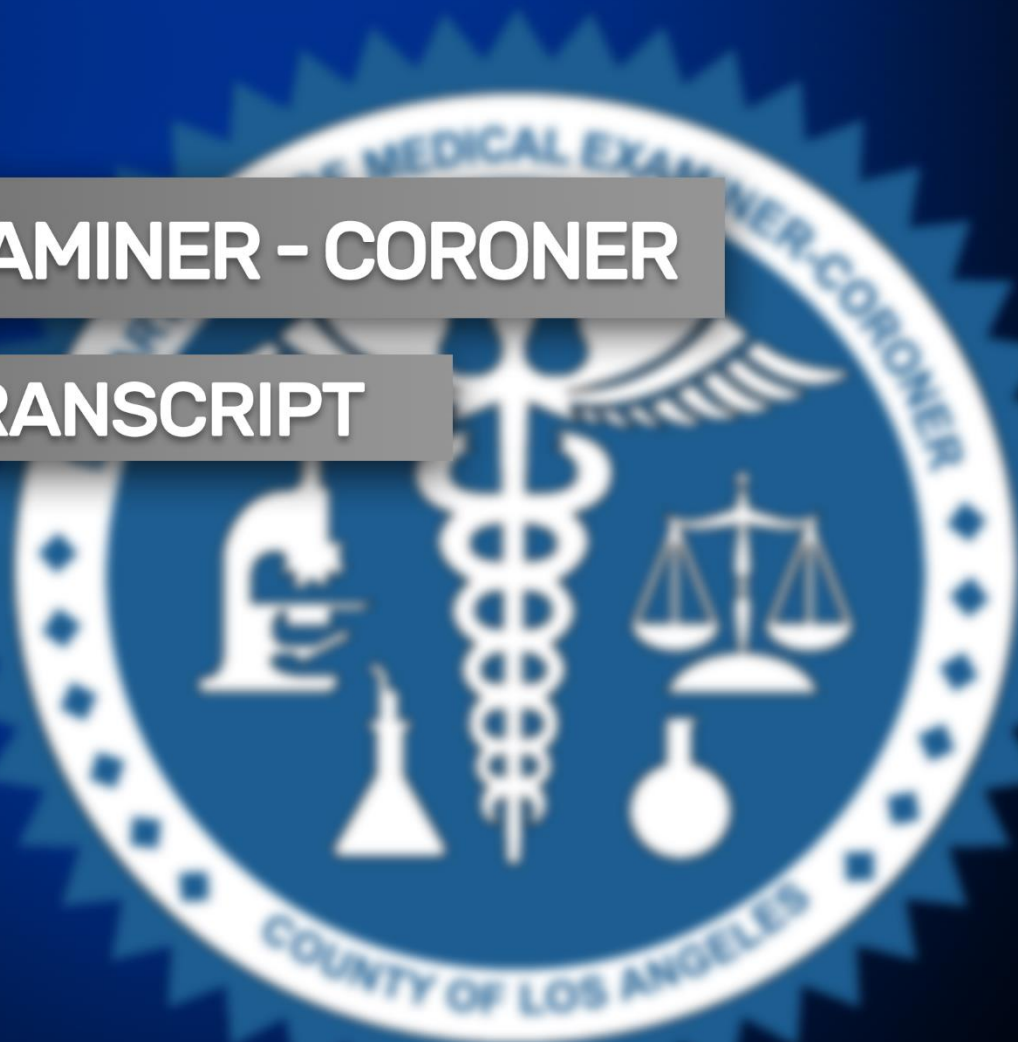


# MEDICAL EXAMINER - CORONER

## MEETING TRANSCRIPT





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1                   **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER**  
2                   **INQUEST IN THE DEATH OF ANDRES GUARDADO PINEDA**  
3                   **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020**  
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6   **MS. CANDACE COOPER:** OKAY, WE ARE ON THE RECORD OF THE DEATH OF ANDRES  
7   GUARDADO, I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE THAT IS PRESENT TO TURN OFF ANY CELL  
8   PHONES OR RECORDING DEVICES. THIS MATTER IS A CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE  
9   DEATH OF AN INDIVIDUAL. MY NAME IS CANDACE COOPER, I AM THE HEARING  
10  OFFICER FOR THIS MATTER E. I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
11  MEDICAL EXAMINER CORONER TO CONDUCT THE REQUEST. THE CORONER MY CONDUCT A  
12  FORMER INQUIRY AT ANY TIME THERE'S THE DEATH OF AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE  
13  COUNTY, PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE 4971.6. AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC POLICY, AN  
14  INQUEST MAY BE HELD WHEN THERE IS A DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN A LAW  
15  ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE COUNTY AND THE DEATH OF A HUMAN BEING. THIS IS  
16  NOT AN ADVERSARIAL PROCEEDING. UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW, THE DECISION AT THE  
17  END OF AN INQUEST SHOULD BE INADMISSIBLE IN ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL  
18  PROCEEDING, PURSUANT TO 27502.2, BUT IT DOES NOT MEAN THE SWORN STATEMENT  
19  OF A WITNESS IN AN INQUEST IS INADMISSIBLE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING.  
20  IT IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS INDEPENDENT REVIEW IN THE FINDINGS  
21  PURSUANT TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND DEATH PURSUANT TO MR. GUARDADO. THEY DO  
22  NOT MAKE REFERENCE TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY ON THE PART OF THE  
23  DECEASED OR ANY OTHER PERSON. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 27.505. THE  
24  LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE NOT  
25  A PART OF THE INQUEST PROCESS. SEE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 27.491. IT IS  
26  OPEN TO VIEWING ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEBSITE BROWSER. INDIVIDUALS ARE



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1 NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S HEARING ROOM DURING TESTIMONY.  
2 DUE TO THE RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND IN ORDER TO  
3 COMPLY WITH PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY GUIDELINES, I AM LIMITING IN PERSON  
4 ATTENDANCE TO ESSENTIAL STAFF, WITNESSES, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UP TO  
5 THE CAPACITY OF THE ROOM APPLYING CURRENT COVID-19 GUIDELINES.  
6 ACCORDINGLY, ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE INQUEST  
7 PROCEEDING BY WATCHING VIA THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHANNEL. ALL PERSONS  
8 ENTERING THE HEARING ROOM ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE MASKS OVER THEIR  
9 NOSE AND MOUTH AND REMAIN A DISTANCE OF SIX FEET FROM OTHER INDIVIDUALS. I  
10 HAVE MY FACE MASK IN ADDITION TO THE SHIELD, AS SOON AS I FINISH THESE  
11 OPENING REMARKS, I WILL RESUME THE WEARING OF THE MASK. IT IS A LITTLE TOO  
12 HARD TO SPEAK. AND THE EXPLANATION OF THE INQUEST PROCESS, BEFORE WE MOVE  
13 INTO THE EVIDENCE PHASE OF THE HEARING, I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN WHAT IS GOING  
14 TO HAPPEN IN TODAY'S HEARING. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE A COURT REPORTER THAT  
15 IS TAKING DOWN EVERYTHING WE SAY TODAY SO A PROPER PUBLIC RECORD CAN BE  
16 MADE, REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 27.502. A TRANSCRIPT OF THE  
17 WITNESS'S TESTIMONY SHALL BE FILED WITHIN TEN DAYS FOLLOWING THE INQUEST,  
18 EITHER WITH THE CORONER'S OFFICE OR COUNTY CLERK AS DETERMINED BY THE  
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WILL CALL THE APPROPRIATE WITNESSES AND WILL  
20 DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS AT THE WITNESSES. BECAUSE I AM ALSO GOING TO BE  
21 ASSESSING THE WITNESSES AND TAKING NOTES DURING TESTIMONY IN ORDER TO  
22 REACH MY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, I HAVE ASKED THAT COUNTY COUNSEL  
23 ASSIST IN THE QUESTIONING OF THE WITNESSES. I HAVE CONFERRED WITH COUNTY  
24 COUNSEL IN ADVANCE OF TODAY'S HEARING, REVIEWED THE PROPOSED LINES OF  
25 QUESTIONS AND DECIDED AND ACTUALLY AGREED IN MY CASE ON THE



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1 APPROPRIATENESS OF THE QUESTIONS. DURING THE EXAMINATIONS, I RETAIN THE  
2 AUTHORITY TO ASK FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS OR DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO FOCUS  
3 THEIR LINE OF QUESTIONING TO A SPECIFIC ISSUE. THE GUARDADO FAMILY AND THE  
4 L. A. S. D. HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT POTENTIAL QUESTIONS  
5 FOR MY REVIEW. I HAVE REVIEWED THE PROPOSED QUESTIONS AND I WILL BE, I  
6 HAVE ALLOWED THOSE TO BE ASKED THAT I DEEM MATERIAL AND RELEVANT TO  
7 THE PROCEEDINGS TODAY AND DON'T DUPLICATE QUESTIONS THAT WERE DECIDED TO  
8 BE ASKED. IN WHY SUBMITTED QUESTIONS WERE NOT POSED, I WILL NOT ADDRESS  
9 WHY I ELECTED TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A SUBMITTED PROPOSED QUESTION. MY  
10 ULTIMATE DECISION IS GOING TO BE BASED ON THE EVIDENCE RECEIVED AT THE  
11 INQUEST, THAT EVIDENCE IS GOING TO INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY PRESENTED AS WELL  
12 AS DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE RECEIVED, WHICH INCLUDES DOCUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS,  
13 REPORTS, AND OTHER RECORDS. I AM THE SOLE DECIDER OF THE RELEVANCE AND THE  
14 ADMISSIBILITY OF THE EVIDENCE OFFERED AND I WILL USE BOTH STANDARD AND  
15 HISTORICAL RULES OF EVIDENCE AND ADMISSIBILITY IN MAKING THAT  
16 DETERMINATION. HOWEVER, IT IS MY INTENTION TO RECEIVE ALL REASONABLY-  
17 AVAILABLE EVIDENCE FROM WITNESSES WHO WERE AT THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT,  
18 IMMEDIATELY BEFORE, DURING, OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EVENTS. I WILL ALSO  
19 RECEIVE THE EVIDENCE REGARDING THE DECEASED. AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE  
20 EVIDENCE, I WILL BE TAKING A RECESS OR ADJOURN IF THE CASE MAY BE, AS  
21 NECESSARY TO REVIEW THE EVIDENCE AND TO MAKE A DECISION. MY TASK IN THIS  
22 INQUEST IS TO DETERMINE WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR POTENTIAL MODES OF  
23 DEATH APPLIES TO THE DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO: I AM REQUIRED TO RENDER A  
24 DECISION, SETTING FORTH, ONE, THE NAME OF THE DECEDENT, TWO, THE TIME AND  
25 PLACE OF DEATH, THREE, THE MEDICAL CAUSE OF DEATH, AND FOUR, WHETHER THE



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1 DEATH WAS BY NATURAL CAUSES, SUICIDE, ACCIDENT, OR THE HANDS OF ANOTHER  
2 PERSON, OTHER THAN BY ACCIDENT. IN DETERMINING THE MANNER OF DEATH, THERE  
3 ARE ONLY FOUR POSSIBLE MODES OF DEATH DEFINED AS FOLLOWS. ONE, NATURAL  
4 CAUSES, EXAMPLES BEING HEART ATTACK, STROKE, OLD AGE, ETC. DEATH BY  
5 NATURAL CAUSES IS A DEATH ARISING FROM AN ACTIVE NATURE AS OPPOSED TO ONE  
6 THAT IS ARTIFICIALLY INDUCED. TWO, ACCIDENT, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS NO  
7 INTENT, THERE IS AN ACCIDENT, LIKE A CAR CRASH. DEATH BY ACCIDENT CAN  
8 REFER TO A VARIETY OF UNFORESEEN OR UNINTENTIONAL EVENTS, SOME OF THOSE  
9 INVOLVE NATURAL PHENOMENON, SUCH AS DEATH BY FIRE, FLOOD, OR EARTHQUAKE,  
10 IN WHICH CASE NO HUMAN AGENCY IS INVOLVED. ANOTHER TYPE OF ACCIDENT IS THE  
11 KIND THAT RESULTS FROM HUMAN ACTS OR CONDUCT. DEATH BY ACCIDENT WHERE A  
12 HUMAN AGENCY IS INVOLVED IS BEST DEFINED AS THE UNINTENDED OR UNEXPECTED  
13 RESULT OF HUMAN ACCIDENT, OR HUMAN CONDUCT. THE TERM ACCIDENT AS IT  
14 APPLIED IN THESE PROCEEDINGS IS AN UNFORESEEN EVENT, MISFORTUNE, LOSS,  
15 ACT, OR OMISSION. SUICIDE IS THE TAKING OF ONE'S OWN LIFE, PURPOSEFULLY,  
16 OR -- TAKING ONE'S OWN LIFE OR TO PURPOSEFULLY CAUSE ANOTHER TO TAKE ONE'S  
17 LIFE. SUICIDE IS DEFINED AS AN INTENTIONAL ACT OF SELF DESTRUCTION BY  
18 WHICH ONE WITH SUFFICIENT TOUCH WITH REALITY UNDERSTANDS THE NATURE OF HIS  
19 OR HER ACT. THE FACT ANOTHER PERSON, INCLUDING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER,  
20 ACTED AS THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE DECEASED SUBJECT'S DEATH DOES NOT  
21 PRECLUDE A FINDING OF SUICIDE WHEN THE SUBJECT INTENDED TO PRECIPITATE THE  
22 USE OF DEADLY FORCE AGAINST HIMSELF OR HERSELF. THE FOURTH IS AT THE HANDS  
23 OF ANOTHER, OTHER THAN BY ACCIDENT. THIS WOULD BE THE PERSON'S  
24 PURPOSEFULLY KILLED, FOR EXAMPLE, SHOT, ETC. DEATH AT THE END HANDS OF  
25 ANOTHER BESIDES ACCIDENT IS SELF EXPARTICULARTORY, IT IS AN INTENTIONAL



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1 ACTS THAT CAUSES THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON, OR INTENTIONAL OMISSION TO  
2 ACT THAT DIRECTLY CAUSES THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON. I WILL DETERMINE THE  
3 MANNER OR MODE OF DEATH BY A MORE LIKELY TRUE THAN NOT TRUE STANDARD. THIS  
4 MEANS THAT, IN EXAMINING ALL THE EVIDENCE, I WILL DECIDE WHICH MODE OR  
5 MANNER OF DEATH OF THE FOUR LISTED CAUSES IS THE MOST LIKELY TO BE TRUE.  
6 ASSISTING ME IN THE PROCESS ARE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FROM THE COUNTY  
7 COUNSEL WHO WILL BE ACTING AS EXAMINERS TODAY, I WILL INTRODUCE THEM BY  
8 NAME AND THEN WE WILL MOVE INTO TAKING OF TESTIMONY. FIRST, MR. JOSEPH  
9 LANGTON, PRINCIPAL DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL. ALEXANDRA ZUIDERWEG, IF I AM  
10 PRONOUNCING THAT CORRECTLY, SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL. AND MICHAEL  
11 MILLER, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL. NOW, WE WILL MOVE INTO THE TESTIMONIAL  
12 PHASE AND WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED BY CALLING THE FIRST WITNESSES. THE  
13 WITNESS WILL TAKE THIS SEAT OVER HERE TO MY RIGHT, AND THAT IS WHERE YOU  
14 ARE GOING TO BE LOCATED. WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING WITH THE FIRST  
15 WITNESS, BEING MR. KEVIN YOUNG, DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER.

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17 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. THE DEPUTY CALLS THE DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, DR.  
18 KEVIN YOUNG.

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20 **SPEAKER:** .

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22 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR THE TESTIMONY YOU ARE ABOUT TO GIVE IN THE  
23 CAUSE PENDING IS THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?

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25 **SPEAKER:** YES, YOUR HONOR.

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2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, HOW ARE YOU?

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4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD

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6 **SPEAKER:** YOU WERE WORKING AS A MEDICAL EXAMINER AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
7 CORENPER OFFICE OFFICE ON JUNE 2020?

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9 **SPEAKER:** YES

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11 **SPEAKER:** AND YOU PERFORMED THE AUTOPSY ON ANDREAS GUARDADO?

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13 **SPEAKER:** YES .

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15 **SPEAKER:** HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED THERE?

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17 **SPEAKER:** 2007

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19 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU HOLD PROFESSIONAL LICENSES?

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21 **SPEAKER:** CALIFORNIA MEDICAL LICENSE, BOARD CERTIFICATION IN PATHOLOGY, AND  
22 FORENSIC PATHOLOGY

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24 **SPEAKER:** WHAT IS A BOARD CERTIFICATION?

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1 **SPEAKER:** A BOARD CERTIFICATION IS ADMINISTERED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF  
2 PATHOLOGY, AND IT REQUIRES VARIOUS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND TESTING  
3 REQUIREMENTS TO BE FULFILLED

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5 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. AND LET'S GO TO YOUR AUTOPSY REPORT, DO YOU HAVE THAT FOR  
6 REFERENCE?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES

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10 **SPEAKER:** YOU PREPARED THAT, CORRECT?

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12 **SPEAKER:** YES

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14 **SPEAKER:** YOUR HONOR I WOULD LIKE TO IDENTIFY THE CORONER'S AUTOPSY REPORT  
15 AS MEDICAL EXAMINER'S NUMBER ONE, PLEASE. AND DR. YOUNG, DID YOU SIGN THIS  
16 DOCUMENT?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** YES

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20 **SPEAKER:** AND FOR REFERENCE, YOUR HONOR, I AM REFERRING TO DMEC NUMBER 10,  
21 THAT BEARS DR. YOUNG'S SIGNATURE. THAT IS YOUR ACCURATE SIGNATURE ON THAT  
22 DOCUMENT, DOCTOR, CORRECT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES

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1 **SPEAKER:** THE CORONER OFFERS EXHIBITS 1-16 AT THIS TIME. WHAT -- DR. YOUNG,  
2 JUST BRIEFLY, WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AN AUTOPSY?

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4 **SPEAKER:** TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF DEATH

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6 **SPEAKER:** DID YOU DETERMINE WHETHER THIS INDIVIDUAL, MR. GUARDADO, HAD BEEN  
7 SHOT AND IS THAT THE BASIS AND THE REASON THAT HE DIED?

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9 **SPEAKER:** YES, IT WAS

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11 **SPEAKER:** AND IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHICH INJURIES WERE FATAL, DID YOU  
12 EVALUATE THE TRAJECTORY OF THOSE SHOTS?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES

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16 **SPEAKER:** HOW DID YOU DO THAT, SIR? I PERFORMED AN AUTOPSY, OPENING THE  
17 BODY, REMOVING AND DISSECTING THE ORGANS AND EXAMINING THE WOUNDS IN  
18 RELATION TO THE ORGAN WOUNDS

19

20 **SPEAKER:** DID YOU EVALUATE THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT WOUND PATTERNS?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YES

23

24 **SPEAKER:** DID YOU USE RODS IN THIS THIS AUTOPSY?

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** YES

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3 **SPEAKER:** WOULD YOU KINDLY EXPLAIN WHAT RODS ARE, PLEASE

4

5 **SPEAKER:** RODS ARE THIN PLASTIC OR METAL RODS, IN THIS CASE AFTER THE  
6 AUTOPSY AND REMOVING THE ORGANS, I TRIED TO CLOSE THE BODY AS BEST I COULD  
7 AND INSERT THE RODS IN THE ENTRANCE WOUNDS AND THROUGH THE EXIT WOUNDS

8

9 **SPEAKER:** AND DOCTOR, YOU WERE NOT DETERMINING THE SEQUENCE OF ANY SHOTS,  
10 CORRECT?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT

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14 **SPEAKER:** DOCTOR, ARE YOU ABLE TO DETERMINE THE TRAJECTORY OF A BULLET  
15 BASED UPON HOW THE ENTRANCE WOUND LOOKED?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** UM, NOT SOLELY BASED ON THAT, NO

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WHAT IS A MARGIN OF ABRASION PLEASE

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21 **SPEAKER:** A MARGINAL ABRASION IS A THIN RIM OF ABRASION AROUND THE BULLET  
22 WOUND, AND IT SIGNIFIES AN ENTRANCE WOUND

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1 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. AND DOCTOR, DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO MEDICAL EXAMINER'S  
2 EXHIBIT NO. ONE, THAT IS THE FIRST PAGE OF THE DOCUMENT, WOULD YOU KINDLY  
3 READ YOUR SUMMARY OUT LOUD FOR THE COURT

4  
5 **SPEAKER:** THE WHOLE SUMMARY?  
6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, PLEASE  
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9 **SPEAKER:** THE FIRST POINT IS 5 TOTAL GUN SHOT WOUNDS, ALL ENTERING THE  
10 BACK, THE SECOND, ADDITIONAL TWO GRAZE WOUNDS ARE PRESENT ON THE FORE  
11 ARMS, ALONG WITH OTHER SECONDARY FRAGMENT WOUNDS DETAILED BELOW, THE THIRD  
12 POINT IS ALL 5 GUNSHOT WOUNDS ARE FATAL, NEXT, 500CC OF RIGHT AND 600CC  
13 LEFT HEMOTHORAX, NEXT, 250CC CLOTT HUMEIAN PER CARNUMENT, NEXT, 150CC  
14 HUMAN PER TONEIUM AROUND THE LIVER, NEXT, ALL BULLETS TRAVELED BACK TO  
15 FRONT, AND SLIGHTLY UPWARDS, THROUGH THE TORSO, EXCEPT GUNSHOT WOUND  
16 NUMBER ONE WHICH IS SLIGHTLY DOWNWARDS. NEXT IS THREE MUSHROOMED JACKETED  
17 MEDIUM CALIBER BULLETS ARE RECOVERED AND SUBMITTED INTO EVIDENCE. A BULLET  
18 FRAGMENT WAS RECOVERED FROM THE ABDOMOMAN WAS SEEN. ALL WOUNDS ARE ONE  
19 QUARTER INCH ROUND WITH AN ABRASION COLLAR. NEXT, FOR PURPOSES OF  
20 IDENTIFICATION AND CONVENIENCE, INJURIES ARE ARBITRARILY NUMBERED, AND  
21 THIS IS NOT AN OPINION AS TO THE ORDER IN WHICH THESE WOUNDS WERE  
22 SUSTAINED.  
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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. AND DOCTOR, THOSE ARE YOUR INDEPENDENT  
2 OPINIONS AND CONCLUSIONS AS TO THE MANNER IN WHICH MR. GUARDADO DIED,  
3 CORRECT?

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5 **SPEAKER:** YES

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7 **SPEAKER:** WHEN YOU SAY ALL 5 WOUNDS WERE FATAL, DID YOU SAY THEY POSSESSED  
8 AN INDEPENDENT LETHAL CAPACITY?

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10 **SPEAKER:** YES

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12 **SPEAKER:** SO EACH ONE WAS ABLE TO KILL MR. GUARDADO, IS THAT CORRECT?

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14 **SPEAKER:** YES

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16 **SPEAKER:** AND WHEN YOU SAID STIPPLING STEERING OR MUZZLE STAMP WAS NOT SEEN  
17 ON ANY OF THE GUN SHOT WOUNDS, CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT THOSE TERMS ARE

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19 **SPEAKER:** THOSE ARE TERMS TO EXPLAIN THE RANGE OF FIRE, THE FIRST IS SOOT,  
20 BURN THE GUN POWDER AND IT APPEARS AS IF YOU ARE RUBBING CHARCOAL ON YOUR  
21 SKIN, BLACK SOOT. IF YOU SEE THAT, THAT IS A CLOSE RANGE WOUND. THE NEXT  
22 IS STIPPLING, STIPPLING IS CAUSED BY UNBURNED GUN POWDER, STRIKING THE  
23 SKIN. THEY APPEAR AS PIN POINT ABRASIONS AROUND THE GUN SHOT POUND AND  
24 THAT SIGNIFIES INTERMEDIATE RANGE WOUND. NEXT IS SEARING, WHERE YOU HAVE A  
25 CONTACT CLOSE RANGE WOUND WHERE THE MUZZLE OF THE GUN, THE HEAT FROM THAT,



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1 CAUSES ACTUAL SEARING OF THE SKIN. AND MUZZLE STAMP IS ANOTHER CONTACT  
2 TYPE WOUND WHERE THE MUZZLE OF THE GUN IS PRESSED AGAINST THE SKIN AND  
3 CAUSES AN ABRASION

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5 **SPEAKER:** AND NONE OF THAT WAS SEEN ON ANY OF THE GUNSHOT WOUNDS THAT YOU  
6 EXAMNENNED, CORRECT?

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8 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT

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10 **SPEAKER:** WE SPOKE EARLIER OF AN ABRASION COLLAR ON THE 5 ENTRANCE WOUNDS,  
11 WHAT SIGNIFICANCE -- WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AN ABRASION COLLAR,  
12 PLEASE

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS CAUSED BY BULLETS ENTERING THE SKIN

15

16 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. SO IT IS YOUR MEDICAL OPINION THAT ALL OF THE WOUNDS WERE  
17 ENTRANCE WOUNDS TO THE BACK, IS THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** ON THE BACK, THAT'S CORRECT

20

21 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. AND DR., LOOKING AT EXHIBITS, WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS  
22 MEDICAL EXAMINER'S 1-3, YOU LOCATED 5 TOTAL GUNSHOT WOUNDS, CORRECT?

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24 **SPEAKER:** YES

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1 **SPEAKER:** AND TWO GRAZE WOUNDS, CORRECT?

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3 **SPEAKER:** YES

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5 **SPEAKER:** WERE YOU ABLE TO DETERMINE THE TRAJECTORY OF THOSE GRAZE WOUNDS?

