point, but beyond that concern, I -- you know, I don't know. 20 I -- I -- I quess I'm not really understanding your 21 question. I'm sorry.

Well, if there's anything you saw in that clip that would lead you to the conclusion that the officers had to fire on Shelby Gazaway, please let me know what that is?

because he was seeing a physical threat and he was 1

- firing to protect his life, which he's allowed to do 2
- 3 under state law and the policies of the department.
- That -- that's what it appeared -- what you showed me, 4
- 5 that's what it appears to me, but I'm drawing conclusion
- with -- without any additional video to look at, and 6
- 7 then without the opportunity to review the complete investigation. 8
 - Q You don't see Shelby Gazaway turn toward the officers at any point prior to Norton taking cover, do

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form.

- 0 In that video?
- 14 Α You don't see that because Norton, in his 15 effort to move cover, or to take cover, blocked the video of what Mr. Gazaway was doing. 16
 - And why was he taking cover?

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can answer if you know.

20 I have -- I have no idea, but I would assume, 21 based on what I saw Norton do, that he was trying to 22 take cover from some sort of threat.

23 And he would take cover in the anticipation 24 that he would be shooting, correct?

> Α He would take cover in anticipation that

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- 1 And -- and -- and again, you're asking me to 2 form a conclusion on two seconds of -- of a video.
- 3 What I believe I just said, and I'll say again, it
- 4 appeared to me that Norton moved to his left to take
- 5 cover, and then started taking fire at $\operatorname{--}$ at $\operatorname{--}$ at Mr. Gazaway, but I -- I can't come to a -- a final 6
- 7 conclusion based on that two-second clip because there
- was -- there was more to it. And you know, I never 8
- 9 ended up coming to the conclusion one way or the other
- about what was right or wasn't right, because the Public 10
- Integrity and PSU investigations were ongoing after I 11
- 12 left the department.
 - You're right. I -- you started this by saying, you're asking me to talk about my interpretation of, or my conclusion, based on a very quick clip?
 - Α Yes, sir.
 - That's exactly what I'm asking. I'm asking from what you saw. And knowing that today, your testimony when watching that video was that you did not see Shelby Gazaway turn toward the officers prior to Norton taking cover and shooting, and that you didn't see any physical threat to those officers; does that concern you?
- 24 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection.
- 25 I -- I didn't say that. I think Norton moved

1 someone was getting ready to shoot him.

But you didn't see any indication of that in the video, that someone was getting ready to shoot him?

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. Video speaks for itself of what he's been shown.

Again, I -- I -- I saw him -- I saw Norton react to some threat, to something which prompted him to

move to his left, which blocked the view of Mr. Gazaway. 8

9 There's no -- there's no way for me to conclude what

Mr. Gazaway did or didn't do in the video. Norton 10

would've been the person that would've had that 11

12 perspective as -- as -- as maybe the other officer did

13 as well. I don't know.

14 Well, you keep saying that you saw Norton 15 react to a threat?

I saw Norton react, and I -- I'm making an assumption because I don't know. It -- it --

That's exactly what I was getting at. Q

19 Α But it -- but it was a quick reaction, which

20 appeared to me to be some sort of reaction to some sort of threat. But -- but they -- but that is a complete 21

22 and total assumption on my part. I -- I don't know

23 that.

24 I'm going to show you a longer version.

This clip is three minutes and 14 seconds of body camera 25



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              MR. SIMMS: This is body cam from the --
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     BY MR. SIMMS:
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     - his view is obscured substantially, correct?
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              I believe he has a rifle as well, correct?
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              Okay. Is there any other video footage that
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    you know of prior to Shelby Gazaway being shot?
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                                                                       BY MR. SIMMS:
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              MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can
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                                                                                 Chief Conrad, do you recognize yourself to be
                                                                        under oath at this time still?
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         answer if you know.
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               I believe there is video of his actions inside
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     the Kroger, but -- but I -- I don't remember the
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     specifics of the video.
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              Okay. From the -- from police perspective, is
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     police interaction with Shelby Gazaway prior to that?
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              MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection. You can answer if
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     watched today, did you see Shelby Gazaway act in a way
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     that was physically aggressive to officers?
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             MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can
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-- of the one officer when he moved back behind the pillar, and again, that wasn't the actions of -- of Gazaway, per se, but that was what it appears that officer saw that caused him to react and move to his left behind that pillar. Well, we can see Gazaway's actions up to and

as the officer moves away, correct?

