
BECKSTRAND, BARBARA

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ALMOS = SDPD HOMICIDE DETECTIVE JESSE ALMOS

BECKSTRAND = BARBARA BECKSTRAND

ALMOS: The time is approximately 0110 hours. I'm at [Personal data deleted], talking to a witness Barbara Beckstrand, B-e-c-k-s-t-r-a-n-d. Umm, okay, tell me what happened. What were you, what were you doing.

BECKSTRAND: Yes. Sitting at my desk in there.

ALMOS: Okay.

BECKSTRAND: Reconciling my bank statement and I heard umm, something like, "Would you step over here, sir?" And I looked up and then I saw somebody talking...two officers talking to two males sitting on the steps on that building over there. And then I heard on the radio, his... one of the officers' police radio... I heard umm, black male, late 20's. And I turned out my light and went around the front door and I was watching what was going on. And umm, they were just interviewing them, it seemed like. Everything was real calm.

ALMOS: Where they up, where they up on the balcony at top? Or where they on?

BECKSTRAND: No.

ALMOS: On the?

BECKSTRAND: They on those steps there.

ALMOS: On the steps. Right. [Personal data deleted]. Okay.

BECKSTRAND: Correct. And then one, the black guy was on the bottom, second, third step. And the White guy was behind him like two or three steps behind him. And then, I couldn't hear what they were saying.

ALMOS: And the officers are where?

BEKSTRAND: Steps.

ALMOS: On the ground?

1 BECKSTRAND: Yes.

2 ALMOS: Down low? Okay.

3 BECKSTRAND: One was uh, facing the steps and the other one was in the alley facing the steps.

4 And everything was seemed quite calm and everything. And but, but I couldn't

5 hear what they were saying because of the helicopter that was going. And umm,

6 I saw one of the officers the one that was standing... on Queenstown.

7 ALMOS: Mmm-hmm.

8 BECKSTRAND Waved his flashlight like everything was cool, I didn't know how you do Code

9 4's with that.

10 ALMOS: Mmm-hmm.

11 BECKSTRAND: But it seemed like he said everything was fine. But, but the helicopter kinda

12 stayed and then the next thing I saw the guy was wildly uh, flashing his light.

13 He's flashlight the guy and against that building this house over here on

14 Queenstown.

15 ALMOS: Okay.

16 BECKSTRAND: Shining it there, shining it in the air, like 'come back, come back.'

17 ALMOS: Mmm-hmm.

18 BECKSTRAND: And then umm...the helicopter returned and started coming back around and

19 then the guy, the black man on the lower steps kinda got up slowly and he went

20 down the two little steps and then he just rabbited down there, straight down

21 Mission Boulevard.

22 ALMOS: Towards Mission?

23 BECKSTRAND: Right. And I think he surprised them because everything was calm. I heard no

24 loud talk, I saw no sudden movements, and he didn't just push and run, he

25 just...walked down and then he ran. They just barreled after him, they were

26 trying to catch him.

27 ALMOS: You didn't see any of the officers with any guns out or anything like that?

28 BECKSTRAND: No, I didn't.

29 ALMOS: Okay.

30 BECKSTRAND: And then I heard, I thought it was five shots.

31 ALMOS: How long after?

1 BECKSTRAND: It was.

2 ALMOS: Did you lose sight of them when they got to the end of the alley?

3 BECKSTRAND: Yes.

4 ALMOS: And... when you lost sight of them how long after that did you hear the shots?

5 BECKSTRAND: Very quickly.

6 ALMOS: Couple seconds?

7 BECKSTRAND: Two, three, four, five seconds. Somewhere right there.

8 ALMOS: Somewhere right there? Okay. Umm, and that with both officers?

9 BECKSTRAND: Both officers. One with...the one was standing on Queenstown facing the...

10 ALMOS: Mmm-hmm.

11 BECKSTRAND: ...the stairs and I think the other guy kinda keep going after.

12 ALMOS: Mmm-hmm.

13 BECKSTRAND. In the meanwhile the other man was still sitting on this...on the steps right there.

14 ALMOS: He stayed there while they chased him down there?

15 BECKSTRAND: I believe so.

16 ALMOS: How long did he stay at, at the steps?

17 BECKSTRAND: I don't know. I just saw, I was watching them run. And then I saw this other

18 guy just kinda amble off. And I don't know even know which way he went.

19 ALMOS: And he was a White male?

20 BECKSTRAND: Mm-hmm.

21 ALMOS: Did you, did you get a...get a description of him or anything?

22 BECKSTRAND: No.

23 ALMOS: Other than just. Okay. You couldn't tell the clothing or anything?

24 BECKSTRAND: No, I couldn't, no. It's dark.

25 ALMOS: On either one of them?

26 BECKSTRAND: No, I couldn't describe them if they walked-

27 ALMOS: Okay.

28 BECKSTRAND: So there wasn't much but they were...

29 ALMOS: That's okay.

30 BECKSTRAND: ...like I said they were uh, they seemed like a very casual confrontation. It was

31 not "in your face" or.

1 ALMOS: Could you, you couldn't hear any of the conversation that they were having?
2 BECKSTRAND: Nothing. Nothing.
3 ALMOS: Nothing?
4 BECKSTRAND: The helicopter was going.
5 ALMOS: Okay. Anything else you can think of?
6 BECKSTRAND: Nothing. No.
7 ALMOS: Did you uh, did you call the uh, police department or did they come and...
8 BECKSTRAND: No.
9 ALMOS: ...get ahold of you by knocking on your door? Is that how you?
10 BECKSTRAND: No, I was out watching.
11 ALMOS: Okay.
12 BECKSTRAND: And I went out...
13 ALMOS: And they contact you?
14 BECKSTRAND: ...maybe they want to know something.
15 ALMOS: Okay.
16 BECKSTRAND: There's been police shooting they might want to know something so I talked to
17 the patrol officer over there.
18 ALMOS: Okay.
19 BECKSTRAND: And then some of them came and knocked on my door...later.
20 ALMOS: Later on? Okay. Oh, and the interview at approximately 0120 hours.

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