6 > NO

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8 **SPEAKER:** COULD YOU DETERMINE, DOCTOR, WHETHER THE TRAJECTORY INDICATES THE  
9 LOCATION OF MR. GUARDADO'S HANDS WHEN THOSE WOUNDS OCCURRED?

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11 **SPEAKER:** NO.

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13 **SPEAKER:** AND IS THERE A -- DID YOU FIND A MARGIN OF ABRASION ON THOSE TWO  
14 GRAZE WOUNDS?

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16 **SPEAKER:** NO.

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18 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT. AND YOU IDENTIFIED AT DMC1-3 THE NUMBER OF THOSE  
19 WOUNDS, CORRECT?

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21 **SPEAKER:** THE NUMBER OF THE WOUNDS ARE 5--JAN

22

23 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. AND THEN YOU ALSO IDENTIFIED THE LAST TWO GRAZE WOUNDS,  
24 CORRECT?

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1 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

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3 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. AND, BASED UPON YOUR AUTOPSY, DOCTOR, CAN IT BE DETERMINED  
4 OR IN WHAT DIRECTION MR. GUARDADO WAS MOVING WHEN HE WAS SHOT?

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6 **SPEAKER:** NO.

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8 **SPEAKER:** LET'S GO TO INJURY NUMBER ONE WHICH YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED AS A  
9 WOUND TO THE LEFT UPPER BACK, I WILL REFER YOU, PLEASE, TO DMC11? WHAT  
10 DOES THE TRAJECTORY OF WOUND NUMBER ONE TELL YOU ABOUT MR. GUARDADO'S BODY  
11 POSITION WHEN HE WAS SHOT, TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HIS BACK WAS FACING THE GUN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** AND DOCTOR, WHAT DOES THE ARE AJECTORY OF THE BULLET APPEAR TO  
16 YOU IN THE DIRECTION IT WAS SHOT?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THE BULLET TRAVELS BACK TO FRONT AND DOWNWARDS THROUGH THE BODY.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** AND DOCTOR, COULD MR. GUARDADO HAVE BEEN ON -- COULD MR. GUARDADO  
21 HAVE BEEN ON HIS KNEES AT THE TIME OF THE INJURY NUMBER ONE?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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1 **SPEAKER:** AND YOU DID FIND THE MARGIN OF ABRASION FOR INJURY NUMBER ONE,  
2 CORRECT?

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4 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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6 **SPEAKER:** THAT, AND PLEASE CORRECT ME, THAT BULLET PERFORATED THE LEFT 7  
7 INTERCOSTAL SPACE AT THE COSTAL VERTEBRAE ANGLE, CAN YOU PLEASE TELL ME  
8 WHAT THAT MEANS, PLEASE

9

10 **SPEAKER:** INTERCOSTAL IS IN BETWEEN THE RIBS AND ON THE SPINE

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THAT BULLET PERFORATED THE THORACIC AORTA, IS THAT CORRECT?

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14 **SPEAKER:** YES

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16 **SPEAKER:** THE LEFT LOWER LUNG, IS THAT CORRECT?

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18 **SPEAKER:** YES

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20 **SPEAKER:** AND IT PERFORATED THE LEFT, RIGHT ATRIUM AND LEFT AND RIGHT  
21 VENTRICLE VENTRICLE, IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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25 **SPEAKER:** DOCTOR, THAT WOUND IS FATAL IN AND OF ITSELF, CORRECT?

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2 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

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4 **SPEAKER:** TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY, DOCTOR, WOULD MR.

5 GUARDADO HAVE COLLAPSED DUE TO INJURY NUMBER ONE?

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7 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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9 **SPEAKER:** AND, DOCTOR, CAN YOU GIVE WITHIN A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL

10 PROBABILITY HOW LONG IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN MR. GUARDADO TO COLLAPSE AFTER

11 SUSTAINING THAT WOUND?

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13 **SPEAKER:** PROBABLY SECONDS, IT WOULD BE MEASURED IN SECONDS.

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15 **SPEAKER:** DOCTOR, DO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY, WOULD MR.

16 GUARDADO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE HIS HANDS AND ARMS AFTER RECEIVING INJURY

17 NUMBER ONE?

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19 **SPEAKER:** YES, HE COULD HAVE.

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21 **SPEAKER:** LET'S MOVE TO INJURY NUMBER TWO, DOCTOR, PLEASE. YOU HAVE

22 IDENTIFIED AS A WOUND TO THE RIGHT UPPER BACK, I WILL REFER YOU TO DMC

23 NUMBER 11, MR. THOMPSON. PURSUANT TO YOUR PRIOR TESTIMONY, DOCTOR, THAT

24 INJURY NUMBER TWO INDICATES THAT MR. GUARDADO'S BACK WAS TURNED TO THE

25 DEPUTY AT THE TIME HE RECEIVED THAT INJURY, IS THAT CORRECT?

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2 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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4 **SPEAKER:** DOCTOR, COULD YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ANGLE OF ENTRY.

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6 **SPEAKER:** UM, THE BULLET TRAVELED BACK TO FRONT AND UPWARDS THROUGH THE  
7 BODY.

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9 **SPEAKER:** AND WHAT IF ANY SIGNIFICANCE DO YOU DRAW FROM THE TRAJECTORY OF  
10 THAT BULLET, PLEASE

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THE BACK WAS FACING THE GUN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY, DOCTOR, COULD MR.  
15 GUARDADO HAVE BEEN BENDING FORWARD AT THE TIME OF INJURY NUMBER TWO.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES

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19 **SPEAKER:** DO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY, COULD MR. GUARDADO  
20 COULD HAVE BEEN LAYING PRONE ON THE GROUND PRIOR TO THIS INJURY?

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22 **SPEAKER:** I MEAN, HE COULD BE IN THIS POSITION, BUT I DON' KNOW IF, I  
23 WOULDN'T SAY HE WAS PROBABLY, BUT HE COULD HAVE BEEN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** COULD HAVE BEEN, CORRECT?

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2 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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4 **SPEAKER:** TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES, HE COULD HAVE BEEN.

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8 **SPEAKER:** AND AGAIN, JUST TO AFFIRM, YOU FOUND A MARGIN OF ABRASION FOR

9 NUMBER TWO, CORRECT?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES

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13 **SPEAKER:** THIS WOUND WAS THROUGH AND THROUGH?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THE BULLET EXITED AND ENTERED THROUGH THE BODY AND WE DID NOT

16 RECOVER THE BULLET FROM THAT WOUND

17

18 **SPEAKER:** LET'S MOVE TO INJURY NUMBER THREE, A WOUND YOU IDENTIFIED TO THE

19 RIGHT MIDBACK, IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YES

22

23 **SPEAKER:** REFERRING YOUR ATTENTION TO DMC NUMBER 11, LIKE NUMBER TWO, MR.

24 GUARDADO'S BACK WAS TURNED TO THE DEPUTY AT THE TIME HE RECEIVED THIS

25 INJURY, IS THAT CORRECT?

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2 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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4 **SPEAKER:** DOCTOR, COULD YOU DESCRIBE WHAT BODY PARTS, INTERNAL ORGANS, THAT  
5 DID INJURY NUMBER THREE, THE BULLET, PERFORATE, PLEASE?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THE RIGHT LUNG, AND THE RIGHT RIB.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** DR. YOUNG, WHAT ARE THE PHYSICAL EFFECTS TO THE BODY AFTER  
10 RECEIVING THE INJURY AS YOU DESCRIBED, INJURY NUMBER THREE?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THERE WILL BE TWO MAIN EFFECTS, ONE IS THAT THE LUNG WOULD  
13 COLLAPSE AND IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO BREATHE FROM THAT LUNG. AND  
14 SECONDLY, HE WOULD BLEED OUT OF THE LUNG.

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16 **SPEAKER:** I MISSED THE LAST --

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HE WOULD BLEED OUT OF THE LUNG.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** AND TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL CERTAINTY, COULD MR.  
21 GUARDADO HAVE BEEN BENDING FORWARD AT THE TIME OF INJURY NUMBER THREE?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY, COULD MR. GUARDADO  
2 HAVE BEEN LAYING PRONE ON THE GROUND AT THE TIME OF INJURY NUMBER THREE?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES

5

6 **SPEAKER:** AND JUST TO CONFIRM, YOU DID INDEED FIND A MARGIN OF ABRASION FOR  
7 THE ENTRY WOUND NUMBER THREE, CORRECT?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** YES

10

11 **SPEAKER:** LET'S MOVE TO NUMBER 4, A WOUND TO THE RIGHT MIDBACK, IS THAT  
12 CORRECT?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES

15

16 **SPEAKER:** REFERRING TO DMC NUMBER 11, WHICH IS HIGHLIGHTED THERE. DOES THIS  
17 INDICATE, AS WELL, DOCTOR, THAT MR. GUARDADO HAD HIS BACK TURNED TO THE  
18 DEPUTY AT THE TIME HE SUSTAINED INJURY NUMBER FOUR?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** DOCTOR, WHAT IS THE ANGLE OF ENTRY, IF YOU PLEASE?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THE BULLET TRAVELED BACK TO FRONT, AND UPWARDS THROUGH THE BODY

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** AND WHAT IF ANY SIGNIFICANCE DO YOU DRAW FROM THE ANGLE OF ENTRY  
2 AND THE TRAJECTORY, PLEASE.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HIS BACK WAS FACING THE GUN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** AS WITH BULLETS AND INJURIES NUMBER TWO AND THREE, AS IT RELATES  
7 TO INJURY NUMBER FOUR, COULD, TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL  
8 PROBABILITY, MR. GUARDADO HAVE BEEN BENDING FORWARD AT THE TIME OF THIS  
9 INJURY?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** AND TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY, COULD MR.  
14 GAURBD HAVE BEEN LAYING PRONE ON THE GROUND?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THIS INJURY WAS THROUGH AND THROUGH, IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** UM, NUMBER THREE AND FOUR, THE BULLET EXITED, OR THE BULLET ENDED  
21 VERY CLOSE ON THE BODY. SO I COULDN'T DETERMINE WHICH ONE WAS A THROUGH  
22 AND THROUGH AND WHICH ONE IS NOT.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YOU ALSO FOUND A MARGIN OF ABRASION WITH INJURY NUMBER FOUR, IS  
25 THAT CORRECT?

21



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2 **SPEAKER:** YES

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4 **SPEAKER:** AND INDICATING WHAT, AGAIN, DOCTOR, PLEASE?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** IT INDICATES AN ENTRANCE WOUND.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, AND LET'S MOVE TO INJURY NUMBER FIVE, IF YOU PLEASE, WHICH

9 YOU IDENTIFIED AS A WOUND TO THE LOWER MID-BACK. DOCTOR, WHAT ORGANS DID

10 THAT BULLET PERFORATE?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** NUMBER FIVE PERFORATED THE SPINE AT L3, THE MUSCLE, RIGHT KIDNEY,

13 AND RIGHT LIVER.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** DOCTOR, PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT THE PHYSICAL EFFECTS TO THE BODY ARE

16 AFTER SUSTAINING INJURY NUMBER FIVE, PLEASE.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HE WOULD BLEED OUT FROM THE KIDNEY AND LIVER.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** AND REFERRING YOU, AGAIN, TO DMC NUMBER 11, MR. GUARDADO'S BACK

21 WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE BEEN TURNED TO THE DEPUTY AT THE TIME OF INJURY

22 NUMBER 5, IS THAT CORRECT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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1 **SPEAKER:** AND AGAIN, WITH THE INJURIES, TWO, THREE, AND FOUR, MR. GUARDADO  
2 COULD HAVE BEEN BENDING FORWARD AT THE TIME OF THIS INJURY?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES

5

6 **SPEAKER:** AND TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY, COULD MR.  
7 GUARDADO HAVE BEEN LAYING PRONE ON THE GROUND AT THE TIME OF INJURY NUMBER  
8 FIVE?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YOU ALSO DID FIND A MARGIN OF ABRASION FOR INJURY NUMBER FIVE, IS  
13 THAT CORRECT?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES

16

17 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO ADD TO YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY,  
18 DOCTOR?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** NO.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YOUR HONOR, I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OF THIS WITNESS.

23





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1 **SPEAKER:** THAT CONCLUDES YOUR EXAMINATION, THANK YOU. THIS IS NOT AN  
2 ADVERSARIAL PROCEEDING, SO THERE IS NO CROSS-EXAMINATION. YOU ARE FREE TO  
3 GO.

4  
5 **DR. JOHNATHAN LUCAS:** THANK YOU.

6  
7 **SPEAKER:** AND LET ME MAKE A COMMENT TO THE AUTOPSY REPORT AND FINDINGS,  
8 THEA TOPSA REPORT HAD A DISMALLY LARGE NUMBER OFA TOPSA PHOTOGRAPHS THAT  
9 WERE TAKEN DURING THE COURSE OF THE AUTOPSY, IT HAS BEEN MY DECISION,  
10 PRIMARILY DUE TO THE UNFAMILIARITY THAT MOST PEOPLE HAVE WITH AUTOPSY A  
11 TAUPS AUTOPSY PHOTOS, TO NOT MAKE THE GRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHS PART OF THE  
12 PUBLIC RECORD OF THESE PROCEEDINGS. THE REPORT, TEXT, AND DIAGRAMS, I  
13 THINK, ARE SUFFICIENT AND THE AUTOPSY A TAUPS OPS TOPSA TOPSAA TOPSA  
14 PHOTOS DO NOT ADD ANYTHING NECESSARY TO THE PHOTOS OR TO THE RECORD. WE  
15 WILL CONTINUE WITH THE NEXT WITNESS, WHO IS DIANNA DARBIAN, CORONER-  
16 INVESTIGATOR. I THINK THE PLAN IS TO ENTER FROM YOUR RIGHT, AND ALL THE  
17 WITNESSES WILL BE IN THE SAME MEETING AREA. WOULD YOU PLEASE RAISE YOUR  
18 RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN. [SWEARING IN].

19  
20 **SPEAKER:** YES, I DO.

21  
22 **SPEAKER:** WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

23  
24 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS LIANNA DARABEDYAN

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, HOW ARE YOU?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** I AM WELL, THANK YOU

4

5 **SPEAKER:** WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** A CORONER INVESTIGATOR

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE LOS ANGELES CORONER'S OFFICE?

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11 **SPEAKER:** I WAS HIRED IN SEPTEMBER 2018

12

13 **SPEAKER:** 2018?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES

16

17 **SPEAKER:** DURING YOUR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER'S

18 OFFICES, WHAT ARE YOUR ASSIGNMENTS?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** INVESTIGATE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH THAT FALL UNDER OUR

21 JURISDICTION, RESPOND TO THE SCENE, DO PHOTOS, BODY EXAM, INVESTIGATE THE

22 WITNESSES, FAMILY, FRIENDS, NOTIFY NEXT OF KIN, COORDINATE OTHER AGENCIES

23 FOR HANDLING EVIDENCE, COORDINATE WITH OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES REGARDING THE

24 NOTIFICATION OF DEATH, AND WRITE MY REPORT, ETC.

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1 **SPEAKER:** YOU AUTHORED A CASE RECORD IN THE ANDREAS GUARDADO MATTER,  
2 CORRECT?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES

5

6 **SPEAKER:** AND I IDENTIFIED IT CME17-46, IF YOU CAN PUBLISH THAT PLEASE,  
7 YOUR HONOR

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS FINE.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS DOCUMENT?

12

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15 **SPEAKER:** WHAT IS THAT, PLEASE.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** FORM ONE

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WHEN WAS IT COMPLETED, MA'AM?

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21 **SPEAKER:** IT WAS COMPLETED AS I WAS WRITING, BUT ASSIGNED ON JUNE 23 AT  
22 13: 44 HOURS

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YOU SIGNED THE DOCUMENT?

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES

2

3 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE BRING UP DMEC19, PLEASE. WHAT IS THE DATE OF THE  
4 SIGNATURE?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** JUNE 19TH, 2020.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** IS THAT YOUR SIGNATURE ON THE LEFT, MS. DARABEDYAN?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THE CORONER OFFERS 17-46 INTO ADMISSION

13

14 **SPEAKER:** RECEIVED.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** DIRECTING YOUR ATTENTION TO DMEC17 UNDER YOUR SYNOPSIS, YOU  
17 INDICATED ACCORDING TO REPORTED INFORMATION, IS THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES

20

21 **SPEAKER:** AND WHOM DID YOU RECEIVE THE REPORTED INFORMATION FROM?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** DETECTIVE MIKE DAVIS.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** AND DO YOU KNOW WHETHER OR NOT MR. DAVIS IS WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES, I DO

5

6 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE READ THE PARAGRAPH UNDER SYNOPSIS FOR THE RECORD

7

8 **SPEAKER:** ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION, THE DECEDENT WAS OUTSIDE ON THE  
9 SIDEWALK WHEN THE POLICE WAS DOING POCONTROL, NOTING HE DID NOT HAVE A  
10 WEAPON IN THE WAIST BAND, THE POLICE TRIED TO MAKE A STOP AND HE TOOK OFF  
11 RUNNING DOWN THE DRIVE WAY, OFFICERS TOLD THE DECEDENT --

12

13 **SPEAKER:** SLOW DOWN

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THE DESEEDN'T REACHED TO HIS WAIST BAND AND OFFICERS SHOT AT THE  
16 DECEDENT, PARAMEDICS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND DETERMINED DEATH AT 1801  
17 HOURS. THERE WERE 5 APPARENT GUN SHOT WOUNDS, NOTED TO HIS BACK SIDE,  
18 THREE NOTEED TO THE FRONT TORSO, AND GRAZE WOUNDS NOTED TO THE FORE ARMS  
19 AND TORSO. THE POLICE INVESTIGATION IS ON GOING, DETECTIVE NOTED TWO HOURS  
20 PRIOR TO EXAMINATION, PLEASE SEE CASE NOTES FOR THE INFORMATION

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON JUNE 19TH, 2020, AT APPROXIMATELY 1753,  
23 IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** YES

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2 **SPEAKER:** AND MA'AM, THAT IS AT 5:53PM, IS THAT CORRECT, FROM THE MILITARY  
3 TIME?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** YES

6

7 **SPEAKER:** AT WHAT TIME DID YOU ARRIVE ON THE SCENE, PLEASE.

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9 **SPEAKER:** I ARRIVED AT 2: 38 HOURS.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** AND WHAT TIME DID YOU CLEAR THE SCENE?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** 4: 05 HOURS.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** AND DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION UNDER THE THIRD PARAGRAPH,  
16 INVESTIGATION, YOU WRITE THAT PARAMEDICS MOVED THE DECEDENT FROM A PRONE  
17 TO SUPINE POSITION, WOULD YOU PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT A PRONE POSITION IS?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** A PRONE POSITION IS WHEN YOU ARE LYING ON YOUR FRONT SIDE

20

21 **SPEAKER:** SUPINE?

22

23 **SPEAKER:**

24

25 **SPEAKER:** WHEN YOU ARE LYING ON THE BACK SIDE.

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2 **SPEAKER:** AND WHO PROVIDED YOU WITH THIS INFORMATION, PLEASE.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** DETECTIVE MIKE DAVIS FROM SHERIFF.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** AND FURTHER DOWN THAT PARAGRAPH, MS. DARABEDYAN, ON DMAC18, YOU  
7 WRITE THAT ANOTHER WEAPON WAS FOUND ON THE SCENE, WHICH YOU IDENTIFY AS A  
8 SMITH AND WESEN HANDGUN WITH AN UNKNOWN CALIBER AND AN UNKNOWN SERIAL  
9 NUMBER THAT WAS ALSO COLLECTED AS UNDERSTAND BY THE CRIMINALEST AT THE  
10 SCENE. WHAT KNOWLEDGE DO YOU HAVE AS TO WHO POSSESSES THAT HANDGUN, MS.  
11 DARABEDYAN?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I DO NOT RECALL, IT WAS JUST THE WEAPON THAT WAS FOUND ON SCENE.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** DID ANYONE TELL YOU WHOSE, WHO -- WHAT WEAPON, OR WHO HAD THAT  
16 WEAPON IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION POSSESSION?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** DETECTIVES ON SCENE TOLD ME THAT WAS THE WEAPON THAT BELONGED TO  
19 MR. GUARDADO.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE IF MR. GUARDADO'S FINGER PRINTS OR  
22 MATERIAL WAS ON THAT HAND GUN WITHOUT THE SERIAL NUMBER?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** I DO NOT KNOW

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO DMEC18, WOULD YOU PLEASE READ THE  
2 INFORMATION UNDER INFORMANT WITNESS STATEMENTS.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I SPOKE WITH DETECTIVE DAVIS AT THE SCENE AND HE TOLD ME THE  
5 FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY INFORMATION: THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON JUNE 18, 2020,  
6 AT 17:52 HOURS. THE POLICE UNIT WAS DOING PATROL IN THE AREA AND NOTED THE  
7 DECEDENT STANDING OUT WITH ANOTHER FEMALE ON THE SIDE WALK, THEY NOTED A  
8 WEAPON IN THE DESEEDN'T'S WAIST BAND, THEY MADE A STOP, WITH THE DECEDENT  
9 RUNNING BETWEEN TWO BUSINESS SHOPS, THE DEPUTIES APPROACHED THE DESEEDN'T  
10 AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO TOUCH HIS WEAPON, HE REACHED FOR HIS WAIST BAND  
11 WHICH LED FOR DEPUTIES TO SHOOT. AFTERWARDS, PARAMEDICS FROM THE LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE ARRIVED ON SCENE, PAR MED REQUESTS  
13 CLEMENTS DETERMINED DEATH ON JUNE 2020. A TOTAL OF 6 CASINGS FOUND AT THE  
14 SCENE, THE POLICE INVESTIGATION IS ON GOING.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** DETECTIVE DAVIS ADVISED YOU OF THAT INFORMATION, CORRECT?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THIS WAS A VEHICLE PATROL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
21 DEPARTMENT AND NOT A FOOT PATROL, IS THAT CORRECT?.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES

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1 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE AS PROVIDED TO YOU BY DETECTIVE DAVIS  
2 WHETHER MR. GUARDADO SURRENDERED AT ANY TIME TO THE DEPUTIES PRIOR TO WHEN  
3 HE WAS SHOT?

4  
5 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION  
6

7 **SPEAKER:** HOW MANY CONVERSATIONS DID YOU HAVE WITH DETECTIVE DAVIS, PLEASE.  
8

9 **SPEAKER:** I DO NOT RECALL, IT WAS ON GOING THROUGHOUT THE SCENE.  
10

11 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU GIVE ME AN ESTIMATE, PLEASE. GREATER THAN 5?  
12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES  
14

15 **SPEAKER:** GREATER THAN 10?  
16

17 **SPEAKER:** NO  
18

19 **SPEAKER:** BETWEEN 5 AND 10, IS THAT CORRECT?  
20

21 **SPEAKER:** YES  
22

23 **SPEAKER:** WAS THERE ANY INFORMATION THAT DETECTIVE DAVIS WAS UNWILLING TO  
24 TELL YOU, DURING ANY OF YOUR CONVERSATIONS, BECAUSE THE POLICE  
25 INVESTIGATION WAS ONGOING?

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2 **SPEAKER:** HE HAD TOLD ME THAT WAS JUST THE PRELIMINARY INFORMATION WE WERE  
3 ABLE TO PROVIDE ME, AS THE POLICE INVESTIGATION WAS STILL ONGOING.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** DID YOU HAVE ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PARAMEDIC PARAMEDICS  
6 PARAMEDIC PARAMEDICS PARAMEDIC PARAMEDICS THAT RESPONDED TO THE SCENE OF  
7 MR. GUARDADO'S SHOOTING?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** NO, I ARRIVED AFTER THEY HAD LEFT.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** AND YOU ALSO, DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE  
12 PARAGRAPH, UNDER INFORMANT WITNESS STATEMENTS, YOU INDICATE A TOTAL OF SIX  
13 CASES OF 9 MILLIMETER CALIBER WERE FOUND AT THE SCENE AND THAT INFORMATION  
14 WAS RELAYED TO YOU BY DETECTIVE DAVIS, IS THAT CORRECT?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** SO MR. DARABEDYAN, DID YOU ACTUALLY OBSERVE MR. GUARDADO AT THE  
19 INCIDENT SITE?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YES

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL JUSTICE COOPER OF YOUR OBSERVATIONS WHEN  
24 YOU SAW MR. GUARDADO.

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES. HE WAS LYING SUPINE ON THE FLOOR OF THE DRIVE WAY, BLOOD ON  
2 HIS FACE, SHIRT WAS CUT BY THE PARAMEDICS, SHIRT WAS TO THE LEFT, PANTS  
3 CUT OFF, EKG PATCHES ON HIM, I NOTED MULTI PLEGRAZE WOUNDS AND PAIRING  
4 GUNSHOT WOUNDS

5

6 **SPEAKER:** DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO DMEC18 UNDER SCENE DESCRIPTION, YOU  
7 NOTE LOCATED A FEW FEET WEST OF THE DESEEDANT A WEAPON, A SMITH AND WESEN  
8 HAND GUN WITH UNKNOWN CALIBER AND SERIAL NUMBER, FACING NORTH AND SOUTH,  
9 WERE THOSE YOUR INDEPENDENT OBSERVATIONS OF THE WEAPON AT THE TIME YOU  
10 ARRIVED AT MR. GUARDADO'S SHOOTING SITE?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU KNOW WHETHER THAT WEAPON HAD BEEN MOVED AT ANY TIME AFTER  
15 MR. GUARDADO WAS SHOT?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I DO NOT KNOW.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO DMEC19, UNDER CAPTION, EVIDENCE. YOU  
20 SAID THAT YOU REMOVED AND COLLECTED LATEX GLOVES OFF OF BOTH OF MR.  
21 GUARDADO'S HANDS AT THE DECEDENT'S SERVICES UNIT. DO YOU KNOW WHETHER MR.  
22 GUARDADO WAS WEARING THE LATEX GLOVES AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH?