Α Up to when the officer moves away, yes.

Okay. And there's nothing that Shelby Gazaway has done up to that point when the officer turns in that you can see that would justify deadly force?

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection of form.

round, and then everyone essentially ran. Is that information that you have encountered that you've heard as well? 16

17 Α I honestly don't recall, sir.

18 Okay. Let's assume that for a moment, let's assume if that happened, if a man approached Shelby 19 20 Gazaway in Kroger, there was a verbal argument and that 21 man brandished a knife, and then Shelby Gazaway fired a 22 shot into the ceiling at Kroger, what crime, if any, 23 would that be on the part of Shelby Gazaway?

24 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 25 answer.



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         Yeah. I'm honestly not sure whether it would
even be a chargeable offense. I think a gun being shot
in a Kroger store would certainly cause panic, alarm for
the other people who were there.
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- Sure. And did. I would say that the evidence in this case is that it did cause alarm for people who were inside the Kroger; is that fair?
- 8 Α Yes, sir. I would -- I would believe so. 9 Yes, sir.

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- 10 Do you know if that alleged person with the 11 knife was ever identified by LMPD through any means?
- 12 I -- until you told me about the person with 13 the knife, I had forgotten about any of that, so no, I -- I don't have any additional information. 14
 - Okay. Does it ring a bell though, at this point as far as some stuff that you recall from the time, some sort of information to that sort?
- 18 I -- I honestly don't recall. I'm sorry.
 - Okay. Do you know if ballistics or any tests of any kind were ever done on the gun that was in Shelby Gazaway's possession?
- 22 I would assume that would've occurred as -- as 23 part of the PIU investigation, but again, that was 24 ongoing when I left the department.
 - You would agree that Norton and Duncan were

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         Well, earlier when you indicated you would
agree that it could be problematic, what do you mean by
that? Why would you agree that it could be problematic?
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It -- I'm sorry. In -- in my -- a PIU

- investigation is someone in -- following up with an investigation and -- and I think a -- a commendation 6 letter is -- is not evidence. It is -- it is a -- a 7
- 8 that investigator's responsibility to gather information
- 9 and -- and to make a determination based on evidence,
- 10 and I don't think that letter would've represented
- 11 evidence, but I -- I can see how that could have
- potentially impacted someone's opinion, but not 12 13 necessarily where the evidence led them to.
- 14 Okay. Are you familiar with the Department of 15 Justice report that came out last week?
- I -- I'm aware of it. I am not familiar with 16 Α 17 it.
- 18 Q Have you read it?
- 19 Α I have not.
- 20 Have you read portions of it? 0
- 21 Α I have not.
- 22 In the complaint in this case, paragraph 33 of
- 23 the complaint -- amended complaint filed here in October
- 24 1, 2020 states and the plaintiffs allege in paragraph
- 25 33, "Prior to November 7, 2019, Defendant Conrad had

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- commended by LMPD prior to -- excuse me, I said Duncan. Dugan. Norton and Dugan were commended by LMPD prior to the PIU investigation's completion?
 - If you represent it as so, I -- I believe you.
- Do you see any problem or concern with that as far as LMPD commending officers for conduct that is currently under investigation?
- MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 8 9 answer.
 - That is -- in my opinion, I -- I agree with you. I think it's problematic and a -- a -- again, I think had that process been coming to me and there were about 600 commendation letters any given year, that -that there could have been some process put in place to -- to stop that. It's a -- it's a good point. It may still be going on today. I don't know.
 - From the perspective of somebody in your employee who is working on the PIU investigation, if they learn that officers were commended by LMPD, that reasonably could influence what they're doing in the PIU investigation?
- 22 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 23 answer if you know.
- 24 Wouldn't you think? 0
- 25 I -- I -- I don't know that, sir. Α