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1 **SPEAKER:** I DO NOT KNOW BUT HE WAS WEARING THEM ON SCENE AND WAS  
2 TRANSPORTED TO THE CORONER'S EVIDENCE AND I PRESERVED IN CASE THE EVIDENCE  
3 WAS NEEDED

4

5 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU PLEASE TELL JUSTICE COOPER WHAT GSR MEANS

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GUN SHOT RESIDUE

8

9 **SPEAKER:** WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THAT, PLEASE

10

11 **SPEAKER:** TO PICK UP ON ANY RESIDUE LEFT ON THE FACE OR HANDS

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WHAT IS INDICIA?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** A FIRE ARM WAS DISCHARGED

16

17 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION IF GSR WAS LOCATED ON MR. GUARDADO'S  
18 BODY?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I DO NOT KNOW.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WOULD YOU, BASED UPON YOUR PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS OF MR.  
23 GUARDADO'S BODY IN THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING HIM, WOULD YOU PLEASE  
24 ESTIMATE THE DISTANCE FROM MR. GUARDADO'S HAND TO THE WEAPON THAT YOU  
25 OBSERVED ON THE GROUND.

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2 **SPEAKER:** IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 3 TO 5 FEET.

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4 **SPEAKER:** 3 TO 5 FEET?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES

7

8 **SPEAKER:** IF MR. GUARDADO WAS LAYING SUPINE ON THE GROUND, CAN YOU TELL ME  
9 OFF OF WHAT HAND YOU OBSERVED THE WEAPON, LEFT OR RIGHT?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** I CANNOT DETERMINE THAT. IT WAS TO THE LEFT OF HIS HEAD.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THE LEFT OF HIS HEAD.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES

16

17 **SPEAKER:** SO IT WAS ON HIS LEFT HAND SIDE AS HE LAID SUPINE ON THE GROUND,  
18 IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** SO IF HE WAS LAYING SUPINE, IT WAS TO THE RIGHT OF HIS HEAD

21

22 **SPEAKER:** TO THE RIGHT OF HIS HEAD AS HE WAS LAYING SUPINE ON THE GROUND

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** FOR CLARIFICATION, HOW FAR AWAY FROM MR. GUARDADO'S HEAD DID YOU  
2 OBSERVE THE WEAPON?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** APPROXIMATELY THREE TO FIVE FEET

5

6 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR TESTIMONY HERE  
7 TODAY?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** NO.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YOUR HONOR, I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OF THIS WITNESS.

12

13 **THE COURT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. DARABEDYAN, YOU ARE FREE TO GO. THANK  
14 YOU. THE NEXT WITNESS WE ARE GOING TO CALL THIS MORNING IS MR. ANDREW  
15 CLEMENS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND LET ME PAUSE AS YOU ENTER  
16 AND WE WILL LET THE VERY NICE YOUNG LADY WRITE THE CALENDAR DOWN. THANK  
17 YOU.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONDUCT THESE PROCEEDINGS IN LIGHT WITH THE  
20 MOST RECENT COVID AS WE START TO EXAMINE, WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME  
21 YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** MS. ALEXANDRA ZUIDERWEG, SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL. GOOD  
24 MORNING, MR. CLEMENS, HOW ARE YOU TODAY?

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** I AM GOOD, THANK YOU.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** YES? THANK YOU. [SWEARING IN].

4

5 **SPEAKER:** YES, YOUR HONOR

6

7 **SPEAKER:** WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD

8

9 **SPEAKER:** FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC ANDREW CLEMENS

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11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** ARE YOU AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED BY L.A. COUNTY FIRE?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** FOUR YEARS, MA'AM

20

21 **SPEAKER:** WHAT IS YOUR POSITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE

22 DEPARTMENT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC

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1 **SPEAKER:** HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** I HAVE BEEN A PARAMEDIC FOR ONE YEAR AND AN EMT FOR FOUR YEARS

4

5 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE FOR JUSTICE COOPER THE DIFFERENCE

6

7 **SPEAKER:** ALL FIREFIGHTERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE AN EMT, THEY PROVIDE BASIC

8 LIFE SKILLS, CPR, TRIAGE, WOUND CARE, NEXT LEVEL UP, CARDIAC LEVEL

9 MONITORING, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, IV ACCESS, ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT

10

11 **SPEAKER:** AND YOU WERE ON DUTY AS A PARAMEDIC ON JUNE 18TH, 2020, CORRECT?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** NO, MA'AM.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WHAT WAS YOUR POSITION ON JUNE 18TH?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** ENGINE 95 IS A BLS ENGINE, WITH ONE CAPTAIN, ONE ENGINEER, TWO

18 FIREFIGHTERS, AT THE TIME I WAS WORKING OVER TIME AS A FIREFIGHTER AND NOT

19 PARAMEDIC BUT MAINTAIN OUR LICENSE WHEREVER WE WORK

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. JUNE 18TH 2020 YOU WERE

22 DISPATCHED TO 420 REDONDO BOULEVARD?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME YOU WERE DISPATCHED?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** 6:00, LIKE 17:55, I BELIEVE

4

5 **SPEAKER:** SO THAT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 6:00PM?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM

8

9 **SPEAKER:** WHAT INFORMATION DID YOU RECEIVE WHEN YOU WERE DISPATCHED TO THIS  
10 LOCATION?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** JUST TO GUNSHOT VICTIM AND THAT IS ALL THAT CAME OUT, A SHERIFF-  
13 INVOLVED

14

15 **SPEAKER:** SO YOU WERE AWARE AT THE TIME THAT THIS WAS A DEPUTY-INVOLVED  
16 SHOOTING THAT YOU WERE RESPONDING TO?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** I AM SORRY --

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YOU WERE AWARE AT THIS TIME THIS WAS A DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING

21

22 **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE THE TEXT SAID THIS WAS AN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING AND  
23 STAGING FOR IT TO BE CLEAR

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1 **SPEAKER:** MR. CLEMANCE, I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT WE HAVE A COURT REPORTER  
2 TAKING DOWN EVERYTHING 2459 THAT IS SAID IF WE CAN AVOID SPEAKING OVER  
3 EACH OTHER

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I AM HAVING TROUBLE HEARING YOU.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** UNDERSTOOD, I AM TRYING TO LEAN INTO THE MIC MORE. IS THIS  
8 BETTER?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM

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12 **SPEAKER:** I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DIFFICULTIES. YOU WERE AWARE YOU WERE  
13 RESPONDING TO A DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE SO, YES

16

17 **SPEAKER:** WHAT ARE YOUR TYPICAL DUTIES WHEN RESPONDING TO DEPUTY INVOLVED  
18 SHOOTINGS?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THE SAME AS ANY GUN SHOT WOUND, WE MAINTAIN, IF IT IS A CRIME  
21 SCENE, YOU KNOW, STAY CLEAR OF ANY TYPES OF WEAPONS OR BULLET CASINGS AND,  
22 YOU KNOW, PRESERVE THE SCENE IF IT IS THAT TYPE OF INCIDENT.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** NOW, WHEN YOU ARRIVED AT 420 WEST REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD, WHAT  
25 DID YOU OBSERVE?

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2 **SPEAKER:** THERE WAS A LONG ALLEY, NUMEROUS SHERIFF'S VEHICLES WERE ON SCENE  
3 AT THAT TIME. YOU COULD WITNESS THE VICTIM DOWN, QUITE A WAYS I WOULD SAY  
4 PROBABLY SAY BETWEEN 50 AND 100 FEET DOWN, WE GOT DOWN THERE, HE WAS  
5 PRONE, FACE DOWN. AND A POOL OF BLOOD, A FEW DEPUTIES THERE, A GUN OFF TO  
6 THE SIDE, AND ESSENTIALLY THAT WAS IT BEFORE WE STARTED OUR MEASURES OF  
7 BASIC LIFE SUPPORT.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** AND YOU WERE THE FIRST INDIVIDUALS FROM L.A. COUNTY FIRE THAT  
10 WERE ON SCENE AFTER THE SHOOTING, CORRECT?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** SO YOU SAID YOU ARRIVED AT MR. GUARDADO'S BODY AND YOU SAW HIM  
15 FACE-DOWN IN A POOL OF BLOOD WITH A GUN LOCATED NEAR HIM CORRECT?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS CORRECT

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WHAT WAS THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THAT GUN?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** 3 OR 4 FEET TO THE WEST OF HIM, OFF OF HIS RIGHT SIDE

22

23 **SPEAKER:** AND NOW, AT THAT POINT, WHEN YOU ARRIVED AT MR. GUARDADO'S BODY  
24 YOU STARTED EFFORTS TO DETERMINE IF HE WAS ALIVE OR DEAD, IS THAT CORRECT?

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES

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3 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU DESCRIBE THOSE

4

5 **SPEAKER:** ONE OF OUR MEASURES, WE WOULD SEAL THE CHEST WOUNDS WERE THE  
6 BULLET ENTRY AND EXIT WOUNDS WOULD BE. AS A BASIC LIFE SUPPORT MEASURE, WE  
7 CUT THE PANTS AND SHIRT TO EXPOSE THE BODY, WHICH TAKES APPROXIMATELY 20  
8 TO 30 SECONDS. WE ALSO NEEDED TO DETERMINE ENTRY AND EXIT WOUNDS, SO WE  
9 HAD TO FLIP THE PATIENT AND CUT THE OTHER SIDE JUST TO DETERMINE THAT. WE  
10 ALSO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ANY PULSE, IF THEY HAVE ANY RESPIRATORY EFFORT  
11 OR ANY NEUROLOGICAL EFFORT IN THEIR BODY. ONE, WE WOULD CHOOSE THAT, OR  
12 DETERMINE THAT WITH A PUPILLARY RESPONSE FOR THE NEURO, OBVIOUSLY, TESTING  
13 THE RESPIRATIONS AND GETTING A RADIAL OR CAROTID PULSE

14

15 **SPEAKER:** NOW, WHEN YOU OBSERVED MR. GUARDADO AND, YOU KNOW, ATTEMPT  
16 ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THE INJURIES, YOU SAID GUN SHOT  
17 WOUNDS, DID YOU REPORT HOW MANY YOU OBSERVED?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THE REPORT STATES 5 IN THE BACK AND TWO IN THE FRONT

20

21 **SPEAKER:** CONSISTENT WITH YOUR RECOLLECTION?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM

24

25 **SPEAKER:** YOU TURNED MR. GUARDADO'S BODY OVER TO CONDUCT YOUR EFFORTS?

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2 **SPEAKER:** YES

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4 **SPEAKER:** WHEN YOU ARRIVED, DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH TIME HAD ELAPSED?

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6 **SPEAKER:** YES

7

8 **SPEAKER:** AND YOU DETERMINED THAT MR. GUARDADO WAS DECEASED?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HOW DID YOU MAKE THAT DETERMINATION?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** WE DETERMINED THE PATIENT WAS PULSELESS, APMIC, AND WE DETERMINED  
15 DEATH ONCE THE ALS UNIT ARRIVED ON SCENE AND INITIATED CARDIAC MONITORING  
16 TO DETERMINE THE PATIENT WAS ASYSTOLIC, WITHOUT CARDIAC ACTIVITY

17

18 **SPEAKER:** WHAT DOES ALS STAND FOR?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** SORRY.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WHAT DOES ALS STAND FOR?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT

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1 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS ANOTHER UNIT FROM L.A. COUNTY FIRE THAT RESPONDED TO THE  
2 SCENE, CORRECT?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM

5

6 **SPEAKER:** AND APPROXIMATELY HOW MUCH TIME HAD ELAPSED BETWEEN WHEN YOU  
7 ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND WHEN THE ALS UNIT ARRIVED ON THE SCENE?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** 1 TO 2 MINUTES.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** APPROXIMATELY HOW MUCH TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN YOU ARRIVED ON THE  
12 SCENE AND WHEN MR. GUARDADO WAS DETERMINED TO BE DEAD

13

14 **SPEAKER:** 1 TO 2 MINUTES, WELL, 2 TO 3 MINUTES TOTAL

15

16 **SPEAKER:** DID YOU HAVE ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH ANY EMPLOYEES OF THE LOS  
17 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT THE SCENE?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** NOT EXTENDED, JUST A MATTER OF DETERMINING, THEY WERE LOCATED --  
20 HAY THEY HAD LOCATED THE WEAPON AND SAID, BE AWARE THIS IS HERE AND WE  
21 INITIATED OUR LIFE SUPPORT MEASURES. -

22

23 **SPEAKER:** SO THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF YOUR CONVERSATION, NOTHING FURTHER?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM

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2 **SPEAKER:** DID YOU HEAR ANYONE MAKE ANY STATEMENTS AS TO HOW THE SHOOTING  
3 OCCURRED WHEN YOU WERE ON THE SCENE?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** NO, MA'AM

6

7 **SPEAKER:** DID ANYONE INFORM YOU THAT THE GUN THAT WAS NEAR MR. GUARDADO'S  
8 BODY HAD BEEN MOVED ENANYWAYWY?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** NO, MA'AM

11

12 **SPEAKER:** AND YOU HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHETHER IT HAD BEEN MOVED?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** NO

15

16 **SPEAKER:** IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE DISCUSSED ALREADY THAT IS RELEVANT TO  
17 DETERMINING THE CIRCUMSTANCE, CAUSE, AND MANNER OF MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** NO, MA'AM

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YOUR HONOR, I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THIS WITNESS.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT, MR. CLEMENS, THAT CONCLUDES YOUR EXAMINATION, THANK  
24 YOU VERY MUCH AND YOU ARE FREE TO GO

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANKS, YOUR HONOR.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** THE NEXT WITNESS WE ARE GOING TO CALL IS FROM THE FIRE  
4 DEPARTMENT, MR. ERIC GOODRICH.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YOUR HONOR, I BELIEVE THAT MR. GOODRICH IS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND  
7 TODAY. I THINK THE NEXT WITNESS THE CORONER WOULD LIKE TO CALL WITH YOUR  
8 PERMISSION IS MR. DENNIS COTA.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. DENNIS COTA? [SWEARING IN]

11

12 **SPEAKER:** I DO

13

14 **SPEAKER:** WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** DENNIS CAHOTA. Q. GOOD MORNING, MR. CATOHAR, ARE YOU AN EMPLOYEE  
17 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED WITH L.A. COUNTY FIRE?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** 30 YEARS Q. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A PARAMEDIC?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** 29 YEARS Q. YOU WERE ON SCENE JUNE 18TH 2020, CORRECT?

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2 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT Q. YOU WERE DISPATCHED TO 420 WEST REDONDO BEACH  
3 BOULEVARD, IS THAT CORRECT?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT Q. DO YOU KNOW WHAT APPROXIMATELY WHAT TIME YOU WERE  
6 DISPATCHED?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** APPROXIMATELY 6:00PM. Q. AND WHAT INFORMATION HAD YOU RECEIVED  
9 WHEN YOU WERE DISPATCHED TO THIS LOCATION?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** DEPUTY INVOLVED GUN SHOT Q. AND THAT'S ALL THE INFORMATION YOU  
12 HAD, NOTHING FURTHER?

13

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16 **SPEAKER:** YES, JUST A GUNSHOT VICTIM, DEPUTY INVOLVED Q. WHAT IS YOUR  
17 DUTIES AS A PARAMEDIC WHEN RESPONDING TO A DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** MY DUTIES THAT DAY WERE THE ONE THAT ADMINISTERS CARE TO THE  
20 PATIENT Q. I APOLOGIZE, YOU SAID YOUR DUTIES WERE TO CARE FOR THE PATIENT?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SAID Q. I AM HAVING TROUBLE MYSELF.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YOU SAID YOUR DUTIES THAT PARTICULAR DAY WERE YOU WERE IN CHARGE  
25 OF PATIENT CARE WHEN ARRIVING ON THE SCENE, IS THAT CORRECT?

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2 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT Q. THANK YOU. WHEN YOU ARRIVED AT 420 WEST REDONDO  
3 BEACH BOULEVARD, WHAT DID YOU OBSERVE?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I OBSERVED THE PATIENT FACE UP, OR SUPINE, GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO THE  
6 LEFT SIDE OF HIS CHEST. Q. I'M SORRY, CAN YOU REPEAT.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HE WAS LAYING SUPINE ON HIS BACK, WITH GUN SHOT WOUNDS TO THE  
9 LEFTSIDE OF THE CHEST, PULSELESS AND NON BREATHING Q. YOU WERE THE SECOND  
10 GROUP OF L.A. COUNTY FIRE TO ARRIVE ON THE SCENE, IS THAT CORRECT?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** I WAS ON THE SQUAD, ARRIVED A MINUTE AFTER ENGINE 95 Q. AND THEN,  
13 AT SOME POINT, AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL, YOU WENT TO MR. GUARDADO'S BODY,  
14 CORRECT?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. Q. AND THE INDIVIDUALS FROM ENGINE 95, INCLUDING MR.  
17 CLEMENS WERE ALREADY AT THE SCENE, CORRECT?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT Q. WHAT WERE THEY DOING, IF ANYTHING?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THEY WERE IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO DETERMINE DEATH, LISTEN TO  
22 THE HEART, DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ANY RESPIRATIONS AS WELL, AND  
23 CHECKING PUPILLARY RESPONSE AND WAITING FOR ME TO ARRIVE. Q. AND HOW WAS  
24 MR. GUARDADO'S BODY WHEN YOU OBSERVED HIM, YOU SAID HE WAS ON HIS BACK,  
25 CORRECT?

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2 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT Q. AND I BELIEVE YOU SAID HIS SHIRT HAD BEEN CUT OPEN,  
3 BECAUSE THEY WERE ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO SAVE HIS LIFE, CORRECT?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** YES, HIS CLOTHES HAD BEEN CUT Q. DID YOU OBSERVE ANY GUN SHOT  
6 WOUNDS? > ONE MORE TIME, PLEASE Q. DID YOU OBSERVE ANY GUN SHOT WOUNDS.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I OBSERVED TWO WOUNDS TO THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS CHEST

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HOW MANY DID YOU SAY, TWO?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** TWO Q. THANK YOU. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAD MR. GUARDADO'S BODY BEEN  
13 MOVED?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** L.A. ENGINE SAID HIS BODY HAD BEEN MOVED TO START LIFE SAVING  
16 MEASURES. Q. AND WHEN YOU REACHED MR. GUARDADO, DID YOU ENGAGE IN AN  
17 EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD BEEN DECLARED DEAD ALREADY?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE PUT HIM ON A CARDIAC MONITOR TO DETERMINE HIS RHYTHM

20

21 **SPEAKER:** AT SOME POINT IT WAS DETERMINED HE WAS IN FACT DEAD, IS THAT  
22 CORRECT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HE WAS ASYSTOLIC, YES Q. DID YOU SEE A GUN NEAR MR. GUARDADO'S  
25 BODY?

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2 **SPEAKER:** YES, I DID. Q. WHAT WAS THE LOCATION OF THE GUN?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** SEVERAL FEET FROM HIM, TOWARDS THE WEST. I COULDN'T TELL YOU IF

5 IT WAS NORTH, SOUTH, WEST, A COUPLE FEET FROM HIS BODY, MAYBE THREE TO

6 FIVE FEET. Q. AND DID YOU HAVE ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH ANY LOS ANGELES

7 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AT THE SCENE?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** NEGATIVE, JUST TO SIGN A DEPUTY LOG, THAT'S IT. Q. AND DID YOU

10 HEAR ANYONE MAKE ANY STATEMENTS ABOUT THE SHOOTING?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** NO. Q. APPROXIMATELY HOW LONG WERE YOU AT THE SCENE OF THE

13 SHOOTING?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I'D SAY, AT THE VICTIM'S SIDE, PROBABLY THREE MINUTES AND THEN WE

16 LEFT THE SCENE, WENT OUT TO THE STREET TO PUT OUR EQUIPMENT AWAY. Q. ALL

17 RIGHT, MR. COTA, IS THERE ANYTHING WE DISCUSSED THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE

18 CIRCUMSTANCE, CAUSE, AND MANNER OF MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** NO Q. YOUR HONOR, THE CORONER HAS NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OF THIS

21 WITNESS.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MR. COTA, THAT IS ALL FOR THIS MORNING, YOU ARE FREE

24 TO GO.

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. Q. YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, I SUBMIT THAT THE  
2 REMAINING FIRE DEPARTMENT WITNESSES WERE WITH THE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE  
3 ALREADY TESTIFIED AND I BELIEVE THEY WERE NOT RESPONSIVE FOR PATIENT CARE.  
4 SO THE TESTIMONY MAY BE DUPLICATIVE. SO I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THESE  
5 WITNESSES BE EXCUSED, IF YOUR HONOR SO INCLINED.

6  
7 **SPEAKER:** I AM SORRY, I DID NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR REQUEST.

8  
9 **SPEAKER:** THE REMAINING FIRE DEPARTMENT WITNESSES BE DISMISSED BECAUSE THE  
10 TESTIMONY IS DUPLICATIVE IF YOU ARE SO INCLINED.

11  
12 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS FINE. THE CONVERSATION I JUST HAD, IF THERE ARE OTHER  
13 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT WERE AT THE  
14 SCENE, I HAVE ELECTED NOT TO CALL EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM BECAUSE THEIR  
15 TESTIMONY DOES REPEAT, CUMULATIVE. SO ANY OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
16 REPRESENTATIVES HERE, WE WILL EXCUSE YOU AT THIS TIME. WE WILL NOT I THINK  
17 AT THIS POINT, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A SHORT, 10-MINUTE BREAK TO TAKE THE  
18 NEXT SEQUENCE OF WITNESSES. THAT APPLIES TO THE AUDIENCE AS WELL, TAKE A  
19 10-MINUTE BREAK. [BREAK]. REPORTER READY? WE ARE RESUMING ON THE RECORD OF  
20 THE GUARDADO INQUEST. I BELIEVE MR. -- YOU ARE GOING TO ADVISE US? Q.

21 THANK YOU, JUSTICE COOPER. WE HAD A QUICK OFF THE RECORD DISCUSSION, WE  
22 WILL START ENTERING SOME DOCUMENTS, WE ARE GOING TO PLAY VIDEO FIRST. THE  
23 CORONER RECEIVED, OR OBTAINED, THREE VIDEOS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE. THERE WERE PRESS RELEASES RELATED TO  
25 THE SHOOTING OF MR. GUARDADO. ONE OF THOSE PRESS RELEASES WAS ON JUNE



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1 20TH, 2020. ONE WAS ON JULY 8TH, 2020. AND THE LAST ONE, I BELIEVE, WAS ON  
2 AUGUST 12TH, 2020. FOR PURPOSES OF BREVITY, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE ALL  
3 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, WE ARE ONLY GOING TO PLAY A PORTION OF THE AUGUST  
4 12TH, WHICH IS THE LATEST UPDATE FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
5 DEPARTMENT, AS TO THEIR INVESTIGATION. I WOULD LIKE TO PLAY THAT PORTION  
6 OF THE VIDEO NOW.

7

8 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** OKAY.

9

10 THANK YOU, SHERIFF, GOOD MORNING. I WOULD BE PROVIDING YOU AN UPDATE TO  
11 THE INVESTIGATION TODAY TO THE DEEPTY INVOLVED SHOOTING OF MR. ANDREAS  
12 GUARDADO. FIRST WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING, A  
13 PARALLEL INVESTIGATION OF A GANG RELATED SHOOTING INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED  
14 ON JUNE 7TH, 2020, AT THE SAME LOCATION. AND THIRD, A REVIEW OF THE  
15 REPORTED INCIDENTS AT 4 WENT EAST R WEST REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD  
16 UNINCORPORATED GARDENA. THERE IS NO INFORMATION LINKING THE SECOND AND  
17 THIRD AREAS OF THIS BRIEFING TO MR. GUARDADO. THE INFORMATION IN THE  
18 SECOND AND THIRD AREAS OF THIS ARE PROVIDED TO ALLOW A BETTER  
19 UNDERSTANDING OF THE OVERALL INVESTIGATION, THAT IS STILL ON GOING, AND IN  
20 WHICH THE EVENTS HAVE OCCURRED AT THE LOCATION. FIRST, A REVIEW AND UPDATE  
21 OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF THE DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING, AND SOME OF  
22 THIS I WILL BE REPEATING FROM THE FIRST BRIEFING WE GAVE A COUPLE WEEKS  
23 AGO, FOR CLARITY, WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE STATEMENT. ON  
24 THURSDAY JUNE 18TH 2020 AT 5:52PM2 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ASSIGNED ADCOMPTON'S  
25 STATION OBSERVED MR. GUARDADO STANDING ATDS 420 WEST REDONDO BEACH



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1 BOULEVARD IN UNINCORPORATED GARDENA GARDENA, HE WAS SPEAKING TO OCCUPANTS  
2 IN A LEXUS SEDAN AND LOOKED TO DEPUTIES IN A MARKED PATROL CAR. HE WAS  
3 SEEN IN POSSESSION OF A HAND GUN AND RAN SOUTH DOWN THE DRIVE WAY. THE TWO  
4 DEPUTIES GAVE CHASE AND CAUGHT UP TO MR. GUARDADO AT THE REAR OF THE  
5 BUSINESS WHERE THE DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING OCCURRED. ONE SHOT SIX ROUNDS,  
6 HE WAS STRUCK 5 TIMES IN THE UPPER TORSO AND PRONOUNCED DECEASED BY  
7 DEPUTIES. A 40 AUTOMATICICALBER HAND GUN WAS RECOVERED, THAT IS A PICTURE OF  
8 THE WEAPON RECOVERED, A COPY OF ALL PHOTOS AND VIDEOS PROVIDED TO YOU  
9 TODAY WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE MEDIA. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT MR.  
10 GUARDADO WAS EMPLOYED, OR ACTING AS A SECURITY GUARD, AT THE LOCATION.  
11 REGARDING THAT ASSERTION, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO SHARE. MR.  
12 GUARDADO WAS NOT WEARING A SECURITY UNIFORM OR CLOTHING, NOR WEARING ANY  
13 TYPE OF GUN BELT. HE WAS NOT YET 21 YEARS OLD AND UNABLE TO BE LEGALLY  
14 EMPLOYED AS AN ARMED SECURITY GUARD. THERE IS NO RECORD FOR MR. GUARDADO  
15 POSSESSING A SECURITY LICENSE THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
16 CONSUMER AFFAIRS BURY AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES, HE HAD NO MAGAZINES OR  
17 HOLSTER FOR THE FIRE ARM. NO PERSON TO DATE HAS ADMITTED TO HIRING HIM AS  
18 A GUARD AT THAT LOCATION. WHEN THE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS RESPONDED TO THE  
19 INCIDENT, THEY OBTAINED A SEARCH WARRANT FOR THE LOCATION. IN THE  
20 AUTHORITY WAS THE AUTHORITY TO SEIZE ALL CAMERAS AT THE LOCATION. THE  
21 CAMERAS WERE REMOVED FROM THE MOUNLTS AND DETERMINED IF THEY HAD ON BOARD  
22 MEMORY CARDS. AFTER ANALYSIS OF EACH CAMERA, NONE OF THE CAMERAS CONTAINED  
23 ANY MEMORY CARDS NOR DID THEY CONTAIN ON BOARD VIDEO FOODAGE. A DVR FROM  
24 THE LOCATION WAS SEIZED AND ALSO DETERMINED NOT TO HAVE ANY RECORDED VIDEO  
25 ON IT. THIS IS A SEPARATE VIDEO, DVR, THAT WAS SEIZED, I WILL TALK ABOUT



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1 THE FIRST DVR SEIZED A WEEK PRIOR. INSIDE OF THE BUSINESS SEVERAL DEPUTIES  
2 OBSERVED SEVERAL NITROUS GAS OXIDE BOTTLES. A SEARCH WARRANT WAS OBTAINED  
3 TO WEB-BASED SECURITY FOOTAGE FROM THE ALARM COMPANY THAT MONITORED THE  
4 BUSINESS, AFTER SERVING THE WARRANT AT THE ALARM COMPANY, THE ALARM COMPANY  
5 RESPONDED THERE WAS NO VIDEO FOOTAGE CAPTURED AT THE TIME OF THE DEPUTY  
6 INVOLVED SHOOTING. NEXT DISTANT VIDEO FOOTAGE WAS OBTAINED FROM A BUSINESS  
7 ACROSS THE STREET AND DOES NOT SHOW THE SHOOTING ITSELF. IT WILL BE PLAYED  
8 SOON AND THE QUALITY IS INTERMITTENT. PRIOR TO SEEING THE VIDEO, YOU WILL  
9 SEE MR. GUARDADO STANDING ON THE DRIVE WAY AT THE LOCATION, HE WILL MOVE ON  
10 TO THE STREET TO SPEAK WITH PERSONS ON A WHITE CAR AND THEN YOU WILL SEE  
11 THE DEPUTIES APPROACH. WE WILL PLAY THE VIDEO NOW. THAT VIDEO IS AVAILABLE  
12 FOR ALL - OF YOU AT THE END OF THIS PRESS CONFERENCE. OKAY. WE WILL GO  
13 BACK TO THE VIDEO. THE DRIVE WAY AND SECURITY GATE ARE PARTIALLY OPEN, YOU  
14 WILL SEE MR. GUARDADO'S ARM RESTING ON THE GATE, MR. GUARDADO ENGAGES THE  
15 OCCUPANTS OF THE CAR, YOU SEE THE DEPUTIES RUN SOUTH DOWN THE DRIVE WAY  
16 AND THE DEPUTIES GIVE CHASE ON FOOT. AT THE END OF THE DRIVE WAY IS WHERE  
17 THE DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING OCCURRED. GOOD? OKAY. AND CONTINUING,  
18 ADDITIONAL WARRANTS WERE SERVED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM PHONES AND  
19 SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS RELATED TO THE INCIDENT. WE ARE AWAITING RESULTS  
20 SAID ON MANY OF THOSE WARRANTS. ANA TOPOGRAPHY WAS PERFORMED, REQUESTING THE  
21 CORONER KEEPING THE RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THE  
22 SCHEDULED INTERVIEWS WERE COMPLETE SAID WITH THE SUBJECTS OF THE INCIDENT,  
23 INCLUDING THE DEPUTIES INVOLVED, THE BUSINESS OWNER, THE BUSINESS MANAGER,  
24 AND THE OCCUPANTS OF THE WHITE CAR THAT YOU JUST SAW MR. GUARDADO  
25 SPEAKING WITH WHEN THE INCIDENT BEGAN. IN THIS INCIDENT, THE INVESTIGATORS





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1 DID NOT WANT THE INTERVIEW SUBJECTS TO HAVE INFORMATION FROM THE AUTOPSY  
2 PRIOR TO OBTAINING THEIR STATEMENTS. SPECIFICALLY, THEA TOPSA REPORT  
3 PROVIDED INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED, WOUND PATHS,  
4 AND BULLET TRAJECTORIES TO THE PERSONS INTERVIEWED. DESPITE THE REQUEST,  
5 CORONER JOHN THE IN AN UNPRECEDENTED ACTION RELEASED THE REPORT PUBLICLY,  
6 POTENTIALLY COMPROMISING THE INTEGRITY OF THE INTERVIEWED. BOTH DEPUTIES  
7 HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY HOMICIDE INVESTIGATEDER AND WE HAVE GIVEN  
8 COMPLETE STATEMENTS REGARDING THE INCIDENT, WHEN I SAY COMPLETE  
9 STATEMENTS, WE ARE ANSWERING ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS. SINCE THE INCIDENT, THE  
10 FIRE ARM RECOVERED SUBMITTED FOR FORENSIC TESTING, AGAIN, SHOWN HERE,  
11 WHICH THE FORENSIC TESTING INCLUDES ONE FUNCTIONALITY, THE FIRE ARM WAS  
12 TEST FIRED AND DETERMINED TO BE FULLY FUNCTIONAL. AND TWO, IT WAS FINGER  
13 PRINTED, THERE WERE NO IDENTIFIABLE FINGER PRINTS WHICH IS ACTUALLY COMMON  
14 FOR A POLYMER TYPE FRAME LIKE THIS, NO SMOOTH SURFACE, THREE, PHOTO  
15 DOCUMENTATION, THE PISTOLS PHOTOGRAPHED AND CONSISTENT IN DESIGN AND  
16 CONSTRUCTION WITH A 3D PRINTED POLYMER FRAME. THE SLIDE IS MANUFACTURED  
17 BY, THE SLIDE AND BAR RAL ARE MANUFACTURED BY SMITH AND WESSON, THE FRAME  
18 LACKS ANY MANUFACTURER SERIAL NUMBER MARKINGS, AND THE WEAPON ALSO  
19 CONTAINED A LOADED GLOBING MACK ZINE WITH 14 ROUNDS IN IT. AND FOURTH, IS  
20 A BALLISTIC COMPARISON WHERE THE ROUNDS FIRED FROM THE GUN ARE TESTED, WHY  
21 ARE AQUATING THE RESULTS OF THE BALLISTIC COMPARISON AND 5TH, IS SEROLOGY,  
22 MR. GUARDADO'S DNA WAS OBTAINED FROM THE TWIGGER, TRIGGER GUARD, AND THE  
23 MAGAZINE INSIDE THE WEAPON. MOVING ON, SECOND, SECOND PORTION OF THIS  
24 BRIEFING, WE HAVE NO LINKAGE BETWEEN MR. GUARDADO AND WHAT I AM GOING TO  
25 PROVIDE TO YOU NOW. 11 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOOTING, ON JUNE 7TH, DEPUTIES



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1 RESPONDED TO THE SAME LOCATION REGARDING A GUN SHOT VICTIM. THEY  
2 ENROUNDERED A VICTIM WHERE MULTIPLE SHOTS TO HIS TORSI AND A BLOOD TRAIL  
3 LEADING TO THE INTERIOR TO THE BUSINESS. A CRIME SCENE WAS ESTABLISHED AND  
4 GANG INVESTIGATORS FROM OPERATION SAFE STREETS BUREAU RESPONDED. A SEARCH  
5 WARRANT WAS SERVED THAT DAY BY OSS, OPERATION SAFE STREETS BUREAU TO  
6 OBTAIN EVIDENCE RELATED TO THE SHOOTING. INSIDE THE LOCATION OSS  
7 INVESTIGATORS OBSERVED NUMEROUS BOTTLES OF NITROUS OXIDE GAS, OR NOZ, AS  
8 YOU SAW IN SIDE THE PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION. OSS INVESTIGATORS FOUND A  
9 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF METHPHETAMINE, A SHOT GUN, AND ALSO THE DVR THAT WAS  
10 ACTUALLY CONNECTED TO THE SECURITY CAMERAS AND CAPTURED THE SHOOTING FROM  
11 THAT DATE WAS CEASED BY THE OSS INVESTIGATORS, AND I AM SHOWING YOU A  
12 CERTAIN, FROM PICTURES FROM THE OSS INVESTIGATION THAT DAY. AND ADDITIONAL  
13 SEARCH WARRANT WAS AUTHORED FOR THE DVR, AND INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL GOING  
14 THROUGH THAT. I WILL SHOW YOU TWO VIDEO CLIPS TAKEN FROM THE JUNE 7TH DAY,  
15 ONE IS BEFORE, AND THE OTHER ONE IS AFTER THE SHOOTING. WE WILL SEE PRIOR  
16 TO SHORTING THE VIDEO, WE HAVE PEOPLE LINED UP IN THE DRIVE WAY, AND THIS  
17 IS THE SAME DRIVE WAY THAT MR. GUARDADO RAN DOWN FROM THE STREET IN THE  
18 PREVIOUS VIDEO. THESE PEOPLE ARE LINED UP, TO GET BOTTLES OF NITROS OXIDE  
19 FILLED UP. I WILL NOT SHOW THE VIDEO, THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING. WE  
20 WILL PLAY THE FIRST VIDEO, THIS IS THE SECOND VIDEO AFTER THE SHOOTING ON  
21 REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD, THEY ARE RUNNING OUT, YOU SEE NOZ BOTTLES AS THEY  
22 ARE RUNNING OUT. AND THE VICTIM IS LAYING ON THE DRIVE WAY WHERE ALL OF  
23 THOSE PEOPLE ARE STANDING. THE OSS INVESTIGATORS HANDLING THIS SHOOTING  
24 ARE SILL SEEKING TO IDENTIFY MANY OF THE PERSONS IN THIS VIDEO AND ARE  
25 REQUESTING THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE TO IDENTIFY THE PERSONS SHOON, YOU ARE



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1 ENCOURAGED TO CONCLUDE THE OSS THROUGH THE NUMBERS SHOWN. SINCE JUNE 7TH,  
2 THE OSS INVESTIGATORS HAVE BEEN WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE HOMICIDE  
3 INVESTIGATORS HANDLING THE DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING. THE OSS INVESTIGATORS  
4 HAVE SERVED 13 ADDITIONAL SEARCH WARRANTS, AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, IN  
5 FURTHERANCE OF THIS CASE. AS A RESULT OF THE ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON  
6 INVESTIGATION, THEY HAVE ARRESTED 5 PERSONS ON VARIOUS CHARGES, SEVERAL  
7 FIREARMS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED, ILLEGAL NARCOTICS AND \$100,000 IN U.S.  
8 CURRENCY. THIS PARALLEL INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING, REGARDING THE CRIMINAL  
9 ACTIVITIES OF THIS BUSINESS. THIRD, NUMEROUS INCIDENTS RELATED TO THIS  
10 LOCATION AND THE BUSINESS HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED IN CRIME REPORTS OVER THE  
11 PAST 5 YEARS. AND SINCE JANUARY 1ST, 2015, THERE HAVE BEEN 23 CALLS FOR  
12 SERVICE RECEIVED AT 420 WEST REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD. THESE CALLS INCLUDE  
13 10 DISTBURBANCE CALLS, TWO BURGLARY CALLS, TWO BATTERY CALLS AND TWO  
14 VANDALISM CALLS, AND ONE IS A CANNING RELATED MURDER ON NOVEMBER 2ND,  
15 2018. ON JUNE 9TH, 2020, DEPUTIES CONDUCTED A TRAFFIC STOP FOR A VEHICLE  
16 BLOCKING THE DRIVE WAY AT THE SCENE LOCATION. THE DEPUTIES APPROACHED THE  
17 CAR AND SMELLED MARIJUANA AND DETAINED THE TWO PERSONS IN THE CAR.  
18 DEPUTIES RECOVERS NARCOTICS AND FIREARMS FROM THE VEHICLE AND ARRESTED  
19 BOTH OCCUPANTS, JUNE 11TH, 2020, 4 DAYS AFTER THE SALT AND 7 DAYS BEFORE  
20 THE SHOOTING, DEPUTIES APPROACHED THE VEHICLE PARKED IN FRONT OF THE RED  
21 ZONE AT THAT SAME LOCATION. THE DEPUTIES ULTIMATELY DETAINED AN ACPOINT  
22 AND ARRESTED THAT PERSON FOR POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE. AND LASTLY,  
23 BOTH OF THESE INCIDENTS ARE STILL ACTIVELY BEING INVESTIGATED, OUR  
24 HOMICIDE BUREA IS COMMITTED TO GATHERING ALL THE FACTS POSSIBLE FOR THIS  
25 TRAGIC EVENT, THE INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL SEEKING TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE



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1 WHITE VEHICLE, SHOWN IN THE VIDEO, WHERE MR. GUARDADO WAS SPEAKING WITH.  
2 AND WE WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW THEM. AND WHEN THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE  
3 COMPLETE, THE DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION WILL BE DELIVERED TO  
4 THE JUSTICE SYSTEM INTEGRITY DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
5 FOR THEIR REVIEW AND DERMATION. THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS  
6 BEEN SPEAKING WITH OUR INVESTIGATORS AND IS REGULARLY UPDATED ON THIS  
7 CASE. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TWO OCCUPANTS OF THE WHITE LEXUS,  
8 PLEASE CONTACT SHERIFF'S HOMICIDE BUREAU, 32-8 NINETY- 90-5550. IF YOU  
9 KNOW THE PERSONS WHO WERE PRESENT, YOU CAN CONTACT 213-229-1850 OR L.A.  
10 CRIME STOPPERS, AT LACRIMESTOPPERS LACRIMESTOPPERS.ORG. HAPPY TO TAKE  
11 QUESTIONS. (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC). I AM NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER  
12 YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT THE STATEMENTS WERE, THAT IS DELIVERED TO THE  
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THEY WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION.  
14  
15  
16  
17 I WANT TO KNOW IF YOU ARE COMFORTABLE, IF EVERYTHING MATCHES.  
18  
19 THAT CALLS FOR SPECIFICS. (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC).  
20  
21 I THINK YOU JUST DID THAT. SO, EXACTLY. THERE IS OBVIOUSLY A PATTERN OF  
22 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OCCURRING AT THIS LOCATION, WHICH IS WHY THE DEPUTIES  
23 WERE PROBABLY DRAWN TO THAT LOCATION, BEING PROACTIVE IN TRYING TO ADDRESS  
24 A PROBLEM. AS WE KNOW, IF NITROUS OXIDE IS BEING SOLD OUT OF THERE  
25 ILLEGALLY FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION, THAT IS -- MANY OF YOUR STATIONS HAVE



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1 DONE REPORTS ON THE DANGERS OF NOZ AND PEOPLE ARE KILLED BECAUSE THE  
2 DRIVERS INHALE IT AND CRASH INTO PEOPLE. IF THERE'S A PATTERN OF ACTIVITY  
3 IN ANY LOCATION, DEPUTIES WILL PAY ATTENTION TO SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.  
4 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC).

5

6 AGAIN, I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION THAT LINKS MR. GUARDADO TO ANY OF  
7 THESE PREVIOUS INCIDENTS, THIS IS BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND IT IS ALSO TO  
8 SHARE WITH YOU, THAT WE HAVE PARALLEL INVESTIGATIONS, AND WE UNDERSTAND  
9 THERE'S A LOT OF PUBLIC DESIRE AND MEDIA DESIRE FOR INFORMATION ON THIS  
10 CASE, BUT WE ARE JUST NOT -- WE HAVE NOT BEEN IN A POSITION TO SHARE  
11 INFORMATION ON THIS CASE BECAUSE OF THIS PARALLEL INVESTIGATION AND ALL OF  
12 THE SEARCH WARRANTS BEING SERVED AT THE 13 LOCATIONS. NOW, TODAY, WE ARE  
13 IN A POSITION WHERE WE CAN GIVE YOU AN UPDATE AND PROVIDE YOU THAT  
14 INFORMATION.

15

16 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC).

17

18 THE GUN RECOVERED FROM MR. GUARDADO? IT IS NEXT TO WHERE HE WAS DECEASED.

19

20 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC).

21

22 THAT IS TOO SPECIFIC OF INFORMATION, I CANNOT GIVE THAT OUT TO YOU.

23

24 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) WAS IT INSIDE OF A POCKET?

25

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1 NO, IT WAS ON THE CONCRETE. YES. NO. AND, YOU KNOW, I CAN'T GIVE YOU THAT  
2 SPECIFIC -- I DON'T KNOW IT WAS ACTUALLY RECOVERED FROM.

3

4 THE CAMERA SHOT THAT YOU GOT FROM THE NOZ SHOOTING SEEMED PRETTY CLEAR,  
5 THAT CAMERA DIDN'T PROVIDE YOU, THERE WAS NO FLASH CARD IN THAT CAMERA  
6 DURING THE GUARDADO INCIDENT?

7

8 CORRECT, THE CAMERAS THAT WERE VERY CLEAR THAT SHOWED THE SHOOTING FROM  
9 JUNE 7TH WHEN THE OSS INVESTIGATORS ARRIVED TO INVESTIGATE THAT SCENE,  
10 THEY SERVED A SEARCH WARRANT FOR THAT PREMISES AND SEIZE SAID A DVR  
11 CONNECTED TO THOSE CAMERAS, THAT DVR THAT RECORDED EVERYTHING, AS OF JUNE  
12 7TH STOPPED RECORDING BECAUSE WE TOOK THE MEMORY AWAY FROM THEM. THERE WAS  
13 NO RECORDING IN THE DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING A WEEK AND A HALF LATER.

14

15 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

16

17 IF THERE HADN'T BEEN A SHOOTING ON JUNE 7TH AND WE DIDN'T FOLLOW UP WITH A  
18 THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, THERE WOULD STILL BE A RECORDING, YES.

19

20 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

21

22 BECAUSE THERE IS NO SERIAL NUMBER, THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FOR IT. THE  
23 TRACING IS THE BALLISTICS, THAT IS STILL ONGOING.

24

25 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

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2 NO, HOWEVER, THE DEPUTIES INVOLVED IN THE GUARDADO SHOOTING RESPONDED TO  
3 THE ASSAULT WITH A DEP ADLY WEAPON THAT OCCURRED ON JUNE 7TH. THAT PERSON  
4 WAS WOUNDED, BUT SURVIVED AND IS STILL RECOVERING.

5

6 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

7

8 WELL, WE WILL -- THE CHARGE WILL BE DETERMINED.

9

10 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

11

12 WE ARE STILL TRYING TO IDENTIFY THOSE TWO PERSONS IN THE LEXIS AND  
13 INTERVIEW THEM AS POTENTIAL WITNESSES IN THIS MANNER, WE DON'T HAVE THEIR  
14 STATEMENTS .

15

16 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

17

18 THAT VIDEO, AS YOU CAN TELL, IS GRAINY, IT SKIPS, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO  
19 RECOVER A PLAY FROM THIS VIDEO.

20

21 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

22

23 I CANNOT TELL YOU, FROM A FACT-BASED ANSWER, WHAT THEY WERE DOING. I MEAN,  
24 YOU CAN PROBABLY LOOK ON THE VIDEOS AND SEE WHAT IS GOING ON THERE, AND



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1 MAYBE MAKE AN ASSUMPTION. I AM NOT GOING TO TELL YOU THAT UNLESS IT IS  
2 FACT-BASED.

3

4 WE ARE GOING TO TAKE ONE MORE.

5

6 WE FOLLOW THE SAME INFORMATION, IF YOU ARE REFERRING TO SOCIAL MEDIA,  
7 NOBODY HAS TOLD US IN A STATEMENT TO THE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS THAT. NO.  
8 PHONE CALLS? MODERATOR, GO AHEAD.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE PHONES, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0.  
11 AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ON THE PHONE, PRESS 1 THEN 0. THERE ARE NO  
12 OTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

13

14 NO QUESTIONS, I WILL TURN IT TO KEVIN MENDOZA.

15

16 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) THE NIGHT OF THE DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING, THERE IS  
17 ONE GUN RECOVERED, NEXT TO MR. GUARDADO. CORRECT.

18

19 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC).

20

21 WE DON'T KNOW THAT. THAT IS HARD TO SAY. WE ARE WAITING ON SEARCH WARRANT  
22 RETURNS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES AND INTERNET PROVIDER COMPANIES,  
23 SOMETIMES THEY ARE REALLY QUICK, SOMETIMES THEY ARE REALLY SLOW, SOMETIMES  
24 THEY CAN CONTEST THE WARRANTS. SO I KNOW THE SHERIFF WANTS TO GIVE  
25 PERIODIC UPDATES, SO -- BUT I JUST CAN'T -- THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE





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1 NEXT MILESTONE, OR WE IDENTIFY THE TWO OCCUPANTS OF THE WHITE CAR AND GET  
2 MORE STATEMENTS FROM THEM.

3

4 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

5

6 NO, WE WILL NOT TURN IT OVER UNTIL IT IS A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION. THEY  
7 ARE BEING CONSULTED WITH, BUT NOTHING -- OH, I'M SORRY. I AM TALKING ABOUT  
8 THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF THE DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING.

9

10 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

11

12 IF YOU ARE REFERRING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION, THAT IS NOT  
13 INITIATED UNTIL THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE. THANK YOU.

14

15 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

16

17 THEY RESPONDED TO THE ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON CALL ON JUNE 7TH.

18

19 FOR PEOPLE WATCHING THIS, MY QUESTION, WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE HEARING ON  
20 THE 18TH WHEN THEY SHOT HIM? NONE OF THAT IS RELEVANT, IS IT?

21

22 NO, I DISAGREE. WELL, WE ARE PROVIDING VIDEO FOOTAGE, WE ARE PROVIDING LAB  
23 RESULT RETURNS ON THIS, SO IT IS RELEVANT, AND IT ALSO PROVIDES A BACK  
24 DROP OF WHAT GOING ON AT THAT LOCATION AND AN EXPLANATION OF WHY WE



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1 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO RESPOND TO MANY OF THE INQUIRIES ABOUT THE UPDATE OF  
2 THIS CASE IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A PARALLEL INVESTIGATION COMPETING WITH IT.

3

4 IT STILL DOESN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION, WHY HE WAS SHOT 5 TIMES IN THE BACK  
5 LYING DOWN.

6

7 THAT'S CORRECT, THAT IS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WE ARE TRYING TO GATHER  
8 AS MANY FACTS AS WE CAN, PRESENT THAT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE  
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL MAKE THAT DETERMINATION.

10

11 YOU ARE SAYING BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUS CALLS THERE, THEY ARE AWARE THERE  
12 IS POTENTIAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY THERE AND SOMEHOW EXPLAINS THE FACT THAT  
13 THERE WAS --

14

15 NO, I AM NOT TRYING TO EXPLAIN. MAYBE YOU CAME IN LATE, I HAVE ADDRESSED  
16 THIS THROUGHOUT. IT PROVIDES A BACK DROP OF WHAT IS GOING ON AT THAT  
17 LOCATION AND I HAVE SAID SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE NOT LINKED MR. GUARDADO TO  
18 ANY OF THOSE PREVIOUS INCIDENTS.

19

20 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

21

22 I JUST ANSWERED THAT, IT PROVIDES A BACK DROP OF WHAT IS GOING ON AT THIS  
23 LOCATION AND WE HAVE A COMPETING PARALLEL INVESTIGATION GOING ON, WE HAVE  
24 NT BEEN ABLE TO GIVE REGULAR UPDATES AS WE WOULD LIKE TO.