Page 85 1 actual knowledge of LMPD officers violating the civil,

- 2 constitutional, and human rights of numerous citizens,
- 3 including violations via the unlawful and improper use
- 4 of force, which Officer [sic] Conrad refused to
- discipline. By refusing to discipline the officers for 5
- violating the citizen's rights as aforementioned, Conrad 6
- 7 created and fostered an atmosphere at LMPD wherein the
- violation of citizen's rights was acceptable, and in
- 9 fact encouraged and became the norm. And the Department
- of Justice" -- first of all, I guess, let me break that 10
- down and see what parts of that you disagree with. 11
- 12 Would you agree that there were officers prior to
- 13 November 7, 2019 who had violated the civil,
- 14 constitutional, or human rights of citizens in Jefferson 15 County?
- MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 16 17 answer.
 - Α It may have occurred.
- 19 Would you agree that you had actual knowledge 20 of some of those instances where LMPD officers violated 21 constitutional rights of citizens in Louisville?
- 22 MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can 23 answer.
- 24 Not that I'm aware of, and if I was aware of them, we should have taken action to address it from a 25



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So as -- if there were constitutional right violations prior to November 7, 2019 on your watch at LMPD, you did not know of any specific instances; is that fair?

Α Yes, sir.

Okay. And -- but you are in agreement that if it comes to the attention of LMPD that an officer has violated someone's constitutional rights, that needs to be addressed from a disciplinary standpoint?

Yes, sir.

Okay. I'm going to refer to a previous case, Q Amanda Carver, and Amanda Price, excuse me, Gary Carver and Amanda Price versus Louisville, Jefferson County, Louisville Metro Government et al., including officers Charles Meek and Michael Trevino; do you recall that

18 Α No.

19 You were a party to that case, and in June of 20 2014 -- June 19, 2014, Judge Heyburn wrote a summary 21 judgment order, which in part for you -- for your 22 perspective, released you from that lawsuit. It was 23 ordered that the "Defendant's motion for summary 24 judgment was sustained in part, and the following claims 25 were dismissed, including all claims against Conrad and

1 untrue, that they had lied about Carver saying --

2 screaming obscenities as they approached. And

3 Louisville Metro paid out \$96,000 for a -- the stop and

frisk and false arrest of Gary Carver." Do you know if

5 anything disciplinary-wise happened to Charles Meek or Michael Trevino, as a result of that incident? 6

MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can answer if you know.

Α I don't know. I would assume that would've been shared with the Professional Standards Unit and an investigation would've happened, but I don't know that.

Okay. Who all can initiate one of those investigations?

14 The -- a Professional Standards can be --Α which would be an internal investigation, could be 15 initiated by any person who files an affidavit alleging 16 17 misconduct on the part of an officer, or it can be 18 initiated based on an order from the chief.

What about a PIU investigation?

20 Α A Public Integrity Unit investigation is -- is 21 a criminal investigation and it does not require 22 initiation on the part of -- of the chief or -- or 23 anyone. It's essentially a follow-up on some sort of 24 potential investigation involving a member of the 25 department, or in some cases, other members of Metro

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1 Burke's, all the claims against Louisville Metro