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1 CAN YOU TALK ABOUT BODY CAMS AND --

2

3 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

4

5 THANK YOU, JUSTICE COOPER. JUST TO REPEAT FROM EARLIER, THERE WERE THREE  
6 PRESS RELEASES FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE  
7 CORONER OBTAINED ALL THREE OF THOSE AND PROVIDED THEM TO YOU FOR YOUR  
8 REVIEW IN MAKING YOUR FINDINGS FOR THIS INQUEST. BUT, FOR PURPOSES OF  
9 BREVITY AND TRYING TO, AND ALSO WANTING TO BE TRANSPARENT, WE THOUGHT IT  
10 WAS RELEVANT AND IMPORTANT TO PLAY THE MOST RECENT UPDATE THAT THE SHERIFF  
11 HAS PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC. AND SO AT THIS TIME, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING  
12 ALSO THAT THE SHERIFF IS PROVIDING DOCUMENTS TODAY, THE CORONER DID  
13 SUBPOENA INVESTIGATION DOCUMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS SURROUNDING  
14 THE GUARDADO SHOOTING AND THE SHERIFF IS PRESENTING THOSE TODAY TO JUSTICE  
15 COOPER AND THEY WILL BE PRESENTED UNDER SEAL, WHICH IS ENTIRELY  
16 APPROPRIATE AND ALLOWED UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 27.498, UNDER  
17 OFFICER RELATED DEATH, THAT THOSE RECORDS CAN REMAIN NOT TO BECOME PART OF  
18 THE PUBLIC RECORD, BUT WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU, I BELIEVE, AT THIS TIME,  
19 JUSTICE COOPER FOR YOUR REVIEW AND YOU CAN IDENTIFY ANY ADDITIONAL  
20 WITNESSES OR ANY EVIDENCE THE CORONER NEEDS TO GATHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
21 THIS INQUEST.

22

23 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THAT IS AGREEABLE, ARE THE DOCUMENTS HERE?

24



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1 WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW IS THAT DOCUMENTS THAT ARE CONFIDENTIAL  
2 DOCUMENTS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION ARE BEING PROVIDED  
3 TO ME, FOR MY REVIEW, THEY ARE BEING DELIVERED IN A SEALED FASHION. I AM  
4 ALLOWED TO EXAMINE THOSE, I WILL TAKE MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. IF  
5 THERE IS ANYTHING IN THOSE MATERIALS THAT ADDS TO THE NECESSITY TO CALL  
6 FURTHER WITNESSES, OR CONDUCT FURTHER INQUIRIES ON THIS MANNER, AFTER I DO  
7 MY REVIEW, I WILL RE-SEAL THE DOCUMENTS AND THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO THE  
8 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE GOVERNMENT CODE DOES PROVIDE FOR THAT, IF THEY  
9 ARE RECEIVED AND RETURNED IN A SEALED FASHION.

10

11 CAN I APPROACH, YOUR HONOR.

12

13 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** YES, PLEASE. I HAVE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THESE THINGS  
14 ARE CALLED, CLAM SHELL, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, A BINDER PROVIDED. IT IS  
15 ABOUT TWO OR THREE INCHES, AND IT HAS AN EVIDENCE SEAL ON IT.

16

17 I AM HAVING A HARD TIME HEARING, YOUR HONOR.

18

19 I RECEIVED THESE, I DESCRIBED THE APPEARANCE OF THIS, AFTER REVIEWING  
20 THESE, I WILL RESEAL THEM AND RETURN THEM WITH MY SIGNATURE ON IT.

21

22 AT THIS TIME, JUSTICE COOPER, AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE DETECTIVE JOSEPH  
23 VALENCIA, HE IS NOT TESTIFYING AT THIS TIME, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
24 AUTHORIZED YOU TO OPEN THOSE, WITH TWO DOCUMENTS IN THOSE, I WILL LET

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1 DETECTIVE VALENCY S YOU TESTIFY TO THAT, AND TO BE PART OF THE PUBLIC  
2 RECORD ARE MULTIPLE RESPONSES TO THE SUBPOENAS, IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 IF THEY ARE FOR PUBLIC VIEW, YES, THERE ARE DECLARATIONS INSIDE, FOR THE  
5 SUBPOENA. IT HAS TO BE ANSWERED BY COUNSEL.

6

7 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** WE WILL REVIEW THAT AND MAKE A -- I WILL RECEIVE  
8 THESE AT THIS TIME. I AM NOT GOING TO PAUSE AND EXAMINE THE CONTENT, AT  
9 THIS POINT. AND AGAIN, JUST FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLETENESS, I DIDN'T HEAR.  
10 YOUR NAME IS --

11

12 JOSEPH VALENCIA.

13

14 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 JUSTICE COOPER, SHOULD WE MOVE TOWARDS THE TESTIMONY?

17

18 YES, LET'S RESUME.

19

20 THANK YOU, THE FIRST WITNESS THE CORONER PLANNED TO CALL WAS DEPUTY MIGEL  
21 VEGA FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT IS UNDERSTOOD  
22 THAT THE DEPUTY IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND UNAVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE  
23 INQUEST TODAY, NOVEMBER THE 30TH, 2020. IT IS ALSO THE CORONER'S  
24 UNDERSTANDING THAT DEPUTY VEGA WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MID-DECEMBER OF THIS  
25 YEAR, HOWEVER, MR. MARINGEL ALSO INDICATED THAT DEPUTY VEGA WISHED TO

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1 SUBMIT A DECLARATION IN LIEU OF HIS TESTIMONY, ASSERTING HIS 5TH AMENDMENT  
2 PRIVILEGE. AT THIS TIME, WE DO NOT HAVE SUCH DECK CLARATION, ALTHOUGH I  
3 BELIEVE IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO CONTINUE DEPUTY VEGA'S TESTIMONY TO HAVE  
4 HIS APPEARANCE IN COURT OR SUBMIT A DECLARATION FOR YOUR REVIEW AND  
5 WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE.

6

7 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** OKAY, THIS IS A SITUATION I WAS PREVIOUSLY MADE AWARE  
8 OF. THERE WERE TWO DEPUTIES AT THE SCENE OF THE SHOOTING, ONE BEING MR. --  
9 DEPUTY SHERIFF MIGUEL VEGA, AND THE OTHER BEING DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER  
10 HERNANDEZ. BOTH OF THESE WITNESSES ARE MATERIAL TO THE WORK OF THIS  
11 INQUEST TODAY. WITH REGARD TO MR. VEGA, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IF HE  
12 WERE, FIRST OF ALL, HE IS OUT OF TOWN. HE IS NOT AVAILABLE. BUT SECONDLY,  
13 IF HE WERE PRESENT, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO TAKE  
14 THE 5TH AMENDMENT. HOWEVER, WITHOUT HAVING A DECK CLARATION IN LIEU OF  
15 TESTIMONY OR HIM IN PERSON, WE ARE UNABLE TO CONCLUDE AS TO HIS  
16 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS. THEREFORE, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THE INQUEST. WE  
17 WILL GO THROUGH EVERYBODY THAT WE CAN, THAT IS AVAILABLE TODAY AND HEAR  
18 FROM THEM. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DAY, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO ADJOURN  
19 THE INQUEST AND MAKE -- TAKE SOME TIME TO OBTAIN, IF POSSIBLE, EITHER THE  
20 DECLARATION OR TESTIMONY OF DEPUTY VEGA, OR ANY OTHER PERSONS THAT TURN  
21 OUT TO BE IN A SIMILAR SITUATION. ON MR. VEGA'S CASE, I BELIEVE THE  
22 INVOCATION OF THE 5TH AMENDMENT WILL PROBABLY BE ACCEPTED WHEN IT IS MADE,  
23 OR PRESENTED. IT IS NOT AS CLEAR TO ME THAT THIS IS TRUE ACROSS THE BOARD,  
24 AND THERE MAY HAVE TO BE FURTHER INQUIRIES THAT I WOULD MAKE TOGETHER WITH



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1 COUNTY COUNSEL AS TO WHETHER THE INVOCATION OF THE 5TH IS APPROPRIATE IN  
2 EVERY INSTANCE. SO WE WILL PROCEED ALONG -- ALONE FOR TODAY.

3

4 THANK YOU, JUSTICE COOPER. THE CORONER WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE OTHER DEPUTY  
5 WHO WAS ON THE SCENE OF THE GUARDADO SHOOTING, CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ, IN  
6 REGARDS TO DEPUTY HERNANDEZ, THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THIS INQUEST, OR  
7 GATHERING OF UNDERSTAND, THERE HAVE BEEN TWO DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED BY  
8 DEPUTY HERNANDEZ. AND I WILL PROVIDE THOSE IN ORDER. THE FIRST DECLARATION  
9 WAS SUBMITTED 13 DAYS AGO, ON NOVEMBER 17TH, 2020. AND, FOR YOUR  
10 REFERENCE, THAT IS BATE NUMBER 93. AND THAT WAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A WRIT  
11 OF MANDATE PETITION FILED IN THE SUPERIOR COURT REGARDING THIS INQUEST.  
12 AND IF I MAY READ THAT DECLARATION.

13

14 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** PLEASE.

15

16 THE DECLARATION STATES IN PART, IT IS NOW -- PROJECTED FOR YOUR SUE. I  
17 HAVE READ THE FOREGOING VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF ARE ADITIONAL  
18 MANDATE AND KNOW OF THE CONTENTS THEREFORE AND I CERTIFY THE INFORMATION  
19 CONTAINED THERE IN IS TRUE AND CORRECT, WITH MY OWN KNOWLEDGE, DATED  
20 NOVEMBER 17TH, 2020. SIGNED, DECLARED UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, SIGNED BY  
21 CHRIS HERNANDEZ. IF YOU LOOK AT BATE NUMBER 87, WHICH IS THE BODY OF THE  
22 WRIT PETITION, UNDER THE PORTION OF FACTS, SUPPORTING THIS CASE. IF I MAY  
23 READ THAT INTO THE RECORD, WHICH IS DEPUTY HERNANDEZ'S STATEMENT. AND I AM  
24 GOING TO PARAPHRASE AS WELL. ON JUNE 18TH, SORRY, PARAGRAPH 10, JUNE 18,  
25 2020, AT APPROXIMATELY 5:52PM, PETITIONER, DEPUTY HERNANDEZ AND HIS

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1 PARTNER, DEPUTY MIGUEL VEGA WERE ON DUTY AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY  
2 SHERIFFS. THEY WERE DRIVING A BLACK AND WHITE PATROL VEHICLE WHEN THEY  
3 WERE CON DOTHING A PATROL CHECK IN THE AREA OF 420 WEST REDONDO BEACH  
4 BOULEVARD. DEPUTIES HERNANDEZ AND VEGA SAW MR. ANDREAS GUARDADO STANDING  
5 OUTSIDE OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION WITH ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE ON THE  
6 SIDE WALK. PARAGRAPH 11. THE DEPUTIES NOTED A WEAPON IN MR. GUARDADO'S  
7 WAISTBAND AREA AND ATTEMPTED TO DETAIN MR. GUARDADO, BUT MR. GUARDADO TOOK  
8 OFF RUNNING SOUTH BOUND IN THE DRIVE WAY OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION. AFTER  
9 MR. GUARDADO FLED, THE DEPUTIES ENGAGED IN A FOOT PURSUIT OF MR. GUARDADO.  
10 PARAGRAPH 12, MOMENTS LATER, THE DEPUTIES CAUGHT UP AND APPROACHED MR.  
11 GUARDADO, THEY INSTRUCTED HIM TO DROP HIS WEAPON, ON THE GROUND, AND NOT  
12 TO TOUCH THE GUN. AT SOME POINT IN TIME, MR. GUARDADO THEN REACHED FOR HIS  
13 WEAPON WHICH LED TO DEPUTY VEGA FIRING MULTIPLE ROUNDS AT MR. GUARDADO.  
14 PARAMEDICS RESPONDED TO THE SCENE AND TO MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH. AT THIS  
15 TIME, DEPUTY HERNANDEZ DID NOT DISCHARGE HIS FIRE ARM. AND JUSTICE COOPER,  
16 JUST FOR THE RECORD, THE ENTIRE WRIT PETITION IS PART OF THE RECORD FOR  
17 PURPOSES OF THE INQUEST, I AM SHOWING YOU THAT PORTION, IT IS RELEVANT TO  
18 THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

21

22 THE SECOND DECLARATION THAT WAS SIGNED BY CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ IS DATED  
23 NOVEMBER 28TH, 2020. IF WE CAN TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE. THAT DECLARATION  
24 READS AS FOLLOWS. I HAVE RECEIVED A SUBPOENA TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY AT THE  
25 ABOVE CAPTIONED INQUEST ON NOVEMBER 30TH, 2020. IF I WERE TO APPEAR AT THE

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1 INQUEST AND BE QUESTIONED, AT THE ADVICE OF MY ATTORNEY I WOULD ASSERT MY  
2 5TH AMENDMENT RIGHT AND REFUSE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. INDECLARE UNDER  
3 PENALTY OF PUNCHLGRY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE  
4 FORE GOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT. THAT WAS EXECUTED ON NOVEMBER 28TH, 2020,  
5 SIGNED BY DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ. JUSTICE COOPER, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE  
6 TO PROCEED?

7

8 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** WITH RESPECT TO THE DECLARATION OF MR. HERNANDEZ, WE  
9 WILL RECEIVE IT. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE TOTALITY OF THE INFORMATION AND THE  
10 ITEMS FILED WITH THE WRIT, I THINK THERE IS A QUESTION TO BE EVALUATED AS  
11 TO WHETHER DEPUTY HERNANDEZ HAS WAVED HIS RIGHT TO 5TH AMENDMENT  
12 PROTECTION BECAUSE OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE WRIT. HOWEVER, FOR  
13 TODAY'S PURPOSES, WE WILL RECEIVE BOTH OF THOSE ITEMS. DEPUTY HERNANDEZ IS  
14 NOT, HOWEVER, EXCUSED FROM THESE PROCEEDINGS IN TOTALITY AND MAY BE  
15 SUBJECT TO RECALL OR RE-SUBPOENA.

16

17 **THANK YOU, JUSTICE COOPER. AT THIS TIME, THE CORONER WOULD LIKE TO CALL**  
18 **ITS NEXT WITNESS:** DETECTIVE MIKE DAVIS FROM THE HOMICIDE DIVISION OF LOS  
19 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

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21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, IF YOU WOULD TAKE A SEAT, PLEASE. DETECTIVE MIKE  
22 DAVIS, CORRECT? WOULD YOU PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN.  
23 [SWEARING IN].

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25 **I DO.**

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2 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, DETECTIVE DAVIS A. GOOD MORNING. Q. WOULD YOU  
5 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND SPELL YOUR LAST NAME FOR THE RECORD. A. MY NAME  
6 IS MIKE DAVIS, LAST NAME D-A-V-I-S. Q. CAN YOU TELL US YOUR CURRENT  
7 OCCUPATION. A. DETECTIVE AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. Q. IS  
8 THAT YOUR FULL TITLE? A. A DETECTIVE AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
9 DEPARTMENT, YES. Q. THANK YOU. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A DETECTIVE AT LOS  
10 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT? A. ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I AM  
11 CHOOSING TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT UNDER THE STATE AND FEDERAL  
12 CONSTITUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS. Q. THANK YOU, DETECTIVE DAVIS.  
13 CAN YOU PLEASE TELL US YOUR BACKGROUND, YOUR TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE AS  
14 IT RELATES TO YOUR OCCUPATION AS A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, AS WELL AS A HOMICIDE  
15 DETECTIVE. A. AGAIN, ON ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY  
16 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONS IN  
17 RESPONSE TO ANY RELEVANT QUESTIONS. Q. DETECTIVE DAVIS, WHAT DOCUMENTS DID  
18 YOU REVIEW IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY, IF ANY. A. ON THE  
19 ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT UNDER  
20 THE STATE AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO ANY RELEVANT QUESTIONS.  
21 Q. DETECTIVE VALENCIA, IS IT YOUR INTENTION TO CLAIM THE PRIVILEGE AGAINST  
22 SELF INCRIMINATION TO ALL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR OCCUPATION? A. DETECTIVE  
23 DAVIS, YES, THAT IS CORRECT. Q. I'M SORRY, THANK YOU, DETECTIVE. JUSTICE  
24 COOPER, I WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT LINE OF QUESTIONING. I AM GOING TO MOVE TO  
25 YOUR ASSIGNMENT. WHAT WAS YOUR ASSIGNMENT ON JUNE 18 OF THIS YEAR? A. I'M

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1 ASSIGNED AS A DETECTIVE AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. Q.  
2 THANK YOU. DETECTIVE DAVIS, WERE YOU ASIGNED TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF  
3 ANDREAS GUARDADO? A. ON ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY 5TH  
4 AMENDMENT RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTION. Q. WHO ASSIGNED  
5 YOU TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO? A. ON ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL,  
6 I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE AND FEDERAL  
7 CONSTITUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO ANY RELEVANT QUESTIONS. Q. CAN YOU TELL US  
8 WHO YOUR SUPERVISOR WAS ON JUNE 18TH, 2020 A. ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL,  
9 I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE AND FEDERAL  
10 CONSTITUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO ANY RELEVANT QUESTIONS. Q. CAN YOU LET US  
11 KNOW IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF MR.  
12 GUARDADO? A. ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO ADVANCE MY  
13 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IN RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS. Q. WHO IS YOUR CURRENT  
14 SUPERVISOR TODAY?

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16 **SPEAKER:** UNDER ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY  
17 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS Q.

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19 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** I THINK YOU CAN MOVE TO A SUMMARY QUESTION ON THIS  
20 TOPIC. Q. IS IT YOUR INTENTION TO CLAIM THE PRIVILEGE AGAINST SELF  
21 INCRIMINATION TO ALL QUESTIONS ON THE TOPIC REGARDING YOUR ASSIGNMENT TO  
22 INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO? A. I'M DETECTIVE DAVIS, YES. Q. I  
23 APOLOGIZE. I WILL MOVE ON. THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING. DETECTIVE DAVIS, I  
24 WOULD LIKE TO DICUSS YOUR INVESTIGATION AT THE LOCATION OF MR. GUARDADO'S  
25 BODY. AS PART OF YOUR ASSIGNMENT AS A HOMICIDE DETECTIVE, DID YOU PROCEED



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1 TO 420 WEST REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD IN GARDENA IN JUNE 2020? A. UNDER  
2 ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER  
3 STATE AND FEDERAL LAW WITH RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS. Q. DID YOU OBSERVE  
4 ANY EVENTS RELATING TO THE DEATH OF ANDREAS GUARDADO? A. ON ADVICE OF MY  
5 COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER STATE AND  
6 FEDERAL LAW WITH RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS. Q. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT  
7 OBSERVATIONS YOU MADE WHEN YOU ARRIVED TO MR. GUARDADO'S BODY. A. ON  
8 ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER  
9 STATE AND FEDERAL LAW WITH RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS. Q. DETECTIVE DAVIS,  
10 DID YOU COLLECT UNDERSTAND ON THE SCENE? A. ON ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I  
11 CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW  
12 WITH RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS.

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14 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** I THINK WE CAN MOVE TO A SUMMARY QUESTION ON THIS  
15 SECTION. Q. THANK YOU, JUSTICE COOPER. IS IT YOUR INTENTION TO CLAIM  
16 PRIVILEGE AGAINST SELF CRIMINATION ON ANY TOPIC REGARDING YOUR PERSONAL  
17 OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO? A.  
18 YES. Q. THANK YOU, THEN I WILL MOVE ON. DETECTIVE DAVIS, I WOULD NOW LIKE  
19 TO DISCUSS YOUR INTERVIEWS WITH VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS REGARDING THE  
20 CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH. DID YOU INTERVIEW DEPUTY  
21 MIGEL VIGA REGARDING MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH? A. ON ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I  
22 CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW  
23 WITH RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS. Q. WHAT DID DEPUTY VEGA TELL YOU? A. ON  
24 ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER  
25 STATE AND FEDERAL LAW WITH RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS. Q. DID YOU INTERVIEW

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1 DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ REGARDING MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH? A. ON ADVICE  
2 OF MY COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER STATE  
3 AND FEDERAL LAW WITH RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS. Q. WHAT DID DEPUTY  
4 HERNANDEZ TELL YOU, REGARDING THE DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO? A. ON ADVICE OF  
5 MY COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER STATE AND  
6 FEDERAL LAW WITH RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS.

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8 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** I THINK WE CAN MOVE TO A SUMMARY QUESTION ON THIS  
9 TOPIC. Q. DETECTIVE DAVIS, IS IT YOUR INTENTION TO CLAIM THE PRIVILEGE  
10 AGAINST SELF INCRIMINATION TO ALL QUESTIONS ON THE TOPIC REGARDING YOUR  
11 ENTIRE INVESTIGATION TO THE DEATH OF ANDREAS GUARDADO? A. YES. Q. IS IT  
12 POSSIBLE WE CAN NARROW THE SCOPE OF QUESTIONS IN SOME AREAS YOU WOULD BE  
13 ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON HERE TODAY? A. ON ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I  
14 CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW  
15 WITH RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS. RQUESTIONS. EQUESTIONS. LQUESTIONS.  
16 EQUESTIONS. V RELEVANQUESTIONS. DQUESTIONS. QUESTIONS. TQUESTIONS.  
17 RELEVANT QUESTIONS. Q. IS THERE ANY INFORMATION YOU ARE WILLING TO GIVE  
18 THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES, CAUSE, OR MANNER RELATED TO MR.  
19 GUARDADO'S DEATH? A. ON ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY  
20 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW WITH RESPONSE TO ANY  
21 RELEVANT QUESTIONS. Q. JUSTICE COOPER, BASED ON DETECTIVE DAVIS'S  
22 ASSERTION ON THE 5TH AMENDMENT PRIVILEGE BASED ON SELF INCRIMINATION, HOW  
23 WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROCEED?

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1 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** WELL, AT THIS TIME, WE DON'T NEED TO ASK ANY FURTHER  
2 QUESTIONS OF THE DEPUTY AT THIS TIME. EXCUSE ME, DETECTIVE DAVIS, IT IS MY  
3 ASSESSMENT THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT EITHER THE 5TH ASSESSMENT  
4 PRIVILEGE WOULD NOT APPLY TO THE QUESTIONS BEING ASKED OF YOU, AND PERHAPS  
5 YOUR INVOCATION OF THE 5TH IS A LITTLE BROAD. AND IT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME  
6 THAT THE PRIVILEGE APPLIES, HOWEVER, FOR TODAY'S PURPOSES, WE WILL NOT  
7 HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, I AM GOING TO HAVE FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS WITH  
8 THE COUNTY COUNSEL AS TO THE NEXT STEPS THAT WE MIGHT TAKE. FOR TODAY'S  
9 PURPOSE, YOU ARE FREE TO GO. YOU ARE, HOWEVER, NOT EXCUSED FROM THE  
10 SUBPOENA, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO RECALL FOR ANOTHER SUBPOENA, BUT THERE ARE NO  
11 PFURTHER QUESTIONS TODAY.

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13 **DETECTIVE HERNANDEZ:** THANKS, YOUR HONOR.

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15 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANOTHER WITNESS TO CALL AT THIS  
16 TIME?

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18 **CORONER:** THANK YOU, THE CORONER WOULD LIKE TO CALL DETECTIVE JOSEPH  
19 VALENCIA FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

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23 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** GOOD MORNING. [SWEARING IN].

24

25 **DETECTIVE VALENCIA:** YES, YOUR HONOR.



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2 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME. A. JOSEPH VALENCIA,  
3 VALENCIA. Q. THANK YOU CAN YOU TELL US YOUR OCCUPATION, PLEASE. A. CAN YOU  
4 SPEAK UP, I AM HAVING A HARD TIME HEARING YOU. Q. CAN YOU SLOW DOWN A  
5 LITTLE BIT, I KNOW IT IS HARD TO HEAR THROUGH THESE MASKS, I AM HAVING A  
6 HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING. SO SPEAK UP AND SLOW DOWN, PLEASE. A. I DIDN'T  
7 HEAR THE QUESTION, I AM SORRY. Q. THAT'S OKAY. WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL US  
8 WHAT YOUR CURRENT OCCUPATION IS. A. CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AS AN INVESTIGATOR. Q. THANK YOU. AND WHAT IS  
10 YOUR FULL TITLE? A. INVESTIGATOR WITH THE HOMICIDE (INDISCERNIBLE). Q.  
11 THANK YOU. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HOMICIDE UNIT? A. A LITTLE BIT OVER THREE  
13 YEARS. Q. AND CAN YOU PLEASE TELL US YOUR BACKGROUND, TRAINING, AND  
14 EXPERIENCE AS IT RELATES TO YOUR OCCUPATION AS A DEPUTY SHERIFF, AS WELL  
15 AS AN INVESTIGATOR? A. BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY  
16 INVOKE MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO  
17 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME. Q. WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES AND  
18 RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN INVESTIGATOR AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
19 DEPARTMENT? A. BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY INVOKE MY  
20 RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY  
21 QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** DETECTIVE VALENS YOU, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT DOCUMENTS YOU REVIEWED  
24 IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, PLEASE? A. CAN YOU REPEAT THAT, PLEASE.  
25 Q. WHAT DOCUMENTS DID YOU REVIEW FOR YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY? A. BASED ON THE

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1 ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY INVOKE MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH  
2 AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME. Q.  
3 IS IT YOUR INTENTION TO CLAIM PRIVILEGE AGAINST SELF INCRIMINATION AGAINST  
4 ANY QUESTIONS ON THE TOPIC OF YOUR OCCUPATION? A. YES. Q. THEN I WILL MOVE  
5 ON. DETECTIVE VALENCIA, WHAT WAS YOUR ASSIGNMENT ON JUNE 18 OF THIS YEAR?  
6 A. BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY INVOKE MY RIGHTS  
7 PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY  
8 QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, CAN YOU LET US KNOW WHETHER YOU WERE ASSIGNED TO  
11 INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF ANDREAS GUARDADO? A. BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY  
12 COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY INVOKE MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE  
13 CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME. Q. DETECTIVE  
14 VALENCIA, CAN YOU TELL US WHO YOUR SUPERVISOR IS TODAY?

15

16 BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY INVOKE MY RIGHTS PURSUANT  
17 TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT  
18 THIS TIME. DETECTIVE VALENCIA, HAS YOUR CURRENT SUPERVISOR OR ANY PREVIOUS  
19 SUPERVISOR EVER INFORMED YOU THAT YOU ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ANY  
20 REASON IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF ANDREAS GUARDADO? A. BASED ON THE  
21 ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY INVOKE MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH  
22 AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME. Q.  
23 HAS ANYONE YOU EVER WORKED WITH ON THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. GUARDADO BEEN  
24 REMOVED FROM THE INVESTIGATION?

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1 BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY INVOKE MY RIGHTS PURSUANT  
2 TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT  
3 THIS TIME. ARE YOU WORKING WITH ANYONE ON THE DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO?

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5 BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY AM INVOKING MY RIGHTS  
6 PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY  
7 QUESTIONS AT A.

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9 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** WE CAN MOVE TO A SUMMARY QUESTION ON THIS SECTION. Q.

10 IS IT YOUR INTENTION TO CLAIM THE PRIVILEGE AGAINST SELF INCRIMINATION ON  
11 ALL QUESTIONS ON THE TOPIC, REGARDING YOUR ASSIGNMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE  
12 DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO? A. YES. Q. OKAY, THEN I WILL MOVE ON. IF WE CAN

13 TALK ABOUT YOUR ARRIVAL AT THE SCENE OF THE SHOOTING. AS PART OF YOUR  
14 ASSIGNMENT AS A HOMICIDE DETECTIVE, DID YOU PROCEED TO 420 WEST REDONDO  
15 BEACH BOULEVARD ON JUNE 18TH OF THIS YEAR? BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY

16 COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY AM INVOKING MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT  
17 OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT. A. A. Q. BEFORE JUNE  
18 18 OF 2020, DETECTIVE VALENCIA, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF ANDREAS GUARDADO?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** AR A. BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY AM INVOKING  
21 MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER  
22 ANY QUESTIONS AT. T THIS TIME. Q. DID YOU OBSERVE ANY OF THE EVENTS

23 LEADING TO THE DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO? A. BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY

24 COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY AM INVOKING MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT  
25 OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT. THIS TIME. Q.



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1 DETECTIVE VALENS YOU, CAN YOU DESCRIBE WHAT YOU SAW WHEN YOU ARRIVED AT  
2 THE SCENE OF MR. GUARDADO? A. BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I  
3 CURRENTLY AM INVOKING MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE  
4 CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT. THIS TIME.

5

6 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** WE CAN MOVE TO A SUMMARY QUESTION. Q. IS IT YOUR  
7 INTENTION TO CLAIM THE RIGHT AGAINST SELF INCRIMINATION ON ALL ACTIONS  
8 TAKEN ON THE DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO? A. YES. Q. WE WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT  
9 TOPIC. I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE VARIOUS PEOPLE YOU INTERVIEWED  
10 IN CONNECTION WITH MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH. A. I AM SORRY, SIR, I DID NOT  
11 UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION. Q. I APOLOGIZE. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO THE TOPIC  
12 OF THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS THAT YOU INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
13 DEATH OF ANDREAS GUARDADO. DID YOU INTERVIEW DEPUTY MIGEL VEGA REGARDING  
14 MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH? A. BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY AM  
15 INVOKING MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT  
16 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT. TI T THIS TIME. Q. DID YOU INTERVIEW DEPUTY  
17 CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ REGARDING MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH? A. BASED ON THE  
18 ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY AM INVOKING MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE  
19 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT. T T THIS  
20 TIME. Q. DETECTIVE VALENCIA, DID YOU INTERVIEW ANY WITNESSES RELATED TO  
21 THE DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO? A. BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I  
22 CURRENTLY AM INVOKING MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE  
23 CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT. THIS TIME. Q. DID YOU  
24 INTERVIEW SOMEONE BY PTHE NAME OF ANDREW HANEY IN REGARDS TO THE DEATH OF  
25 ANDREAS GUARDADO? A. BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY AM



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1 INVOKING MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT  
2 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT. THIS TIME.

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4 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** WE CAN MOVE TO A SUMMARY QUESTION. Q. THANK YOU. IS  
5 IT YOUR INTENTION TO CLAIM THE RIGHT AGAINST SELF INCRIMINATION ON ALL  
6 QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO? A. YES. Q. CAN WE NARROW  
7 OF SCOPE OF QUESTIONS TO SOME QUESTIONS YOU ARE WILLING TO ANSWER AT  
8 TODAY'S INQUEST? A. BASED ON THE ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY AM  
9 INVOKING MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT  
10 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT. THIS TIME. Q. THANK YOU, DETECTIVE VALENCIA.  
11 IS THERE ANY TESTIMONY YOU ARE WILLING TO MAKE THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE  
12 CIRCUMSTANCES, CAUSE, OR MANNER OF MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH? A. BASED ON THE  
13 ADVICE OF MY COUNSEL, I CURRENTLY AM INVOKING MY RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE  
14 5TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT. THIS  
15 TIME. Q. THANK YOU. JUSTICE COOPER, BASED ON DETECTIVE VALENCIA'S  
16 ASSERTION OF THE 5TH AMENDMENT PRIVILEGE AGAINST SELF INCRIMINATION, HOW  
17 WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROCEED.

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19 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** OKAY. AS TO THIS WITNESS, AS TO BOTH WITNESSES THAT  
20 ARE PART OF THE DETECTIVE UNIT AS OPPOSED TO THE OFFICERS THAT RESPONDED  
21 TO THE SCENE THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT ITSELF, I THINK THERE IS A  
22 QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE 5TH AMENDMENT, INSPOKING EVOKE ING THE 5TH  
23 AMENDMENT IS APPROPRIATE IN ANY INSTANCE I NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT, AND  
24 WHETHER THE INVOCATION ACROSS THE BOARD TO ANY AND ALL INSTANCES IS OVERLY  
25 BROAD. I WILL HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND OTHERS FOR THE

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1 NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN. AS FOR TODAY'S HEARING PURPOSES, YOU ARE FREE TO  
2 GO. HOWEVER, YOU ARE NOT EXCUSED FROM THESE PROCEEDINGS AND YOU MAY BE  
3 SUBJECT TO RECALL OR RE-SUBPOENA.

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5 **DETECTIVE:** THANK YOU.

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7 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THANK YOU. IN THE ENVELOPE, THE SEALED ENVELOPE I  
8 OPENED, THERE'S A DECLARATION OF QUILNES RODRIGUEZ THAT IS INTENDED TO BE  
9 OFFERED AND UTILIZED TODAY, IS THAT CORRECT?

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11 IF WE COULD HAVE, PERHAPS, DETECTIVE VALENCIA JUST PROCEED FORWARD TO  
12 ANSWER THAT QUESTION, HE WAS THE HOLDER OF RECORDS. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING  
13 THERE ARE TWO DECLARATIONS, ONE FROM DETECTIVE RODRIGUEZ AND THE OTHER  
14 FROM THE CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS THAT WILL BE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD, BUT  
15 I WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I BELIEVE  
16 DETECTIVE VALENCIA HAS EXITED, THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, WE CAN GET A READ  
17 BACK, PERHAPS, AT THE BREAK.

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19 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** WE CAN GET A CONFIRMATION ON THAT. ONE THING THAT  
20 WILL HAPPEN, AT THE TIME I ISSUE MY FINAL CONCLUSION IN THIS MANNER, IN  
21 ADDITION TO THE FINDINGS I WILL MAKE, THERE WILL BE AN ATTACHMENT TO THIS  
22 WHICH IS GOING TO INDICATE ALL THE ITEMS THAT WERE RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE  
23 AND THE NAMES OF ANY WITNESSES THAT PROVIDED SUBSTANTIVE TESTIMONY. SO YOU  
24 WILL KNOW, THE PUBLIC WILL KNOW THE INFORMATION THAT WAS RELIED UPON, BUT



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1 WE WILL GET SOME CLARIFICATION ON THIS DECLARATION OF THE GENTLEMEN, MR.  
2 RODRIGUEZ. AND --

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4 DETECTIVE RODRIGUEZ WAS THE LAST WITNESS THE CORONER INTENDED TO CALL  
5 TODAY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A DECLARATION SUBMITTED BY HIM, IN LIEU  
6 OF HIS PRESENCE TODAY.

7

8 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** I WILL INDICATE THAT THE DECLARATION OF QUILNAS ROD  
9 RIGUESS DATED NOVEMBER 25TH 2020, IS COMPLETE AND THOROUGH AND IS ACCEPTED  
10 IN LIEU OF RESPONDING TO HIS SUBPOENA, THE DECLARATION IS MORE THAN  
11 ADEQUATE.

12

13 AT THIS TIME THE CORONER DOES NOT HAVE ANY REMAINING WITNESSES FOR TODAY'S  
14 INQUEST.

15

16 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** WELL, WE DO HAVE THE REMOTE WITNESS.

17

18 I APOLOGIZE, FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THERE ARE  
19 NO WITNESSES, THERE WILL BE WITNESSES THAT WILL BE CALLED BUT NOT FROM THE  
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

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22 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THANK YOU. PERHAPS THIS WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO  
23 RECESS.

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1 JUSTICE COOPER, IF YOU WANT TO, ARE WE GOING TO DO TESTIMONY, REMOTE  
2 TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME, DO YOU WANT TO PUT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING?

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4 **WE MENTIONED IT AT THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING IT AT 11:30, IT IS 11:33. I**  
5 THINK WE CAN ADJOURN TO DO THE REMOTE TESTIMONY, ATTACH LUNCH ON TO THAT,  
6 AND COME BACK IN AN HOUR AND A HALF. DOES THAT SOUND --

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8 WE ARE HERE AT YOUR PLEASURE.

9

10 OKAY. I THINK THAT, TIMEWISE, THAT WILL WORK. AND WE ARE GOING TO  
11 BASICALLY ADJOURN THESE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS ROOM TO MOVE TO ANOTHER  
12 LOCATION IN THE BUILDING. WE HAVE A WITNESS THAT IS GOING TO BE HEARD  
13 REMOTELY, WE WERE UNABLE TO SET THAT UP IN THIS, IN THIS ROOM. AND IT DID  
14 NOT TAKE A VERY LONG TIME, THAT WILL PROBABLY TAKE US UNTIL APPROXIMATELY  
15 LUNCHTIME, AND THEN WE WILL TAKE A ONE-HOUR BREAK FOR LUNCH. SO THE TOTAL  
16 BREAK IN THIS BOARD ROOM IS GOING TO BE FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF. YES? IF  
17 THAT UPDATE RELATES TO -- TO WHAT I JUST SAID.

18

19 JUSTICE COOPER, I WAS ADVISED FROM MY COLLEAGUE YOU MAY WANT TO MAKE A  
20 STATEMENT THAT, DUE TO THE TRAVEL AND THE PANDEMIC, WE ARE TAKING THE  
21 REMOTE TESTIMONY OF DR. AMALU. HE IS IN STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, I BELIEVE.  
22 HE REQUESTED THAT OVER THE WEEKEND, AND WE ARE ACCOMMODATING THAT AND WE  
23 DO NOT HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY IN THIS ROOM TO SET UP AND DO REMOTE LIVE  
24 TESTIMONY. SO WE ARE HAVING TO GO TO ANOTHER LOCATION, JUST FOR HIS  
25 TESTIMONY, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MEDIA,

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1 THE FAMILY, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARE INVITED IF THEY WANT TO  
2 PARTICIPATE AND THEN WE WIL RESUME THE REMAINING TESTIMONY AND WITNESSES  
3 IN THIS ROOM.

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5 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. LET ME JUST, SO TO CLARIFY WHERE WE  
6 STAND. WE INDICATED WE ARE GOING TO BE ADJOURNING TO ANOTHER LOCATION.  
7 THERE IS A PATHOLOGIST BY THE NAME OF DR. AMOLU WHO DID A PRIVATE AUTOPSY  
8 IN THIS CASE. HE HAS BEEN CALLED AS A WITNESS, HE IS -- HE DOES NOT RESIDE  
9 IN LOS ANGELES. HE IS IN STOCKTON. AND GIVEN THE COVID SITUATION AND THE  
10 TRAVEL SITUATION, I OFFERED AND DR. AMALU HAS AGREED TO TESTIFY BY SOME  
11 REMOTE CAPACITY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TECHNOLOGY WE ARE USING, BUT IT IS IN A  
12 DIFFERENT ROOM. WE COULD NOT SET IT UP HERE. IF THERE WAS A REPRESENTATIVE  
13 OF THE GUARDADO FAMILY, AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHERIFF'S  
14 DEPARTMENT, AND THE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE, WE ALLOWED IT TO -- IT IS A VERY  
15 SMALL HEARING ROOM, BUT WE WILL -- YOU ALL MAY GO WITH US, IF YOU CHOOSE.  
16 I DO NOT THINK THAT EXAMINATION WILL TAKE VERY LONG. AND AGAIN, AFTER THAT  
17 IS CONCLUDED, WE WILL DO A REGULAR LUNCH BREAK. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE ARE JUST  
18 GOING TO ADJOURN IN THIS ROOM. WE WILL RE-ASSEMBLE IN THE HEARING ROOM,  
19 AND THEN BREAK FOR LUNCH AFTER THAT. SO WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENTARY  
20 BREAK. NOW, I DO UNDERSTAND, IF THERE ARE OTHER FOLKS THAT ARE WATCHING IN  
21 ON THE LIVE FEED, HOWEVER, THAT IS NOT GOING TO PICK UP THIS REMOTE  
22 TESTIMONY. SO, FOR THE PUBLIC, IT IS A HOUR AND A HALF BREAK, IS THAT  
23 CORRECT?

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1 JUSTICE COOPER, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TESTIMONY, THE TECHNOLOGY  
2 CAN BE UPLOADED ONCE WE ELICIT THE TESTIMONY, AND IT CAN BE REPLAYED HERE  
3 IN THE INQUEST ROOM THAT WE'RE HAVING HERE TODAY.

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5 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** OKAY, BECAUSE OF THE TECHNOLOGY, WE CANNOT LIVE FEED  
6 THE EXAMINATION WE'RE ABOUT TO DO. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE UPLOADED AND MADE  
7 PART OF THE RECORD AND VISIBLE, WE JUST HAVE TO DO IT IN TWO STEPS AND I  
8 UNDERSTAND THAT WILL BE HAPPENING TODAY, AND HOPEFULLY THIS AFTERNOON AS  
9 WELL. BUT FOR THE MEANTIME, THEN, WE WILL ADJOURN IN THIS ROOM FOR AN HOUR  
10 AND A HALF. THANK YOU.

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15 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. WE ARE RESUMING ON THE RECORD IN THE  
16 INQUEST WITH RESPECT TO THE DEATH OF MR. GUARDADO. WE HAD A LUNCH BREAK,  
17 AND A REMOTE INTERVIEW, REMOTE TESTIMONY, WHICH WILL BE PLAYED SOMETIME  
18 LATER THIS AFTERNOON. BUT AT THIS TIME, WE'RE GOING TO PICK UP WITH THE  
19 NEXT WITNESS IN ORDER WHO I UNDERSTAND IS GOING TO BE MR. TORRES.

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21 **SPEAKER:** AND YOUR HONOR, I APOLOGIZE FOR THE RECORD. THE CORONER WILL CALL  
22 MR. GUIERREMO TORRES.

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24 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** I NOTICED YOU WERE HERE EARLIER, SO YOU KNOW WHERE TO  
25 SIT. AND IS YOUR TELEPHONE OFF? YES, IT SHOULD BE.

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2 **MR. TORRES:** YES.

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4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HOW ARE YOU? A. WELL, HOW ARE YOU. Q. PLEASE

5 STATE AND SPELL YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. A. GUIELLMO TORRES.

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7 . Q. YOU GO BY MEMO, CORRECT?

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9 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** ABSOLUTELY NOT. JUST DO IT AGAIN. I APOLOGIZE. MR.

10 TORRES, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. [SWEARING IN].

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12 **MR. TORRES:** YES, I DO. Q. GOOD AFTERNOON, PLEASE STATE AND SPELL YOUR FULL

13 NAME FOR THE RECORD. A. GUILLERMO TORRES. Q. AND YOU DO GO BY MEMO,

14 CORRECT? A. YES. Q. WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, SIR.

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16 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** I CURRENTLY, WELL, MY OCCUPATION HERE, I AM HERE WITH

17 L.A. TACO, I'M DIRECTOR OF PARTNERSHIPS THERE, I RIDE, CONTRIBUTE, MAKE

18 VIDEOS, AND A NUMBER OF THINGS TO MAKE THE SITE. Q. SO A REPORTER, IS THAT

19 A FAIR STATEMENT? A. SORRY? Q. ARE YOU A REPORTER, IS THAT A FAIR

20 STATEMENT? A. MORE OF A JOURNALIST. Q. JOURNEST, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A

21 JOURNALIST, MR. TORRES?

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23 **SPEAKER:** PROBABLY JUST ABOUT, I DON'T KNOW, ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF,

24 MAYBE. Q. OKAY. A. OR MAYBE TWO YEARS, YEAH. Q. WHAT FORMAT DO YOU POST

25 YOUR JOURNALISM? A. L.A. TACO IS AN ONLINE PUBLICATION, WE POST ARTICLES.

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1 WE ALSO DO VIDEOS, AND THE VIDEOS ARE SHARED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA  
2 ACCOUNTS, LIKE INSTAGRAM, TWITTER, YOUTUBE. Q. WHAT IS THE SUBJECT MATTER  
3 OF L.A. TACO'S PUBLICATIONS? A. WELL, WE WRITE ABOUT MAINLY FOOD AND NEWS,  
4 CULTURE, IN L.A., ANYTHING THAT MATTERS TO ANGELENOS FROM A STREET  
5 PERSPECTIVE.

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7 **SPEAKER:** I I APOLOGIZE IF YOU ANSWERED THIS, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH  
8 L.A. TACO? A. A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS. Q. YOU HAVE BEEN A JOURNEST WITH  
9 L.A. TACO THAT WHOLE TIME? A. I EVOLVED THERE. Q. YOU WERE A JOURNALIST  
10 THERE, HOW DID YOU START WITH L.A. TACO TACO? A. I STARTED WITH THE  
11 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM TO EXPAND THE SITE THROUGH MEMBER PROGRAMS, BRINGING IN  
12 PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH LOCAL, YOU KNOW, TAQUIEROS AND RESTAURANTS ALL OVER  
13 L.A. TO GIVE OUR MEMBERS DISCOUNTS, I WAS WORKING ON THAT PROGRAM. Q. MR.  
14 TORRES, WHAT BROUGHT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE GUARDADO SHOOTING SITE AT 420  
15 WEST REDONDO IN GARDENA? A. I SAW CVS MAKE A MENTION TO IT. THEY  
16 HIGHLIGHTED IT THAT NIGHT, THE NIGHT THAT HAPPENED, AND I WENT THE NEXT  
17 MORNING. Q. SO YOU DID NOT ARRIVE ON THE DAY OF THE SHOOTING, CORRECT? A.  
18 NO. I WAS THERE THE FOLLOWING TODAY. Q. THIS IS PART OF L.A. TACO'S  
19 INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY IS TO COVER MATTERS LIKE THIS, IS THAT CORRECT?

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21 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT Q. AND WOULD YOU PLEASE LET THE COURT KNOW, WHEN DID YOU  
22 ARRIVE AT THE GUARDADO SHOOTING SITE? A. UM, WELL, IT WAS THE FOLLOWING  
23 DAY. I DON'T REMEMBER THE EXACT TIME. BUT I BELIEVE IT WAS SOMEWHERE IN  
24 THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. Q. CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC? A. I DON'T RECALL, I  
25 CAN CHECK MY VIDEOS AND TIME STAMPS, THAT SHOULD TELL YOU. Q. HOW LONG



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1 WERE YOU THERE, SIR? A. I WAS THERE FOR PROBABLY ABOUT 40 OR 45 MINUTES.

2 Q. DURING THE TIME YOU WERE THERE IN THAT 45 MINUTE PERIOD, DID YOU SPEAK

3 WITH INDIVIDUALS AT THE SITE? A. YES, I DID. Q. WHOM DID YOU SPEAK WITH?

4 A. THE FAMILY OF DANIEL HERNANDEZ WHO WAS THERE, DANIEL HERNANDEZ WAS A

5 VICTIM OF POLICE VIOLENCE. I SPOKE WITH THE SHOP MANAGER, ANDREW HENIE, HE

6 WAS THERE. AND I DID ALSO SPEAK TO OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT WERE

7 PRESENT. Q. FOCUSING YOUR ATTENTION ON MR. HANEY, DURING YOUR

8 CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. HANEY, DID HE TELL YOU HE WITNESSED THE SHOOTING?

9 A. WELL, HE WAS -- HE WAS TELLING ME WHAT HE SAW. SO, YEAH. I MEAN, I

10 RECORDED BASICALLY WHAT HE SAW IN HIS TESTIMONY. Q. WHAT DID YOU SAY, SIR?

11 A. I BASICALLY RECORDED IT ALL ON VIDEO, OF HIS TESTIMONY. Q. OKAY,

12 DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO EXHIBIT NUMBER NEXT IN LINE, VIDEO 5439. MR.

13 THOMPSON, CAN YOU KINDLY BRING THAT UP. SIR, WHO IS DEPICTED IN THIS

14 VIDEO? A. THAT'S THE SHOP MANAGER, ANDREW HANEY, WHO WE ARE SPEAKING OF.

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16 **SPEAKER:** I APPALLIZE -- A. THAT'S THE SHOP MANAGER, ANDREW HANEE. Q. DID

17 HE GIVE YOU THE SPELLING OF THE LAST NAME? A. HE DID NOT. Q. DID YOU COME

18 TO UNDERSTAND THE CORRECT SPELLING? A. HE MAY HAVE, I DON'T RECALL

19 CORRECTLY. Q. AND SIR, DID YOU TAKE THIS VIDEO PERSONALLY? A. I DID. Q.

20 AND SIR, WHAT -- WHERE ARE YOU IN RELATION TO THE GUARDADO SHOOTING SITE,

21 IF YOU KNOW? A. WE ARE DOWN THE LONG DRIVE WAY, THIS IS TOWARD THE FRONT

22 OF THE DRIVE WAY. AND IF YOU GO IN, IT IS, LIKE, A PARKING AREA AND THEN

23 THERE'S A BUILDING AND A LARGE DRIVE WAY DOWN THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING, WE

24 ARE TOWARDS THE BEGINNING OF THAT DRIVEWAY AT THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING. Q.

25 TO BE ARKERATE, WOULD IT BE A FAIR STATEMENT THAT MR. HANEE IS FACING THE



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1 STREET TOWARDS THE LEFT HAND SIDE. A. YES, TOWARDS THE END OF THE DRIVE  
2 WAY. Q. TOWARDS THE END OF THE DRIVE WAY IS WHERE MR. GUARDADO WAS SHOT,  
3 CORRECT? A. CORRECT. Q. OKAY MR. THOMPSON, CAN I YOU TO PLAY A VIDEO,  
4 5439, WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION TO PUBLISH? VIDEO: THE REPORT IS THAT HE  
5 HAD A GUN, TOO?

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7 I DON'T THINK SO, MAN. I REALLY DON'T THINK SO. IN THE YEAR AND A HALF I  
8 HAVE KNOWN HIM, I HAVE NEVER KNOWN HIM TO BE ARMED. HE WASN'T A GANG  
9 MEMBER, HE WAS NEVER SO MUCH AS ARRESTED. HE WAS THE COOLEST KID --

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11 TO SUMMARIZE WHAT HE WAS ABOUT-

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13 YEAH, THEY ARE SAYING THEY ARE COMING TO TERM WITH IT. IN THE YEAR AND A  
14 HALF I KNEW HIM, NO INTEREST ON THE STREET, NO GANG MEMBER, NO CRIMINAL  
15 HISTORY, NEVER BEEN ARRESTED, SO FOR ALL OF THIS TO BE ACTED UPON LIKE  
16 THIS, TO BE A CRIMINAL, HE WASN'T. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT LOVE HIM  
17 AND CARE ABOUT HIM, YOU CAN SEE THE PEOPLE SUPPORTING HIM TODAY AND  
18 YESTERDAY. I MEAN, THAT ISEVIDENCE RIGHT THERE, THAT HE -- HE WAS WELL-  
19 LOVED. HE WAS A GOOD PERSON. YOU KNOW?

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21 THANKS.