2 Government and Louisville Metro Police. The summary

3 judgment motion was denied with respect to all of Gary

Carver's claims against Meek and Trevino and Amanda

Price's claim against Meek for unlawful search and 5

6 seizure." In that order, which relieved you of any

responsibility in that case, Judge Heyburn specifically

found on page 1 of the Memorandum Opinion and Order --8

9 one, two, three -- fourth full paragraph, "The main

problem with defendant's claims for summary judgment 10

arise with the claims against Meek, Officer Charles 11 12

Meek. The objective evidence contradicts much of his

13 deposition testimony and could lead a reasonable Jury to

14 completely disbelieve him." Do you know who Charles

Meek is? 15

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Q This stems from an incident in October, or excuse me, "wherein Gary Carver was approached by Charles Meek and Michael Trevino. Both officers testified in a District Court hearing in front of Judge Katie King, and they testified that Carver began yelling obscenities as they approached him. A digital audio tape of that incident was recorded by Carver and

revealed that those statements by those officers were

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2 Okay. But you would agree in a case that --3 like this, that we're talking about Gary Carver versus Charles Meek and Michael Trevino, that based on the outcome of that case and this memorandum and opinion 5 from Judge Heyburn, there should have been some sort of 6 7 disciplinary action initiated against Charles Meek and Michael Trevino?

> MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can answer.

And I think I had said as much before that -that that would've, in my mind, resulted in some sort of a follow-up investigation, the potential for discipline.

Okay. And ultimately, you would've been the one who is responsible for implementing, training, and supervising on the standard operating procedures?

Yes, sir. I was responsible for those duties albeit them delegated to other people in the department to make that happen, but it was ultimately my responsibility.

Okay. Regarding the Department of Justice investigation, would you agree that within the time span where you were Chief at Louisville Metro Police, "LMPD used excessive force including unjustified neck restraints and unreasonable use of police dogs and



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1	tasers?"	1	MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can
2	MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can	2	answer.
3	answer if you know.	3	A That could have occurred.
4	A I'm sure that there were times when that	4	Q The mayor appoints the LMPD chief, correct?
5	occurred.	5	A Correct.
6	Q Would you agree that "LMPD conducted search	6	Q You were the Chief from 2012 to 2020?
7	warrants based on invalid warrants?"	7	A Correct.
8	MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can	8	Q Would you agree that "Louisville Metro and
9	answer if you know.	9	LMPD engaged in a pattern or practice of conduct that
10	A I don't know, but if it's in there, I I	10	derived people of their rights under the Constitution
11	assume it happened.	11	and federal law?"
12	Q Would you agree that "LMPD unlawfully executed	12	MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can
13	search warrants without knocking and announcing?"	13	answer if you know.
14	MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can	14	A I I don't know that, but it's, again, in
15	answer if you know.	15	the report and I don't think the Department of Justice
16	A I'm sure there were situations where that	16	would've included it if they did not have sufficient
17	occurred. Yes.	17	evidence to to make that statement.
18	Q Would you agree that "LMPD unlawfully stopped,	18	Q Okay. Is that this may cut off all of the
19	searched, detained, and arrested people during street	19	rest of the questioning regarding the report. Would you
20	enforcement activities, including traffic and pedestrian	20	defer to the report for their findings and for the
21	stops?"	21	specific instances of conduct that they found?
22	MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can	22	MR. MCKIERNAN: Objection to form. You can
23	answer if you know.	23	answer.
24	A I'm sure that occurred on some occasions.	24	A Yes, sir. I am. The Department of Justice
25	Q Would you agree that "LMPD unlawfully	25	knows what they're doing and and I don't doubt their
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1	discriminated against Black people in its enforcement	1	findings.
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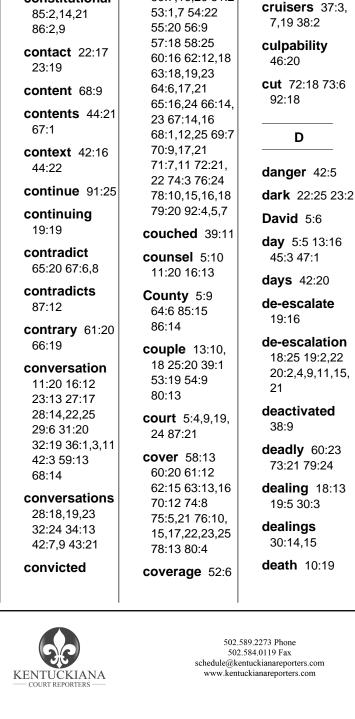
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