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23 THANK YOU. Q. DO YOU REMEMBER TAKING THAT VIDEO, MR. TORRES, CORRECT? A.  
24 CORRECT. Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER -- DO YOU RECALL WHETHER OR NOT MR.  
25 HANEE MADE ANY OFF-VIDEO STATEMENTS TO YOU BEFORE YOU CONDUCTED THAT

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1 VIDEO? A. I PRETTY MUCH CAUGHT EVERYTHING HE SAID. WELL, THIS VIDEO WAS  
2 TAKEN AFTER HE MADE THOSE STATEMENTS AND I ASKED HIM TO REPEAT IT ON  
3 VIDEO. Q. FORGIVE ME, SIR, I APOLOGIZE. A. HE MADE THOSE STATEMENTS BEFORE  
4 I TOOK THE VIDEO AND THEN I ASKED HIM IF HE WAS WILLING TO SAY THAT ON  
5 VIDEO, AND THEN I DID THE VIDEO AFTER THE STATEMENTS. Q. WERE YOU PRESENT  
6 AT THE TIME HE MADE STATEMENTS, WERE THESE STATEMENTS REILATEILATED TO THE  
7 SHOOTING? A. YES. Q. AND THESE WERE OFF-VIDEO, CORRECT? A. YES. Q. AND  
8 THESE ARE NOT CONTAINED ON THE VIDEO YOU JUST WITNESSED, CORRECT? A. THESE  
9 ARE REPETED, I ASKED HIM TO REPEAT IT ON THE VIDEO. Q. BEFORE YOU PLACED  
10 MR. HANEE ON VIDEO, DO YOU RECALL WHAT HE TOLD YOU? A. NOT -- THERE WASN'T  
11 MUCH DISCUSSED DIFFERENT ON WHAT'S ON VIDEO, SO NO. Q. SO DO YOU HAVE ANY  
12 INDEPENDENT RECOLLECTION AS TO WHAT MR. HANEE TOLD YOU BEFORE YOU TOOK THE  
13 VIDEO THAT YOU'VE JUST SEEN? A. UM, NO. LIKE I SAID, MOST OF IT WAS ON  
14 VIDEO. Q. OKAY. DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE VIDEO NEXT IN ORDER,  
15 IDENTIFIED AS 5441. MR. THOMPSON, CAN YOU BRING THAT UP, IF YOU PLEASE.  
16 AND BEFORE WE PLAY THIS, MR. TORRES, WHAT DOES THIS VIDEO DEPICT? A. OH,  
17 THAT IS STANDING BY THE GATE, BY THE DRIVEWAY, FROM THE STREET, AND YOU'RE  
18 LOOKING DOWN TO THE LONG DRIVE WAY WHERE ANDRES GUARDADO RAN. Q. DID YOU  
19 CAPTURE THIS VIDEO PERSONALLY? A. YES.

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21 **SPEAKER:** AND SIR, IF YOU CAN, COULD YOU PLEASE PLACE YOURSELF WHERE YOU  
22 ARE ON THE PROPERTY, COULD YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR IMMEDIATE  
23 SURROUNDINGS. A. UM, BEHIND ME, ABOUT, UH, MAYBE ABOUT 10 FEET, OR 15  
24 FEET, IS THE GATE THAT WAS SLIGHTLY OPEN, LEADING TO THE STREET. AND TO  
25 THE RIGHT, YOU COULD SEE THE CARS PARKED AND THERE'S A SMALL OFFICE THERE

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1 TO THE RIGHT AND YOU COULD SEE THE BUILDING AHEAD. Q. AND WHAT IS YOUR  
2 UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE MR. GUARDADO RAN AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING, IF  
3 YOU KNOW? A. UM, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT HE RAN DOWN THAT DRIVE WAY, PAST  
4 WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE IN THIS PICTURE, ALL THE WAY TO THE END OF THE  
5 BUILDING AND ACCORDING TO ANDREW, THAT IS WHERE HE KNEELED PAND WAS SHOT.  
6 Q. OKAY, AND WHY -- WHY DID YOU TAKE THIS VIDEO? A. UM, I WAS TRYING TO  
7 DOCUMENT EVERYTHING. I WAS -- WHEN I GOT THERE, I WAS CURIOUS TO GET MORE  
8 INFORMATION OF THE SITUATION. CBS REPORTED IT INITIALLY, BUT DIDN'T HAVE  
9 ANY MORE INFORMATION. I SAW THE SHOP MANAGER WAS SPEAKING AND WILLING TO  
10 SHARE WHAT HE WITNESSED, AND I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO  
11 DOCUMENT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. Q. AS IT RELATES TO YOUR TAKING OF THIS  
12 VIDEO, DID ANYBODY MAKE ANY STATEMENTS DO YOU AT THE TIME YOU TOOK THIS  
13 VIDEO, IF YOU CAN RECALL? A. UM, THERE WAS ONE PERSON THERE WHO SAID HE  
14 WAS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND DIDN'T WANT TO BE ON VIDEO. HE ASKED ME TO NOT  
15 PUT HIM IN THE VIDEO. BUT I THINK I MAY HAVE GOTTEN A GLIMPSE OF HIM  
16 THERE.

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18 **SPEAKER:** WHAT DID YOU SAY? FORGIVE ME A. HE ASKED MOTTO BE IN THE VIDEO,  
19 HE WAS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND ASKED NOT TO BE IN THE VIDEO. Q. MR.  
20 THOMPSON, MAY I ASK WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION TO PUBLISH THIS VIDEO NOW?

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22 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THAT'S FINE. VIDEO: [HONKING]. Q. OKAY, THANK YOU  
23 VERY MUCH. MR. TORRES, NOW DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO EXHIBIT NEXT IN LINE,  
24 WHICH IS IDENTIFIED AS VIDEO NUMBER 542, MR. THOMPSON, WOULD YOU PLEASE  
25 BRING THAT MATTER UP, TOO. MR. TORRES, WHAT ARE THE PARTIES LOOKING AT



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1 NOW. A. WE ARE LOOKING AT THE STREET, WE ARE LOOKING FROM INSIDE THE LONG  
2 DRIVE WAY OUT TO THE STREET. THAT DOOR IS A DOOR WHERE ANDREW HANEE WAS  
3 STANDING BY IN THE EARLIER VIDEO. Q. I APOLOGIZE, WHAT DID YOU SAY ABOUT  
4 THE DOOR, PLEASE. A. SO WE'RE STANDING, LOOKING OUT TOWARDS THE STREET.  
5 THAT DOOR YOU SEE TO THE LEFT IS WHERE ANDREW HANEE WAS STANDING IN THE  
6 EARLIER VIDEO YOU SHOWED. Q. WAS ANYBODY STANDING WITH YOU AT THE TIME  
7 THAT YOU TOOK THIS VIDEO? A. WAS ANYBODY STANDING WITH ME? Q. YES, SIR. A.  
8 NOT THAT I RECALL, NO. Q. DID YOU TAKE THIS VIDEO PERSONALLY?  
9  
10 **SPEAKER:** YES Q. CAN YOU GIVE ME AND JUSTICE COOPER AN ESTIMATION HOW FAR  
11 THE DRIVE WAY WAS BEHIND YOU, WHEN YOU TOOK THIS VIDEO. A. UM, HOW FAR THE  
12 DRIVE WAY IS FROM THE STREET, EXTENDED? Q. FROM YOUR POSITION IN THE DRIVE  
13 WAY, TO -- MORE SPECIFICALLY, WHERE MR. GUARDADO WAS SHOT, CAN YOU GIVE US  
14 AN ESTIMATE OF THE DISTANCE OF THAT, PLEASE. A. UM -- IT HAD TO BE, MEAN,  
15 50 OR 60 FEET, MAYBE. Q. SO IT WAS A LONGER DRIVE WAY. A. IT WAS A LONG  
16 DRIVEWAY. Q. AND SIR, JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, THE ROADWAY THAT IS THERE AT  
17 THE END OF THAT, OF THIS VIDEO, IS THAT REDONDO? A. YES. Q. WEST REDONDO,  
18 CORRECT? AND AGAIN, SIR I WILL ASK, WHY DID YOU FILM THIS PARTICULAR  
19 VIDEO? A. AGAIN, JUST DOCUMENTING IT. I KIND OF, AT THAT MOMENT, I WANTED  
20 TO GET A SHOT OF HOW FAR, HALFWAY DOWN THE DRIVEWAY WAS FROM THE STREET.  
21 JUST TRYING TO CAPTURE EVERYTHING THAT I COULD. Q. I APOLOGIZE IF I ASKED  
22 YOU, WAS ANYBODY STANDING WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU TOOK THIS VIDEO? A. NO.  
23 Q. MR. THOMPSON, WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION, MAY I PUBLISH THIS VIDEO?  
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1 **SPEAKER:** YES. [VIDEO]. Q. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. TORRES, DRAWING YOUR  
2 ATTENTION TO THE NEXT VIDEO, I BELIEVE IT IS 5442. OKAY. AND WHAT DOES  
3 THAT VIDEO DEPICT, IF MR. THOMPSON, IF I CAN PLEASE PUBLISH THAT, AND WITH  
4 THE COURT'S PERMISSION.

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6 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THAT'S FINE. Q. WHO WAS THE GENTLEMEN AGAIN, PLEASE,  
7 MR. TORRES, IN THIS VIDEO? A. AGAIN, THAT'S ANDREW HANEE AND WE'RE FACING  
8 OUT THE GATE TOWARDS REDONDO DO AND OUTSIDE YOU CAN SEE SEVERAL PROTESTERS  
9 AND FAMILY MEMBERS OUTSIDE DEMONSTRATING. Q. MAY I HAVE A MOMENT ALONE  
10 WITH MR. THOMPSON, PLEASE.

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12 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** YES. Q. THANK YOU. YOUR HONOR, I HAVE MISIDENTIFIED  
13 THIS VUDIO. THIS IS 5460. WE ALREADY DID 5442. SO FOR CLARIFICATION, THIS  
14 IS THE VIDEO IDENTIFIED AS 5460

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16 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THANK YOU. Q. PLEASE CONTINUE, MR. TORRES. A. WELL, I  
17 JUST DESCRIBED, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION. Q. THIS IS MR.  
18 HANEE, THIS IS FACING WEST REDONDO BOULEVARD, IS THAT CORRECT? A. CORRECT.  
19 Q. AND YOU TOOK THIS VIDEO PERSONALLY?

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21 **SPEAKER:** YES Q. HOW LONG HAD YOU BEEN STANDING WITH MR. HANEE AT THE TIME  
22 YOU TOOK THIS VIDEO, IF YOU CAN RECALL? A. WELL, WE PROBABLY HAVE BEEN  
23 STANDING THERE, MAYBE, ABOUT 10 OR 15 MINUTES, RIGHT? Q. AND DURING THAT  
24 10 OR 15 MINUTES, DID MR. HANEE MAKE ANY STATEMENTS TO YOU OFF VIDEO, IF  
25 YOU CAN RECALL? A. I CAN'T RECALL HIM MAKING ANY OTHER STATEMENTS, NO. Q.

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1 AND SO YOU TOOK THIS VIDEO PERSONALLY, CORRECT? A. CORRECT. Q. WITH THE  
2 COURT'S PERMISSION, MAY I PUBLISH THIS VIDEO?

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4 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** YES. VIDEO:

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6 RIGHT THERE WHERE THE FIRE HYDRANT IS, HE WAS TALKING TO TWO GIRLS, AND  
7 THEN THE POLICE APPROACHED THEM, AND RIGHT AWAY, DRAW AND POINTED AT HIM,  
8 HE WAS SCARED AND RAN OVER HERE, AND HE ENDED UP GETTING ON HIS KNEES,  
9 WITH HIS HANDS BEHIND HIS HEAD AND THE COP SHOT HIM SEVERAL TIMES. Q.

10 OKAY, MR. TORRES, DID MR. HANEE MAKE ANY STATEMENTS AFTER PROVIDING THAT  
11 STATEMENT TO YOU ON VIDEO? A. I DON'T RECALL. Q. DRAWING YOUR ATTENTION TO  
12 EXHIBIT NEXT IN LINE, WHICH IS IDENTIFIED AS VIDEO 5461, MR. THOMPSON,  
13 WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION, MAY I PUBLISH THAT VIDEO?

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15 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** YES. Q. MR. TORRES, WHAT ARE WE -- WHAT ARE WE

16 LOOKING AT THERE, PLEASE. A. WE'RE LOOKING DOWN THAT DRIVEWAY, THAT SAME  
17 LONG DRIVE WAY, TOWARDS -- TOWARDS THE LEFT SIDE OF THE VIDEO, THAT'S  
18 WHERE THE ADDRESS WAS SHOT. Q. AND WHEN YOU SAY THE LEFT SIDE OF THE

19 DRIVEWAY, COULD YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THAT IN THE IMAGE THAT WE HAVE HERE ON  
20 THE SCREEN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** SO WE SEE THE WALL WITH A COUPLE OF DOORS TO THE SHOP, TO THE  
23 RIGHT, WE SEE THE DRIVEWAY, DOWN THE MIDDLE. YOU SEE THE WATER, A LITTLE  
24 WATER TRAIL DOWN THERE, TOWARDS THE END OF THE BUILDING, THERE IS A GATE  
25 AND THAT'S ABOUT AS FAR AS YOU CAN Q. OKAY, LET'S TRY TO BE SPECIFIC. ON



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1 THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THIS IMAGE, WE HAVE SOME TYPE OF DOOR, A GATED DOOR  
2 WITH A LOCK AND A -- A LOCK AND KEY. AND THEN WE HAVE A SLUMP STONE WALL  
3 THAT EXTENDS TO WHAT APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER DOORWAY, IS THAT CORRECT, MR.  
4 TORRES? A. THAT IS CORRECT. THAT IS, LIKE, A DOORWAY, OR A GARAGE DOOR,  
5 THE SECOND DOOR. Q. THE SECOND DOOR. AND THEN AFTER THAT SECOND DOOR, MR.  
6 TORRES, THERE APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER SECTION OF SLUMP STONE WALL, IS THAT  
7 CORRECT? A. CORRECT. Q. AND THEN BEYOND THAT SLUMP STONE WALL, WE HAVE  
8 WHAT APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER GATE THAT MAY BE ON ROLLERS, IS THAT CORRECT?  
9 A. IT IS CORRECT. Q. DID YOU ACTUALLY, WHEN YOU WERE IN -- TAKING THIS  
10 VIDEO, DID YOU ACTUALLY WALK UP TO THAT GATE AT THE END OF THIS IMAGE? A.  
11 I DID. Q. YOU DID? A. YES. Q. CAN YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE FOR JUSTICE COOPER,  
12 IN THIS IMAGE, DOES THIS IMAGE DEPICT THE LOCATION WHERE MR. GUARDADO WAS  
13 SHOT? A. YES. Q. AND HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT, SIR? A. ACCORDING TO ANDREW  
14 HANEE'S TESTIMONY. Q. AND WHERE DID MR. HANEE IDENTIFY THE LOCATION OF  
15 WHERE MR. GUARDADO WAS SHOT IN THIS IMAGE? A. HE IDENTIFIED IT AS THE END  
16 OF THE WALL, THE SLUMP BLOCK WALL. Q. THE SECOND SECTION OF SLUMPSTONE  
17 WALL?

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19 **SPEAKER:** THE SECOND SECTION, YES Q. AND IT IS AT THE SECOND SECTION OF THE  
20 SLUMP STONE WALL, AND THE GATE ON ROLLERS? A. YES. Q. AND THAT'S WHERE MR.  
21 HANEE IDENTIFIED WHERE MR. GUARDADO WAS SHOT?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, HE POINTED TOWARD THERE AND SAID HE RAN ALL THE WAY TOWARD  
24 THE END OF THERE AND THAT'S WHERE -- Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY INDEPENDENT  
25 RECOLLECTION, OTHER THAN WHAT'S ON THIS VIDEO, AS TO WHAT MR. HANEE TOLD



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1 YOU ABOUT WHAT HE SAW? A. UM, [SIGH], NO, I REMEMBER OFF VIDEO, I DO  
2 REMEMBER THERE WAS A -- RIGHT THERE, WHERE THE BRICK, WHERE THE CINDER  
3 BLOCK WALL ENDS AND THE STREET STARTS, ANDRES ANDRES' FAMILY WAS STANDING  
4 IN THAT CROWD, AND I ASKED ANDREW, WHO WERE THEY, AND SAY SAID THAT'S THE  
5 FAMILY, THEY WERE STANDING OVER WHERE ANDREAS HAD BEEN SHOT. Q. AND MR.  
6 HANEE WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE FAMILY STANDING AT THAT LOCATION? A. YES.  
7 Q. WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION, MAY I PLAY THIS VIDEO?

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9 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** YES. VIDEO:

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11 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) .

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13 CAN YOU SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME, HE RAN THAT WAY AND -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM  
14 MIC) .

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16 HE RAN THAT WAY, THE POLICE WERE CHASING HIM, HE GOT ON HIS KNEES AND THEY  
17 SHOT HIM SEVERAL TIMES -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) . Q. DO YOU HAVE, AS WE  
18 PLAY THIS VIDEO, DO YOU REMEMBER SPECIFICALLY INDEPENDENTLY OF THIS VIDEO  
19 WHAT MR. HANEE TOLD YOU IN THE VIDEO?

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21 **SPEAKER:** IT DIDN'T SEEM THAT MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THERE Q. ASIDE FROM THE  
22 STATEMENTS HE MADE, DO YOU HAVE A RECOLLECTION, IF ANY, ANY STATEMENTS  
23 THAT MR. HANEE MADE TO YOU AFTER THE VIDEO? A. HE SAID HE WAS JUST A POOR  
24 KID, HE WAS OUT THERE, HE WAS TRYING TO TALK TO A GIRL, AND HE JUST WAS,  
25 YOU KNOW, STANDING AROUND, IT WAS MESSED UP, THE COPS SHOWED UP, THEY

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1 SCARED HIM, HE RAN AND THAT'S WHAT HE KEPT REPEATING, THE SHOCK ABOUT  
2 THAT. Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY? A. I DO  
3 NOT.

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5 **SPEAKER:** I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OF THIS WITNESS, YOUR HONOR

6

7 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. Q. I WOULD ASK THE COURT  
8 TO RECEIVE THE VIDEO ITEMS AND EVIDENCE INTO THE COURT'S RECORD AT THIS  
9 TIME.

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11 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THOSE ITEMS ARE RECEIVED. Q. AND I WOULD ALSO ADVISE,  
12 BEFORE THE COURT DISMISSES MR. TORRES, THE CORONER SUBPOENAED MR. HANEE TO  
13 THE INQUEST TODAY, ISSUED A VALID SUBPOENA FOR MR. ANDREW HANEE, THE  
14 CORONER WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE HIM TO THESE PROCEEDINGS. THE SUBPOENA IS  
15 BEFORE THE COURT, AS AN EXHIBIT.

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17 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, MR. TORRES, THERE WILL BE  
18 NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR YOU. SO YOU ARE NOW FREE TO GO. AND PLEASE, NO  
19 MORE PHOTOGRAPHING IN THE HEARING ROOM. THANK YOU. Q. AND AT THIS TIME,  
20 YOUR HONOR, I BELIEVE -- WE WILL INQUIRE OF THE IT INDIVIDUALS WHETHER OR  
21 NOT THE VIDEO OF DR. OMALU IS READY, I AM ADVISED IT IS, WITH THE COURT'S  
22 PERMISSION, WE WILL PUBLISH THE TESTIMONY OF DR. OMALU.

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24 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** OKAY, FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE HEARING ROOM BEFORE,  
25 WHEN WE TOOK A RECESS PARTIALLY, IT WAS TO HEAR, OR TAKE TESTIMONY



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1 REMOTELY FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS OUT OF TOWN. HE DID THAT AND WE ARE  
2 GNAW GOING TO PLAY THAT FOR EVERYONE IN THE ROOM AND MAKE IT OFFICIALLY  
3 PART OF THIS RECORD. IF EVERYBODY IS READY, WE WILL GO BACK ON THE RECORD.  
4 OKAY. WE ARE RESUMING IN THE CIVIL SERVICE HEARING ROOM IN THE INQUEST. IN  
5 ORDER TO TAKE TESTIMONY FROM DR. OMALU, I'M WAVING AT YOU RIGHT NOW. MY  
6 NAME IS CANDACE COOPER, I AM THE HEARING OFFICER IN THIS CASE TODAY.  
7 BECAUSE OF THE BUSINESS THAT YOU HAD TO TRAVEL AND RECENT COVID-19  
8 MATTERS, WE HAVE GIVEN YOU THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH I AM PLEASED YOU TOOK  
9 ADVANTAGE OF, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS REMOTELY. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY  
10 DIFFICULTY WITH THE SOUND OR THE VIDEO AT ANY TIME, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE  
11 WILL TRY TO RECTIFY THAT. AND I DON'T THINK THAT YOUR EXAMINATION IS GOING  
12 TO TAKE VERY LONG, SIR. BECAUSE IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION TO HAVE YOU  
13 DUPLICATE THE TESTIMONY THAT WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE TESTIMONY GIVEN BY  
14 THE L.A. COUNTY CORONER. SO THE QUESTIONING IS GOING TO BE LIMITED. WE ARE  
15 MORE INTERESTED IN YOUR CONCLUSIONS. AND WE ARE INTERESTED IN WHETHER  
16 THERE'S ANY VARIATIONS BETWEEN YOUR RESULTS AND THE RESULTS FROM THE  
17 CORONER. SO THE QUESTIONS WILL BEGIN AND, AS I SAID, I DON'T THINK THIS IS  
18 GOING TO TAKE TOO MUCH OF YOUR TIME.

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20 **DR. OMALU:** THANK YOU. Q. I AM MICHAEL MILLER, I AM ASSISTING JUSTICE  
21 COOPER AND ASKING QUESTIONS, I AM ASKING A SET OF QUESTIONS SHE HAS  
22 REVIEWED. AND, AS HE SAID, THEY HAVE BEEN TRUNCATED, WE ARE MORE  
23 INTERESTED IN YOUR CONCLUSIONS AND AND NOT GOING THROUGH THE ENTIRE  
24 REPORT. BEFORE WE BEGIN, WE SHOULD SWEAR HIM IN.

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1 HON. CANDACE COOPER: YES, DR. OMALU, CAN YOU RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

2 [SWEARING IN].

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4 DR. OMALU: I DO. Q. THANK YOU, DR. OMALU. CAN YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL

5 NAME AND SPELL YOUR LAST NAME FOR THE RECORD. A. BENNET OMALU, BENNET

6 OMALU. Q. CAN YOU TELL US YOUR OCCUPATION. A. I AM A FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST,

7 A NEURO PATHOLOGIST, CLINICAL PATHOLOGIST, AND EPIDEMIOLOGIST. AND I'M A

8 CLINICAL PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-DAVIS, AND A MEDICAL

9 DIRECTOR OF BENNET OMALU PATHOLOGY. Q. THANK YOU FOR THAT. HOW LONG HAVE

10 YOU BEEN A FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST? A. OVER 20 YEARS. Q. CAN YOU GIVE US A

11 BRIEF BACKGROUND INTO YOUR TRAINING AS A PHYSICIAN AND EXPERIENCE IN

12 FORENSIC PATHOLOGY? A. WELL, I HAVE -- I'M A PHYSICIAN. I HAVE A MASTER'S

13 IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY, I ALSO HAVE A

14 MASTER'S IN PUBLIC HEALTH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH-PENNSYLVANIA.

15 I HAVE FIVE BOARD CERTIFICATIONS IN CLINICAL PATHOLOGY, FORENSIC

16 PATHOLOGY, NEURO PATHOLOGY, AND MANAGEMENT. I AM A CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN

17 EXECUTIVE. I HAVE WORKED AS AN ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND A CHIEF

18 MEDICAL EXAMINER IN THE STATES OF PENNSYLVANIA AND CALIFORNIA. AND I HAVE

19 BEEN ACTIVE ACADEMICALLY, I HAVE BEEN A PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY, IN

20 LABORATORY MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-DAVIS, A VISITING

21 PROFESSOR AT THE ROCKEFELLER NEUROSCIENCE INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

22 UNIVERSITY, AND EMORY, E-M-O-R-Y UNIVERSITY IN ATLANTA. I HAVE BEEN

23 INVOLVED IN OVER 12,000 DEATH INVESTIGATIONS AND AUTOPSIES OVER THE YEARS.

24 I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN OVER 600 MEDICAL LEGAL CASES, WHERE WE RETAIN

25 PRIVATELY AS A CONSULTANT TO TESTIFY IN DIFFERENT LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. AND I



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1 HAVE TESTIFIED OVER 600 TIMES IN THE COURTS OF LAW ACROSS VARIOUS  
2 JURISDICTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES COURTS.  
3 AND I HAVE PUBLISHED EXTENSIVELY IN THE SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE. I BELIEVE  
4 THAT IS AN ADEQUATE SUMMARY. Q. THANK YOU FOR THAT. I HAD A FOLLOW-UP  
5 QUESTION. YOU JUST MENTIONED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN A DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER  
6 AS WELL AS A CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. HAVE YOU  
7 BEEN AFFILIATED NOW, OR PREVIOUSLY, WITH THE LOS ANGELES MEDICAL EXAMINER  
8 CORONER'S OFFICE? A. I NEVER HAD ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT AFFILIATION WITH  
9 THE LOS ANGELES MEDICAL EXAMINERS. ALTHOUGH -- IDON'T KNOW, ABOUT FIVE,  
10 FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO, I WAS APPROACHED BY A HIRING AGENCY TO APPLY FOR  
11 THE POSITION OF CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, WHICH I TURNED DOWN. Q. OKAY.  
12 THANK YOU FOR THAT. WHAT DOCUMENTS, DR. OMALU, IF ANY, DID YOU REVIEW IN  
13 PREPARATION FOR YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY?

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15 **SPEAKER:** WELL, I REVIEWED MY CASE FILE IN THIS CASE. I REVIEWED MY SECOND  
16 AUTOPSY REPORT. I REVIEWED THE TOXICOLOGY REPORT. I REVIEWED THE AUTOPSY  
17 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AUTOPSY THAT I FOUND, THE SECOND AUTOPSY. I REVIEWED  
18 THE AUTOPSY REPORT FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE.  
19 I REVIEWED THE AUTOPSY PICTURES PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE, AS WELL AS SCENE  
20 PICTURES, EVERYBODY AT THE SCENE. AND SOME OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS IN  
21 THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REPORT. WHAT ELSE -- I BELIEVE THAT IS IT Q. THANK  
22 YOU. IF I CAN, I'M GOING TO GO THROUGH A COUPLE OF THOSE DOCUMENTS YOU  
23 MENTIONEDISM WE HAVE, YOU PROVIDED SOME OF THOSE TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE  
24 FOR THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S INQUEST. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU HAD THOSE  
25 DOCUMENTS WE ARE REFERRING TO. A. I DID NOT PROVIDE THEM. THE FAMILY'S



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1 ATTORNEY PROVIDED THEM. I HAVE NOT HAD ANY DIRECT CONTRACTURAL OR NON-  
2 CONTRACTURAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I RECEIVED A  
3 SUBPOENA, WHICH ORDERED ME TO SUBMIT THE FILES. SO I REQUESTED THE FAMILY,  
4 WHO RETAINED IN THIS CASE AN EXPERT TO SUBMIT THOSE DOCUMENTS TO THE  
5 COUNTY. I DID NOT SUBMIT THEM MYSELF. Q. I APPRECIATE THAT. LET ME GO  
6 THROUGH THE DOCUMENTS JUST TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE YOUR REPORTS. ONE IS, IT  
7 HAS A LETTERHEAD ON IT, OMALU PATHOLOGY, SECOND AUTOPSY REPORT. AND THAT  
8 PARTICULAR DOCUMENT IS 33 PAGES. AND IT WAS SIGNED ON PAGE 8, BY YOU, ON  
9 AUGUST 10TH, 2020. IS THAT YOURA AUTOPSY REPORT YOU ARE REFERRING TO, THE  
10 SECOND AUTOPSY REPORT? A. YES. Q. AND THE CORONER RECEIVED A SECOND  
11 REPORT, WITH CENTRAL COUNTY TOXICOLOGY, INC., SIGNED BY A DR. POSEY. IS  
12 THAT THE TOXICOLOGY REPORT YOU ARE REFERRING TO? A. YES, SIR. Q. THANK  
13 YOU. AND WE ALSO HAVE RECEIVED A DIAGRAM, AND IT IS SIGNED BY YOU AND IT  
14 IS A DIAGRAM OF A BODY WITH FIVE INJURIES THAT YOU -- THAT STATES, THIS  
15 DIAGRAM REFLECTS AN ACCURATE VISUALIZATION OF THE WOUNDS OF ANDRES  
16 GUARDADO'S BODY -- . (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC). SORRY. I WILL START OVER. THE  
17 DIAGRAM STATES IT HAS AN ACCURATE VISUALIZATION OF THE ENTRANCE WOUNDS ON  
18 ANDREAS GUARDADO'S BODY BASED ON AN AUTOPSY I PERFORMED ON JUNE 26TH,  
19 2020. IS THAT YOURS AS WELL? A. YES, THE CARTOON DIAGRAM WAS REQUESTED BY  
20 THE FAMILY. SO I DID THAT JUST TO SHOW THE -- TO SHOW THE GUNSHOT WOUNDS  
21 OF ENTRANCE, YES. Q. THANK YOU. AND THE CORONER'S OFFICE ALSO RECEIVED  
22 APPROXIMATELY 250 COLORED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BODY OF ANDREAS GUARDADO, I  
23 BELIEVE FROM YOUR AUTOPSY EXAM, DOES THAT SOUND ABOUT CORRECT? A. YES,  
24 PLEASE. JUST ON THE REPORT, IF YOU READ THE AUTOPSY REPORT, THERE IS ALSO  
25 A DIGITAL WHOLE BODY CT SCAN. BUT I CANNOT SEND THOSE, BECAUSE I HAVE ONLY





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1 ONE COPY AND BECAUSE OF SOFTWARE RESTRICTIONS, I CANNOT MAKE A COPY. I  
2 HOLD ON TO THOSE, BUT THOSE ARE ORIGINAL COPIES. Q. THANK YOU, I DON'T  
3 BELIEVE WE WOULD NEED THAT FOR PURPOSES OF HIS TESTIMONY AT TODAY'S  
4 INQUEST.

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6 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** I DON'T THINK SO. Q. OKAY, THANK YOU. AND I AM --  
7 THIS IS AN OBVIOUS QUESTION, BUT YOU DID PERFORM AN AUTOPSY EXAMINATION ON  
8 THE BODY OF ANDREAS GUARDADO? A. YES, A SECOND AUTOPSY. Q. CAN YOU TELL US  
9 HOW YOU CAME ABOUT PERFORMING THAT SECONDA AUTOPSY AUTOPSY? A. WELL,  
10 FAMILY, LAWYERS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES REACH OUT TO ME TO ASSIST THEM,  
11 PROFESSIONALLY, AS AN EXPERT IN A VARIETY OF CIRCUMSTANCES. AND MANY  
12 TIMES, I GET AN EMAIL OR PHONE CALL, NOT ME PERSONALLY, BUT BENNET OMALU  
13 PATHOLOGY. SOMEBODY WILL PICK UP, GET WHAT THE REQUEST IS, WE WILL GO BACK  
14 AND FORTH ADMINISTRATIVELY BEFORE I SEND AN AUTOPSY CONSENT FORM TO BE  
15 FILLED OUT BY NEXT OF KIN. SO THIS IS BY MR. CRISTOBAL GUARDADO RETAINED A  
16 LAW FIRM, THE ASSISTANT, REACHED OUT TO ME TO PERFORM A SECOND AUTOPSY.  
17 AFTER I SIGNED THE CONSENT FORM, THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR DROVE DOWN TO LOS  
18 ANGELES TO PICK UP THE BODY, THE BODY WAS TRANSPORTED TO MY FACILITY IN  
19 SACRAMENTO. I DID THE AUTOPSY ON JUNE 26TH, 2020, BEGINNING AT  
20 APPROXIMATELY 2:54PM IN THE AFTERNOON. Q. THANK YOU. AND CAN YOU BRIEFLY  
21 DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SECOND AUTOPSY EXAMINATION. A. THERE IS NO  
22 PURPOSE, SPECIFICALLY. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO EXAMINE THE BODY AND DOCUMENT  
23 OBJECTIVELY THE FINDINGS, PERFORM A TOXICOLOGICAL ANALYSIS, PERFORM A  
24 MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION OF THE TISSUES, AND GENERATE MEDICAL EVIDENCE THAT  
25 COULD BE APPLIED AND USED BY ANY TRUSTED PARTY. MY ROLE HERE WAS NOT TO



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1 PERFORM THE DUTIES OF A CORONER, BECAUSE I WAS DOING THE EXTENDED THE  
2 DECEMBER OF A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL. Q. THANK YOU. EXCUSE ME. AND I -- YOUR  
3 TESTIMONY EARLIER STATED THAT YOU HAD REVIEWED THE AUTOPSY REPORT THAT WAS  
4 AUTHORED BY DR. KEVIN YOUNG OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE.  
5 DID YOU REVIEW THAT REPORT, THAT AUTOPSY REPORT, BEFORE OR AFTER YOU  
6 PERFORMED YOUR SECOND AUTOPSY? A. SO, IF YOU REMEMBER, THE AUTOPSY IS A  
7 PROCESS. IF I MAY UNDERSTAND YOU RIGHT, YOU ARE REFERRING TO THE AUTOPSY  
8 SECOND RESULT, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 26TH.

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10 **SPEAKER:** I APOLOGIZE. LET ME CLARIFY, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL  
11 EXAMINER CORONER'S OFFICE ISSUED AN AUTOPSY REPORT AT SOME POINT

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13 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR Q. DID YOU, WERE YOU -- DID YOU AUTOPSY EXAMINATION, DID  
14 YOU HAVE THE REPORT BEFORE YOU BEGAN YOUR AUTOPSY EXAMINATION?

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16 **SPEAKER:** NO Q. DID YOU HAVE THE REPORT FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL  
17 EXAMINER CORONER'S OFFICE BEFORE YOU COMPLETED AND SIGNED THIS REPORT,  
18 WHICH IS DATED AUGUST 10TH, 2020? A. YES, BEFORE I COMPLETED AND SIGNED  
19 THE REPORT, BUT BEFORE I COMPLETED MY AUTOPSY, NO. MY AUTOPSY WAS  
20 COMPLETED BEFORE I RECEIVED THE REPORT FROM THE LOS ANGELES MEDICAL  
21 EXAMINER'S OFFICE AND THEN THE ATTORNEYS WHO REPRESENTED THE FAMILY ASKED  
22 ME TO REVIEW THE AUTOPSY REPORT FROM THE COUNTY AND PERFORM A MEDICAL  
23 ANALYSIS AND COME UP WITH A COMPREHENSIVE SECOND AUTOPSY REPORT, CRITIQUE  
24 AND COMPARE THE AUTOPSY REPORT FROM THE COUNTY, IN RELATION TO MY AUTOPSY  
25 FINDINGS. PI DID ALL THAT, I NOTATED IT IN THE REPORT, ON PAGE TWO. Q.



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1 SORRY, DR. OMALU, ARE YOU REFERRING TO YOUR REPORT ON PAGE TWO, OR THE LOS  
2 ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REPORT ON PAGE 2? A. MY OWN REPORT, PAGE  
3 2/33, A FOOT NOTE THAT SAYS THE FINAL PATHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS WAS DERIVED  
4 AFTER REVIEWS AND CORRELATIONS OF FIRST AND SECOND AUTOPSY REPORTS AND  
5 AUTOPSY PICTURES, AS WELL AS HISTOLOGICAL SLIDES FROM THE SECOND AUTOPSY. Q.  
6 THANK YOU. DR. OMALU, DID YOU FIND ANY DISCREPANCIES OR DID YOU DISAGREE  
7 WITH ANY OF THE FINDINGS OF THE AUTOPSY REPORT AUTHORED BY DR. YOUNG? A.  
8 YEAH. THERE WERE MANY STATEMENTS AND ASSERTIONS MADE IN THE AUTOPSY REPORT  
9 BY DR. YOUNG I FOUND TO BE GROSSLY INACCURATE, AND THERE WERE MANY QUALITY  
10 ASSURANCE ISSUES. Q. I APOLOGIZE, CAN YOU REPEAT THAT LAST PART? A.  
11 QUALITY ASSURANCE, MEANING QUALITY CONTROL. ASSURANCE -- A-S-S-U-R-A-N-C-  
12 E. MEANING, THE GUARANTEE THAT YOU ARE NOT DEVIATING SO MUCH FROM THE  
13 STANDARDS OF PRACTICE, AND THE STANDARDS OF TRUTH. Q. THANK YOU, CAN YOU  
14 BE MORE SPECIFIC -- A. SO THE FIRST THING I OBSERVED WAS THAT -- Q. I  
15 APOLOGIZE, I DIDN'T FINISH THE QUESTION. A. OH, SORRY. Q. THAT'S OKAY, I  
16 WAS ASKING YOU TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ON YOUR STATEMENT THAT THERE WERE  
17 STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN DR. YOUNG'S AUTOPSY REPORT THAT YOUR GROSSLY  
18 INACCURATE? A. IF SO, LET ME START PAGE BY PAGE. OKAY, WITH THE AUTOPSY  
19 REPORT. AND I WILL BE REFERRING TO MY REPORT ON TO HIS REPORT. SO IF YOU  
20 NOTICE, ON PAGE, JUST A MINUTE, ON PAGE 21 OF MY REPORT, OF MY REPORT,  
21 PAGE 22 AND 23, I DESCRIBED AT LENGTH OF THE EXTENSIVE DECEPTION I MADE TO  
22 IDENTIFY EACH INDIVIDUAL GUNSHOT WOUND. EXAMINATION OF DR. YOUNG'S REPORT  
23 INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT PERFORM SUCH DISSECTIONS. AND, IN NOT DOING SUCH  
24 SYSTEMATIC DISSECTIONS, HE MISIDENTIFIED AND MISCLASSIFIED TWO WOUNDS, AND  
25 WAS ACTUALLY UNABLE TO MATCH TWO ENTRANCE WOUNDS WITH A GUNSHOT WOUND OF



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1 ENTRANCE AND EXIT. AND, BASED ON MY DISSECTION, HE MADE SOME ASSERTIONS  
2 LIKE ON PAGE TWO OF THIS REPORT THAT GUNSHOT WOUNDS, THREE AND FOUR, ARE  
3 VERY CLOSE TOGETHER AT THE RIGHT NIPPLE. THAT IS INACCURATE. THEY WERE NOT  
4 CLOSE TOGETHER, IN FACT, IN THIS REPORT, HE SAID THE WOUNDS WERE APART BY  
5 3.75 INCHES. THESE WERE NOT WOUNDS THAT WERE TOGETHER. Q. DOCTOR -- A.  
6 AND, IN SO DOING, WHAT HE LABELLED GUNSHOT WOUND NUMBER ONE -- Q. DR.  
7 OMALU, I AM SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU. I AM GOING TO GET TO THE FINDINGS THAT  
8 JUSTICE COOPER IS GOING TO BE MAKING TODAY IN REGARDS TO THE INQUEST. I AM  
9 GOING TO FOCUS ON THOSE FINDINGS, I UNDERSTAND THE STATEMENT YOU ARE  
10 MAKING AND THE ASSERTIONS OF INACCURACIES OR MAYBE ERRORS YOU BELIEVE MAY  
11 HAVE HAPPENED, BUT LET ME ASK YOU THUS QUESTION AND WE WILL HEAR MORE IF  
12 WE NEED TO IF JUSTICE COOPER WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT. WHAT WAS YOUR  
13 SECOND DETERMINATION OF ANDREAS GUARDADO AS TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH, DID YOU  
14 COME TO A DETERMINATION? A. YES. Q. CAN YOU STATE WHAT MR. GUARDADO'S --  
15 WHAT YOUR FINDING WAS, AS TO HIS CAUSE OF DEATH? A. HIS CAUSE OF DEATH,  
16 LIKE I STATED, ON PAGE 8 OF MY AUTOPSY REPORT WAS THAT HE DIED AS A RESULT  
17 OF GUN SHOT WOUNDS OF THE TRUNK. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF FIVE GUNSHOT WOUNDS  
18 OF THE TRUNK, THE ENTRANCEWOUNDS OF ALL FIVE GUNSHOT WOUNDS WERE LOCATED  
19 IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS BACK. AND EACH OF THE FIVE GUN SHOT WOUNDS POSSESSED  
20 AN INDEPENDENT CAPACITY TO KILL HIM, MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE OF THE OTHERS,  
21 THAT EACH OF THE FIVE GUNSHOT WOUNDS COULD HAVE KILLED HIM WITHOUT THE  
22 OTHERS. AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE GRAZED ABRASION OF THE FOREARM, WHICH WAS  
23 THE GRAZED ABRASION OF THE LEFT FOREARM. AND WHAT DR. YOUNG CALLED AN  
24 ABRASION OF THE RIGHT FOREARM WAS NOT A GRAZE ABRASION. IT WAS JUST A --  
25 [MULTIPLE PEOPLE TALKING].



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2 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** DR. OMALU, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO STEP IN FOR A MOMENT,  
3 BECAUSE I INDICATED I THOUGHT YOUR EXAMINATION WOULD BE RATHER SHORT. THE  
4 PURPOSE OF THE INQUEST, IF THE CON #NAME? THESE PROCEEDINGS, I ONLY HAVE  
5 TO MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO THE CAUSE AND MODE OF DEATH. A. YES. Q. I  
6 UNDERSTAND THAT YOU MAY HAVE DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE AUTOPSY, OR THE  
7 AUTOPSY PROTOCOL OR CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS IN THE AUTOPSY. BUT I DON'T THINK  
8 WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO GO INTO GREAT DETAIL AS TO EACH OF THOSE, BECAUSE  
9 MY PRIMARY CONCERN IS YOUR ULTIMATE CONCLUSION AS TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH.  
10 BECAUSE THAT'S THE LIMITED CONCLUSION THAT I HAVE TO AFFIRM.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, YOUR HONOR. THAT WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS I WAS  
13 ASKED

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15 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THE REASON I INTERRUPTED IS I DIDN'T WANT TO GO IN  
16 THAT DIRECTION, IT IS FAR MORE DETAIL THAN I NEED FOR MY CONCLUSIONS. A.  
17 THANK YOU, MA'AM.

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19 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** I WILL GIVE IT BACK TO MR. MILLER. Q. THANK YOU, DR.  
20 OMALU, FOR EXPANDING ON YOUR ANSWERS. I APPRECIATE IT. AS JUSTICE COOPER  
21 NOTED, THE CORONER IS ONLY INTERESTED IN THE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH.  
22 AND YOU INDICATED THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS THE FIVE GUNSHOT WOUNDS, EACH  
23 GUNSHOT WOUND INDEPENDENTLY WAS FATAL. IS THAT CORRECT? IS THAT AN  
24 ACCURATE SUMMARY? A. YES, SIR. Q. THANK YOU. DID YOU REACH A DETERMINATION  
25 AS TO THE MANNER OF THE DEATH FROM MR. GUARDADO? A. YES, AS A FORENSIC



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1 PATHOLOGIST, WE ALSO PROVIDED AN OPINION IN THE MANNER. SO THE MANNER OF  
2 DEATH IN THIS INSTANCE WAS A HOMICIDE, IN THAT HE WAS SHOT IN THE MIDDLE  
3 OF HIS BACK BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL. SO THE MANNER OF DEATH WOULD BE A  
4 HOMICIDE. Q. THANK YOU. AND I'M ASKING THE QUESTION THAT WAS ASKED OF  
5 JUSTICE COOPER, WANTED ME TO ASK, HAVE YOU COMPLETED -- ANOTHER QUESTION  
6 SHE WANTED, HAVE YOU COMPLETED ALL OF YOUR WORK IN THIS CASE, MEANING THE  
7 CASE OF YOUR INVESTIGATION OR YOUR AUTOPSY OF MR. GUARDADO? A. NO, SIR. I  
8 HAVE NOT REVIEWED ANY DOCUMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OR ANY  
9 DOCUMENT, IN ANY INVESTIGATIVE REPORT. SO WHEN I REVIEWED THOSE, I COULD  
10 FORMULATE MORE OPINIONS. BUT MY OPINIONS REGARDING THE CAUSE OF DEATH AND  
11 MANNER OF DEATH, REGARDING THE AUTOPSY FINDINGS, WOULD NOT CHANGE. Q. I  
12 APPRECIATE THAT. THAT WAS MY NEXT QUESTION, SO JUST TO SUMMARIZE: ANY  
13 OUTSIDE DOCUMENTS FROM THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION MAY CHANGE  
14 YOUR OPINION AS TO OTHER ISSUES, BUT AS TO THE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH,  
15 DO YOU FEEL THEY WOULD NOT AFFECT THOSE FINDINGS OF WHAT YOU JUST  
16 DESCRIBED? IS THAT ACCURATE? A. THAT WOULD NOT -- NOT SO MUCH AS THE CAUSE  
17 OR MANNER OF DEATH, AND ALSO IN REGARD TO THE AUTOPSY FINDINGS, THESE ARE  
18 EVIDENTIARY FINDINGS THAT WERE NOT AND CANNOT CHANGE. BUT IN TERMS OF  
19 OTHER MEDICAL OR LEGAL QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE, I WOULD NEED TO REVIEW  
20 MORE MATERIALS. Q. THE CORONER --  
21  
22  
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24 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** WHAT MATERIALS? Q. THE CORONER UNDERSTANDS AND  
25 APPRECIATES THAT ANSWER. THANK YOU FOR THAT. DR. OMALU, IS THERE ANYTHING



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1 ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY THAT SPECIFICALLY  
2 RELATES TO THE CAUSE AND MANNER OF MR. GUARDADO'S DEATH? A. WELL, IT WAS  
3 SOMETHING THAT IS OF A SIGNIFICANT FORENSIC CONSEQUENCE IS THE NEGATIVE  
4 TOXICOLOGIC ANALYSIS. HIS TOXICOLOGY WAS COMPLETELY NEGATIVE. THERE WAS NO  
5 ALCOHOL. THERE WAS NO STIMULANT OR DEPRESSANT OR PSYCHEDELIC DRUGS. SO  
6 THAT IS OF A SIGNIFICANT FORENSIC CONSEQUENCE. Q. THANK YOU. AND JUSTICE  
7 COOPER, IT SEEMS DR. OMALU HAS A LOT MORE INFORMATION HE CAN PROVIDE IN  
8 TERMS OF DESCRIBING HIS AUTOPSY REPORT, AS WELL AS COMMENTING ON THE LOS  
9 ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER'S AUTOPSY. I'M HAPPY Y HAPPY TO  
10 GO INTO THAT AREA IF YOU THINK IT IS RELEVANT FOR YOUR FINDINGS.

11

12 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** NO. DR. OMALU, BEFORE WE END TODAY, I HAD A AN  
13 OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW YOUR SECOND AUTOPSY REPORT, WHICH IS EXTREMELY  
14 THOROUGH AND DETAILED, BUT THAT IS NOT NEEDED TODAY. THE QUESTIONS HAVE  
15 BEEN ASKED THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO MY FINDINGS. SO I DON'T THINK THAT THERE  
16 -- I DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS THAT I NEED MR. MILLER TO ASK YOU.  
17 A. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. Q. OKAY? SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR  
18 COOPERATION AND WE ARE -- WE CAN CONCLUDE YOUR QUESTIONING AT THIS TIME  
19 AND, AGAIN, JUST THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. A. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. Q.  
20 OKAY. ALL RIGHT. AND WE WOULD -- A. THANK YOU, DOCTOR. Q. WE WOULD LIKE TO  
21 ADJOURN. A. THANK YOU, BLESS YOU. Q. WE WILL ADJOURN UNTIL 1:00 IN THE  
22 BOARD ROOM.

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24 **YOUR HONOR, THAT CONCLUDES THE CORONER'S PRESENTATION OF WITNESSES TODAY.**  
25 **AND WITH RESPECT TO THE WITNESSES THAT DID NOT APPEAR WHO WERE UNDER VALID**



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1 SUBPOENA, WE WILL DEFER TO THE COURT AND THE COURT'S PLEASURE ON HOW TO  
2 PROCEED GOING FORWARD.

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4 **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** OKAY. THE OBJECT OF THIS INQUEST IS TO BE AS THOROUGH  
5 AS NECESSARY AND AS COMPLETE AS NECESSARY WITHOUT BURDENING THE RECORD  
6 WITH REPETITIVE OR DUPLICATIVE TESTIMONY, OR MATERIAL -- TESTIMONY THAT IS  
7 NOT TERRIBLY MATERIAL. THERE HAVE BEEN WITNESSES SUBPOENAED THAT I HAVE  
8 EXCUSED BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THEY NEED TO INTERRUPT THEIR DAYS TO BE  
9 HERE, FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE CORONER'S EMPLOYEES THAT TRANSPORTED MR.  
10 GUARDADO'S BODY FROM THE SCENE TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE WAS SUBPOENAED. I  
11 EXCUSED THAT INDIVIDUAL, I DON'T THINK THAT TESTIMONY WOULD ADD TO MY  
12 RESULTS ON MY FINDINGS. AND SIMILARLY I HAVE A TOXICOLOGY REPORT FROM THE  
13 COUNTY THAT IS PART OF THE COUNTY CORONER'S AUTOPSY CONCLUSIONS ON THE  
14 TOXICOLOGY RESULTS CAME BACK CLEAR OF ANY SUBSTANCES. SO I DIDN'T NEED  
15 THAT INDIVIDUAL TO COME DOWN IT TO AUTHENTICATE THAT DOCUMENT. AND THERE  
16 MAY BE OTHERS, AT THE SAME TIME, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL WITNESSES THAT I  
17 THINK WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CALL THAT. I NEED TO ADJOURN AND REVIEW SOME  
18 MATERIALS BEFORE WE REACH THAT CONCLUSION. I RECEIVED A STACK OF DOCUMENTS  
19 FROM THE -- UNDER SEAL FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EARLIER THIS MORNING,  
20 WHICH I AM GOING TO NEED TO GO THROUGH TO SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING FURTHER  
21 REVEALED IN THOSE DOCUMENTS THAT WE NEED TO

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23 **SPEAKER:** ADD HERE. AND THAT'S A -- A PORTION OF IT. AND I ALSO WANT TO  
24 CONFERENCE WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO THE 5TH AMENDMENT  
25 ISSUES. AND WE'LL GET BACK. SO FOR PURPOSES OF TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS,





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1   HOWEVER, I THINK WE HAVE RECEIVED ALL WITNESSES, ALL EVIDENCE, AND ALL  
2   TESTIMONY THAT WAS TO BE OFFERED TODAY. SO AT THIS TIME, THE HEARING HAS  
3   REACHED AN END AND WE WILL ADJOURN UNTIL I DETERMINE THAT THERE MAY BE A  
4   FURTHER SESSION. I WILL NOT BE ISSUING ANY FINDINGS TODAY, BECAUSE OF THE  
5   POSSIBILITY THAT THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE TO COME. AND WE WILL  
6   KEEP THE -- KEEP YOU ALL ADVISED THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION  
7   VEHICLES OF WHAT THE NEXT STEPS WILL BE, AND WHEN. Q. AND YOUR HONOR, ALL  
8   PRIOR SUBPOENAS ARE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT?

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10   **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** YES.

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12   **THANK YOU.**

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14   **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** YES. AND I BELIEVE THEN, THAT CONCLUDES THE INQUEST  
15   FOR TODAY. WE WILL ADJOURN UNTIL WE RE-COMMENCE.

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17   **THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.**

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19   **HON. CANDACE COOPER:** THANK YOU. EVERYBODY WHO IS HERE, YOU ARE FREE TO GO.  
20   WE ARE DONE.

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